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Friday last—the all-important day for the polling in the North-West Division of Durham—opened somewhat inauspiciously, as rain fell smartly for some time. However, shortly after mid-day the sun shone out brightly, and for the remainder of the day the weather conditions were of the most pleasant nature. From an early hour the large body of agents employed on each side were astir, and the several polling-places in the division—a most scattered one, by the way—soon began to assume a lively and bustling appearance. Never at any previous election do we remember to have seen so much interest and enthusiasm displayed, whilst scarcely a single person was to be seen without a red or blue favour. The Unionist colours seemed to be particularly in favour with the fair sex. As the day wore on the streets in Consett presented quite a holiday appearance, and vehicles of all descriptions were flying here and there, bringing up large numbers of voters to the poll. Several bands of youngsters also paraded the streets, carrying flags, &c., and singing something about "Vote, vote, vote for Mr. Jones," to the no small amusement of the great number of people congregated in the streets. At Leadgate similar scenes were witnessed, the late member being evidently a great favourite with the "rising generation" of the latter place. At Stanley, Annfield Plain, and other mining centres, the utmost enthusiasm prevailed, and nothing was talked of but the probable result of the polling. The Conservatives were never tired of telling you that a great surprise was in store, and that, whoever was successful, the majority would only be a small one. It is only fair to say that Mr. Joicey's supporters have worked with a zeal and earnestness worthy of all praise. Nothing has been left undone that could in the slightest degree tend to improve the prospects of the Unionist candidate. In addition, Mr. Joicey has, by his unassuming demeanour, his straightforward conduct, and his unfailing courtesy, gained hosts of friends all over the division. His political opponents, also, had generally a good word to say for the honourable manner in which he conducted the campaign, although they disagreed with his principles. It may truly be said of Mr. Atherley-Jones that never, during any previous contest, has he had more splendid meetings than on this occasion. We were told that his action with regard to the payment of members and the voluntary schools had alienated a large number of his supporters; but if such is a fact, it was not apparent at his meetings, where, in nearly every case, he received a unanimous vote of confidence. We are pleased to say that, with a few trifling exceptions, the battle has been fought out in a good humoured and manly way, very few personalities being indulged in. There is no doubt that the Unionists worked much harder than was the case in 1892, and that in Mr. Joicey they had a much stronger candidate than in Mr. Dunville. In addition, the remarkable run of successes secured by Unionist representatives in all parts of the country inspired them with much hope. However, as will be seen lower down, those hopes received a rude shock, and it may safely be said that the large majority by which Mr. Atherley-Jones was again returned came as a tremendous surprise to the adherents of each party. The Unionists told us we should get a surprise—and we did, but not exactly of the nature they anticipated. The most the Liberals expected was a majority of 1,000, and therefore it can easily be imagined that the actual result sent them into transports of joy. Whatever the remainder of the country may do, North-West Durham has shown conclusively that she is still true to those Liberal principles which she has always maintained in the past. And we make bold to say that the day is far—very far—distant when North-West Durham will turn her back upon those principles.

THE POLLING.

There were 28 polling districts, with 36 separate booths, and the registered number of electors was 11,321, being a considerable increase since the 1892 election. The following were the places of polling:—Allendale Cottages, Benfieldside (2 booths), Burnhope, Burnopfield, Castleside, Catchgate, Consett (3 booths), Cornsay, Dipton, (2 booths), Ebchester, Edmondbyers, Hunstanworth, Hamsterley, Knitsley, Lanchester, Langley Park, Leadgate (2 booths), Pickering Nook, Quebec, Satley, South Moor, Stanley (2 booths), Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, Ushaw, Waskerley, West Kyo, (2 booths), and White-le-Head. A tour round the constituency, on the day of the poll, revealed the fact as to which of the candidates was the favourite with the majority of the voters, especially in the eastern portion of the district. Both candidates devoted the greatest portion of the day to visiting the several polling districts, and were favourably received everywhere, Mr. Atherley-Jones especially being greeted with outbursts of cheers in the mining districts. Party favours were generally worn, blue being predominant. Both sides freely used carriages; flags and banners were suspended at various places, and as the afternoon advanced the excitement became intense. Polling proceeded steadily till the dinner hour, when there was some bustle and animation. In Stanley, Annfield Plain, Dipton, Cornsay, Esh, and other mining centres polling became brisk after 4.30 and 5 p.m., while at Consett, Blackhill, &c., the busiest time was between 6 and 8 o'clock. Mr. Jones' colour was displayed in some districts where it would not have been safe to have sported blue a few years ago, especially was this the case at Lanchester and Burnhope Colliery. It was really astonishing to see the energy put forward by both parties, in several of the polling districts. The Conservatives were sanguine to the last that they had gained a victory, whilst the Liberals fully anticipated in spite of their opponents forces, that their candidate was returned with a majority of something like 1,000. There is no denying the fact that the Conservatives had much the best of the display of cartoons, pictoral posters, and in the number of carriages conveying voters to the poll. At Leadgate, Union Jacks were floating from several places in Front Street, whilst in the back streets there was a profuse display of blue and red flags. At Quebec, Cornsay, and Ushaw Moor, Mr. Jones was accorded an enthusiastic reception; being met at these places by the miners and their banners, whilst the children carried blue flags, singing popular ditties, thus proving that the majority of the inhabitants of these villages were true to the Liberal cause. At West Stanley, Annfield Plain, West Kyo and Dipton, the wildest enthusiasm prevailed when Mr. Jones visited these places. Many were the exclamations "That he was sure to walk in," whilst on several occasions, the crowd struck up "For he's a jolly good fellow," and sang the song most heartily, which cheered the hearts of Radicals, whilst the Tories looked on with amazement. After six o'clock Consett began to be more crowded, and blue colours predominated. About seven o'clock Mr. Jas. Joicey arrived in the town in a four-in-hand, and drove to the central committee rooms, where he had a most enthusiastic reception, and was loudly cheered as he drove through the main streets accompanied by Ald. Ritson. It was nearly nine o'clock wehn Mr. Jones reached Leadgate, on his return journey; and he had a magnificent ovation. The same thing occurred on reaching his central committee rooms at Consett. It was here that Mr. Jones expressed himself confident of success. The horses were taken out of the carriage and drawn along the main thoroughfare, amidst vociferous cheering. Vast crowds lined the streets, and the enthusiasm was at fever heat. The poll did not close without the Conservative party accusing the Liberal candidate of adopting a shuffling policy in relation to his attitude towards voluntary schools. The letter from the Rev. P. C. Fortin of New Houses, Waterhouses, to the effect that Mr. Joicey was willing to assist denominational schools, while on the other hand Mr. Atherley-Jones declared at a meeting at Quebec that he would rather lose his seat than help the Catholic schools, was issued as a flaring-green poster. Later in the day a blue bill was issued by the Rev. Father Magill, of The Brooms, repudiating on behalf of the Radical candidate such a statement, and adding that Mr. Atherley-Jones was as favourably disposed to the Catholic schools as Mr. Joicey was. The Tories promptly responded with another placard:—"Mr. Atherley-Jones the shuffler." There is no doubt the Tory party lost a considerable number of votes by their attitude towards Mr. Atherley-Jones on this point.

After the close of the poll the ballot boxes were conveyed to Lanchester, where the votes had to be counted.

THE LIBERAL MEMBER AGAIN RETURNED.

The votes were counted on Saturday at the Union Board Room at Lanchester by Mr. Ormsby (Messrs Wilson, Ormsby, and Cadle, Durham) and a staff of ten clerks. The candidates—(Mr. Atherley-Jones (the late Liberal member) and Mr. James Joicey (Conservative), were present, along with a large number of the principal supporters of each party. The registers contained 11,321 names, and the number of voters polled was 9,342, as against 8,041 at the 1892 election. Since that time, however, the electorate has increased by about 1,130. An enormous crowd, mostly sporting blue colours, awaited outside the gates, the result being declared on the embankment in front of the National Schools soon after mid-day as under:—

MR. L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES (L)	5,428
MR. JAMES JOICEY (C)	3,869
Liberal majority	1,559.

There would be about 50 spoiled papers. The figures were greeted with deafening cheering, which lasted some considerable time. The first contest was in 1885, when Mr. Atherley-Jones polled 5,081 votes, and Col. A. B. Wilbraham (C) 3,787—majority, 1,996. In 1886 Mr. Atherley-Jones was returned without opposition. In 1892 the figures were:—

Mr. Atherley-Jones, 5,121.

Mr. John Dunville (U), 2,891—Liberal majority, 2,230.

Mr. ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P., who was received with cheers, returned his heartfelt thanks to the noble army of gallant workers for securing the seat for him. (Applause). They had one and all wrought hard; and they had gained a grand victory. (Cheers). They had defended the honour of the county of Durham. The result would come as glad tidings to the other constituencies yet to be polled, and would prove an incentive to the electors to do their duty. (Cheers). He also wished to thank his opponents for the honourable manner in which the contest had been conducted—(cheers)—and he concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Ormsby for the way in which he had carried out the election. (Loud cheering.)

Mr. JOICEY, who was greeted with cheers and counter cheers, on stepping forward to second the vote of thanks to the returning officer was unable to speak for some time owing to the hubbub and excitment. When partial quietude had been obtained, he said that the work of the election had been satisfactorily carried through. Although they had been defeated, he claimed that they had not been disheartened. (Cheers and hooting.) Although defeated, they had the satisfaction of knowing they had reduced the Liberal majority. (Applause, booing, and a voice: "There's plenty of room yet.") He confidently looked forward to another occasion, when they would have—(cheers and some disorder)—when they would have a Conservative—(cries of "Never" and interruption)—representing North-West Durham. (Applause and booing. Three cheers for Atherley-Jones were here given.) He thanked those workers and electors who had so well supported him through the contest, and he deeply appreciated the assistance he had received at their hands. (Cheers.) He did not think he would be able to thank them sufficiently. Mr. Joicey also tenedered his thanks to his opponents for the very kindly spirit extended to him during the contest. He hoped to have the opportunity of meeting them on many occasions. (Cheers, and a voice: "Most decidedly you will.")

The enthusiastic crowd afterwards unyoked the horses from the newly-elected member's carriage, and dragged it to the King's Head Hotel, where Mr. Atherley-Jones spoke a few words congratulating them upon the magnificent battle they had won that day. Mr. Joicey returned to Shotley Bridge.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Atherley-Jones drove to Bearpark, where the former addressed a meeting on behalf of the candidature of Mr John Wilson for Mid-Durham. Returning in the evening via Leadgate, he was met by an enormous multitude of people, who followed him to Consett

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS IN CONSETT.

From an early hour on Saturday morning, groups began to assemble in the vicinity of the "Guardian" Office, and, as may naturally be imagined, the sole topic of conversation was the probable result of the election. Sanguine Conservatives declared that, even if Mr. Atherley-Jones was successful, his majority would not reach more than 300. There is no doubt that the Tories were very hopeful as to the result, they declaring that the poster issued by Father Fortin on Friday, in favour of Mr. Joicey, would do the late member a considerable amount of harm, and secure his opponent a large number of votes. Notwithstanding this, the Liberals were quietly confident as to the result, although there seemed to be a general consensus of opinion on all hands that there would be a substantial reduction in the majority. Towards twelve o'clock, the crowd began to assume large proportions, and there would probably be 1,000 anxious faces looking for the eagerly anticipated figures. The utmost good humour however, prevailed, and although "chaff" was freely indulged in amongst the supporters of the respective candidates, nothing occurred that could in the slightest degree call for the intervention of the "men in blue." About a quarter-past twelve word went round that the important telegram had arrived from Lanchester, and instantly there was a rush towards the windows of the "Guardian" Office, where, about two minutes after the result was received, a poster was displayed announcing in plain figures the fact that Mr. Atherley-Jones had achieved a brilliant victory. The moment it was seen that the late member had headed the poll, the crowd raised a mighty cheer, which was again and again renewed when those present became aware of the magnitude of the majority. The greatest surprise was expressed by men of all parties when it became generally known that Mr. Atherley-Jones had retained the seat by no less a number than 1,559. The most sanguine adherents of Liberalism did not expect a majority of more than a thousand. As the news spread over the district the utmost enthusiasm prevailed, and cries of "Good old Jones" resounded on all sides. More especially was this the case amongst the Irish portion of the community, who had, evidently, paid little regard to the much-talked of poster issued by Father Fortin. While the Liberals were jubilant, the Unionists and Conservatives were correspondingly depressed, as the blow was undoubtedly one upon which they had not reckoned. They had worked hard and were without doubt well organised in their efforts to secure the return of Mr. Joicey, and as the result of all their labours they could only show—what? A minority of 1,559! Truly, the blow was a heavy one, and one from which they will not soon recover.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION AT CONSETT.

MR. JONES M.P., MET BY 5,000 PEOPLE.

The hon. member was welcomed on his arrival at Consett by a tremendous crowd of 5,000 people. Ascending the balcony of the New Town Hall amidst a scene of the wildest enthusiasm, Mr. Atherley-Jones said: I come here not to triumph over a fallen foe—(hear, hear)—but to return thanks to you, the Liberal electors of North-West Durham, for re-electing me as your representative. We have achieved a great and glorious victory. (Applause). We are the only constituency in the North which has not only increased the number of electors, but polled more heavily for the Liberal candidate than at any previous contest. (Cheers). We have on this occasion polled 300 more votes than in 1892—(cheers)—although the enemy has decreased, to a small extent, our majority. There were a number of waverers and half-hearted people whom the better organisation of our opponents—who lay low up to a few days of the election—has enabled them to bring from our ranks. Gentlemen, we shall perfect our organisation. (Applause). Let me give you this word of warning—I hope I shall not be deemed impertinent—let me say that a very deep and grave responsibility rests upon you. It is not for you to rest content and say: "It's all right. We have a good big majority. We have no need to trouble ourselves." It is this indifference, this carelessness, which has enabled the enemy to pull down the Liberal strength, and to increase the Conservative strength. (Applause). They tried to spring a mine upon us by circulating lies and misrepresentations. (Cries of "Shame.") When I went round the constituency I preached the truth, and I brought back to the fold many of those who were being led astray by those untruths, those false misrepresentations. (Applause). I will not—(interruption and cries of "Three cheers for Jones," which were lustily given)—I will not make a long speech. I have no unkind word to say of my opponent. I do not know that I can say the same about his supporters. It is my pleasing duty to return thanks to that honourable body of men who, notwithstanding the influence of colliery owners and colliery officials, stood firm to the cause of Liberalism—(cheers)—to those who stuck to the flag under which their fathers fought. (More cheering). It was to me a refreshing sight to go to Burnhope Colliery and perceive the workmen wearing blue rosettes, while the master stood, with his red tie, looking on. (Laughter and applause). It would be invidious on my part to mention the names of my chief supporters, but I must say that you owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. J. Denison, the Liberal agent; who has done splendid work during the short time at his disposal. (Cheers). Let us in our hour of triumph be magnanimous to our opponents. Let us disperse quietly. I will come back again, and whoever be my foe—whether it may be Wilbraham, Dunville, or Joicey—I will still fight the battle of Liberalism so long as you honour me with your confidence. (Great cheering). Gentlemen, I can't say more. The turmoil of a contested election has almost exhausted me. (The hon. gentleman then stepped off the balcony, amidst a storm of applause.)

Messrs Geo. Lowes and R. C. Foster also spoke referring to the brilliant victory the Liberal party had achieved.

Mr. Thomas Carr proposed and County Councillor J. W. Winter seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Atherley-Jones and Mr. Denison (agent), which the hon member acknowledged.

Mr. Denison pointed out that the Liberals had won a glorious victory, taking into account that the constituency was unorganised and that they had not had a single personating agent in any of the polling booths. He could assure them steps would be taken, so as to secure a complete organisation of the division, and at the next election, they would defeat their opponent whoever he may be, by a large majority. (Cheers).

The crowd then called for Mrs. Atherley-Jones and her son. The good lady stepped upon the balcony and thanked the people for their magnificent reception.

The carriage was again unhorsed and drawn by stalwart men through the densely crowded streets, the scene being the most exciting and most enthusiastic ever witnessed in Consett.

At both Blackhill and Shotley Bridge Mr. Atherley-Jones had to speak a few words to the large gatherings of people.

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

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

NUMBER OF VOTES POLLED.

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

POLLING STATIONS.	No. of votes recorded.	Total No. on register.
Allendale Cottages	336	419
Benfieldside No. 1	437	1107
Do. No. 2	463	
	900	
Burnhope	185	215
Burnopfield	356	452
Castleside	120	150
Catchgate	465	532
Consett No. 1	419	1293
Do. No. 2	337	
Do. No. 3	296	
	1052	
Cornsay No. 1	307	627
Do. No. 2	199	
	506	
Dipton, No. 1	307	615
Do. No. 2	185	
	492	
Ebchester	51	65
Edmondbyers	37	89
Hunstanworth	32	
	69	
Hamsterley	310	362
Knitsley	100	132
Lanchester	247	341
Langley Park	346	409
Leadgate No. 1	414	864
Do. No. 2	311	
	725	
Pickering Nook	139	158
Quebec	319	352
Satley	105	132
South Moor	285	345
Stanley No. 1	435	927
Do. No. 2	357	
	792	
Tanfield	90	113
Tanfield Lea	179	203
Ushaw Moor	266	341
Waskerley	50	72
West Kyo No. 1	336	737
Do. No. 2	295	
	631	
White-le-head	226	269
Totals ...	9,342	11,321

This table will give, as a comparison, the number of electors registered in every polling district at the last election, in 1892, and the number who recorded their votes in each booth:—

POLLING STATIONS.	No. of votes recorded.	Total No. on register.
Benfieldside No. 1	423	1001
Do. No. 2	363	
	786	
Burnopfield	390	537
Castleside	165	198
Catchgate	418	506
Consett No. 1	371	1283
Do. No. 2	401	
Do. No. 3	258	
	1030	
Cornsay No. 1	285	607
Do No. 2	160	
	445	
Dipton	407	509
Edmondbyers	71	101
Holmside	314	456
Lanchester	248	385
Langley Park	286	352
Leadgate No. 1	324	722
Do. No	233	
	557	
Medomsley No. 1	295	834
Do. No. 2	320	
	615	
Quebec	297	354
Satley	69	108
Stanley No 1	302	745
Do. No 2	326	
	628	
Tanfield	261	324
Ushaw	246	326
West Kyo No. 1	276	691
Do. No. 2	266	
	542	
White-le-Head	237	289
Totals ...	8,029	10,130

The "Newcastle Journal" of Monday says:—"In North-West Durham Mr. James Joicey did as well as could be reasonably expected, considering the short time at the disposal of the candidate, who was a stranger to the greater majority of the constituency. He polled in round numbers a thousand more votes than were given to Mr. Dunville in 1892. Mr. Jones also exceeded his previous poll by 300. We are convinced that if Mr. Joicey, who is a capital candidate, will stand to his guns, keep himself before the constituency, and become a rallying centre for the party organisation, North-West Durham, like Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle, will yet, and that at no distant date, come over to the Unionist side. But as Rome was not built in a day, neither are these party strongholds to be stormed in one short rush at a General Election."

POLITICAL ILL-FEELING AT CONSETT.

Early on Sunday morning, as a steelworker named Ferguson was coming from Blackhill up the bank towards Consett he was suddenly set upon by four men, one of whom dealt him a severe blow upon the side of the face. Immediately afterwards another of Ferguson's assailants slashed him with some sharp instrument on the side of the body, the coat and vest being cut, but luckily, the weapon did not penetrate the flesh. The cowardly gang ran away, and Ferguson was unable to identify them.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

SIR JAMES JOICEY'S CANDIDATURE

On Saturday night, Sir James Joicey addressed a largely attended meeting at the Miners' Hall, Ouston, near Birtley.

Mr. THOMPSON presided, and said Sir James Joicey was a man who supported Liberal measures, and, who when he went back to the House of Commons would promote legislation that would be for the benefit of the workmen and the country at large. (Cheers).

Sir JAMES JOICEY, who was received with cheers, said he had been told that a great many of the miners at Ouston had turned Tories. (Laughter.) Well, that had not only been [illegible] about Ouston, but about several other places in the division. But when he visited these places and addressed the inhabitants he found that it was prised if the hard-headed miners of that division had become Tories. He was sorry to hear that Lord Mospeth had charged him with having descended to personalities, which was not the fact. He had never done so, and it was the first time any opponent had ever made such a charge against him. He was also charged with being a Whig masquerading in Liberal clothing. Well, the best answer he could make to that was that he had gone into the same lobby with such men as John Wilson, Thomas Burt, Charles Fenwick, and men of that stamp, whom they themselves had sent to the House of Commons to represent them. (Cheers.) All they had to do was to look at his votes to see whether he had been a Whig in Liberal clothing. He thought that was the best answer to make in reply to such a ridiculous charge. Lord Morpeth boasted that he was a supporter of Lord Salisbury. Well, he (Sir James) was diametrically opposed to the policy of Lord Salisbury, and pinned his faith to the Liberal party. He referred to the Employers' Liability Bill and showed how it had been drawn by the Liberal Government in the interests of the working men. He entered minutely into its provisions, describing the chief causes, and threw the blame upon the House of Lords for rejecting it. He yet hoped that a satisfactory Employers' Liability Bill would be brought forward and carried. If the Tory party brought in a bill on the subject he would support all in it that was good, and oppose all in that he considered was bad. He was an advocate for registration reform, and said there should be a system by which every man entitled to be on the register should be put upon the register as a matter of law, and without trouble and inconvenience to himself. A registrar for the purpose should be a paid Government official. After referring to the Liberal victories in North-West Durham, Wansbeck, and other portions of the North, he appealed to them in the interests of themselves, their families, and those who came after them, as well as in the interests of that great country of theirs to support Liberal principles and to send him back again to the House of Commons to support the party of progress and reform. (Cheers.)

A vote of confidence in Sir James Joicey was then moved, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Sir James Joicey subsequently addressed another meeting at Pelton Fell, where he was accorded a similarly enthusiastic reception.

MEETINGS AT SWALWELL, DUNSTON, &c.

In support of Sir James Joicey's candidature, four meetings were held on Monday night. Two were in the open air at Blackhall Mill, Ebchester, and at Winlaton Mill, each gathering being well attended and enthusiastically in favour of the Liberal candidate. After speaking in this district, Sir James and Lady Joicey drove to Swalwell, where a crowded meeting took place in the Board Schools, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. H. Sowtrell, J. P.

The CHAIRMAN, in addressing the meeting, said they were fighting because they believed in the great principles of Liberalism and because they believed in their leader, Sir James Joicey, who during the ten years he had been their representative had served them well. He felt sure therefore the division would not turn its back upon him for the sake of a stranger. (Hear, hear.)

Sir JAMES JOICEY said they ought, he presumed, judging from what had taken place in various parts of the country, to be despondent. There was no doubt the Tory party was going to have an innings with a large majority. ("Shame.") But though men in other parts seemed to have lost their heads they had not done amis in Tyneside. Certainly, they had lost one seat in Newcastle, for that city had thrown out one of the best men who ever had the honour of sitting for it. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Morley was one of the most brilliant men of the century. The majority against him was something like 300, which in a constituency of 30,000 voters was not a very serious change. He was glad they had succeeded in retaining Tyneside. (Hear, hear.) They had retained Gateshead, Durham, and North-West Durham, and he hoped that the history of the election would record the fact that the men of Chester-le-Street showed as much backbone as the other voters on Tyneside, and remained true to the principles of Liberalism. (Cheers.) He observed that they had had his opponent there a few nights ago—(Laughter)—and he made some most extraordinary statements. (Renewed laughter, and a voice: "He did.") He said they knew that the old Liberal party believed in the voice of the people. Well, they had evidently got tired of it. (Laughter and applause.) They had gone now to the old Tory party, who did everything they could not to listen to the voice. Lord Morpeth said that the Tories did not oppose the extension of the franchise. Was he so ignorant as not to know that the question of reducing the franchise was brought forward by the Liberals for years before 1865, and was always opposed by the Tories. Then Lord Beaconsfield, to the surprise of all his supporters, brought in a Franchise Bill for the people in the boroughs. That was so discussed and cut to pieces in the House of Commons by the Liberals that it was converted from a sham into a reality. As had been said, when it finally got through the only word remaining of the original Bill was "whereas." And what about the Bill of 1885? The struggle to get the same justice extended to the counties as had been granted to the boroughs went on from 1868 to 1885. It was brought forward again and again in the House of Commons and always opposed—by the Tories. In 1885 when there was going to be an appeal to the country the Conservatives, thinking they were going to be defeated at the polls, gave in. They were educated on all these measures by the Liberal party, and he gave them no credit for having done what they had. The same thing had taken place with other reforms. He could give them Free Education as an instance. Lord Morpeth went on to refer to registration reform and payment of members and to ask why these were not carried during the last Parliament. There was no time wasted and if anyone was responsible for these measures not becoming law it was the Tory party who obstructed and wasted time whenever they had the opportunity. (Applause.) He was pledged to these reforms. His opponent might sneer as he liked, but they could depend upon it as soon as the Liberals came into office again the first thing they would do would be to have such an alteration in the system that every man who was entitled should be put upon the register by a paid official. (Applause.) They would bring about payment of members too. He did not desire it himself, but following him this constituency might wish to choose a labour representative, and they should be put into such a position that they could make what selection they liked of a man to send to Parliament. (Applause.) The party who had reduced most of the taxes of the country had been that of the Liberals. Mr. Gladstone—(cheers)—their late leader reduced the taxation of this country more millons than any other man ever had during the last fifty years. He took off the taxation from the necessaries of life and when taxation could not be avoided he had put it upon the class best able to bear it. (Loud applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Lumley, a vote of confidence was unanimously passed.

Sir James Joicey also addressed a very successful meeting at Dunstone on Monday; and received an enthusiastic vote of confidence.

GREAT MEETING AT WINLATON.

The Drill Hall, Winlaton, was crowded on Tuesday night, and Sir James Joicey and Lady Joicey had a very warm reception on driving up from Addison. The chairman was Mr. A. C. Tebb, and he was supported on the platform by Messrs G. Tomlinson John O'Neil, A. Bright, Thomas Palmer, T. Dobinson, Wm. Leavens, John Whitfield, W. Latimer, &c. After Mr. Jones had delivered an eloquent address, the resolution of confidence moved by Mr. John O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Alfred Bright, and supported by Messrs Thomas Palmer and G. Tomlinson was carried unanimously. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman and cheers for Sir James and Lady Joicey.

BLAYDON.

In support of Sir James Joicey's candidature a largely attended meeting was held at Blaydon on Tuesday night, and presided over by Mr. W. Paxton, C.C. Mr. W. Allan, M.P. for Gateshead, was the principal speaker, and his address was received with great enthusiasm. On the motion of Mr. Pexher, seconded by Mr. H. Atkinson, and supported by Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford and Mr. Kirsop, a vote of confidence in Sir James was carried with only three dissentients. On the motion of Mr. [illegible], seconded by Mr. Coates, thanks were placed to the chairman and speakers, and the meeting separated cheering for "Joicey."

LORD MORPETH AT CRAGHEAD.

On Monday evening the School Room at Craghead was crowded on the occasion of the visit of Lord Morpeth, the Unionist candidate for the Chester-le-Street Division. Mr. James Fairley presided. The early part of the proceedings was occupied by Mr. [illegible], who drew a vivid picture of the needs of the Irish, which he said were not to be met by any such schemes as Home Rule, but by firm and just government such as that administered by Mr. Arthur Balfour.

Lord Morpeth, who was received with genuine heartiness by his audience, said that after the able speech on Ireland by the gentleman who had preceded him, he need not touch upon the much-vexed question of Irish legislation. He wanted to speak to them in the first place upon the subject of the assumption by the Radical party of the sole right of being acknowledged the popular representatives of the people. Neither party in the State had a monopoly of that right, and if the Unionists were returned to power through the constituencies. In view of the fact that the constituencies were groupings of the people, the Unionists must necessarily be as popular as were their opponents when in a Parliamentary majority. It appeared from statements made by Sir James Joicey that that gentleman felt himself somewhat aggrieved in being opposed in the Chester-le-Street Division. As matters were arranged in this country no one could claim a right in perpetuity to any seat, and as Sir James had no property claim in the Parliamentary representation of the division he (the speaker) failed to see the reason of the outcry. It was for the electors to choose the man whose views coincided most nearly with their own, and by whose return to the legislative assembly the voters thought they would be most benefited. (Hear, hear.) Because one person had represented a constituency for ten or twelve years that was no reason why the seat should not be contested. Men changed, and the opinions of the voters were subject to the same law—of that they had lately good proof at Derby—and it was only just that by means of contests the electors should be made to exercise the power of the franchise. (Cheers.) Sir James Joicey had several other grievances, but he (Lord Morpeth) thought that before voicing them the Liberal candidate should at least be sure of his facts. Sir James altogether seemed to be getting hard up for reasons with which to persuade the men of Chester-le-Street to give him their support, and his assertion with regard to railway extension, that if the North-Eastern Railway Company had not made the Annfield Plain line he himself would have done it, was surely a little wide of the mark in a political contest. (Laughter). He (Lord Morpeth) had no doubt whatever that they all respected and, it might even be, admired Sir James Joicey; but then that was no reason why in an election they should favour the side to which Sir James belonged. What they were expected to do was to consider the political principles of the two great parties in the kingdom. It was in the hope that they would do so that he (the speaker) had come forward in opposition to their former member, and not in any hope of their being influenced by his personality. Principles and personalities were two very different things, and in the sphere of politics at all events the former ought to obliterate the latter. He asked them for their votes, because he was confident in the cause he represented, and because he felt convinced that it was to their interests to espouse that cause. (Cheers). He did not want them to be led away by the words "Liberal" and "Tory," but to look seriously at the questions before them, and ask themselves what could they expect from the Radical party. ("Nothing.") Lord Morpeth then proceeded to point out the inconsistency of his opponent's statements and actions with regard to the Employers' Liability Bill and the House of Lords. After again appealing for the support of those present on political and not on personal grounds, his lordship resumed his seat amid every sign of enthusiasm.

