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THE WEEK.

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The native caution of the Scotch mind is pleasantly illustrated by an anecdote from a shooting-box. A member of the House of Commons hired the box, and found an unusual condition in the lease. This was to the effect that he was not to take part in, or even attend, any political meeting in the district during his tenancy of the shooting. As the owner happened to hold different political principles from those of the tenant, this proviso must have struck the latter as a very high compliment. Probably he paraphrased it in these gratifying terms: "You are quite at liberty to shoot to your heart's content, for you have paid for the right; but you must not suppose that this entitles you to attend the meetings of your infamous party, and make speeches which are calculated to disturb the faith of the people in the principles of loyalty and virtue." It is quite likely that a politician who goes to Scotland to shoot, especially after a most exhausting session of the House of Commons, will have small inclination to dabble in local politics during his leisure. He will want to bag birds, not voters. There is, however, a chance that the caution of the landowner in shielding the political integrity of his neighbours from a dangerous visitor may overreach itself. Had not a word been said about political meetings the weary legislator would probably never have thought of them. But the temptation to circumvent the lease may now strike him as a new form of recreation during his holiday. He is debarred from going to meetings, even the meetings of his opponents; but a man who wanders about the countryside with a gun is sure to have plenty of opportunities of dropping seasonable words into the ears of the inhabitants. What is to prevent this sportsman from engaging a large number of "beaters" and talking politics to them casually in the course of the shooting, and especially during luncheon? He might have a fresh lot every day, until he had pretty well canvassed the whole constituency. Yet he could avoid any imputation of having broken the lease by attending a political meeting. We are sorry to suggest so nefarious a proceeding, but so remarkable a shooting lease arouses the unholiest passions.

BEAUTY AND ARSENIC.

Some startling revelations come from Australia about the habits of Antipodean beauty. It is a common and a growing practice for girls to eat arsenic for the complexion. The early effects of the drug are entrancing; the face has a peach-like bloom, and any original blemishes vanish like magic. But there is a penalty. If a girl gets alarmed about a certain inexplicable debility, and tries to leave off absorbing the poison, her face tells a woful tale. The delicate bloom disappears, and the painful conviction presents itself that without arsenic in more frequent doses the complexion will become intolerable. One glance in the glass is fatal to good resolutions, and the dangerous treatment is resumed. Then the poison begins to assert its malignancy. The hair falls off, and at thirty many a woman is perfectly bald. At forty-five she is decrepit, and dies of slow torture, which no medical skill can assuage. Such is the fate of many a fine, healthy Australian girl, according to a correspondent of the *St. James's Gazette*. A certain scepticism will probably assail the mind of the reader who is familiar with alarmist articles in the *Lancet*, and with the most extravagant descriptions of the effects of opium. The style of this Australian writer excites suspicion. "For their God, their country, or their love, men have endured all the extremes of torture, imprisonment, martyrdom. It was reserved for woman to condemn herself to a living death, extending perhaps over a quarter of a century, for the sake of her complexion." This eloquence is a little too sublime for belief. It suggests hysterics and an imagination which plays havoc with facts. We should like to have the opinion of Australian physicians before accepting statements made with such lurid rhetoric. But there can be no doubt that the habit of arsenic-eating has dangerous consequences, and that many women will deliberately suffer much for the sake of being beautiful. That is a characteristic which no conceivable evolution of woman, on what we may call the high and mighty lines of some modern reformers, is likely to eradicate. Woman, whatever may be the ultimate development of her intellectual faculties, must remain the ornament of the human species. Man, with all his desire to be attractive, does not venture to compete with her in the sphere of beauty, and so he avoids arsenic. If he would only exhibit this weakness it might be a real comfort to woman; but with the native meanness of his disposition he cultivates other vices, and leaves the excesses demanded by physiological charms in her exclusive possession.

DIAMOND DENTISTRY.

American dentistry is indisputably the best in the world. In America there are no natural teeth to speak of; they fade under the constant application of candy from the earliest youth. One of the favourite amusements of American youths and maidens is called "a candy pull"—a sociable gathering at which candy in its semi-liquid state is affixed to a peg like a skein of worsted, and pulled by the company. It seems to our insular taste a somewhat sticky entertainment, and it is certainly fatal to the teeth of half a continent. Such a custom is naturally the opportunity for the dentist, and in America he attains great skill and a richly won reputation. It seems that he has the brilliant idea of using precious stones in the manufacture of teeth. The beauty who has to fill her mouth with artificial molars must sometimes be disturbed by the reflection that when she smiles her most bewitching smile she displays the gold plating of her dentist. By no flight of the most romantic imagination can this be called lovely. When the smile is very broad it suggests gums, and gums plated with metal are apt to give the fondest admirer a shock. Evidently some genius of a dentist has pondered this long and deeply, and has conceived the expedient of using diamonds. We presume that these stones take the place of the factitious ivory, and that the beauty with her mouth full of lustre uses it both for the practical purpose of mastication, and for dazzling the admirer who has come to tea. Novelists have often endowed their heroines with pearly teeth, but that is only an image, whereas diamond teeth may be a glittering reality. So we may expect to find a passage in the most modern novel to this effect: "For a moment she gazed at him with compressed mouth, while her eyes flashed the lightnings of scorn. Then her mood changed; her orbs grew soft and melting, and opening her rosy lips, she disclosed such a radiance of gems shimmering in the firelight that he gasped for breath at the white wonder of the vision."

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting took place on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Father F. G. Fortin (junior vice-chairman). Also present: Miss G. M. Gibson, Coun. J. A. Curry, Messrs J. Lax, W. Aynsley, W. Rutherford, J. Oliver, W. Gray, T. Wilkinson, T. Taylor-Smith, T. Pringle, T. Lowdon, S. Kirkup, R. Robson, T Nichol, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF RELIEF.

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

Present No. of inmates	176
Corresponding period last year	194
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	16
Corresponding period last year	16

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, eastern district, reported :—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	65
Females	123
Able-bodied (temporarily disabled)	—
Females (in health)	—
Temporarily disabled	29
Children under 16 years	202
Total	429

Amount of relief in money, £66 14s 0d.

Mr J. Moon, relieving officer, western district, also reported :—

Adults, not able-bodied—Males	58
Females	122
Able-bodied—Males	—
Females (in health)	9
Temporarily disabled	62
Children under 16 years	229
Total	448

Amount of relief in money, £74 10s 9d.

TOTALS.

Adults, not able-bodied	383
Able-bodied	110
Children	431
Total	924

Amount of relief, £111 4s 9d.

Figures for the corresponding period of last year :—

Adults, not able-bodied	388
Able-bodied	118
Children	483
Total	989

Amount of relief, £147 19s 6d.

THE GILSLAND CONFERENCE.

Mr Gray was called upon to give a resume of the proceedings of the Gilsland Poor Law Conference, but amid some laughter he confessed his inability to do so. He said that Coun. Muse made himself very officious at the Conference, and he expected that gentleman would have been present to have given the report. Miss Gibson also did some useful work at the Conference.

