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## A COMPLAINT FROM LANGLEY PARK.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—I wish to draw the attention of the authorities to the dangerous condition of the mill-race at Langley Park, where there is no protection for man or beast. There are small fragments of railing standing here and there, but in some places the railing is broken down altogether. If anyone were swerving a little to one side, they would drop into six or seven feet of water. The authorities have raised the footpath running at the side of the race, but have half-buried the fence, and thus increased the danger. The question is, who is responsible if there should be a fatality? for fatality there will be sooner or later. Parents forbid their children to go that way on account of the danger; but you cannot always keep them away. I am surprised that such a state of things should exist on the main road.

We often hear the remark, "There will be nothing done until someone is drowned." But I ask—why should we live in such slavish fear of this man-trap? I hope the parties responsible will take the hint, and remove this source of danger.—Yours, &c.,

A RESIDENT.

## LIKE A WHALE.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—"A student of Shakespeare," judging from the tone of his letters, seems to have had a rude awakening from an idle dream. Never, I am inclined to think, until "Incedo" dispelled the delusion, did he imagine that his idol had appropriated other men's work. This error, born of the fervency of young faith and adoration, is readily understood. The hardest duties of the young mind consist in discarding the idea of immaculateness with which imagination dowers great writers, and in accepting evidence that falsifies its pre-conceptions concerning them.

"A student of Shakespeare" asks:—"Can 'Incedo' give proofs that Shakespeare coolly appropriated by a thousand lines at a time without altering a word or inverting a sentence?" So far as "altering a word or inverting a sentence" is concerned, "Incedo" may have no direct evidence. But reasoning from inference, "Incedo" may give volumes of proofs. I have not a copy of Emmerson by me, but if "A student of Shakespeare" appeals to that author on the subject under notice, he will find that, whether he altered words and inverted sentences or not, he did, beyond all question, "coolly appropriate by a thousand lines at a time." Everybody knows that he is not the author of all the plays that bear his name. "The second and third parts of Henry VI." were written by some unknown authors, but re-cast by him. He wrote with Fletcher "Henry VIII.," and "Timon of Athens" is only in part his own. When this much, and a good deal more, can be said on the authority of indisputable evidence, is it very unreasonable to infer that he did "coolly appropriate by a thousand lines at a time, without altering a word or inverting a sentence?"

"A student of Shakespeare" says further: "What did Shakespeare take that did not belong to him? He was *certainly guilty* in his youth of engaging in a deer-stealing expedition in the park belonging to Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, near Stratford, but he was justly punished for it." Here, again, he takes for granted what has never been accepted as a demonstrated fact. True, Thomas Carlyle, somewhere in his works (I think in one of his "Lectures on heroes"), suggests that we might have never known Shakespeare had it not been for this deer-stealing incident. But on the other hand, Stopford Brooke in his "English literature," avers that "the story of his deer-stealing in Charlecote woods is without proof." Would "A student of Shakespeare," who informs us that he was not only "certainly guilty" but "justly punished," give authorities for that assertion? For, really, like the ghost of Hamlet's father, "it comes in such a questionable shape!"—Yours, &c.,

KYO.

July 8th, 1891.

## THE STAGE AND THE DRAMA.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

DEAR SIR,—I had no intention, whatever, of participating in a discussion in your columns on the genius of William Shakespeare, until I read "A Student of Shakespeare's" letter of ridicule, and "Incedo's" observations thereon in last week's *Guardian*. I also have the fortune to be a student and an admirer of "the prince of poets," and I trust that my study of his works has benefitted me more than they appear to have done your correspondent of last fortnight. I must confess, however, that "Incedo," did surprise me by stating that my "pet idol" had been shattered, and by referring to Shakespeare's admirers as "champions of a forlorn cause." Shakespeare, to be known as he ought to be known, must be read thoroughly, not merely superficially nor partially, but from beginning to end. I have no inclination to try to persuade anyone by arguments that Shakespeare was a great poet, and that he stands, as yet, unrivalled; such an opinion must be made by each reader of his works, but if he requires testimony to the great ability of "the immortal bard," let him read Coleridge, Hazlitt, Lamb, Professor Wilson, Collier, or Cowden Clarke's appreciative criticisms on the "thousand-souled" Shakespeare. English critics do not stand alone in their admiration, for Goethe, Schiller, Dumas, Hugo, and countless others have all eloquently eulogized the productions of his oceanic mind. Therefore let everyone read and judge for himself, but do not presume to state that the "pet idol" of so many has been ignominiously shattered, for I maintain with Collier, that "so true and subtile an interpreter of the human soul, in its myriad moods, has never written novel, play, or poem," and that far from being unchampioned "in a forlorn cause," Shakespeare has as testimony the favourable opinion of every writer of note (excepting Voltaire's prejudiced views, and Johnson's unjust criticism), who has since his time expressed an opinion on the subject. Trusting that you will insert this, and thanking you in anticipation.—I am, sir, yours sincerely,

JUSTITIA FIAT RUAT CŒLUM.

Chester le-Street, July 20th, 1891.

## THE LABOUR COMMISSION.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—With your permission, I would venture to criticise some of the statements made by Mr Patterson before the above commissioners. If the report of the press is a correct one, Mr Patterson, in answer to Sir C. Lewis, avers "There is no trouble whatever about members of the union working with non-unionists." If a statement like this were to go unchecked, those beyond the sphere of the mining arena would naturally and logically think and conclude that there was a calmness and peacefulness that surpasseth all human understanding. Unhappily it is not so; and let us see who are the guilty ones. What about the Silksworth affair, where tumults and broils are yet apparent between the unionists and non-unionists, and where women and children have hooted, hissed, and sneered at them (in addition to those who have been summoned and fined at the County Court), and why? Is it because the non-unionists take the liberty to think and act for themselves? If so, God speed their motives and cause. Liberty, freedom, and justice are priceless jewels indeed, and the wider their expansion and application the brighter beams the countenance of the toiler, and the happier and wealthier his home. To my own personal knowledge (independent of the Silksworth affair), I could name other collieries where non-unionists have been forced to leave because they refused to join the union. Resident managers have given non-unionists their notices to quit, rather than have the pits stopped, owing to the agitation and vindictive spirit of the unionists. Such conduct on the part of trade unionists may bring about a repeal of the Trades Union Act, then what a wail of fiery indignation would proceed from the mouths of these who are repressive and tyrannical. They would then probably try to put the saddle upon innocent shoulders, and pride themselves about their kindly and angelic spirit. As a miner, and being a member of the un n, and seeing that sliding scales have almost unanimously been rejected by the Durham Miners' Association, I should like to learn who gave Mr Patterson, this representative, authority to express and desire the revival of the sliding scales in the coal trade? Most certainly he had no authority from the Durham Miners' Association to do so. I write thus regarding trades unionism, not because that I love and admire it less; but because that I love and admire liberty, freedom, and justice more.

GEO. WHITFIELD.

4, Hamilton Row, Waterhouses, Durham.

## THE EX-SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND AT TOW LAW.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a short space in your next issue to thank those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly and liberally helped us with their donations to raise as much money as would buy a new drum? After having pledged ourselves to play the miners to Durham, the bandmen found they could not have the use of the instruments they had been playing for months, and some of them for years, because it is against the rules of the Salvation Army to play for anything else—(what nonsense)—so they had to borrow. Thanks to other kind friends, they soon got instruments and fresh music. The drum they had belonged to the Wesleyan Mission Band. All went well with us till we got to Willington Railway Station. There the station was crowded, and when the train came there was a rush for the van with the big brass instruments and the drum in our hands. We were forced into the archway beneath the bridge, and the result was the drum was broken. It was an accident over which we had no control. The band met at the top end of Tow Law last Friday night, and played a choice selection of music in various parts of the town. Messrs Coombe, Wilson, and Dixon called on the people as they moved about. The very handsome sum of £5 was subscribed, which will enable them to purchase a drum, and help them as well to pay for the new music they had to buy, their teacher, and rent of room. Again we thank you.—Yours, for the bandmen,

JAMES VICKERS.

Tow Law, July 20th, 1891.

## VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF DURHAM TO DIPTON.

On Tuesday, the Bishop of the Durham diocese, Dr Westcott, paid his first visit to Dipton, in connection with the fifth anniversary of the consecration of St. John the Evangelist Church, Dipton. At the afternoon service, the Bishop addressed the children on the four great traditional stories connected with the life of St. John. In the evening, there was a crowded congregation assembled within the walls of the sacred building, many having travelled several miles from the surrounding district. The clergymen present were:—Rev R. Tuson, vicar of Dipton; Revs J. Gornall (vicar) and A. Dunn (curate), Collierley; Revs J. Crennell (vicar) and L. M. Chesters (curate), Beamish; Revs W. Cockin (vicar) and E. G. Macpherson (curate), Medomsley; Rev J. W. Mitchell, vicar of Leadgate; Rev C. S. Wilson, curate of Consett; Rev C. J. Walker, Castleside; Rev W. Hepple, curate of South Moor; Rev J. A. Bridges, curate of Tanfield; and Rev J. Madill, curate of Burnopfield. The Bishop preached from St. John, chap. xvii, verse 1—"These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended." During the discourse the Bishop eloquently set forth how the great truths of the gospel, when brought into contact with the varying problems and difficulties of different ages, were a help and encouragement to all seekers after the good and true. A very successful tea and supper followed the services, provided by the following ladies:—Mrs Tuson, Mrs Turnbull, Mrs Young, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Watson, Mrs Daglish, and Miss Compton. In the course of a short speech during the evening, the Bishop expressed his pleasure at meeting so many new faces, and said that his great wish was to get to know as many of his people as possible, and to use his influence for good by whatever means he could.

## DEATH OF MR H. W. WATSON, J.P., OF BURNOPFIELD.

It is with the utmost regret that we have to announce the death of Mr Henry William Watson, J.P., of Burnopfield House, intelligence of the sad event having reached his relatives by cablegram from Lampasas, Texas, United States of America, on Thursday week, at the age of 36 years. Some months ago, the deceased gentleman went on a visit to America on business, and whilst there he was stricken with fever, which culminated in his demise. Mr Watson was the eldest son of the late Dr Watson, of Burnopfield House, and is principal owner of the Hamsterley Colliery, near Ebchester, besides being an extensive landed proprietor. He was placed on the Commission of Peace for the County of Durham about six years since, and has sat pretty regularly both at the Consett and Lanchester Police Courts.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday, prior to the commencement of the ordinary business, the chairman (Councillor Jas. Annandale) said it was his melancholy duty, on behalf of his brother magistrates, to allude to the death of another colleague—Mr Hy. W. Watson, of the Burnopfield House—the fifth one within a year. Mr Watson had been called away with startling suddenness whilst on a visit to America in the prime of life, and in the midst of a useful and busy life. The Bench deeply regretted the loss of one so much esteemed, and they desired to record their heartfelt sympathy to the family in their bereavement.—The clerk (Mr A. W. Granger) was directed to forward a letter of condolence to the brothers and sisters of the deceased gentleman.

## QUEBEC DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY A "CORNSAYITE."]

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS IN THE DISTRICT are especially noticeable, the hay crops being exceedingly light all round.

The cireal crops may be said to have suffered considerably by the long drought, while the incessant showers will have affected an amount of good, as many fields had begun to assume a yellow cast; on the other hand the rain will have considerably prevented the farmers from winnowing the hay.

Hay is expected to be considerably higher in price than that of last year, the crops being much below the average.

IN THE WRONG BOX.—A remarkable incident occurred during the recent dispute at Hamsteels Collieries, Quebec. A well-known veteran thinking of taking advantage of the holiday, proceeded on a tour to the sister isle, whereupon he set out for Belfast where he disembarked. He had scarcely landed when an officer, placing his hand upon his shoulder, accosted him as a person who was wanted, and answered to the description recently given in the *Police Gazette*.

He pleaded innocence on the ground that he had been a number of years a resident in the old country. He was interrogated, the wire was put into play, and queries made as to the truth of his statement. Our hero was afterwards liberated, somewhat confused and perplexed at the strange doings in his old land.

CORNSAY TOWN HALL.—The Town Hall at Cornsay has, we understand, been let to Mr Storey, joiner. The building is to be 80 feet long and constructed of wood, while the office and inner apartments for private use are to be built of brick and very substantial. The interior of the erection will, when finished, assume a clean and brilliant appearance, when illuminated with good lamps, as it is to be well varnished. The building being substantial, with every convenience necessary, promises to be well adapted for the comfort of visitors, with easy access and egress, and being in the centre of the place, with an area sufficient to seat 300 pearsons. A gallery is also to be erected at the end of the building, to accommodate the youthful portion of the audience.

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# Cricket.

Secretaries of clubs will greatly oblige by sending their fixture cards to our office as early as possible.

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

Durham City Juniors, 25; Lanchester Juniors, 48.

RIDING MILL v N.E.R.—Played at Riding Mill, and resulted in a win for the latter. Score:—Riding Mill, 42; N.E.R., 68.

BEAMISH TRUE BLUES v HOBSON JUNIORS.—Played on the ground of former. Score:—Beamish, 98; Hobson, 18.

Westwood Cricket Club have still some vacant dates. Clubs wishing to arrange matches can do so by applying to the secretary, J. Burdis, Allendale Cottages, *via* Medomsley.

## DURHAM COUNTY CUP COMPETITION.

FOURTH ROUND.

### CONSETT AND DISTRICT v WEST STANLEY.

Played at West Stanley, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by nine runs. Score:—

| CONSETT. | | STANLEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A S Godfrey b Dyson | 41 | J Hunter run out | 12 |
| I Richards c Gibson b Heckels | 20 | J Robinson c Dales b Godfrey | 23 |
| T D Dales b Robinson | 4 | W Dyson b Wood | 1 |
| T Jameson run out | 6 | R Knox c Grey b Wood | 4 |
| W Turnbull run out | 0 | A Heckels c & b Wood | 0 |
| G Walton b Robinson | 13 | T Jewitt b Richards | 12 |
| A Wood c Dyson b Young | 8 | E Gibson b Richards | 16 |
| T T Gray c Gibson b Harkness | 5 | W Benson c Richards b Dales | 1 |
| H Wattsford b Robinson | 0 | R Holmes not out | 4 |
| J McTaggart run out | 0 | H Young b Wood | 16 |
| M Williamson c Robinson b Harkness | 0 | I Harkness run out | 0 |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 3 |
| Total | 101 | Total | 92 |

### COLLIERY ROW v USHAW MOOR.

Played on the ground of the former, victory resting with the visitors. Score:—

| USHAW MOOR. | | COLLIERY ROW. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J Smith b Hewitson | 0 | R Donkin b Harding | 0 |
| W Hill b Hewitson | 0 | R Stokoe c Paley b Harding | 7 |
| J Gilroy c Bainbridge b Nichol | 25 | J Fenton b Fenwick | 2 |
| G Browning run out | 6 | J Stokoe b Harding | 7 |
| W Harding b Nichol | 5 | J Hewitson c Paley b Harding | 6 |
| W Fenwick c Fenton b Hewitson | 1 | M Nichol lbw b Ogg | 5 |
| N Ogg b Nichol | 3 | R Barron run out | 25 |
| R Hope b Hewitson | 74 | T Watson c Browning b Ogg | 0 |
| J Paley lbw b Hewitson | 13 | N Watson c Browning b Paley | 5 |
| T Woodhall b Hewitson | 5 | E Bainbridge c Paley b Harding | 10 |
| A Hudson not out | 3 | W Ayre not out | 3 |
| Extras | 1 | Extras | 6 |
| Total | 143 | Total | 76 |

### WESTWOOD v OXHILL 2ND.

Played at Westwood, and resulted in a victory for the home club by 69 runs. Score:—

| WESTWOOD. | | OXHILL. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H Wigham run out | 0 | J Charlton not out | 7 |
| T Bell b Clarkson | 30 | M Ledger b Jas Lonsdale | 2 |
| Jno Lonsdale b Clarkson | 27 | W Greathead b Burdis | 4 |
| G Emerson c Lumley | 0 | D Nichol b Jas Lonsdale | 1 |
| D Clark c Palmer | 6 | J Collin b Jas Lonsdale | 1 |
| J Burdis c Collin b Ledger | 0 | D Palmer c Jno Lonsdale b Jas Lonsdale | 0 |
| J Anderson c Ledger b Collin | 12 | T Clarkson b Emerson | 3 |
| E Dickinson b Ledger | 11 | J Collin b Emerson | 3 |
| Jas Lonsdale not out | 6 | J Lumley b Emerson | 0 |
| W Ward b Collin | 0 | P Howden st Dickinson b Jas Lonsdale | 1 |
| J Little b Collin | 0 | M Atkinson b James Lonsdale | 0 |
| Extras | 5 | Extras | 6 |
| Total | 97 | Total | 28 |

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE v THE LIZZIE.

Played at The Lizzie, the home team proving victorious. Score:—

| LIZZIE. | | SHOTLEY BRIDGE. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Smith b Oliver | 16 | Postle b Smith | 0 |
| Herdman c Postle | 1 | Lister run out | 4 |
| Rutherford c Brown | 7 | Bell b Rutherford | 9 |
| Carroll b Surtees | 3 | Grant b Smith | 2 |
| T Smith c Surtees | 0 | Robson b Smith | 0 |
| Errington b Surtees | 3 | Smailes c Buck | 0 |
| T Buck b Postle | 5 | Laverton not out | 5 |
| Davison b Oliver | 3 | Harvey b Smith | 1 |
| Starford b Postle | 3 | Surtees b Smith | 0 |
| Askew c Bell b Oliver | 0 | Reed b Smith | 0 |
| Flamson not out | 3 | Brawn c Buck | 1 |
| Extras | 3 | Extras | 9 |
| Total | 47 | Total | 31 |

### CROOK v CORNSAY.

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

| CROOK. | | CORNSAY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| R Scales b Lowes | 10 | W Davies c Hilton | 1 |
| E Blair c Johnson b Milburn | 19 | J Slater c Woodhall | 1 |
| J Wilkinson b Slater | 8 | W Grey c White | 6 |
| J G Woodhall c Lowes b Slater | 2 | J Milburn b Blair | 0 |
| A Hilton b Slater | 5 | J Hodgson b Woodhall | 1 |
| M Pears c Lowes b Garbitt | 21 | R Johnson b Woodhall | 1 |
| W White c Garbitt b Milburn | 2 | W Hodgson b Blair | 1 |
| R Turner b Slater | 0 | G Lowes c Woodhall | 0 |
| H Girling c Lowes b Garbitt | 6 | W Gargett b Blair | 9 |
| J Johnson not out | 5 | J Garbitt c Blair | 1 |
| W Adamson b Slater | 0 | J Raw not out | 0 |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 0 |
| Total | 82 | Total | 21 |

### WHICKHAM v BLAYDON.

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

| WHICKHAM. | | BLAYDON. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J Hedworth run out | 8 | H C Milne b Hedworth | 0 |
| M Lawson b Tebb | 1 | B Rodham run out | 5 |
| T Mowbray not out | 27 | R Agar b Mowbray | 3 |
| T M Burn b Latimer | 20 | A Brownless b Mowbray | 2 |
| J Mowbray c Wilson | 2 | E Latimer b Hedworth | 0 |
| R Mordue b Latimer | 0 | W J Wilson b Mowbray | 6 |
| R Atkinson c and b Latimer | 4 | A Tebb b Hedworth | 4 |
| W Cook b Tebb | 6 | J Roscamp c J Lawson b Mowbray | 4 |
| W Thyna not out | 14 | Rutherford b Mowbray | 0 |
| T Hickson to bat | | W Wilson c M Lawson b Hedworth | 0 |
| J Lawson " | | J Tingate not out | 0 |
| Extras | 11 | Extras | 2 |
| Total | 93 | Total | 26 |

### BEAMISH v DINNINGTON COLLIERY.

Played at Dinnington Colliery, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

| DINNINGTON. | | BEAMISH. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T Watson b Bryson | 8 | W Stoddart b Patterson | 0 |
| L Mills run out | 4 | R Darling st Mills | 2 |
| S Shields b Bryson | 4 | J Bryson c Mills | 3 |
| W Mc Due c Mason | 8 | A Carr b Mills | 7 |
| M Robson b Mason | 1 | P Clark c Patterson | 3 |
| T Hopper c Bryson | 9 | T Wilkinson b Mills | 2 |
| J Allan run out | 7 | T Hunter c Patterson | 1 |
| J English c Mason | 10 | M Layburn b Patterson | 17 |
| T Maddison b Bryson | 0 | L Mason b Mills | 5 |
| J Jordan not out | 0 | W Hewison b Mills | 2 |
| T Patterson c Mason | 3 | T Lawson not out | 0 |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 6 |
| Total | 48 | Total | 48 |

### LANGLEY PARK v LUMLEY WARRIORS.

Played at Lumley, ending in a win for the visitors. Score:—

| LANGLEY PARK. | | LUMLEY. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J Plews run out | 2 | R Harland c Ardley b Moss | 3 |
| T Newton b Howe | 0 | T Howe c Plews b Moss | 1 |
| J Lowes b Charlton | 3 | G Leybourne c Lowes b Moss | 18 |
| E Fairclough c Howe b Leybourne | 18 | R Charlton b Lowes | 0 |
| H Fairclough b Howe | 11 | J Brown b Lowes | 0 |
| H Ardley c and b Howe | 1 | R March b Lowes | 0 |
| M Moss c J Brown b Leybourne | 1 | J Fail c Ardley b Moss | 0 |
| A Hollingworth c Charlton b Leybourne | 0 | C F Lambton b Moss | 0 |
| T Dixon b Leybourne | 5 | P Brown run out | 3 |
| R Angus b Charlton | 2 | J Bowman run out | 0 |
| W Cooper not out | 0 | T Foster not out | 0 |
| Extras | 6 | Extras | 1 |
| Total | 49 | Total | 26 |

### WOLSINGHAM v CROOK 2ND.

Played at Wolsingham, the visitors winning by 12 runs. Score:—

| CROOK. | | WOLSINGHAM. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scarr run out | 9 | Rennison run out | 5 |
| Spence c Wraith b Vasey | 3 | Vasey b Spence | 4 |
| Thompson c Rennison b Vasey | 2 | Mann c and b Scarr | 13 |
| Furness b Miller | 0 | Gordon b McWilliams | 0 |
| Cooke c and b Miller | 25 | Wraith b Spence | 0 |
| McWilliams b Miller | 0 | Miller c Cooke | 4 |
| Turnbull b Miller | 0 | Sander st | 2 |
| Bowes b Miller | 0 | Landreth b Scarr | 0 |
| Coates c Coates b Miller | 7 | Angus b Scarr | 1 |
| F Hope not out | 3 | Stoneham c Spence | 7 |
| W Hope b Miller | 0 | Winskill not out | 3 |
| Extras | 3 | Extras | 1 |
| Total | 52 | Total | 40 |

### WHICKHAM 2ND v WESLEY CHAPEL.

Played at Whickham, the home team winning by 28 runs. Score:—

| WESLEY CHAPEL. | | WHICKHAM. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Harbottle run out | 3 | T Cheesman c Mann | 12 |
| A Mann b G Cheesman | 1 | Snaith c Thompson | 3 |
| Barker b G Cheesman | 4 | Faldon b Richardson | 10 |
| Richardson b G Cheesman | 7 | G Cheesman b Brown | 5 |
| Brown b G Cheesman | 0 | Archer b Brown | 4 |
| Stockdale b T Cheesman | 1 | Cutance c Mann | 0 |
| Thompson b T Cheesman | 0 | Cook run out | 2 |
| E Mann b G Cheesman | 1 | Mowbray not out | 5 |
| Colley c Cook b G Cheesman | 2 | Noble b Richardson | 1 |
| Heppell b T Cheesman | 4 | Willis b Brown | 5 |
| Tindale not out | 0 | Weightman b Richardson | 1 |
| Extras | 2 | Extras | 5 |
| Total | 25 | Total | 53 |

### EAST STANLEY v SCOTSWOOD ORD.

Played at East Stanley, the visitors winning by 28 runs. Score:—

| EAST STANLEY. | | SCOTSWOOD. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Watson b Bell | 9 | Bell c and b Shield | 0 |
| Sanderson c Nicholson b Bell | 2 | Jopling c Bell | 9 |
| T Shield c Bell b Nicholson | 16 | Henderson c Shield | 0 |
| Pattison b Nicholson | 0 | Swaddle c Shield | 2 |
| G Summerbell b Nicholson | 0 | W Nicholson not out | 42 |
| Curry b Bell | 2 | Davison c Bell | 11 |
| N Summerbell b Bell | 2 | R Nicholson c Shield | 0 |
| R Summerbell not out | 0 | Foster b Sanderson | 6 |
| Bulman c R Nicholson b W Nicholson | 0 | Smith c Watson | 0 |
| J Shield b Bell | 2 | Barlow c Curry | 0 |
| | | Ridley c Curry | 6 |
| Extras | 29 | Extras | 14 |
| Total | 62 | Total | 90 |

### CRAGHEAD v WALDRIDGE FELL.

Played at Craghead, the home team winning. Score:—

| CRAGHEAD. | | WALDRIDGE FELL. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J Floyd c Clarke | 5 | J Clarke b Floyd | 2 |
| J Lumley Gawman | 1 | J Ramsay c Crawford | 0 |
| T Crawford not out | 1 | H Hill c Coulson | 8 |
| J Carr b Charlton | 3 | Charlton run out | 2 |
| J Clennell run out | 3 | Gawman b Floyd | 0 |
| W Coulson b Charlton | 6 | Jackson c Grant | 0 |
| R Grant run out | 1 | Selkirk c Frazer | 2 |
| J Cook c Ramsay | 1 | Loch b Lumley | 2 |
| E Floyd run out | 0 | Roberts b Floyd | 0 |
| J Frazer b Jackson | 1 | Stokoe b Floyd | 0 |
| J Frazer b Jackson | 1 | Selkirk not out | 1 |
| Extras | 2 | Extras | 2 |
| Total | 24 | Total | 19 |

### OXHILL v THE LIZZIE.

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

| LIZZIE. | | OXHILL. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| T Stobbart st Ritchie b Middlemast | 8 | J Middlemast b Thompson | 9 |
| T Tindle b Raine | 6 | R Henderson b Thompson | 5 |
| F Thompson lbw b Raine | 4 | J Middlemast not out | 10 |
| J Robinson b Middleson | 2 | J Mordue st Tindle b Thompson | 6 |
| J Stobbart not out | 9 | W Raine not out | 14 |
| W Taylor b Raine | 3 | R Beaney (to bat) | |
| W Porter c Ritchie b Middlemast | 0 | J Richardson (to bat) | |
| J Burton b Raine | 0 | J Ritchie (to bat) | |
| J. Mason b Raine | 0 | R Ritchie (to bat) | |
| R Robson st Ritchie b Raine | 3 | J Fenwick (to bat) | |
| G Pace b Middlemast | 0 | E Graham (to bat) | |
| Extras | 4 | Extras | 3 |
| Total | 39 | Total | 47 |

## CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."].

[Communications intended for "L.B.W." should reach this office not later than Tuesday].

### THE CUP COMPETITION:

CONSETT JUST BEAT WEST STANLEY.