A vote of confidence in Lord Morpeth's candidature concluded the proceedings.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this body was held on Thursday week at the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. Wm. Logan, J.P. (chairman), presiding.—The other members present were:—Miss G. M. Gibson, Miss H. Peile, Rev. Father Fortin, Rev. Father A. Magill, Rev. P. Cameron, Messrs Thos. S. Longstaff, Geo. Hobson, Geo. Forster, Robert Kay, William Rutherford, James Fairley, Henry Greener, Ed. Sloane, William Johnson, J. W. Taylor, Thos. Barry, Geo. D. Powell, William Bulmer, Geo. Wailes, William Young, William Collier, Robert Burleigh, A. T. Watson, Thos. Wilkinson, Thos. Nichol, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood).

The New Infirmary.

The Visiting Committee reported that they had come to the conclusion that they saw no reason for changing the site of the new Infirmary, and recommended that Mr. W. Rounthwaite, architect, Newcastle, should be instructed to advertise for tenders for the work at once. Also that they erect three cottages adjoining the male wards for old married couples over 60 years of age, and that the present Industrial School should be converted into a dormitory for women, and that application be made to the Local Government Board for permission to carry out this work.

Rev. P. C. Fortin stated that the Visiting Committee wished to have it pointed out that at no distant date some step would have to be taken to carry out some alterations to the Workhouse boiler-house and laundry.

Mr. Dawson, Local Government Inspector, strongly recommended the reconstruction of the boiler-house, &c., and that the same should be removed from their present position.

After a short discussion, the report was adopted. Mr. Taylor gave notice at the next meeting he would move that the motion which was passed on the 21st June respecting the erection of the old couples cottages should be rescinded.

Borrowing Money.

It was resolved that the £5,000 required for the erection of the proposed new Infirmary should be borrowed, to extend over a period of 25 years.

The Vagrant Officer.

An application from Inspector Daley for an advance of salary, for acting as vagrant officer, was considered

Father Fortin gave notice to move that the Vagrant Officer's salary should be advanced from £5 to £10 per annum.

Master's Journal.

The Master reported that he had admitted a boy named English (15), of Blackhill, who had been remanded from the Consett Police Court, with a view of having him sent to a Reformatory School.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The Wesleyan Conference was opened at Plymouth on Tuesday morning. Dr. Waller was chosen President, the next names in the order of voting being Mr. Randles and Mr. Hughes. The Rev. Marshall Hartley, by a practically unanimous vote, was chosen to follow Dr. Waller in the secretaryship. Vacancies in the Legal Hundred were filled by the election of the Revs. William Haltby, Dr. Wenjon, John Brown, John Hutcheon, James Cuthbertson, John S. Simon, and Charles Swannell.

The first draft of stations in connection with the Conference has been published. For Hexham the names of the ministers are the Revs. M. F. Peet, J. Wesley Whitmore, and Isaac E. Page. Mr. Page comes from Alston, and will take the place of the Rev. Walter E. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher's full term of service—three years, and years full of active, useful, and acceptable service—will expire in a few weeks. He will remove to the Dilston Road (Newcastle) Circuit. The superintendency of the Alston circuit will pass into the hands of the Rev. H. R. Burton. The other local appointments are:—Allendale, Rev. F. Standfast; Haltwistle, Rev. J. E. Doubleday; Weardale, Rev. J. Harris, St. John's Chapel; Rev. S. Cooper, Stanhope; Shotley Bridge, Rev. R. W. Butterworth, Consett; Rev. C. M. Greenway, Shotley Bridge; Rev. J. Irwin, Annfield Plain; Rev. A. E. Salmon, Leadgate; Ryton, Rev. S. Birt Coley; Walbottle, Rev. Walter Sackett.

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LANCHESTER [illegible]

The monthly meeting of [illegible] Thursday week at Lanchester [illegible] presiding. [illegible]

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Mr. [illegible] of Mr. J. [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] It was [illegible] for a Clerk [illegible] work.

The Transfer of Craghead.

On the proposition of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Wailes, it was resolved that the Clerk should write the Chester-le-Street District Council that with respect to the transfer of Craghead the Council still hold to their motion to have nothing to do with the cost of the water-shed, &c.

Nuisance at Malton Colliery.

It was agreed that a Committee should inspect the nuisance at Malton Colliery, caused by the emptying of ammonia water into the river Browney.

Inspector's Report.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District Council of Lanchester.

Gentlemen,—As instructed, I submitted samples of water taken from the Bog pit well at Rainsinde, and from Old Hare Law. That from the former was found unsatisfactory, but the latter was fairly good. At both these places the supply is very limited in summer time, that at Rainsinde being impure and inadequate.

I think that the wells at Rowley, and some private wells at Castleside, should be analysed. Those at Rowley are public wells, and liable to pollution both from domestic sources and animals, and therefore should be closed in and provided with a lifting vessel to be fixed to the wells.

Additional tap or taps should be provided at South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton; at present there is only one tap for the two rows, and the occupiers of the houses at the top end have to travel over 100 yards to obtain their water. Some time ago there were two taps at this place, 80 yards apart, but the upper one has been removed.

The contractor for the Croniwell, &c., sewage disposal works has now commenced operations, and it is time a clerk of the works or inspector was appointed to overlook the work in progress.

There are several houses built and being built between Medomsley and Medomsley Edge, the sewage from which in wet weather flows into the roadside ditch.

An outhouse was being converted into a part of a dwelling at Hanging Stone, for which no plans were submitted to your Authority. I ordered the work to be stopped, and plans submitted without delay, and this has now been done.

The two houses owned by Urwin, at Hill Top, which were closed by order of the magistrates, should be pulled down, as they are a nuisance; one of them is still occupied, notwithstanding the order of your Authority and that of the magistrates, the occupier asserting that she cannot obtain another house.

The diversion of the sewer at White-le-Head has now been completed.

The mains of the Kyo Gas Company should now be extended at Greencroft Cottages, to be ready for the new lamps next season, and new lanterns should be obtained for this place.

There are a number of houses at Greencroft Cottages which are damp for want of pointing and spouting. The owners have promised to attend to this.

One of the Croniwell sewers has had a quantity of sand and ashes washed into it by the recent storms, and I am having the sewer cleared.

The sewer behind Wood Row, Burnhope, became choked, and I have had the obstruction removed; the exposed iron pipes should be re-tarred.

The houses occupied by McIver, Bell, and Thompson at Hill Top, Dipton, are used as common lodging-houses, likewise that by Jas. Duggan, Dipton. They have not been registered to be used as common lodging-houses under the names of these persons.

I would suggest that bye-laws be instituted for the regulation of common lodging-houses within your district.

The sewer from Quebec Street, Langley Park, is being diverted by the owner of the land under my direction and supervision to admit of the erection of a house.

Kyo West Houses are without a sufficient supply of water within a reasonable distance.

Some of the sewers have been flushed in Annfield Plain district since my last report.

Several houses have been disinfected by my assistant, under Dr. Benson's instructions, the cases having been measles.

Twenty-six villages have been inspected by my assistant and myself during the month, and the cases arising therefrom are reported in detail in my journal.

The following houses are ready for habitation:—

1,458. One house at Holmside for the Newcastle Breweries Company.

1,513. Three cottages at Bradley Lodge for J. A. Curry.

1,560. Two houses at Catchgate for Messrs Moore and Bowes.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. PARKER.

Lanchester, July 18th, 1895.

The report was adopted.

Houses at Medomsley Edge.

The Surveyor was instructed to prepare a plan of sewage disposal for these houses.

More Light Wanted.

On the motion of Mr. Greener, seconded by Mr. Johnson, it was decided to ask the Kyo Gas Company to extend their mains along the road to Greencroft.

Lodging House Regulations.

On the motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Young, it was agreed that bye-laws should be instituted for the regulation of common lodging-houses.

Lamps Re-painted.

The following tenders were accepted for re-painting the lamps:—P. Hanley, for Lanchester; M. Brown, for Burnhope and Annfield Plain, and A. Wood for Dipton.

Medical Officers' Reports.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Since my last report there have been in this district 54 fresh cases of catching diseases, and which are distributed as follows:—Three cases of scarlet fever at Langley Park, 12 at Ushaw Moor, one at Esh Winning, and one at Hamsteels Colliery; two cases of diphtheria at East Hedleyhope, and one case of erysipelas at East Hedleyhope Farm; 14 cases of measles at Greencroft Cottages; two cases of scarlet fever at South Pontop, and five cases of measles; four cases of scarlet fever and four of measles at Clavering Place; and five cases of scarlet fever at Burnhope.

I am, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, your obedient servant, JOHN WILSON.

Lanchester, July 18th, 1895.

To the Rural District Council, Lanchester.

Gentlemen,—The following cases of infectious disease have come under my notice during the month—viz., one case of erysipelas at Dene Bank, Allendale Cottages; one case of typhoid fever at Blackhall Mill; and one case of measles in Ebchester.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. BOLTON.

Ebchester Hill, July 17th, 1895.

Gentlemen,—The list of infectious diseases reported to me during the month consisted of four cases of scarlatina and 15 of measles. The latter were located at Annfield Plain and Cement Houses, and the former at Catchgate and Wood Houses. As no fresh cases have arisen recently, both outbreaks may be considered at an end.

The mortality for the four weeks is about the usual average; 12 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 18.3 per 1,000. A death from measles was the only one due to infectious disease.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON,
Medical Officer.

Stanley, July 15th, 1895.

The reports were adopted.

This was all the business of importance.

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CHAPTER X.

A FAMILY CRANK.

To explain the sudden advent of a stranger at Cloud-Capped Cliffs we must go back a day or two in time and mile or two in space. That is to say, we must go to the day after Major Hereward's funeral and to the manor-house known as Rushmore Lodge.

This Rushmore Lodge was a fine old place that had been for centuries in the possession of the Hilaries.

The last possessor had been a Mr. Rufus Hilary, who, having been crossed in love, forswore women and lived a bachelor until the age of ninety-seven, when he died, leaving the whole of his estate to his nephew and namesake, young Rufus Hilary, the sole son of his only brother.

The latter had married late in life a young widow with several children, both boys and girls, and had died at an advanced age, leaving but one son.

Rufus Hilary's mother was a woman with a proclivity for capturing and converting wealthy and confirmed old bachelors.

Her first husband, the father of all those boys and girls, had been a rich old bachelor, the senior partner in the great firm of Miles & Miles, Exporters of Tobacco, Baltimore.

Her second husband, the Father of Rufus Hilary, had been another old bachelor.

And her present husband had been another and a more incorrigible old bachelor than all the others—a "slovenly unhandsome," old bachelor with bad manners and a worse temper, who snarled at heaven and earth in general, and railed at women in particular as a most grievous, aggravating and deplorable afterthought of the Creator.

This amiable and attractive person was generally known in the neighbourhood as "Old Jab," and his name was synonymous with everything that was weird, fearful and repulsive.

But, he was also known as Mr. Jabez Jordon, of Broad Manors, the wealthiest landed proprietor in the neighbourhood, without a near relative in the world to inherit his estate, and the most intimate friend and dearest chum of the other old bachelor, Hilary, of Rushmore. And to hear those two aged sinners chant their daily duet in abuse of women and matrimony would have made the hair of a boy in love stand on end.

Old Mr. Hilary, as has been seen, lived and died in the faith, or rather in the want of faith. And old Jab was one of his pall-bearers.

It was at the funeral that Mrs. Hilary, a handsome matron of forty-eight, first met Mr. Jabez Jordon, of Broad Manors.

Now Mrs. Hilary had a large income from the interest on invested funds, but she had no capital, and no landed property.

Jordon, of Broad Manors, had both. He was as ugly as a Gorgon, and as ill-natured as a hyena. But what of that; The handsome bachelor-slayer marked him for her own, brought him down, and bagged him as easily as she had taken his predecessors.

All the neighbours wondered how on earth she had done it. No one knew but herself. *She* knew how she had done it, but she never told anybody.

She knew, also, how she had tamed her "horrid old hyena," made him keep clean, dress neatly, behave decently, and control his temper, so that whatever furies he got into abroad, or however bad language he might use to other people, he did not dare to show his teeth at home, or to utter one growl to his wife or her children.

Everyone of the neighbours wondered at this change, and summed up their opinion in some such phrase as this:

"She's one of 'em. He don't dare to raise a fuss with her. Ah, he knows too well which side his bread is buttered on for that."

Immediately after this marriage young Rufus Hilary came of age, and entered into possession of his inheritance.

He had just left the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, from which he had *not* graduated with honours, having been far more addicted to play than work.

In taking possession of Rushmore he had determined to devote himself to amusement rather than to useful employment, and to get all the play out of every day that it was possible to obtain.

He found it lonesome at Rushmore, and so he begged his "gay and happy" mamma to bring her daughters (her other sons were in business in Richmond), and come and stay with him until he should "get used to the old castle," as he put it.

Mr. Jordon made not the slightest objection to his wife's leaving Broad Manors on this long visit to her son; nor, indeed, would it have been of the least consequence if he had. She would have gone just as soon.

So Mrs. Jordon and her two daughters went to Rushmore. And Old Jab had a good long interval of perfect free-agency, during which he enjoyed himself excessively in once more being as ugly and slovenly as he pleased, and in raging and storming up and down the house, swearing at the servants, kicking the cats and dogs, and putting all and sundry in mortal terror of their lives—as he had been accustomed to do in his free and happy bachelor days.

Mrs. Jordon and her two daughters, Harriet and Emily Miles, the former a handsome brunette of twenty-five years, and the *fac-simile* of her mother, and the latter a plump and pretty blonde of twenty-four, settled themselves at Rushmore for an indefinite time. They came before Christmas, and had been there two weeks.

Old Jab had condescended to come and eat his Christmas dinner, and a week later, his New Year's dinner, at Rushmore; but that was all.

He went away the day after New Year's, begging his wife to stay and enjoy herself as long as she could, and not by any means to shorten her visit; and he went home to make the lives of his household a burden to them—like the old hypocrite that he was.

After he was gone Rufus took his mother and sisters to the theatrical combination of tragedy and farce, by the Grand Plantagenet Troupe, to which he had vainly tried to persuade Lilith to accompany him.

The success of the performance was so great that this world-renowned troupe—for whose coming the royalty, nobility and gentry of the world were waiting with the sickness of hope deferred—condescended to shine on benighted Frosthill for a whole week.

Young Rufus Hilary went every night. But his mother and sisters refrained on account of their neighbour, Major Hereward, who lay dead at Cloud Caps.

It was the morning after the funeral—the morning of the same day on which at evening Mr. Hereward had started on his return to Washington—that Rufus, at the breakfast table at Rushmore, suddenly announced:

"Mother, the Grand Plantagenet Troupe are going away by the midnight train to-night; so I have invited Mr. Ancillon to come home with me and stay all night and spend Sunday. Then he can travel Sunday night and overtake the troupe at Darkville, where they are to perform on Monday."

"What on earth are you talking of, Rufus? Who is it that you have invited here?"

"Mr. Alfred Ancillon, the leading gentleman in the Grand Plantagenet Troupe, you know! Mr. Alfred Ancillon, the illustrious tenor, the eminent tragedian and the celebrated comedian!"

"The strolling player, do you mean?"

"Oh, mother, how can you! He is the most wonderful genius in the world! And I have invited him to come home with me after the performance and take supper and stay over Sunday with us."

"Rufus, I have heard of your eccentric doings in bringing to the house all sorts of clowns and harlequins and acrobats. And this was strange enough even when you were keeping bachelor's hall here alone; but now that I and the girls are here—really, really, Rufus, I cannot put up with such doings!"

"But, mother, he is a gentleman! And such a world-wide celebrity that crowned heads are honoured by his visits!"

"Oh, nonsense, Rufus, nonsense! He is nothing but a strolling player! To be sure, he acted Robin Roughhead in the farce very well, I thought. Kept me laughing all the time."

"[illegible] he acted divinely," said Harriet.

"A[illegible] thrillingly he played! He really [illegible] curdle!" added Emily.

"[illegible] course he did! There is not his match [illegible]dy, tragedy, or opera in this world! And mam[illegible] darling, I have asked him, and he has accepted, so he must come. I couldn't get out of it even if I wanted to, which I don't."

"Well, Rufus, the house is yours, and you must ask whom you please; but I beg that you will consult me while we stay here, before asking any other queer people to meet us."

"Yes, mother, I will. I do promise you I will, if you will only for this once be polite to Ancillon."

"I should be polite to any of your guests, Rufus."

"Would you and the girls like to go to the performance to-night, mother?"

"No, the weather is too awful! We should all get colds and die!"

"All right; then I must go alone."

And so it was settled. Rufus went to Frosthill, which was only about a mile distant from Rushmore.

Mrs. Jordon gave orders for a sumptuous supper to be ready at eleven o'clock.

The two young ladies, full of eager curiosity to meet a celebrated actor off the stage, began to study careful toilets, so as to do honour to a distinguished guest. At a quarter before eleven the three ladies were seated in the drawing-room, waiting in state for the visitor, when the carriage rolled up to the door, and Rufus and his guest alighted, the former talking volubly. He led the new-comer noisily through the passage and up the stairs to his own room, calling on the servants to follow and wait on them. A little later Rufus came down again, accompanied by his new friend, whom he ushered with much ceremony into the drawing-room, where he presented him to his mother as the world-renowned dramatic artist, Mr. Alfred Ancillon.

"A poor player, madame, and no more, as you must know, if you have honoured our humble efforts with your presence," said Mr. Ancillon, with a deprecating bow.

"I was very much pleased with your rendition of Robin Roughhead," replied Mrs. Jordon, whom the grace and beauty of the actor had already won.

"Thank you, madame."

"He is a gentleman. He does not say a short, impertinent, 'Thanks,'" thought the lady to herself.

Mrs. Jordon then introduced him to her daughters, who received him as some great personage, with flattering deference and timidity. Supper was soon announced, and the stranger, with an air of easy good breeding, bowed and gave his arm to Mrs. Jordon.

At supper the conversation, led by lively Rufus, never flagged for a single moment, but rang the changes on music, the drama, dramatic authors and actors, until at length Rufus burst out with:

"Oh, mother, I was so sorry that dear, pretty Lilith could not see Mr. Ancillon in any of his great parts!"

"Lilith! I beg pardon! Whom did you say?" inquired the guest.

"Lilith Wyvil, a lovely girl!—a neighbour of ours! Why, did you know her? You look so strange!" blurted our impulsive Rufus.

"No, of course not! But the name is so very unique," said Mr. Ancillon, instantly recovering himself.

"Yes, it is; and the story is stranger than the name," added Mrs. Jordon.

"A romance in real life, perhaps, madame," said the guest, in a very politely-suggestive tone.

"Oh, yes, indeed; quite so. When we return to the drawing-room I will tell it to you if you would like to hear it. Some of your dramatic authors might make a play of it."

"I should feel greatly indebted to you, madame," replied the guest, bending his graceful head.

A little later, when they all arose from the table, Mr. Ancillon gave his arm to the elder lady and led her on in advance. Rufus followed.

In the drawing-room Mrs. Jordon sat beside Mr. Ancillon on the corner sofa, pouring into his listening ears the whole history of Lilith Wyvil's parentage, birth, orphanage, adoption by Major Hereward, as she had heard it through the gossip of the servants. She concluded by describing the death-bed marriage.

Here Rufus chimed in with:

"Yes; and he has gone off to Washington by train to-night and left her alone at Cloud Caps."

"How do you know that, my dear?" inquired his mother.

"I saw him take the train when I was on my way to the theatre. *I* would not have left her so soon if I had been the happy man of her choice," said Rufus, ruefully.

The clock struck one.

"Come, my dear," said Mrs. Jordon, rising. "Our guest is tired, no doubt, and we will say good-night."

"Come, Ancillon! I will be your groom of the chambers and show you to your room," said Rufus, starting up.

The guest also arose, bowed gracefully as he bade good-night to the ladies, and then followed his leader from the room.

When left alone with his own reflections, Ancillon did not at once retire. Finally, as he threw off his clothes and flung himself on the bed, he muttered:

"I do not think I shall follow the Grand Plantagenet Combination Troupe any farther on this route!"

CHAPTER XI.

THE MYSTERY.

LILITH remained for hours shut up alone with her mysterious visitor in the little parlour.

The stormy afternoon darkened towards evening; yet no sound came from the closed room.

Meanwhile, the idle negro women, gathered around the great kitchen fire, made their comments.

"Mos' pitch dark, an' she ain't rung for lights yet," said Cassy, the cook, as she took the kitchen lamp from the mantelpiece, lighted it, and set it on the side table.

"Well, wot ob? Yer know Miss Lilif allers did like to sit by de firelight, 'fo' de lamps wer' lit," said Nancy.

"Yes; but not w'en dere was comp'ny. Allers had de light rung fur, sooner'n ebber den!"

"I reckon she'll ring present'y. Ef she don't I gwine to knock at de do', an' ax her doan she want de lamps fotch in. 'Deed is I!"

"Now, doan yer be so fresh, A'n' Nancy!" exclaimed little Cely, the housemaid.

"Wot yer mean, gal?"

"Didn' yer say as how Miss Lilif lubbed to sit in de dark firelight?"

"Yes, I did; but—"

"Mebby de young ge'man lub to sit in de dark firelight, too!"

Before the girl had well finished the sentence, a resounding box of the ear, from Nancy's strong palm, sent her tumbling off her stool on to the floor.

"Now den, yer sassy black nigger! Take dat! 'Ow dar' yer 'spatiate yer 'pertinent jokes 'bout yer young mist'ess and her wisiter? Miss Lilif ain't no young damson to be joked about sweethearts! Miss Lilif is a dig'ified married lady!"

"I didn' mean no jokes at all! An' yer've mos' broke my jaw-bone, yer have!" howled Cely, as she stumbled up from the floor and seated herself upon the stool again, holding her smarting cheek. "I on'y t'ought mebby more people 'side Miss Lilif like to sit in de dark firelight! I do, I know! an' I wasn' finkin' nuffin' 'bout no sweethearts! An' I'd a said de same ef as how it had been an old 'oman 'long ob Miss Lilif 'stead ob a young ge'man! An' yer've guv me de jaw-ache, so yer have, A'n' Nancy!"

"Sarve yer right! Doan be so 'pertinent anoder time, den!" answered the unrelenting Nancy.

"Look yere! It's gwine on to seben o'clock! I gwine get supper. 'Deed is I. I won'er ef dat young ge'man gwine to stop to supper, 'caze ef he is, we'll hab to 'pare sumfin' extry," said the cook.

"Nebber yer mine, A'n' Cassy! Yer jes' frisky dat cole chicken an' toss up an omely, an' wid de cakes an' 'serves we's got on han', dey'll make good 'nough supper for any wisiter, ef he do stay, an' ef he don't, yer know nuffin' need to be los'! We dem can eat all dat comes f'om de table," said Nancy.

"Won'er who de worl' he is, anyhow? Doan yer know, Nancy?"

"No, A'n' Cassy, I don't! I reckon [illegible] hereabouts. Mouchty 'andsome fellow, dough! 'Deed is he. Eyes as black as coals an' as bright as di'mon's. An' sich long curly black hair, chillun, almost like a purty young gal's. Oh, I tell yer he's han'some."

"An' yer dunno who he is?"

"No."

"Nor likewise 'specs?"

"No, I tell yer."

"He nebber gib his name?"

"No. He axed ef Mrs. Tudor Hereward was home. Which I telled him, in coorse my mist'ess was home, as she was like to be on sich a stormy day as dis. An' den he gib me a little w'ite ticket wid his name on it. An' I took it up an' 'suaded my young mist'ess to go down an' see him, caze I t'ought it was a pity not to see a wisiter who had come t'rough sich wedder as dis to wisit. An' he so han'some, too! But all de same, I wish to goodness gracious I hadn't 'suaded her, dat's all. 'Deed, I's gettin' right down oneasy in my mine, I is so."

"I doan won'er. It's a g'eat 'sponsability as yer've took on yerse'f, Nancy! an' de master not home neider. S'pose he's a highway bu'glar come to cut off all our heads an' burn down de house? 'Deed, I's gettin' powerful 'scared. I wish Steve an' Alick would come home. W'ere is dem boys, anyhow?"

"W'y, A'n' Cassy, doan yer know as Steve went to de pos'-office an' aint got back yet?" put in Mandy, the parlour-maid.

"No! an' I don't s'pose as he will get back t'rough all dis snow to-night. It would be a rist to 'tempt it. But w'ere is Alick?"

"Uncle Alick is in de stable, long o' one ob de carriage horses wot is berry bad."

"Blame dem boys! dey's allers out'n de way w'en wanted, an' in de way w'en not. 'Deed Nancy, I wish yer hadn't let dat strange man inter de house."

"Now, A'n' Casey, doan make me feel no wuss 'bout it 'an I do. You better get supper. Mandy, yer go inter de dinin'-room an' set de table. Cely, you come upstairs long o' me to put some wood on Miss Lilif's bedroom fire. I doan like to go upstairs arter dark by myse'f ebber sinse ole marse went to glory."

"Yer ain't afeard of ghoses, is yer Nancy? leastways ob ole Marse Major's ghose; caze ef he's gone to glory, he ain't a-comin' down to dis dark, stormy worl' to-night!"

"No, A'n' Cassy, I ain' 'feared ob seein' ghoses; I's feared o' bein scared, dat's all. Come 'long, Cely. Le's get de wood fuss, dough."

Both women went through a back door leading from the kitchin to a sheltered wood-house, whence they soon emerged with their arms full of hickory and cedar logs, which they proceeded to lug up-stairs to the young mistress' bedroom.

"It's a-gwine to be a awfuller night dan it was las' night. On'y jes' hear dat win'. Yer go shet de windy shetters an' draw de curtains w'ile I puts de wood on de fire. 'Deed, I wish dat man'd g'lang 'way. I do so!" said Nancy.

Cely busy with the window curtains did not answer.

"Dough ef he do start out in dis storm to-night, ten to one he'll perish in de snow 'fo' morning. W'y doan yer answer me, gal?" inquired Nancy, standing up on the rug, and taking a long breath after her labour of piling the heavy logs on the fire. W'y doan yer speak? Wot yer stan'in' dere mumchance for?"

"'Caze my jaw aches! Yer's jarred ebery toof in my head, yer has! An' I doan want to be knocked heels ober head agin, jes 'caze I open my mouf! I gwine keep my mouf shet w'en yer's about," grumbled the girl, who, having finished closing the windows, stood idly by the door.

"Po' gal! Ef yer can't stan' yer own dear A'n' Nancy—yer own dear mammy wot's gone to glory's own dear sister—chastisin' yer, gentle an' lubbin', an' all for yer own good, yer better not marry Ole Jab Jordon's Seth, 'caze he's jes like his ole marster! He'd knock yer 'about till yer wouldn't hab a bone in yer body! Yer hear me, doan yer?"

Whether Cely heard or not, she did not choose to answer. Apparently she meant to keep her word, and hold her tongue.

"Dere! Dere's de young mist'ess' ring at last," exclaimed the woman, as the silver peal of Lilith's hand-bell sounded through the silent house." I reckon she wants lights now. Run down an' light de lamps, Cely, w'ile I goes to answer de bell."

Cely flew down the stairs and into the kitchen on her errand, while Nancy, following slowly, reached the door of the little parlour and opened it. On one side of the fireplace, with his elbow on the mantelpiece, his handsome head leaning upon his hand, his black locks partly falling over both, and his dark eyes fixed on the floor, stood the young stranger. By the table, with her head bowed upon her bosom, her hands hanging down and clasped before her, stood Lilith, like a statue of despair.

"Yer rung de bell, Miss Lilif," said Nancy, by way of attracting the attention of the young lady, who seemed absorbed in her own thoughts.

"Yes," replied the latter, with an effort that sounded like a deep sigh: "yes. This gentleman remains here to-night. Have a fire kindled in Major Hereward's room, and prepare it for his occupation. Have supper on the table as soon as possible."

"Very well, ma'am," replied the housekeeper, turning to leave the room, and meeting Cely at the door, with a lighted lamp in each hand.

She took them from the girl, placed one at each end of the mantelpiece, and withdrew, followed by Cely.

"Well, I believe as we is commanded in de Word to entertain strangers. I believe we is. But dis yere stranger—I—I has my doubts 'bout entertainin' ob *him*. An' de marster ob de house 'way, too. Dough, to be sure, it would nebber do to turn a dog out'n de house on sich a night as dis. An' he so handsome, too. But I doan like his stayin' here, 'deed I doan. An' people so ebil-minded. An' Miss Lilif so simple an' innocen'. 'Deed, I mus' try to 'vent de talk. 'Deed, I mus' dat," concluded Nancy, as she went into the kitchen to give orders.

And there, with the very best intentions that she could have had, she did the very worst thing that she could have done.