THE TRAMP QUESTION IN DURHAM COUNTY.

Mr Oliver made an interesting statement with regard to the Conference held at Darlington last Friday, to consider the best means of dealing with the increase of vagrancy in Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire. The general feeling, he said, was that Lanchester occupied an enviable position in regard to this question. When Mr Brotherhood (their Workhouse Master) read the statistics shewing that under the separate cell system the number of vagrants in the Lanchester Union had been reduced from 2,000 and 3,000 annually to 335 a year, he (Mr Oliver) thought they were not doing themselves much good, as many of the Guardians seemed anxious to follow their footsteps. One gentleman tried to shew that the Lanchester Guardians were acting too stringently in dealing with vagrants from the fact that 65 tramps were arrested by the police on one night, but he pointed out that these 65 persons were not tramps in the usual acceptance of the term. Some of these people had been in the district four or five years to his knowledge, they worked in the coke-yards and earned from 1s 6d to 2s 6d per day, and instead of going to lodging-houses they preferred to sleep about the coke-yards. One Union in the North Riding of Yorkshire had relieved 16,000 tramps in one year, and the population in Lanchester Union was considerably larger. Some Guardians complained that in the North Riding the police did not pay proper attention to the tramps, but he was glad to say that in that district the police were fairly active in this respect. The Guardians seemed to favour the idea adopted at Lanchester, and a resolution was passed requesting the Local Government Board to devise some means for a uniform system of dealing with tramps being in operation in each Union, so that they at Lanchester—where they were driving out the vagrants—should take their usual share in relieving tramps. (Laughter.)

Mr Gray: Then the feeling was that the separate cell system should be generally adopted?

Mr Oliver: Yes. It is in operation at very few places.

Miss Gibson: Did the Conference think that we had been unnecessarily severe in our treatment of tramps here?

Mr Oliver: Yes. That could be gathered by the tone of the discussion.

The Chairman pointed out that last year there was a large influx of miners from the South and Midlands, where there was a strike, into the county of Durham.

Miss Gibson said that if any *bona-fide* working-man who was out of work by reason of a strike or lock-out, was forced to seek relief at the Union, he would prefer to be placed in a separate cell than mix up with the regular tramps.

The Master: That is the case.

Mr Oliver said there was another suggestion that a *bona-fide* working-man should be released at 5·30 the next morning to try and seek work, instead of keeping him in the House for a day or two.

The Chairman: The Masters can exercise that discretion at present.

A vote of thanks to Mr Oliver for his remarks was passed, on the motion of Coun. Curry, seconded by Mr Gray.

A CURIOUS APPLICATION.

A woman from the neighbourhood of East Stanley, who carried a child in her arms, complained to the Board that her husband had deserted her.

Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, said the woman had two husbands, and now both had left her. (Laughter.)

It was agreed to offer the woman the House.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

At this meeting, which was held subsequently, under the presidency of Rev P. C. Fortin, Mr Lowdon gave notice to move, at the next meeting, the re-appointment of Mr J. E. Parker as inspector and surveyor, at the usual salary.

ESH SEWAGE.

The Chairman thought it wise on the part of the Building and Sewage Committee to take up this question, inasmuch as Dr Kirkland intended to complain of the nuisance prevailing in the district.

It was resolved that the Inspector should obtain an automatic arrangement for flushing the sewers of the new houses at Esh.

THE DRAINAGE OF HOLLINGSIDE.

Mr Taylor-Smith enquired how the sewerage from the new houses at Hollingside was disposed of?

The Inspector: It is discharged into a cesspit, which is occasionally cleaned out.

Mr Taylor-Smith: Then the sewerage does not go directly into the burn?

Mr Parker: The overflow may find its way into the burn.

Mr Taylor-Smith said there was a good deal of nuisance caused by the disposal of sewage from these houses.

The Inspector: There is no nuisance injurious to health at the present time.

Mr Taylor-Smith: The stuff goes into water courses which do not belong this Authority.

Mr Kirkup said the cesspool was supposed to flow over the land.

Mr Taylor-Smith: Yes, there is a good deal of supposition about the matter. (Laughter.) The sewerage goes into the burn, pollutes the water used by people further down, and before long the cattle will be poisoned.

KYO SEWAGE WORKS.

A letter was read from the solicitors to Messrs Joicey and Co., offering the authority three-quarters of-an-acre of land for the above sewerage outfall works at the price of £100, the Authority to defray the whole of the cost of conveyancing.

The Clerk stated that the bargain was for £103 and each party to defray their own costs.

A letter was directed to be forwarded to the foregoing effect.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

The Inspector (Mr J. E. Parker) submitted the following report :—

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that the Consett Waterworks Company have now laid the mains from Annfield Plain to Esh, and the latter village is now being supplied with water from them. The water was first laid on on the 13th inst.

One of the sewers at Tantobie became choked during the month from sticks, rags, and solid matter, and I caused the obstruction to be removed, which was quickly effected by means of the sewer cleansing apparatus.

The pump at the Nook, Lanchester, frequently gets out of order, in consequence of the rapid manner in which the handle is capable of being worked. Some person or persons then remove the cover, forcing the lock, thus exposing the well to contamination. I would recommend that the present pump be removed and one of slower action substituted.

I suspect that there is a leak in the pipes of the Ebchester water supply, and I would suggest that the capacity of the water trough be reduced a little, and the valve adjusted to prevent waste. I have given instructions to have the pipes made water-tight.

A small sample of water taken from the taps at Hollingside New Houses has been sent to me, and contains what appears to me to be rust from the iron pipes. I have investigated the case and find that at times, when there is a heavy drought on the pipes, that the water occasionally becomes turbid, but at other times the water is perfectly clear. The cause of the turbid, in my opinion, is that the iron pipes become rusty, the rust gets detached, and is carried down by the water when the quantity is large and deposits on the distributing main, and is carried through the taps when the draught is unusual. When inspecting the supply I caused the sludge pipes to be opened and found that at first the water running through them was brown, but after it had run off for a period of about ten minutes it became quite clear and sparkling.

The walls of the house occupied by Mr Wilson at Satley are very damp.

The sewerage from Mr Green's farm and from the house occupied by the policeman at Satley discharges into the gutter by the roadside and causes a nuisance. It should be carried into the field on the opposite side of the road.

The roofs of Wheeley's houses at Low Wilk's Hill are defective, and the water from the roofs goes into the houses, making them insanitary.

The sewerage works at Consett and at Burnopfield are progressing satisfactorily.

The sewage disposal works at Kyo, for the disposal of the sewage from Annfield Plain and district, have been commenced, and a clerk of the works will shortly be required to overlook these works.

Twenty-eight sludges have been inspected during the month.

The following houses will shortly be ready for habitation :—

1321—Two houses, Esh Winning, for John Swan.
1413—Additions to houses, Tantobie, for W. Green.
1440—Two houses, Langley Park, for T. Forster.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. E. Parker.