The Challenge Cup Committee seem determined to push on the struggle for the trophy with all despatch, and only a week was allowed to elapse between the third and fourth rounds. Consett came out of the hat with West Stanley, and the latter, who have been unusually fortunate in having all their previous ties at home, again secured choice of ground. Vehicles of all descriptions and crowds of pedestrians were to be seen wending their way to the Stanley ground on Saturday last, and the game was followed with the keenest interest by the large assemblage. The weather was brilliantly fine, and the wicket played considerably better than on the preceding Saturday.

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The visitors were represented by precisely the same team as defeated Durham City, while the homesters made one change—I. Harkness appearing in the place of W. Dodds. Consett won the toss, and of course decided to bat. Godfrey and Richards opened the ball, being opposed by Jewitt and Young. Both men played carefully at first, but when they had settled down hit more freely, Godfrey especially. The figures had travelled to 46 for one wicket before Richards was dismissed by a fine catch at slip by Gibson. Richards' 20 was a capital effort, characterised by sound cricket. Dales was easily got rid of, being clean bowled by Robinson for four. Jameson was smartly run out, Turnbull (the hero of the previous week) suffering a similiar fate. Godfrey was not dismissed till he had totalled 41—a splendid innings. The Consett captain hit finely all round the wicket, and, as far as could been seen, did not give a chance till the ball preceding the one by which he was bowled. Walton afterwards made a meritorious 13, but the remaining batsmen did little, and the venture closed for 101—a score which at one time seemed likely to be much larger.

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Robinson and Hunter opened the home innings in promising fashion, to the bowling of Richards and Dales. While Hunter was content to keep up his wicket, Robinson scored freely. When apparently well set, Hunter was unfortunately run out. That usually reliable bat, W. Dyson, gave little trouble, being cleaned bowled by Wood for a single. Knox was out to a splendid catch at slip by Gray, and Heckels again failed to score. After contributing an excellent 23, Robinson was easily caught by Dales. Then came a splendid stand by Jewitt and Gibson before the former was bowled by Richards for a useful 12. Gibson (who had batted most pluckily) soon after followed, and although Young (16) made a capital attempt to save the match it was not to be, and Consett won a close game by the narrow majority of nine runs.

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The match was a capital one all through, and played in the best spirit. The honours of the victory may fairly be said to rest with Godfrey, Richards, and Wood. Robinson again showed his sterling worth, both with bat and ball; and every praise is due to Jewitt, Gibson, and Young for their spirited batting when the game was going so much against their side. Both teams fielded brilliantly, and some very fine catches were brought off.

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USHAW MOOR IN THE SEMI-FINALS.

Ushaw Moor have been showing most praiseworthy form in the cup-ties, and on Saturday earned their right to figure in the semi-finals to-morrow (Saturday) by gaining an easy victory over Colliery Row. The game was played on the latter's ground, and the visitors, winning the toss, elected to handle the willow. The feature of the innings—and indeed of the game—was the magnificent batting of Hope, who contributed a brilliant 74, or nearly half the runs obtained by the whole team, the total being 143. Gilroy (25) and Paley (13) also showed up conspicuously. It is a high tribute to the work of the home team in the field that only one extra was given away in this big total.

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On the homesters starting on their severe task, they made a poor show against the bowling of Harding until Barron came in. The latter played splendid cricket, and had the misfortune to be run out after putting together a capital 25. The only other batsman to obtain double figures was Bainbridge (10), and the innings closed for 76. Ushaw Moor thus gained an easy victory by 67 runs, and will doubtless give Darlington 2nd something to do in the semi-final at Norton to-morrow.

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GOOD OLD WHICKHAM.

I don't know how to account for the unusually brilliant form displayed by the Whickham eleven this season, but they seem to have taken a fresh lease of life. I hope they will keep it up. On Saturday they journeyed to play their old friends of Blaydon, and administered a most severe defeat to the home club. The visitors batted first, and made such good use of their opportunity that they were enabled to "declare" when only seven wickets had fallen, the total reaching 93. That sterling cricketer, T. R. Mowbray, was not out for a faultless innings of 27, and T. M. Burn was again seen to advantage for a capital 20. Thynn (14 not out) is also deserving of mention.

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On the home team taking up their position at the wickets, they gave a most disappointing display. Hedworth and T. Mowbray were in irresistible form with the ball, and made sad havoc with the Blaydon wickets. Not one of the eleven reached double figures, and all were out for the poor score of 26. This downfall cannot be attributed to the state of the wicket, seeing that Whickham had just before knocked up 93 for seven wickets. I have not Hedworth's and Mowbray's figures by me, but they must have accomplished something good

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CROOK EASILY BEAT CORNSAY.

Crook (who are thought by some to possess more than an outside chance for the Durham cup) met and defeated Cornsay on Saturday, on the ground of the latter. The visitors put on the respectable score of 82, the chief contributors to which were Pears (21), Blair (19), and Scales (10). Cornsay gave a very moderate show with the willow, their aggregate only reaching 21. Blair and Woodhall bowled splendidly for the winners, the former taking six wickets for five runs, and the latter four for 16.

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THE SEMI-FINALS.

The interest of local cricketers to-morrow (Saturday) will be chiefly centred in the result of the semi-finals for the cup. Consett and Crook will meet on the beautiful ground of the Durham City club, and the tie seems a very open one. The partisans of each club have strong faith in the ability of their respective favourites to pull off the match. With Consetts playing in their best form, and throwing away no opportunities, I have strong hopes of seeing them figure in the final.

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Ushaw Moor and Darlington 2nd meet on the well-appointed ground of the Norton club, near Stockton. The Darlington team can claim the credit of having made the biggest score in the competition—323—and will undoubtedly be a hard nut to crack. However, the Moorites have won all their games without being thoroughly extended, and will strain every nerve to achieve the honour of playing in the final tie. I sincerely trust they may be successful.

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## NOTES FROM TOW LAW.

[BY "TOW LAWITE."]

The sporting element has been dead for some years now. We have not had anything but football and cricket. The place was all alive last Saturday, owing to the Catholic sports, which are the first of the kind held by the Catholics. Prizes were given for wrestling, running, and other sports. A prize was given for the Bicycle Club that could bring together the most members and make the best procession. Two clubs passed up the street, and looked very well. A member of one of the clubs evidently thought that nobody had a right to be on the road but the clubs; the language he used to a young man in charge of a horse and trap is not fit to publish. The captain would do well to give him a lesson on self-culture.

A very amusing thing is going the rounds here. The members of a certain Board decided to pull down an old wall and re-build it again. Tenders were invited, and it was expected that a mason would get the contract; but everybody was amused to find that the work has been let to a joiner and undertaker.

I was pleased to hear that the ex-army band did so well the other night in their begging expedition. They have public sympathy on their side. And no wonder, after playing up and down the streets night after night, and raising as much money as would start half-a-dozen bands, then to be refused the use of the instruments to play for their fellow-workmen, who have given pounds to the Salvation Army, was, to say the least, very selfish indeed. What would the army have been in Tow Law to-day had it not been for the bandsmen and the working classes? It may be all right to have laws, but it would be better now and again to have charity.

The cemetery, I think, ought not to be used as a park or recreation ground. A few seats put here and there on the side walks might be the means of keeping the young men I saw the other Sunday, during a burial service, from lying about on the grass, if it did not prevent them from laughing so loudly.

I heard some very "uncanny" remarks made by several strangers who attended a funeral about the cemetery being such a barren place. "Rome was not built in a day," nor can a cemetery be improved and beautified in a day. The place is only new, and must have a certain amount of time to put it right. This, I believe, the Board is trying to do.

The Thornley Wesleyans had their field-day and tea last Saturday. The day was fine, but, owing to other attractions, there was only a small company present. The Sunday services, conducted by Messrs Shield and Graden, were well attended. There was a coffee supper on Monday evening. The proceeds are to go towards an organ for the chapel.

Every reader of the *Guardian* will be sorry to hear that Mr John Hughes, the Church of England organist, lost his watch among the crowd at the Durham miners' gala. A similar case took place at Newcastle when the temperance sports were held. Mr W. D. Stephens lost his watch, but the people of Newcastle soon took steps to get him another. Can the people of Tow Law not do the same? If the Vicar and the leading gentlemen of the place were to take the matter up, the thing could easily be done. A good concert or something of that nature might be got up.

An eviction is expected to take place here in a few days, of which particulars will be given next week. I hope there will be no boiling water thrown, nor any blood shed in the struggle. In the meantime, I think

"Some men I know would be so glad
If they could get one wife;
But two wives only make things sad,
And cause no end of strife."

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## Original Poetry.

### ON A YOUNG GIRL PASSING.

She pass'd me by this morning
This brightsome morn and fair,
With easy natty graces,
And silky, sunny hair.
Her step was light and dainty,
Her manner seem'd refin'd
But was the pretty lassie,
A lassie good and kind?

For tenderness and goodness
Are more than outward grace,
And gentleness of spirit
Than beauteousness of face,
And yet if I'd been nearer
And glanc'd into her eyes
I might have seen pure feelings
In innocency rise.

T.W.L.

## Cycling Notes.

A Cycling Feat.—It is estimated that on the Durham miners' great gala day the railway company lost many pounds through the popularity of bicycling. Whole brigades rode into the city on their steel steeds. Whilst on the subject of "biking" it is mentioned as a curious fact that the Sunniside (near Tow Law) brigade had in their number a comrade who despite the difficulties of an artificial leg can push his bicycle along at a swinging pace. He also went to the gala. The banks were surmounted with the good-natured help of the captain and vice-captain, who, when occasion required, hitched the machine of their plucky comrade to their own with a stout rope, and in this way made the journey out and home expeditions and safely.

## Football.

### ASSOCIATION.

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### STANLEY HEDLEY HARRIERS FOOTBALL CLUB.

The members of the above flourishing club held a tea on Saturday, the edibles being supplied by the members and friends. The tea was largely attended, the proceeds being for the purpose of swelling the fund to enclose the Harriers' ground. After the tea, a grand ball followed, which was a great success. Mr Wm. Turner acted as M.C., and carried out his duties in a most efficient manner. The successful day's proceedings realised between seven and eight pounds, and the members feel very grateful to their friends at Stanley for patronising them so liberally. The Harriers are confidently looking forward to a most successful season

### NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

When the *park* was open'd the birds began to sing,
Oh! was'nt it a dainty dish to set before the King?

Yes, we must at length congratulate ourselves on the fact that the park is at least a thing of beauty, and we all fervently hope it may prove a joy for ever! We have, it is true, waited long and patiently albeit midst storm and sunshine alternately for the desired completion of the "layout," but our patience has at length been rewarded and we are now able to stroll at our leisure along the symmetrical pathways, which, bye-and-bye will be less trying to the feet doubtless; admire the artistic arrangement in the planting of the trees, shrubs, and flowers, and inhale the general fragrance in company with our wives and families, or folded, it may be, in the arms of our sweethearts, and reflect gratefully on the donors of the pretty little garden. We will often gaze wonderingly up at the handsome bandstand, and listen with interest to the playing of the band occupying it whenever the good fortune is ours. And if we ourselves are not adepts at the game of tennis we can at least have the satisfaction of witnessing the enjoyment of those who are—or think they are, a satisfaction which will be immensely great. It is and always has been you know, one of the most edifying forms of amusement and recreation to witness the enjoyment of others! Let us remember this always and think less of ourselves and our own participation in the game. Let us not weep because we have not balls nor rackets and cannot disport in flannels. If we are Scotchmen we will exhibit our skill on the bowling green and "knock spots" as the American says, out of our opponents. Oh, there is plenty to do for us. True, there is no provision for the youngsters; no open space whereon they might run free as the air they breathe in innocent youthful gambols; no gymnasium by means of which they might strengthen their limbs, develop their chests, and harden their muscles. There is nothing of these things "'tis true, and pity 'tis 'tis true," and although it has been urged in two or three quarters that one of the tennis courts might well have been dispensed with in order to provide the necessary space, it should not be forgotten a donor has every right to elect to carry out his work in his own way and to make his presentation in a form the most agreeable to himself. For what it is, the Consett park should be appreciated, and not for what it might have been. The gift is a generous one in whatever light one views the matter and it behoves us all to be grateful for it, and to acknowledge our obligation in the most practical manner by protecting it from harm. This is the very least we can do and it is a duty devolving upon all living in the neighbourhood and enjoying the privileges of the park.

I have reason to believe that some members of the Consett Local Board will shortly move in the direction of a public recreation ground being provided for the town. The idea is a good one, and should appeal strongly to everybody concerned. For the young there is no gainsaying that grass plots delicately laid out, on which they may not walk or jump and frisk to their heart's content has little or no attraction. To the active healthy boy and girl, restraint in the matter of their exercise is not a good thing. To really enjoy themselves they want free, open space, where they can romp wildly and unmolested, and altogether free from the sight of that unpleasant injunction to "keep off the grass" so common in our parks, and, of course, rightly so. Schoolmasters and others who have had any big experience of child life and growing youth will not hesitate to support my contention as herein set forth. If, then, the Local Board is bold enough to cope with this really important matter in a properly broad spirit, and decide upon establishing one or more recreation grounds of the character indicated — embracing perhaps a gymnasium—the members will have done a thing worthy of them, for they will have shown a proper interest in and regard for the moral and physical well-being of the youth in our midst. I shall watch the progress of events in connection with this matter with very great interest, an interest which, I make little doubt, will be shared by my readers.

Well done, Annfield Plain! I am pleased to learn that you are making an attempt to inaugurate an annual brass band contest in your district, and I wish the venture every success. There is very little reason to fear that if only matters are well and judiciously managed, the idea will prove successful. For why should it not? There was perhaps never a time when brass band contests were more popular than they are to-day, and of this I am convinced, that Annfieldites are big enthusiasts in affairs of the kind. They show a loyalty and respect for their own particular band, which is delightful to notice, and in this connection are an example to their neighbours, and to none more so than their Consett neighbours. I do not quite see why South Derwent should not have entered for the contest, but it may be for the best of reasons, into which no one has a right to enquire, and into which at any rate it is outside my province to enquire. Well, Mr Harwood, I wish you and your committee a crowded meeting on the 1st of August, and with each succeeding year increased receipts at the gates.

## Local Police Courts.

### CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

#### FIRST COURT.

Monday, July 20th.—Before Coun. James Annandale (chairman), W. B. Van Haansbergen, and F. Priestman, Esqrs.

#### AN ALLEGED DANGEROUS DOG.

*Felix Nugent*, labourer, of Bath Street, Consett, was summoned by James Frosdick, bill-poster, of Rose Mount, for being the owner of a dangerous dog, and not having the same under proper control. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr J. McCartan (Consett).

Prosecutor attested that on Saturday night, July 4th, he was transacting business with a man at Consett, and was returning home about a quarter to one the next morning. Whilst walking along the turnpike he was violently attacked on the hand and leg by the defendant's dog, the animal biting him on the calf. He raised the alarm after the dog got hold of him, and picked up a stone and flung the missile at the animal, the result being that the stone went through a pane of glass in defendant's window. (Laughter). He had repaired the damage, and gave information to the police of what the dog had done.

By the Chairman: Prosecutor stated that the animal had attacked two or three people previously, including Sergt. Minto. It was a dangerous dog.

Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: The incident occurred on a Sunday morning. He was not under the influence of liquor. The dog was standing "nowhere." (Laughter). He met the animal on the highway at the entrance to Bath Street. Prosecutor spoke to defendant about the animal biting him. He admitted throwing the stone through the window. Defendant told him that the stone hit a man inside the house. Nugent asked him to forfeit 30s for the damage, which he declined to do. He met defendant near the Wesleyan Schools on Monday morning, but he did not tell him where he was going to. Prosecutor accompanied Nugent to his home, and there was whiskey "on the job" in settlement of the damage. He (Frosdick) took a "sup" along with the rest, but never told defendant that if he wanted anything out of his garden he had to go and get it. That had nothing whatever to do with the case. He never enjoyed the hospitality at defendant's expense, and he never settled the case with regard to the dog biting him. All he did was to pay for the window that was broken.

Sergt. Minto stated that he had never seen the dog until the morning in question. The animal rushed at him five or six minutes prior to attacking Frosdick, and he had to beat it off with his truncheon. When a short distance up the road on the morning named he heard a whistle blow, and prosecutor made the complaint.

By the Chairman: The animal was on the main turnpike.

Cross-examined: Frosdick was not under the influence of liquor. The animal was running home.

By the Chairman: He did not do anything to the dog when it attacked him. This would occur about 10 minutes previous to Frosdick passing.

Mr McCartan contended that the prosecutor was drunk, and threw a stone which went through a pane of glass in a window in defendant's house, and struck a man inside the house. Defendant was standing when prosecutor came up, and the latter commenced to agitate the animal. It was after the dog was taken into the house that the stone was thrown. On the Monday morning Nugent was on the way to the court to obtain a summons, but the matter was finally settled by Frosdick repairing the damage, and providing a bottle of whiskey. Prosecutor said he would not take any further proceedings.

John McGurk deposed to being in defendant's house on the morning in question. He heard Frosdick and defendant talking at the door, and prosecutor asked Nugent if he had a license. The dog never touched Frosdick. The door was shut and the animal was inside the house when the stone struck him on the arm. He was familiar with the dog, and it was quiet. He could not say whether Frosdick showed any marks or not.

In answer to Frosdick, witness admitted that he had had some liquor, and he did not lodge at defendant's house. The stone hit him on the hand, but he was not laid off work.

By the Chairman: When the stone came in the dog was in the house. He was not present on the Monday morning when the whiskey was consumed.

William Fuller, lodger, deposed to seeing Frosdick in the street on the morning in question, and observed the stone come through the window. The door was shut when this occurred. The animal was very quiet. Witness heard prosecutor ask defendant if he had a license, and he blew a whistle and the police came up. The dog was barking when the stone came through the pane of glass.

By the Chairman: Witness stated that the animal had bitten him.

Prosecutor: Your Worships, these two witnesses were very drunk. (Laughter).

Sarah Walton, married woman, of Medomsley Road, Consett, stated that she saw defendant near the Wesleyan Schools on the Monday morning, carrying a stone in his hand, and he was going to the police court when he met Frosdick. After a short while the two men separated, and within half-an-hour they again met in defendant's house with the bottle. After the contents had been drank, prosecutor said he supposed the case would be settled. Witness had known the dog for a long time, and it was quite harmless and would play with children.

Frosdick declared that this witness had some animosity against him.

The Magistrates made an order for the dog to be kept under proper control, and ordered defendant to defray the costs.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr Grainger) reminded defendant that if he did not do so, he was liable to a fine of 20s each day.

#### ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

*John Selvin*, ironworker, of Blackhill, was proceeded against by P.C. Smith for committing an assault upon him, on Tuesday evening, July 7th.—The officer alleged that on the night in question, about 8 o'clock, he was engaged in taking a man into custody at Blackhill, when defendant came up and struck him a blow behind the ear, which felled him to the ground, and also gave him a kick on the hip and ankle. He seized hold of defendant and struggled with the two men for some time, and then he fell down. Defendant again kicked him on the ankle. He succeeded in bringing the defendant to the Police Station. He was off duty several days, and attended by a doctor.—By the Chairman: He was struggling with the other man named Armstrong when defendant came up and struck him. Defendant was quite sober.—Dr Wynne, of Newcastle (late assistant to Dr Geo. Renton, at Blackhill), spoke to attending P.C. Smith the next morning after the assault. He found two marks on one of his ankles, and the tissues were very much swollen, and there was also a scar behind his ear. The skin was broken, and Smith complained about his hip being sore. He ordered the officer off duty for about a week so that he could apply poultices to the ankle.—Defendant acknowledged the offence; but stated that the officer struck him first when he was taking the other man home and looking after him. Armstrong was drunk, and he was in the act of escorting him home when Smith came up and struck him.—The officer stated that he never saw defendant until he got the blow.—The Bench imposed a fine of 20s and costs.

#### ALLEGED ASSAULT ON AN OLD WOMAN.

*Ellen Burns*, married, of Consett, was summoned for assaulting Ann Courtney, an old woman, living at Consett, on the 4th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant attested that on this particular day, her son told defendant to go and find a place for herself. Defendant presently seized her by the hair of the head and knocked her against the wall, and called her an offensive name.—By the Chairman: They were both sober.—Defendant averred that complainant was tipsy, and she got a 1s from her son to procure some more liquor. Complainant afterwards found fault with defendant because she got some money to get some goods with, and they consequently quarrelled. She never assaulted complainant yet. Meggie Mulholland and other witnesses spoke to complainant being drunk and quarrelsome.—The case was dismissed.

#### A ROW AT DIPTON.

*Margaret Hennessy*, widow, of Dipton, was summoned for assaulting Mary A. McIvor, married woman, of the same place, on the 7th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Complainant stated that on the date in question she went to defendant's house, and asked defendant to put her husband out because he was drinking. Defendant refused to do so, and came out and knocked her down and assaulted her. Her body was black and blue from the effects of the blows.—By defendant: Complainant merely went and told her to put her husband out.—Complainant's husband stated that defendant never struck complainant yet. His wife was lying on the ground when he got outside and he picked her up, and said to defendant "That was enough." He sent for a quart of beer when he was in defendant's house; but never touched the same.—Defendant averred that complainant "scandalised" her every time she went out of the house. On the day mentioned complainant was drunk, and she merely shoved her by for the purpose of preventing her from breaking the windows. All she did was to drink a glass of beer with the man.—The magistrates fined defendant 5s and costs—16s 6d altogether.

#### ASSAULTING HIS WIFE.

*Thomas Roberts*, labourer, Consett, was summoned for committing an assault upon his wife, Matilda Roberts, at Consett, on the 11th inst.—Complainant did not appear to prosecute, and defendant consented to defray the costs.

#### COMPROMISED.

*Ralph Nevins* was summoned for assaulting John Smith, at Burnopfield, on 13th inst.—Complainant appeared and asked for the case to be withdrawn.—The application was granted, and the court expenses were paid.

#### BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

*Joseph Cain* and *John McGraughan*, miners, were charged by Sergt. Nicholson with fighting at Leadgate, on the 30th ult.—Defendants pleaded guilty.—The officer stated that he found defendants fighting on the highway behind Redwell Hills public-house.—Defendants were bound over for three months and mulcted in costs.

*James Magee*, miner, Leadgate, *Thomas Lansdale*, and *Charles Winter*, two young men of Consett, were summoned by P.C. Dixon for fighting at Consett, on July 4th.—Magee and Lansdale pleaded not guilty, whilst Winter did not appear.—The officer stated that between 12 and 1 o'clock, he heard a disturbance in progress at the top of Medomsley Road. He proceeded thither and found defendants, along with Winter, fighting. Magee and Winter had their coats off, and Lansdale was fighting with Magee and Evans. The man Evans was convicted at last court for an assault.—By Magee: He (the officer) was standing two yards away when they were all fighting together.—By Lansdale: He saw him between 12 and 12-30 fighting. It was on Friday night, about 11-15, he saw defendant under the influence of liquor, and he told him to go home. He was fighting with the other defendants.—Lansdale stated that he was proceeding home, and in Front Street, there was a disturbance, and three men came out of a house. Two of the party were stripped, and he only watched the fight along with others. He never struck a blow, and was standing at the corner-end when the officer ran after Evans.—Mary Sinclair stated that Magee never participated in the battle. He was in the house where the disturbance first commenced. Evans and Winter were the delinquents. She saw Lansdale watching the fight, and he was quite sober. Magee was drunk but was not fighting.—The case was dismissed against Magee and Lansdale, and a warrant was issued against the other defendant.

*Robert Johnson*, *John Matthews*, and *Wright Roderick*, labourers, of Blackhill, were summoned for fighting at Blackhill, on the 7th inst. Matthews and Johnson pleaded not guilty; the other defendant did not appear.—P.C. Wright stated that he saw the defendants struggling and fighting near the Rose and Crown Hotel, Blackhill. Johnson had not his coat off, but the other two were stripped.—Johnson stated that the dispute was about a quart of beer which Roderick had drunk in the public-house. The man that had absconded was to blame, because the latter struck him.—Matthews alleged that he only struck in self-defence.—The case against Matthews and Johnson was dismissed, and a warrant was issued against the other defendant.

*Arthur McAleer* and *James Conville*, labourers, of Consett, pleaded guilty to a charge of fighting in Havelock Street, Consett, on the 11th inst.—P.C. Banks gave the facts, and defendants were bound over for three months.

#### CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

*James Tunnah*, of Derwent Street, Blackhill, was summoned by Sergt. Tate for allowing the chimney of his dwelling-house to be on fire, on the 10th inst.—The officer stated that he saw the chimney on fire, and on going to the house (which was next door to his own residence), he found a large fire on. He believed the chimney had fired accidentally.—Defendant averred that he knew nothing about it till he got the summons. The chimney was not set on fire intentionally.—The Bench mulcted defendant in a penalty of 1s and costs.

#### OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

*Owen McNally*, labourer, of Blackhill, was summoned by Bridget Carr, married woman, of Blackhill, for using obscene language towards her on the 16th inst.—Prosecutrix stated that defendant called her a thief, and used a lot of filthy expressions. McNally was drunk.—Defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

#### EDUCATION ACT.

The case of *Felix Trodden*, Dipton, for not sending his son to school, was withdrawn.—Mr Mole, attendance officer, stated that the schools had been closed for the usual mid-summer holidays, and nothing further had been done in the matter.

### SINGULAR CASE OF LARCENY AT CONSETT.

#### A ROBBERY 18 MONTHS AGO.

*Mary Boyle*, a married woman, of King Street, Consett, was placed in the dock on a charge of stealing a bodice, valued at 7s, the property of Elizabeth Jane Cooper, machinist for Mr J. T. Potts, Consett, and living at 27, King Street, Consett. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutrix deposed that she was a single woman, and lived with her mother. One Friday night, about 18 months ago, she came home and put the bodice off, and placed it on a chair near the kitchen table. She had no knowledge of the prisoner coming to the house, but from information received that Mrs Adams was wearing her bodice, she went to Mary Jane Quinn, and afterwards to Catherine Quinn, and from what they told her, she informed the police, and had the prisoner taken into custody.

Catherine Quinn, wife of William Quinn, living at 39, King Street, Consett, deposed that she bought the bodice (produced) about 18 months ago from the prisoner, who remarked at the time that the article would fit her (witness's) little girl. She gave prisoner 6d for the bodice, the latter remarking that her husband found it. Witness's sister (Mrs Adams) got the bodice, and promised to give 1s for the same.

Mary Adams, wife of John Adams, of 26, King Street, Consett, spoke to receiving the bodice from her sister. Witness handed the same over to the police on Sunday.

P.C. Dixon deposed to apprehending the prisoner on Sunday, and receiving the bodice from Mrs Adams.

Prisoner, on being charged in court, said she was not guilty. Her husband found the bodice early one wintry Saturday morning whilst he was returning from work.

The Magistrates imposed a fine of 20s, including costs; in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

### A "RUMPUS" AT BLACKHILL.

#### AN UNGRATEFUL LODGER.

*Edward Shannon*, ironworker, was summoned by Thomas Lister, of Blackhill, for threatening to do bodily injury to him, on the 4th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor averred that about 10 o'clock he was coming from Consett, when he saw defendant lying drunk on the road. The latter threatened to "do" for him. Defendant got up and came to where he (complainant) stood, and struck him, besides putting his teeth into his wrist. On the following day, Shannon came up the street where he (Lister) resided, and used some very obscene language, again threatening to "do" for him. He never had an angry word with defendant or his wife. In consequence of the threats he was afraid of him.

By defendant: He (prosecutor) did not say when he came up to defendant that he was man enough to shape.