"Look yere, chillun," she said, addressing all the negroes in the kitchen, whose number was now increased by the presence of Stephen and Alick, who had come in during her absence. "Look yere. Dat strange ge'man is gwine to stay all night. 'Twon't do fer Christian people to let him go out sich a night as dis, eben ef he is a stranger, 'special' w'en de Word 'mands us all to entertain strangers. Leastways, I finks it does. But all de same yer mus'n, none ob yer, go blabbin' to de neighbours 'bout dis young youth staying in de house, an' de marster not here, 'caze dey might fink ebil, an' talk ebil too. An' yer wouldn' hab dat done to de ole fam'ly ob de Herewards, would yer?"

"No, A'n' Nancy. But wot is it? Wot yer mean?" inquired Stephen.

And all the other coloured people looked the perplexity that they did not express.

"I means dis, doan yer see? I means as not one ob yer mus' so much as breave a w'isper outside ob dis house 'bout dis young youth bein' here to-night. Do yer hear me good?"

"Yes, A'n' Nancy. But w'y?" persisted Stephen.

"'Caze ob ebil f'oughts an' ebil tongues. Dat's w'y."

"But wot fer?"

"Nebber yer mine wot fer, Steve. Yer all mus' take yer Bible oaf not to tell."

And so Nancy thus filled their minds with all sorts of speculations.

"An' now, Steve, yer go right off an' kindle a fire in Marse Major's room. An' Mandy, fetch de big waiter to take in de supper."

Ten minutes later the bell rang.

"Will you come in to supper now?" inquired Lilith, in a low tone.

Without answering in words he left his place by the mantelpiece, bowed, and offered her his arm; all with a courtly grace the girl had never seen equalled.

She took his arm and walked with him to the hall, where Alick had just lighted the old-fashioned stained-glass hanging lamp, and down to the dining-room, which was in the rear of the little parlour.

There a great fire had been kindled, and an elegant little supper-table had been arranged for them.

"You may leave the room, Alick. If we need you I will ring," said the young mistress, when the footman had finished serving the dishes, and stood waiting behind his mistress' chair, and staring at the stranger seated opposite. The man obeyed rather slowly and reluctantly, and going outside, softly closed the door behind him, and then, kneeling cautiously down on the floor, placed his eye to the key-hole, and thus saw the graceful head and shoulders of the young stranger, who sat at the foot of the table nearest the door, with his back to the watcher; and at the head of the table, opposite to him, with her back to the fire, and with her face toward the door, the young mistress, whose pale face looked pallid in contrast to her black hair and mourning dress.

As he gazed he saw her put up her hands to her face, and shake as with a sudden chill.

Then he saw the young stranger lift his head as if about to speak, and Alick quickly changed his eye for his ear at the key-hole, and as the stranger guest sat so near the door, he could hear all he said.

And this is what he heard:

"Lilith, I have made you very miserable, my darling."

He listened for the young lady's reply, but not hearing it he shifted his ear for his eye, to see what she was doing.

She still sat covering her face with her hands, and trembling all over her black-robed form. He sat leaning forward on the table, looking towards her, his almost girlish black curls flowing over his temples and forehead.

Lilith dropped her hands from her pallid face and met his look. Then the stranger began to speak, and Alick quickly shifted eye for ear again that he might listen.

"Lilith, dearest, do you not wish that I had never found you?" inquired the stranger, in a yearning, pathetic voice. "Do you not wish this, my Lilith?"

"*His* Lilif!" thought the listener; and he listened eagerly for her reply.

"No, no, I do not wish it. I thank Heaven that you have come. I thank Heaven," fervently replied the young lady.

"She's all right, anyway, or she wouldn't talk 'bout t'ankin' Hebben!" thought the listener; and he listened more eagerly than ever.

"And yet I have brought you only sorrow, misery and embarrassment, my sweet—my sweetest child," said the stranger, in his pathetic voice.

"*His* sweet! Blamed be Judas Ask Harriet! Look yere, dough, I's asleep, I is, an' has got de night-horse or de staggeration ob de blood in de brain—dat's wot's de matter! Dis yere's a dream. Dreams is allers foolish fings, an' dis yere is de foolishest I ebber had," thought the perplexed negro to himself. But his ruminations were cut short by the soft, clear voice of his mistress. He bent his ear to listen more attentively to her words.

"If I could only tell my husband I should feel less unhappy. It is the keeping of a secret from him that troubles my conscience."

"But I have told you why this must be kept from him, as from all the world, Lilith. You would not betray me!"

"Oh! no, no! I would guard your secret with my life! Nay, indeed, I am guarding it with more, much more, than life!" wailed the girl.

"With your peace of mind, your hope of the future, your sacred honour! I know it, Lilith! And you know how absolutely necessary it is that my secret should be so guarded."

"Yes, I know! I know. And I will be true to the sacred trust."

"I am sure you will, Lilith, my most precious one, my angel!"

"*His* angel! Bress de Witch ob Windy's broomstick! But dar! I knows I's asleep, so I won't fink nuffin' more 'bout it. On'y I do hope as I will hear wot dat secret is 'fo' I wakes up. 'Deed does I!" cogitated the negro man, as he once more applied his eye to the key-hole to view the interior.

Lilith had risen from her seat, and was advancing towards the door. The stranger stood up, turned and placed his hand on the knob. So sudden was the action that Alick had to speed away to prevent detection; and he burst into the kitchen with such a terrified air that the negroes started up.

Before they could ask an explanation the parlour bell rang, and Alick, whose business it was to answer it when in the house, started immediately to do so.

He found his young mistress and her visitor standing before the parlour fire.

"Alick, take a lamp and show this gentleman to his room—Major Hereward's room—and place yourself at his orders."

"Yes, ma'am. Your sarvint, sar!" respectfully answered the man, touching his forehead by way of salutation, and then taking one of the lamps from the mantelpiece, and leading the way to the foot of the stairs, followed by the stranger.

On showing the guest into that which was now the best spare room, Alick became very communicative and inquisitive.

"Yer mus' fink a heap o' Miss Lilif."

"I do. Good-night."

"Maybe yer's some kin to Miss Lilif. I fink I do see a likeness. I fink—OH, LOR!"

The stranger had struck a stage attitude, and, pointing to the negro, with all the fury of all the ranters darkening on his frowning brow, flashing from his eyes and in his resonant voice, he bellowed forth at random:

"Be thou a goblin damned!
Avaunt and quit my sight! Let the earth hide thee!
Vanish!"

The man stood glaring with open eyes and mouth for one amazed moment, and then, with a—

"Lor' 'a messy 'pon me, a po' mis'ble sinner!" he fled, stumbling out of the room and through the hall, and finally tumbled down the back stairs at the risk of breaking his neck.

All the negroes in the kitchen rushed out of the door to see what was the matter.

They found Alick picking himself up and praying:

"Wot's de matter? Wot's de matter?" cried a chorus of voices from the negro group.

"Dat young youf up-sta'rs is a raving mad lunacy! He's took awful! He cussed an' swore at me in—in some furrin langridge! He's dange'us! 'Deed he's werry dange'us!" howled Alick.

A shower of questions elicited no further intelligence, but only a repetition of the words.

"Whey's de young mist'ess? She ought to be tole," said Cassy.

"Oh, she's gone to sleep in her room wid' Nancy and Ad'totuenrbenk," answered Cely.

"Den she mus'n' be 'sturbed, in coorse. But, tell yer wot to do, chillun! Ef dat man's c'azy we better wait an' see if he settles down an' goes to sleep, an' den creep up in de dark an' lock him in," suggested Cassy.

"Yes; dat's de fing! An' de key is on de outside ob de do' ebber sence old major went to glory," Alick said.

And the strange man threw off his clothes and flung himself into bed. As soon as his head touched the pillow he dropped asleep, and he never heard the click of the lock that made him a prisoner for the night.

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Sporting Items.

DERWENT VALE BRASS BAND SPORTS.

The annual sports promoted by the members of the Derwent Vale Brass Band, Hamsterley Colliery, took place on Saturday in a field at Blackhall Mill, kindly granted by Mr. Charlton, Pear Tree Farm. Details:—

Wrestling Competition (open to all comers).—The finals, which proved splendid tussles resulted in T. Dodd throwing M. Scott twice out of thrice. Umpires, Messrs R. Kelly and J. Beckwith, both of Hamsterley Colliery.

Tug of War between teams of 6 men.—In the final struggles Johnson's team pulled Lawson's team over the centre twice out of thrice and won. Referee, Mr. John Holden, Hamsterley Colliery.

Association Football Competition.—Derwent Vale beat Milkwell Burn Rovers by 4 goals to 3. Referee, Mr. L. Bell, Hamsterley Colliery.

Quoiting (9 to 12 yards on the award). 50 competitors.—Geo. Cranstone, Burnopfield, and Tip Armstrong, Allendale Cottages, divided first and second money; J. Weston, Burnopfield, being third. Judge, Mr. J. Laws, Cromwell.

Kicking at goal.—W. Gray, Hamsterley Colliery, 1; O. Jones, Hamsterley Colliery, 2. Referee, Lisle Bell, Hamsterley Colliery.

TOW LAW ROMAN CATHOLIC SPORTS.

The annual Catholic Sports at Tow Law were held on Saturday afternoon in a field above the Railway Station. Results:—120 Yards Handicap—Final—M. Ryan, Crook, 25, 1; P. J. Ryan, Consett, 25, 2; Wood, Blackhill, 25, 3; McGough, Stanley, 25, 4. Won by a yard.

Trotting Contest for Ponies, 1 mile.—Final—Mr. A. Shaw's pony, 250, 1, Mr. Stephenson's Spy, 100, 2; Mr. J. Wheatley's Brownbread, 260, 3; Mr. W. Kirk's Halfbread, 4. Time, 3 mins 30 secs.

10 Minutes' "Go as you please."—Jos. Atkinson, Tow Law, 1; Jon. Thompson, 2; Frank Foster, 3.

Bicycle Parade.—Prize for Comic Costume—J. Day, Leadgate; prize for Neatest—Alec Colbet, Tow Law.

Wrestling—Final—J. Walton, 1; Chapman, 2; Burke, 3.

Quoiting (9 to 12 yards on the sward)—A. Bell, 1st and 2nd prizes; Lance Coates, 3rd and 4th.

RYTON AND DISTRICT A.C.C. SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Ryton and District C.C. held their first annual club sports near Ryton. Results:—120 Yards Handicap.—Final—Fenwick, 1; Miller, 2; Lishman, 3; Jude, 4. Won by half a yard, a similar distance separating second and third.

One Mile Bicycle Handicap.—Final—Leck, 1; Brady, 2; Dixon, 0. Won by two lengths; half a length between second and third.

Half Mile Bicycle Handicap.—Final—Leck, 1; Jude, 2; Brady, 3; Noble, 0. Won by a length; same distance between second and third.

The officials were:—Judge and timekeeper, Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Prudhoe; laptaker, Mr. Wm. Telford; pistol firer, Mr. J. Marr; handicappers, Messrs Telford, Dodds, and Morgan; and Mr. Telford was secretary. At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. Geo. Mathwin, of Roan Head.

Pelton Fell Institute Sports.—On Saturday the villages of the Peltons were en fete, the occasion being the holding of the seventh annual gala and athletic sports, which took place upon the club's spendid and well adapted cycling and recreation grounds, in close proximity to Pelton Fell Station. Details:—

120 Yards Flat Race Handicap.—First prize, £10; second, £3; third, £1 10s; fourth, 10/-, 85 entries.—W. Hanson, Leadgate, 20, 2; J. Luxton, Beamish, 23½, 0; J. Hall, Murton, 23, 0; J. Wilkinson, Silksworth, 23, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 2—Matt Dixon, Pelton Fell, 22½, w.o. Heat 3—Geo. Batey, Tow Law, 22, 1; W. Atkinson, Burnmoor, 21, 2; A. Brunton, Sunderland, 17½, 0; H. Moore, Chester-le-Street, 22, 0; H. Wood, Blackhill, 24, 0. Won by two feet. Heat 4—Old R. Johnson, Fence Houses, 23, 1; R. Carter, Sunderland, 16, 2. Final—Atkin (Sunderland), 1; Kelly, (Annfield Plain), 2; B. Noble (Dunston), 3; Geo. Batey (Tow Law), 4. An exciting race. Won by a couple of feet. Time, 11 1-5secs.

Five Miles Bicycle Handicap.—First, £6; second, £2; third, £1.—Final—J. Robson (Pelton Fell), 1; J. Richardson (Eldon), 2; J. Battensby (Twizell), 3; H. Wood (Pelton Fell), 4. Won by a bare length; two lengths separated second and third. Time, 15mins. 25secs.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD SPORTS.

On Saturday the annual athletic sports under the auspices of the Victoria Garesfield Accident Fund were brought off in very unfavourable weather, heavy rains falling at intervals all day, which prevented many from standing. In spite of the rain, however, a very large company attended to witness the events which were set for decision. The committee, along with their energetic secretaries, Messrs P. Duffy and Thos. Dobson, and Mr. John Smith as treasurer, had provided an excellent programme, and the Industrial Exhibition was an extra attraction which was a success. A tea was provided in a large marquee, which was packed all the afternoon, owing to the wet weather. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band was in attendance, and played at the ball in the evening. J. Flackerty, Newcastle, officiated as pistol-firer, whilst Mr. M. Noble, Dunston, acted as referee, and Messrs T. Minks, J. Charlton, and J. Armstrong attended to the track. Results:—

150 Yards Handicap.—Heat—T. Green, Throckley, 26½, 1; M. Forysth, Spen, 27, 2; S. Neal, High Spen, 27, 3; T. Graham, Milkwell Burn, 28, 4; J. Bell, Dipton, 27½, 5; J. Stoker, Blaydon, 26½, 6. Won by a foot. Heat 2—J. Liddle, Prudhoe, 26½, 1; J. Auld, Backworth, 27½, 2; T. March, Blaydon, 27½, 3; T. Heads, Teams, 27, 4; J. Shield, Spen, 28, 0; C. Riddle, Friarside, 28, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 3—H. Hedley, Hexham, 25½, 1; Hunter, Sunderland, 20½, 2, J. Vasey, Ebchester, 26½, 3; J. Winter, Crook, 22, 4; J. Wallace, Wallsend, 26, 0; J. Ward, Blackhill, 27, 0. Won by six inches. Heat 4—C. Barron, Walbottle, 26, 1; R Walker, Hebburn, 25½, 2; J. Richardson, Crook, 24, 3; R. Mathieson, Heaton, 20½, 0; T. Simpson, Gateshead, 25½, 0; W. Ward, Jarrow, 27, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 5—J. Bell, Greenside, 27½, 1; J. Osborne, Blaydon, 27, 2; M. Marsden, Ovington, 27, 0; J. Dawson, Blaydon, 22½, 0; J. Bell, Houghton, 24½, 0; W. H. Parrish, Newcastle, 20½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 6—H. Dawson, Blaydon, 22½, 1: T. Wilson, Tyne Dock, 27, 2; T. Freeman, Boldon Colliery, 14½, 0; C Cairns, Carlisle, 21, 0; T. Chismon, Sunderland, 23½, 0; S. Freek, Dipton, 27, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 7—H. Armstrong, Carlisle, 23½, 1: W. Berry, Bowden Close, 26, 2; R. Muirhead (Blackhill (late of Rowlands Gill), 27, 3; J. Robson, Lintz Colliery, 27, 0; W. Hutchinson, Newcastle, 24½, 0; G. Young, Blackhill, 0. Won by half a yard. Heat 8—J. Hardy, Shiremoor, 25½, 1; J. Harrison, St. Peter's, 23, 2; J. G. Avott, Victoria Garesfield, 28, 3; J. Wakenshaw, Teams, 24½, 4; J. Storey, Westwood, 25, 5; E. Massey, Penshaw, 13½, 0. Won by half a yard. Heat 9—J. Dawson, Ovingham, 25½, 1; J. Atkinson, Annfield Plain, 27, 2; J. Campbell, Burradon, 26½, 3; H. Grey, Shiremoor, 27, 0; A. Dodds, Quebec, 26, 0; M. Lennox, Gateshead, 27, 0. Won by si inches. Heat 10—A. Coulthard, Byer Moor, 26½, 1; J. Wilkinson, Walker, 14½, 2; F. Wilkinson, Blaydon, 27, 3; E. Rodgers, Winlaton, 24, 4; J. F. Walshaw, Sunderland, 22½, 0; J. Dobson, Throckley, 23, 0. Won by half a yard. Heat 11—T. Collins, Streetgate, 26½, 1; J. Cregan, Elswick, 28, 2; T. Spoors, Blaydon, 26½, 3; T. Thirlway, Byermoor, 26, 4; J. Fenwick, Gateshead, 22, 5; G. Atkinson, Easington Lane, 26, 0. Won by six inches. Heat 12—A. Anderson, Felley, 28, 1. Won by two yards. Heat 13—E. Armstrong, Sunderland, 25½, 1. Won by six inches. Heat 14—W Pace, Wingate Colliery, 26½, 1. Won by a yard. Heat 15—W. Burton, Annfield Plain, 28, 1. Won by a yard. Heat 16—F. Swinburne, Blackhill, 24, 1. Won by threequarters of a yard. Heat 17—G. Martin, Newcastle, 25½, 1. Heat 18—J. Daley, Consett, 19½, 1. Heat 19—W. Jones, Winlaton, 27½, 1. Heat 20—T. Dixon, Gateshead, 22½, w.o. Heat 21—M. Allison, Winlaton Mill, 20½, 1. Heat 22—W. Scott, Elswick, 26, 1. Heat 23—W. Cummings, Seaham, 24½, 1. Heat 24—F. McAuley, Hexam, 25, 1. Heat 25—A. Brunton, Sunderland, 23½, 1. Heat 26—G. Halliday, Newcastle, 25½, 1. Heat 27—W. Elsdon, Blaydon, 24, 1. Second Round.—Heat 1—H. Dawson, 1; J. Liddle, 2; Hedley, 3; Green, 4. Heat 2—Armstrong, 1; Dawson, 2; Hardy, 3; Coulthard, 4; Collins, 5; Anderson, 6. Won on the tape. Heat 3—Martin, 1; Armstrong, 2; Pace, 3; Burton, 4; Swinburn, 5. Heat 4—Dixon, 1; Daley, 2; Jones, 3; J. Ellison, 4; Scott, 5. Won by a foot. Heat 5—Cummings, 1; McAuley, 2; Brunton, 3; Halliday, 4; Elsdon, 5. Won by half a yard. Final heat—H. Armstrong, 1, £23; H. Dawson, 2, £5; T. Dixon, 3, £2; W. Cummings, 4, £1; Martin, 5, 10/-. Won after an exciting race by half a yard; six inches between second and third; and half a yard between third and fourth.

Quoiting (130 entries).—Thos. Surtees, Spen, and W. Embleton, Kyo, divided first and second, H. Rostron, South Moor, taking third, and W. Lawson, Crawcrook, fourth and fifth. Isaac Musgrove and J. Gardner had charge of the quoiting.

Wrestling for men in the District. A good entry. Final—Edgar, Crawcrook, 1; Goodfellow, Blaydon, 2; Gaddes, Annfield Plain, 3. Messrs Armstrong and Dixon superintended the wrestling.

Football Competition for Junior Clubs (4 entries).—Lintz Nomads beat Lintzford by 3 goals to 2; Newcastle Malcolm beat Blaydon West End by 4 to nil. Final—Malcolm beat Nomads by 1 to nil. Messrs Barrett and J. Robinson officiated as referees.

The other sports set for decision were abandoned, on account of the inclemency of the weather.

QUOITING.

Swalwell.—On Saturday afternoon, the quoit handicap promoted by Mr. G. Brown was resumed in the quoit ground adjoining Mr. Johnson's, Crowley Hotel, Swalwell. There was a large attendance of spectators, and some good sport was witnessed. Details:—Third round—R. Dixon beat Bell by 5, Hackett beat Rose by 6, J. Dixon beat Brown by 1, J. Brown beat D. Taylor by 2, Briggs beat Emery by 3, P. Newton beat N. Watson by 2. Mr. G. Brown was handicapper. In the evening the second deposit of £1 a-side in connection with the match between D. Taylor, of Blaydon, and Forster, of Swalwell, was made good in the hands of Mr. Johnson. Forster won the toss for choice of venue, and he selected Ouseburn.—On Saturday afternoon, a handicap was commenced at Mrs. Dandy's Highlander Hotel, Swalwell. The event was promoted by Mr. Hood, who added £5 to the entrance money of 5/- each. The conditions of the handicap are: 10 yards on the clay, 2-inch pins, 3lb quoits, and 41 points game. A large number of people assembled on Saturday to witness the decision of the heat between Anty Gardner, Winlaton, 7, and Birkett, Blaydon, 10. Scores—Birkett, 41; Gardner, 29.—In the evening a small deposit was placed in the hands of Mr. Edward Watson binding a match between W. Birkett, of Blaydon, and Joseph Newton, of Swalwell, for £5 a-side.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, July 10th.—Before His Honour E. J. Meynell (judge).

A Co-operative Society's Claim.

Consett Co-operative Society v. Smith.—In this case, the society claimed £3 5s 8d from George Smith, contractor, Blackhill, for goods supplied. Mr. Dransfield (Newcastle) represented the society.—Defendant's wife appeared, and claimed that £2 was due to her husband as dividend.—Mr. Dransfield admitted this; and His Honour gave judgment for plaintiff for £3 5s 8d, the money to be paid forthwith.

Suing the Wrong Man.

Buckwold v. Ferguson.—Henry Buckwold, Newcastle, sued Isaiah Ferguson, miner, of Annfield Plain, for 3/9, value of a clock supplied to defendant.—Plaintiff deposed that he received an order for a clock from a young man lodging at Mr. Ferguson's. He brought the clock, but did not see the young fellow, and therefore left the clock with defendant's wife, saying he would call back at five o'clock for either the clock or the money. When he returned at five o'clock, Ferguson followed him through the house with a knife, and said, "You'll get nothing here." The young man told him to fetch the clock to Ferguson's house.—Defendant stated that the young man lodged with him, and ordered the clock off Buckwold in another house. He had previously told plaintiff never to come into his house. The young fellow had gone away and took the clock with him.—His Honour non-suited plaintiff, and allowed defendant's costs.

Who got the Suit of Clothes?

Hyslop v. McVeigh.—James Hyslop, draper, Newcastle, sued Patrick McVeigh, a miner, living at Leadgate, for £1 18s 6d, the value of a suit of clothes. Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Gateshead) appeared for plaintiff.—Hyslop deposed to selling a suit of clothes to defendant. He had asked the latter to pay for them, but he refused to do so, giving no reasons. A man named Rollins ordered the clothes first, but they did not suit him, so he turned them over to McVeigh.—Defendant denied getting a suit from Rollins. He knew nothing about the suit, and did not know Rollins by that name. He knew a man named Rowe. The case was adjourned for further evidence to be called.

He has to bring his Mother with Him.

Hyslop v. Dixon.—This was a similar case to the foregoing one, plaintiff claiming £2 5s 6d for two suits of clothes supplied to Robert Dixon, of Greencroft Cottages. Mr. Leadbitter appeared for plaintiff, who spoke as to the sale of the goods.—Dixon stated that he never got the two suits, or any suit at all.—Plaintiff (in answer to His Honour) said he sold the goods direct to plaintiff at Greencroft Cottages.—Defendant said he was living with his father and mother, and the latter found his clothes. He did not know where she got them. He was just 19 years of age. His father's name was John Dixon, and both his father and mother were alive.—By Mr. Leadbitter:—He paid whatever money he had to take to his mother, but he did not always make his "board money." He was not married. Two years ago he was paying his "board."—The case was adjourned, in order that defendant might bring his mother.

Who got the Goods?

Hyslop v. Flynn.—The same plaintiff sued Catherine Flynn, of Tanfield, for £3 5s 4d, value of goods supplied. Mr. Leadbitter represented Hyslop, who gave evidence in support of his claim.—By His Honour: At the time the goods were sold defendant was a widow, and called Catherine Murray. He sold the whole of the goods himself.—Defendant denied getting a down bed; her mother (Jane Hall) got it, and also got a wringing machine. She (Flynn) got a dress, umbrella, cloak, pair of sheets, and a silk handkerchief. Her mother was living, and had the machine and the down bed. She had been married to her second husband three years ago last November.—By Mr. Leadbitter: Her mother owed Hyslop money previous to getting these things. She would swear that she did not get the machine. She had no furniture when she was last married. She sold her furniture at South Shields.—Judgment for defendant.

AN ORGAN TRANSACTION.

Waddington and Sons v. Spark.—In this case, Messrs Waddington and Sons, musical dealers, sued James Spark for £16 9s, balance due to them for the hire of an eight stop Hamilton organ which was to cost £17 7s and on which £1 8s had been paid. Mr. J. McCartan (Consett and Durham) appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. Leadbitter for defendant.

James Emerson, manager for Messrs Waddington and Sons at their Consett branch, deposed to the sale of the organ, and the drawing up of the agreement. Defendant admitted the hire of the organ, for which he had to pay 14s 8d per month for 24 months, but stated that he gave notice for the organ to be taken away. Mr. Emerson said he had received £1 8s on account. Defendant had the organ still. It was sold on March 6th, 1893.

By Mr. Leadbitter: He was probably at Spark's house between October and November, 1893, but he received no notice then to take the organ away. Defendant spoke to him about nine months since with regard to having the instrument taken away.

Defendant stated that he gave notice for the organ to be removed between October and November, 1893. The organ had not been taken away.

By Mr. McCartan: He gave notice at the time stated for the organ to be removed within seven days. He went and saw Mr. Welford and told him he had given notice to determine the hiring.

By His Honour: The organ got out of repair, and that was the reason he refused to pay. Plaintiff was so ill-disposed and used such bad language when he came that he (Spark) told him to take it away.

Mr. McCartan maintained that the agreement on the part of defendant was to hire the organ for 24 months. There was nothing in the agreement about the organ having to be kept in repair.

His Honour said it was a one-sided agreement, and he should be sorry to uphold it. It gave plaintiff power to determine the hiring at any time, but gave no such power to defendant.

Mr. Leadbitter submitted that there was £14 4s to come off the claim of £16 9s.

His Honour found for plaintiff for £2 5s 4d, and gave Mr. McCartan leave to move at the next court, execution to be suspended.

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Sold by local agents,—Chemists—Mr. G. Pattrick, and Mr. Thos. Milner, Consett; Mr. Wm. Kelsey, Blackhill; Mr. Wm. Brown, Shotley Bridge. Grocers,—Mr. Wm. Aynsley, Consett and Branches; Blackhill, Leadgate, and West Stanley; Mr. J. Palliser, Blackhill; Mr. J. Turnbull, Leazes; Mr. J. H. Ryle, Swalwell; Mr. Thos. Aitkin, Dipton; Mr. C. F. Cooke, Annfield Plain; Mr. P. H. Kirkup, West Stanley, and West Pelton; Mr. L. Kay, Beamish; Mr. W. S. Harrison, Old Pelton, and Mr. T. Calvert, Grocer, Post Office, Medomsley; Co-operative Stores—Leadgate, Leadgate Branch, Allendale Cottages; Blaydon Branch, Low Westwood, Spen Colliery, and Prudhoe.

Parties ordering WRIGHT'S MEDICINES should INSIST ON GETTING THEM and TAKE NO OTHERS. They are popularly known as "The Eclipse Remedies.

May also be had to order from all Co-operative Stores, Chemists and Patent Medicine Dealers, or by post from WRIGHT'S Representative for Northumberland and Durham.

J. EDMUND.
47, TAMWORTH ROAD, NEWCASTLE.

PROPRIETOR—
W. WRIGHT, TEVIOT ROAD, HAWICK.

Business Announcements.

DENTISTRY.
J. M. VAN GELDEREN AND SON,
SURGEON DENTISTS,
17, ELDON SQUARE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Public Notices.

MRS. DUFFY,

SUBSCRIPTION [illegible] OLEY'S TERRACE [illegible] MR. JOSEPH [illegible] received by any of the Committee, or Mr. J. LAX, Treasurer, North-Eastern Bank, Shotley Bridge.

MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, BISHOP AUCKLAND.—Mistresses Certificated, Cambridge Higher Class; Visiting Masters; French Mistress, Parisian. Pupils have passed the various Examinations, several in Honours. A good Tennis Lawn. 65r

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NOTICE.—The First Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society will hold an APPROPRIATION MEETING by Ballot, on August 19th, 1895, at 7-30 p.m., in Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill.—By order,
D. ORMEROD, Chairman,
847r J. GIBBINSON, Secretary.

LOOK OUT for BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW and SPORTS, on Saturday, 17th August, 1895. Bugle given for Bicycle Clubs with most Members to Parade in Field. Comical Bicycle Parade in Field; 1st 15s.; 2nd 5s. Schedules ready. —Apply to E. MASON, Sec., Hobson Colliery, Burnopfield, R. S. O. 712r

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TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS of all descriptions, and latest designs from best makers, supplied at a few days' notice. A Stock kept on hand. Every Article Guaranteed.—GEORGE HUNTER, Implement Dealer, Medomsley, R.S.O.

KYO FLORAL and HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW will be held in a field belonging to G. R. Hobson, Esq., situated at Catchgate, on August 24th. THE ABBOTT MEMORIAL PRIZE BAND, in full Uniform, 28 in number, have been secured to play that day. 596r

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REDUCTION IN FARES.
£8 8s. to CAPE TOWN.
£1 16s. to PHILADELPHIA or NEW YORK.
Apply, GEO. LEADBITTER, CATCHGATE. 791r

LOOK OUT for MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW and SPORTS, on Saturday, August 24th, 1895. Horse Leaping, Football, Quoiting, and other sports.
Schedules on Application to W. E. and R. CHARLTON, Secretaries. 805r

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NOTICE.