Lanchester, July 19th, 1894.

Memo.—The length of gas main laid at Delves Lane within the R.S.A. district is 583 yds. Length from centre of railway to proposed lamp by Delves Gate, 607 yds.

J. E. P.

PAINTING THE STREET LAMPS.

The tender of Mr Robert Robson, Leadgate, was accepted for painting the street lamps, columns and heads, at Annfield Plain and Lanchester, and of Mr J. Close, Dipton, for painting those at Dipton and Burnopfield.

THE WELL AT THE NOOK, LANCHESTER.

Mr Lowdon thought it was hardly necessary to go to the expense of mending this pump, now that the Consett water was laid right through the village of Lanchester.

The Clerk: We don't want the Consett water when we have this well, which is used by over 30 families.

Mr Rutherford thought that if the parties wished to use the well instead of taking the Consett water they ought to repair the pumps themselves.

The Inspector pointed out that the well in question belonged to that authority.

After a somewhat amusing discussion it was agreed to replace the pump by a more serviceable one.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The list of notifiable diseases reported to me during the month consists of 13 cases of scarlatina and three cases of enteric fever. The latter occurred at Dipton, and the former at Annfield Plain, Lintz, Hobson, and Tantobie. Scarlatina is not more than usually prevalent, but the centres from which infection may spread almost equal the number of cases. Enteric fever has seldom been absent since last summer, from the immediate neighbourhood of the above-mentioned cases.

The mortality for the four weeks is under the average, 18 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 15·5 per 1,000.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

T. Benson, Medical Officer.

The Rural Sanitary Authority, Lanchester,
July 17th, 1894.

Medomsley District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The following cases of zymotic disease have come under my notice during the month, viz., two cases of erysipelas at Castleside. No cases of an infectious nature are reported in Ebchester.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. T. Bolton.

Ebchester Hill, July 18th, 1894.

Lanchester District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The following are the fresh cases of epidemic diseases in this district since my last report:—3 cases of scarlet fever and 1 of erysipelas at Langley Park, 2 cases of scarlet fever, and 2 of erysipelas at Ushaw Moor, 2 cases of scarlet fever at Esh Laude, and 4 cases of erysipelas at Cornsay Colliery, 1 case of puerperal fever at East Hedleyhope, 1 case of scarlet fever at Hedley Fell, 2 at Browney Bank, 1 at Hanging Stone, 1 at South Pontop, and 1 case of measles in the Workhouse.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

John Wilson.

Lanchester, July 19th, 1894.

The reports were adopted.

A COMPLAINT FROM BEAMISH.

Messrs Wilson, Ornsby, and Cadle, solicitors, Durham, wrote as follows :—

"We are instructed by Mr Eden, of Beamish Park, to call the serious attention of your authority to the offensive nuisance which is created by the deposit of sewage matter in the Beamish Burn, and by the stench arising therefrom, and to request that immediate steps may be taken for its removal. The nuisance has now become so intolerable as to become a source of danger to Mr Eden and his household, and some of his visitors have suffered from sore throats in consequence. We understand that some remedial measures are contemplated by your authority, in conjunction with the Stanley Local Board, but these are not being actively proceeded with. Mr Eden strongly complains of the delay that has taken place, and unless he can be at once satisfactorily assured, through us, that the necessary remedial works are being pushed forward with all possible despatch, and that the matter is being properly and promptly attended to, he will be reluctantly compelled, on self-defence, to take such proceedings, as he may be advised, are necessary in order to get rid of the nuisance. We are writing a similar letter to the Stanley Local Board, and will thank you to acknowledge receipt of this letter, and to inform us what your Board are doing or propose to do, in order to remedy the nuisance."

The Clerk was instructed to write an answer to the effect that the Authority was taking prompt steps to remedy the nuisance complained of.

Agenda, July 19th 1894.
Board of Guardians.

Reports of Deputations.

Gilsland Poor Law Conference.

Conference of Guardians on Vagrant Question.

Local Government Act, 1894—Court of Council Order.

Quit Rents—Letter from Smith, Gore, and Company.

Thomas and Mary Jane Donnelly—Another letter from Mrs Murphy.

Local Government Board approves of Dr Wilson's vaccination contract.

Rural Sanitary Authority.

Notice to be given for re-appointment of Mr J. E. Parker.

Land required for Sewage Disposal Works at Annfield Plain—Letter from Messrs Wilson, Ornsby, and Cadle.

Complaint by Mr Eden, of Beamish Hall, as to offensive state of Beamish Burn.

Letters from Local Government Board.

Closing of Cornsay Colliery British School during measles epidemic.

Approving of re-appointment of Medical Officers of Health.

Cholera—Notification of diarrhœa.

Water Supply at Andrews' House—Letter from Mr S. Atkinson.

Tenders for painting public lamps.

This concluded the business.

NORTH-EAST COAST INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

VISIT TO THE CONSETT IRON AND STEEL WORKS.

On Thursday afternoon week, the members, to the number of 250, connected with the North-east Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders held their

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

A special train of saloon carriages conveyed the party to Consett and Blackhill railway station, for the purpose of allowing them the opportunity of making a general inspection of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, at the invitation of the Consett Iron Company. The party were met at the general offices by Ald. David Dale, J.P., (chairman of the directors), Darlington; Mr Thomas Bainbridge, J.P., Newcastle; Mr George Ainsworth (assistant manager), Mr Holliday (general secretary), Mr C. P. Douglass (engineer), and the other leading officials of the company.

Mr Ainsworth, on behalf of the Consett Iron Company, gave the visitors a

HEARTY WELCOME,

and thanked them for having done them the honour of paying them a visit that afternoon, for the purpose of inspecting their extensive works. He was sure all would be done that day in their power to make them enjoy themselves, and make the inspection as instructive and interesting as possible. He would ask the company to divide themselves into three groups and follow

THE DIFFERENT OFFICIALS,

so that none of them would be exposed to any danger or come to any grief whilst going through the works.

A start was then made for the works. It was pointed out that in the year 1840 the Ironworks were started by a company being formed under the title of the Derwent Iron Company, the late Jonathan Richardson being the principal promoter. Most of the ironstone in the district was leased, as were also several large royalties of coal. Blastfurnaces were erected, and rolling mills laid down, the ironstone for the former being obtained from

SHAFTS SUNK IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD,

the first being denominated Number One, by which name the locality is still known. After a time, however, it was found that the local ironstone was becoming scarce and expensive to work and eventually Cleveland had to be resorted to for supplies. The company gradually extended their operations until they possessed eighteen blast furnaces, seven of these being at Consett, while seven more had been erected at Crookhall, and four at Bradley, near Leadgate, these two last-named places being a little to the

NORTH-EAST OF THE MAIN WORKS.