Mrs Riley spoke to hearing defendant threaten to murder prosecutor. Shannon was tipsy. Witness saw defendant knock Lister down.

Mrs Hatton said that she was standing at her own door when she saw Shannon in an intoxicated state, and offering to fight anyone in the street. She could not state the time. Witness heard defendant threaten Lister, and he was the first to commence the fighting.

Shannon, who denied the assault, alleged that 12 months ago he received letters from Lister, who was in Cornwall, asking him for money to bring him to Consett. He sent the money, and lodged prosecutor in his own house for nine weeks, and he had never received a penny. He (defendant) had frequently asked for his 30s back again. He once put Lister into the County Court for the money, but withdrew the summons; and the dispute was all about 4s a month which he demanded. Since he had taken this step he was everything that was bad. The prosecutor's witnesses all lived in the street, and had a spite against him.

Herbert Smith, called by defendant, stated that he saw the disturbance, but did not hear Shannon use any threats towards prosecutor. The whole party got defendant down on the ground after he put his coat off.

By prosecutor: He was standing 30 yards away when the disturbance took place.

Sarah Coy deposed that when she was passing down the street she witnessed prosecutor and his wife knock defendant down. Shannon was not intoxicated.

P.C. Smith gave evidence of meeting defendant in Derwent Street, and he stated that he had been badly used by prosecutor. Witness went into the street and there was a considerable deal of shouting going on. Shannon was sober, and prosecutor was drunk. (Laughter).

The Magistrates dismissed the summons.

#### SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. Walton-Wilson and W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esqrs.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were proceeded against for drunkenness:—*Patrick Salmon*, Consett, 14th inst., 5s and costs; *John Hunter*, Consett, 14th inst., 5s; *Thomas Brown*, Consett, 10th inst., 10s; *Mary Fitzes*, Consett, 12th inst., 2s 6d; *Mary Boyle*, Consett, 12th inst., 2s 6d; *Edward Lamb*, Consett, 14th inst., 5s; *Charles Quinn*, Consett, 11th inst., 5s; *Thomas Conville*, Consett, 8th inst., 5s; *Thomas Wilson*, Blackhill, 9th inst., 5s; *Thomas Ward*, Blackhill, 11th inst., 5s; *John Hunter*, Blackhill, 6th inst., 5s; *David Richardson*, Blackhill, 15th inst., 5s; *John Bullerwell*, Benfieldside, 14th inst., 10s; *James Brannigan*, Leadgate, 3rd inst., 5s; *Patrick Carr*, Leadgate, 4th inst., 5s; *John Clarke*, Leadgate, 7th inst., 5s; *Margaret Hennessey*, Dipton, 7th inst., 2s 6d; *William Patterson*, Consett, on Saturday night, 5s; *Thomas McTearn*, Consett, that (Monday) morning, 5s.

#### WILFUL DAMAGE.

*John Bullerwell* was proceeded against for committing damage to glass, to the extent of 7s 6d, the property of John R. Taylor, Benfieldside, on the 4th inst.—Mr Taylor proved the damage, defendant having smashed a window.—A fine of 5s was imposed, and defendant was ordered to pay the damage and costs.

*Charles Lynch*, *Matthew Trewick*, *Henry Lake*, and *William Harrison* were all charged with causing damage, to the extent of 1d each, by trespassing on land at Tanfield Lea, the property of Messrs James Joicey and Co., on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Walker proved the damage.—Defendants were fined 6d each, and ordered to pay damage and costs.

*Thomas Barsham*, *Robert Bell*, and *Thomas Scrafton* were accused by P.C. Walker of doing damage to land, to the amount of 1d each, by trespassing at Tanfield Lea, on July 2nd.—Defendants were mulcted in a fine of 6d each, and ordered to defray the damage and costs.

### LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

Thursday, July 16th.—Before J. W. Walton-Wilson, Esq. (presiding), W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq., and Rev F. W. Glyn.

#### FIRST COURT.

#### THE MIDNIGHT AFFRAY AT DIPTON.

*Ed. McCafferty* and *Samuel McClennell*, a Scotchman, were charged with wilfully breaking and damaging the door of the dwelling-house in the occupation of John Mason, at Hill Top, Dipton, on the 12th June.—Cafferty was dismissed, and McClennell, was fined 1s and costs, besides 2s 6d damages.

*John Mason* (prosecutor in the preceding case) was summoned for having assaulted Samuel McClennell, at Hill Top, on the same occasion.—Defendant was ordered to pay a penalty of 5s and costs.

*Ed. McCafferty* and *Samuel McClennell*, for having assaulted John Mason, at Hill Top, on June 12th, were fined 10s each and costs.—The circumstances were fully detailed in the *Guardian* a fortnight ago when the cases were adjourned for further evidence.

#### GAME TRESPASS.

*Nicholas Rowe*, was summoned by P.C. Vickers, for trespassing in pursuit of game on land at West Stanley, on the 9th inst., and was mulcted in a penalty of 5s and expenses.

#### WILFUL DAMAGE.

*Wm. Usham*, for causing wilful damage to the property of John Osborne, at West Stanley, on the 6th July, was fined 2s 6d and costs.

#### ASSAULT AT WEST STANLEY.

*Samuel Waggott* and *Thomas Wetherall* were proceeded against by Geo. Hindson, for assaulting him at West Stanley, on the 29th inst.—The case was dismissed.

#### BREACH OF THE PEACE.

*John Coyle* and *Robert Brown* pleaded guilty to fighting at West Stanley, on the 3rd July, and were bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs.—P.C. Eland preferred the charge.

#### THREATENING LANGUAGE.

*Alice Lowe*, married, was proceeded against for having threatened to do serious injury to Elizabeth Allison, on the 8th July, at Stanley.—The case was dismissed, each party to pay their own costs, the evidence showing that both parties were to blame.—Mr J. Mawson (Durham) defended.

#### MORE ASSAULTS.

*James York* was fined 5s and costs for having assaulted Margaret Leighton, at West Stanley, on the 4th July.

#### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN INNKEEPER.

*John Maughan*, innkeeper, of Low Ousterley, Craghead, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, on the 20th ult., on the occasion of the Craghead Sports. Mr Turnbull (Chester-le-Street and Durham) defended.—The charge was preferred by Sergt. Liddell and P.C. James, and after hearing the evidence, defendant was fined 40s and costs.

#### ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT.

*James Doyle* was charged with committing an indecent assault on Grace Sherrington, at Cornsay, on July 3rd.—Defendant was acquitted.

#### SECOND COURT.

Before W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

The following were convicted of this offence:—*Terence Farnon*, Lanchester, 4th July, 5s and costs; *John Telford* and *John Gedling*, Burnhope, 2nd and 4th July, 5s and costs; *Jane Pringle*, West Stanley, 4th inst., 5s; *Ralph Pringleton*, South Moor, 5th inst., 5s; *John Hope*, Kyo, 5th inst., 5s; *John Wray* and *Peter Clarke*, West Stanley, 12th and 15th inst., 10s each and costs, or seven days; *Geo. Coxon*, *William John Peveller* and *Jas. Tey*, West Stanley, 20th and 21st June, and July 3rd, 5s each; *John Cummings*, West Stanley, 21st ult., 10s and costs, or seven days in default; *James Campbell*, Greencroft, 20th ult., 5s; *John Bryan Miller*, Greencroft, 27th June, 7s 6d; *John Dawson*, Greencroft, 4th inst., 5s; *Jas. Conn*, *W. E. H. McKenzie*, *Thomas Johnson*, *John King*, *Richard Whiteford* and *Thomas Walton*, at Satley, 27th ult., Johnson, 10s, and the rest 5s each; *Walter Thompson*, Cornsay, 28th ult., 10s and expenses, or seven days; *Charles Fairless*, 28th June, 5s and costs.

#### WILFUL DAMAGE.

The charge against *Henry Northcote*, for committing wilful damage to property at West Stanley, was adjourned for 14 days.

*Jacob Wilkinson*, *Matthew Collins*, *Robert Fenwick* and *George Waugh*, were summoned for trespassing on land belonging to the Earl of Durham, near Burnhope, on the 5th July, and were fined 1s, 1d damage and costs.

*William Waugh*, *James Graham*, *John Hankley*, *Hugh Hillerd*, *Joseph Simpson*, and *George Grant* were charged with trespassing in a field belonging to Mr Thomas Hedley at South Moor, on 21st June.—Fines of 1s each, 1d damage and costs were imposed.

*Mary Greathead*, *George Muse*, *Elizabeth Stephenson*, and *Mary Bace*, for wilfully damaging the herbage in a field near West Stanley, owned by Mr J. Osborne, was similarly dealt with.

*William Beckett*, *Ralph Padlock*, *Joseph Armstrong*, *John Fletcher*, and *George Henderson*, were severally accused by P.C. Eland of causing wilful damage to a field at West Stanley, on June 21st.—Defendants were acquitted.

*Thomas Armstrong*, *William Thorn*, and *George Atkinson* were convicted upon the evidence of P.C. Vickers of trespassing in a field, in the occupation of John Osborne, at West Stanley, on the 28th, and were similarly dealt with.

*Francis Bying*, and *John* and *James Cassidy*, were prosecuted by P.C. Lewis for trespassing in a field owned by Messrs Joicey and Co., at East Kyo, on June 27th.—Discharged.

*John Nicholson* and *George Warrington* were fined 1s and costs for trespassing in a field belonging to Mr Thomas English, at West Stanley, on July 8th.

### STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

Friday, July 17th.—Before Dr Arnison, and V. A. Rippon, Esqrs.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

*Samuel Butler*, was charged by P.C. Dobson, with being drunk at Frosterley, on July 13th, fined 12s 6d.

*Joseph Temperley*, was also charged by the same officer with being drunk on the 4th inst, fined 12s 6d.

*Thomas Maddison*, was charged by Sergeant Sedgewick with being drunk at St. John's Chapel, on the 4th inst, fined 12s 6d.

*Wm. Lindsay Longstaff*, Crook, was charged by Sergt. McDonald with being drunk at Stanhope, on the 5th inst., fined 12s 6d.

*Frederick Moore Rose*, was charged by Sergt. McDonald with being drunk at Stanhope, on the 4th inst., fined 13s 6d.

*John Walton*, was charged by P.C. Steedman with being drunk and disorderly at Stanhope, on the 20th ult., fined 10s.

*George Gardner*, and *John Peadon* were charged by Sergt. Sedgewick with committing a breach of the peace at St. John's Chapel, on the 4th inst. They were each bound over to keep the peace in their own recognisances and pay costs.

#### A CORRECTION.

In last month's account of Stanhope Petty Sessions drunken cases, the name of Nicholas Makepeace appeared; it should have been Nicholas Wearmouth instead.

### A CONSETT MISSIONARY IN EAST AFRICA.

The following letter has been received from the Rev A. R. Steggall:—

Mochi,
Kilimanjaro, East Africa,
May 18, 1891.

Dear ——,—I have not much to tell you by this mail, but I know you like to hear about my doings. With this I send about forty of my printed letters for distribution among Consett friends. Perhaps they would like to help me in my work among the Mochi and Taveta boys, who are so anxious to learn. I need more printing material, and more pictures, &c. The Religious Tract Society have most kindly agreed to grant me things at half subscriber's prices—that is, one pound's worth for seven-and-sixpence. I am sorry that the printing of the letters I send you is so bad, but in this rainy season both ink and rollers are much affected; the rollers indeed are almost ruined after a single day's work. Printing has not flourished at all this month, for I have to cast new rollers almost every time I print. I have four "chases" and two "galleys," so I like to get six formes in type before putting ink on the machine. I am glad, however, to have been able to print some things besides my letters. I will tell you what they are. Part of the Book of Genesis in Kitaveta; the Baptismal Service in Kitaveta, in English, and in Kichagga; three sheets of a Kitaveta vocabulary; some hymns; and a few spelling sheets in Kichagga and Kitaveta. I send you a few copies of most of the things printed yet. Friends may like to see them. I cannot send them as gifts, for by the time paper has reached here it is too precious to send back again to Europe.

Just now a great deal of sickness prevails among the natives. Dysentery is common, and has proved fatal to some. The doctor is absent; he is attending the lady I told you of in my last. She had got a thorn in her eye on her journey from the coast, and was threatened with the loss of her eyesight. I have just heard that the lady and the doctor will probably reach here about the 25th. I am anxious to get to Taveta myself, but cannot go yet, as the rain has not even begun to abate. Yohana and Kadeghe are, I think, both pining a little for a sight of home. We have a plan regarding Kadeghe, if the Bishop comes up here. With the consent of his relatives, and with the Bishop's approval, he is to go to Frere Town school for about three months, so that he may pick up Kiswahili, and see how things are managed generally. I should like to have one Taveta boy constantly at Frere Town, and perhaps something of the kind may be arranged. One very important reason for my wanting to go to Taveta is that my stock of provisions is so reduced that unless I can procure more very soon I shall have to send boys home. I shall be sorry to do this. For a month I have boarded several, as I think I told you, and then you will remember how many of the Masai taken prisoners by the Germans were brought here, and had to be fed till they were ransomed and sent back. I still have plenty of beads passable at Taveta, but the kind I have are absolutely useless at Mochi, quite as much as they would be in England for the purpose of buying food. On April 29th I had a taste of roast elephant, two having entered some of the upper plantations of Mochi, and one of them being killed, after I believe, about two days' hunting. The meat was not really nice, but after being re-cooked, and served up with curry was very pastable. On the 15th of this month the Germans disposed of a plantation near their fort (because an enemy could so easily find cover among bananas), and we got from them about two hundred and sixty young plants, generally about six feet high. The natives helped us to carry them, their wages being paid in beads. The stems near the root are as thick as a man's thigh, and being very juicy will weigh about twenty pounds each. Next day I was able to buy over a hundred more banana plants of a kind not to be found at the German fort, and the natives also planted them. So in two days we had a plantation of about four hundred bananas, and all being well we shall be able in a year's time to get from each of them one bunch of the fruit daily (about 25 lbs.) To-day my three boys (Titus, Kadeghe, Yohana), with myself, have been planting a hedge around our plantation. We have completed about 25 yards. I should have told you that besides the boys I am boarding, I have an additional dependent, a mad woman, a very wretched-looking object. An agent of the British Company found the poor creature on the road between Taveta and Mochi, and brought her on to us. Four days ago she caught one of our fowls and plucked it living, though she had plenty of food at the time. I quite expect that she will run away, and I shall be thankful if she does.

It is delightful to think that I may count on receiving my concertina this week, which I am wanting more than ever. The people of Taveta have never yet heard it, and I have now ten hymns in that language to teach them when I get there. I have only six hymns as yet in Kimochi, and they know them all more or less imperfectly.

*Saturday, May 23*.—Arrival of the mail! It has come late, but this is to be expected now that the monsoon is setting in against the mail vessels. My concertina has come safely, but is white with mildew. To-day my three boys, and myself have been wearing your red and blue caps, blue jackets, and red nether garments! All are greatly pleased, and send thanks, and salaams for the various gifts. Love to you, and to all friends.

Your ——,
Albert R. Steggall.

### APPEAL TO CONSETT.

#### FOR THE EDUCATION OF BOYS OF MOCHI AND TAVETA, EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA.

It is just a year now since the boys had permission to come, if they liked, to learn at Mochi Mission Station. One can therefore take stock, as it were, and compare the situation now with that of May, 1890. Progress has certainly been made in overcoming prejudices; in teaching adults Gospel facts; in instructing boys in the three Rs; and in knowledge of the language; but in the one branch of work mentioned in the above heading the progress made is not satisfactory, especially when we bear in mind that it is to those who have been educated in childhood that the African Church of the future is to look for its teachers.

About fifty boys have at one time or another come to school; of these not twenty have really mastered the Alphabet, none can read smoothly, and none have more than a very fragmentary knowledge of Scripture History. All this is, in my opinion, entirely due to irregularity in attendance, the reasons for which are easily stated. Boys here are engaged in taking flocks out to pasture, in gathering fodder and firewood, and in cultivation. The first-mentioned of these duties absorbs much time, and that all the year round. In dry seasons the flocks have to be taken a long way; in wet seasons the work of cultivation fills up the time the youthful labourers might otherwise have had to themselves; irregularity is therefore not to be wondered at.

At Taveta, with less instruction and in a shorter time, I found the boys threatening to outstrip those of Mochi in everything, and simply because, when I was there, they lodged with me, and were taught regularly and collectively both morning and evening; and the just established R. C. Mission at Kilema, eight miles away, has wisely, at its very beginning, secured about twenty boys to live entirely on the Mission lands.

A remedy therefore for the state of affairs in Mochi lies in having boys to sleep at the Mission Station; and I have embarked on this enterprise, relying on the support of friends of The Cause in England. Two beds, one of four stories, the other of three, have been constructed, giving accommodation, with cowhides in lieu of mattresses, for a dozen boys; each of whom is to be provided with about two yards of calico (value, sixpence), to serve as a blanket. At present ten boys come, at six in the evening, to stay here until seven in the morning, and as the principal, and very often the only meal of the Wamochi is taken at night, the principal expense is incurred in providing this meal for those who come. The food they get is very simple; maize-flour porridge, boiled bananas, beans, yams, or sweet-potatoes, with sometimes a little relish in the form of salt, butter, honey, or sour milk. The cost of this food I calculate to be about a penny per day per boy, or, allowing for absences on my part (at Taveta) or on theirs, to twenty-five shillings a year.

At present the boys occupy, with me, the old house, which is, however, so leaky and rotten generally, that this autumn, when grass for thatching is cheap, it will be expedient, and indeed necessary for the carrying on of the work begun, to build some native 'bee-hive' houses for us all. The expense of future years may be reduced if we are provided with a good plantation of bananas; the land is ours, we have begun planting, but a fence of some kind means a small outlay.

With the endless calls of Uganda and other parts as well, it does not seem likely that the C. M. S. will be able, at present at least, to appoint anyone to Taveta. I propose therefore to add to my boarders four boys from that place. These will cost more, at the least twice as much as the others; but being here always, they will be taught more thoroughly and more quickly, so that fifty shillings does not seem very expensive.

Perhaps one who reads this (as a substitute for personal service), or some association to the notice of which it may be brought, may be disposed to make a donation of £2 10s for the education of a Taveta boy, or £1 5s for a Mochi boy. If I hear of such being the case I shall be glad to appropriate boys to particular persons or places, and to report regularly to their patrons concerning their progress.

To provide for all this, maintenance of boys, building of houses, and the banana plantation, I have ordered fourteen loads of things—chiefly barter calico—from Zanzibar, and hope to receive them in August. The value is about 450 Rupees, and the cost of transport to Mochi about 150 Rupees, making a total of 600 Rupees, equivalent, at the present rate of exchange, to nearly £45 in gold. I now ask for

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| 4 houses at £5 | - - - | £20 |
| 8 Mochi boys at £1 5s | - - | £10 |
| 4 Taveta boys at £2 10s | - | £10 |
| Banana plantation | - - | £ 2 |
| Total | | £42 |

All subscriptions to any of the above objects, unless sent to me in gold (sovereigns), should be paid in to my account at the London and County Bank, King's Cross Branch, 266 Pentonville Road, London, N., and myself at the same time advised by post.

Mochi boys living at the Mission.

Binisbe, Desamio, Kita, Kiwera, Machame, Machondi, Marimbo, Mkumbi, Mture, Mdewero, Ngapani, Nraseku.

Taveta boys to come shortly:

Alolo, Bato, Kitao, Nakweti.

Perhaps it may appear to some that I have been too hasty in undertaking all this, and ought to have secured the money before beginning. To such I would say, "The King's business required haste," and I have no doubts as to being supported in England. Further reports will (D.V.) be duly sent off.

Believe me,
Yours in His Service,
Albert R. Steggall.

Mochi, Kilimanjaro,
May, 1891

I beg of friends of The Cause in Consett:—

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| Banana Plantation | - - | £ 1 |
| Total | | £21 |

POSTAL ADDRESS.

Rev A. R. Steggall,
c.o. Church Missionary Society,
Mombasa, East Africa.

### THE PROJECTED WEARDALE RAILWAY.

On Saturday night, a meeting of the large and influential committee appointed to further the extension of the line from Stanhope to Weardale was held in the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, the room being crowded. Mr J. Harrison, Weardale, presided.—The *pro tem.* secretary, Mr J. Thompson, solicitor, Stanhope, produced a draft plan of the route from the surveyor privately engaged by Sir Joseph Pease—Mr E. Lyall, Darlington—which was scrutinised and fully discussed.—A committee of practical gentlemen was appointed to go over the route, and discuss the matter with Mr Lyall.—It was agreed to ascertain as far as possible what shares were likely to be taken up by the North-Eastern Company—through Sir Joseph Pease—and other gentlemen, before appealing to the dalesfolk, whose ability to render financial aid has been considerably crippled by the long period of industrial adversity.

### WHOLESALE FISH POISONING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

At an early hour on Monday morning, some of the early risers noticed something wrong with the fish in the Wear between the Lumley Burn and the new bridge, and a closer examination showed the fish were suffering from the effects of some poisonous matter, and also that the surface of the water was thickly coated with gas-works refuse. The news spread rapidly, and the river banks soon presented a most animated spectacle. Crowds of people thronged the banks, and scores of men and lads were seen actively engaged in reaping a rich finny harvest. It appeared as if every fish in the river had succumbed to the effects of the noxious matter. There were thousands of fish either dead or in a lifeless state, from salmon to minnows, and almost everything between. The fish were rapidly secured and carried off in large numbers, a number of salmon being taken. They were carried off in large strings, baskets brought down for the purpose, and by other means, the salmon being privately disposed of in most cases.

### STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—There was only a short supply of stock at this mart on Monday, for which there was a good demand. Fat cattle, to £20; sheep, to 48s; lambs, to 40s 6d; cows, to £16 5s; calves, to 30s; stirks, £4 to £6 10s; pigs, 35s to 47s; harness mare, £6; pony, £11 2s 6d; do., £14; ducks, 2s to 2s 4d each. Hay rakes, harness, &c., were also disposed of at fair prices. Quotations:—Beef, 8s 6d to 8s 9d per stone; sheep, 8½d to 9d; lambs, 9d to 10d per lb; pork, 4s 4d per stone.

Tow Law.—On Monday, Mr Vickers had forward 57 dairy cows and heifers, 7 fat cattle, 14 store cattle, 12 calves, 155 fat sheep and lambs. Calved cows made up to £22 10s; cows to calve, to £23 5s; fat cattle, to £18; calves, to 41s; fat shearlings, to 52s 6d—top, Viscount Boyne, Brancepeth Castle; fat lambs, to 39s 6d—top, Pease and Partners (Limited), Crook; fat black-faced ewes, to 30s—top, Mr George Love, Malton Farm, Esh.

### USHAW COLLEGE, CROOKHALL, AND PONTOP.

Some of our prettiest and most interesting places are least known. The ordinary tourist and gadabout rarely find their way to Ushaw College, from the fact that it in a manner inaccessible to them. Yet it is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and few places are so rich in art treasures, or possess more architectural attractions. It stands on a wooded hill 600 feet above the sea level, four miles to the west of the city of Durham, close up to the old Abbey lands of Bearpark and Durham, the ancient domain of St. Cuthbert, and is visible for miles around. There is a noble chapel occupying the centre of the south front, which stretches east and west of it in a line close upon 900 feet long. Some idea of its extent may be gathered when it is stated that a string carried round the entire pile of buildings, but excluding those that cannot be reached by cloisters within, would include an area of eight acres. The united length of all the cloisters and passage above and below make a full mile. The place is said to derive its name from Yew Shaw, or the wood of yews, which tradition says the Normans planted to commemorate their comrades who fell in battle with the Saxons. Of this wood only one tree survives, and this is gnarled and hollowed by time. At the College Jubilee in 1858, a second tree was planted to succeed the old one then fast decaying, and to perpetuate the tradition. Ushaw is in the chapelry of Esh, and it is a curious fact that this place also derives its name from the tree so called by our Anglo-Saxon ancestors. In the neighbourhood, and in fact all over Durham, the ash tree is pronounced esh, and the name is so written in the earliest parish register.

Although Ushaw only began its existence at the commencement of this century, it may lay claim to antiquity, being the lineal descendant of Crookhall and its ancestor the great College of Douay, which was founded by Cardinal Allen in 1568. When the college was seized by the army of the French Republic in 1793, a number of the professors and students contrived to escape to England and found shelter, first at the mission house of Pontop Hall and afterwards at Crookhall, which became the temporary home of the college. Mgr. Eyre and Dr Lingard were at the head of this small community, and during the 15 years of its existence 25 priests were ordained for various missions in the north-country. Its alumni cherished its remembrance in spite of scant arrangement for their comfort within the house, and lack of interesting objects without. Bleak and wild as was the country around, its treeless, whinclad surface, already invaded by many a murky coal pit, suggested thoughts to the imaginative Lingard which took poetic form in the following imitation of Horace:—

Pontop! with thee what clime can vie?
Where joyous whins spontaneous grow;
Where not a tree obstructs the eye,
And muddy torrents sweetly flow.

Here let me live, here let me die,
Or part my days twixt Crook and thee;
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My carcase leave a legacy.

—*Newcastle Daily Journal.*

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NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

TO LIBERAL HOUSEHOLDERS.

THE LIST OF OCCUPIERS entitled to Vote in Parliamentary and County Council Elections will be placed on the Outer Doors, and in the various Post Offices, on August 1st, and if your name is not appear therein, apply to the Liberal Agents, who will be glad to assist you in your Claim. You are advised to answer no questions as to your political opinions, which may be asked by any Agent or Canvasser. Any information you may require in establishing your Claims may be had from the Local Agents, or from

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A.,

Liberal Registration Agent.

Town Hall, Consett, July 17th, 1891. 725g

FROSTERLEY FLOWER SHOW, AUGUST 29th, 1891.

PRIZE Schedules and any other information may be had on application to 93g

M. H. GREENWELL, Sec.

CONSETT WILD FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

THE FOURTH EXHIBITION will be held in the Co-operative Society's Hall, Consett, on Saturday and Monday, August 8th and 10th, 1891. For further particulars see Bills and Schedules. Admission, on Saturday, from 4 p.m., and on Monday, from 5 p.m., 3d each. 892g

WALTER H. MADDISON & CO. beg to announce to the Inhabitants of Consett and Neighbourhood, that they intend to add the FRUIT TRADE to their present Business (Botanic Herbalists, &c.), and trust by careful Attendance to the Public wants in this Department, to merit a share of their support. Fruits in season fresh daily. Note the Address: CENTRAL HERB STORES, 22, Newmarket Street, Consett. 175g

DERWENT VALLEY HABITATION OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

A DEMONSTRATION, in connection with the above, will be held in the Shotley Spa Grounds, on Wednesday, July 29th, from 2.30 to 8. Entrance 3d. Members showing their Badges admitted Free. SPORTS will be held (post entries), and a BAND will be in attendance. Mr. JAS. CROZTON will deliver an Address. Tea to be obtained on the Grounds. Price, 6d. 146g

GRAND RE-OPENING of the THEATRE OF ROYAL CONSETT, on MONDAY, August 3rd, when will be produced the favourite Burlesque, "BLUEBEARD UP TO DATE," by a First-class Company of Burlesque Artistes, including the World-renowned DANVILLE TROUPE of LADY DANCERS (20in number). Magnificent Costumes, Charming Music, Catchy Songs, and New Scenery and Properties. 138g

TANFIELD FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their Annual Exhibition of Plants, Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, and Farm Produce, on Saturday, September 5th, 1891. The Tanfield Lea Prize Brass Band has been engaged for the day. TENDERS for the Whole of the AMUSEMENTS will be received by the Secretary up to, and including, Monday, August 3rd.—Any further information may be had by applying to N. WILLIAMSON, Jun., Secretary, Eden Place, East Tanfield, Lintz Green, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 156g

OCHILL STANLEY AND DISTRICT FLORAL & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their 10th Annual Exhibition of Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Honey, and Needlework for Scholars in the above District, at West Stanley, on Saturday, September 12th, 1891. Bugle for Bicycle Club Handicaps. Medals for Football. Band of the Abbott Memorial Schools, Gateshead, 28 Performers, in full uniform. Tenders Wanted for Field for General Amusements. No Gambling allowed.—For further particulars apply to the Secretary, R. D. WILSON, East Stanley, R.S.O., Durham. 104g

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!