G. T. WILSON,
Head Assistant with the late Messrs. John Smith and Son, Architects and Surveyors, Shotley Bridge, begs to announce to the public generally, that he has commenced business as Architect and Surveyor, at
121, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL,
and would be glad to receive a share of their work.

BEAMISH RED ROW FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of this Society will be held on SATURDAY, SEPT. 14th, 1895, in a Field kindly granted by Mr. Hogarth.

SPORTS.

Footrace Handicap.—First, £1 10s.; second, 15s.; third, 5s. Entries taken in field, Fee 6d. Mr. P. Malone, handicapper.
Football Match.—First, £1; second, 10s. Entry, 2s. 6d. per team. Four teams to enter or no second prize.
Quoit Handicap.—First, £1; second, 10s.; third, 5s. Entry, 6d.
THOMAS SWINBURN, Secretary.
Beamish Burn, Chester-le-Street. 804r

WATERHOUSES AND ESH
(CO. DURHAM)
SHOW, ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 1895.
£420 IN PRIZES
FOR
HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, FLOWERS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, HOME INDUSTRIES, GOATS, DOGS, POULTRY, PIGEONS, RABBITS, CATS, CAVIES, HORSE LEAPING AND DRIVING.
Send post-card for Schedule, stating forms of entry required to J. G. CROFTON, Secretary. 779r

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DEDICATORY SERVICES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ON Saturday, 3rd August, 1895, the OPENING CEREMONY will be performed at 2·30 by Mrs FABER, of Derwent Dene.
Rev HENRY YOOLL (South Shields), will Preach the Dedicatory Sermon.
PUBLIC TEA in Temperance Hall, at four. Tickets 1s each.
In the evening, a GREAT PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Church. Chair to be taken at 6·30. Speakers: Rev John Atkinson, York, (Ex-president of Conference); Rev Henry Yooll, and others.

On Sunday, 4th August, SERMONS will be preached at 10·30 and 6 o'clock, by Rev JOHN ATKINSON.
In the afternoon, at 2, a MUSICAL SERVICE will be given by the Choir, assisted by several friends.
Collection at each service in aid of New Church Funds. 821r

NOTICE.

RE-JOHN SMITH AND SON, ARCHITECTS SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

THE Executors of the late John Smith, Architect and Surveyor, beg to announce that they have arranged for the PRACTICE, carried on by Mr Smith, to be CONTINUED under the direction of Mr W. S. SHELL, M.S.A., Architect and Surveyor, at the NEW TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, CONSETT, under the style of "Smith, Son, and Shell," by whom all Buildings in progress and contemplated New Works will be carried out.
Any Moneys due to or from the late Firm up to this date will be received or paid by
J. G. SMITH,
20th June, 1895. J. W. COLLINSON, } Executors

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON MONDAY, the 29th of July, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 5-15 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH, returning from Tynemouth at 10-25, and Newcastle at 10-55 p.m., the same day.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 31st of July, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 1-45 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, &c.) for SUNDERLAND and SOUTH SHIELDS, returning from South Shields at 8-5, and Sunderland at 8-25 p.m., the same day.

FOUR DAYS' EXCURSION TO BIRMINGHAM, &c.

ON FRIDAY, the 2nd of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 10-15 a.m. (with bookings from Consett, Blaydon, &c.) for Sheffield, Chesterfield, Matlock Bath, Buxton, Derby, Burton, and Birmingham, for Four Days, returning from Birmingham (New Street Station) at 12-15 p.m., Burton at 1-5 p.m., Derby at 1-25 p.m., Buxton at 11-50 a.m., Matlock Bath at 12-40 p.m., Chesterfield at 2 5 p.m., and Sheffield at 2-45 p.m., on Tuesday, August 6th.

BANK HOLIDAY.
TWO AND FIVE DAYS' EXCURSION TO LONDON.

ON MONDAY, the 5th of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle, at 12-50 a.m. (with bookings from Consett, Blaydon, &c.,) for LONDON for Two and Five Days. Passengers holding Two Days' tickets return from King's Cross Station, London, at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6th, and those holding Five Days' tickets at 10-40 p.m., on Friday, August 9th.
For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, July, 1895. General Manager.

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CONSETT WESLEYAN
ALL SEATS
SUNDAY, JULY
Morning, 10-30 } REV. F.
Evening, 6 }

ALLANSFORD CAMP ME
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Mr. J. Charlton, Mr. Wm.
Thos. Williams.

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A MEETING will be held at
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WARRENBY EXPLOSION
THE Foremen and Workmen
Furnaces, have contributed
the above fund.—HENRY JONES
Row, Consett.

CONSETT LIBERAL ASS
A MEETING of the Consett L
will be held in the Small
Town Hall, Consett, on FRIDAY,
at 7.30 p.m. All Liberals are
attend.—MR. JAMES PALLISE

NORTHUMBERLAND
MUSIC, NEWCASTLE
PRINCIPAL: Mr. T. ALBION
Prospectus with full particula
Classes, Fees, &c., also complete
obtained by Students, free by post
ments for young Pupils.

DURHAM MINERS
NOTICE.
THE Ryhope, Thornley, Whe
Wingate Banners. Branche
theirs as well executed, will please
with S. M. PEACOCK, Banner M
Shields, as early as possible.

CONSETT WATERWORKS
THE BOOKS for the Registra
Shares will be CLOSED fro
of August, to Friday the 9th of A
inclusive.
Dated this 24th day of Jul
8 ALEX. RUSSELL

TOW LAW FLOWER SHOW
AND LIVE STOCK EXH
day, August 24th, 1895. Over 8
awarded.—Grand Promenade C
H.M. Famous Military Bands,
attractions. Schedules ready.
Newcastle, Hartlepools, Saltburn,
Districts. See Railways bills for
ANDERSON, Secretary.

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All weights.—1st, £1 10s; 2nd, 15s
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Schedules and Entry Forms
J. DOWN, Secretary.
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(46TH ANNUAL)
SHOTLEY SPA GROUN
SATURDAY AUGUST 10th
GRAND BRASS BAND CO
Cash Prizes, £40 10s.
GRAND CRICKET MAT
Committee have this year add
POULTRY DEPARTMEN
for which a liberal Prize is o
Excursions from all parts. See rail
Entries close August 3rd.
For Entry Forms, Schedules, &c., apply
W. RAMSAY,
North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill.

JOHNSON'S CELEBRATED
BLACK, BLUE-BLACK, RED, and
Bottle at 1d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s., and 2
SPECIAL INKS for STYLOGRAP
FOUNTAIN PENS at 6d. per Bottle.
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ROBERT JACKS
"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, and NEW
STREET, CONSETT.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTI
TAKE NOTICE, that all Persons
claims against L. A. Atherley-Jo
M.P., or against me the undersigned,
Agent, by expenses incurred on accou
respect of the conduct or management of
Election are by the Corrupt and Illega
Prevention Act, 1883, required to send
particulars of such claims to me, at th
below, WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS
day on which the Candidate returned
elected. And take further notice that
not so sent in will be barred, and are
by leave of Her Majesty's High
Justice.
Dated this 20th day of July, 1895.
JOSEPH DENISON,
Derwent House, Shotle
815r Election Agent for the said Athe

Public Notices.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, JULY 28TH.
Morning, 10-30 } REV. F. PLATT, B.A.,
Evening, 6 } Durham.

ALLANSFORD CAMP MEETING will be held on SUNDAY, JULY 28th, 1895. Speakers:—Mr. J. Charlton, Mr. Wm. Grainger, and Mr. Thos. Williams. 836r

LEEK GROWERS LOOK OUT.

A MEETING will be held at the house of Mr. T. Gatis, Earl Grey Inn, West Kyo, on Thursday evening, August 1st, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of commencing of Leek Club. All are kindly invited.

WARRENBY EXPLOSION RELIEF FUND.

THE Foremen and Workmen of the Consett Blast Furnaces, have contributed £5 1s 6d towards the above fund.—HENRY JONES, Sec., 14, Furnace Row, Consett. 819r

CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the Consett Liberal Association will be held in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 1895, at 7-30 p.m. All Liberals are earnestly invited to attend.—MR. JAMES PALLISER in the Chair.

NORTHUMBERLAND COLLEGE OF MUSIC, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—PRINCIPAL: MR. T. ALBION ALDERSON.—Prospectus with full particulars of Professors, Classes, Fees, &c., also, complete list of Certificates obtained by Students, free by post. Special departments for young Pupils. 842r

DURHAM MINERS' GALA.

NOTICE.

THE Ryhope, Thornley, Wheatley Hill, and the Wingate Banners. Branches anxious to have theirs as well executed, will please place their orders with S. M. PEACOCK, Banner Manufacturer, South Shields, as early as possible. 838r

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

THE BOOKS for the Registration of Transfer of Shares will be CLOSED from Friday, the 2nd of August, to Friday the 9th of August, both days inclusive.
Dated this 24th day of July, 1895.
8 ALEX. RUSSELL, Jun., Secretary.

TOW LAW FLOWER SHOW, INDUSTRIAL, AND LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION, Saturday, August 24th, 1895. Over 800 prizes will be awarded.—Grand Promenade Concert, by one of H.M. Famous Military Bands, also other great attractions. Schedules ready. Excursions from Newcastle, Hartlepools, Saltburn, and Middlesbro. Districts. See Railways bills for particulars. W. ANDERSON, Secretary. 741r

FIRST VISIT TO THIS DISTRICT OF THE

REV. J. H. SHOLL,

THE EMINENT PREACHER, AT
STANLEY WESLEYAN CHAPEL,
On WEDNESDAY FIRST, JULY 31st, 1895,
At 3 and 7 p.m.
TEA at 4-30. Proceeds for New Sunday-School.

WILLINGTON (Co. DURHAM),

GREAT SHOW,

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st.

PRIZES for Plants, Flowers, Mechanical Productions, Lady Amateur Work, Fine Arts, Articles of Industry, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits (numerous specials and good classification.) 120 Yards Handicap Footrace, Wrestling, &c.
HER MAJESTY'S WELLESLEY TRAINING SHIP BAND.
Trips from Jarrow, South Shields, Sunderland, Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington, and all stations en-route.
Entries close, Live Stock, August 24th, other Departments, 28th. Schedules from N. C. SIDDLE, Willington, or J. I. ELLIOTT, Sunny Brow, Willington. 841r

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ON
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WRESTLING.

For men not to exceed 10 stone.—1st, a stuffed case of birds value £1 10s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd, 7s 6d; 4th, 2s 6d. Entrance, 1s.
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An Association Football Competition will be held during the afternoon, for which 12 silver medals will be given.
Schedules and Entry Forms ready.
J. DOWN, Secretary.
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(46TH ANNUAL.)
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SATURDAY AUGUST 10th, 1895.
GRAND BRASS BAND CONTEST.
Cash Prizes, £40 10s.
GRAND CRICKET MATCH.
Committee have this year added a POULTRY DEPARTMENT, for which a liberal Prize is offered.
Excursions from all parts. See railway bills.
Entries close August 3rd.
For Entry Forms, Schedules, &c., apply to
W. RAMSAY, Secretary,
North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill. 848r

JOHNSON'S CELEBRATED INKS.

BLACK, BLUE-BLACK, RED, and BLUE, in Bottles at 1d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s., and 2s. 6d. Also, SPECIAL INKS for STYLOGRAPHIC and FOUNTAIN PENS at 6d. per Bottle.

AGENT FOR CONSETT AND DISTRICT:

ROBERRT JACKSON,
"GUARDIAN" OFFICE, and NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT. 814r

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTION, 1895.

TAKE NOTICE, that all Persons having any claims against L. A. Atherley-Jones, Esq., M.P., or against me the undersigned, his Election Agent, in respect of expenses incurred on account of or in respect of the conduct or management of the above Election are by the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, required to send in detailed particulars of such claims to me, at my Office as below, WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS after the day on which the Candidate returned is declared elected. And take further notice that every claim not so sent in will be barred, and cannot be paid unless by leave of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.
Dated this 20th day of July, 1895.
JOSEPH DENISON,
Derwent House, Shotley Bridge.
Election Agent for the said Atherley-Jones.

Public Notices.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTION, 1895.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TO ALL TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

TAKE NOTICE that ALL CLAIMS against Mr. JAMES JOICEY, in respect to the above Election, must be sent to me at the undermentioned address, on or before the 3rd day of August next, in default of which the same will (under Section 29 of the Corrupt Practices Act, 1883,) be barred, and cannot be paid.
(Signed)
JOHN G. MURRAY,
Election Agent.
Address: Taylor Street, Consett.
Dated, 22nd July, 1895. 816r

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

BROTHER ELECTORS, I have much pleasure in tendering my sincere thanks to all those who actively supported me in my recent Campaign and also to the 3,869 who recorded their votes in my favour.

I have also to acknowledge the fair treatment and generous hearing my opponents accorded me on these occasions I had the pleasure of addressing the Electors.

Yours obediently,
JAMES JOICEY,
Shotley Bridge,
22 July, 1895. 817r

TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

GENTLEMEN,—I give you my hearty Thanks and my warmest congratulations upon the great triumph of last Friday.

That triumph was achieved by the energy, industry, and self-sacrifice of a noble army of workers in every Village and Township. To them and to my Agent, Mr Denison, who at much personal sacrifice undertook the laborious task of organisation throughout a wide Constituency, you and I owe a debt of the deepest gratitude.

In spite of the combination of every selfish interest and monopoly, the spread of misrepresentation and calumny, and last, but not least, the defective organisation of the Liberal Party when the contest was suddenly sprung upon us, notwithstanding all these disadvantages we have gained a victory for the Liberal cause greater than that in almost any other English Constituency.

I rejoice to believe that you are impressed with the conviction that it is necessary that the work of organisation should be placed upon a more satisfactory basis, and that we should not merely rely upon past triumphs to secure future successes. I can assure you that while—without regard to party differences—I shall endeavour to promote the local interest of the Constituency, my devotion to the principles of Liberalism will never falter.

Believe me,
Your faithful Servant,
L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.
4, Paper Buildings,
Temple, London, E.C. 851r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Green.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

MONDAY, JULY 29th, at 1-30 o'clock
6 to 10 Dairy Cows and Heifers. 3 Fat Cattle.
30 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
20 Young Hens and 4 Cockerels.
Proposed Stock Mart Co. Meeting at four o'clock.
832r J. GREEN, Satley.

By Messrs. R. March and Son.

Traction Engine and Thrashing Machine to be Sold without Reserve.

MESSRS R. MARCH and SON, instructed by the owners, will SELL BY AUCTION, without reserve, in the Square, Todd's Nook, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, July 30th, 1895, their valuable

TRACTION ENGINE AND THRASHING MACHINE,

described as follows:—
One "Class B" Single Cylinder General Purpose Agricultural 8 H.P. Traction Engine, by Fowler and Co., Leeds, with winding drum, water lifter, waterproof cover, and tools complete.
One small size 4' 6" Finishing Thrashing Machine, by Marshall, Sons, and Co., Gainsborough, fitted with straw trusser, by Hornsby and Sons, Grantham, with belting and waterproof cover complete.
They are in first-class working order, having only been three years in use, and are complete in every respect.
The engine will be under steam from 12 noon on day of sale, and may be seen previously on application to the auctioneers.
Sale at 3 p.m sharp. Terms cash.
Houghton-by-Wylam, July 16th, 1895. 832

By Messrs Elsdon and Dryden.

Consett Sale Rooms. Monday, July 29th, 1895.

MESSRS. NATHAN ELSDON and T. D. DRYDEN will SELL on Monday, a very large quantity of FURNITURE, sent in for Absolute Sale, comprising Persian Bedstead, Bed Couch, Press, Over-Mantle, Half-dozen Chairs, Armchair, Rocking Chairs, Down Bed, Mattresses, Oilcloth, Pans, Kettle, Fire-irons, &c., &c., Special Lot of PNEUMATIC BICYCLES, 3 Second-hand Bicycles. After the above, a very large quantity of DRAPERIES, consisting of Ladies Dress Pieces, Stockings, Lace Aprons, Worsteds, &c., &c.
Every Lot to be sold without the Slightest Reserve. Don't miss this opportunity of securing a good bargain.
Sale at One o'clock prompt. 861r

MR. DRYDEN will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the same time and place, the undersigned GOODS, in Distraint for Rent, without Reserve:—1 ½-Chest of Drawers, 1 Cheffioneer Deskbed, 1 pair of Drawers and Bookcase, 1 Singer's Sewing Machine. All in tip-top order. 862r

By Mr. John Crawford.

Taylor Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr Coates, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, Two Well-built FREEHOLD Six Roomed DWELLING HOUSES, with Block Fronts. Particulars next edition. 802r

Crawford's Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday first, July 29th, at his Sale Rooms, a large consignment of New and Second-hand FURNITURE, Brass mounted Bedsteads, Feather and Rabbit Down Beds. Also, 50 NEW CARPETS, RUGS, &c., direct from the manufacturer.
Sale to commence at one o'clock, and in the evening at seven o'clock. On view up to day of Sale. 858r

Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Wake, to SELL BY AUCTION, the whole of his STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c., at an early date. 851r

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge METNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

By Mr. William Raw.

Wood Street, Shotley Bridge. Freehold Property for Sale.

MR WILLIAM RAW, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 7th, 1895, in One Lot, all those

FOUR FREEHOLD

DWELLING-HOUSES,

being Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, Wood Street.
Three of which contain Four good Rooms each: and the other Five Rooms, with large Yard and necessary Conveniences; now in the occupation of Alexander Seed, Thomas Shield, James Clarkson, and Joseph William Gibson, as Tenants, who will on application show the Property.
Further particulars may be had from Messrs Elsdon and Dransfield, Solicitors, 12, Grey Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or from the Auctioneer.
Sale to commence at 6-30 p.m. prompt.
Sale Office: Durham Road, Blackhill, Co. Durham.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, JULY 29TH, 1895.
15 to 20 Fat Cattle,
130 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs,
Dairy Cows and Heifers,
20 Young Fell Geese from Waskerley
Black Irish Horse, 4 years old, 14 3 h.h. been in all yokes.
Coup Cart, Flat, Spring Cart, Stack Covers, Stack Nets, Hay Rakes, Ladders, Gig Lamps, Poultry, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
856r J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE
AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE METNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

AFTER THE BATTLE.

So far as North-West Durham is concerned, the warfare is over and tranquility has been again restored. Mr Atherley-Jones retains his seat as before, but there is no overlooking the signs of the times that he does not stand on so broad a basis as he did. The Liberal majority has been reduced, and that too in a purely industrial community. Mr Atherly-Jones does not pose as a wealthy man, having to labour like the rest of us for the bread which perisheth. Regarded from this standpoint, I thought it a pity that he should be put to the expense of an election campaign, in a division in which the Unionist cause was hopless. I spoke in this tenor of thought to one of our leading Conservatives, but he met my objections by the sensible observation that they knew little and cared less about the mundane concerns of the Radical party. All they thought of was that he was acting, and likely to act, in opposition to their wishes and best interests, and they consequently determined to oppose him so long as they could pay for the luxury. They did not hope to win, but they wanted to feel the pulse of the electorate and they did it. My readers will consequently see how the wind blows, and how the political craft is set afloat and brought to land.

ABOUT WEARING COLOURS.

It is no use prating about moral courage and that sort of thing and the profound mysteries of the ballot box, so long as men persist in pinning their opinions on their sleeves. Such a form and fancy partakes of weakness of mind, rather than strength of will, because no free born Briton is under an obligation to turn himself outside in to satisfy the curiosity of the surging crowd. The rival political factions desire to know too much. They are not content with waiting for the issue. The do not want to wait till the table is spread for the feast, and hence they seek to invade the precincts of the larder and lift without ceremony the covers of the dishes. The laws of the land says that every tub shall stand on its own bottom, and that every man shall have the modern privilege of exerting his influence in secret. But the political hawk and all his tribe tune their pipes to the air of "Not if I know it," and so the world goes round, with the result that one is reminded of the passage in Holy Writ in which it is recorded "that there was in these days a certain wicked and perverse generation, who sought after a sign, but no sign was to be given them, except that of Jonas the prophet." History repeats itself, and we have the selfsame spirit at work in the unwelcome person of the political canvaser and colour sporter.

THE DANGER OF SLEEPING TRAMPS.

The sad fatality to a Blackhill drayman recently was evidently no doubt due to the horses taking fright on seeing a tramp raising his head above the grass by the wayside. This fellow evidently knew that the accident was due to his presence, as he slunk away without seeking to render any assistance whatever. The incident recalls a very amusing episode a dozen of years ago in which I chanced to play a part. I had just entered the employment of a large firm as a member of the official staff in a part of the country in which I was a stranger. Accidents were frequent, and I remember very well that one day a workman was rather badly injured, and two of his mates were sent to assist him home. Not long afterwards they returned for the ambulance stretcher, as the poor fellow was unable to walk further. They were, however, sent back to their work, and instructions sent to me to get four other men and the stretcher, the men having told me where they had laid their mate on the grass at the roadside. I departed on my mission of mercy, followed by the four men. I hastened forward alone until I came to a man lying among the grass, for it was the month of "leafy June." His eyes were closed, and thinking he had fainted, I made signs to the men to come quickly, and approaching on the soft grass they laid down the stretcher, and being well-drilled ambulance men, they lifted their unconscious burden in a trice, and in another moment the straps were being buckled across his limbs and body. Our "subject" opened his eyes with a vacant stare, which speedily assumed a look of horror as he felt the straps tightening across his breast, and uttering a frightful yell he overturned the stretcher, and wriggling from the embrace of the leather straps, sprang to his feet and went down the road with the speed of a greyhound. "Faith, thin," said an Irishman, who formed one of the party, "but that bhoy has made a quare recovery!" The fact was that we had lifted a sleeping tramp, while the injured man was sitting on a cairn of stones a little further on. The fellow got a terrible fright when he awoke and found himself laid out ready for the dissecting room, interment alive, or some such thoughts as might at the moment crowd into his startled imagination.

THE CRAZE FOR HIGH WALLS.

Reference was made in a recent issue of this journal to the inconvenience to which people in different places are subject to by land owners buiding walls high enough to exclude the gaze of the curious from their broad acres and preserves. I have heard it said that many years ago an attempt was made to build a very high wall all the way along the Benfieldside Edge Road, to prevent the passers by from looking down into a peaceful valley of the Derwent about Shotley Bridge, but the idea was never carried out, in consequence, it is said, of the opposition offered to the scheme by the public voice. I remember that some years ago the then vicar of our parish caused a wall to be built on one side of his grounds, on the occasion of a long terrace of workmen's dwellings being erected, the height of the wall being exactly on a level with the roof of the new buildings. There was naturally a deal of bad feeling about the business, but the man died in the prime of life, and his successor, a capital fellow, had the obnoxious wal pulled down, and he has ever since been a great favourite with all classes of the community. Instead of an empty church on Sundays, the edifice has been rebuilt at a cost of between £3,000 and £4,000, and another new church built not half-a-mile away at a cost of £5,000. Had the wall been left standing the records of the parish would have been different; for the people don't take it well when men, however powerful, try to hide God's earth from his creatures. It should be stated that the clergyman who had the wall pulled down has been well rewarded by the parishioners in other ways, for every Easter they give him the present of a paste egg in the form of a purse of gold to the value of some £70.

TURNING OLD LEAVES.

Our Parish and District Councils are purely newly cradled bodies, and like the occupants of the much-admired household piece of furniture named they have not yet awakened to a due sense of their surroundings, as far at least as their duties are concerned. In point of fact, it will be some time before they will be able to grasp the situation and deal as they have the power with matters which heretofore did not come within the scope of men possessed of neither house nor land. I notice that in the out of the way parish of Healeyfield the members of the Council are bent upon turning over old leaves on which the records of the past are tabulated, in so far at least as certain charities are concerned. This comes of the new order of things, and their is no gainsaying the fact that the public of to-day have the right to know where those old grants came from, and into which channels they are at present directed. There was an old schoolhouse as well, about which the members are anxious to glean particulars, and to this end they have appointed a deputation to confer with the vicar of the parish. Such a longing for more light, and a deeper search for truth, say much for the Parish Councillors of Healeyfield, and as the subject of the desirabilty of inviting pressmen to their meetings has come up for consideration at a late sitting of the Council, the public are likely to hear more healthy echoes from the west than have hitherto been wafted from that elysian quarter.

HARD UPON THE CHURCHMEN.

Churchmen, as a rule, have a pretty keen scent, and no little aptitude for business concerns, and that being so, it is seldom indeed that we find them overreached. I had occasion to visit the rector of a parish in Northumberland one sharp morning in the spring of the spring of the present year with the view of obtaining particulars in reference to a vestry meeting held in connection with his church and parish. We were chatting in his study when he astonished me by pointing out that under the new Act, which prevented the parishioners from dealing with civil concerns at the annual vestry meeting, there was, at the same time, nothing to prevent people in no way connected with the church from attending the meeting and exercising the right to vote in such matters as the appointment of officials, say wardens and sidesmen. I told the gentleman frankly that it was nothing short of gross injustice that an atheist should, if it so pleased him, be allowed to interfere in such matters. That was my candid opinion at the moment, nor have I yet had reason to change it. The thing is unfair, and one-sided in the extreme, for if churchmen and church-goers are not allowed to deal at a vestry meeting with other than purely ecclesiastical matters, it surely follows that outsiders ought not to have a voice in concerns in which they have nothing in common. I told the clergyman frankly that had I stood in his shoes, it would not be long before such a condition of things would be either ended or mended, and I have since learned that during the summer months the matter is likely to come before the ruridecanal or diocesan conference.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Rev F. Platt, B.A., of Durham, is announced to preach in the Consett Wesleyan Church, on Sunday next, at 10-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

DEATH OF AN OLD TRADESMAN.—We regret to record the death of Mr William Turner — one of the oldest tradesman in the district—which took place at Harvey Street, Consett, on the evening of Wednesday, the 17th inst. The father of deceased was mate of a sailing vessel, and resided at Bishopwearmouth. He was lost at sea when the subject of this brief sketch was but seven years old. In December of 1848, the family removed to Consett—then known as Berry Edge—where he was first employed as fireman at the Pont Burn hauling engine. He was afterwards employed as engineman in the puddling department of the Derwent Iron Company's works at Consett. About the year 1852, he was removed to the Nos. 2 and 3 plate mills, which is now known as No. 3 plate mill. About 1858, he commenced business at Redwell Hills, near Leadgate, where he carried on a somewhat extensive trade in bottled ales and porter. He afterwards removed to Blackhill, where he added the sale of spirits to his other business. In 1865 he entered the New Station Hotel, Blackhill, which he owned and occupied about 20 years. He afterwards removed to Edmondbyers where his wife died, after which he came to Consett a few months ago. For some time deceased was a member of the Benfieldside Burial Board, but he was best known as the respected host of the New Railway Hotel, at Blackhill, where the best attention to the comfort and requirements of the numerous travellers and guests visiting that highly respectable establishment was at all times shown by deceased and his worthy partner. The interment took place at Benfieldside Cemetery on Friday last, the remains being followed by several old friends. The services were conducted in an impressive manner by Rev C. S. Wilson, curate of Christ Church, Consett. Deceased leaves two sons and a daughter—William Albert, residing at Tacoma, in the United States of America; Evelyn, who is located at Barcelona, Spain; and a daughter at Shotley Bridge.

HOLMSIDE.

HOLMSIDE OLD HALL SHETLAND PONY STUD.—We are glad to be able to record that Messrs Thomas Hedley and Brothers were successful at the Highland Agricultural Show, held this week at Dumfries, with their Shetland pony, "Sir John," 127, who won the third prize in the class for stallions.

ALLENDALE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The members of this place of worship engaged the Misses Cooke's Juvenile Choir, from Willington Quay to give a concert on Saturday night last. There was a good audience and the children, whose ages range from 4 to 12 years, acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner, under the able conductorship of Miss Amelia Cooke. The chair was occupied by Mr T. Irving, of Ebchester, and Miss Annabel Cooke presided at the piano.—On Sunday afternoon, a musical service was given in the chapel by this Juvenile Choir, who again performed an excellent programme.—In the evening, Mr E. D. Cooke preached a sermon to a crowded audience, the children taking an active part in rendering solos, recitations, &c.—Great credit is due to the Misses Cooke for the excellent manner in which every member of their choir rendered their respective parts. The piano was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr W. Berryman, of Allendale. The proceeds were for the trust funds.

SPEN.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR AND MRS BROWELL.—On Saturday evening, a large number of friends met at the house of Mr R. Browell, Miners' Arms, Spen, to make presentations to Mr and Mrs Browell. After partaking of an excellent supper, prepared by the worthy hostess, to which all did ample justice, Mr George Wishart on behalf of the subscribers rose to make the presentations to Mr and Mrs Browell. After speaking of their many amiable qualities he presented Mr Browell with a gold albert and appendages, and Mrs Browell was presented with a gold brooch, by Mr R. Oliver, of Bewes Hill. A joint presentation of a silver tea and coffee service together with a silver mounted tray to Mr and Mrs Browell was then made by Mr A. W. Tucker, of Gateshead, who was supported by Mr James Anderson, spirit merchant, Newcastle, Mr W. Patterson, J.P., Blaydon, and Mr R. Simpson, all of whom testified to the great kindness and good qualities of the worthy recipients. The presentations were made in recognition of the services rendered by Mr Browell, for the township of Chopwell on the late Blaydon Local Board, and for the many services he has hitherto rendered to the district. After the presentations a very enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings being agreeably diversified by songs, recitations, etc.