In addition to the blastfurnaces the Company had in operation at this time rolling mills, collieries, coke-ovens, &c., and a large population had already settled in the neighbourhood. In 1857 the stoppage of a certain bank brought about a crisis in the affairs of the Company, the works were disposed of to a number of shareholders, and in the year 1864, a company was again registered under the title of the

DERWENT AND CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LTD.

Two years later the company found themselves unable to complete the purchase as they had projected, and the works were again put up for sale and purchased by the present

CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LTD.

The capital of the company was £400,000 divided into 40,000 shares of £10 each. The party were further informed that the only one of the original directors, at present remaining a director of the Company was Ald. David Dale, the present chairman, whose connection with the extensive concern dated back to the year 1857 having thus made up the long period of 36 years. He was appointed

MANAGING DIRECTOR IN OCT, 1869,

and in 1884, on the death of Mr John Henderson, the then chairman, he was appointed chairman. In this way Mr Dale's knowledge of the business, and of the property of the Company is considerable and it gives precision and promptitude at the directors' conferences and Board meetings. As the party wended their way into the works, the

VARIOUS SIGHTS BECAME MOST INTERESTING.

One of the officials explained that the coal-fields possessed, or held in lease by the Company extended over an area of 12,000 acres, and that the number of coke ovens in operation was about 1,050 and the annual production of coke therefrom was about 500,000 tons. The larger production of this was consumed at the Company's large blastfurnaces. The

INSPECTION OF THE ENGINES,

especially the four large beam blowing engines at the blastfurnaces were closely examined by the party. It was pointed out that the engines were made by the Lilleshall Iron Company, each with a steam cylinder 4ft 2in diameter, blast cyclinders each 8ft 4in diameter, with 9ft 0in stroke. There were also

TWO BEAM BLOWING ENGINES

made by Murray, of Chester-le-Street; besides her two, which came from Abbott, of Gateshead, and Clarke, of Sunderland. Another interesting part of the works for the party was the west and east melting shops. It was here stated by the guide that in the year 1882, it became apparent that the use of

STEEL PLATES FOR SHIPBUILDING PURPOSES,

made by the Siemens-Martin process was rapidly making headway, and the Company began the erection of two small 13 ton Siemens furnaces, together with an 8 ton steam hammer and Siemen's furnace for heating the ingots. This plant was got into operation the following year, and the manufacture of steel plates from hammered ingots was commenced. These furnaces were rapidly followed by other and further improvements which were carried out until now there are something like 25 melting furnaces, some of which have a capacity of 25 tons. The gas of the east and west melting shops is supplied from a range of 33 blocks of ordinary

SIEMEN'S GAS PRODUCERS

blown with steam, the gas being conveyed in overhead tubes to the two shops. The visit to the Nos. 2 and 4 cogging mills revealed to the visitors some most interesting information, whilst witnessing the cutting of several cogged slabs into lengths. A visit to the new steel angle mills was another sight that interested the party much. The official stated that five years ago the Company decided to meet the requirements of shipbuilders by supplying them with

ANGLES AND OTHER SECTIONAL STEEL,

in addition to plates, and accordingly looked about for a suitable site for the erection of the necessary plant. The ground to the north of the general offices was finally adopted. This portion of the works occupies an area of about 16 acres, and consists of 15 blocks of gas producers, seven smelting furnaces, a 45-inch cogging mill and floom cutting shears, and three mills for the production of angles, T's, bulks, channel and girder sections, round and square bars, &c. Two of the angle mills are 32-inch and 22-inch respectively, and the third is a 12-inch angle and girder mill, all with their necessary engines, together with rollers, gear, &c., along with the other needful accessories, the plant being designed for a

PRODUCTION OF 1,500 TONS

of angle bars, &c., per week. After a visit to the laboratory and test houses, the party inspected the locomotives and cranes, which closed a most pleasant and interesting visit to the works.

The Consett Iron Company subsequently entertained their guests to a

SUMPTUOUS LUNCHEON,

which was served up in the New Town Hall, Consett. The purveyor was Mr Gibson, of the Douglas Hotel, Newcastle. Amongst those present we noticed Mr Thos. Richardson (President of the Institution), Hartlepool; Mr Robt. Thompson (ex-president), Sunderland; Mr H. F. Swan (Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co.), Newcastle; Ald. R. Holmes, J.P., Newcastle; Mr H. Witty, Hartlepool; Mr H. H. Wake (Wear Commissioners), Mr H. Charlton, J.P., Gateshead; Mr J. Nixon, Blyth; Mr T. Pritman, Sunderland; Mr W. Menzies, Newcastle; Mr G. H. Baines, West Hartlepool; Mr J. G. Archbold, Blyth; Mr McCall, Mr W. Kilvington, Mr Fothergill, Mr Gravell, Mr J. B. Hunter, Mr Russett, Mr Patterson, Mr Stirzaker, Mr Towns, Mr Hök, Mr Mountain, Mr Duckitt (secretary), Mr J. G. Stoddart, Mr Scheafer, and others. Amongst the representatives of the Consett Iron Company were Ald. David Dale, J.P. (chairman), Mr Thos. Bainbridge, Messrs Geo. Ainsworth, Holliday, W. H. Hedley, C. Parnaby, Jas. Scott, Matthews, J. Pesberick, Kirkhouse, S. Brodie, R. Park, &c. The following is the

MENU.

Salmon and cucumber.
Lamb cutlets à la gelée.
Epigrammes of chicken aux truffes.
Braised beef à la Douglas.
Galantine of veal.
Roast chicken. Braised ham.
Tongue à l'ecarlate.
Pigeon pie.
Roast lamb. Roast beef.
Lobster salad.
Salad à la Romaine.
Strawberry cream. Maraschino jelly.
French pastry.
Cheese.

WINES, &C.

Erbach. St. Julien. Giesler and Co.'s ex. supr., 1887.
Whiskey. Brandy.
Apollinaris. Potass water. Lemonade.
Ginger ale.

After the cloths were removed, Ald. Dale (chairman of the directors of the Consett Iron Company), in a short speech gave the visitors a cordial welcome to Consett. Having referred to the origin of the Institution of the North-East Coast Engineers and Shipbuilders, he went on to say that in the past it had done a great amount of good, and on looking round the room on that occasion, and seeing so many young men connected with the Institution, he had no hesitation in saying that it would

MAINTAIN ITS POSITION

in the future. (Cheers.) He hoped the members would have all gained a considerable amount of knowledge by their visit and inspection of the works. He would now revert to the early history of the Consett Iron Company, and having sketched the same graphically, he went on to remark that he had been connected with the Company for 36 years. In the year 1869, the services of Mr W. Jenkins, J.P.—(cheers)—were secured as general manager, and the success of the concern had gone on ever since. (Cheers.) He might state that Mr Jenkins' health had failed through his arduous devotion to the concern, and acting on the advice of his medical attendant, Mr Jenkins had abstained from doing any active work, and was now taking entire rest for a year. He had to state that Mr Jenkins evinced great interest in the members of the Institution visiting Consett that afternoon. He seemed to be gratified at

CONSETT BEING VISITED

by an Institution like theirs—(loud applause)—

and hoped that much knowledge would be gained by the inspection of the works. (Cheers.) It now became his duty to refer to the sad loss the company had sustained through the death of Mr Richard Evans, their late and

RESPECTED GENERAL SECRETARY.