NOVEL FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

MR. F. MCCURLEY, 3, Shakespeare Street, Consett, intends giving FIVE SPLENDID GOLD MEDALS for a 5 a-side Competition (no off-side), to commence on Saturday, August 1st, in a Field adjoining the Blue Bell Inn, Consett. There are about 7 minutes' walk from Ebchester Station. Entrance 2s. 6d. each Team. To close July 25th. The Draw will engage on 29th. A rare chance for Scratch Teams. 126g

MANOR HOUSE RACES (near Shotley Bridge), on Tuesday, August 4th, 1891, in a Field kindly granted by Mr. J. Willis Fleming, Farmer, Ebdon Bridge. £4 will be given for Horses 15 hands and under. Entrance 2s. £3 will be given for Ponies 14 hands and under. Entrance 2s. 6d. £2 will be given for 120 Yards Handicap Footrace. Entrance 6d. each Heat. Quoit Handicap.

All Entries for Hosercising, with exact height, to be made to JOSEPH ROBINSON, Manor House; or WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Hamlington, Shotley Bridge.

THOMAS RICHARD DOLPHIN, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS having any Claim or Demand against the Estate of THOMAS RICHARD DOLPHIN, late of Dyke Nook, Lanchester, in the County of Durham, Farmer, Deceased, are requested to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned, on or before the 31st day of July inst.

Dated this 15th day of July, 1891.

KRENKENSIDE, FORSTER, & FORSTER, Solicitors,

139g Grainger Street West, Newcastle.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the Nineteenth day of October next, applications will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Durham, as the City of Durham, for an ORDER FOR DIVERTING AND STOPPING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT CONSETT, in the County of Durham, lying between a Street there called Consett Bridge Street, and a Road there called Brick Flat Lane, and that the Certificates of Two Justices have been viewed the same, and the Plan of the Old and Proposed New Highway will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County on the 31st day of July next.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1891.

THOMAS WM. WELFORD,

165g Clerk to the Consett Local Board.

NOTICE.

CASTLESIDE FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will hold their SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables, on Saturday, September 5th, 1891. Prizes will be at the Show. Numerous Fees, 1s., to be sent to the Secretary.

90g JOHN DOWN.

WATERHOUSES AND ESH (Co. DURHAM) SHOW, on SATURDAY, August 8th, 1891.

£250 IN PRIZES for Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Home Industries, Goats, Dogs, Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies, Pigeons, Horse-Leaping and Dancing.

OF 100 CLASSES FOR LIVE STOCK.

LADIES RIDING. HORSE PAINTED WHITE.

A GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT AND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS BY THE ROYAL ARTILLERY.

A Magnificent Display of Fireworks.

Send Post Card for Schedule to J. G. CROFTON, President.

£32,100 WORTH OF SHARES ALREADY ISSUED.

BLACKHILL AND CONSETT 2ND "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETY.

ENTIRELY MANAGED BY ITS MEMBERS.

NO SPECULATION! NO DEPOSITORS!! NO BORROWING!!!

The 3rd BALLOT will be held in the SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL, BLACKHILL, on Friday, August 21st, at 8 o'clock. All joining on or before Thursday, August 20th, will participate.

Apply for prospectuses, to

W. RAMSAY, Secretary,

Office—(Open daily),

2, ST. AIDAN'S STREET, BLACKHILL.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETING every THURSDAY 7·30 to 9·30 p.m. 150g

## Public Notices.

MR G. REED'S PRIVATE DAY SCHOOL, FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.

THE DUTIES of this School will be resumed (D.V.) on the 27th inst. Branches taught—English, Mathematics, and Modern Languages.

THE SEWING MACHINE AND KNITTING MACHINE

REPAIRING SHOP.

CHARLES POTTER,

HIGH BRIDGE, OPPOSITE "LEADER" OFFICE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

SINGER'S, HOWE'S, WHEELER & WILSON'S, JONES', BRADBURY'S, and all description of Machines carefully Repaired & Adjusted.

Upwards of 20 Years in the Trade as Sewing Machine Mechanic.

Adjustments from 2s 6d without Removal of Machines from Owner's Premises.

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AMUSING PUZZLE, NO. 2.

S.U.A.N.L.G.H.I.P.S.T.O.

FROM the above letters form Two Certain Words. £5 given to each person who sends the Two CORRECT WORDS. (All competitors will get a prize). If you have never tried a competition, or have tried and have never won a prize, TRY THIS; you will never regret it. Send words, accompanied with a P.O. for 1s. and 5d Stamps, to T. DEWDNEY, Peasholme Cottage, Scarborough. Competition closes July 31st. Prizes, with list of winners, posted Aug. 1st.

N.B.—Special Cash Prizes, will be given for the best Handwriting received. See list of Winners for last week:—Mrs Alfred Thompson, New Shoreston House, Belford; Mr John J. Davidson, 8, Cradock Street, Bishop Auckland; Mr Herbert B. Jones, 85, Old Hall Road, Sale Moor, Cheshire; Mr F. J. Greenhaugh, 43, Spring Gardens, Manchester; Mr George Richardson, Levens, near Milnthorpe, Westmorland; Mr R. G. Crossfield, Arnside, Carnforth; Miss Alice Neville, 111, Fonchill Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool. 167g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

600 PRIZES

FOR PLANTS FLOWERS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, MODELS, PAINTINGS, HONEY, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS.

GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT AND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

By Non-Commissioned Officers and Men from the ROYAL ARTILLERY, Newcastle, (To commence at 2 o'clock.)

TWO POPULAR CONCERTS BY THE RENOWNED ROYAL EXHIBITION BAND.

BANDMASTER - - Mr J. H. AMERS.

(First Concert to begin 1·45 o'clock.)

GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

NOVOCASTRIANS v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

(Wickets pitched, 2 o'clock.)

Admission to Grounds, 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., 1s; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., 6d.

(Exhibition open 1·30 o'clock.)

Excursionists and Visitors by rail admitted at 6d each at any time of the day on shewing Railway Tickets.

Entries close August 8th.

149g W. RAMSAY, Secretary, Blackhill.

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. William Raw.

Sedlin End, near Cowshill, Weardale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having received instructions, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, July 29th, 1891, at the house of Mr. MOFFATT, Innkeeper, Westgate, Weardale, all that

HOUSE AND SHOP,

Containing Shop and Warehouse on the Ground Floor, and 2 Rooms on the First Floor, together with all necessary Conveniences thereto belonging, now in the occupation of Mr. RALPH BECK, as Tenant thereof, at the Yearly Rental of £9.

The Property is substantially built, and is situate on the Main Road, on a Valuable Business Site at Sedlin End, near Cowshill.

The present Tenant will shew the Premises on application.

Further particulars can be had from Messrs. HOYLE, SHIPLEY, & HOYLE, Solicitors, Newcastle-on-Tyne; or from the AUCTIONEER.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 128g

Daddry Shield, near St. John's Chapel, Weardale.

MR. WM. RAW will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. MOFFATT, Innkeeper, Westgate, on Wednesday, July 29th, 1891.

Lot 1.—All that Rich and Valuable Customary FREEHOLD MEADOW AND PASTURE LAND,

Containing 7 Acres, 2 Roods, or thereabouts; and 11 ACRES OF LAND,

Part of an Allotment, containing 70 Acres on Chapel Moor, together with a Proportional Share of the undivided part of the said Moor, together with good

DWELLING-HOUSE,

Containing, on the Ground Floor, Front and Back Kitchens, Pantry, &c.; Two Rooms on the First Floor, with Attic on the Second Floor. Also, Byre and Hay-loft above the Byre, and all necessary Conveniences, now in the occupation of Mr. JOHN WALTON, as Tenant thereof, at the Yearly Rent of £26.

Lot 2.—All that

DWELLING-HOUSE,

Adjoining the House in Lot 1, containing Three Rooms and Attic, and One

DWELLING-HOUSE,

Containing Two Rooms and Attic, with all necessary Conveniences, now in the occupation of Mr. RALPH LOWES, as Tenant thereof.

This is a Valuable Property, centrally situate in that desirable, healthy, and pleasant Vale of the Wear.

The whole will first be offered in One Lot, and if not Sold in One, will be Sold in Two Lots.

The Tenants will shew the Property.

Further particulars can be had of the AUCTIONEER, or of Messrs. W. J. S. & J. A. S. SCOTT, Solicitors, 55, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock p.m.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 129g

Glebe Cottage, Medomsley.

MR. WILLIAM RAW is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION at the Glebe Cottage, Medomsley, on Saturday, August 1st, 1891, the Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BOOKS, &c., belonging to the late Miss M. A. Hedley. Comprising—Mahogany Dining Table, 7ft. 6in. by 4ft., loose leaves; Mahogany Easy Chair, in Hair Seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs, Hair Seated; Piano; Mahogany Night-Commode; Mahogany Couch, in Hair; Polished Ash Drawers; Do. Wash-Stand and Dressing Table; Painted Wardrobe; Towel Rails; Kitchen Table; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Iron and Brass Bedsteads and Mattresses; Bookcase; Music Rack; 2 Cornice Poles with Rings; Fenders and Fireirons; 2 Coal Scuttles; Kettle and Pans; Poss and other Tubs; 2 Crutches; Inkstand Bracket; 10 Pictures; 2 Brussels Carpets; 2 Kidderminster Do.; Hearth Rugs; Door Mats; Glass; Ware; and numerous other lots.

BOOKS.

Shakespeare, Milton, Pope, and Longfellow's Works; Dictionary; 11 Vols. Johnson's Works; History of England; 3 Vols. London Society; the Works of Sterne; Progress and Poverty; Women of Fashion, 2 Vols.; Our Life in the Highlands; 50 Portraits of Eminent Persons, Steel Engravings; History of the Bastille; Bates' Encyclopædia; 2 Large Vols. of Chambers' Journal; Hutton's Mathematics; The Orator; 13 Vols. Chambers' Miscellany; 6 Vols. Leisure Hours; 6 Vols. Penny Magazine; School Books, Bibles, &c.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 184g

NOTICE.

STANLEY AUCTION MART will RE-OPEN SHORTLY.

750e JOHN LOWES, Auctioneer.

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.

A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., can be bought right out for Cash. 34e

## Sales by Auction.

### By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, August 3rd, 1891.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of Superior Household Furniture and Effects, removed under a Power of Sale.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, under a Power of Sale, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891, the Superior and highly finished Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including:—Handsome Walnut Sideboard, with Bevelled Plates; Chest of Mahogany Drawers; Fined-toned Trichord Pianoforte, only two years in use; Fine Bridgeport Organ, with 11 Stops, Knee Swells, and Couplers; Inlaid Music Cabinet; Music Stool; 2 Leather Couches; Ladies' and Gentleman's Easy Chairs, in Leather; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair; 6 Leather-seated Chairs; 6 Windsor Chairs; 2 Rocking Chairs; Smoking Chair; Austrian Bent wood Rocking Chair, and 6 Small Chairs to match; Washstand and Dressing Tables; Handsome Overmantel, in ebonised frame; 3 Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Cornice Poles; 3 Handsome Brass and Steel Fenders; Fire Irons and Brasses; 2 Feather Beds, Bolsters, and Pillows; Double Toilet Set; Carpets and Hearthrugs; Well-seasoned Floor Oilcloth; Dinner Ware and China; Earthenware of different kinds, and all the Miscellaneous Effects and Sundries. Also, new Wringing Machine with best Hard Wood Rollers; Superior Singer Sewing Machine; American Cooking Stove, in perfect order, and other Goods.

Sale to commence at Half-past One o'clock.

☞ The whole of the above goods are of first-class quality, in good condition, and will be sold without reserve. 182g

The Consett Property Mart.

THE following Valuable Lots of PROPERTY for Residential and Business purposes are for SALE:—

2 Dwelling-Houses and Shops, and 2 Cottages behind, situate in Front Street, Leadgate. Rental £53 a-year.

8 Dwelling-houses in Melbourne and Victoria Streets, Consett, convertible into Business Premises.

14 Dwelling Houses in Palmerston Terrace, Consett. Rental £182 a-year.

Cottage in Dixon Street, Blackhill. Rental £10 a-year.

3 Four-roomed Houses, with Large Gardens, at Templetown.

2 Houses in Park Street, Blackfine, in course of Erection.

40 £10 Six per cent. Preference Shares in Walker, Parker, & Co.'s Lead Works, Limited.

—Apply, BRODIE'S, Town Hall, Consett. 174g

SAFETY and other BICYCLES FOR SALE, by the best Makers, on the Hire-purchase System, or liberal discount for cash. Sole Agents for County of Durham for Harlesden Cycle Company. Also Agent for Bown's, Brookes, and Raleigh.—Apply to BRODIE'S, Town Hall, Consett. Note: A good Cushion-Tyred Safety for £10 10s. 125g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

### By Mr. John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 1891.

9 Fat Cattle.
120 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Finger Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
1 Strong Spring Cart, in good condition.
1 Set Spring Cart Harness.
1 Coup Cart, Pair Cart Shelvings.
1 Sheep Heck, Hay Rakes, Poultry, and other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale at One o'clock.

179g J. S. MURRAY.

Alders Farm, near Castleside, for Sale by Auction.

MR J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr M. Lee, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, August 12th, 1891, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill (subject to conditions which will there be read), all that DESIRABLE FARM, called Alders Farm, containing 95 Acres of Meadow, Pasture, and Tillage Land, about 30 Acres being in Tillage, consisting of excellent Turnip and Barley Soil, and in a capital state of cultivation, having been in the Owner's own hand for the last 9 years, together with a good DWELLING-HOUSE, Milk-house, Pantry, Stable, Byre, Cattle Shed, Cart Shed, Turnip House, Barn, and all necessary Conveniences, all nearly new, and being conveniently situate within 3 minutes' walk of Rowley Station on the N.E.R., at which 8 Passenger Trains pass daily, and at which there is a good depot for manure, &c.

Mr Lee, Jun., being on the Premises, will show the Farm.

Sale will commence at 3 for 4 o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY, AUCTIONEER, AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

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

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

### By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr. John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to remove and SELL at his Rooms, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891, a Lot of Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold on reasonable terms at any time.

25, Victoria Street, Consett. 168g

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr P. McDERMOTT, who is retiring from Business and leaving the district, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, his Household FURNITURE and STOCK-IN-TRADE at Front Street, Dipton, on Saturday, August 1st, 1891. See Posters.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street, Consett. 903a

### By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 1891.—Special Sale of Store Cattle, with ordinary Mart, 50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 8 Fat Cattle; 105 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 4 Geld Cows; 50 to 100 Store Cattle various ages; 8 Finger Calves; Hand Hay Rakes, Forks, Ropes, &c.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

177g J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

### By Mr. George R. Hobson.

The Lodge, Annfield Plain.

MR. G. R. HOBSON is instructed by Mr A. PHILLIPSON, who is removing, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the undermentioned STOCK and FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Stock and Poultry: Sow Pig, 5 Pigs, 12 weeks old, Black Berkshire Sow, in Pig, upwards of 40 Hens and Chickens, 10 Ducks, 2 Geese and 2 Goslings. Furniture &c: —Folding Screen, 2 Leaves, Kitchen Table, Clock, Basket Chair, Flock Bed, Large Rain Barrel, Stone Pig Troughs, Dog Kennel, Bird Cages, and other Sundries. Any other entries will be accepted.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 50g

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr Joseph Oley.

Notice.

MR J. OLEY has received instructions from Mr WM. DENT, who is declining Housekeeping, to SELL his HOUSE FURNISHINGS at 75, Allendale Cottages, on Saturday, August 1st, 1891, at Two o'clock p.m. For particulars see Bills. 154g

☞ JOSEPH OLEY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

### By Mr. James Turnbull.

Tantobie.—Freehold Cottage Property and Shares in Public Companies for Sale.

MR JAMES TURNBULL is instructed by the Executors of the Late Mr EDWARD NICHOLSON, to OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION, at the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Tuesday, July 28th, 1891, at 6·30 for 7 o'clock in the Evening, the following PROPERTIES and SHARES:—

Lot 1.—All that FREEHOLD COTTAGE and GARTH, containing about 320 Square Yds., situate at Tantobie, in the occupation of Mr John Harrison.

Lot 2.—All those 2 BRICK BUILT FREEHOLD COTTAGES, with Garth belonging thereto, situate at the rear of Lot 1, containing about 350 square yds., in the occupation of Messrs C. Waggon and G. Harrison.

Lot 3.—20 FULLY PAID-UP SHARES of £5 each in the ANNFIELD PLAIN GAS Co., LD.

Lot 4.—5 Fully paid up SHARES of £50 each in the PRINCE STREAM SHIPPING Co., LD., Newcastle.

Also, immediately after the above, and belonging to the same Estate, an Excellent WAGGONETTE, by Newsom, of Newcastle, and a SET of Silver-mounted HARNESS.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer Chester-le-Street, or Messrs Davies and Balkwill, Solicitors, St. John Street, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 140g

## Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT

BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY

TOWN HALL CONSETT.

☞ SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.

Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property Money received on Loan at 4½ Per Cent. In erest, repayable at Three Months' notice.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Actuary and Public (Incorporated) Accountant, Secretary

'EASY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN'

SUPPLIED BY

E. BROOKS,

HATTER TO TRADE,

57, GREY, and 59, CLAYTON STREETS, NEWCASTLE.

"NO PANIC."

ROBERTS' !!! REMOVAL.

ROBERTS, THE CHEMIST, has pleasure in informing the public of the opening of ROBERTS' Colonial Buildings and Drug Warehouse, 17, Bigg Market, (Grainger Street Corner), Newcastle.

ROBERTS, THE CHEMIST, need not remind the public (it having been previously intimated) that ROBERTS' Colonial Buildings, in the Newcastle Bigg Market, will form, when completed, one of the largest Drug and Patent Medicine combinations in the kingdom *nothing resembling it* having to his knowledge been before attempted.

ROBERTS, THE CHEMIST, may, with pardonable pride, point to the fact that ROBERTS' Colonial Drug Warehouse, in the Newcastle Bigg Market, contains no less than seven distinct floors measuring, approximately, 7,000 square feet. Six of these floors are connected by one of Pickering's Patent Elevators, by which means customers may be conveyed from floor to floor without fatigue, rendering business transactions a positive pleasure and entertainment rather than the irksome task customary.

ROBERTS, THE CHEMIST, has further satisfaction in assuring his customers residing in Consett and district that the above-mentioned by no means exhausts the innovations introduced into this novel and gigantic Drug Warehouse, many of them adopted at considerable expense, *and each* designed to contribute in some degree to the comfort and convenience of customers.

ROBERTS, THE CHEMIST, in concluding this brief notice, begs sincerely to thank all who have patronised him in the old premises, *and to assure them of increased attention and respect to all orders continued to him at*

ROBERTS' COLONIAL BUILDINGS,

No. 17, BIGG MARKET,

(GRAINGER STREET CORNER),

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

NOTICE.

DISTRICT AGENCIES.—Mr Roberts, Chemist, Colonial Buildings, 17, Bigg Market, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be shortly prepared to appoint competent and enterprising Agents in all the chief industrial centres of Northumberland and Durham, for the Sale of several invaluable Drugs and Household emergency Medicines of established reputation. Only first-class reliable tradesmen need apply. *Write.* No PANIC.

MOST MONEY LENT

On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at

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N.B.—A Large Stock of New and Second-hand WATCHES Gold & Silver GUARDS ALBERTS &c., on Sale at the Lowest Prices

☞ SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.

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## Business Announcements

GLENDENNING'S BEEF & MALT WINE,

Composed of Liebig's Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It is therefore a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength.

PRICE: 3s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 2s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.

Prepared only by W. GLENDENNING, Newcastle.

LOCAL AGENTS:—

CONSETT.—RICHARD MURRAY, WINE MERCHANT. T. D. DRYDEN & Co., FRONT STREET. THOMAS MILNER, CHEMIST.

WITTON GILBERT.—T. SUDDES, STATION HOTEL.

MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.

DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.

STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.

BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.

TANFIELD.—JOHN URWIN, PACK HORSE INN.

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

COMMUNICATIONS should reach us *not later* than Wednesday morning.

# The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH, 1891.

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCENDO."]

A CLEAN SHEET.

I have this week to congratulate my Consett friends on the improvement, from a moral standpoint, in their town and district. There was, it appears, a clean sheet at the police-court last week, and the presiding magistrates slept soundly on the following evening, having had no ghostly visitations in the short hours touching their deliberations on the previous day. It is a good thing to find virtue in the ascendency, and vice on the decline. It would, of course, be ungenerous to hint that the reason why the sheet was spotless was due to the self-denial put into practice for the nonce in view of the pleasures and delights of a forthcoming holiday. Such deductions may be true, or they may be false, but the writers of the old school had an odd habit of asserting that for every why there was a wherefore. What the particular wherefore in this instance was I am not in a position to determine, but it may be assumed that if a tidal wave of good intentions moved the waters in our district, more will be heard of it anon, as a high tide either leaves treasure trove on the beach, or by passing the line of demarcation claims more of the earth as its own.

## Local and District News.

### CONSETT.

Yesterday (Thursday) the members of the Consett Church choir had their annual trip to Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

On Wednesday, the Consett Mission Band held their annual excursion to Brancepeth, and the members enjoyed the visit.

On Wednesday afternoon, the teachers of the Consett Wesleyan Sunday-school, paid a visit to Gibside Hall. The time was for the most part spent indoors, and the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Friday, there was interred in one of the burial grounds of Newcastle, a well-known inhabitant of Consett, in the person of Bernard Cush, who, a few years ago, went to live at St. Joseph's Home, Newcastle. Deceased was a shoemaker, and was a strong advocate of Gladstonian principles, and a thorough Home Ruler.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIETY.—On Sunday, this society at Consett held its annual camp-meeting. Rev T. Elliott (Blackhill) conducted, and was assisted by a number of local preachers. The Consett Mission Band rendered good service with its choice music.

WORKMEN'S TRIP.—The Consett Iron Company's *employees* at their iron and steel works, had their annual excursion on Saturday, three heavily-laden trains, conveying about 1,800 men with their wives and families, to Leeds, returning home shortly after midnight. The whole of the works (with the exception of the blastfurnaces) were laid idle for the day.

MUSICAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, LONDON.—At the practical examination, held in Newcastle, on Wednesday, Dr E. M. Lott, examiner, the following pupils of Mr Geo. Dryden, Consett, successfully passed in pianoforte playing. Senior division: 2nd class honors, Miss M. I. Smith; 3rd class honors, Mr Geo. Dixon, South Moor; Intermediate division: Miss H. Shield, Miss M. O. Kay, Oxhill; Junior division: 2nd class honors, Miss F. E. Robinson, Stanley; 3rd class honors, Miss L. Farthing, Annfield Plain; Primary division: Miss Dora M. Welsh, South Moor; Miss Ethel Russell, Annfield Plain.

SCIENCE EXAMINATIONS, 1891.—The following is the results in subject II Machine Construction and Drawing of the students belonging to the class held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett—Advanced stage—First class: Thomas Knifton, Roger T. Davey, Thomas Bertram, George Lowson; second class: Chas. H. Young, John W. Young, William Knifton, Joseph Spencer, Samuel R. Nicholson, John G. Bates. Elementary stage—first class: John R. Davison, John G. Dent, Ed. Hall, William G. Robson, William S. Douglas, Henry H. Wattsford; second class: Arthur E. Brodie, Albert P. Little, Percy C. Ainsworth, J. Rutter.

MUSICAL EXAMINATION.—We have pleasure in announcing that the following pupils of Mr T. Jones, Music Emporium, Church Street, Consett, have passed successfully in the Theoretical examination, of the Musical International College London, held in Newcastle, on May 27th, Dr E. M. Lott, examiner. *Junior Division: with Honours*:—Miss Maggie Holland, Allendale Cottages; Master J. W. Egglestone, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. *Junior Division*: Miss S. A. Gillchrist, Allendale Cottages; Miss E. Teasdale, Templetown, Consett; Miss M. A. Scott, Springwell House, near Satley; Miss E. Pratt, Consett; Miss A. Morgan, Cornwall, Annfield Plain; Miss E. Dodds, South Pontop; Miss E. M. A. Wilkinson, Catchgate. Also the following pupils passed successfully in the Practical examination in pianoforte playing on July 21st, Dr E. M. Lott, examiner. *Junior Division*: Miss E. Walton, Medomsley; Miss A. M. Smith, Medomsley Road, Consett. *Primary Division*: Master J. Foster, Leadgate; Master J. W. Egglestone, Consett; Master E. Jackson, Blackhill Station; Master W. T. Mallaburn, and Miss S. A. Gillchrist, Allendale Cottages; Miss E. M. A. Wilkinson, Catchgate; Master J. J. Stobbart, South Pontop; Master T. Jackson, Pontop Row, Annfield Plain. It is satisfactory to note that in this examination all the candidates that presented themselves passed most excellently.

THE PUBLIC PARK.—The *Newcastle Daily Journal* says:—Amid the finest of summer weather, with the town *en fete* and bands playing and banners flying, and in the presence of thousands of hardy sons of toil, dressed in holiday attire, the park which has been presented to the district by the Consett Iron Company was opened on Saturday week. Probably not another park in England has such a magnificent view. What was once all ugliness and barrenness has been transformed into a scene of fertile beauty. Those who have been absent from the place will look in vain for the famous "Blue Mountains" of Berry Edge. The heaps of scoria, the unsightly deposits from the town, the remains of the old Tinmill Pit, all have disappeared, and in their places are serpentine walks and a wealth of shrubs and flowers. The spot chosen for the park faces the Derwent vale, at an altitude of more than 850ft above the level of the sea, and commands a fine and extensive view of the surrounding country. Below it lies the flourishing town of Blackhill, where not a house but one, that at Blackfine, existed half a century ago. Immediately opposite, and rising with a gradual ascent, are the Northumberland hills, graced here and there with variety of woodland. In the far distant north are the Cheviots, while westward the landscape is bounded by wild and rugged heather-clad hills, from which the pure mountain air is wafted as a deodorizer to the fumes from the gigantic Consett Iron Works. Beneath this chain of mountains the eye discovers the river Derwent winding its way through deep enchanting valleys, whose slopes are decorated with hanging woods and scattered enclosures. It is impossible, indeed, to conceive anything grander in nature than this diversified view of the Derwent as seen from the new park.