TANFIELD LEA.

WESLEYAN AND PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The teachers and children of these schools numbering 400, as in many former years, were treated by Mrs W. J. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park, to an excellent tea, and also a packet of sweets. They afterwards enjoyed themselves in a field kindly granted for the occasion by Mr T. Robinson, of Tanfield Lea Farm. Before separating a hearty vote of thanks and three good cheers was given for Mrs Joicey and also to Mrs Robinson.

LANCHESTER

At the Lanchester police court on Thursday week Benjamin Kirk, a tramp, pleaded guilty to charges of being disorderly in Lanchester Workhouse on the preceding day, and also with assaulting Thos. Maxwell, the porter at the institution.—The justices sentenced the accused to 14 days' hard labour in each instance.

Auction Mart.—At a meeting of farmers and others interested, held at the King's Arms Hotel, Lanchester, on Wednesday evening week, it was unanimously decided to form a company to take over and carry on the present auction mart, Mr. J. Griffith Young, solicitor, of Durham, being instructed to form the company, and carry out the necessary arrangements.

DIPTON.

Collierley (Dipton) School Board.—At the monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, week under the presidency of Mr. J. W. Taylor (chairman), it was reported that the schools would be closed for a month on the 25th inst., and the tender of Mr. Johnson Robson, of Blackhill, was accepted for painting and cleaning the buildings.—The Board agreed to allow a lecturer of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Alliance to address the scholars on the subject of "The effects of alcohol."

LINTZ COLLIERY.

Wesleyan Mission.—The Sunday School anniversary services were clebrated on Sunday last, in the morning at 10.30 a.m. in the afternoon at 2 p.m., and evening at 6 p.m., by Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Gateshead. At each service the children recited portions of scripture, dialogues, and poetry, and sang a choice selection of hymns. Master A. Pird officiated as organist and Mr. G. Dixon as conductor. Collections were taken in aid of the school funds. On Saturday a public tea was provided.

STANHOPE.

Sudden Death of an Innkeeper.—Thomas Urwin, landlord of the Grey Bull Inn, Stanhope, died very suddenly on Tuesday, after a few hours' illness, from pneumonia.

Death of a Retired Farmer.—Mr Wm. Gibson, farmer, late of Greenhead Farm, near Stanhope, who had gone to Morecambe Bay for the good of his health, died while there, and was interred there last week-end.

Pony Straying.—At the Stanhope Petty Sessions, on Friday—before V. A. Rippon (chairman), J. W. Roddam, and J. Crawhall, Esqrs.—Ann Carr, of Edmondbyers, was charged with allowing her pony to stray on the highway, on the 9th inst. She was described as a widow in receipt of parish relief.—The Bench took a lenient view of the case, and only fined her 1s and costs.

Church Choir Trip.—The Stanhope Church Choir boys and Women's Help Society had a very enjoyable day's trip to Windermere on Monday, being accompanied by the Rev G. Palmer and Mrs Palmer, Miss Thompson, Miss Green, Miss Sanderson, Messrs T. Green, F. Bruce, J. Bell, T. Bainbridge. The choir boys were highly entertained and well-cared for during the day, and everything was done to enhance their enjoyment and pleasure. They all arrived home safe, tired, but highly pleased with their day's outing.

Wesleyan School Anniversary.—The Stanhope Wesleyans, on Saturday and Sunday, celebrated their Sunday School anniversary. Mr Jonathan Wearmouth was the preacher for the occasion. On the Saturday, the children, after processioning the streets, were regaled with tea, after which a public meeting was held, the scholars taking an active part therein by giving recitations, singing, &c. Mr Wearmouth preached on Sunday morning. In the afternoon, the choir gave a service of song, and in the evening Mr Wearmouth delivered an address, after which the scholars recited. The congregations were good.

WEST STANLEY.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—We observe from an advertisement in another column that the Rev J. H. Sholl, of Manchester, is to preach in the Stanley Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday next, at three and seven o'clock, and a public tea is to take place at half-past four. The reverend gentleman is so well and favourably known as to require no commendation from us. Those who have not heard Mr Sholl should endeavour to be present at these services.

CASTLESIDE.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The members of the Wesleyan Church held a grand bazaar, on Wednesday, July 17th, Alderman U. A. Ritson, Esq., J.P., of Newcastle, in a beautiful speech, declared the bazaar open. He was supported by the Rev. A. E. Salmon, Mr J. Palliser, circuit steward, Blackhill, and other friends. On Thursday, July 18th, Geo. Richardson, Esq., Shotley Bridge, in his usual happy style, opened the proceedings, supported by the Rev. R. W. Butterworth and friends. The Sale, which was most successful, was brought to a close on Saturday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen presided at the stalls:—Mrs Elliot, Mrs Muse, and Misses Iley, and Hall; Mrs Byers and Mrs Wilkinson; Mrs Proud and Miss Dent. Bachelors' stall:—Messrs T. C. Elliott, T. Hall, and G. Ellison. Flower Stall;—Miss E. Muse, and Miss E. Raine. Sweet stall:—Miss Robson. Refreshments:—Mrs Bewick, and Mrs Fairless.—Misses Dent, Wilkinson, Batey, Byers, Jackson, Symm, and L. Jackson. The bazaar committee take this opportunity of thanking the following—J. T. Potts, Esq., J.P., Allansford, for decorations; gifts of flowers and fruit—Miss Gibson, Snows Green; Mrs Walton, Stanhope House; Coun. J. Annandale, J.P., She B iary; R. Murray, Esq., Benfieldside; G. Ainsworth, Esq., J.P., Selby Lodge; J. R. Lawrick, Esq., Tow Law; Mr J. Ingram, Mosswood; Mr J. Ripley, and Mr J. Thompson, Castleside; also, the Blackhill Wesleyan Choir and Band; Mr Williams' Band, Consett; and the Castleside Brass Band leader, Mr G. Raine. The sum realised by the three days' sale amounted to the grand total of £134 10s 3½d.

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday week, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Public Offices of the Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge—Coun. J. Lax, J.P. (chairman) presiding. The other gentlemen present were Messrs Jos. Elfringham, James Annandale, J.P., W. M. Annandale, J. Hermer, J. Robinson, Ed. Sloane, the Clerk (Mr. J. C. Parnaby, R. Eccles, F. Priestman, J.P., Geo. Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr. J. Dixon).

Medical Officer's Report.

This report was read, as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—Herewith I beg to hand you the Vital Statistics of your district for the quarter ending June 30th, 1895, and I venture to assert that there has never been a more satisfactory record for the same period during my connection with your Authority. The features which attract attention are three, viz., the well maintained birth-rate; the low death-rate and the remarkable freedom from diseases of an infectious nature. Comment is needless.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
GEO. RENTON, M.D.,
Blackhill, July 16th, 1895. Medical Officer.

Vital Statistics of the Urban Sanitary District of Benfieldside; For the quarter ending 30th June, 1895:—

51 births representing an annual rate of 31.5 per 1,000.—21 males; 30 females.

20 deaths representing an annual rate of 12.3 per 1,000.—14 males; 6 females. Scarlet fever, 1; erysipelas, 5; enteric fever, 1. Totals—Miasmatic form of Disease, 7.

Pulmonary consumption, 2; bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, 4; tubercular disease other than pulmonary consumption, 0; diseases of the heart, 2; diseases of the brain and spinal cord, 0; diseases of the abdominal viscera, 5; inquest cases, 2; other diseases not named, 5. Total deaths from all causes, 20.

The report was referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration.

A Receipt Wanted.

The Clerk was requested to obtain Mr. Johnson's receipt for the amount rendered for plans for the new sewerage works.

Back Durham Road.

On the motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Sloane, the Surveyor was instructed to post notices taking over Back Durham Road, and the end Street leading on to Durham Road.

Cheques.

Cheques to the amount of £306 were signed.

Triennial Elections.

It was resolved, on the proposition of Mr. Eltringham, seconded by Mr. Sloane, that section 23 of the Local Government Act, 1894, should be adopted, and that the elections of the Council should be held triennially.

Lighting the Lamps.

A letter was read from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company offering an alternative system for lighting the public lamps. It was found that it would cost £50 more than the present system.

Mr. James Annandale proposed that the Council do not accept the proposal. This was seconded by Mr. Parnaby, and agreed to.

The Clerk was accordingly instructed to write the Gas Company for the draft agreement for gas during the ensuing lighting season, on the same terms as last year.

The Water Supply in Walton's Row.

It was agreed that the letter from the Consett Water Company respecting the water supply to Walton's Row should be forwarded to the owners of the property.

A Slop Cart.

The question of purchasing a slop cart was left in the hands of the Highway Committee.

CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY July 22nd.—Before George Ainsworth Esq.

Larceny at Derwent Cottages.

Matthew Cain, miner, Dipton, was again brought up on remand, and charged with stealing £6 from the pocket of George Parsley, of Bradley Cottages, whilst near the Hat and Feather public-house, Consett, on Sunday night. Accused was apprehended by P.C. Crabb at Blackhall Mill on Tuesday night. He pleaded guilty, and was remanded.

Stealing Fruit at Allensford.

Alfred Carr, labourer, of Matthew's lodging-house, Consett, was charged with stealing a quantity of fruit and vegetables, the property of Mr. J. T. Potts, J.P., of Allansford House, on the previous day (Sunday).—P.C. Carruthers arrested the prisoner.—Carr was also remanded.

THE STRAND MUSICAL has for a frontispiece the portrait of Lady Barnby, and opens with an interview with Sir Joseph Barnby, by J. E. Woolacott. "FOR ENGLAND'S SAKE" a magnificent new patriotic song, by Maude Valerie White, and eleven other songs and pieces are the musical portion of the Strand Musical Magazine for July.

THE PICTURE MAGAZINE contains thirty-eight portraits of Editors and popular periodicals (only one of whom is a lady,) forms a group in this magazine for July, which many will be charmed to see.

ROUND THE COAST.—The question "Where are you going for a holiday?" may be readily settled by a perusal of the views in "Round the Coast." The first five parts of which contain each 21 splendid pictures from photographs of well known and much appreciated watering-places.

THE ART BIBLE.—The first three parts of the Art Bible, which are now before the public, contain no less than 189 excellent illustrations, and although there doubtless will be [illegible] the future books of the Old and Testament, which will not admit of so many pictorial representations [illegible] first parts may be taken as representing [illegible].

THE STRAND MAGAZINE for July contains, among many admirable articles, [illegible] Notable Hymns and their writers [illegible] Arthur Janes. In this paper the writer [illegible] interesting statistics of the work of the [illegible] the Lower House formed at a recent Convocation of Canterbury "to enquire into the hymnals [illegible] use, and to make any observations [illegible] which such an enquiry m[illegible] astonishing result of the enquiry [illegible] 13,65[illegible] places of worship no fewe[illegible] use "Hymns Ancient and Modern" [illegible] readers of the Magazine will be well [illegible] careful perusal of this and the other p[illegible] p[illegible] monthly.

HOLIDAY TRAVELLING.

FASHION'S swallows will soon be on the wing, whether their general habitat be London, or some more quiet spot, a sort of restlessness seems to attack everybody as the month of July advances, and change of air is the great idea of everybody. Far more than rest, which is only essential to some natures and constitutions, change is eminently beneficial to everybody, and the present holiday season is looked forward to during all the preceding weeks of summer as the very best time in all the year. To the female mind a summer tour would lose half its efficacy and charm if she did not, as a matter of course, fit herself out anew for the occasion. Supposing she is a Londoner, or dweller in any place where society abounds, and she has rather come to the end of her wardrobe, how good it is for her to feel that she must not be idle, or untidy, but should set about superintending the alteration, or "doing up" as we call it, of everything that is too good to discard, whilst the construction, or designing of whatever new gowns she can afford to have is a responsibility, and at the same time an enjoyment of still greater weight. All those who are in the habit of working themselves, or who do not give themselves up entirely to the dressmaker, to be attired just at her discretion, must always have recourse to fashion plates in order to assist their own ideas, or as guidance to the *modiste* who is assisting them. We have noticed lately, with great pleasure, the admirable way in which some articles on home dressmaking appearing week by week in that popular paper, the *Ladies' Gazette*, must assist those most praiseworthy wives and daughters who endeavour to dress economically. In the current number, full directions are given for making the smartest little coat, which can be either buttoned, as the sketch with it represents, or worn open over one of those dressy vests which always look so well on those of ordinarily good figure. As there are indications that jackets are to be distinctly *de rigueur* this autumn, and a good tailor-made garment not always being easy to pay for, it is an advantage to know where a first-rate pattern that is such an essential factor in amateur dress-cutting is to be procured. The patterns issued by the *Ladies' Gazette* are, we have reason to know, most reliable. The other illustration to mention is of a little child's costume, the conventional white lawn trimmed with fine embroidery, in which we love to see our little darlings arrayed. Other fashion plates in the number show most charming designs for smart toilettes, which, however, are not too elaborate to be beyond the reach of those who cannot aspire to all the handsomest materials, it being always possible to substitute alpaca for silk, especially just now, when this material's star is in the ascendant. But in dwelling at such length upon the fashion pages of this paper we are forgetting its numerous other and even greater attractions. The literary matter is always much above the average, and the household department is thoroughly well purveyed for, the recipes and menus being always a great boon to those who have the daily ordering of a family's meals. The papers on bee-keeping and the management of poultry are admirably written, and the directions on fancy needlework and house furnishing quite as practical when one comes to put them into practice as they are attractive on first being glanced at. The portraits of three sweet little children, who are the prize winners in a recent competition for photographs of pretty children, appear in this number, which will, in all probability, be eagerly looked for by the proud mothers who learned last week that their little darlings had borne off the laurels. Certainly, the little girl on the front page, Miss Gwendoline Monica Dresso Ray, is a veritable beauty, whose face deserves to go down to posterity just as much as many of those immortalised by the brushes of Sir Joshua or Sir T. Lawrence. The *Ladies' Gazette* may be considered a benefactor to the world of Art by introducing such a lovely face to the notice of the public.

PRESENTATION AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Wednesday week, an interesting gathering took place at the house of Mr. Dunn, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Rutherford (late of Medomsley), but who have recently removed to the Three Tuns Inn, Whickham. During their stay in Medomsley, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford gained the esteem of a large circle of friends, who felt that they could not allow this opportunity to pass without showing their appreciation in some manner towards that lady and gentleman. A committee was formed, whose appeal was most willingly and liberally responded to, with the result that their efforts culminated in Wednesday night's proceedings. About forty guests were present, Mr. Geo. Hunter being in the chair, while Mr. J. Wright acted as vice, and they were supported by Messrs R. M. Rutherford, Dunn, Charlton, Day, Ross, Hanley, Fairlamb, Clegg, Urwin, &c.

In making the presentation, the chairman said they had met together to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, and to show the respect they entertained towards them during the time they had been in their midst. (Applause.) Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford had come as strangers amongst them, and had made friends on all sides, and the way in which the testimonial had been responded to was a proof of the great friendship and esteem felt towards them. (Loud applause). They had always found a friend in Mrs. Rutherford, whenever there had been any social gatherings, she had always provided for them in a manner which gave the utmost satisfaction, and they would ever remember her pleasant and kindly disposition. (Loud applause.) The presents he saw before him were nothing more than the recipients were worthy of, and the object of their meeting was a most proper one. (Applause.)

The Chairman then handed to Mr. Rutherford a handsome gold turquoise and diamond dress ring, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to R. M. Rutherford by friends in Medomsley and district, July, 1895." Mrs Rutherford's present consisted of a beautiful lady's gold English lever watch, which bore a similar inscription to that on the ring. The articles were supplied by Messrs Bunn and Dick, Newcastle, and have been greatly admired by all who have seen them.

The vice-chairman remarked that he did not know of a testimonial more heartily responded to than this one, and he was sure he was speaking the sentiments of all present when he said that they thoroughly respected Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford. (Loud applause.) He never knew of presents that were more merited than these. (Applause.)

Mr. Charlton (of the Ebchester Rowing Club) said, as a fellow-member of Mr. Rutherford's, he had been very pleased when he heard of the proposed presentation, which had been warmly and heartily supported by the members of the club. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Hanley spoke of the very generous way in which Mr. Rutherford had acted towards them during the strike. (Applause.) He had always been to the front when donations were required towards any good object. As for Mrs. Rutherford, she had on all occasions treated them with the greatest kindness and consideration. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Dunn mentioned that since he had come to Medomsley he had heard nothing but good things said about Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford. (Applause.) He wished them every success, as did all present, and long life to wear the presents handed to them that evening. (Loud applause.)

In replying, Mr. Rutherford (who was deeply affected) said:—It is with feelings of great gratitude that I rise on this auspicious occasion to thank you, on behalf of my wife and myself, for these handsome presents, which I shall always appreciate and highly value. (Loud applause.) During the four years I had the privilege of being amongst you I always endeavoured to do my utmost to make myself pleasant and agreeable with all classes, and if I did not succeed in gaining your confidence and appreciation—("Yes, yes")—these presents will at all events bear testimony to the great amount of good feeling and friendship that existed between us during that time. (Loud applause.) I can assure you whenever the opportunity presents itself, it will always afford me great pleasure to see the old faces, and to do anything in my power for the benefit of all my old friends. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Hanley, on behalf of the subscribers, then handed a silver brooch to Mr. Rutherford for Miss F. Brown, who is a valued servant in the employment of the latter gentleman.

During the evening, capital songs were rendered by Messrs J. Day, J. Mc.Kennel, J. Fairlamb, and J. Williams, while Messrs Charlton and Fairlamb gave an excellent duet, and the former also contributed a recitation. Mr. Egglestone presided at the piano. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" terminated a thoroughly enjoyable and successful evening.

Cricket.

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

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v NORTH DURHAM (GATESHEAD.)

This League game was commenced at Blackfine on Saturday, but owing to a heavy downpour the game had to be abandoned, the score then standing :—

CONSETT.	
A S Godfrey not out	44
Tom Jones not out	21
T Lindsay to bat	
F Richardson to bat	
J Siddell to bat	
M Williamson to bat	
A D Wood to bat	
G Walton to bat	
James (pro) to bat	
J J Raw to bat	
T D Robinson to bat	
Extras	3
Total	68

DURHAM CUP COMPETITION.

QUALIFYING ROUND.

BLACKHALL MILL v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

In the above game at Blackhall Mill, the visitors took first innings, and with the score at 13 Leadbitter was bowled by Mason. J. W. Forster and J. Lancaster then carried the score to 41, when rain put a stop to the game

BIRTLEY v FELLING TEMPERANCE.

Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a win for the homesters. Score:—Felling Temperance—First innings, 49; second innings, 69 for 8 wickets. Birtley—First innings, 82; second innings, 27 for 1 wicket

CRAGHEAD v OUSTON WANDERERS.

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

OUSTON.		CRAGHEAD.	
J Heel b Railton	0	W Railton run out	7
J Robson b Railton	0	A Halgarth run out	0
J Carr c Potts b Young	1	M Liddle c Clark b Barrass	11
J McDermott run out	3	N Musgrove b Barrass	4
W Clark b Young	9	W Dyson not out	3
H Barrass run out	0	G Hunter b Elliott	1
G Barrass b Young	6	G Potts b Elliott	0
A Barrass b Railton	2	R Holmes not out	1
J Elliott b Young	1	J Hunter to bat	
F Clark b Young	0	H Young to bat	
M Moody not out	0	W Cummings to bat	
Extras	4	Extras	5
Total	29	Total	32

SOUTH MOOR v TANFIELD.

Played at South Moor. Owing to rain falling the game was stopped, the score being—

SOUTH MOOR.	
H Joyce b Irwin	6
W Robinson c Rockett b Wallace	2
T Welsh b Ledger	12
E Smith b Irwin	2
W Brass b Irwin	0
T Tindall not out	8
J Rutherford b Ledger	5
J Ashcroft not out	4
E Graham to bat	
J Dixon to bat	
J Low to bat	
Extras	5
Total	44

CHESTER-LE-STREET v SOUTH SHIELDS.

Played at Chester-le-Street. South Shields went in to bat, and, after making 240 runs for the loss of three wickets declared their innings closed. Before Chester-le-Street started to bat the game was stopped owing to rain. Score—

SOUTH SHIELDS.	
Copeland c Halliday b Child	0
M Stainton b Child	13
A P Stainton b Child	57
R Holmes not out	86
W H Wilson not out	70
T Coulson to bat	
T F Wilson to bat	
R A Copperthwaite to bat	
S Carter to bat	
A Osborne to bat	
J Coulson to bat	
Extras	14
Total	240
(Innings closed.)	

WEST STANLEY WEDNESDAY v CHILTON MOOR WEDNESDAY.

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

CHILTON MOOR.		STANLEY.	
T Glendenning b Beckwith	4	R Noble b Glendenning	0
J Hibbert c Noble b Wood	5	R Bell b Glendenning	16
R Graham c Bell b Wood	4	J T Castle c Baker b Graham	4
J Young c & b Wood	17	S Wood not out	118
M Ellison c Noble b Clough	6	T Siddle c Young b Hibbert	15
J Baker c & b Wood	0	E Beckwith b Graham	5
J Graham st Castle b Wood	0	T Masterman b Baker	9
D Eddleshay run out	6	PC Johnson not out	5
J Lowery c Noble b Wood	0	R Pearson to bat	
J Herron not out	4	R Walker to bat	
R Price b Clough	0	G Clough to bat	
Extras	2	Extras	13
Total	48	Total	185

STANLEY WHITE STARS v DIPTON P.M.

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

WHITE STAR.		P.M.	
J Simpson b Bragg	2	Jessop b Smith	1
F Smith c Jessop b Peel	0	Bell b Smith	6
Lumley b Bragg	12	Mosley c Purdy b Simpson	0
Benfold b Bragg	10	Cockburn b Simpson	1
Purdy run out	13	J Williams b Smith	0
C Davinson c Jessop b Bragg	4	Bragg b Simpson	3
R Hope b Mosley	4	Lawson c Lumley b Simpson	0
E Reay b Bragg	0	Peel b Smith	1
H Davinson b Mosley	5	T Williams b Simpson	1
Bolam b Bragg	8	Herdman c Smith b Simpson	0
Smith not out	4	T Williams not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	5
Total	63	Total	18

DELVES LANE EXCELSIORS v DERWENT STAR (BLACKHILL.)

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

BLACKHILL.		DELVES LANE.	
T Armstrong b Harris	0	J English c Anderson b Armstrong	2
J McVeigh c Robinson b Harris	0	A Bidwell b Tate	0
F Stokell b Harris	28	A Sayers c Anderson b Armstrong	12
C Tate b Harris	3	J Emmerson b McVeigh	5
R Butler b Robinson	3	E Harris b Armstrong	1
W Anderson b Harris	0	J Reay b McVeigh	1
M Gibson b Harris	3	A Robinson c Tate b Armstrong	12
M Wigham c Moore b Harris	0	J Tilley b Stokell	2
J Briggs not out	1	J Mocre not out	0
T Stoker c Emmerson b Harris	0	G Telford b McVeigh	12
J Westgarth c Emmerson b Robinson	0	A Overall run out	7
Extras	6	Extras	12
Total	45	Total	66

MARRIED v SINGLE.

Played at Allansford, at the field-day of the Castleside Primitive Methodist Sunday School, and ended in a win for the married men. Score—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
W Toward c Byers b Ripley	0	J Ripley c Fleming b Toward	1
J Williams c Laybourne b Ripley	2	W Byers run out	8
G Fleming c & b Byers	25	J Muse lbw b Toward	6
M Winter b Byers	1	J Jackson b Charlton	12
T Thompson run out	4	J Ingram run out	3
G W Phillipson b Ripley	1	W Forster b Toward	6
J Proud c Byers b Ripley	9	T Atkinson c Raine b Toward	19
J Bewick b Ripley	5	G T Ripley b Charlton	0
J G Raine b Ripley	1	J Robinson run out	0
G Charlton not out	9	E Laybourne c Proud b Toward	0
W Hudson b Ripley	0	J Toward not out	6
Extras	11	Extras	7
Total	70	Total	63

SOUTH SHIELDS 2ND v CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		SOUTH SHIELDS.	
J W Morgan b Brown	1	J Grayson b Crichton	68
E Hutchinson b Brown	12	P T Brown c & b Davison	5
C Groves b Pow	1	A C Wright b Davison	5
J Davison b Pow	0	J A Anderson b Hutchinson	1
J Curry run out	9	H M Wood c Cowings	4
J Cowings run out	26	R C W Pow b Crichton	12
S Crichton b Pow	20	J Slater b Crichton	5
S Kell b Common	0	J Carter not out	35
R Coltman b Pow	14	J Ramsay b Davison	0
Sub c & b Brown	0	M Dickie b Davison	0
J Crichton not out	0	J P Common not out	22
Extras	12	Extras	0
Total	98	Total	135

LANGLEY PARK v SACRISTON.

Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a victory for the homesters. Score—

SACRISTON.		LANGLEY PARK.	
F Robson b Ardley	0	R Peel b Jameson	5
M Champness c F Moss b J R Moss	7	T Morland c Champness b Jameson	7
Jameson c J R Moss b Ardley	18	J Lowes b Robinson	1
J Green b Ardley	2	Rev E Adams b Golightly	8
W Swindle not out	14	T Eccleston b Jameson	0
J Taylor b J R Moss	0	H Ardley b Jameson	3
T Henderson b J R Moss	4	F Moss b Jameson	2
E Quinn b J R Moss	0	E Eccleston b Jameson	8
M Robinson b Ardley	0	J R Moss run out	3
Golightly b J R Moss	4	Dr Graham not out	15
M Winn b J R Moss	0	T Dixon b Golightly	8
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total	55	Total	64

CRAGHEAD 2ND v BURNHOPE 2ND.

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

CRAGHEAD.		BURNHOPE.	
R Gill b Newton	5	Newton b Allan	4
G Liddle b Newton	0	Atkinson b Craigs	2
T Cummings run out	8	Richardson b Craigs	0
R Peacock b Newton	21	Dobson c Hann b Allan	3
E Allan b Richardson	2	Pattison b Allan	0
R Hann c Moffitt b Richardson	5	Elliott b Craigs	1
W Wilkinson run out	3	Moffitt run out	5
J Craigs b Newton	8	Heckels b J Cummings	7
J Cummings c Richardson b Heckels	6	Burnett b J Cummings	11
M Muncaster not out	7	Siddle c & b Allan	2
M Whiteman c Siddle b Atkinson	3	Jackson not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	68	Total	41

DIPTON WANDERERS v SACRISTON I.O.G.T.

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

DIPTON.		I.O.G.T.	
H Bragg b Turnbull	0	H Johnson run out	0
W Thompson c & b Turnbull	6	R Walker b Turnbull	1
R Coates b Turnbull	4	T Turnbull b Thompson	12
M Swinbank b Wilkin	5	F Cornall lbw b Allen	6
P H Graham b Walker	14	G Strong b Allen	0
J Leeman b Turnbull	23	J Foster b Thompson	5
T Burton b Johnson	18	J Wilkin c Bragg b Thompson	2
R Oughton b Johnson	5	T Johnson c Liddle b Allen	0
A Bragg c Jackson b Johnson	11	Jackson b Coates	11
J Allen run out	4	H Cornall not out	5
J Liddle not out	3	J Maddison b Bragg	0
Extras	16	Extras	11
Total	109	Total	53

LANCHESTER JUNIORS v LANGLEY PARK JUNIORS.

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

LANCHESTER.		LANGLEY PARK.	
J Pratt b Dunn	5	Miller run out	0
W Atkin run out	10	Lloss b Parker	0
T Jackson c Lidster b Dunn	4	Stephenson b Jackson	3
G Parker b Dunn	6	Dunn b Parker	0
F Chinnery c Wright	5	Lidster b Parker	1
F Ward c Wright	19	Fletcher b Parker	2
G Neasham run out	0	Wright b Atkin	0
J Marsh b Dunn	3	Elsdon b Parker	0
H Walker b Lidster	0	Hurritt b Parker	1
E Cheesman b Fletcher	10	Fordon b Atkin	2
J Wilson not out	0	Elliott not out	1
Extras	25	Extras	6
Total	87	Total	16

CORNSAY COLLIERY I.O.G.T. v NEWCASTLE P.S.A.

Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a victory for the homesters. Score—

P.S.A.		I.O.G.T.	
G Theightman b Whitfield	0	F Hardy b Bowman	10
G Bowman run out	5	J W Sargent b Bowman	1
J Mitchenson b J W Sargent	1	J Dodds b Sheldon	32
G Sheldon b Whitfield	6	G Whitfield not out	7
A Cook b Sargent	4	R Lynn not out	10
W Skeen b Whitfield	1	D Brown to bat	
T Hall c R Lynn b Whitfield	13	E Nelson to bat	
W Armstrong b Whitfield	0	J Lynn to bat	
J Wright b Sargent	6	G Pygall to bat	
W Knox c Brown b Sargent	4	J Hardy to bat	
J Calnach not out	3	G Sarget to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	50	Total	64

CONSETT Y.M. v SHOTLEY GROVE.