He would not dwell longer upon this, but simply to say that Mr Evans was a gentleman who knew his business, and the concern had suffered a great loss by his sudden demise. The engagements of the company were now invested in the hands of Mr Ainsworth who was now acting as works' manager, and Mr Holliday, as commercial manager. (Cheers.) He might state that the directors had every confidence these two men would give entire satisfaction, and the success of the concern in the future would still be a most prosperous one. (Cheers.) He (the speaker) on behalf of himself and colleagues, welcomed the members to Consett. (Cheers.) He trusted the members had

ALL ENJOYED THEMSELVES,

and that they would all return to their homes the possessors of a great amount of knowledge which would be useful to them in the future. (Cheers.)

Mr T. Richardson, President of the Institution (Hartlepool), proposed the toast "Success to the Consett Iron Company." He stated that when it was talked of spending two hours in visiting the Consett Iron Works, he wondered what they were going to do to put the time in. However, he could say that they had inspected a place that was

REALLY WORTH VISITING.

The machinery was up to date, and he felt sure members had all enjoyed themselves. He might go further and state the members had never enjoyed a greater treat. The gigantic works were such that they were known all over the world. (Cheers.) They were really indebted to the Consett Iron Company for their kindness, and he had no hesitation in saying every member would benefit by their visit to Consett that afternoon. Referring to the

MOULDERS' STRIKE

on the North-East Coast, he (the speaker) said he hoped something would turn up during the next few days that would enable the men to return to work and make up their minds to ask for an advance of wages when trade was good. (Cheers.)

Mr R. Thompson (Sunderland), also spoke. He said his experience with the Consett Iron Company dated as far back as 1870. When they considered that the Company could deliver plates at

£25 PER TON

into their shipyards, they sometimes began to make inquiries how could it be done so as to make a profit. The secret lay in the officials whom they found to be the right men in the right place to carry on the works. (Cheers.) This, along with the

QUALITY OF THE MATERIAL

the Company supplied, kept up the Company's reputation. He hoped the success of the Company would continue to prosper in the hands of Messrs Ainsworth and Holliday. (Cheers.)

The toast having been already honoured, the same was acknowledged by Ald Dale and Mr Bainbridge.

Messrs Ainsworth, Holliday, and the other officials having been thanked for their kindness towards the visitors in showing them round the works, the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated, and the party journeyed to Consett and Blackhill station where the special train was waiting, ready to convey them back to Newcastle.

We have to state that this was one of the most interesting and instructive excursions the Institution has ever held.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADES' COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Saturday evening in the Co-operative Buildings, Consett, Mr J. G. Cooke (chairman), presided over a large number of delegates.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

All the delegates reported on the trade of the district, and the various trades were said to be brisk save the papermakers.

BONA-FIDE WORKING MEN CANDIDATES.

On the proposition of Mr Thomas Hall, seconded by Mr George Dowson, the question of running *bona-fide* working men as candidates for the District and Parish Councils elections was deferred till next meeting, so as to give the various delegates an opportunity of consulting their various unions on the matter.

NATIONAL ASSURANCE AGENTS.

It was moved by Mr T. Hall, seconded by Mr G. Dowson, that the application of the National union of Life Assurance Agents to become affiliated with the Council should be accepted.

Carried.

The delegates returned thanks, and stated that the above Trades' Union is doing its utmost to organise all persons engaged as agents and collectors in the Life Assurance business and with a view of assisting them in this laudable effort the public should frequently request their agents and collectors to show their union cards (blue) well paid up.

APPOINTING A VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Owing to the resignation of Mr J. Summerbell from the vice-chair, it was agreed on the motion of Mr W. Kempster, seconded by Mr G. Dowson, that Mr Geo. Askinson should be appointed vice-chairman.

THE WORKMEN'S TRIP.

The workmen's trip committee reported that the arrangements for the workmen's annual excursion were now completed.

LABOUR DEMONSTRATION.

Arrangements were completed for holding a labour demonstration in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Saturday, 4th August, at which the chief speakers will be Mr F. Brocklehurst, labour candidate for Bolton, and Mr John Wilson, M.P., Durham.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The following letter was read :—

Labour Department, Board of Trade,
43, Parliament Street,
London, S.W.
July 20th, 1894.

Dear Sir,—The Labour Department wishes to obtain information as to the numbers and general constitution of Trades' Councils. Will you, therefore, be good enough to supply me with the following particulars as to your Council :—

1st—Number of Independent Trade unions represented on your Council at end of 1893, with number of members of such unions.

2nd—Branches of General Trade unions, with number of members of such trades. Yours faithfully

J. Burnett.

Chief Labour Correspondent.

P.S.—I should also be obliged by your sending me a printed copy of the proceedings of your Council for 1893, or failing that, a written statement on the subject.

J. B.

Mr J. Wildsmith,
Secretary of Trades' Council, Consett.

The Secretary was instructed to provide all the necessary information required.

This was all the business.

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NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[By "Observer."]

Last Saturday being the miners' gala day at Durham, the whole of the collieries in this district were idle. Special arrangements and preparations were made by hundreds of families to visit the famous city. The morning was dull, but not wet. Many made the venture and went—some by rail, and many by brakes, traps, etc. Others foresaw the consequences, and stayed at home. The weather became worse as the day advanced; heavy downpours of rain, with some lightning and thunder, made the day anything but comfortable. The large meeting presented a striking appearance with its hedgerows of umbrellas. People sheltered themselves inside or outside of any erection to be found. The roads were almost impassable. When the rain abated the people emerged from their sheltered nooks and corners, and tried to make the best of a bad time.

On Saturday afternoon, the West Pelton Temperance party held a public tea and sports, or games, in a field near to the Grange Farm, which was kindly lent by Mr John Turnbull for the occasion. A good number patronised the gathering, which was of an interesting character, and although the grass was rather damp, and a few showers descended, the party succeeded in having an enjoyable time.

The East Stanley Primitive Methodists' second Sunday-school anniversary was held on Sunday last, when good audiences were present to take part in the interesting services. The children were well behaved, and the programme of recitations was of choice variety. The singing was very lively, sweet, and harmonious. Great credit is due to those who were responsible for its success, for it means great patience, sacrifice of time, and considerable ability to fulfil the duties incumbent upon them.

It is thought by many that the North-West Durham Liberal Association are greatly lacking in certain matters which are essential to the cultivation and education of the members in its division. It is contended that if special meetings for the public were held oftener in every portion of the division, and a few qualified Liberal speakers attended, that it would be productive of much good. There is keen criticism at the present time relative to politics. The Labour Party are making inroads and attacks on the Government. The Temperance Party denounce and stand aloof from any M.P. who does not favour the temperance cause. The Conservatives in private circles declare the Liberal Party a failure. There must be some power utilised to counteract opinions which are being formed, and to keep pace with the times. Hundreds of voters don't read much, consequently they live by hearing others discuss matters. These silent forces are working, and they may prove detrimental at the poll.