Nothing is more pleasant to work than a good sewing machine when in good going order; while on the contrary, nothing is more annoying and irritating than when the machine begins to break threads, smash needles, miss stitches, or forms all sorts of crotchety loops. The question is often asked—what is best to be done in these cases? and it not unfrequently happens that the machine is disposed of at a great sacrifice, whereas, at the cost of a few shillings, if placed in the hands of an efficient repairer, it could be made to work as effectually as when new. In reference to this, we would draw the attention of our readers to an advertisement of Mr C. Potter, of High Bridge, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who has had many years' experience in the manufactories of the chief makers in England, and who would, no doubt, give every satisfaction to all who might require his services.

### BLACKHILL.

The Blackhill Mission Band are announced to play a selection of music in the park, on Thursday evening next.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The anniversary of this school at Blackhill, was celebrated on Sunday. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. F. Smith, Annfield Plain, who preached two capital sermons—morning and evening.—In the afternoon, a service of song was rendered by the choir and scholars. A choice selection of music was rendered, and portions of scripture, &c., were recited by the scholars. Mr Gradon conducted, whilst Mr Walton presided at the organ.

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A lawn tennis tournament was played in the Spa grounds, Shotley Bridge, on Monday evening, by several local ladies and gentlemen.

On Wednesday, several excursionists from South Shields and Newcastle, visited the Shotley Spa grounds. Rain fell the whole of the day; and the company had to remain partly indoors.

PIC-NIC AT THE SPA.—The annual excursion of the *employees* of Mr John Sinclair, Bath Lane Tobacco Works, was held on Friday, at Shotley Spa. Favoured with beautiful weather, the company, which numbered about 160, had a most enjoyable day. Numerous games were indulged in, the prizes for which provoked keen competition. The dinner and tea provided by Mr Wilson gave every satisfaction. After dinner, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr John Sinclair, who favoured the company with his presence, and who most generously defrayed the whole of the expenses of the excursion. On Saturday, the *employees* of Messrs Mawson and Swan (photograph depot), at Low Fell, to the number of about 80, and the Primitive Methodist choir from Seaton Delaval, had a pic-nic in the Spa grounds.—On Wednesday, last week, over 1,000 school children from St. Nicholas's, Newcastle, and the Roman Catholics of South Shields, had their yearly outing to the Spa. All the parties were efficiently catered for by Messrs Wilson Bros (lessees).

At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Monday, before Coun. James Annandale, *Cuthbert Henderson* and *Mary Henderson*, man and wife, were charged with drunkenness at Consett, on Monday evening.—Cuthbert was fined 5s and costs, while the woman was discharged.

### LEADGATE.

MISSION BAND.—The members of the above band at Leadgate, with a number of friends, had a trip to Barnard Castle, on Saturday, when after visiting various places of interest, they returned to Leadgate, by the six p.m. train, the day's outing having been thoroughly enjoyed.

### TANFIELD.

A mourning peal was rung from Tanfield Church both morning and evening on Sunday, in token of respect to the late H. W. Watson, Esq., of Burnopfield House, and as an expression of sympathy with the family in their bereavement.

### LANCHESTER.

Yesterday (Thursday), the Wesleyan Sunday scholars from Tynemouth, to the number of between 200 and 300, had their annual excursion to Lanchester. They were entertained at Greencroft Park, where a most pleasant and enjoyable day was spent.

### BLAYDON.

BEAMISH AND PONTOP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The agricultural show to be held on Blaydon racecourse, or Stella Haughs, on Wednesday, 19th August, in connection with the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, will, it is confidently expected, be one of the most attractive that the society has organised. The district of Blaydon is considered to be a highly favourable centre at which to hold the show, and the promoters are sanguine of success if the weather is good. On Wednesday night, a well-attended meeting of the society took place at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, under the presidency of Col. Cowen, when preliminary business was transacted, stewards and other officers being appointed, and tenders for refreshments, &c., accepted. It was reported that entries are already being posted for the show.

### HEDLEY HILL.

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE WESLEYAN SOCIETY.—The Wesleyans of this place have just celebrated a most successful Sunday-school anniversary. On Saturday there was a tea to the scholars, afterwards a public tea was held, when a goodly number partook of the good things provided. The tables were presided over by the Misses E. J. Davison, E. Thompson, E. Hughes, J. Wardle, assisted by Messrs Geo. Hostler, J. G. Barron, J. W. Davison, and A. Allison. In the evening, Mr Jonathan Southern (Primitive Methodist) gave a very interesting lecture to a large congregation, who showed their appreciation by frequent and hearty applause. The subject was "Joseph and his brethren." Mr John Barron occupied the chair. The Sunday services were conducted by Mr James Young, of Crook. The children and choir acquitted themselves right grandly by their singing and recitations, which were scripture, and a few choice pieces of poetry. The piece-saying reflected great credit upon Mr W. Westgarth and others. Mr C. S. Barron presided at the harmonium. Nearly £6 was realized.

### WITTON GILBERT.

DEATH OF MRS WIGGEN.—Life is always uncertain, but the more so after the allotted span of three-score years and ten has been reached. Just as the sturdy oak succumbs to the storm, so is human existence sometimes cut off unexpectedly and without warning. The death of Mrs Wiggen, of Wallnook Mill, in her seventy-seventh year, is an instance of uncertainty of life. On Saturday se'nnight she was in the enjoyment of a vigorous old age, such as only a sound constitution and a peaceful life can give, and in the evening she had entered into her rest, her death being due to apoplexy, and although it was not expected that her end was so near, she had lived daily for several years past as one—

Waiting her summons to the sky,
Content to live, and not afraid to die.

Mrs Wiggen was the widow of Mr Joseph Wiggen, miller, who died in 1876, and she had thus survived him fifteen years. Her ancestors belonged to Wallnook last century, and she had lived there to see many changes, not the least being the transition of a quiet rural retreat into a scene of busy activity, consequent on the opening out of the large coalfield at Langley Park, and the springing up of a large population there. Mrs Wiggen was greatly respected by her neighbours, who accompanied her remains to their final resting-place at Esh.

### EAST HEDLEYHOPE.

WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETY.—The teachers and scholars of East Hedleyhope held their annual field-day on Saturday last, in a field kindly granted by Mr W. Kinleyside. Tea was provided by Mrs Shield, and Mrs Simpson. After tea, the children indulged in various games, and were supplied at intervals with sweets, by Mr T. Simpson and Mr H. Sheild, a very enjoyable day being spent by all. The collections at the Sunday services were in advance of any previous year. The following gentlemen contributed greatly to the services:—Mr R. Heslop, violin; Mr T. W. Shield, violincello; Mr H. Shield, clarionet.

### TANFIELD LEA.

At the Local Marine Board of Trade Examinations held at North Shields, on the 15th, 16th, and 17th inst., Mr John George Dixon, second son of Mr George Dixon, Tanfield Lea, was awarded a first-class certificate of competency as chief engineer. 161g

### WEARDALE.

A TOP DRESSING FOR POOR LAND.—Good reports are to hand respecting the use in various parts of Weardale of Thomas's phosphate powder, as a top dressing for poor lands. Where used the crops are good, abounding with clover of prime quality and abundance of herbage.

HARVEST PROSPECTS.—The hay harvest in Weardale is now in full swing, but is much impeded by the thundery wet weather, and the season is much like the last, the hay has to be won in snatches. Farmers are never sure what the weather is going to be the next few hours, as it clouds up and drops a thunder shower without much warning. It is much later than last season. The crop on the whole is up to the average although considered short of last years.

### WATERHOUSES.

A rather novel experiment is just now being tried at Waterhouses. Cows are driven round in the mornings and milked at the customers' doors. Good-bye to chalk and water, and the good old iron-tailed cow.

### TOW LAW.

A demonstration in connection with the Thornley Wesleyan Chapel, Tow Law, was held in a field at Thornley Grove, on Saturday afternoon. A public tea was held in the grounds.

A young man named Young was on Saturday morning lowering some trucks at Redhouse Colliery, Tow Law, and in attempting to jump on to a waggon step missed his foot and fell. The truck wheel passed over his leg, which had to be amputated.

What a brave lot of fellows our Tow Law football team look. They figure prominently as a group in a photographer's window at Bishop Auckland. They look a lot of pretty fellows, full of bone and muscle, able to kick a ball, and eager for the fray.

THE PRICE OF MILK.—"A mother" complains of the high price of milk at Tow Law. She thinks the milk-sellers should be content with one penny per pint. Three-halfpence per pint, she says, is too much to give, and is severely felt when you have a large family to feed.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Co-operative Society was held at the Stores, Tow Law, on Monday evening. Mr Jas. Vickers, president, in the chair. The balance sheet, which was read by the secretary, Mr G. Hildreth, was accepted as satisfactory, and showed the society to be in a healthy condition: No. of members, 541; 53 increase for half-year; total sales, £8,785; increase, £1,150. The amount of cheques bought in by members was £8,178, at 3s dividend in the £ was £1,226, £50 was put down for depreciation of property, £40 to reserve fund, which left a balance of £65. The amount in the Penny Savings' Bank is £146. The society hold shares in Co-operative Wholesale, Newcastle, the Flour Mill, Shotley Bridge, Co-operative Insurance Co., Paisley Manufacturing Society, Hebden Bridge Manufacturing Society, Co-operative Newspaper Society, Co-operative Printing Society, and Eccles Manufacturing Society. The president and secretary were re-elected. Three committee-men retire every year, but are eligable for re-election. Mr G. Bell and Mr N. Wilson were re-elected, and Mr Dixon was elected to take the place of Mr T. Thompson who resigned. Tenders have been invited for the alteration of premises, which are too small for the increased business. Notice of motion was given to alter the rule with respect to electing the committee. There was a good attendance. Mr Joseph Hewitson, one of the founders of the society, was present, and gave a few figures from the first balance sheet, and an outline of his first visit to Newcastle 26 years ago to purchase the first goods for the society, and said he was proud as he looked upon such a large block of buildings, and the success which had attended the society. The president gave Mr Hewitson a hearty welcome to the meeting, and assured him that the committee would still thank him for his council and advice. There was a good discussion on one or two things. Mr J. Robinson was elected auditor for next twelve months.

### EDMONDBYERS.

A correspondent writes:—I have just heard from a gentleman residing near Edmondbyers of a swallow having built her nest in an interesting place. In a shed upon the top of some bamboo sticks, which lie quite loose upon the rafters, within hand reach, the swallow has built her mud-nest, and has now five eggs in the nest. On anyone entering she flutters about and seems to quite resent the intrusion. It is interesting that the nest should have been built so near to reach, though it is there quite safe.

### WOLSINGHAM.

Rev R. Garbett preached twice in Wolsingham Wesleyan Chapel last Sabbath to very appreciative and large congregations. A love-feast was held at the close of the evening service.

Last Sunday, the Wesleyans held an open-air service in the cricket field (kindly lent by Mr J. Jackson), when addresses were delivered by Rev R. Garbett, Mr T. E. Fenwick, and Mr Steele. A large company assembled.

A LUCKY WINDFALL.—David Lival, of Drumray, near Bingham's Town, County Mayo, Ireland, now residing at Wolsingham, is expecting to receive from the French Government before long, the sum of £80,000, through an old admiral that commanded a wing of the French army in the time of Napoleon first—Sir E. O. Riley, a distant relative of his. The lucky old Irishman is sanguine of success, and expects to ride in a carriage and pair after this.

### SATLEY.

J. W. Fawcett, of The Grange, Satley, and Roslyn Park, Townsville, North Queensland, having been offered a sinicure, valued at £150, conditional upon residence in that colony, is expected to leave shortly for the above-named city.

### FROSTERLEY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CAMP MEETING.—Last Sunday, the Frosterley Primitive Methodist Camp Meeting was held. The weather was splendid. The proceedings commenced by a prayer meeting at 8·30, after which the streets were missioned. The speakers during the procession were Rev G. Chun, and Messrs J. Maddison, W. Vickers, J. Ward, R. Pennington (of Kendal), and J. T. Gardner. A meeting was afterwards held at Hill End. The preacher was Mr J. D. Ward. In the afternoon, a very large company assembled on the Hill again. The service was conducted by Rev G. Chun. The afternoon preachers were Mr W. Lee, of Stanhope, Mr Coates, of Consett, Mr W. Vickers, and Rev G. Chun, of Stanhope. In the evening, one of the best lovefeasts ever known was held in the chapel, conducted by Rev G. Chun.

### SPEN COLLIERY.

Mr Leland Jone's dramatic company, which is now performing at the Spen in its own theatre, still commands good houses. On Wednesday night, *The Silver King* was performed. Last (Thursday) night, *Green Bushes* was presented.

### HARE LAW.

On Thursday week, the usual meeting of the Collierley Burial Board, should have been held, and the chairman, Rev J. Gornall, was the only member that put in an appearance.

### STANLEY.

On Sunday, the annual camp meeting in connection with the Primitive Methodist Society, which commenced at 9 o'clock in the morning, and afternoon at 1·30. There was a large company present on the ground, and sermons were preached from a long cart, which served as a pulpit, by the following brethren—Messrs R. Kay, T. Middlemast, J. Sasbury, W. Morgan, A. Forster, H. Stains, and P. Reay. The Rev T. Archer, conducted the services. In the evening a love-feast was held in the chapel.

## POLYTECHNIC AT WEST STANLEY

A special enterprise of the Beamish Church people, involving considerable time, skill, and organised effort, has just been brought to a successful completion. The inhabitants of the neighbouring district have for some time been aware of the intention of the Beamish parishioners to build a Church Institute, as also of the several previous efforts that have been made to raise money for this object. Up to the present time nearly £900 has been promised or paid, but a large amount still remains to be obtained before the responsible officials would feel justified in beginning to build.

The last undertaking having this aim has been, we believe, the first of its kind ever held in Stanley. Several months ago, at a public meeting, the suggestion was offered that a polytechnic exhibition might provide a mode of adding to the Church Institute funds at once interesting and instructive. The proposal was favourably received, and organising agencies forthwith set on foot, with the result that a really creditable and well-appointed exhibition was provided. Besides the numerous local contributors, many kind friends from a distance did not hesitate to risk the loan of their valuable curiosities in the interests of the proposed object, and we believe we express a very general feeling when we say that those who failed to visit the Beamish polytechnic during the four days the collection was on view missed a real treat.

The exhibition was held in the Stanley National Schools on Wednesday, 15th inst., and the three succeeding days, and was formally opened by the following gentlemen:—On Wednesday, by Mr N. Clark, who, in a short and thoroughly business-like address, referred to the need of such an institute, especially as affording to the increasing number of young men in the neighbourhood the advantages of educational aids, combined with facilities for healthy recreation, and he earnestly appealed to the inhabitants of the district to lend their most substantial support to so worthy an object. On Thursday, Major Ridley was to have opened the exhibition, but was, we regret to say, unable through illness to do so. In his absence, the vicar (Rev J. Crennell) discharged this duty in a few well-chosen words, in which sorrow was expressed for Mr Ridley's indisposition. Dr Wands opened the show on Saturday, directing his address more especially to the educational influence of the exhibition itself. Comparing it, in the course of his remarks, with the British Museum, he very truly observed that although not so extensive or comprehensive as that great national collection, yet we had succeeded in securing representative specimens of a great variety of objects, decidedly calculated to aid mental culture, and verifying the enumeration given on the printed circulars used as advertising media. In the exhibition might be seen decorating the walls weapons of various nations representing important periods and events in their history, special interest attaching to some from the circumstances under which they had been used. For the smaller exhibits suitable cases were provided, and fitted with glass by Mr Walker. Geological specimens were plentiful, as also were Roman, Egyptian, and Assyrian antiquities. There was a goodly display of the productions of the taxidermists' art in the stuffed specimens of creatures native to earth, air, and water. Entomology was fairly represented, and so were the reptilia. Applied mechanics had received a good share of attention in a variety of model engines of different types. In particular, Mr Thompson's working model, shewing engineering work at bank and at the bottom of the pit, including the fan blast and the endless rope, was an object of great interest. The marine models were very fine. The skins and other parts of animals from various regions of the earth succeeded in establishing their claim to inspection; whilst the specimens of old china and earthenware, mostly local, were a source of great interest. Amongst the curiosities of literature, Sir Walter Raleigh's "History of the World," lent by Miss Williamson, and some reprints of the *Times*, lent by the vicar, were frequently examined. Of the several specimens lent by Squire Eden, the "Man in Armour" appeared to excite most frequent remark. "The Norwegian Peasant," too, lent by Mr Barclay, never failed to evoke comment, whilst the fine display of paper in all its stages of production, together with its several constituents, humorously illustrated by an old pair of corduroys, and an old pair of corsets, also things injurious to it, and the various chemicals used in its manufacture, sent by Mr Annandale, at a cost of no little time and trouble to himself, furnished a most useful and enjoyable study.

But time and space forbid even a cursory notice of a hundreth part of the various objects of interest exhibited. I turn then to another feature in the exhibition—viz., the refreshment department. Here might be seen a number of ladies, busy each day from the time of opening to the close, supplying visitors with the means of renewing the energies necessary for continuing the task of sight-seeing, and well they played their part. Opportunity for personal decoration was not forgotten, for by the kindness of Squire Eden, his head gardener, Mr Ames, brought up each day a quantity of beautiful flowers, which were, by the ladies' lissom fingers, quickly transposed into button-holes, and with praiseworthy perseverance distributed (at a price) by Master Tom Ridley. The sweet stall was constantly well patronised, as also were the strawberries, which the Squire sent up fresh each day, and as the room became warmer, the ærated waters and temperance drinks were in great demand. All gratitude is due to those kind friends who so generously gave the refreshments, fruits, flowers, sweets, and drinks. But we must not omit from our notice the entertainments given each evening, by the kindness of many willing helpers, in the large room. Of these the bigotphone band was always in request. The glee party, too, in their pretty costume, formed a sight pleasant to the eyes, an emotion that was greatly intensified when they sang. The conjuring by Rev J. B. Stack was of a high order, and the ventriloquial entertainment by Mr G. Blair was exceedingly good, and added an enjoyable variety to the programmes. On Saturday, Miss Carr, of Corbridge, through whose kindness the bigotphone band was secured, gave valuable aid in her contributions to the instrumental part of the concert, three young lady friends who accompanied her also generously lent their aid to the evening's programme. Miss Wilson, who accompanied herself on the guitar, was repeatedly *encored*, and a similar reception was accorded to Miss Race, whose fine voice was specially effective in the songs, "When love is kind" and "The maiden's pursuit of knowledge," whilst Miss Murdoch, in the duets, formed a partner worthy of Miss Carr's exceptional skill as a pianist. Rev J. Bridges was as good as ever in his recitations, and Miss Storey, Mr Robinson, and Mr Grundy fully maintained their reputation as soloists.

The success of the general arrangement has been largely due to the modest but exceptionally efficient work of the secretaries, Major Ridley and Mr Darney, aided by the hands of many willing workers, whose names are not mentioned, and the refreshment department, whose provisions were carried out under the auspices of the ladies' committee, and the entertainment under those of the entertainment committee have been all that could be desired. Over £60 has been realised after payment of all expenses.

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Four freehold cottages situate in Railway Street, Tow Law, and now occupied by the Weardale Iron Co., were offered for sale at the Mart Hotel. Mr J. Vickers, auctioneer. The bidding reached £165, and it was then intimated that the reserve price was £220.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately-flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—Also makers of Epps's Afternoon Chocolate Essence.

# DARKWOOD

### A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

#### CHAPTER XXIV.

#### TWO ADVERTISEMENTS.

Miss Georgina Tollish was a girl of fifteen, short of stature and stout of frame, built up upon the obese pattern of her father. She had no great depth of mind, and was distinguished for her perfect good nature. She was silly and shallow, self-conscious and self-assertive—in short, a loud-tongued, shrill-voiced, bouncing creature, whom her father regarded with an absolute abhorrence. Yet, such as she was, she was Lord Darkwood's heiress, and as the Darkwood title, like certain others, descended in the female line in default of male heirs, she might be Marchioness of Darkwood in her own right after her father's death.

As she burst into his presence like a small incarnate whirlwind, the marquis started back in anger and dismay; but the girl ran forward and threw her arms around his neck, giving him a loud-sounding kiss. He pushed her from him with a look of disgust.

"Where did you come from, Georgina?" he exclaimed, angrily. "How did you find me? How dared you come to England without my permission?"

The girl bestowed a prolonged stare around her before she cried out, admiringly—

"My! ain't this jolly? Ain't this style? Ain't it perfectly scrumptious!"

She stooped so that her short, shabby dress lay upon the floor, and made a prancing movement backwards and forwards, regarding attentively her reflection in an opposite mirror.

"Georgina!" cried her father, "answer my questions, miss. Do you hear me?"

Miss Georgina looked up unconcernedly. Evidently she was used to harshness, and not at all sensitive to it.

"Why, yes, I heard you," she answered. "I'm not deaf. 'How did I find you?' Why, I saw in *Galignani's Messenger* that the Marquis of Darkwood was dead, and that Captian Fabian Tollish had succeeded to the title and estates. That's how I knew where you were. Where I came from you know as well as I do."

The marquis frowned angrily.

"How dared you come to England without my permission?" he again demanded.

"I dare do a great deal," replied the girl, coolly. "I haven't been brought up to care much, you know. If I had waited for you to send for me I should never have come. You never acted much like a father to me anyhow. But if you're a lord, and living in clover, I'm a lord's daughter, and I won't live in poverty. I told the people there all my grandeurs that I intended to have, you know, and I brought the old chambermaid, Guiseppina, with me for a maid in style, you see. She's in the servants' hall, I suppose."

Georgina's perfect coolness and unconcern served to inflame her father's anger.

She tore off her hat and tossed it upon the sofa, and threw her sacque upon another. Her hair was frowsy; her garments were ill-fitting and threadbare; her boots were broken at the sides, and her gloves were mere rags.

"You look like a beggar, Georgina," ejaculated Lord Darkwood. "You're a pretty figure to come into a room like this."

"Whose fault is it?" retorted the daughter. "I'd wear better clothes if I had them."

The marquis winced under this reproach.

His life had been one of supreme selfishness. He had married the daughter of a fellow army officer, had dissipated his wife's fortune, and after her death had thrown off all responsibility in regard to his child. She had grown up in a cheap boarding-house and a cheap school alternately. He considered that in paying her bills he did his entire duty by her, and that in making those bills as small as possible he was doing his duty by himself. Had the child been pretty, or remarkably intelligent, he would no doubt have treated her differently; but he disliked her and was ashamed of her. He had never bestowed a thought upon her future or her settlement in life, never considered that there must come a time when cheap schools and cheap boarding-houses would cease to be proper homes for her.

And now here she was upon his hands, a great, coarse, overgrown girl, whose very appearance he conceived to be a disgrace to him.

"You'll have to go back with Guiseppina," he exclaimed. "The fly in which you came from the station is gone. You can stay till morning, but you must go then."

"Not if I know it! How would it look for Lord Darkwood's daughter to live in a boarding-house garret, as I've been doing, while Lord Darkwood himself lives in splendour? No, sir, I'm here, and I shall stop here. You'll have to put me out by force, and I warn you not to do that. I'd kick up such a rumpus," said this terrible young woman, "as to make the name of Darkwood a scandal and a byword to the country."

The marquis knew that she would keep her word.

And what would the world say if it knew that Lord Darkwood had sent back his daughter and heiress to a second-class boarding-house in Valetta while he resided in luxury and splendour at Dunholm Castle? Clearly, his design was not feasible. He must make other provision for her.

"You took me so completely by surprise in your coming, Georgina," he said, "that I scarcely knew what to say to you. Upon consideration, I will allow you to remain in England. Guiseppina must start for Malta to-morrow morning. I suppose you know, Georgina," and his tone was more conciliating "that you are my heiress. If I should not marry again—which I shall do, I may as well tell you now—you would be Marchioness of Darkwood in your own right. There is, of course, a possibility that you may come into the title and inherit the estates, even if I do marry."

"Well!" said Miss Georgina.

"You have been neglected, I own; But I must say in my own justification that I never expected to become Lord Darkwood. I expected to continue in the army as plain Captain Tollish, unless I should be obliged by my creditors to sell out, as seemed very likely. In such case, I should have made some provision for you. Now you must be educated, polished, transformed into a lady. You shall have the best instructors, the most assiduous care."

"Hum," said the young lady, "we'll see about that. I've been my own mistress too long to submit to pastors and masters. I'll have fine clothes, I know that, and a maid to wait upon me, and a horse. If you're a lord, I'm a lady, whether I'm educated or not."

"A lady by courtesy," said the marquis; "but no mere title can make you a lady."

"Well, hav'nt I a title?"

"Yes," replied Lord Darkwood, who had not before given a thought to the subject. "My father was a Charteris, and took the name of his wife, who came of high family, and who brought him a fortune. I have relinquished my mother's name, and taken the name to which my father was born. I am Fabian Charteris, Lord Darkwood. You are Lady Georgina Charteris."

"A very pretty name," declared its owner. "I shall be mistress here until you bring home a new wife. I shan't go to any boarding school. I set my foot down flat as to that. I have had a hard time in my life so far. I mean to have a good time henceforth."

"What an obstinate, pigheaded creature," exclaimed Lord Darkwood. "You'll have to obey me, Georgina. I am your master, as you will discover, if you attempt to defy me."

The girl giggled after a silly fashion. She had little awe of her father. She felt that he had neglected and wronged her, and she was determined to "stand up for her rights" thenceforth, and to fight for them if necessary. Yet so shallow was she that she even then, when her best interests were at stake, giggled over his look of anger and annoyance, and arranged the folds of her dress, and craned her head airily, viewing her reflection in the mirror.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," she remarked. "You can get me a governess. She must come here to live. No more school for me. I shall stay here at Dunholm Castle, and I'll make a row if you attempt to send me away, so that's settled!"

It was settled. No argument could move the girl from her resolve. Her father's angry commands had no effect upon her. She was obstinate and pigheaded to the last degree. Threats and promises were alike without avail. She had made her determination, and nothing could move her.

Lord Darkwood found himself vanquished at last.

"You can remain," he said, sullenly. "I will procure a governess for you. It is now nearly dinner time, and you are not fit to appear at the table. If you are to remain here, you must conduct yourself properly, and not excite the curiosity and gossip of the servants. Did you bring a box with you?"

"Yes; but this is the best I have. You were always stingy with me, you know," said her ladyship.

"You must stay in your room till you can have a decent outfit. Leave off your slang. Try and do me credit."

The marquis touched the bell-pull.

A servant, swift and noiseless, appeared.

"My compliments to Mrs. Dover," said his lordship, politely, "and tell her that I request her presence in the drawing room for a few moments."

The servant withdrew, and a little later the housekeeper came in.

She was a gentlewoman, elderly, refined and intelligent, the wife of a country rector. She had been for many years an honoured inmate of the house. The late Lord Darkwood had never brought home a wife, and his father had been many years a widower, so that she had been virtually mistress of the castle. Her administrative abilities were of a high order; she was a strict disciplinarian, as the servants could have testified, yet they all liked her. Under her rule, perfect peace and order reigned throughout the sumptuous dwelling. She was in mourning for her late master, whom she had loved with a mother's tenderness and devotion.

She looked from the new lord, whom she instinctively disliked to his daughter.

"Mrs. Dover," said the marquis, courteously, "I have told you that I am a widower. This is my daughter and only child—my heiress—Lady Georgina Charteris."

Mrs. Dover bowed, drawing nearer the girl with a look of interest not unmixed with surprise. This girl Lord Darkwood's daughter! Why, there were housemaids in the castle who would surpass her in looks and breeding.