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

SHOTLEY.		CONSETT.	
S Leadbitter b Hull	1	J Hull lbw b Leadbitter	6
W Fox b Spencer	3	J Hull b Leadbitter	0
T Strachan b Spencer	7	J Smith c Harper b Pallister	5
E Pallister b Hull	9	J Spencer b Leadbitter	12
F Kempster b Spencer	15	F Siddle b Leadbitter	2
R Walton b Hull	3	H Stanton run out	9
W Nixon b Spencer	4	J Love c Pallister b Leadbitter	7
J Fox b Spencer	1	J Jones b Leadbitter	1
T Gorman b Spencer	6	W Lilley b Leadbitter	1
J Harper run out	5	R Tyndall not out	6
D West not out	0	J Borrow c Gorman b Leadbitter	8
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	61	Total	63

LANCHESTER 2ND v BLACKHALL MILL 2ND.

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

BLACKHALL MILL.		LANCHESTER.	
H Brown b Shipley	0	V Mace c & b Moody	2
J Anderson run out	12	W Jackson b Nichol	1
T Richardson b Parker	8	J Lowery c & b Nichol	4
E Embleton b Shipley	4	J Hunter run out	0
J Moody b Parker	2	H Parker run out	10
R Dodd not out	10	J Jackson b Nichol	0
G Harrison b Parker	1	E Shipley b Nichol	3
J Nichol c & b Parker	0	J W Brown b Harrison	1
S Brown b Shipley	0	J Grey b Nichol	1
Sub b Parker	0	T Shipley c & b Richardson	10
Sub b Parker	1	J McHatton not out	1
Extras	12	Extras	5
Total	50	Total	38

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2ND v WREKENTON.

Played at Shotley Spa, and ended in a draw, rain stopping the game. Score—

WREKENTON.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
A Webb b Raisbeck	11	T Willis not out	23
R Ditchburn not out	41	W Oliver b Richardson	20
W Webb lbw b Willis	5	R Watson c & b Richardson	3
W Smith c Raisbeck b Willis	13	T Raisbeck to bat	
E Richardson c Surtees b Thompson	10	R Smailes to bat	
J Proudlock b Thompson	0	T Joyce to bat	
J Yeaman b Thompson	0	G Thompson to bat	
J Halbert b Thompson	0	H Surtees to bat	
J Surtees b Thompson	0	J G Angus to bat	
R Richardson b Thompson	1	J Scott to bat	
T Clark b Thompson	0	J Lister to bat	
Extras	3	Extras	2
Total	84	Total (for 2 wkts)	48

BEAMISH v LANCHESTER.

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

LANCHESTER.		BEAMISH.	
W Ramsay b Cook	0	F Mole not out	6
J Ward b Cook	1	G Humble not out	8
Kirtley b Cook	0	M Laybourne to bat	
Brabban b Findlay	2	A Kerr to bat	
Atkin b Cook	0	R Dorling to bat	
Wilson run out	3	J Scott to bat	
McBride c Scott b Findlay	4	G Findlay to bat	
Heslop b Findlay	0	H Cook to bat	
Shipley b Findlay	0	L Mason to bat	
G W Wilson b Cook	0	H Scott to bat	
J Briggs absent		J Bryson to bat	
Extras	1	Extras	2
Total	13	Total	16

HAMSTEELS v ESH WINNING.

This match was commenced at Hamsteels. At the fall of the second wicket for three runs the visitors' captain, not being satisfied with the umpire's decision, refused to continue the game and left the field.

SATLEY v FIR TREE.

The above match was played at Broomshields. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the ground was in good order, and the players on both sides were in capital form. The victory was for the home team, they beating their opponents by 18 runs.

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

After a spell of fine weather, we were once more treated last week to that abomination of the local cricketer—a wet Saturday. Some few clubs were able to bring their games to a definite conclusion, but in the majority of cases the matches were entirely spoiled by the persistent downpour. The most important event of the afternoon was the meeting of Consett and North Durham, at Blackfine, under the auspices of the Senior League. The home men had confidently reckoned upon gaining a point out of this game, and had it not been for the unkind attentions of Jupiter Pluvious their anticipations would probably have been realised. As it was, Godfrey (44) and "Jones" (21) made a grand start for Consett, both men being in their best form, and with 68 on without the loss of a wicket, the outlook was indeed promising, when down came the rain, and effectually put a stopper upon any more play. This was certainly a case of hard luck for Consett.

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A FINE BATTING PERFORMANCE.

Sam Wood last week treated the spectators to one of the most brilliant batting performances ever witnessed on the Stanley ground. The game was one between the Wednesday teams of Chilton Moor and Stanley, and after the former had been dismissed for 48—Wood taking six wickets at a small cost—the home men gave the visitors some leather hunting, totalling 185 for six wickets. The feature of the match was undoubtedly the grand innings played by Wood, who, going in at the fall of the second wicket, was not out at the finish with 118 to his credit. From the outset he batted with the utmost confidence and freedom, and seldom made a bad stroke. When set, there are few more attractive bats to watch than the old Elswick Works player. Wood's big score was made up of four fives, 14 fours, three threes, eight twos, and 17 singles.

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LOW SCORING AT OUSTON.

There was some remarkably low scoring at Ouston on Saturday, on the occasion of the visit of Craghead to antagonise the home team in the Cup Competition. During the afternoon no less than 16 wickets fell for 61 runs, or an average of not quite four runs per wicket. Ouston batted first, but, like many other teams, found Young and Railton a bit too good for them, and could only manage 29 between them, of which number Clark contributed nine and G. Barrass six. On Craghead following in, they found runs exceedingly difficult to obtain, and it was not until they had lost six wickets that the required number were hit off. Liddle (11) was the only man to reach double figures. Elliott and Barrass bowled capitally for the losers, and it was fortunate for the visitors that they had such a small score to face.

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A CLOSE GAME AT LANGLEY PARK.

Sacriston, who have been batting wonderfully well of late, went down before the strong Langley Park team, on Saturday, albeit the licking was only by the narrow majority of nine runs. The visitors first appeared on the defensive, but, with the exception of Jameson (18) and Swindle (14), could make little of the deliveries of J. R. Moss and Ardley, and only compiled 55—five of the team failing to score. If the home team thought they had an easy task on hand, they were soon undeceived, as Jameson bowled splendidly, and it was only an invaluable stand by the last two men—Dr Graham (15 not out) and Dixon (8)—that enabled the Parkites to claim a narrow win. Sacriston went in a second time, and after making 69 for nine wickets applied the "closure." Langley Park responded by putting on 50 for the loss of five wickets, when stumps were drawn after a capital day's cricket had been enjoyed.

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GOOD BOWLING AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Shotley Bridge 2nd entertained Wrekenton on Saturday, and, but for the rain, would probably have come off victorious. Ditchburn, who went in first and carried his bat right through for 41, played capital cricket, and scored nearly half the total—84—obtained by Wrekenton. Thompson accomplished a splendid bowling performance for Shotley, taking seven wickets for six runs, and bringing off the "hat trick," clean bowling four men with successive balls. Willis (23) and Oliver (20) made a capital start for the home team, the former being still batting when rain put a stop to further play.

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BLACKHALL MILL v BURNOPFIELD.

SIR,—May I ask you to allow me space in your cricket column to point out a few of Mr Dodd's characteristic inaccuracies? He evidently wishes to impress your readers with the idea that I said, "It requires a lot of practice to tell the truth." What I really did say was that "he required a lot of practice." Now, why does Mr Dodd attempt to distort the truth? I expect he finds it hits him too hard. He then goes on to reproach your correspondent, "W. H. D," and myself for denying the accusations point-blank. Sir, I always contradict falsehoods in that manner, and have no wish to adopt any other style, even though it be invented by Mr Dodd. "Burnopfield try to win through superiority of umpires" says this young man who finds it "so easy to tell the truth." (What a pity he hasn't the inclination.) Sir, your readers are aware that Burnopfield applied for neutral umpires, without success. Does that look like a club attempting to win by umpires? Mr Dodd admits that one of their players kocked down the wickets in a passion. Does this truth hit harder than the "wicket slogger"? I am glad to learn (although I have only Mr Dodd's word for it) that the youth in question, on cooler reflection, was sorry for his action. I think the "cooler reflection" must have arrived after threatening the Burnopfield umpire with "a smack o' th' gob." Such language as this could hardly be expected to have a good influence on the unruly youths, no matter how little the part the Blackhall Mill club took in the uncivilised attack on the umpire. Mr Dodd is informed (so he says) that Burnopfield have had disputes with nearly every club they have met this season. Once more I am obliged to contradict point-blank "one who finds it so easy to speak the truth." This zealous secretary finishes up by expressing his opinion that Burnopfield should be expelled from the competition. Mr "L.B.W.," I heartily believe this to be his sincere desire and aim. Although I am not in the confidence of the Burnopfield club, I have a strong suspicion that if every club in the competition were of the same disposition as Blackhall Mill, they would not have entered the second time. I have already, sir, encroached too far upon your space, and apologise for same.—Yours truly,

R. DAND.

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DEAR SIR,—In your last issue you published another letter relative to the above dispute from Mr Dodd, in answer to which I beg of you to grant me a small space to reply thereto, seeing that he began the dispute. Of his remarks anent my friend Mr Dand, I leave that gentleman to answer for himself, suffice to say I have more faith in Mr Dand's truthfulness than I have in Mr Dodd's. He says truth hits hardest. I agree with him there, and I have no hesitation in saying he was hard hit by my last letter, hence his so-called reply last week, and I strongly recommend him to apply for a "patent" as a manufacturer of falsehoods, for so he really is, and one of the deepest dye. I repeat all I said in my last letter—viz., that we endeavour to win by principle and superiority at cricket, and not by umpires, as he would make outsiders believe, for undoubtedly the Blackhall Mill umpire "takes the cake," when, after giving a batsman out, he afterwards goes and asks where the ball struck him. Now, to his remarks about last year's game. I think it would have been better had he spoken of the present and not the past, as this unfortunate dispute occurred this season not last. It would be serving no good purpose in reverting to last season's doings, sufficient it is to say that his remarks about the games of last year are false. Next, he says he will not attempt to defend the conduct of a number of youths. No, because he is unable, as the so-called youths were more like men than boys; and of the promising batsmen he speaks of, I am indeed sorry for him if he is so easily led away by excitement when so much is at stake, but, Mr Dodd, the old proverb says—"A bad workman quarrels with his tools," so in this case. Perhaps, Mr Dodd, our umpire may have thought "discretion the better part of valour," and that he put his umbrella up to protect himself from the missiles aimed at him. Was that tea to celebrate your expected victory over Burnopfield? If so, I can well picture the agony written upon your countenances during the meal. The miners in our district will compare favourably with yours, and perhaps more so, for at least they are civilised. Who his informant can be about our having disputes with all clubs we play, I am at a loss to know, for such is not the case, our team being composed of players who can accept fair defeat with better grace than Blackhall Mill can. In conclusion, I may say we play cricket as a pastime and not with the intention of making bull-fights such as Mr Dodd seems desirous of doing, and with this letter I wash my hands of this affair, as I feel neither inclined nor anxious to waste the valuable space in your paper by arguing with a gentleman, who, when I study his calibre, I find that I am throwing "chaff to the wind." Thanking you for past favours, and trusting for one more,—I beg to remain, yours, &c.,

W. H. D.

Burnopfield, July 22nd, 1895.

MEMS.

Medomsley were down to receive a visit from Newcastle North-Eastern on Saturday. The latter actually arrived at Ebchester Station, but when they saw the threatening outlook of the weather they decided to remain there until they could catch the 6·23 train to Newcastle.

Tanfield are anxious to play some club at the Tanfield Flower Show, on August 31st. A prize will be given to the winning team, and any club willing to oblige should write at once to Mr N. Wilkinson, junr., East Tanfield, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Shotley Bridge were shaping very well at Blackhall Mill, on Saturday, when the downpour caused the game to be abandoned. J. W. Forster (22) and J. W. Lancaster (18) were both not out and well set, the total being 41 for one wicket.

By the way, the above match concluded the list of games in that group of the Cup Competition. Burnopfield are at the top with six points, Shotley Bridge coming second with three. Blackhall Mill owes one point, Medomsley 2nd three points, and Consett and District five points.

I understand that it is intended shortly to make a presentation to that fine old veteran, Mr G. W. Wilson, the best bat of the Lanchester C.C. He well deserves such a mark of recognition, and I trust that it will be one worthy of the occasion.

Any club that has not received a parcel of our scoring sheets can be supplied on making application to our office.

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

(Northern Division.)

The following table shows how the clubs now stand :—

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Sunderland	7	[illegible]	0	4	3
South Shields	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1
Whitburn	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	—1
Consett	7	1	[illegible]	4	—2
North Durham	7	0	4	3	—4

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(SOUTHERN DIVISION).

The following are the positions of clubs in the Southern Division of the Durham Senior League :—

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Stockton	7	3	1	3	2
West Hartlepool	6	3	1	2	2
Chester-le-Street	5	2	2	1	0
Darlington	5	2	3	0	—1
Durham City	5	0	3	2	—3

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DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Durham City Centre.

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Medomsley	8	4	2	2	2
Chilton Moor	7	4	3	0	1
Stanley and District	7	3	3	1	0
Burnhope	8	3	3	2	0
Durham City	6	1	4	1	—3

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DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

Northern Division, Durham Centre, B Group.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Craghead Colliery	10	9	0	1	9
Beamish	10	8	2	0	6
South Moor	9	4	4	1	0
Stanley and District 2nd	9	3	5	1	—2
Ouston Wanderers	8	1	7	0	—6
Tanfield	9	1	7	1	—6

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MATCHES WANTED.

Stanley White Stars would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Apply, J. Simpson, 6, John Street, West Stanley.

Milkwell Burn Rovers have several vacant dates. Ages, 10 to 12 years. Apply to J. Marshall, 26, Milkwell Burn.

Consett St. Patrick's would like to arrange matches with any junior team. Ages, 11 to 13.—Apply to Owen McGreary, 17, Sunderland Street, Consett.

Hobson Rovers would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 9 to 13.—Apply to W. Burnip, 11, Mason's Terrace, Hobson Colliery.

Blackfine Lilywhites would like to arrange matches with any junior teams. Ages, 10 to 13. Apply to R. Bell, 14, Murray Street, Blackfine.

Consett Lylocks have all dates vacant and would like them filled up as quick as possible. Ages, 11 to 14. R. Bates, 12, Harvey Street, Consett.

FOOTBALL.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

A meeting in connection with the above league was held at Annfield Plain. There were present:—Mr J. Costello (president), Mr T. Allison (secretary), and representatives of the following clubs—Allendale Park, Oakey's Lilywhites, Leadgate Exiles Reserve, Cornsay Rovers, Craghead Rangers, Lizzie Celtic, Kyo United, and Consett Town Swifts.—The Secretary read a letter from Mr Geo. Neasham, Lanchester, offering to present the League with a very handsome and valuable silver cup.—Dipton Wanderers Reserve have withdrawn from the League, having had to join the Second Division of the Northern Alliance. Tantobie and Iveston have also withdrawn, owing to their inability to raise teams sufficiently good enough to compete with the other clubs composing the League. Two more clubs are now required to make up the full complement. Applications for admission should be sent in as early as possible to the secretary, Mr T. Allison, Rose Mount, Consett. Both runners-up and winners will be presented with medals next season, and district games will be played at Leadgate and Stanley to secure the necessary funds. Fixtures were mutally arranged by the eight clubs represented.

DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Challenge Cup Committee of this Association was held on Monday night, at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham. Mr A. Speak, Bishop Auckland, presided, and there were also present—Mr J. Costello, Leadgate, Mr T. B. Swinburne, Darlington, Mr R. Campbell, Sunderland, Mr A. Stephenson, West Hartlepool, Mr R. Bennett, Gateshead, Mr R. P. Croughton, Howden, Mr J. T. Lowthian, Shildon, and Mr J. Glover, Haughton-le-Skerne.—The principal was business the exemption of clubs from the Durham Senior Cup Competition. As per rule, the four semi-finalists are exempted, and there remained only other four clubs to select. The semi-finalists are Stockton, Darlington, Hebburn Argyle, and Sunderland A. The other four clubs selected for exemption were Bishop Auckland, Tow Law, Gateshead N.E.R., and Jarrow.—Other unimportant business was transacted.—Permission was given to Sunderland to carry out the Monkwearmouth Charity Cup Competition. Darlington was granted leave to play in the Cleveland Cup.

ALLENDALE PARK A.F.C.

The annual meeting of the above club was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley—Coun. R. Moffitt presiding.

REPORTS.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were received as satisfactory, there being a large balance to carry forward to the ensuing season.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected :—

President, Mr J. H. Morris; vice-presidents, Dr Charles, Rev W. Cockin, Coun. Moffitt, Messrs Dunn, W. P. Morris, W. Robinson, junr., T. D. Dales, W. Glasgow, R. Wilson, G. E. Milburn, M. Milburn, and J. Pattinson; treasurer, Mr A. Burns, junr.; financial secretary, Mr E. Lynop; committee, Messrs J. Thompson, Sanderson, W. Bailey, R. Charlton, E. Parker, A. M. Hedley, and J. Robinson; captain first team, Mr T. Walton; vice-captain, Mr J. Lynop; groundsmen, Messrs Sanderson, J. Thompson, and J. Steel; corresponding secretary, Mr W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley, R.S.O.

It was decided to enter the first team for the Durham Senior and Junior Cup Competitions, and for the North-West Durham League, and the Reserve team for the Consett and District Junior League.

Judging from the outlook, the ensuing season gives promise of being by far the most successful in the history of the Allendale club.

LEADGATE EXILES A.F.C.

The annual meeting of this successful club was held in the Brooms Schoolroom, near Leadgate, the Rev A. Magill (president) presiding. Over 100 members and supporters were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The energetic secretary (Mr John Costello) read the general report of the club for the past season. After commenting upon the flourishing condition of the club the report stated:—The number of matches played last season by the first team was 24—16 being won, 2 drawn, and 6 lost, the Exiles scoring 50 goals against 36 registered by their opponents. Amongst the defeated teams were Leadgate Park (twice), Birtley, Hobson Wanderers, and other well-known clubs. The drawn games were against Darlington, in the second round of the Durham Cup Competition, and also against the finalists for the Durham Cup—viz., Hebburn Argyle. The performances of the first eleven were highly satisfactory, inasmuch as the players have upheld the reputation of the club in the surrounding district, and were able to keep pace with other leading amateur clubs in the county. The matches played during the season were not up to the record of the two preceding years, partly owing to the long continued snowstorms prevalent in the district. Several of the home fixtures had to be cancelled, and thus greatly reduced the funds of the club. Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, however, the club was never in a better financial position than at present. After all liabilities had been cleared off, there was a balance of £11 left in the bank. (Applause.) The prospects for the next season were also very promising. The first eleven had entered for the English Cup and the English Amateur Cup, and likewise the Durham Senior Cup. A list of fixtures with good clubs had moreover been arranged. The players had expressed their intention of going into training early, so as to make the coming season a record one. The reserve team have also done well in the past, and have again entered the North-West Durham League, which will be the means of providing sport at home nearly every Saturday.

The report and financial statement were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Rev A. Magill; vice-president, Rev D. O'Kelly; treasurer, Mr J. Haggon; financial secretary, Mr J. Hughes; corresponding secretary, Mr John Costello; assistant secretary, Mr E. Batey.

A representative working committee was also appointed.

A vote of thanks to the officers for their past services and to the chairman for his wise counsel and generous assistance to the club ended the proceedings.

MATCHES WANTED.

Byer Moor (Derwent Valley League team), have still a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once. Address—W. H. Dawson, 4, Park View, Burnopfield.

Shotley Bridge White Stars would like to arrange dates with clubs within a radius of 5 or 6 miles; ages, 13 to 15. Apply, W. F. Surtees, Benfieldside, Shotley Bridge.

Beamish White Stars have all dates vacant and would like them filled up. Apply W. [illegible], [illegible], Back Row, Beamish.

Oakey's Lilywhites would like to arrange [illegible] with good teams. Apply, [illegible] Street, Stanley.

Oakey's Lilywhites and have all [illegible] would like them filled up at once. Apply to [illegible] Front Street, Stanley.

Cornsay Rising Rovers want to arrange [illegible] Junior teams. Ages from 11 to 13. Apply [illegible] Cornsay Colliery.

Burnopfield [illegible] have a few vacant [illegible] would like them filled up with good [illegible] The second team would like to arrange [illegible] junior teams. Ages, 11 to 15. Apply [illegible] Burnopfield.

Lintz Rovers would be glad to arrange [illegible] with good [illegible] have Sept 14th, [illegible] Nov 2nd [illegible] 11th, February [illegible] vacant at [illegible] Sept 14th, 28th, Oct [illegible] Nov 9th, 23rd, Dec [illegible] 4th, Feb [illegible] and [illegible] must be affiliated to some association. Apply to P. McGinn, Blackhill Farm, via Burnopfield. Also, a few vacant dates for reserve team. Address—P. Hughes, Lintz Colliery, Lintz Green.

Spen Albion A.F.C. (members of the Derwent Valley League) have Sept. 7th vacant, at home, for good club. Several other open dates. The Reserve team have all dates vacant. Apply to George Short, Spen, Lintz Green.

COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Greencroft Board Schools, on Wednesday, sen'night, when the following Councillors were present:—Coun. J. W. Taylor (Chairman), A. E. Hayes, J. G. Taylor, W. Jessop, T. Gatiss, T. Clarke, W. Johnson, J. F. Elliott, H. Beatham, J. Coulthard, W. Eltringham, and the clerk (Mr. W. Wilkinson. The minutes were read by the clerk and, on the motion of Coun. J. G. Taylor, seconded by Coun. H. Beatham, were confirmed. The chairman then read a letter from the Greencroft Parish Council requesting the Council to join in a requisition to the North-Eastern Railway Company for a footpath on the south-west side of the Railway, instead of the bridge which is considered dangerous to passengers. Coun. Hayes, moved that they join in the memorial presented by the Greencroft Council for this purpose, which was seconded by Coun. Beatham and carried unanimously. A circular referring to County Rates was next read. On the motion of Coun. Hayes, seconded by Coun. Beatham it was decided to constitute a committee consisting of Couns. J. W. Taylor, T. Clark, and D. Moel, to consider the question of appealing for a reduction.

Footpaths.

The Chairman informed the Council that the footpath commencing at the Delight Gates and continuing to Mountsett Fell could not be traced upon the awarded plan; but the footpath leading from the old Wesleyan Chapel up to and through what is commonly known as the King pit field to the main turnpike is an awarded footpath four feet wide, which ought to be kept in repair by the adjoining landowners, who in this case is the Marquis of Bute. After some conversation Coun. Clark moved that the Marquis's agent be written to, this was seconded by Coun. Elliott, and carried.

Allotments Committee.

Owing to ill-health Coun. Hayes asked the Council to appoint another convener as he was retiring.

Coun. Johnson was elected by a majority of four votes.

Water Supply.

Coun. Elliott intimated that he had had complaints lodged to him against the insufficient supply of water at Harelaw, and moved that an enquiry be made into the matter. This was seconded by the chairman, and carried.

Correspondence.

Coun. Beatham said he had had a complaint from a party living in an outside place that he could not have his letters delivered to him. On the motion of Coun. Taylor (chairman), seconded by Coun. J. G. Taylor it was decided to forward a copy of the following resolution to the proper authority relative to the above: namely, that this Council have reasons to believe that there are several cases in which letters posted are not delivered. Is there any reason why? And we would further beg that our former complaint receive attention.

Outhouses.

Coun. Gatiss complained of a house in Waterson's Buildings, Dipton, occupied by Mr. Chas. Cain, being unprovided with necessary outhouse accommodation, and moved that the attention of the Sanitary Inspector be called to the same. This was seconded by Coun. Hayes, and carried.

Councillor Johnson moved and Coun. Taylor seconded that an inquiry be made into the provision for outhouse accommodation for four houses situated near the vicarage, which was also carried.

Coun. Jessop also moved that an inquiry should be made respecting a nuisance at Flint Hill caused by liquid oozing through the wall of an ashpit on to the turnpike. This was seconded by Coun. Beatham and carried.

This was all the business.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

The Medical Journal dare not accept the Challenge for £1,000, whether Handyside's Consumption Cure or doctors' medicines are the best. This is the fourth time the Challenge has been accepted by the medical profession and other parties, but none durst proceed. This is a pity. Had the Challenge been tested people would have seen [illegible] doctors' medicines or vegetable extract is the best for all diseases.

HANDYSIDE'S RHEUMATIC CURE cures 99 out of every hundred, when applied according to directions. 30,000 persons have been rubbed, and millions of people have seen the marvellous results it has produced when it has been used according to the directions, and nearly all failures have arose by not going by the printed directions.

The Pills, prepared by G. Handyside, are praised by all who have taken them. Those who cannot go to Handyside's Rooms and hear what the people say should read the following testimonials:—

Middlesbro,' May 31, 1895.

Mr. G. Handyside,

Dear Sir,—The Pills prepared by you, are earning great praise in the district. I have sold in one afternoon as many as 300 boxes, which is more than all the pills sold here by all other makers together, and it is no wonder when I hear the marvellous work they do. But what surprises everyone is, that they are good for all diseases.—Yours truly,

J. DEVINE.

Sunderland, June 1, 1895.

G. Handyside, Esq.

Dear Sir,—The Pills, prepared by you, still keep their great name. The praise is universal by all who take them. You remember when you visited me, one man told you that after his doctor had given him up, one box of Pills had saved his life. The man is not an exception. The praise is universal.—Yours truly,

R. SANDERS.

42, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, June 4, 1895.

Mr. G. Handyside,

Dear Sir,—I had the greatest pleasure possible in selling your Medicine. To see people who have been crucified and their life made miserable with Cancer, Tumours, Skin Diseases, Sciatica, Sleeplessness Indigestion, Costiveness, Fevers of all kinds, Small Pox, &c., to have sold your Medicine, and restored thousands of the above cases to happy health. I think all the medicine in the world is not equal to your Medicine. Instead of ruining the constitution as most medicines do, your's appear to build up the constitution. The Pills prepared by you, do not cure Cancer, Consumption, Tumours, and bad Skin Diseases. It requires Handyside's Consumption Cure for them, but for everything else their equal is unknown. They are the greatest blessing that has been given to the world in the nineteenth century. Thousands of people bless the day they got them. I know some who pray that you will not die without leaving the recipe. I wish you a long life, and I need not wish you happiness, for there is no greater happiness than to bless the world by reducing the misery that is produced by disease.—Yours truly,

J. BROOKS.

These preparations contain no medicine, therefore cannot ruin the constitution. All the marvellous work they are doing is through them nourishing the blood and promoting digestion, and who was ever known to be ill when they have rich blood and a good digestion. It is well known that medicines may do good for a short time, but when people become heavy takers of medicine they cannot do without it until their body and system are completely pulled down, and their health permanantly ruined.

Sold by all chemists. If you cannot get them from your chemist write to G. Handyside, Newcastle. It will be sent (carriage paid) with a note enclosed stating that if the takers think it does not do good to their satisfaction, the money will be returned at any time within nine days after the date of invoice of the medicine, but no money can be paid after nine days.

A LONDON LADY'S LETTER.

The following letter bears in its simple, honest, and intelligent working, and absolute a stamp of truth that we should not add one word to it:—

Gentlemen,—I am writing a few lines in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It is six weeks since I ceased taking them, so I think I have waited long enough to prove whether they have done good or not. I have had six boxes altogether they are 13/9 per box), but I cannot thank God enough that I was persuaded to try the Pills and for the benefit I have derived from them. I am not the same creature. For five years I have been suffering from anæmia. I had medical attendance. It did no good whatever. Since then I have tried different tonics, and spent a small fortune on them, but they have done little good. It was about three months ago I bought the Pills, and I am much better in every way. In fact, truthfully speaking I have never enjoyed such good health all my life. Shortness of breath, palpitation of the heart, very bad headaches, &c.—all through bloodlessness—I feel nothing of now. I took one pill after breakfast; two after dinner; and one after tea. I do so hope that if anybody should read these lines, who is having bad health, to do what they can to buy six boxes for 13/9, and they will not, I am sure, regret it. I recommend them to everybody who complains of illness, as I have such faith in them through experience. I feel that I have not praised the Pills enough, or, I should say, that I cannot praise them enough.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) E. Taylor.

2, Park-cottages, Hendon-lane,
Finchley, London, N.,
June 27th, 1895.

This lady has been personally interviewed by an important London newspaper, and her statement, with portrait, will be reproduced in an early issue.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the best possible tonic. They cure influenza, rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, nervous headache, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, and sallow complexion. They are a specific for the female sex, and in men they cure all cases from worry, overwork, or excesses. Genuine only in pink wrapped boxes, bearing in red letters the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; sold by chemists; also by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[By Observer.]

One of the chief attractions in Stanley since my last note has been the visit of Valentine Smith and Company. The Albert Hall was crowded to excess, in to hear and see this popular singer. They rendered sacred music in goode style on Sunday (14th) at the Catholic Church, and the Albert Hall. On the whole the company have been highly appreciated and patronised.

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The Stanley Circuit Camp Meeting was held on Sunday week. The weather was rather unfavourable as several showers of rain fell during the day, but still the morning and afternoon services were held in the open air, and the lovefeast inside of the large Stanley Chapel. The Rev. W. Gelley and several others took part in the proceedings.