It is likewise thought that the Co-operative Societies in the district should have more facilities for education. How seldom it is that any special efforts are put forth in the shape of lectures on economy, industry, frugality, and co-operative production. Hundreds of men are trifling their precious hours away in gambling, drinking, card-playing, and other useless pastimes. These men might be drawn from their negligence and misspent time by suitable inducements. If progress is ever made in any direction it is the outcome of vigorous efforts, and it's a downright disgrace in this nineteenth century to see men with active minds and strong physical bodies wasting their hard-earned wages in pursuits which will never elevate themselves nor tend to benefit others. I wish I could form a few sentences which would in any possible way cause these persons to become industrious. This world will never be saved from defeat until working men heed instruction.

A little correction is necessary regarding the lost sum of money at West Stanley, which appeared in the last issue of the *Guardian*. There are conflicting stories concerning this matter, and a prevalent belief that the money was drawn from the Co-operative Society; but from information received from the best authority, I learn that this woman never got this money from the Society's offices.

There has been low grumblings and considerable unrest in the minds of many of the West Stanley members belonging to the Co-operative Society, on account of a "credit case," which seemed to a great extent hopeless; but from facts which I have a thorough knowledge of, I can truthfully assert that the Committee of Management have succeeded in mastering the case, and it is now cleared up.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow".]

I learn that the kindness of the members of the Consett Iron Company's Band, on the occasion of the recent Primitive Methodist field-day in the Park, Low Waskerley, has been, and still is, very much appreciated. The members of the band named were asked to kindly give their services, and, without a moment's hesitation, consented to do so. They were on the field the whole of the afternoon, and did very much to contribute to the enjoyable character of the gathering. There is nothing gives one more pleasure than to make a note of a matter of this kind, and I venture to think nothing will tend more decidedly to create a sympathy for the Consett Company's band—sympathy, I mean of a practical sort, than the willingness shown by the members to give a helping hand in a worthy direction when occasion requires.

I was tramping around a little bit last week and came in contact with many of the roads in the immediate locality. Some of them are in admirable condition, others only indifferent, and some positively shocking. Amongst the latter, and certainly by far the most disgraceful of the lot, is the road which runs from Redwell Hills up to Happy Land and which, I hear, has been recently laid with stones, and left in a strangely unfinished state. The road, as it is at the present moment, is an absolute abomination and positively dangerous to traverse for man no less than beast. That it should have been left in this condition for so long a time is a reflection upon the Leadgate Local Board, and an injustice to the farmers in the locality who are compelled to use the road at the risk of maiming their cattle, &c. Something must be done in the matter and done quickly if the members of the Board are to retain the confidence of the ratepayers.

"What's in a name? it has been asked," says *Truth*. "In the name of the infant son of the Duke of York there seems to be a great deal. He is called Edward after his paternal grandfather; Albert, after his great grandfather of Coburg-Gotha; Christian, after his great grandfather of Denmark; George, for England; Andrew, for Scotland; Patrick, for Ireland; and David for Wales. Thus all portions of the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe immediately connected with him, are equally represented. India and the Colonies may perhaps complain that their claims have been overlooked, but let us hope that a future opportunity may arise of repairing this omission."

Passing along Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday evening, I noticed a brass band was occupying an open space to the west of the New Town Hall, and playing to a comparatively small audience. I do not know what the object was, or the nature of the music they were discoursing, nor did I enquire the name of the band. It still struck me that whatever the purpose in view might have been, it was a curious place to fix upon. If it was a promenade concert that had been arranged, then why in the name of goodness should not the beautiful little bandstand in the Consett Park have been utilised? How much more enjoyable to have music in conjunction with the fragrance of green grass and sweet flowers, and the many advantages a park offers! If it was a religious meeting there was even less excuse in my idea for the promoters fixing upon a position in such close proximity to cheap Jacks and vendors of those world-renowned pills of which we have heard so much as calculated to cure every disease to which flesh is heir!

PASSING EVENTS.

(From a London Correspondent.)

THE FUTURE CHURCH—MRS. LYNN LINTON ON THE WARPATH—JEWISH PREACHING—BERNHARDT AND LITERARY NOTES.

A catholic paper, in referring to the christening at White Lodge, expresses the opinion that long before the infant prince comes to the Throne such great changes will have taken place in the English religion that he will only be historically aware of them. It bases this prediction on the fact that no one who was baptised fifty years ago "into the Church of England" can be said to belong now to that institution, since the Anglican Church of 1844 had scarcely anything in common with the Ritualistic establishment of the present day—not even its new name—Anglo-Catholic. If the same rate and process of mutability should be continued until 1944, Prince Edward, now in his cradle, will, the paper thinks, belong to a national Church of which it is impossible to forecast the characteristics.

Mr. Labouchere's "legal pillory" in *Truth* has excited the resentment of Mrs. Lynn Linton, who has come out as a champion of the Great Unpaid. Her simple belief, founded apparently on no evidence, is that sentences which are apparently unjust are really due to the deep magisterial knowledge of human nature. For instance, a boy is sent to prison for stealing a pennyworth of edibles—say turnips. A month in gaol and a ruined life are proper penalties for such an offence against property. But a man gets off with a week's imprisonment or a light fine for beating his wife nearly to death. This, says Mrs. Linton, is because the wife is a slovenly hussey, and her virtuous husband's temper is tried beyond endurance. I don't think Mr. Labouchere or anybody else will be convinced by this reasoning. But Mrs. Linton is evidently anxious to instruct public opinion on every topic, and perhaps it is a mercy to find her writing about something else than the iniquities of the modern women.

At the time when the Wesleyans are considering the advisability of modifying the itinerant system, which rules their ministry, there is a movement on foot amongst the Jewish congregations to introduce a plan for the interchange of pulpits every three or four years. A proposal has also been made to strengthen the connexional element in Jewish circles, so as to give assistance to local provincial congregations in maintaining their ministers. In support of this suggestion a correspondent in one of the Jewish papers states that at Penzance, where the oldest congregation existed, the minister has been discharged because the assembly was reduced to three families. He is now "seeking high and low for a place to earn his bread, to enable him to support his wife and four children," and the correspondent thinks there ought to be a central fund to support such men whilst temporarily out of a situation.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt proposes to produce "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" in Paris. The translation has been made for her by Mr. Charles Roche, the translator of the Pasquier Memoirs. Mr. Roche must have been diverted to find himself described in the *Spectator* as an American who knows neither the English nor the French language. His father is a Frenchman, who was recognised many years ago as the best teacher of the French tongue in London. His pupils included men who have since made great reputations in public life. As for Mr. Pinero's play, its production in Paris by Madame Bernhardt will set the final seal of European favour on a piece which deserves to be numbered amongst the masterpieces of the modern drama. By the way, the "divine Sarah" will not appear at the Lyceum entertainment on Monday, as she begins her provincial tour at Edinburgh on that day.