"I am happy to welcome you to Dunholm, Lady Georgina," she said, in her gentle voice.

"Well I'm glad to get here," replied the girl, quite boisterously. "I've come straight from Malta. I've travelled day and night, and I'm tired almost to death."

"My daughter's education has been sadly neglected, Mrs. Dover," said his lordship, blandly. "I have trusted too much to teachers, who have proved incompetent. My poor motherless girl requires a good deal of care and instruction, but we shall make amends for past neglect. I shall find a governess for her as soon as possible. In the meantime, Mrs. Dover, please do what you can for her. I will give you a cheque in the morning, and you will oblige me by taking the carriage and going to Shrewsbury to order an outfit for her."

Mrs. Dover bowed assent.

"And now," concluded his lordship, "be good enough to assign her suitable rooms and a maid to attend her. She will dine in her own room. She will remain in her apartments until the defects of her wardrobe shall be remedied."

Lady Georgina looked sullen, but acquiesced in this arrangement, as appeared by her silence.

"Will you accompany me to my room, Lady Georgina?" asked Mrs. Dover. "I shall have your rooms prepared as soon as possible, but they will require to be aired and warmed."

"I'll dine with you, then, Mrs. Dover," said the Lady Georgina, "since I'm not fit to dine with my father. I am hungry as a hunter, and the sooner I have dinner the better."

Mrs. Dover withdrew with her charge, and the marquis muttered—

"Fool that I am not to have sent a trustworthy agent a month ago to remove the girl to a Paris convent. She is here on my hands, a loutish, silly creature that I hate the very sight of. I'll get a governess for her. I'll send an advertisement to the London newspapers to-morrow."

Lady Georgina dined with Mrs. Dover in the housekeeper's private parlour. The elegance of this apartment surprised the girl.

The Lady Georgina sat down by the bright hearth after dinner, and meditated upon the magnificence of her future toilets. She had just decided in her own mind to order a bright blue *moire antique* gown, to be trimmed with white lace, for church wear, and a white hat to wear with it, when a maid appeared, announcing to Mrs. Dover that the Lady Georgina's rooms were ready for occupancy.

"Let me show you upstairs, my dear," said the housekeeper, kindly, feeling a pity for this neglected girl, to whom even nature had been unkind and niggardly. "I hope you will like your rooms. They have a pretty outlook."

The girl regarded the lady superciliously.

"Be kind enough to address me by my title," she exclaimed. "I am the Lady Georgina Charteris, Mrs. Dover, if you please."

A faint, amused smile crept about the lady's lips, but she repressed it instantly.

She conducted the girl up the great staircase, with its frequent landings and many niches, adorned with statuary, to a wide and stately upper hall, off which many doors upon either side opened.

Passing these doors, and turning into a corridor at right angles with the hall, Mrs. Dover led the way to a second hall parallel with the first.

Opening a door at the left Mrs. Dover ushered the Lady Georgina into a beautiful boudoir, upholstered in blue and silver, with wide French windows opening upon balconies, and overlooking the park and the windings of the Dark river.

A bright fire was burning in the grate, and flowers crowded the vases on the mantlepieces, brackets, and *console* table.

"This is delightful!" cried the girl, charmed with the luxurious apartments. "This is my sitting room, I suppose. Is that the bedroom?"

She hurried into the adjoining room. The bedroom, dressing room, and bath room were all alike perfect in their fitting up, and perfect also in the taste that had directed their adorning.

"I shall be happy as a lark here," declared the Lady Georgina. "I won't have a stuffy, stupid governess to rule over me. I'll tell my father so in the morning. I intend to be my own mistress."

"You are very young, Lady Georgina," said Mrs. Dover. "Young ladies always have instructors until they come out into society."

"I'll be an exception to the rule. If my father wanted to governess me he should have begun earlier. He has let me run wild till now, and I won't be ruled, so there! Let Guiseppina come up and see my rooms. I want her to carry back a tale that will astonish my Valetta friends."

Old Guiseppina was summoned, and the girl exhibited her rooms, and talked grandly of the wardrobe she was to have.

The old Maltese woman went away the next morning on her return to Valetta.

Directly after she had departed for Shrewsbury, Georgina burst into the library, where her father was seated penning an advertisement, and informed him in forcible language that she would not have a governess.

Lord Darkwood regarded her angrily.

"What does this mean?" he cried. "If you refuse to have a governess I'll put you in a French convent, Georgina. You will find that I have authority over you."

"I won't go to a convent!" shrieked the girl, in a passion. "And I won't have a governess. If you'll find a girl not much older than I am, who has been educated, I'd have her for a companion; but I won't be under any one."

The marquis expostulated and threatened, but the girl stood firm.

"I tell you," she said, more calmly, "I'll learn from example, and if you'll find me a pleasant young lady that I'll like, who is not over twenty years old, and who won't put on airs to me, I'll try to copy her and learn of her; but I won't have any one who assumes authority over me."

Lord Darkwood and his daughter quarrelled fiercely over the matter, until the servants gathered in the hall, amazed at the disturbance; but in the end Lady Georgina triumphed.

The marquis wrote his advertisement as amended and corrected by his daughter, and enclosed it in a letter to Mr. Sutton, whom he requested to attend to it, and to the engagement of a governess.

The same post carried to London a letter to Pietro's brother, enclosing an advertisement penned by the wily Pietro, to appear in several morning newspapers—an advertisement calling for information of Miss Gwendoline Winter.

The two notices appeared in the same morning papers two days later.

#### CHAPTER XXV.

#### AN ADVENTURE.

What was to be done with Gwen?

That was the question which the Myners had set themselves to consider; but it was by no means easy of solution.

Gwen was resolute in her intention to earn her own living. She was versed in all fashionable accomplishments; knew thoroughly several languages, was a fine musician, a charming vocalist, and though she was too modest to acknowledge all this even to herself, she yet felt herself capable of instructing others. She avowed her desire to become a governess.

"Or a companion to an elderly lady," suggested Mrs. Myner, who knew from experience many of the hardships of a governess's life. "Or you might stay with us and give music lessons, dear."

"We shall see what can be done," said Mr. Myner. "There is no haste, Marian. Miss Winter can make us a visit, and we will judge what is best to be done, and wait for opportunities. Let us have patience."

And so the matter remained in abeyance.

During the next few days Gwen visited with her old friend, assisted a little in the school, and arrived at the conclusion that she was not really needed in the house, that the staff of teachers was complete without further addition, and that she must look elsewhere for employment, whatever her kind friends might say to the contrary.

She began to search the advertising columns of the newspapers, answering several advertisements for governesses; but her application was never rewarded with an answer.

Her friends begged her to continue to be patient, and themselves sought a situation for her. They could find none which they deemed suitable for her.

At the end of a week, Gwen received a letter from Mrs. Quillet, in response to one which she had written announcing her safe arrival. The Lonemoor housekeeper wrote coldly, and confined herself to the narration of events. She said that young Mr. Orkney had been over to Lonemoor, and had begged Gwen's address. It being refused, he had declared that he knew she had gone to London, and that he was going thither the next day. And in his anger at Mrs. Quillet's refusal to gratify his curiosity, he had sworn an oath that he would find Gwendoline Winter if she were in England, even if he had to employ a detective to search her out.

"I can't help thinking, Miss Gwen," the housekeeper continued, "that he will find you. He is a bold, bad man. He has set his heart upon you, and means to have you. I am very uneasy. Now you know, Miss Gwen, that you have no right to the name of Winter; couldn't you exchange it for some other? You will be safer under another name."

Gwen showed the letter to Mrs. Myner.

"I agree with Mrs. Quillet," said her friend, thoughtfully. "You see, dear, if you should get music pupils, or a situation as governess, this Orkney might find you out and bring some sort of scandal upon you. You cannot be troubled with his pursuit. Mrs. Quillet says truly you have no actual right to the name of Winter. Let me give you my own name. I am too poor to make you any other present, little Gwen. When you begin your new life let it be as Miss Marian Myner."

Mr. Myner, on being appealed to approved this idea, and Gwen became thenceforth Miss Marian Myner, although she was still called Gwen by her two friends.

"It was thoughtful of Mrs. Quillet to send your letter under cover to me," remarked Mrs. Myner. "The Penistone postmaster cannot betray your address under the most artful questioning. And wherever you may be, little Gwen, you can send letters to the Quillets under cover to me. Let the old life be cut off by a great wall."

It will have been noticed that the Lonemoor housekeeper made no mention of Mr. Chilton's visit to her the day after Gwen's departure.

Yet he had returned to Lonemoor at the time stated, and had made every effort to discover Gwen's address. The housekeeper had refused to give it to him. She believed that he loved the girl sincerely, but she had reflected upon the folly of unequal marriages, and had decided in her own mind that it would not be right to allow him, the son of a peer, to marry a nameless girl. Such a marriage might result in a double misery. She refused utterly to contribute to such a deplorable result.

"If he means her well," Mrs. Quillet had said to herself, "I ought not to take advantage of him. His friends would be angry, and they would have reason to be. Miss Gwen cannot be his wife. And if he means her ill, why she is best kept out of his way. I'll not tell her. He's acted false in going off without a word as he did, and false once false always."

Hardening her heart against the handsome, pleading young fellow, she sent him away, and forebore to tell Gwen that he had returned to Lonemoor to see her.

In the course of another week Gwen had, through the exertions of her kind friends, obtained two music pupils, both within easy walking distance of Northumberland-terrace.

The money obtained for these lessons sufficed to pay her board, which she insisted on doing. The Myners expostulated with her, refusing to receive payment from her, but finally yielded. The sum she paid assisted materially to lighten the expenses of the establishment, and the Myners lost something of their careworn look.

One morning Gwen went out as usual to give one of her lessons directly after breakfast. She had a long walk before her. The day was lowering and chilly, and she was proceeding briskly.

She gave her lesson, finishing in time for her pupil to proceed to her day school, and then hurried homewards. She had gone but a few streets, and was in the act of putting up her umbrella, when she met Claxton Orkney face to face.

There was no chance of escape. He had seen and recognised her. Yet without a word to him Gwen hurried on.

He turned and walked beside her, his face glowing with great joy.

"If this isn't the strangest thing I ever knew!" he ejaculated. "I have searched everywhere for you, Miss Gwen, and here I stumble upon you in the oddest way. I was just thinking of you. It seems incredible that in this great town, with its millions of inhabitants, I should meet you of all others in a morning walk."

The girl did not answer. The sight of him had given her an unpleasant shock, and she was thinking now of some plan to escape him.

"Miss Gwen," exclaimed her suitor, "why don't you speak to me? Do you blame me for my father's enmity of you? Where are you staying in London?"

"Mr. Orkney," said the girl, regarding him now sternly, her proud young face full of haughty aversion, "I am earning my own living. I have left Lonemoor and its associations for ever. I never want to speak to you again. If you have one spark of manliness you will leave me."

The young man's face flushed.

"Miss Gwen," he exclaimed, "have you never forgiven me for my insult to you that day upon the moor? I have repented bitterly. I love you, and I offer you honourable marriage. I will work for you shield you from all cares——"

"You have my answer, sir."

"Miss Gwen, why are you so cruel to me? I am prepared to cast off my relations for your sake. I don't blame you for resenting their treatment of you."

"Will you leave me, sir?"

Young Orkney began to look vindictive.

"I suppose you think young Chilton is a better match for you!" he sneered. "He is the son of a viscount, while I am the son of a land bailiff. But let me tell you, Miss Gwen, he never meant to marry you. He amused himself with you for a few weeks, and then went away in search of newer game."

Gwen's eyes flashed fire. Her face, pale as death, shone with her passionate anger. She was not a meek soul to bear insult without resentment, and she cried out, her voice low but strong—

"Will you have the goodness to relieve me of your hateful presence?"

"No, I won't," he answered, bluntly. "I am determined to marry you, Gwen. I shall follow you to your home and find where you live. I'll persecute you until you will be glad to marry me. I'll find out if you are teaching, and I'll get you out of your situation. I'll slander you, if you force me to, till no decent roof can be found to shelter you, and you will be glad to accept the shelter of my name! I swear I'll do all this. You are to be my wife, you understand, and all your refusals and struggles will not avail you. Even fate conspires to help you. See how I met you this morning. You can't escape me now!"

"We'll see if I can't!" said Gwen, setting her thin lips together. "I don't intend to submit to the little plan you have laid out. I don't intend to be slandered and driven out of a situation and made to marry you. Once more will you leave me?"

"Once more, I won't!"

Gwen's keen eyes had espied a policeman in the distance. She walked on quietly, the villain at her side, believing that she had given up the contest; but when the girl drew near enough to the officer of the law, she halted, saying in her clear low voice, which was quite calm—

"Will you protect me, sir? This man has insulted me, and threatens to follow me to my home."

The officer regarded the pair narrowly. Gwen was a lady—that fact was apparent at a glance. But the bailiff's son was as manifestly her social inferior. His flushed, coarse face, and somewhat flashy attire, proclaimed him as belonging to another order of beings.

"Look here, young man," said the policeman, "this won't do, molesting of young ladies in the public street. Pass on, miss. I'll see to this person."

Young Orkney protested that he knew the young lady, that he was her lover, and that they had quarrelled. It required the expenditure of a sovereign, delivered to the officer in the most secret manner, to induce that guardian of the law to accept his statement and release his grip upon his arm. But when he did so Gwen had disappeared.

Orkney ran up the street. There was no trace of her. She had completely vanished.

In truth, she had turned the nearest corner, had signalled an empty passing cab, and was on her way to Northumberland-terrace more than a mile distant.

He had found her only to lose her.

"I'll haunt the vicinity of the place where I met her this morning," he resolved. "I'll search high and low for her; and I'll make her pay for her scorn!"

Gwen reached home, dismissed the cab, and hurried into the presence of her friends. She hastened to tell them of her adventure.

"I shall not dare go to that neighbourhood again to give lessons!" she exclaimed. "I am afraid of that man. He is terrible!"

Mrs. Myner sighed.

"You ought to have a permanent situation, Miss Gwen," said Mr. Myner, "It would be safer and better. We will begin to search the newspapers again for advertisements. Something may present itself in that way."

"And in the meantime she must give up this pupil," said Mrs. Myner, "The man will haunt that neighbourhood believing her to belong there. If we find no advertisement that promises well, we will advertise after a few days for you, dear."

The next morning after breakfast, as the three sat in the little parlour studying the advertisements, Mr. Myner, exclaimed—

"Here's the very situation for you, Miss Gwen, if we can secure it. Hear this——"

Mrs. Myner interrupted with a little cry.

"Why here's an advertisement for Miss Gwendoline Winter. What can it mean? Hear this!"

#### CAPTER XXVI.

#### A PRESENTIMENT

Mrs. Myner hastened to read to her husband and her guest, in a quick, excited voice, the following notice—

"Information wanted of Miss Gwendoline Winter, who left Yorkshire recently for London. If Miss Winter will communicate with T. T., No. 37, Blank-street, Soho-square, she will learn something greatly to her advantage."

Mrs. Myner dropped the newspaper into her lap and looked inquiringly at her companions.

"What do you suppose that means?" she demanded. "'Information wanted'—by whom?"

"By some one, evidently, who could not obtain it in Yorkshire," said Mr. Myner, "By some one whom the Quillets distrusted and refused to answer."

"I had a fancy," said the curate's wife, disappointedly, "that the advertisement might be from some person who knows the secret of Gwen's parentage."

"If that were so," said Mr. Myner, "why have they not come forward before?"

"They must have obtained that information from Penistone or Lonemoor," said Gwen. "If that person who advertises is honest and means me no harm, the Quillets would have given my address. They would gladly be relieved of all responsibility in regard to me, could they find some one to take it."

"Miss Gwen is right," said Mr. Myner.

"I think the notice was written by Mr. Claxton Orkney," said Gwen. "This advertisement is a clever little trap to catch me."

Mr. Myner concurred in this opinion.

"I hoped it might have some bearing upon that secret which seems so impenetrable," said Mrs Myner, sighing. "Some one must hold the clue to that secret. Some one knows what we would give so much to know——"

"But which we may be the happier for not knowing," said Mr. Myner, gravely. "If any person exists who knows the secret, he is not likely to betray it now, after keeping it seventeen years. I think, my dear and Miss Gwen, that in reference to that secret we may apply an old adage—'Let sleeping dogs lie!' Your mother, Miss Gwen, has lain for seventeen years in a dishonoured grave. Had any one lived who could have lifted that cloud from off her name, I believe he would have done it! Had any one lived who had an interest in her child I believe he would have sworn it."

"You are right, Thomas," said Mrs. Myner, "and I agree with Gwen that the advertisement must have come from Mr. Claxton Orkney. The Quillets refused him Gwen's address, and he uses this means to find it. He may have put in the notice since he met her and she escaped from him yesterday."

"It was probably sent into the newspaper office the day before," said Mr. Myner, who had advertised for pupils, and knew how the art of advertising was conducted. "You have to wait two days for an insertion of a notice in the *Times*. Like you, I am persuaded that 'T. T.' represents Mr. Claxton Orkney, my dear. It will be best not to reply to the advertisement."

"I shall not answer it," said Gwen. "I shall remain safely hidden under my new name of Miss Myner, and leave him to continue the search at his leisure."

And so the advertisement, by means of which the wily Maltese valet of Lord Darkwood hoped to discover Gwen, was tossed aside, and Mr. Tomaso Tecino, the brother of Pietro, waited and watched in vain in his home at "No. 37, Blank-street, Soho-square," like a spider in its web, for the coming of the young lady who was expected to make his brother's fortune.

"Now," said Myner, taking up his newspaper again, "we will read the advertisement which attracted my attention. It seems an appeal directly to Miss Gwen. Listen!"

He read as follows:—

"'Governess Companion.—Wanted, a lady not over twenty years of age, refined, thoroughly well-bred, and versed in all the modern accomplishments with a thorough knowledge of the English branches, and of music. To one capable of instructing a young lady of fifteen, whose education has been neglected, and who is impatient of all restraint, a liberal salary will be paid, and a good home offered.—Apply to Mr. Sutton,' &c."

This was the advertisement of Lord Darkwood. A singular fatality it was that had brought it under Gwen's notice.

"It is plain that the advertiser does not want a strict teacher, but a young girl who will instruct by example as well as by words," said Mrs Myner. "A good home, a liberal salary, with but one pupil, promises well; but one pupil like the one mentioned here can be very troublesome. What do you think of it, Gwen?"

"I should like to apply for the situation," replied Gwen. "I think I could win the young lady's heart. I am not much older than she, fresh from school, and can certainly be a 'companion,' if not a governess."

"It will do no harm to apply to Mr. Sutton," said Mr. Myner. "Miss Gwen will certainly be safer in a home than in giving lessons to day pupils, and being obliged to pass through the streets daily; and if the place doesn't suit, Miss Gwen has a home here, and can return to us at any moment."

It was decided that Gwen should send her application to Mr. Sutton, and she sat down at a little writing table by the window and wrote it at once.

When it was finished she submitted it to her friends.

Her letter was simple and straightforward, written in an exquisitely neat and delicate penmanship. She stated that she was English, under twenty years of age, that she had been educated partly in England, partly in Paris, that she was competent to fulfil the duties demanded of a "governess-companion," and that she desired a good home rather than a large salary. She had no experience in teaching being fresh from school. She had referred Mr. Sutton to the Rev. Thomas Myner, and subscribed her name as Marian Myner.

"A very good letter," said Mrs. Myner. "Mr. Sutton will receive a great many to-day. Thomas, this had better be posted at once."

"I will post it myself," said the curate. "I shall not be wanted in the school room until the next hour."

He hurried out with the missive to the nearest pillar box.

As Mrs. Myner had surmised, Mr. Sutton, the family lawyer of the Darkwoods, received a great many applications; but, by a singular chance, he selected the letter of our heroine.

He called that evening at Northumberland-terrace, and asked to see Miss Myner.

The lawyer, after a few questions, requested her to favour him with a little music. She complied, and then sang an operatic air, and the lawyer, stirred in his inmost soul by the power and passion of her voice, by its exquisite sweetness, tenderness and depth, wondered that she did not go on the stage.

"She holds a fortune in that slender throat," he thought. "Lord Darkwood would certainly be pleased with her."

The lawyer expressed his satisfaction and delight to Mr. and Mrs. Myner at Gwen's musical performances, and said—

"I am empowered to engage a lady, Mr. Myner without reference to my principal. Her pupil will be the Lady Georgina Charteris, of Dunholm Castle, Salop. The situation is likely to prove difficult, the Lady Georgina having been greatly neglected, as was stated in the advertisement. In view of the difficulities, Lord Darkwood, the father of Lady Georgina, expressly desires me to state that the 'governess companion' will be allowed a handsome suite of rooms, the partial attendance of a maid, and a salary of a hundred guineas a year, to be paid quarterly."

"The terms are certainly very liberal," said Mrs. Myner.

"If Miss Myner concludes to accept the situation which I now offer her," said Mr. Sutton, "she will be treated as the equal of the Lady Georgina, will drive with her, walk with her, and dine with her. The servants will be instructed to treat her with the same respect as that accorded to Lord Darkwood's daughter. Miss Myner will need be a companion to Lady Georgina in every respect, and to instruct her in all branches, solid and ornamental, that belong to the eduction of young women of the present day. Persuasion rather than authority will be required in the management of the Lady Georgina."

"I accept the offer, Mr. Sutton, subject to the approval of my friends," said Gwen gravely. "I will do my best to satisfy Lord Darkwood and to benefit his daughter."

"When do you wish Miss Myner to go to Shropshire?" inquired Mr. Myner.

"To-morrow, if possible, then as soon as convenient, sir."

"I can go to-morrow," said Gwen.

"In regard to references, sir," said Mr. Myner, "I will vouch for Miss Myner, and I will give you the names of half a dozen gentlemen, including the rector I lately assisted, who will speak for me."

He wrote the half dozen names and addresses on a card and gave it to Mr. Sutton, who placed it in his note book.

The lawyer then gave Gwen minute instructions for reaching Dunholm Castle, and wrote out for her a letter of introduction, which she was to deliver in person to Lord Darkwood.

"I shall telegraph to his lordship in the morning that you are upon the way, Miss Myner," he said, "Mr. Myner, you need have no anxieties about your young relative. She will find a real home at Dunholm Castle."

"I will send an orderly servant to attend her as far as Shrewsbury," said Mrs. Myner. "I don't quite approve of young girls travelling entirely alone."

The arrangements all completed the lawyer took his departure well pleased. And Gwen, not less pleased to be able to support herself and to relieve the Myners of all care and responsibility in regard to herself, after a little conversation with them, hurried upstairs to pack her box.

Mrs. Myner followed to assist her.

"My dear," said the lady, looking with a sort of pity upon the bright, impulsive girl, "I like Mr. Sutton, and the situation promises well, the privileges are many, the salary munificent, but somehow, little Gwen, I am uneasy. It seems to me as if some danger threatened you. What if some harm should come to you, dear, at Dunholm Castle?"

"No harm can come to me, dear Mrs. Myner," cried Gwen, springing up and embracing her friend. "Don't look on the dark side, there's a darling."

The lady laughed; then sighed.

"I wish I had asked about Lord Darkwood," she said. "He must be a widower, else his daughter would not have been neglected. You won't see much of him I hope, my dear. Promise me, Gwen, to write me fullest particulars of your life at Dunholm Castle, and to come directly home to me if your life there should be unpleasant."

"I promise," said Gwen; "but it will take a good deal of unpleasantness to make me uncomfortable. Besides, I mean to be a patient, meek, long-suffering sort of being—I do, indeed."

"I feel very uneasy about your going, Gwen," again said Mrs. Myner. "I dare say I am foolish, so I won't cloud your spirits. Only, dear, remember this is your home, and there are warm hearts here to welcome you whenever you will come."

She assisted Gwen to pack her box, and after the task was finished, she withdrew, but Gwen did not retire. The gloom of which her friend had spoken had infected Gwen. She tried to shake off the uneasiness that had come upon her; but in spite of her efforts it deepened into a positive and unreasoning terror.

Perhaps her guardian angel was trying to warn her of the awful perils that lay before her in the path she had marked out to tread, and sought to turn her back from the knowledge and observation of Lord Darkwood.

As soon as he should know her in her proper name and character—so soon as he should guess that she was the child of Constance Markham—he would seek to destroy her. She would stand no chance of escape so soon as Lord Darkwood or the Maltese Pietro should know her!

That strange terror held her for hours motionless, and when she went to bed she could not sleep.

The next morning, attended by an old servant of the Myners, she started by the express for Shropshire—hastening, with all the speed of steam and the impatience of girlhood, straight to the presence of her deadly foes!

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## Sporting Items.

QUOIT MATCH AT LEADGATE.—A quoit match for £10 was played on Saturday afternoon, in the grounds attached to Mrs Hannah Noble's, Commercial Hotel, Leadgate, between B. Johnson, of Leadgate, and J. Kelly, of Dipton, 41 points game. Johnson won an exciting contest by three chalks, the score being:—Johnson, 41; Kelly, 38. There was a very large company present, and betting ruled at 5 and 6 to 4 on Kelly. R. Temple, of Dipton, was referee.

QUOIT HANDICAP AT THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL, TANTOBIE.—A good company was present to witness the decision of two games in the second round of Mr Thomas Baker's quoit handicap, for which £5 is added to the entrance of sixteen players at 5s each. Results:—M. Snowdon, 16, 53, beat George Kirtley, 13, 39; Michael McQuire, 13, 51, beat Robert Davidson, 11, 39.

GROUSE PROSPECTS IN WEARDALE.—The prospects for the 12th August in the Weardale Moors are not of the most promising character. Numbers of young birds perished during Whitsuntide stormy weather, and the coveys are reported to be small in numbers. Similar reports are to hand from the Teesdale Moors. The reports from the Derwent Moors are rather more favourable.

QUOITING AT WATERHOUSES.—On Saturday afternoon, the quoit match between W. Grant, Waterhouses, and R. Hull, Esh, was successfully brought off at the Recreation Grounds adjacent to Mr George French's, Station Hotel, for £5 a-side, amidst a large number of spectators. Conditions were distance 10 yards, 4lb. quoits, 2in. pins, 2 steps allowed, 41 points game. Result:—W. Grant, 40; R. Hull, 41. It was the most exciting game ever witnessed, Hull winning only by one chalk. Jas. Jobling, Quebec, was stakeholder and referee.

TOW LAW CATHOLIC SPORTS.—These sports took place on Saturday, and were well patronised. Results: 120 Yards Handicap Foot Race (open)—G. Beatty (26 yds), 1; R. Wilson (28), 2; H. Dowson (19), 3. All-weight Wrestling—J. Walton. Wrestling, 10 stones or under—P. Burke. Quoit Handicap—W. Greyson, 1; J. Robinson, 2; H. Winter and G. French, equal 3. Go-as-you-please Race—Atkinson, 1; Forster, 2. Running High Leap—H. Dowson and Tomlinson divided first and second. Three-legged Race—Beatty, 1; Williamson, 2. Sack Race—J. Charlton, 1; Dewell, 2. For a bicycle club parade only two clubs entered, Tow Law (28 members) and Dearness Valley (18 members). A bugle was given to each club.