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The Beamish Wesleyans held their chapel anniversary services the same day. The Rev. James Duff, of Barnsley preached an excellent sermon in the afternoon, after which a good substantial tea was served by the ladies of the society. An interesting public meeting was held in the evening which was addressed by Revs. J. Wooderton, and J. Duff. Mr. A. Dennison, of Birtley, presided. Mr. Duff preached two sermons on the Sunday. The whole of the interesting poceedings were fairly well patronised.

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The chapel at Kip Hill was also well attended to hear Mr. Henry Croston, a blind gentleman who preached morning and evening, and the Tantobie Wesleyan Choir rendered a service of song in the afternoon. The services were held on behalf of the Sunday School funds. Mr. Croston did good service as many were drawn to see and hear him. The choir also performed their programme in an able manner.

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The East Stanley Primitive Choir have held their annual trip to South Shields in brakes. The day, was fine and they enjoyed their outing.

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On Saturday week, the West Pelton Co-operative Society's annual recreation took the shape of a trip to Redcar and Saltburn. The morning was fine, and all seemed to enjoy the festal day.

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My last week's notes were crowded out owng to the special election meetings. Without doubt we have all got well educated in the science of politics. We have heard scarcely anything else for a good few days, and there's a danger of our being wearied out by the speeches and literature on this subject.

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The North-West Durham election was carried out in this part of the division in a quiet way, party colours being worn to a fair degree which occasioned sneering comment, and a little jollity. The youthful portion made a few raids on favour colours which caused a little merriment to some and indignation to others.

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Considerable contention took place in certain quarters concerning the secrecy of the Parliamentary Vote. Many assert that the ballot papers are so arranged that even the persons who count the votes can determine which way a person has recorded his vote. Now once for all this erroneous idea should be studied until the system is transparent to the most illiterate. Nothing whatever can be detected except a scrutiny takes place, and in cases of objection being raised on account of personation. The ballot papers must of necessity be contrasted or compared with their duplicates to determine error.

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The counters of the ballot papers at Lanchester could in no wise detect which way any particular person had voted, because the number on register is not on the ballot paper on which you put your mark. Consequently before any trace could be effected the duplicate paper on which is placed the number on the register would have to be put together. Now this check system is adopted to prove a safe-guard against any infringement on the ballot and they are never compared without an objection is lodged by either party, when they may secure a scrutiny. The number on the back of the ballot paper on which you put your cross is simply to record your turn at the booth and if a scrutiny was effected this number would verify itself with the duplicate.

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It is a matter to be lamented over that 1,979 persons on the register did not record their votes. Various reasons are assigned for this action. Some men that I know myself would not walk a mile through sheer indifference. Others are so angry with Mr. Joicey owing to the action he took at the Brewster Sessions relative to the extension of public houses at West Stanley that they cannot forgive him. Consequently they were absent at the poll. Several don't accept his policy on Home Rule, and still they could not vote for the Conservative party and so they remianed neutral.

The Local Veto, also, is strongly resisted by the Licensed Victuallers' Association. Like it or not, as we may, the fact stands out that the liquor interest is marvellously organised. Other institutions may pine or whine for funds, or for relief, but the liquor interest, paying the least proportionately for labour, can afford to pay the most indirectly for votes. If temperance reformers are not prepared to accept their defeat, they must at least remodel their tatics, for at present its organisation is woefully deficient.

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Before this appears in print the result of the Chester-le-Street Division will be known, Sir James Joicey, has been well received by all during his electioneering campaign, and it is a veritable fact that he will be returned by a substantial majority. His record in all that pertains to his political duties has been faithfully carried out, and his speeches are in substance a true experience and expression of an honest genuine Liberal politician. Meetings in his favour have been held with captial results, and I am assured that Lord Morpeth his opponent will find himself amongst the number that have suffered defeat.

"Poverty in the Ditch and the Devil throwing stones at him." This was once a favourie toast - in the days when heavy drinking and convivial meetings were commoner than they are now. It is a good toast but unfortunately it is not always realised. As often as not, we are in the ditch with poverty sitting complacently on our chests and the devil grinning hard-by. The fight for existence is keen, and we can only succeed in keeping poverty at arms length by keeping our heads cool, our nerves steady, and our frames healthy and vigorous. How are we to do this? There is only one sure way, my brothers. I speak in all seriousness when I say, use Holloway's Pills.

FAILURE OF A CORNSAY BUTCHER.

At the Durham Bankruptcy Court, Thomas Henry Myers, Commercial Street, Cornsay Colliery, butcher, came up for his first examination in bankruptcy.—The statement presented by the Official Receiver (Mr. A. J. Longden) showed that the debtor filed his own petition. His statements were to the effect that he commenced business in September, 1890, with a capital of £10 of his own money, and £20 borrowed money. Debtor kept a shop ledger, a cart ledger, and a day book, but the ledgers contained only credit customers accounts, and the day book contained accounts of cattle bought. Debtors life was insured for £14, but the policy was in the hands of a creditor as a security for an account. One creditor had got judgment against him for £24 15s and costs, and issued execution. Everything was sold on 27th May last, and he discontinued business on the 18th the landlord for rent. His wife possessed household furniture, which was bought in at the sale of his effects by friends of hers, the value of which was about £16. He had not within the last twelve months incurred any losses other than those in trade, neither had he pledged any property. He had made payments on accounts up to the 13th May last, and he discontinued business on the 18th of the same month. Debtor became aware of his insolvency about the latter end of 1892. He contracted all his debts he now owed since that date, but hoped to be able to pay them by improvement in trade. His household and personal expenses for each of the last three years had been about £78 a year. Debtor did not intend to make any offer to his creditors, and had been adjudicated a bankrupt. According to his statement of affairs, out of a total of unsecured indebtedness of £124 7s 2d, £14 was borrowed money, £6 10s 4d was for law costs, and the rest appeared to be ordinary trade debts. The assets, with the exception of the book debts, had been realised by the Sheriff. The book debts appeared to the Official Receiver to be somewhat over valued, saying that the largest part was owing by miners. According to the deficiency account, debtor appeared to be living beyond his income, and as he knew of his insolvency at the end of 1892, he should have called his creditors together before he did.—Mr. McCartan appeared on behalf of the debtor.—In answer to the Official Receiver, debtor said he had never come to any previous arrangement with any of his creditors; he had always paid them in full. He had never had any building society or banking account. His assets would in all probability realise £104. Debtor's stock-in-trade, furniture, and utensils were all sold; he had no trade fixtures. It was in April of the present year that any of his creditors first pressed him. Mr. Batey was the first and only creditor who pressed him for payment. Debtor's bill to Mr. Batey was no doubt somewhat heavier this year than usual. With regard to his furniture, his wife claimed, previous to the sale, two beds and a small workbox, but they were sold with the other things. Debtor had never pledged anything during the last twelve months, neither had he lost any money except in his business. His business had been on the decline since the strike two years ago, but he did not close his business, because he thought his trade would improve. Debtor first realised that he had not enough money to meet all his debts when Mr. Batey sent his account in. He had paid back the money he had borrowed to start himself in business. Debtor did not keep an account of his receipts. His shop ledger was entered up every week end. Debtor had never lent his name to anyone as a surety or guarantee. His net profits were about £39 a year.—The examination was adjourned for a fortnight.

HOME MARKETS.

CATTLE.

Tuesday.—The number of cattle forward compared with last Tuesday showed a decrease of 207 head. There was a slight improvement in the quality and condition of the cattle exposed, but there is every appearance of a scarcity of grass everywhere. The primest sorts were in good demand at the opening of the market, and a shade more money was obtained. Secondary and inferior sorts were a somewhat good trade at fully last week's prices, but the demand began to fall away about mid-day, a rather heavy finish being experienced. Sheep and lambs showed a decrease of 889 head compared with last week. Choice young sheep were in good demand. Owing to their scarcity, an advance of ¼d per lb on last week's rates was made. Ewes and the rougher classes were in fair demand at fully late rates. The demand for the South was only moderate, but at the close a fair good clearance had been effected. Lambs were only a moderate display, the bulk being dock tails in only middling condition. Nice fat lambs were easy to sell at fully last week's prices. Calves were a similar display. Trade was heavy, prices having a downward tendency. Pigs were a smaller show, and an advance on last week's rates was obtained, a sharp clearance being the result. The arrivals from a distance since Tuesday last consisted of 124 cattle, 160 sheep and lambs, and 40 pigs from Aberdeen and district, and 518 cattle from Ireland. Total numbers shown:—Cattle, 1,614; sheep and lambs, 7,516; pigs, 551; and calves, 120.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

Newcastle Wholesale Fruit and Potato.—There was only a moderate company of buyers at the Green Market early in the morning, but a somewhat improved attendance was noticeable towards midday. With the exception of strawberries, which were in steady demand, there was little else in the fruit line moving. Supplies were fully up to the requirements, as will be noticed from the following—From Rotterdam, the John Ormston brought 137 baskets of plums (the first this season), 85 baskets of pears, 1,394 kegs of bilberries, 169 baskets of red currants, 81 tubs of rasps, 209 baskets of cherries, 169 hampers of carrots, 209 packages of cucumbers, 13 hampers of cauliflowers, 1,880 bags of onions, and 3,447 bags and nets of potatoes. From Hamburg, the Admiral landed 2,843 half sieves of cherries, 5,128 chips of bilberries, and 1,282 chips of currants. Red currants from Denmark were hardly so plentiful, and being only in moderate condition, found their way principally into the boilers' hands. Dutch onions, for a beginning, were a good sample, and at easy prices prompt clearances were effected. Lemons continue scarce and very dear.

Hexham Provisions, Tuesday.—Rabbits, 1/-; ducklings, 2/8 to 3/-; chickens, 2/- to 2/9 each; pigeons, 1/- to 1/2 per couple; hens, 1/3 to 2/-; new potatoes, 10d to 1/6; potatoes, 9d to 10d; onions, 1/4 to 1/6 per stone; fresh butter, 1/1 to 1/2; eggs, 14 per 1/-.

HAY AND STRAW.

Newcastle Hay and Straw.—There were 58 carts of hay, and 42 carts of straw, at the Haymarket. Prices:—Old land hay, £3 to £3 12s; new land hay, £4 10s to £5 per ton; wheat straw, 18s to £1 4s; and oat straw, 16s to £1 per load.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—On Monday, Mr. J. S. Murray, had forward 14 fat cattle, 160 fat sheep and lambs (most of which were of extra good quality), 17 pigs, 1 calf, a number of cows and calving heifers, and miscellaneous lots. A large company of good buyers were forward, and a capital sale resulted. Fat bullocks from Messrs Anderson, Black Hedley, £18 10s to £19 2s 6d; fat heifers from Messrs Graham, Whittonstall Hall Farm, £15 to £19; Derwent Flour Mill, £14 10s to £14 15s; Jno. Pattison, £17 15s to £18; others, £11 12s 6d to £13 5s. Lambs—Messrs Graham, 25/- Mr. S. Brewis, 25/6; Mr. W. Potts, 28/6; Mr. Henderson, Lintz Hall, 37/6; Mr. R. Gledson, 31/-; Mr. W. Taylor, 31/6; Mr. Teasdale 28/6; M. Anderson, 29/-; J. Angus, 28/-; G. Heppell, 31/6; Jno. Pattinson, 32/-; W. Archer, 31/-; Willis, 25/6; R. Hand, 27/-. Young sheep, to 44/6; ewes, to 49/6; Scotch ewes, to 31/6. Pigs, 15/- to 40/-. Cows, to £14 10s; calving heifers to £12 17s 6d; other lots at fair average prices.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

Match at Durham.—The return match between teams representing the Durham and Chester-le-Street companies of the 4th V.B.D.L.I. was shot off on Saturday, at the Kepier range at Durham. The conditions were:—Seven shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards; Bisley scoring; nine men a side, eight to count. Score:—Durham: Sergeant-Major Adams, 93; Private W. Raylole, 89; Corporal Wilson, 86; Private R. Swaffield, 80; Private R. Hepburn, 79; Private C. W. Thompson, 79; Sergeant W. H. Ludgate, 76; Corporal G. H. Atkinson, 72; (Corporal J. Quilt, 63; counted out).—Total, 659. Chester-le-Street; Sergeant J. Thompson, 87; Sergeant R. Finlay, 84; Private G. Trotter, 79; Sergeant R. Beveridge, 76; Sergeant W. Lowther, 76; Corporal W. Harle, 74; Corporal J. Bonsall, 75; Private T. Huntley, 57; (Private T. Birtley, 31, counted out).—Total, 608.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, July 15th.—Before Coun. James Annandale (chairman), J. W. Walton-Wilson, J. T. Potts, and E. W. E. Balleny, Esqs.

Wilful Damage to Grass.

Mary A. Armstrong, John Hannah, James Ward, Francis Owen, Bernard Keenan, and John Core, were all charged with doing damage to grass, the property of Mr. R. Murray, Benfieldside House on the 7th inst.—The amount of damage was assessed at 1d each.—The Bench fined defendants 1/- each the damage and costs.

Fighting at Dipton.

Two miners named John Warren, and William Dawson, were proceeded against for fighting at Dipton, on the 28th ult.—P.C. Curtis proved the case.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace for three months, and defray the costs.

Threatening Language.

Margaret McArdle, married woman, was summoned for using threatening language, towards Ellen McVeigh, married woman, at Consett, on July 6th.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for six months and ordered to defray the costs.

John Patrick McArdle, husband of the last defendant, was likewise bound over for threatening Hugh McVeigh, at the same time and place.

Obscene Language.

Mary A. Humble, and Julia Bell, were charged with using obscene language in William Street, Consett, on the 29th ult.—P.C. White gave the facts of the case.—The charge against Humble was dismissed; but the other defendant was fined 1/- and 8/- costs.

Highway Act.

Joseph Bell, employed by Mr. Pattison, fish curer, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was summoned for allowing a horse, attached to a cart to stray on the highway, without anyone in charge, at Hobson Colliery, on the 4th inst.—P.C. Wall stated that he saw the defendant's horse standing on the highway for the space of ten minutes, whilst defendant was inside a public-house.—The magistrates held that the summons fell to the ground owing to the officer stating that the animal was left 10 minutes without anyone in charge, whilst the summons stated 20 minutes. The case was dismissed.

No Lights.

William Dalton, and John Newton, butchers, of Burnopfield, were charged with driving vehicles, without lights, at Burnopfield on the 5th inst.—P.C. Wall proved the charge.—Defendants were each fined 1/- and costs.

Weak Whiskey.

William Turpin, landlord of the Bird Inn, White-le-Head, was proceeded against under the Food and Drugs Act, by Inspector Laidlaw, Chester-le-Street, with selling whiskey which was adulterated to the extent of 31.46 degrees under proof.—The Bench imposed a fine of 10/- and costs.

Poor Law Act.

John Strong, shearsman, of Blackhill, was summoned by Mr. John Moon, relieving officer, for the Lanchester Union, for the maintenance of his wife and two children.—Mr. Moon, explained that there was an agreement made that the defendant should contribute 12/6 per week towards the maintenance of his wife and family. He desired this to be reversed, and a fresh order made by the Bench for the defendant to pay the money direct to his wife.—Defendant's wife declared that defendant was earning £4 per week, and the money was drawn in another man's name.—A statement was put in, shewing that defendant was only averaging 38/2 per week.—The magistrates agreed to enforce the order, and the money to be paid direct to the complainant.

John Rymes, labourer, of Consett, was committed to prison for two months for failing to comply with an order, to maintain his wife, Elizabeth Rymes, and family.—There was £4 arrears standing against him.

The Result of the Recent Riot at Consett.

Owen Mullen, labourer, of Consett, was proceeded against for assaulting the police at Consett; on Sunday night, June 30th.—P.C. White stated that whilst taking a man into custody, a large crowd surrounded him in Middle Street. Stones and other missiles were thrown. When near the church, he was struck in the back with a large stone. On looking round he saw defendant in the act of throwing a stone, which struck the railings.—Sergt. Mitchell corroborated.—Defendant pleaded not guilty and was fined 20/- and costs.

Thos McAnaney, metal carrier, of Consett, was accused of obstructing the police, whilst in the execution of their duty at Consett, on the 30th ult.—P.C. White stated that when he had a man named McGuire in custody, defendant attempted to rescue him, and said "What do you want to lock him up for, you know him, let him go. He then attempted to drag him away.—P.C. Waites corroborated.—Defendant said he only went and told the prisoner to go to the Police Station quietly, and it would be better for himself. He never obstructed the police.—The Bench believed defendant took a step further than he ought to have done by interfering with the police. They would ask defendant to defray the costs, so as to end the case.

Assault at Consett.

John Patrick, and Margaret McArdle, husband and wife, were summoned for assaulting William O'Niel, labourer, at Consett, on the 29th ult. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett), defended.—Prosecutor stated that the male defendant came into the house were he was lodging, and struck him in the face. McArdle's wife followed in and dealt him a blow on the head and face.—Thomas Lynn corroborated.—P.C. Robinson deposed that when he went into the house there was a general melee going on.—Mr. Welford stated that the dispute arose owing to money being due to McArdle from O'Niel. It was true that McArdle did strike prosecutor; but he was then attacked by the other lodgers in the house, and his wife only went to McArdle's assistance.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/- and costs.

A Row at Consett Terrace.

Annie Campbell, married woman, was proceeded against for assaulting Mary Carr, single woman, at Consett Terrace, on the 6th inst.—Mr. W. Dickinson (Consett), prosecuted; whilst Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett,) defended.—From the evidence tendered it appeared the defendant attacked the complainant by seizing hold of her by the mouth.—There was also a cross-summons charging the complainant with assaulting the defendant at the same time and place.—Mrs. Campbell alleged that Miss Carr assaulted her first by pulling a large quantity of hair out of her head.—After, hearing the whole of the evidence, the magistrates found that Mrs. Campbell was the aggressor, and fined her 2/6 and costs. The other case was dismissed.

Assault at Lintz Colliery.

Elizabeth Shaw, married woman, who wept bitterly whilst standing in the dock, and also conducted herself in a strange manner, was charged with assaulting Ann Parker at Lintz Colliery, on the 21st ult.—Complainant attested that she sold some goods to defendant, and she afterwards cents to her and said that she had given her half-a-sovereign in a mistake. She denied she had done so, and defendant then took hold of her, knocked her down three steps and assaulted her.—Defendant maintained that she never assaulted the woman.—The Bench bound defendant over to keep the peace for six months, and the Chairman pointed out that she was labouring under a delusion with respect to the half sovereign.

Aggravated Assault at Blackhill.

Joseph Siddle, butcher and grocer, of Tinmill Place, Blackhill, failed to appear to answer a charge of committing an aggravated assault on his wife, Margaret Ann Siddle, at Blackhill, on the 11th inst.—Mr. Welford (Consett), prosecuted.—Complainant attested that she had been married to defendant for 18 years. There were five children, and she had left him no less than 12 times since 1883, through his bad conduct and ill-usage. On this particular day, they had a few words and defendant rushed at her, and injured her head. Defendant then ran her through the shop, and declared he would kill her and all her breed. After wards defendant attempted to kill a sheep, and she saw that he was going to spoil it, and went to his assistance. Defendant then seized her and kicked her out of the yard. Defendant would not work and she had entirely conducted the business. She wished for a separation order.—After other evidence by witnesses who saw the assault committed, Dr. Macintyre spoke to dressing complainant's injuries.—The Bench committed defendant to prison for one month, and granted a separation order. Defendant was to contribute £1 per week towards his wife and family.

Stealing Tomatoes.

John Henry English, youth, of Blackhill, was brought up and charged with stealing two pounds of tomatoes, from a basket at Consett and Blackhill Railway Station, on the 13th inst., the property of the North-Eastern Railway Company.—The evidence tendered by a porter named William Pattison, and other witnesses, defendant was seen near the baskets containing the tomatoes, which were standing on the platform, and presently was caught scaling a wall, with a number of tomatoes in his possession. They were valued at 1/7½.—Defendant was remanded to Lanchester Workhouse, with a view of having him sent to a Reformatory School.

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"I had been reading the wonderful testimonials you publish, but not one of them comes near the extraordinary and marvellous case with which I am personally and thoroughly acquainted." The above is an extract from a letter received from Mr. A. Lister, of 2b, Henstridge Place, St. John's Wood, London, N.W., expressing his willingness to give fullest particulars of the case. At an interview, he narrated the following facts, which were amplified and corroborated by his wife, Mrs. Lister. He said:—"A very near relative of my own, now 25 years old, was, at the age of six years, afflicted with an abscess or running sore, just under the chin. She was treated for some time by the parish doctor, but eventually was compelled to go into the County Hospital, where she remained three years, being finally discharged as incurable with three abscesses. She then once more came under the care of the parish doctor, who diagnosed the disease as King's Evil, and stated that he could do nothing whatever to cure it. The unfortunate girl became worse, the abscesses spreading to the face and neck, then to the chest and legs, until her whole body was covered with a mass of these loathsome sores. One leg became so bad that pieces of diseased bone came away upon the poultices, and the great toe is one joint shorter than it should be from this cause. The place on her chest was as large as a man's hand. She was on several occasions considered by the doctor and her friends to be on the point of death. She could not take even a few steps without aid, being even unable to use crutches, and had, in fact, to be tended and helped like an infant. Both she and her mother often expressed the wish that the end would soon come as a relief to her terrible sufferings. Despite the fact of her very straitened circumstances, she had managed to procure and take a number of so-called remedies, but all to no good. About two years ago, however, she saw an advertisement of Clarke's Blood Mixture, relating many wonderful cures, and exclaimed to her mother, 'I must give this one a trial as a last resource.' She took two 2/9 bottles, with the effect of bringing out spots, which rubbed off like scales. Feeling somewhat better, she persisted with the medicine, and after taking a large bottle found the sores were drying up, leaving only scars behind. The improvement in her condition has been maintained in the most astonishing manner. She recently walked 11 miles in a day, accompanied by myself, without injury or undue fatigue. After 17 year's terrible suffering, she is now After seventeen year's terrible suffering, she is now to all purposes well and strong. The scars have now grown so faint that she is now able to dispense with the heavy veil which she was compelled for years wear whenever she appeared out of doors. Remembering this poor woman's sufferings for all these years and her ultimate cure, I think you will agree with me that this is the most wonderful testimonial you have as to the marvellous effects of Clarke's Blood Mixture." For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-famed Blood Mixture, the finest blood purifier that science and medical skill have brought to light. "The Health and Vigour of an individual depends upon the quantity and quality of the Blood. When the tissues have been at work, there are thrown into the blood, waste products, and if these be not eliminated but (through any cause) detained in the blood they influence nutrition and function and finally produce organic disease."—"The Humanitarian." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Disease, Pimples, and Sores of any kind, should give it a trial and test its value. 753q.

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TIT-BITS.

FOR THE COMPLEXION.

An African traveller, weary and exhausted, was hospitably received one evening in the kraal of a Hottentot prince. Early next morning he was about to record the events of the previous weeks, when he perceived, to his dismay, that the ink in his travelling-case was all dried up.

With a sigh of disappointment he packed up again his writing materials, when his eye fell on a glass standing on a bamboo shelf, which, on closer inspection, proved to be a genuine ink-pot nearly full to the brim. Delighted at the discovery, he sat down and worked away at his diary. Suddenly he was disturbed in his occupation by a negress—out of her Teens—who, springing towards him, snatched the ink-pot from the table in passionate haste.

Her horrid screams very soon attracted the other members of the royal family to the spot, and now the unsuspecting stranger was made aware that he had committed the heinous offence of laying sacrilegious hands on the carefully-guarded provision of ink, which the wealthy aunt of the monarch had purchased from a European trader as a toilet preparation for improving the complexion. Our ill-starred explorer was forthwith put on his trial and sentenced to death. His wife was spared only through the energetic intervention of the captain of a man-of-war lying at anchor in the bay, who propitiated the irate aunt by the gift of half a pint of black ink.

A report of the foregoing was drawn up and forwarded to the German Colonial Office, under this short and expressive title—"Hottentottenpotentatentintenattentat."

STRIVING TO PLEASE.

"We don't need any matches," said Mrs. Ricketts, as she opened the door, about three and a quarter inches, and discerned that it was a pedlar who had rung the bell.

"Madam, I am not selling——"

"Don't want to subscribe for any books either."

"I am not a book a——"

"I have a full supply of tea and coffee."

"But I'm not taking orders for gro——"

"Don't want any pictures enlarged either."

"The picture business is not my——"

"Hain't no use for jewellery, I tell you."

"I am not dealing in——"

"Fact is," Mrs. Rickett went on, opening the door a little wider to give her words a chance to emerge—"fact is, you pedlers make me ill."

"Indeed?" replied the man, brightening up, as he deftly braced the door open with his right foot. "Then how fortunate it must be that I happened to add a stock of medicine to my outfit this trip! This preparation, ma'am," he went on, as he held a bottle up for inspection, "is warranted to cure the worst attack of illness brought on by pedlars. Only fifty cents a bottle. How many bot——"

"Pluto!" called out Mrs. Ricketts; but as the dog came bounding cheerfully towards the house, the merchant placed himself outside the gate, and observed:

"I see you do not really need the medicine, madam. Sorry to have troubled you by displaying it. Good morning, madam."

HE WAS SO MODEST.

"Yes, gentlemen," said the phrenologist, sagaciously shaking the forefinger of his right hand towards the crowd, while his left wandered lovingly over the subject's "bumps," "this development indicates extreme mokesty, not to say shyness."

The first faint glimmer of a smile dawned upon the subject's face.

"You see," continued the professor, "an instance of the retiring nature of this gentleman, in his reluctance to admit the possession of such an enviable characteristic before strangers. He is not one to push himself forward in any way."

The smile gradually widened into a grin.

"Yet, my friends, I can assure you his modesty would not prevent his bold championship of truth, if it were required, for there is here a decided indication of downright honesty of purpose. He would boldly speak out what he thought, though his other prominent characteristic would prevent him falling into exaggeration. No doubt these qualities will be brought into use in this gentleman's calling. Perhaps, sir, you do not mind saying what your occupation is?"

"Oh, dear, not at all, sir," remarked the modest one, rising and lazily stretching himself out. "I'm the advertising manager of Smiley's world-renowned circus, which is the most unparalleled aggregation of equestrian and equilibristic talent the world"——

But the "professor" had vanished, without even troubling to pass round the hat.

KEEPING THE MONEY IN THE FAMILY.

It was plain that the man who tossed uneasily upon the bed was at the door of death.

Already the light of another world shone in his eyes, and his breath came in laboured gasps.

"I wish"——

The lawyer bent low to catch every word that fell from the patient's lips.

"— all my property to go to my eldest daughter."

The lawyer made a note of it.

"I wish"——

His voice was very faint now.

"— to die in the conviction that she will get it. Is it asking too much of you"——

He turned his fevered glance appealingly upon his legal adviser.

"To marry her?"

The lawyer was deeply affected, and could only reply by pressing the hand of his expiring client.

AN INJUSTICE.

In connection with a well-known lunatic asylum a series of popular lectures was given one winter, in the hope that they might prove a means of mental recreation to some of the patients. After a certain distinguished professor had, one evening, concluded a rapsodical lecture, full of bounce and bathos, one of the female patients eyed him keenly and ground her teeth in rage, and then indignantly observed: "To think of me in and him out!"

A WOMAN worth her weight in gold is worth waiting for.

WE never know how poor our wits are until we try to live by them.

THE more you puff a cigar the smaller it becomes. And this is the case with some men.

CLEAR.—Professor: "Gentleman, the air is a substance which we cannot see; but it is by no means so simple a substance as it looks."

DEVELOPMENT.—Visitor: "What enormous ears your landlady has got, my dear!" Gertie: "Yes, she has developed them by listening at the keyhole."

A REMINDER.—Mrs. Snap (contemptuously): "You don't seem to have any mind!" Mr. Snap: "That's funny, considering you're always giving me a bit of yours!"

UNIQUE.—The worst case of a bad memory we have ever heard of was that of a man who lent another one a five-pound note, and then forgot that he had done so.

WORTH TRYING.—Ikey: "Gif me a penny, fadder, and I buy me an orange off dat man outside." Fadder: "Go out and make faces at him; maybe he will throw one at you."

NO "THANK YOU."—Teacher (at a Sunday-school tea party): "Will you take a bit of bread, Bobby?" Bobby: "No." Teacher (reproving): "No what?" Bobby: "No jolly fear while there's any cake"

BLAMING THE COW.—There was once a mayor of an ancient borough who was a staunch teetotaller, and well known to be so. He attended the festivities promoted by a neighbouring borough, and somebody who knew the mayor well put a glass of milk punch close to his plate. The mayor saw the glass; he could not resist it. He took it up and quaffed it off, and set it down, saying, "Lord, what a cow!"

THE STORY-TELLER'S COLUMN.

WHAT DONALD WAS THINKING OF.

Scene: Top of Ben Cleuch.

Cockney Tourist: "If I had a glass, Donald, do you think I could see Edinburgh from here?"

Donald: "I think ye wad need a goot two or three glasses, sir, for she has peen up here herself wi' mair than half a mutchkin, an' she neffer saw Edinburgh yet, whateffer."

A TIGHT FIT.

One day last week a little boy rushed into our village chemist's shop, panting and blowing like a diminutive steam-engine.

"Well, my boy," said the medicine man, "what can I do for you?"

"Please sir," gasped the little lad, regardless of stops, as soon as he had sufficiently recovered his breath, "Please sir, I wants two-penn'orth o' stuff for poor father: he's havin' a fit in a bottle."

NOT THAT TIME.

Scene: The steps of the Army and Navy Club.