I hear that it is the intention of the Board of Trade in future to print the instructions on the little tablet which is sent on board shipwrecked vessels by the life-line in four languages, which will probably be English, French, German, and Italian. At present they are printed in English and French only. This small but important reform is due to the action of Mr. Luttrell, one of the Devonshire members, who was led to take the subject up because a crew belonging to a foreign vessel driven ashore on the West Coast in a gale last winter were all drowned owing to their inability to read the instructions as to what they should do with the line when sent on board by the coastguard.

The Anarchist who is said to have threatened the lives of the proprietor and editor of a London paper is probably a wag. He says the proprietor is the substantial offender, as "editors are mere ephemera." "A section of Anarchists" is "responsible for the conduct of the London Press," and it has been decided that proprietors must be warned. I admire the enterprise of this "section," but threatening letters shew that the Anarchists have not grasped their opportunity. Let them consult some of the "ephemera" privately as to the best means of coercing proprietors, and they will probably be surprised by the sympathy at their command.

I hear that Mr. and Mrs. Barrie have no intention of visiting Mr. Stevenson in Samoa. They are spending their honeymoon on the Continent, and it is doubtful whether they will return to London until next spring. Mr. Barrie has not yet completely recovered from his recent attack of pneumonia, and his doctor has advised him to winter abroad.

The preaching of the "New Woman" gospel is evidently a paying business. I understand that Sarah Grand is receiving fifteen guineas for every thousand words she writes.

The writer of an article on "The Attack on the Welsh Church" in the *Quarterly Review* supports his allegation that intimidation is freely used by Liberationists by a very pretty story of a Church girl who recently went as servant to a Methodist farmer in North Wales. As soon as she was settled in her place her master said, "You must go to chapel with us." The girl declined. The farmer then said, "I shall keep back the pew-rent from your wages." The girl replied that he might do that, but that she would not go to chapel. Accordingly the farmer regularly deducted from the servant's wages the rent for a seat in the Methodist chapel, to which she never went. The writer clinches this story by asserting that the tyranny exercised by the Methodist deacons in Wales upon their dependents is general and excessive. What does Mr. Lloyd George say to this?

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.

BROOMS v DIPTON.—Played at Dipton, and ended in a victory for the visitors by three runs. Score:—Brooms, 69; Dipton, 66.

Burnhope Juniors would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 17 years. Apply to M. H. Heckels, secretary, Burnhope Colliery, Lanchester.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		SO. SHIELDS.	
G Halliday b Copeland	1	Copeland (pro) c Halliday b W Middleton	4
H Stephenson b Copeland	2	M Stainton not out	15
T Middleton c McDonald b Copeland	1	C M Toomer b W Middleton	8
J K Bewick b Wilson	5	T Coulson not out	4
W Middleton b Wilson	4	W H Wilson to bat	
W Speed b Copeland	1	Clare "	
G Kerrich-Walker not out	10	A F Stainton "	
Jas Bewick b Copeland	0	R Homes "	
L T Gray b Copeland	2	Wheldon "	
R Walker b Copeland	0	McDonald "	
W Hutchinson b Copeland	0	Kent "	
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	29	Total	34

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Medomsley, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		CONSETT.	
R Campbell c Godfrey b Janes	3	M Williamson c Campbell b R Cant	4
G E Milburn c Janes b Railton	0	W Turnbull c Campbell b Lowes	3
M Charlton c Janes b Railton	4	Janes (pro) c R Cant b Campbell	7
R Cant c Williamson b Janes	1	A Wood lbw b R Cant	7
W Simpson c Turnbull b Railton	1	G Walton c R Charlton b W Cant	30
Jas Veitch c Williamson b Janes	1	R S Hay b Campbell	3
W Cant b Janes	7	A S Godfrey not out	30
R Charlton b Janes	2	W Railton c R Charlton b Simpson	33
R Lowes c Cahill b Railton	2	R Bradley b M Charlt'n	0
W E Charlton b Janes	0	T Lindsay run out	0
T Beamley not out	0	E Cahill b W Charlton	6
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	23	Total	133

BURNHOPE v. STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

Played at Burnhope, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

STANLEY.		BURNHOPE.	
R Knox b Gair	2	J Cummings run out	18
S Wood lbw b Robins'n	0	C Smith b Beckwith	58
T Siddle b Robinson	3	A Heckels b Rutherf'rd	15
W T Brown b Gair	29	J Ironsides b Rutherford	1
E Beckwith c Heckels b Gair	4	J Gair b Knox	4
R Gibson b Gair	2	G Potts c Noble b Knox	1
T Jewitt b Gair	11	J Robinson b Knox	2
R Noble c Moffatt b Gair	9	J Moffatt b Rutherf'rd	11
T Shield c Cummings b Robinson	2	M Liddell not out	2
W Rutherford not out	6	M Heslop to bat	
J Bennett b Robinson	0	J Dyson "	
Extras	11	Extras	4
Total	89	Total	116

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

BURNOPFIELD v. BLACKHALL MILL.

Played on the former's ground, the visitors winning easily. Score:—

BLACKHALL MILL.		BURNOPFIELD.	
F Richardson c Walton b J Allan	12	G Cooper b Richardson	0
J Lonsdale b J Allan	0	J Maughan b Mason	0
J Wood c Walton b Bell	7	J Cuthbertson b Mason	0
J Greener b J Allan	1	G Wood b Mason	0
W Wood c Armstrong b J Allan	10	J G Allan b Mason	0
T Greener run out	2	R Walton run out	0
T Embleton run out	0	W Allan b Richardson	1
T Bell b J Allan	1	M Dent run out	0
G Emmerson b J Allan	3	R Armstrong b Richardson	0
W Mason run out	0	G Bell not out	0
T Richardson not out	2	R Davidson run out	1
Extras	7	Extras	1
Total	44	Total	3

CRAGHEAD v. SOUTH MOOR.

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

CRAGHEAD.		SOUTH MOOR.	
H Young b Smith	21	E Smith b Young	0
W Cummings b Joyce	4	W Robinson c Lamb b Cummings	0
R Ferry b Joyce	0	H Joyce run out	25
R Holmes b Dennison	2	T Welsh lbw b Young	2
Jas Hunter c Joyce b Welsh	26	J Forster b Briggs	2
N Musgrove b Smith	13	J Ashcroft b Young	1
J Fairley c Bennison b Ashcroft	19	W Brass b Briggs	1
T Briggs c Welsh b Ashcroft	4	J Bennison b Briggs	2
Wm Lamb not out	0	F Wilkinson b Briggs	4
T Cummings b Joyce	0	J Elliott c Cummings b Hunter	3
W Wilkinson c Smith b Joyce	1	B Robinson not out	2
Extras	5	Extras	3
Total	95	Total	45

STANLEY AND DISTRICT 2ND v. TANFIELD 1ST.