### ROWLAND'S GILL BAND SPORTS.

On Saturday, the members of the Rowland's Gill Reed Band held their annual sports and gala in the park belonging to Mr William Gray, of Sherburn Tower, which was kindly granted for the occasion. Although the weather was very threatening at intervals, there was a very large company. The members gave a large amount of money in competition, and the arrangements were most satisfactorily carried out by the energetic secretary, Mr James Hetherington, of Rowland's Gill, who was assisted by the other members of the band. Mr George Brooks, Winlaton Mill, officiated as handicapper and judge, whilst Mr William Billclaugh was pistol-firer. Results: £10 120 yards handicap—Heat 1—George Robson, Thornley, 21, 1; T. Wake, Whickham (14 years), 20, 2; W. March, Blaydon, 14, 3; G. Brooks, Winlaton Mill, scratch, 0. Won by 2 yards. Heat 2—Carr, Blaydon, 17, 1; R. Henderson, Winlaton, 13½, 2; J. Baty, Delaval, 14½, 3; C. Burns, Walbottle, 14, 4. Won easily. Heat 3—J. Farrage, Spen, 19, 1; W. White, Scotswood, 14, 2; J. Bowman, Dipton, 13½, 0; R. Wood, Burnopfield, 16, 0. Won easily. Heat 4—F. Johnstone, Winlaton, 13, 1; Wilson, Blaydon Burn, 12, 2; H. Lockey, Lockhaugh, 21, 3; R. Teasdale, Dipton, 15½, 0. Won by 2 yards. Heat 5—T. Gardner, Whickham, 15, w.o. Heat 6—M. Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 8½, w.o. Final heat—F. Johnstone, ‡; Carr, ‡; M. Ellison, 3; R. Henderson, 4; J. Farrage, 5; T. Gardner, 6. F. Johnstone and Carr divided first and second. Quarter-mile handicap—W. Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 38, 1; F. Johnstone, Winlaton, 42, 2; H. Newman, Swalwell, 28, 3; C. Burns, 52, 0; Carr, Blaydon, 50, 0; R. Henderson, Winlaton, 50, 0; B. Armstrong, Blaydon, 45, 0; W. March, Blaydon, 46, 0; W. Gray, Peth Head, 50, 0; Ed. Liddle, Stella, 46, 0; Batey, Delaval, 50, 0; White, Scotswood, 50, 0; Laing, Spen, 45, 0. Won easily. Boys' race—Leyburne, Winlaton Mill, 1; B. Gray, Rowland's Gill, 2; G. Browell, Thornley, 3. Won easily. Quoiting, 55 entries—G. Best, Spen, 1; R. Newton, Low Spen, 2; J. Laws, Hamsterley, 3. Bicycle race—Heat 1—Glasper, unattached, 55, 1; Watson, GNER, 10, 2; W. Dixon, VGBC, 120, 3. Heat 2—Hunter, SWAD, 55, 1; Blackwood, GNER, 80, 2. Heat 3—Gregory, CCC, 30, 1; T. Robson, VGBC, 76, 2; S. Smith, VGBC, 85, 3. First and second in each heat competed in the final. Final heat—Hunter 1, Gregory 2, T. Robson 3. A splendid bugle was given for the club with the largest muster, which the Gateshead North-Eastern Railway obtained with 34 members.

### LEADGATE PARK ATHLETIC FESTIVAL

The third annual pic-nic and sports under the auspices of the Leadgate Park Cricket, Football and Cycling Amalgamated Clubs, took place on Saturday afternoon, in the new field acquired by the Limited Liability Company, and situated in the centre of the town. The importance of the event was enhanced by the fact that this was the first athletic festival held in the grounds, wherein a proper cycling and racing track has been constructed, and a cricket and football patch is now being laid. A large amount of money has already been expended in laying the cinder paths and re-turfing the surface, besides enclosing the ground with a wood fence, and when completed it will be the finest athletic rendezvous in North-West Durham. It is proposed to formally open the bicycle track (which comprises four laps to the mile), on Wednesday, 5th August, when a series of sports will be arranged for the exclusive benefit of cyclists. The running track (which is 150 yards in length), proved, on trial, all that could be desired; indeed, it was in the best possible condition for good "going," and in the 120 yards handicap, some exceedingly close and exciting heats were witnessed. It was intended to award a bugle to the bicycle club having the most members present, but as only one single club was represented, the prize was withheld. The weather being favourable, over 2,000 people patronised the festival. The receipts at the gate amounts to nearly £30. The music was supplied by the Leadgate Saxhorn Band. Tea and refreshments were provided in the field by Mr Wm. Rowe, of Leadgate, and this department was well patronised. In the evening, a good number of couples attended the ball which was held in the spacious marquee, Mr Wm. Hansom, of Leadgate, acting as M.C. Excellent order was maintained by Sergts. Nicholson and Tones, and several constables. The details of the sports are appended:—

Quarter-mile Foot Handicap (13 entries).—A. Dodds, Quebec, 13 yards, 1; Sam. Ward, Allendale Cottages, 28, 2; T. Nicholson, Leadgate, 25, 3; J. Crawford, Consett, 28, 0; W. Owens, Leadgate, 30, 0; J. Haggerstone, Leadgate, 30, 0; J. Keenan, Marley Hill, 28, 0; W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea, 30, 0; J. Irwin, Spen Colliery, 25, 0; J. Forster, Ryton, scratch, 0; T. Tilder, Benfieldside, 8, 0; J. Clare, Leadgate, 30, 0; Gray, Iveston, 30, 0. Won on the post; two yards between second and third, the remainder following each other in a cluster.

£10 10s 120 Yards Handicap (65 entries).—Heat 1—J. Winter, Consett, 23 yards, 1; J. W. Robson, Pontop, 21, 2; A. Burnhope, Leadgate, 21, 3; John Hunter, Medomsley, 21, 4; J. Day, Leadgate, 22½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 2—J. McWaters, Burnopfield, 20½, 1; Wm. Walton, Medomsley, 23, 2; J. Watson, Tantobie, 21, 0; W. Maley, Consett, 21, 0; D. Harrison, Consett, 11, 0. Won easily. Heat 3—T. Davison, Swalwell, 16½, 1; H. Bell, Consett, 23, 2; G. Oliver, Rookhope, 16, 0; R. Arkley, Consett, 11, 0; R. Rutherford, Medomsley, 15, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 4—A. J. Morin (No. 1), Esh, 18½, 1; J. Wallace, Burnhope, 16, 2; H. Garland, Burnopfield, 18½, 3; H. Hunter, Greencroft, 19½, 4; J. Laing, Spen, 18, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 5—William McGee, Leadgate, 23, 1; A. Prince, Leadgate, 23, 2; J. Hall, Allendale Cottages, 23, 3; J. Gray, Iveston, 23, 4; T. Kerr, Leadgate, 23, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 6—A. Morin, (No. 2), Esh, 18½, 1; J. Richardson, Pittington, 16, 2; J. Irwin, Spen, 18½, 3; H. Robinson, Consett, 16, 4; W. Henry, Tanfield, 18½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 7—J. Clare, Leadgate, 22½, 1; J. Crawford, Consett, 16½, 2; J. Atkinson, Greencroft, 18½, 3; A. McNally, Consett, 20, 0; O. Keenan, Marley Hill, 20, 0. Won by a yard-and-a-half. Heat 8—S. Ward, Allendale Cottages, 18½, 1; T. Harrison, Leadgate, 13½, 2; J. Keenan, Marley Hill, 20½, 3; F. Johnson, Winlaton, 16½, 0; J. Wrangham, Hill Top, 15½, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 9—J. Haggerstone (No. 1), Leadgate, 18½, 1; A. Dodds, Quebec, 13½, 2; G. Teasdale, Consett, 14, 0; A. Coulthard, Byer Moor, 19, 0; J. Railton, Newburn, 17½, 0. Won easily. Heat 10—T. Nicholson, Leadgate, 22½, 1; J. Black, Leadgate, 20, 2; Isaac Bowman, Dipton, 17, 3; R. Henderson, Winlaton, 16½, 0; J. Stephenson, West Stanley, 15½, 0. Won by two feet. Heat 11—R. Davis, Winlaton, 22, 1; R. Carrick, Witton Gilbert, 20, 2; T. Johnson, Tanfield Lea, 16½, 3; W. Pinder, Leadgate, 22½, 0; G. Lennox, Hanisteels Colliery, 19, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 12—B. McAney, East Castle, 23, w.o. Heat 13—J. Graham, Jarrow, 18½, 1; T. Madgin, Consett, 16½, 2; J. McElhone, Consett, 18, 3; Wm. Elliott, Dipton, 19½, 0; W. Owens, Leadgate, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 14—J. Simpson, Leadgate, 23, 1; W. Costello, Leadgate, 23, 2; A. Matthews, Leadgate, 23, 3; B. Small, Leadgate, 23, 0; T. Hannah, Leadgate 21, 0. Won easily. Heat 15—W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea, 21, 1; J. Haggerstone (No. 2), Leadgate, 21, 2; H. Applegarth, Leadgate, 15, 3; P. Mahone, Marley Hill, 20½, 0; F. Foster, Esh Winning, 17½, 0. Won on the post. Second round—Heat 1—Morin (No. 1), 1; Winter, † 2; McWater, 3, Davison, 4. Won by six inches after a dead heat. Heat 2—Ward, 1; Clare, 2; Morin (No 2), 3; McGee, 4. Won on the post. Heat 3—Nicholson, 1; Davis, 2; McAnaney, 3; Haggerstone, (No. 1), 4. Final heat—Graham, †; Nicholson, †; Ward, 3; Morin (No. 1), 4. Graham and Nicholson ran a dead heat, and divided the stake (£9); six inches dividing second and third, the fourth man being a yard behind. The officials for the running were:—Messrs R. McCurley, Leadgate, handicapper; Small, Leadgate, pistol-firer; Snaith, Leadgate, referee.

Bowling at the wicket (30 entries).—J. Crowther, Leadgate CC, 1; W. Cant, Medomsley CC, 2.

Quoiting, handicapped 9 to 12 yards on the award, 26 competitors.—A. T. Robson and T. Cain, both of Dipton, divided first and second money; J. Brown, also of Dipton, 3.

Place Kicking (12 entries).—J. Robson, Leadgate, 1; W. Foreman, Leadgate, 2.

Owing to the thronged state of the enclosure, it was deemed advisable not to attempt the feat of throwing the cricket ball. The arrangements were admirably carried out, and the sports were concluded in good time.

### NEW MARKET SPORTS AT SHOTLEY SPA.

On Monday afternoon, the Newcastle New Market seventh annual pic-nic and amateur athletic sports (under A.A.A. and N.C.U. laws) took place in the beautiful Spa Grounds at Shotley Bridge, kindly granted by Messrs Wilson Bros., the lessees. The weather was of a favourable character, and between 600 and 700 persons of both sexes, travelled from the Central about noon-day in two special trains for Shotley Bridge. This yearly fixture, which is held at various places in the north in successive years, is organised by an influential committee of management, consisting of Messrs John Brooks, W. J. Davidson, J. G. Archbold, G. Thompson, J. H. McGill, W. Darling, R. Turner, R. Strike, John Bell, J. Relph, L. Dodds, W. Hawksby, and Robert Brewis. The following were the officials:—President, Mr T. Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs W. Dixon and W. H. Scott; treasurer, Mr T. Darling; secretary, Mr Joseph Bray; handicappers, Messrs Wm. Carr and Thomas Temple; handicapper of bicycle race, Mr G. M. Todd; referee, Mr R. H. Atkinson; judges, Messrs Thos. Temple and William Carr; and starter, Mr John Bell; while Messrs R. Herring and Robert Brewis fulfilled the task of setting the competitors on their respective marks. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the outing, the romantic and picturesque scene abounding along the line of the Derwent valley just now appearing in the most artistic summer garb; while the woods surrounding the Spa itself enhanced the beauty of the scene. The music was supplied by the band from the Newcastle Union Workhouse. There were also some spectators from the immediate district, so that fully 1,000 people were gathered in the grounds. Tea and refreshments were provided by Messrs Wilson Bros. Subjoined are the details of the sports:—

120 Yards Flat Race Handicap; masters and assistants, 16 years and upwards (confined to the market); 16 entries.—Heat 1—W. A. Best, 10 yards, 1; George Thompson, 18, 2. Won by a couple of yards. Heat 2—T. Thompson, 8, 1; J. Herron, 12, 2; S. Turner, 9, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 3—W. A. Thompson, 2, 1; J. Pashley, 2, 2; J. Archbold, 15, 3; J. Atkinson, 8, 4. Won by a yard-and-a-half. Heat 4—G. Kirk, 3, 1; J. G. Archbold, 6, 2. Won by three yards. Final heat—Kirk 1, W. A. Thompson 2, T. Thompson 3, Best 4. Won by a yard; half-a-yard dividing second and third; while the fourth man was a little in the rear.

120 Yards Flat Race Handicap (sons of masters and apprentices from 12 to 15 years, confined to the market). Six entries.—Heat 1—R. H. Atkinson, scratch, 1; F. J. Williamson, 8, 2; J. Mooney, 8, 3. Won easily. Heat 2—F. C. Wrightson, 4, 1; T. Turner, 10, 2; R. Brewis, 12, 3. Won easily. Final heat—Turner 1, Atkinson 2, Wrightson 3, Williamson 4. Won by a foot; the third following well up.

100 Yards Handicap Flat Race for sons of the masters and assistants, under 12 years (confined to the market, 10 entries—Heat 1—L. Dodds, 15, 1; James Turner, 2, 2; R. Ridley, 2, 0; R. Davidson, 6, 0; T. W. Darling, 15, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 2—Thos. Davidson, 11, 1; J. Matthewson, 2, 2; Geo. Dodds, 15, 3. Won easily. Final heat—Dodds 1, Davidson 2, Turner 3, Matthewson 0. Won by a foot; two yards separating second and third.

80 Yards Flat Race Handicap for Girls, the daughters of the tenants and assistants, 12 years and under, confined to the market. Nine entries.—Heat 1—M. J. Thompson, 6, 1; Bella Darling, scratch, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 2—Beatrice Temple, 5, 1; Dora Darling, 10, 2. Won by a foot. Final heat—M. J. Thompson 1, D. Darling 2, B. Temple 3, B. Darling 4. Won by a yard; half-a-yard between second and third; the fourth being close behind.

120 Yards Flat Race Handicap for the butchers of Newcastle (outside the market, 17 years and upwards). 10 entries.—Heat 1—Thomas Ward, 10, 1; D. Weatherburn, 10, 2; G. Irving, 2, 3; G. Gardens, 6, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 2—J. J. Farthing, 10, 1; J. Anderson, 10, 2. Won easily. Final heat—Ward 1, Farthing 2, Weatherburn 3, Anderson 4. Won by a yard; the same between second and third; and the fourth close behind.

Quarter-Mile Flat Race Handicap, for masters and assistants, 16 years and upwards (confined to the market). 12 entries.—J. Pashley, 20, 1; G. Kirk, 25 (penalised three yards for winning first handicap), 2; T. Thompson, 16 (also penalised a yard for being third in the first race), 3. Won by three yards; a similar distance separating second and third.

Bicycle Handicap (two miles, open to masters and apprentices in the market, and butchers of Newcastle outside the market, 15 years and upwards). 25 entries.—Heat 1—G. Robinson, 30 yards, 1; E. Trundle, 60, 2; M. M. Atkinson, 75, 0; J. Hart, 100, 0. Robinson made all the running, and won by a couple of yards. Heat 2—T. Wilson, 65, 1; W. L. Trundle, 45, 2; J. A. Thompson, 40, 0; T. Parker, 45, 0. Wilson maintained the first position throughout, and won easily. Heat 3—J. Jameson, scratch, 1; G. Irving, 125, 2; J. Cairns, 50, 0; A. Corner, 100, 0. Irving kept the lead for four laps, when Jameson forged ahead, and won by fifty yards. Heat 4—R. Alder, scratch, w.o. Heat 5—C. Potts, 40, 1; R. Craig, 50, 2. Won easily. An objection was lodged against Potts running the wrong side of a post, and it was eventually agreed Craig should run in the final. Final heat—Wilson 1, Potts 2, Jameson 3, Alder 4, Potts 5, Craig 0. Won by fifty yards; about sixty yards separating the second and third; the rest following some distance in the rear.

The Tug-of-war did not come off. The excursionists returned home soon after 9 p.m. The presentation of the prizes, which consisted of a number of useful articles, took place in Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms on Wednesday evening.


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## NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Hill End camp meeting has come and gone once more. It is one of the red-letter days at that place—in fact, the event of the year. This year it was favoured with Queen's own weather; so that, of course, there was an excellent company. The preparations for it are always on a large scale. The butchers are at their wits' ends to supply legs of mutton sufficient to meet requirements. The generosity and hospitality of the inhabitants of Hill End, Bollihope, and Frosterley annually, as the event comes around, may be equalled but never exceeded in any part of Old England. The quantity of fruit loaf, seed loaf, ginger loaf, tea-cakes, buns, snaps, snow cake, jam tarts, roast beef, plum pudding, legs of lamb and mutton, and fillets of veal which are prepared for Hill End camp meeting would almost supply an army with rations. Invariably I am the guest of an old couple in Bollihope, who each have seen their promised years, and yet Old Betty, for making herb beer or a good fruit loaf, has no equal either at Hill End or in Bollihope, or Frosterley either. This year she had launched out and made snow cake equal in quality with her famed fruit loaf, but she said the "thunner" had spoiled her beer. The tailors, dressmakers, and milliners must all have had a busy time of it prior to the camp meeting Sunday, as the number of new hats and smart dresses would almost have loaded a ship. The children were dressed like fairies, and the young ladies like wingless angels—in fact, a similar gathering in Paris itself could not have beat it. The devotees of fashion and dress were in high jinks, and Jupiter Pluvious put in the plug and smiled upon the gathering, despite the predictions of the farmers, who had hay to win, and who said that the camp meeting would break the weather.

A good story is told, in connection with the camp meeting festivities at Hill End, about one generous, good-natured dame, who lost a quantity of butter and eggs and other necessary and indispensible articles requisite for making fruit loaf and other dainties for the Hill End camp meeting. She had them in the pantry, where some prowling wags discovered them, and took out a pane of glass, robbed the hen's nest, and went with all the eggs, raisins, currants, lemon peel, and even butter as well. She was naturally indignant, and well she might; yet at the finish she declared she did not care a whit; she had a good man, who could smash blue diamonds as well as any man in the neighbourhood, and had the yellow boys to procure more.

From time immemorial the Weardale farmers have, during the summer months, gone to the low pits for coals with their dales ponies, and thus got in their winter's supply, and it is no uncommon thing to hear the carts come rattling through Stanhope during the night and in the small hours of the morning. The other Friday morning, a buxom damsel was astir as early as three in the morning, and hearing a coal cart stop just beside Rose Terrace, at the west end, she wondered what it could stop there for, and in her night-dress peeped by the window blind and saw one of the thirsty Weardale colliers actually among her cherries in the little garden front of the house, helping himself to the tempting and luscious fruit from the tree. She tapped the window pane, and shouted, "Let my cherries alone, you Wardie gouk; I didn't grow them for you." A thunderbolt from a clear sky could not have surprised him more; he never thought they slept with an eye open in Stanhope, as they do at Rose Terrace, so he valented with his old nag for the pits. Whether he mistook the lady in her night-dress attire for a spirit or a cherub it is not generally known, but she watched for him coming back with the coals, but never saw him; evidently he must either have crossed the Wear at New Town Ford, or else sent the nag with the cart past Rose Terrace in charge of some one else while he was hid in the hay poke, because there are few who can pass that charming place without being seen. It will take him all his time to escape even yet; he will not, however, have to cry cherry ripe as he passes. A few tempting cherries have been left for him saturated with croton oil, and I am asked to inform him, through the "Weardale Notes," that he will find them extremely palatable and easy of digestion, and the charming nymph will not grudge him a few of them, as he gets up at half-past one to go for the coals in the morning.

Three Stanhope married men *posed* among the beans at Windermere the other day, at the workmen's trip, as young fellows. Each had a buxom lassie, who went with them to the station to see them off. They promised to come to Stanhope fair, and even allowed these Stanhope wags to kiss them, and waved their handkerchiefs after their gallant Lothairs as the train steamed away from the station.

A new industry has commenced in Stanhope. Although not new to the country, yet it is entirely "brand spanker new" for Stanhope, as well as for the rest of Weardale. I refer to coke-burning. A knight of the trowel and mortar put into the house of a tradesman a patent oven. It was rather a large one, so he broke a hole through the wall and placed the oven with its end into a neighbour's coal-house. He had just got a cart-load of Newlandside nut coals, which are full of gas, very inflammable, and will easily ignite. In fact, you can almost light them with a match. The owner of the coals had, the other day, occasion to go for a bucket of coals into the coal-house, which is situated under the stone stairs that lead up to his residence. Imagination itself must portray his surprise when he opened the door to see the coals all on fire, and the interior of the heap red-hot. "Well, aw nivvor!" exclaimed he, "this is a bonny carry on. Noo, if aw'd getten off tiv Auckland, as aw intended, that pleace might hev been burnt doon. Awuvver it might, awuvver." Into business he went with the implements at hand, to throw out the coals and thrown in cold water. The neighbours thought an earthquake had happened when the first bucket of water went into the fiery mass. When they arrived upon the scene, however, they thought a boiler had burst; the steam was issuing forth in dense masses, and mingled with the curling wreaths of smoke, ascended to the vault of heaven far above the top of the lime trees in the street. Poor fellow, he had a warm job. Drawing coke from a hot oven on a sultry summer day was something new to him, but he was brave and wished to save his coals, so he threw out burning coals and fiery coke in huge lumps until the fresh arrival of alarmed neighbours, who thought a coke factory was started, and wonderingly and enquiringly peered into the coal-house to see the cause. Some at first sight thought a volcano had burst open, and was in the primary stages of disturbance—issuing forth jets of steam and smoke, but when they saw lumps of red-hot material hurled out of the coal-house with force, they were sure of it. The cause of all this hubbub was watching operations with a merry twinkle in his eye; but the poor fellow who owned the coals was having his first shift at amateur coke-making, and resembled a stoker on board a British war vessel, or a modern Don Quixote boring a hole to the Antipodes. Well might he frequently exclaim: "This is a bonny carry on, a wuvver; it is, a wuvver!"

The Stanhope Cricket Club, I am happy to say, is doing better, so that it will not be necessary to form a club from the bullock-wallopers of the district to retrieve their lost prestige. They scored a brilliant victory over the Shildon North-Eastern club on Saturday—just about doubled their score with only eight wickets down. Mr Roddam, with his daisy-cutters, did yeoman service for the home team in bowling, while Messrs Waller and Curry put on high scores. The club only wants practice. At any rate, I am informed that they will be ready for the Consett team when they come. They think the Consettonians whistled before they were out of the wood. They were in bad form then; they are better now, and I suppose—nay more, I am told by their mouth-piece that the visitors will get it warm. So the latter will have to look up.

Two noted characters in Stanhope have passed away this week to join the great majority—James Sanderson, for many years gamekeeper on Stanhope Moor, much respected; and Thomas Dodd, well-known in Methodist circles in Stanhope. Tom was well-known by all, and was a general favourite with both rich and poor. Poor Tom finished up at the Workhouse.

The "Great Unpaid" are proverbially witty. At the house of one of the Weardale J.P.'s, the other day, the laundresses were having a "confab." He happened to overhear them, and, in passing, with a roguish twinkle in his eye, said: "What a noise you are making. Why, there's wind sufficient here to dry the clothes."

Stanhope never was so full of visitors as it is this year. Numbers have had to go away, the accommodation being quite inadequate to the requirements. Its popularity as a health and pleasure resort increases season after season. Every Sunday brake-loads of visitors arrive, and traps and bicycles without number. The "pubs" do a roaring trade on that day. Stanhope requires a good temperance hotel.

Dr Arnison has done a good deed by handing over to the Grange Convalescent Home the sum of £5. Few men are more respected in Stanhope than he.

## CO-OPERATIVE FESTIVAL AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Committee of Management of the Shotley Bridge Derwent Flour Mill held their annual gathering in the picturesque Shotley Spa grounds. In spite of the unpleasant state of the weather, rain falling in torrents, there was a large attendance. Representatives of the committees of the following Co-operative Societies, comprising the Federation, along with the managers and their wives, were present:—Blaydon and branches, Annfield Plain and branches, Consett and branches, West Stanley, Burnopfield, Shotley Bridge, Tantobie, Tow Law, and North Shields. Amongst others present were—Mr P. Reay, Annfield Plain (chairman of the Derwent Flour Mill committee), Mr Telford (manager), and Mr Robson, Shotley Bridge. An excellent dinner and tea was provided in the pavilion, served up in their usual good style by the lessees, Messrs Wilson Bros. The tables were presided over by several young ladies. During the afternoon it was the intention of the committee to have driven the party, in brakes, over the three farms occupied by the society in the vicinity of the Derwent valley; but this part of the programme had to be abandoned, owing to the unpropitious state of the weather, and the time was whiled away in conversation, &c., everyone seeming to enjoy themselves most heartily under the circumstances.

After tea, Mr Philip Reay was voted to the chair, and stated that he thought his duties would be light under the present circumstances. This was the first gathering that he had been enabled to preside over as chairman of the committee of management in connection with the Derwent Flour Mill. He was pleased to see so many present, in spite of the disagreeable weather, and he thought everyone of them had enjoyed themselves. The rain no doubt had marred the proceedings, but if they had not been enabled to go outside as they would liked to have done, they had not been disappointed in meeting together once more, in order to see their friends. He was not sure whether they would have done any better with the elements if they had the ruling of the weather in their hands, simply because so many of them had different opinions, and they would not agree. (Laughter). The Derwent Flour Mill Society continued to make steady progress, and they made flour of the best quality to sell at reasonable prices. (Applause). They were enabled to compete with the markets at the present time, and hold their own. (Hear). Enough for them to know that they were doing with the mill all that was possible. They were turning out something like from twelve to thirteen hundred sacks per week to the different societies that comprised the Federation. (Applause). The flour that they procured, he could safely say, was the real thing. The gathering had caused the committee a considerable amount of anxiety, and he was sorry that their programme could not be carried out; but they had done all in their power to make the day pleasant, and he trusted they would go home having thoroughly enjoyed their visit. (Applause).

Mr Henderson (chairman of the Blaydon society) stated that he represented one of the largest societies in the district, and consequently took a great interest in the Derwent Flour Mill. He believed the Annfield Plain society was credited with being the largest purchasing society that the mill possessed. At one time 300 sacks per week output from the mill was considered a very good thing; but the improvement in machinery had wrought a great change. With all the latest improvements in the future, he trusted they would be enabled to turn out far more than 1,200 sacks per week. (Applause). The Derwent Flour Mill had made steady progress, and the Co-operative Wholesale Society had not as yet put a sprag in the wheel. (Applause). It was for them to be true to their principles, and the mill would be successful throughout, in spite of all opposition. The Derwent Flour Mill was a prosperous society, and if it continued in the way that it had been going on, there was no fear of it changing for the worse. (Hear). With regard to that gathering, he thought they had enjoyed themselves in spite of all the elements. He wished to impress upon the committee the fact of turning out a good sack of flour, and if they did that there was no fear as to the society prospering. He had great pleasure in moving that a vote of thanks be given to the committee for their hospitality. (Applause).

Mr Spottiswood (Blaydon) seconded the motion. He remarked that the committee had done their utmost to make the day a success. The Derwent Flour Mill Society was the best in the country. He thought by the societies federating together, it was a step in the right direction, and they had received fair interest for their capital. (Applause). He would like very much to couple with the vote of thanks the name of the manager of the mill—Mr W. Telford. (Applause).