Beggar: "Yer don't remember me, Colonel?"

Colonel: "No, my man."

Beggar: "What! yer ain't forgot the old rigimint, sir?"

Colonel: "The 55th?"

Beggar: "Yes, sir, I ain't forgot yer. Sure I was in it wid yer."

Colonel: "That's a pity; I was in the 68th."

PUFFED UP WITH PRIDE.

During the French Revolution two prisoners were being conveyed on a cart to the guillotine, the one an aristocrat, the other a convict.

On hearing the mob shouting "Down with the aristocrats!" the felon remonstrated from the cart, "My friends, I am not an aristocrat; I am a burglar."

On this, the priest who accompanied them laid his finger on the convict's arm. "My son," said he "this is not the moment for vanity."

DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE.

A lad of ten years old, in climbing into a cart, caught his leg in the wheel and the limb was so badly fractured that the doctors attending at a Bedford infirmary, where the sufferer was taken, found it necessary to amputate it.

The boy's father, as soon as he heard of the accident, went to the infirmary to see his son.

As he approached the bed where the sufferer lay, the little chap looked up at his parent as though expecting a scolding and exclaimed in piteous tones:

"I am sure I didn't do it on purpose father."

ANOTHER RAILWAY YARN.

The other day I was standing on the platform of a country station in Lancashire, when a London express was signalled.

A few minutes before it was due, I was surprised to see the whole staff of the station come on to the platform and range themselves in a line (military fashion) facing the metals. My surprise was in no way diminished when I beheld (as the train dashed through) a little bald-headed man standing at the window of one of the carriages, evidently taking stock and making notes rapidly.

Seeing one of the porters after, I inquired, "Inspection day, I suppose?"

"Oh, no," he replied, "that's the company's tailor been measuring us for new togs."

NOT SO GREEN!

A gentleman was showing a cabby over a museum, and, showing him a coin, he informed him that it was over two thousand years old.

Cabby evidently did not believe him, but said nothing at the time, and went through the other departments lost in thought.

On leaving the building he said to his guide, "I say, guv'nor, I knew you were 'avin' me over that there coin."

"No; what makes you think that?" replied his informer.

"Didn't you tell me the coin was two thousand years old?"

"I did."

"Well, it's only 1894 now."

WILKINSON WAS WAITING.

A schoolmaster was giving his pupils instruction in the elements of physiology, and, among other things, told them that whenever they moved an arm or a leg it was in response to a message from the brain.

"The brain always sends a message down your arm or leg whenever you wish to move the particular member," he explained.

At length a boy named Wilkinson aroused his ire by his apparent inattention to the lesson. "Hold out your hand, Wilkinson," he exclaimed. Wilkinson did not stir.

"Why don't you hold out your hand, sir?" cried the irate pedagogue.

"Please, sir, I'm waiting for the message from my brain," said Wilkinson, coolly, and he was let off merited punishment for his sharpness.

JUST A TRIFLE SLOW-WITTED.

It is a well-known fact that the comprehensive powers of the average Oxfordshire countryman are not large.

The following dialogue was overheard between two labourers:

"'Ave you 'eared tell'as Bill Jones' father sez as 'ow 'e'll give 'e the zack?"

"Bill Jones' who?"

"'Is father."

"An' what about 'e?"

"Whoi! 'e sez 'e'll give 'e the zack."

"Give who the sack?"

"Bill Jones in coorse."

"An' wot about 'e?"

"Whoi! 'is father sez as 'ow 'e'll give 'e the zack."

"The wot?"

"The zack?"

"Oh, aye! Oi' eared that yesterday!"

RESERVED SEATS.

As the passengers from the *Campania* landed in Queenstown a short time ago, an American lady, who was dressed in silks and furs, engaged an outside car for an hour, at the rate of 1s. 6d., and 1s. for the jarvey. She got upon one side and he on the other.

After a while she asked, "Jarvey, what is that seat in front for (the driver's seat)?"

"That, ma'am," says he, "is what we call the reserved seat, nicely cushioned and all that kind of thing, and is only engaged by the real gentry, for which they pay 10s., and 2s. for the driver."

"Well, Jarvey," says she, "I don't know what is the thing in order over here, but I like to do the right thing when I am about it." So she gave him the 12s., got into the driver's seat, and drove the car back to Queenstown, amidst the roars of both natives and strangers.

THE COLLECTING CRAZE.

A girl who had a craze for collecting postmarks was staying at H——, a town in Kent. Thinking it was a good opportunity to obtain some unique specimens, she wrote a number of letters addressed to herself at H——.

She then started out on a long country ramble accompanied by a friend, into all the most obscure and quaint little villages to post those letters.

It was a very pleasant journey, and they were agreeably surprised to see how many villages cropped up in the most unlikely places, some consisting only of five or six cottages a general shop, and an inn. Some could not even boast of a post-office.

When the young ladies reached home, at the close of day what was their amazement to find nearly all the letters awaiting them stamped, with the postmark of the town of H——.

Needless to say, it was their last expedition.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM AT BLANCHLAND.

A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by terrific peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning, fell over the beautiful village of Blanchland on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after three o'clock the electric fluid struck with considerable force several trees in the village. There were several visitors there from the Consett district, two of whom were standing within half a dozen yards of one of the trees which was struck. One of the two felt a singular sensation for the minute, but happily no injury was received by either. A piece of bark from one tree came over on to the highway. For nearly three hours rain fell in torrents, and the River Derwent rose rapidly during the evening.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO BLACKHILL MEN.

Another account says:—On Sunday afternoon, about 3.20, a violent thunderstorm broke over Blanchland and district. At the time, Mr. John Davies, of Cort Street, and Mr. John A. Jack, of St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill, were proceeding along the road between West Roughside and Blanchland. Mr. Jack, who was several yards in front of Mr. Davies, was brought to a sudden standstill by the electric current passing right in front of him; the next instant the bark of the trees and other debris were flying all around him, one piece of bark, nearly 18 inches in length, passing right in front of his face, which he retains as a memento of the occasion. On visiting the place two hours afterwards, the force of the current was seen to have been terrific, seven trees being stripped of their bark from top to bottom, and the ground was broken and rent as if with a steam-plough. In several places the roots were all laid bare, and in some cases stripped of their bark, whilst the vibration of the thunder was terrible at this particular spot. The stone walls on either side rattled like a delf-rack, while the smaller stones crumbled out of them. Needless to say that Mr. Davies and his friend received a shock which they are not likely to forget. The Derwent rose several feet within two hours by the excessive downpour of rain.

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF COLLIERY VILLAGES.

At the Durham County Council quarterly meeting, on Wednesday, the Medical Officer (Dr Hill) presented a long report upon the sanitary condition of colliery villages in the Chester-le-Street, Lanchester, and Stanley districts, and the Health Committee recommended that the portions of Dr Hill's report referring to particular districts should be forwarded to the local authorities, with notices requesting them to repair the defects the officer had pointed out. The Health Committee also recommended the Council to pass a resolution in accordance with the Working Classes Act, 1890, that the Auckland Rural District Council and the Chester-le-Street Rural District having failed to institute and properly prosecute proceedings for closing orders in reference to certain houses in their respective districts, the Clerk be authorised to commence proceedings for securing closing orders in each case.

Ald. Livingstone proposed the adoption of the report. He said the report marked a distinct improvement in the sanitary condition of the county. He thought that the Council and the various local authorities were to be congratulated. It would be a mistake for them to think that there was any reason for their being slack in pushing forward the work to be done, but on the other hand they had reason for congratulation. (Hear, hear.)

Coun. Race seconded the adoption of the report.

The Chairman pointed out that the recommendation as to the closing orders would require a special resolution. This step marked another stage in their procedure in this matter. Hitherto they had been dealing with local authorities, but the local authorities having refused or neglected to take the necessary steps to secure the closing of these insanitary houses. He formally moved that the clerk proceed to get the houses mentioned in the report closed, and that the expense be charged to the respective authorities.

This was seconded and carried, and afterwards the Health Committee's report was adopted.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

Ald. Livingstone, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting on Friday.—There were five applications for the situation vacant at Frosterley South School. They were Miss A. Lee, Miss M. M. Hornsby, Miss E. Pickering, Miss M. Charlton, and Miss G. A. Maddison, all of Frosterley and Stanhope. The candidates have each to appear before the Board a fortnight hence.—Rookhope Flower Show Committee asked for and were granted the use of the schools for their flower show.—The Band of Hope Union wrote asking for leave for their representative to come to the schools and give an object lesson to each on alcohol, its chemical properties and physiological effects on the human system. Leave was given.—Mr. J. H. Chapman, master of Frosterley North School, asked for the same salary as the other masters. It was granted.—Miss Waller's application was left over to next meeting. She had now £40, but had served the Board satisfactorily as a teacher for eighteen years.—The petition respecting the abolition of cumulative voting at School Board elections from Ipswich Board was laid on the table.—The Board has loans to the amount of £7,599 at 4½ per cent. It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, to borrow the amount at 2 per cent. cheaper.

THE BLACKHALL MILL BRIDGE.

At the quarterly meeting of the Durham County Council, on Wednesday, the Works Committee recommended that the plans of the proposed new bridge over the river Derwent, near Blackhall Mill, be approved, and that, in conformity with Section 23 of the Highways and Locomotives Amendment Act, 1878, a sum not exceeding £820 be contributed towards one-half of the actual cost of constructing the bridge, on certain conditions. The report was adopted on the motion of Ald. Browell, seconded by Ald. A. S. Palmer.

MID-DURHAM ELECTION.

WILSON (L)	5,937
WIKINSON (LU)	4,295
Majority	1,642

No change. 1892 majority, 1,962.

The poll for the Mid-Durham Division was declared at Durham at 12·15 yesterday (Thursday), after which the successful candidate, who was received with cheers, thanked the electors for again returning him as their member. (Hear, hear.) He had great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the High Sheriff.

Mr A. WILKINSON, in seconding the motion, thanked those who had supported him during the election, and also his opponents for the courteous manner in which they had received him in that, his first contest.

The High Sheriff replied, and the candidates then shook hands and withdrew.

RETIREMENT OF A N.E.R. OFFICIAL AT CONSETT.

After spending 52 years in the service of the North-Eastern Railway Company, Mr Thomas Thompson, their mineral agent at Carr House, Consett, has retired. During the whole of this time be discharged his duties in the most praiseworthy fashion, and such was the care and industry displayed in his work that he never came in for the slightest censure from his superiors. Mr Thompson's courtesy and kindness has made him hosts of friends, and everyone with whom he has been brought into contact will wish him long life with which to enjoy the pension which his faithful services to his employers have so richly merited.

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THE SHOCKING DISCOVERY NEAR CONSETT.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

On Wednesday afternoon, Coroner John Graham held the adjourned inquiry at the Consett Police Buildings, on the remains of the skeleton which was found in a wood at Knitsley on Saturday, July 6th. Mr. James Fradick, Consett, again acted as foreman of the jury. It will be remembered that this sensational discovery was made in a wood which is situate between Knitsley and Dyke Neck Farms, Consett. On the particular Saturday evening between five and six o'clock, two young fellows came across the skeleton lying underneath the overhanging branches of a large tree. The place is a lonely and unfrequented one, and is only accessible by passing through a bog, which is ankle deep in mud even in dry weather. Information was conveyed to Sergeant Mitchell, who, with P.C. Warwick, proceeded to the spot. The police ascertained that the skeleton was that of a female inasmuch as a portion of the remains was covered with a black waist bordered with braid. The rest of the clothing had rotted away. All the flesh had gone save on one side of the thighs; but on attempting to remove the remains this flesh crumbled away into white dust. A mass of hair, about a foot long, was lying near the skull, but the colour had faded, and is not distinguishable. The skull is completely bare, but the lower jaw is in a good state of preservation. A leg and a portion of an arm is missing, and it is assumed that the bones have been carried away by foxes. One of the hands was found. The bones were scattered about, and the police officers picked up the various parts of the remains, and placing them in a sack conveyed the same to Consett Police Station. The form was identified by means of the bodice, and it was stated that the remains were those of Miss Jackson, who was formerly in a public-house at Consett. She has been missing since the middle of July last year, and was last seen alive in the vicinity of Knitsley Bridge. There is no roadway through the wood, and this will probably account for the fact that the remains lay so long undiscovered. The remains were identified by Mrs. Johnson (sister of deceased), who resides at Pitt Street, Consett, and who examined the remains, and by means of the dress bodice, with fancy braid, and the absence of certain teeth on the lower jaw, recognised them as those of her sister, Miss Jackson, who usually went by the name of Whitfield, and was formerly in the Mason's Arms, at Consett. She disappeared in August last year. It is stated that the deceased, who was 39 years of age, was entitled to 5/- per week as interest on an investment, and it is 13 months since she went to draw the last money out of the bank.

Margaret Jane Johnson stated at the first inquest that she was the wife of John Wm. Johnson, a shingler, and lived at 4, Pitt Street, Consett. She had a sister named Elizabeth Jackson, who was a single woman, and aged about 39 years. She used to stay with her aunt, Elizabeth Whitfield, at the Brickflats, Consett, until the latter's death on the 10th December, 1893. After that she had no fixed place of residence. Mrs. Whitfield left her some money—5/- per week—and she took to drinking, and stayed at different places with anybody who would let her stay all night. She was last with a woman in Albert Row, Consett. Witness did not know the woman's name now, but her maiden name was Willis. This was during the Summer of 1894. Witness last saw her sister alive in July last year. She was just going about the streets, and came into her house one Sunday morning in the beginning of July, and got a drink of tea and left. She did not say where she was going, nor could witness prevail upon her to stay. At that time she was wearing a black skirt made of cloth or serge. The body was also black, but of a different material, and braided in front and round the collar. It was black worsted braiding, and flat. She had the half of a Paisley shawl round her shoulders, and witness produced the corresponding half. It was her mother's shawl; and witness and her sister dividd it between them. Her sister was about 5ft. in height, and her hair was a light brown. She had very little hair, and wore it just twisted round, not plaited. Witness considered that she had very good teeth in the bottom jaw, but on the left side she had lost one double tooth, being the last but one on that side. Witness had seen the remains, and recognised the braiding on the body of the dress, and also the Paisley shawl. She could speak positively to these two articles being worn by her sister.

The fresh evidence tendered was that of William Thompson, ironworker, of 31, Medomsley Road, Consett, who stated that on a Saturday between twelve and one o'clock, before the 12th of August 1894, he was in company with a youth named Frank Richardson, near Knitsley, when he saw the deceased. He was going towards Woodlands. He saw the deceased, who went by the name of Elizabeth Whitfield and she was lingering on the road near to the cottage at Knitsley Mill. Deceased was sober; but she was in a depressed and dirty condition, and had a small shawl over her head. Witness spoke to her, and she said she was trying to get a drink. He told her she would get one at the cottage. Deceased then inquired for the best road to Consett. Witness directed her, and he then resumed his journey. Deceased seemed to be afraid to ask for a drink at the cottage, and he watched her take the road in the direction of Consett.

Dr. William John Shannon, assistant to Dr. Geo. Renton, at Consett adduced that he had examined portions of the female skeleton. She seems to have been a woman of medium height, of middle age, and had light brown hair. The following bones were missing:—Those of both arms and hands, both collar bones and shoulder blades, nine ribs of right side, nine ribs of left side; 15 vertebræ right fibula, left foot; breast bone, and both patellæ. All the bones were in good condition, devoid of flesh, and uninjured.

In answer to the Coroner, the doctor stated that he found no fracture of the skull, or any of the bones.

The Coroner: Are you satisfied as to the identity of the remains?

The Foreman: Yes; they are the remains of Elizabeth Whitfield.

The Coroner said there was no alternative but to return an open verdict. There was nothing to lead to the supposition that deceased had been murdered. The habit she was addicted to was a very sad one, and and had no doubt caused her to lie out. Deceased was a woman who could have been well off, if she had only spent the money in the right direction.

The jury accordingly returned an open verdict, to the effect that the remains were found ni Knitsley Bottoms; but as to the cause of the death there was no evidence to show.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

Dairy School.—The six weeks' course of instruction given at Carlbury Farm, near Piercebridge, to the Exhibition holders came to a close the week before the commencement of the Royal Show held at Darlington. The course was most successful; and each of the fifteen students received specail certificates awarded on examination conducted by the Durham College of Science at the conclusion of the course. As a result of the success of this course the County Education Committee has decided to offer fifteen more Exhibitions covering board, lodging, and free instruction under Miss Maidment, in butter and cheese making, for a period of six weeks, on a farm at Carlbury, commencing with 2nd September next; the exhibitioners will reside at the farm house adjoining the dairy school.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

The election of a member of Parliament for the Chester-le-Street Division of Durham took place yesterday (Thursday.) The candidates were Sir James Joicey (Liberal), who has represented the Division since 1885, and Lord Morpeth (Unionist). The following is a list of the polling districts, with the number of electors:—Birtley, 750; Blaydon, 1,059; Byre Moor, 119; Chester-le-Street, 1,265; Claravale Colliery, 230; Craghead, 174; Dunston, 643; Edmondsley, 254; Eighton Banks, 289; Fatfield, 537; Gateshead, 1,231; Greenside, 200; High Spen, 600; Lamesley, 498; Marley Hill, 377; Nettlesworth, 157; Ouston, 140; Pelton, 534; Pelton Fell, 603; Pitt Hill, 372; Ryton, 770; Swalwell, 404; Usworth, 835; Waldridge, 343; Washington, 847; West Pelton, 419; Whickham, 289; Winlaton, 679—total, 14,618.

In 1892 the total number of electors was 13,169, including duplicates. The result of the election will be declared to-day (Friday) at Gateshead Town Hall. The Liberal candidate had a majority of 2,387 at the election of 1892, his opponent being Sir E. Sullivan, Bart.

There was a polling booth in Gateshead Town Hall for the convenience of voters resident in the borough. During the morning there was an absence of any signs of election excitement, though a large number of electors had put in an appearance and voted.

CYCLING NOTES.

PRESENTATION AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening a gathering, which took the form of a "smoking concert" was held at Mr. W. Redshaw's Commercial Hotel, Consett, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. Geo. Jackson (late captain of the Consett "Charlie" C.C.) from his fellow-members and friends. There was a capital attendance, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. Rose, whilst Mr. Geo. Stobart acted as vice-chairman. Amongst those present were:—Messrs S. Evans, J. Merritt, J. R. Wood, B. Bolt, W. Redshaw, G. Jackson, T. Foster, C. Burnhope, C. Merritt, A. Wilson, A. Jones, Oakenshaw, &c., &c.

The Chairman, in making the presentation, referred to the high esteem in which Mr. Jackson was held by his fellow-members and friends, and the regret felt at his departure, owing to business reasons, to Newcastle. Mr. Jackson had (the speaker continued), by his genial and winning manner, by his unfailing courtesy, and by his willingness to assist on any occasion, won the [illegible] and esteem of everyone who had had the pleasure of his acquaintance. In fact, he was a universal favourite with all classes. (Applause.) He (the chairman) believed that the committee who had had charge of the testimonial had not met with a single refusal, and that, he thought, spoke more eloquently than anything he could say. (Applause). In handing over the presents—on behalf of the subscribers—to Mr. Jackson, the chairman wished him every success, and expressed a hope that whenever he looked at those tokens of their respect and esteem, they would remind him of the many happy days he had spent in their midst, and of the large number of true friends he possessed in Consett. (Loud applause).

The testimonial consisted of a handsome gold medal and meerschaum pipe (in case), the former bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to George Jackson as a mark of esteem from his friends at Consett. July, 1895," whilst on the front are engraved the initials, "G.T.J."

Mr. Jackson feelingly responded, and said that some of the happiest days of his life were spent at Consett, and he often longed to be back again amongst them. (Applause). However, business had to be attended to. He heartily thanked all the subscribers to the splendid gifts which had been presented to him that evening, and he could assure them that he would always treasure them. (Applause). He felt their great kindness towards him very much, and could only say that he sincerely thanked them from the bottom of his heart. (Loud applause).

During the evening, some capital songs were contributed by Messrs W. Redshaw, A. Jones, B. Bolt, A. Wilson, Oakenshaw, T. Foster, C. Burnhope, the chairman, and others, Mr. J. R. Wood acting as accompanist in his usual excellent manner. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," the company broke up at eleven o'clock, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

FAREWELL SERMONS AND PRESENTATIONS.

The "Workington News and West Cumberland Advertiser," contains an excellent report of farewell sermons and presentation to Rev. R. Pattinson, which may be of interest to many of that gentleman's friends and the few who remain of his early acquaintances in this district. It is somewhere about 43 years since Mr. Pattinson left Muggleswick and entered the Primitive Methodist ministry.

On Sunday the Primitive Methodist Church, Workington, was crowded both morning and evening on the occasion of the farewell sermons of the Rev. R. Pattinson, who is shortly leaving the town to take up duties in the first circuit of Glasgow. During his evening discourse Mr. Pattinson said he felt his leave-taking from such a kind and sympathetic congregation as they were very keenly. He would always remember his sojourn in their midst as a most happy one. He hoped that the Lord would always be with them and bless them. The reverend gentleman's words were very touching, and several of the congregation were visibly moved.

PRESENTATION TO MR. PATTINSON.

On Thursday afternoon, a farewell tea, under the auspices of the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society, was held in the school-room, John Street. There was a large attendance of members and friends.

A public meeting took place at night. Mr. S. Kennaugh presided, and was supported on the platform by the Rev. R. Pattinson, and Messrs Tate, Altringham, E. Burrow, and W. Cooper.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said he had great pleasure in presiding, but at the same time there was a certain amount of regret that he should have to preside over a meeting of that kind, but it had to take place. He was glad that meeting was organised by the young people of the Christian Endeavour. (Applause.)

Mr. Tate then dealt with the different forces of the church but more especially with the Christian Endeavour. He remarked that Mr. Pattinson was their first president, and they would long remember his kindness and instruction. Mr. Pattinson had been a faithful worker, and he himself knew that his words had been of great help to many young people in the church. (Applause.)

Mr. Cooper, who was the next speaker, referred to Mr. Pattinson's ministry, and observed that during that time the church had been blessed in a great many ways, and they ought to be very thankful. The church had done exceedingly well to hold its own as it had done, and their pastor had done his share of the work. He was now, however, leaving them, and he was sure everyone connected with the church would miss him. He hoped that God would always be with him and bless him. He sincerely hoped that his declining years would be his best. (Cheers.)

Mr. E Burrow, representing the honorary members of the Endeavour Society, next delivered a short address. They were called together, he said, that night to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pattinson. He liked the word "farewell" better than good-bye, as it implied a wish of well-being. He was quite sure that everyone present would wish Mr. Pattinson success in his new sphere of work. He had heard that Scotchmen liked good preaching and if that was so there was a fine treat in store for them. Mr. Burrow spoke very highly of Mr. Pattinson's preaching abilities. He expressed the thanks of the Christian Endeavour Society to Mr. Pattinson for his excellent work among them.

Mr. Altringham, secretary of the Society, spoke warmly of the interest which Mr. Pattinson had taken in their Society. (Applause.) On one occasion he had told him (the sepaker) that the future of the church depended on the Christian Endeavour Society. ("Hear, hear, and applause.) He felt very sorry that Mr. Pattinson was leaving them, because he had been an excellent friend to them all.

The Rev. R. Pattinson, who was heartily received, said he responded to the call of the chairman with very little cheeriness, but he felt it was his duty to do his best. Farewell meetings were not the most cheerful to himself. There somehow hung a kind of cloud about him, which hindered his freedom of utterance. He gave a short review of his sojourn in the town, and said he had never tired of his work. (Applause.) He could assure them he did not enter the ministry as a profession, but to do his best to save God's creatures. (Applause.) After a touching address he advised the young people to read the Bible. He could assure them they would find comfort in it. He further asked them to work in unity, as no good could be done, unless they were bound together.

The Chairman made a presentation to Mr. Pattinson, on behalf of the Christian Endeavour Society, of a beautifully framed photograph of the members of the Society, executed by Mr. A. M'Donald. He was very sorry to say that all the members did not appear on the photograph. It would have pleased Mr. Pattinson better. He thought their member was quite worthy of the presentation, considering the great intreest he had manifested in his work in the church. The towns-people generally did not know the good that had been done by the harmony and spiritual tone of the church. Some people thought that Primitive Methodism was dead, but he was glad to say that it was living. (Applause.) He had often observed the friendly feeling that existed among the congregation. It had been said that they were very proud, but he hoped there was no such feeling as pride in their midst. The church at the present time had good prospects for splendid work, if it was united. He was sure that if they lived up to what Mr. Pattinson had taught them during his ministry they would succeed. He considered it a great honour to make the presentation, and trusted that whenever the recipient looked upon the picture it would bring back happy thoughts of the classes which he used to hold at Workington, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Christian Endeavour Soceety.

Mr. Pattinson, in response, said he accepted the present with a very grateful heart. He would always value it very highly, and his only regret was that all the members were not on the picture. In conclusion, he hoped that he would be spared to visit them some time in the future. (Applause.) The meeting then terminated.

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At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Consett Waterworks Company, held at Durham, it was resolved to recommend payment of an interim dividend at the rate of 6½ per cent per annum for the half-year ending June 30th, 1895.

WAGES IN THE IRON AND STEEL TRADE.

The return of the accountants (Mr E. Waterhouse) to the North of England Board of Conciliation and Arbitration show that during the two months ending June 30th, the average net selling price of manufactured iron and steel from the works of the associated firms was £4 14s 1d. Under the sliding scale no change in the rate of wages will take place. The following details of sales have been supplied:—

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Angles	2,680	0	4	9	12·60	4	12	4·02
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PRESENTATIOM AT SOUTH PONTOP COLLIERY.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., a large number of the officials and workmen of the South Pontop Colliery met in the colliery office for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr George Alfred Greener, who has left the above colliery to take up the post of surveyor at Blackett Colliery. The meeting was presided over by Mr C. Green, undermanager. Short speeches were given by the Chairman, Messrs J. Smith, master shifter; E. Gailes, enginewright, and Wm. Greener, back-overman, each of whom spoke highly of the excellent character and ability of Mr Greener, and the esteem with which he was held among them all. They tendered him their best wishes, and hoped that he would be successful in his new sphere.—The Chairman then called upon Mr H. Dodds, engineer, to make the presentation.—Mr Dodds remarked that the workmen had all given freely and with open hearts towards the testimonial, and he then, with best wishes for his welfare, handed Mr Greener a manager's colliery hand-book, handsomely bound, and a purse of gold, each bearing a suitable inscription.—Mr Greener then thanked all who had so willingly given towards the presentation as their token of respect to him, which he assured them was mutual, as he had a great respect for them, and that this only proved that he had spent his younger days at South Pontop Colliery without making any enemies.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman then brought this interesting meeting to a close.

MUSIC.

Mr Ralph Hindmarsh, of Tanfield Lea (pupil of Mr A. W. Hinkley, organist and choirmaster of Tanfield Parish Church), has successfully passed the "Intermediate Grade" (organ) of the London College of Music. 825r

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS.—At the examination held in Newcastle in June, Daisy Kirsopp (pupil of Miss Gray, Low Fell School), passed successfully in the third class. 824r

MUSICAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, LONDON.—At the practical examination held in Newcastle, on July 16th, the following pupils of Mr. George Dryden, A.L.C.M., successfully passed in pianoforte playing. Senior Division:—Miss Pringle, Tanfield Lea; Miss N. Arkless, Tantobie; Miss Edith Severs, East Stanley, having gained 120 marks; which is 20 marks over the limited number. Intermediate Division:—Master Jno. C. Russell, Annfield Plain; Master Robert A. Aitkin, Dipton. Junior Division:—Master Robt. Russell, Templetown.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

TAYLOR—KELL.—St. Aidan's, Gateshead. 20th inst., John Taylor, of West Pelton, to Hannah J. Kell, daughter of Elizabeth and the late John Kell, of Pelton Fell.

DEATHS.

ALLANBY.—Wylam, 21st inst., aged 20, Isabella, daughter of William and Esther Allanby.

BELL.—Spen Road, 23rd inst., Mary, wife of Thomas Bell.

BELL.—Allendale Cottages, 20th inst., aged 55, Robert Bell.

BURTEN.—Craghead, 18th inst., Thomas Burten, newsagent, the dearly-beloved husband of A. A. Burten. 822r

CURRY—Lumley, 24st inst., aged 31, Mary Ann Grant, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Curry.

GILLIARD.—Dipton, 24th inst., aged 74, Isaiah, beloved husband of Margaret Gilliard, South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton. Interred at Brooms on Saturday. Friends please accept this intimation. R.I.P. 849r

GIBSON.—Morecambe Bay, 19th inst., Wm. Gibson, farmer, of Stanhope.

GOLDSBOROUGH.—Chester-le-Street, 21st inst., aged 77, the wife of Robert Goldsborough.

LOWES.—Stanley, 18th inst., aged 9 months, Matilda Jane, daughter of John and Margaret Lowes.

MOLE.—Dunston, Jackson Street, 21st inst., aged 44, Joseph, husband of Annie Mole (Miller.)

RICHARDSON.—Winlaton, Church Street, 19th inst., in her 84th year, Ann Richardson.

URWIN.—Stanhope, Grey Bull Inn, 23rd inst., aged 56, Thomas Urwin.

WEIR.—Consett, 46, Puddler's Row, 23rd inst., Wm. Weir.

YOUNG.—Dipton, 23rd inst., aged 62, Robert, husband of Margaret Young.

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