Mr Middlemist (Stanley) supported, and said that with regard to the history of the Derwent Flour Mill he knew very little; but he could say that unity existed amongst them, and everything seemed to be tending in the right direction. (Applause).

The Chairman said he was glad that Mr Telford's name had been mentioned. Mr Telford was a gentleman who could look everybody straight in the face, and deal with them in a fair way. Mr Telford possessed plenty of patience, and was wishful at all times to do that which was right. (Applause).

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Telford returned thanks, and stated that he felt grieved at the weather, but he had tried to make the best of it. They had looked forward to the gathering with interest. It was a time when they met together and got to know each other. They exchanged opinions, and got more closely united. It was 20 years since the Derwent Flour Mill commenced, and good progress had been made from the time they turned out 300 sacks per week. The societies in the Federation were consuming all the production. He was sorry that some friends had been absent owing to the bad weather. Their meeting together that day showed that they really appreciated the treat of the committee. It plainly indicated that their hearts were in the work. He thanked them all for their kindness, but at the same time he did not think that he deserved all that had been said about him. As soon as they called for the further development of the mill, he felt convinced that the committee would not be behindhand in meeting the necessary requirements. (Applause).

On the motion of Mr Henderson, seconded by Mr Milburn (Westwood), a vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding.

The customary vote of thanks to Messrs Wilson Bros. for the way in which they had entertained the company, concluded a gathering that will long be remembered by those present, shortly after six o'clock.

Stanhope as a Health and Pleasure Resort.—The rush of visitors to this fast-rising popular health and pleasure resort among the Weardale hills is unprecedented this season, and the accommodation is quite inadaquate to applications for lodgings. Every Sunday there is a large contingent of visitors in traps, brakes, spring carts, and on bicycles, until now every Sunday has the appearance of being fair Sunday.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By Wearsider.]

Mr John Burn, of the Lambton Arms Inn, had a sheep worried on Saturday night.

During the violent thunderstorm which passed over this district on Friday night, a valuable cow belonging to Mr Thos. Hall, Fatfield Farm, was struck by lightning and killed.

We had a most extraordinary scene here on Sunday, when, owing to the presence of an enormous quantity of gasworks refuse in the Wear, the whole of the fish in the river below Lumley Burn, where the filth came into the river, were killed. Early in the morning, a number of fish—salmon—were taken out of the river either dead or thereabouts. After this the news quickly spread, and crowds of all sorts and conditions of men were soon on the spot ready to take a share in both the sport and spoil. Hundreds of fine salmon and trout were taken, and salmon was the chief dish in Chester-le-Street on that day. Now, however, the eaters say that it tasted "gassy."

There were several comic incidences in connection with this miraculous draught of fishes. One of the sharp customers, after capturing two or three very big salmon, hid them in his coat, which he put off while he went in search of further catches. Another, and a sharper customer, had noticed the movement, and while the owner of the coat was out of sight he quietly annexed the salmon and decamped, leaving the coat behind him. The air had a sulphurous smell when the owner of the coat returned.

The anglers in the neighbourhood are very wroth at what they consider is nothing short of a diabolical outrage, and clamour loudly that the perpetrators should be discovered, brought to justice, and punished. There can be no doubt that the cause of the wholesale and complete destruction is due entirely to the presence of the gasworks filth, and the whole matter should be easy of elucidation. In the opinion of the most experienced fishers, there is not a fish left alive between the mouth of the Lumley Burn and Sunderland.

All this is very much to be lamented. There is a Rivers' Pollution Act, the provisions of which have compelled our own township to spend untold money for sewerage schemes and sewage disposal works, in order that we may not pollute the river. Yet, on the other side of the Wear, some one turns filth enough into one of its tributaries to kill all the fish below where it enters. Why should this be? There is also a Wear Fishery Board—whatever that may be. If it is not altogether moribund, surely this is a case into which it should inquire.

The occurrence, however, has shewn us something—in a very costly way truly. It has clearly enough made it plain that the Wear is a salmon and a trout stream. It is nevertheless to be lamented that the knowledge should be gained in this way.

Here is a doctor's prescription. A well-known local Tory working-man orator felt very poorly, and sent his wife to the family doctor for a "bottle." The doctor made up the "bottle," and the good wife was about to depart when the man of medicine told her to wait a minute. She sat down, and the doctor went into his private chambers, returning after the lapse of a few minutes with a small packet, which he gave to the lady, instructing her that it was a powder, and that her husband must take it before he took the other mixture which he had prepared; she was to be most careful in carrying out this direction. Arrived at home, she told her story, whereupon the great Tory advocate gave orders for the powder to be prepared, and he would take it. Mrs Orator got a glass and water ready to mix the powder, and proceeded to open out the packet, when to the astonishment of the household, and none more so than the orator himself, out dropped a piece of—blue ribbon. The orator wants to know now what the blank the blank doctor means.

For some time we have heard little or nothing of the proposed and necessary bridge across the Wear at Chester-le-Street, but the matter is again to the front. The question has been under the consideration of several influential public men, and will shortly be brought before the proper authorities for their consideration. It is admitted on all sides that the bridge is a necessity, and that in the interests of the public, for the benefit of trade, and the general well-being of the neighbours, should be built without further delay.

"The most God-forsaken place I ever saw," said Mr Henry Wallace, of Trench Hall, when he visited our Sewage Farm in February. There is no saying what he'd say if he saw it now. Hamlet's "unweeded garden" is nothing to it. The place is literally a wilderness of weeds and filth—a "pestiferous swamp." Deputations from our Sanitary Authority have gone scurrying over the country, on visits to other sewage disposal works, and have issued an elaborate report of what they saw, but nothing more has yet been done. Truly this is a lamentable state of things. But I have a hint for the Authority. They say that they have seen nothing better than what they have in their own Union, at Craghead. Now I suggest that they should invite deputations from the various places they have visited to see the best thing, in its way, at Craghead; and also to see what is the worst thing, in its way, at Chester-le-Street.

On Wednesday, a discussion arose as to the respective merits of two fields of oats, each on different farms. Mr John S. Barker, Red Rose Hall, said he had the best crop of oats in the country; Mr Tom Burn, Lambton Arms Inn, said that Mr Joseph Goldsbrough, Mains Farm, had the best crop between the city and London. A wager was entered into, and a well-known agriculturist, from a distance, who happened to be present, consented to act as arbitrator. A quintette of gentlemen, of whom "Wearsider" was one, set off in a pouring rain to examine the crops. After a weary and wet tramp of two or three miles, the judge gave his decision. Both crops were pronounced to be very much above the average, but Mr Burn's selection was said by the judge to be at least five per cent. better than the other. Further, the judge said he had no idea that there were such good crops in the parish of Chester-le-Street. Of course, the usual little dinner followed, when all concerned thoroughly enjoyed themselves after the soaking they had endured. It is gratifying to know that our farmers can elicit such praise from one of their own class, and one who is well-known to be such a very excellent judge.

After being stationed in our city for eighteen years, Mr James Aitchison, our respected stationmaster, leaves us this week for Haydon Bridge, where he succeeds Mr Gilbert Wood, retired. During his term of office at Chester-le-Street, Mr Aitchison has gained the goodwill, esteem, and respect of a large circle of friends particularly, and of the citizens generally. His gentlemanly manner, courteous behaviour, and anxiety to benefit all those with whom he had business—always bearing in mind the interests of his employers—caused him to be regarded more in the light of a neighbour and a friend than the *employé* of a railway company. I am quite warranted in saying that Mr Aitchison carries with him the best wishes of a very wide circle, and the hopes that his career at Haydon Bridge will be as lengthy and as comfortable as that he has had at our ancient city.

An Ancient Parish Church.—On Tuesday, the 1,008th anniversary of Chester-le-Street Parish Church, was celebrated. Special services were held during the day, and at the evening service Canon Kynaston, D.D., Durham, preached. The history of the church dates from 883, when the monks of Lindisfarne brought the body of the salated Cuthbert to Chester-le-Street, and Eardulph, his successor, was made Bishop of Cunecacestre (Chester-le-Street). He was succeeded by eight other bishops, until Aldune, last Bishop of Cunecacestre, was made Bishop of Durham in 995. Since then the seat of the bishopric has been at Durham.

## CRICKET.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, July 25th).

Consett and District 2nd v Shotley Bridge 1st, at Consett.
Medomsley 1st v Chester-le-Street 1st, at Chester-le-Street.
Medomsley 2nd v Consett Fell 1st, at Medomsley.
Westwood v Esh Winning, at Westwood.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Consett Y.M.C.A., at Shotley Bridge.
Oxhill 2nd v The Lizzie 2nd (Annfield Plain), at The Lizzie.
The Lizzie 1st (Annfield Plain) v West Stanley 1st, at West Stanley.
West Stanley 2nd v Oxhill 1st, at Oxhill.
Beamish v West Pelton Violets, at West Pelton.
Tanfield v New Hartley, at Hastings.
Burnhope v Craghead, at Craghead.
Consett Fell 2nd v East Stanley, at Consett.
Craghead Tonic Sol-fa v Waterhouses Rovers, at Craghead.

CUP-TIES.

Consett and District v Crook, on Durham City ground.
Ushaw Moor v Darlington 2nd, on Bishop Auckland ground.

WEDNESDAY.

Consett and District v Shotley Bridge, at Consett.

Medomsley 1st v Chester-le-Street.—This match will be played on the ground of the latter, the Medomsley team being selected from:—W. E. Charlton (captain), M. Charlton, G. E. Milburn, M. Milburn, Wm. Cant, R. Cant, A. Little, Dr Mann, J. E. Taylor, R. Campbell, J. Veitch, and W. Simpson.

Medomsley 2nd v Consett Fell.—To be played at Medomsley, the home team being:—W. Hunter (captain), J. Hunter, J. Ross, "T.B," W. Baron, T. Walton, Geo. Moon, M. Murphy, Jas. Hunter, P. Murphy, and W. G. Thompson.

## DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP.

### CONSETT AND DISTRICT v CROOK.

The semi-final in connection with the above competition takes place on the City ground, Durham, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the local club will be represented by:—A. S. Godfrey (captain), T. D. Dales, L. Richards, T. Jameson, W. Turnbull, A. Wood, G. Walton, M. Williamson, T. T. Gray, Dr Wynne, and P. Gibson. Reserve, H. Wattaford. The match is timed to begin at 2·30 o'clock, and the above team and many supporters will travel per the 1·10 p.m. train. The secretary was in hopes of being able to make arrangements, at special fares, for all desirous of going, but has received a reply from the railway officials stating that such cannot be granted.

Waterhouses (for six wickets), 39; Craghead, 26.

Stanhope v Shildon.—Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Stanhope, 93; Shildon, 50.

## BURNHOPE CLUB.

Mr U. A. Ritson, the owner of Burnhope Colliery, has recently shown the great interest he takes in the village club by erecting a handsome pavilion for the members. This is now completed, and it was intended to formally open it on Wednesday, a match being arranged with Shotley Bridge for the occasion; while a public tea was also to be held on the field. All these arrangements, however, were upset by the unfavourable weather, and the opening was postponed. The tea was held in the school-room, and was patronised by a large number of the inhabitants of Burnhope and the surrounding district.

## BURNOPFIELD v GREENSIDE.

## DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BURNOPFIELD CLUB.

The return game between the above clubs should have been played at Burnopfield on Saturday, but owing to the sudden and lamented death of Mr H. W. Watson, of Burnopfield House, the respected president of the home club, it was decided to postpone the game as a mark of respect towards their patron. The sad news cast quite a gloom in the village, and it was some time before people could realise that the sad news was true—too true. The deceased has been president of the club for about 11 years, and during that time he has taken great interest in its welfare and success. Through his death the club has lost a noble supporter, while all deserving charities will miss one who was ever ready to help, and the poor of the village one whom to ask was to receive, whose unostentatious liberality will be missed by those who were the recipients thereof, and whose demise will leave a blank that will be hard to fill. The sympathy of the members of the club is with his bereaved mother, to whom he was a loving and dutiful son, and his loving memory will long remain green in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

## COKE-OVEN DWELLERS AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority—Mr W. Logan presiding—were engaged for a considerable period yesterday (Thursday) in discussing the question of the coke-ovens in the neighbourhood of Annfield Plain and West Stanley being utilised as living and sleeping places by tramps. Having read Mr Parker's report, and heard the views of a representative deputation, it was eventually resolved to take steps to close the coke-ovens as places of habitation. A full report will appear next week.

## PRESENTATION TO MR W. G. F. THOMPSON, OF MEDOMSLEY.

On Wednesday evening, a large number of the members and friends of the Medomsley Cricket and Football Clubs assembled at Mr R. M. Rutherford's, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, to present their zealous secretary (Mr W. G. Thompson) with a testimonial as a mark of their respect and esteem. The presentation consisted of a handsome marble clock and medal, with a beautiful butter-knife for Mrs Thompson. The medal bore the following inscription:—"Presented to W. G. F. Thompson from the Medomsley C. and F. Clubs. 1891." The captain of the cricket club (Mr W. E. Charlton) occupied the chair, while Mr G. E. Milburn filled the vice-chair.

The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman offered a few appropriate remarks, in the course of which he observed that the presentation had been a work of pleasure, as not a single one that was asked had refused to subscribe. (Applause.) They all knew how hard Mr Thompson had worked for both clubs, and he was sure that gentleman thoroughly deserved the presents they were about to hand over to him. He then called upon Mr J. Ross, jun., to make the presentation.

Mr Ross said he felt highly honoured in being called upon to make that presentation. He felt certain that no one was more deserving of some appreciation on their part than Mr Thompson—(applause)—who had laboured early and late to place the clubs in such a successful and flourishing condition as they were at present. He trusted that Mr and Mrs Thompson would live long to gaze upon the handsome articles he was about to hand over to Mr Thompson. (Applause.) Mr Ross then formally made the presentation.

Mr Thompson thanked the members for the beautiful presents before him. He felt that his services did not altogether merit such a substantial acknowledgment. ("Yes.") However, it was always pleasing to know that one's services were appreciated. He must say that he had had many willing assistants in the work he had done for the clubs, and would always strive to do his utmost to keep the clubs in a flourishing condition. (Cheers.)

Mr R. Pearson (who has recently returned from South Africa) expressed the pleasure he felt at being among his old "chums" again. When he was in Africa, the first thing he looked for in the *Guardian* was the cricket, to see how the old club was going on. (Applause.) He was sure that no one had worked so hard for the club as Mr Thompson. (Applause.)

During the evening, songs were rendered by Messrs T. Bramley, Wm. Hunter, Geo. Moon, J. Ross, jun., &c., and the company separated after spending a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

## PROPOSED LOCAL BOARD FOR WEST STANLEY.

At the quarterly meeting of the Durham County Council on Wednesday—Mr J. Lloyd Wharton, J.P., in the chair—a letter was read, dated June 28th, 1891, from Mr G. Ridley, registrar of births, &c., at Stanley, enclosing a memorial of ratepayers, signed by 150 residents, sent to the Local Government Board, and referred by that Board to the Council, applying for the formation of a Local Government Board district at Stanley. In connection with the same matter, Coun. Patterson moved:—"That in the opinion of this Council a *prima facia* case has been made out as respects the Rural Sanitary district of Lanchester, for the conversion into an urban district of a part thereof, including (1) a part of the township of Tanfield southward of the burn called Kyo Burn, Houghwell Burn, Causey Burn, or Beamish Burn; (2) a part of the township of Kyo to the southward of the said burn, below Harperley Bridge; and (3) a part of the township of Lanchester, eastward of South Moor Colliery." "That an inquiry in regard to the proposal be made in the locality by the clerk of this Council, whom this Council hereby appoints to hold such inquiry, and that he do report the result thereof to this Council." The ratepayers, said Mr Patterson, were unanimously of an opinion that the alteration was necessary, as the population was 7,000, and the rateable value £30,000. The place was a small colliery village at one time, but had now become a large centre of population. The drainage was very bad, and the people wished to get the management into their own hands. He believed the benefit to the district would be very great.

Coun. Murray seconded, Mr Geo. Nicholson supported, and the motion was carried.

Messrs R. Peverell and S. Galbraith, with the clerk, were deputed to hold the inquiry.

The Chairman thought there was no objection on the part of the Council to the matter. The only question was whether it would be better that some members of the Council should form a committee, accompanied by the clerk as their adviser, or whether the whole of the *onus* should be thrown on the clerk alone.

## ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—In connection with this place of worship at Annfield Plain, on Sunday, special services were held. The preacher was Mr R. T. Walton, of Willington, who preached two eloquent sermons—afternoon and evening—to good congregations. Collections were made on behalf of the cleaning and renovating of the chapel. On Monday evening, Rev T. Archer, the newly-appointed minister, from Windsor, occupied the pulpit, and preached a practical discourse to a large congregation.

## STANHOPE.

The Census.—The census returns for 1891 (as published in last week's *Guardian*) show a decrease in the parish of Stanhope, whilst the urban districts show an increase of 25. Wolsingham special drainage district shows an increase of three, and the ecclesiastical district an increase of 96, which may be accounted for by the Durham Road houses near the steelworks. There is a considerable decrease in the Weardale Union—namely, 1,455. The population in the parish of Stanhope these last six decades stands as follows:—

| 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 |
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| 7,058 | 8,882 | 9,656 | 10,330 | 8,793 | 8,031 |

It will be interesting to compare the population for the Union during the same periods:—

| 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 | 1881 | 1891 |
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| 10,158 | 14,567 | 16,420 | 19,163 | 17,542 | 16,080 |

Several brake loads of excursionists visited Stanhope on Wednesday, when its beauties were soaked in a downpour of rain, which rendered it somewhat unpleasant for the tripsters, who hailed principally from Crook, Annfield Plain, Allendale Cottages, Blackhill and Consett.

Large Funeral.—On Tuesday, the mortal remains of James Sanderson, one of the old standards of Stanhope, were laid to rest in the old churchyard. He was followed to the graveside by a very large number of people anxious to pay their last tribute of respect. The members of the Oddfellows Lodge mustered in force and preceded the *cortege* to the church. He was one of the oldest of its members, there being only one or two who had been connected with it longer than he. The clergyman having performed the funeral service over the grave of the departed, Mr Ridley (a member of the lodge), read the burial service. The coffin was literally covered with beautiful wreaths sent by Mr and Mrs J. W. Roddam, New Town; Mr and Mrs Fenwick, Market Place; Messrs Thomas, James, George and Joseph Sanderson, and others. Deceased was widely known and greatly respected.—Thomas Dodd, another of Stanhope's old standards, was also interred at the same time and place. Their graves being close together, one service did for both. He finished his earthly career at the workhouse. His mourners were only few, and no floral emblem lay on his coffin, and yet he was while living a special favourite in the place, and was well-known, especially amongst the Wesleyans of Stanhope.

School Treat.—A field-day and children's treat, under the auspices of the High Street Mission, Stanhope, was held on Saturday in beautiful weather, in the very picturesque grounds, kindly granted by Mr W. Vickers, Howl John, and proved quite a success. Miss Roche, evangelist, Stanhope, having arranged to entertain the children attending her evening class with a free tea, they assembled at the chapel at 2·30, and in marching order moved to the ground, where the many good and precious things were ready prepared for them. Preparations were also made, so that anyone wishing to spend a few hours in joy and pleasantness might not be disappointed. Tables laden with a choice variety of good things to pacify the inner man were arranged, to which a goodly number sat down. The Stanhope Saxhorn Band, under the able leadership of Mr W. Walton, gave their services free, and enlivened the proceedings at intervals. In the absence of the Rev A. Dickinson, Wesleyan minister, Stanhope, who owing to illness was unable to attend, Mr M. Phillipson, Eastgate, presided, giving an address to the many assembled, in a free and telling manner, his stories to the little ones being entertaining, also very instructive. During the evening, Mr Chun, Primitive minister, Stanhope, gave an excellent address, and spoke in terms of tenderness and love, manifesting that principle of unity, for the spreading of the Gospel truths for which we all should live, looking at all times for the pearl of great price which is placed in our view, if we will but open our hearts, if we will but receive. Mr Rutherford spoke in his usual free and open manner, telling in words of boldness how good, how kind, the Master was to him at all times, and his determination to gain the prize freely given without money and without price. Miss Roche followed with a solo, entitled "Jesus, I my cross have taken," in capital style, and with feeling and effect. After singing hymn 62, and prayer by Mr Phillipson, a very instructive service closed. Games for the little ones were freely indulged in, also games of football and cricket engaged the minds of those in riper years. During the afternoon Mr C. F. Tinkler got some excellent negatives of the children. Many thanks are due to Miss Roche for the thoughtful and excellent manner in which she has conducted and managed this throughout, also to the faithful ones who so willingly assist at all times. Not till the shades of night for long had closed around, could the merry and cheerful company be induced to leave the ground.

Presentation.—Mrs Hodgson, late matron of the Stanhope Workhouse, has just been presented by the public of Stanhope, with a handsome silver-plated tea and coffee service, in token of the high esteem in which she is held, and in recognition of her services as matron of the House, as well as those of her late esteemed husband; and also as a mark of appreciation of their kindness to the inmates of the Workhouse, to those who had few to befriend them. Messrs Thomas Robinson and George Philipson some time ago, took the matter up, and the Stanhope public and others responded loyally, with the result that a handsome tea and coffee service was procured and forwarded to her at her residence. She replied by letter, kindly thanking the Stanhope public for their considerate kindness and remembrance of her and her late husband, as master and mistress at the workhouse, and intimated that she would ever feel grateful to them for such substantial tokens of esteem and regard, and would look upon them as valuable mementoes of such.

## BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The nomination of ladies and gentlemen to fill up the seven seats on this Board, for the ensuing three years, closed yesterday (Thursday) with Mr W. H. Ritson, of Lanchester, the returning officer. The following are nominated:—

Margaret Janet Barclay, Shotley Bridge.
*a*Henry Carss, Shotley Bridge, gentleman.
John Grice Cooke, Blackhill, newsagent.
*a*Rev James Foran, Blackhill, parish priest.
Georgina Marion Gibson, Snow's Green House, spinster.
Edward Hepton, Blackhill, pawnbroker.
John Heymer, Benfieldside Edge Road, agent.
*a*Rev E. W. Jenkins, Blackhill, Baptist minister.
Lewis Priestman, Shotley Bridge, colliery owner
William Ramsay, Blackhill, registrar of births and deaths.
*a*Rev Geo. H. Ross-Lewin, Benfieldside, Clerk in Holy Orders.
Edward Sloane, Blackhill, postmaster.
*a*William Telford, Cutler's Hall Road, flour mill manager.

*a* These were the members of the late Board.

The chairman (Rev A. Baillie) and Mr Wm. Raw, two retiring members, do not offer themselves for re-election. The polling will be conducted on Tuesday, August 4th.

## PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION AT WEST STANLEY.

On Saturday afternoon, the annual demonstration of the P.M. Connexion—Stanley circuit—took place in a field on the Pea Farm, near Oxhill, kindly lent by Mr W. Green.

In the afternoon, there was an open-air concert given by the Stanley, West Pelton, Burnhope, and Tanfield Lea choirs. The programme was of a varied and interesting character, and the music was exceptionally well rendered. The chair was occupied by Mr W. L. Mackay, schoolmaster, Catchgate, while Mr J. Saebury, Annfield Plain, was vice-chairman. A public tea followed, and was partaken of by about 400 persons.

In the evening, a public meeting was held, under the presidency of Mr N. Raw, schoolmaster, Oxhill, the vice-chairman being Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain. Able and instructive addresses were delivered by Mr R. T. Walton, of Willington, Rev T. Archer, of Windsor, London (the newly-appointed circuit minister), and others. Several pieces were sung during the proceedings, which were very enthusiastic throughout. Harmless games were indulged in.

Votes of thanks terminated the meeting. The proceeds were in behalf of the circuit house funds.

## LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting took place yesterday (Thursday), under the presidency of Mr William Logan. Present: Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Counciller J. A. Curry, Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs J. Collinson, J. Wilkinson, G. Hobson, T. J. Muse, W. Aynsley, W. Gray, P. Kirkup, Wm. Rutherford, R. Robson, T. Nichol, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

THE NEW RATE COLLECTOR.

Mr J. Collinson, of Shotley Bridge, the newly-appointed rate collector for the parish of Medomsley, wrote thanking the Board for the appointment, and assuring the Guardians that he would discharge the duties to the best of his ability.

It was agreed that Mr Collinson should enter upon his duties on the 30th September, and also find security for £300.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from Mr W. E. Knollys, ex-Local Government Inspector for the Northern Counties, and now an assistant secretary to the Local Government Board, conveying to the Guardians his sincere thanks for the kind terms in which they had expressed themselves towards him. The many friendly letters he had received had increased the regret he left his work in the North of England.

The Chairman: Have you heard anything about a successor yet?

The Clerk: No, sir.

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

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| Week ending July 18th | 150 |
| Corresponding week last year | 152 |
| Week ending July 25th | 151 |
| Corresponding week last year | 158 |
| Vagrants relieved during past fortnight | 7 |
| Corresponding period last year | 7 |

## WHITTONSTALL.

The Newcastle Diocesan Education Committee has given a grant of £10 to the Whittonstall Day School, to meet the requirements of the Government Inspector.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS

Consett—West Victoria Street, 23rd inst., the wife of Thomas Dormer, of a daughter.

Benfieldside—10, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, 23rd inst., the wife of J. R. Williams, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

Shotley Bridge—Wesleyan Chapel, 22nd inst., by Rev J. H. Taylor, Hugh, second son of the late John Bell, Hill Slaggyford, to Elizabeth Anne, eldest daughter of George Reid, grocer, Blackhill. 139g

Ryton—Parish Church, 21st inst., by Rev Canon Chester, assisted by Rev H. Bott, of Morpeth, Walter Whetstone, youngest son of William Whetstone, of Broom Leys, Leicestershire, to Edith Caroline, eldest daughter of J. H. Beckingham, of Ryton.

### DEATHS.

Shotley Bridge—Front Street, 17th inst., aged 63, Mary, wife of William Urwin.

Lanchester—23rd inst., aged 89, William Naisbet, local preacher. Interment at Lanchester, on Sunday, at Three o'clock. All friends kindly invited 174g

Wolsingham—14th inst., aged 76, at the residence of her son, Ann, wife of John T. Hawdon, late of Woodlands, Knitsley. 176g

White-le-Head—Bird Inn, 17th inst., aged 4 years, Lydia Thornton, only child of W. and A. Turpin.

Burnopfield—20th inst., aged 34, P.C. Jas. Crabb, husband of Elizabeth Crabb.

Blaydon—20th inst., aged 35, Mary Jane, wife of William Jemmison.

Stanhope—18th inst., aged 69, James Sanderson, gamekeeper.

At the Workhouse, 19th inst., aged 73, Thomas Dodds.

Chester Moor—17th inst., aged 28, John, husband of Frances Coulthard.

Winlaton—North Street, 15th inst., aged 56, Grace, wife of the late George Anderson.

Ryton—Jolly Fellows Inn, 15th inst., aged 40, Thomas, husband of Ann Francis.

20th inst., aged 20, Andrew, son of the late John Laws, Half-Way House, Felling.

Lampasas, Texas, U.S.A.—16th inst., aged 36, while on a visit, of typhoid fever, Henry Wm. Watson, of Burnopfield House.

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