Played at Stanley, and resulted in favour of the home team. Score:—

STANLEY.		TANFIELD.	
H Fothergill b R'bins'n	1	T Swinburn b Smith	9
G Lee b Bowes	2	M Robson b Clough	6
J T Curry b Robinson	0	W Wallace c Curry b Smith	4
W Dodds b Urwin	13	C E Hughes b Smith	1
M Smith b Watson	40	W Handcock b Clough	5
J Henderson b Bowes	11	J E Bowes b Clough	1
J Dixon b Watson	33	J Watson c Dixon b Clough	6
J Benfold not out	0	W Robinson b Clough	2
H Curry to bat		T Urwin b Smith	5
G Clough "		R Davison not out	8
Hammond "		M Pattinson b Smith	0
Extras	10	Extras	4
Total	110	Total	52

Innings declared closed.

BIRTLEY v. OUSTON.

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning by 49 runs. Score:—

BIRTLEY.		OUSTON.	
B Potter c Usher	16	J Heel b Armitage	0
A Standley c Robson	13	M Wilkinson c and b Poole	5
A Hope b Barnes	0	T Watson b Poole	2
J Roecamp b Moody	0	G Skilcorn b Armitage	0
P Coates b Moody	3	W Usher b Armitage	0
F Armitage b Moody	0	R Barnes run out	0
D Shepherd b Moody	1	F Clark b Poole	0
W Poole b Barnes	2	Lavender b Armitage	0
R Pearson run out	8	M Moody b Poole	2
P Potter c Clark	8	J Davis b Poole	0
M Davison not out	3	J Robson not out	2
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	62	Total	13

CONSETT AND LANCHESTER DIVISIONAL POLICE v. DARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE.

Played at Blackfine, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—

CONSETT.

Oakley run out	39
J Humphrey b Burroughs	0
Johnson b Smorthwaite	8
Newton b Smorthwaite	1
R Bradley b Smorthw'ite	16
Pattison lbw b Smorthwaite	17
Sergt Mitchell b Smorthwaite	0
F Warwick not out	4
Smorthwaite b Smorthwaite	17
Sergt Smallwood not out	1
James to bat	
Extras	7
Total	131

DARLINGTON.

	1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Smorthwaite b Pattison		0	b Warwick	1
Burroughs b Bradley		6	c Newton b James	2
T Bradley b Bradley		0	b Newton	0
Dodds run out		10	run out	2
Iveson c and b Pattison		1	c Smallwood b Warwick	7
I'Anson b Bradley		0	c Pattison b Newton	0
Glasbey b Pattison		0	b Warwick	6
Gill c Newton b Bradley		0	c James b Warwick	0
Gooding b Bradley		4	st Oakley b Warwick	0
Lawson not out		1	b Warwick	0
Buxton st Oakley b Pattison		0	not out	0
Extras		5	Extras	2
Total		26	Total	20

BEAMISH v. ST. PHILIP'S (NEWCASTLE.)

Played at Beamish, and ended in a draw greatly in favour of the home team. Score:—

BEAMISH.		ST. PHILIP'S.	
F W Mole b Lambert	4	Lambert b Mason	2
Jas Lee c Lambert b Daglish	13	Wigley b Finlay	0
W Stoddart b Daglish	11	Appleby st Lee	2
H Scott run out	6	Daglish b Finlay	2
R Dorling b Lambert	29	Shanks st Lee	0
A Kerr b Lambert	0	Lamb not out	0
G Laverick run out	1		
G Finlay b Daglish	13		
L Mason run out	5		
J Jackson b Lambert	2		
D Laverick not out	6		
Extras	15	Extras	3
Total	101	Total	9

CORNSAY I.O.G.T. v. HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.

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

HEDLEY HILL.		CORNSAY.	
A Green b Sergeant	4	G Pygall run out	1
W Johnson c Jones b Nicholson	0	M Seymour b Green	5
J Davison c R Lynn b Nicholson	9	F Hardy run out	5
G Westgarth c Whitfield b Nicholson	1	J Younger b Green	0
J Bassan b Sergeant	3	J Lynn c Green b Davison	5
R Appleby b Nichols'n	1	R Nicholson b Green	10
Jno Westgarth b Nicholson	7	W Sergeant c Bassan b Davison	5
Joe Westgarth b Sergeant	6	R Lynn b Davison	0
E Harkess not out	1	T Jones b Davison	0
R Hayson c R Lynn b Sergeant	5	G Whitfield not out	0
T Hayson run out	3	G Lowther l b w b Davison	
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	41	Total	36

OXHILL 2ND v. DIPTON P.M.

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning easily. Score:—

OXHILL.		DIPTON.	
J Rix b Burton	0	R Coates b Hunter	2
J Palmer b Burton	4	T Burton c Rix b Hunter	12
W Hunter run out	5	C Galles b Hunter	0
R Palmer run out	30	W Collins c J Ledger b Hunter	5
J G Lumley c and b Burton	17	W Ellis c M Ledger b Middlemast	0
W Wilson b Burton	20	J Leeman run out	3
J Ledger run out	1	J Barron b Hunter	10
W Thorne not out	6	J Galles c Lumley b Rix	0
H Middlem'st b Coates	0	H Herdman c Ledger b Hunter	2
M Ledger c Henderson b Barnes	13	S Ellis stumped	9
G Kent b Burton	0	J Ellison not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	6
Total	105	Total	34

LANCHESTER v. SHOTLEY GROVE.

Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a draw in favour of the home team. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		SHOTLEY GROVE.	
J Kirtley b S Leadbitter	21	S Leadbitter b Ramsay	4
W Crone b J Leadbitter	12	J Leadbitter not out	5
J J Sinton b S Leadbitter	12	J Chisholm b Ramsay	2
J Ward c Birse b Chisholm	4	J Kempster c and b Ramsay	12
C Askin not out	9		
W Ramsay c Chisholm b S Leadbitter	9		
J McHatton to bat			
H Dixon "			
J Ross "			
W Jackson "			
G W Wilson "			
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	78	Total	29

Innings declared closed.

WINLATON v. WHICKHAM.

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

WINLATON.		WHICKHAM.	
A Tebb b T Mowbray	21	T M Burn b A Tebb	0
T Ryding c T Mowbray b H Cook	5	G Cheesman b Blenkinsopp	1
Fellow b T Mowbray	3	J Mowbray c Yeats b A Tebb	9
H Tebb b T Mowbray	0	R Cook c and b Blenkinsopp	3
Reed b G Cheesman	2	T B Mowbray c Nicholson b A Tebb	3
J Blenkinsopp b Geo Cheesman	2	R Mordue b Blenkinsopp	4
G Yeats b G Cheesman	18	H Cook not out	37
W Douglas c T Mowbray b G Cheesman	0	T Cheesman b Blenkinsopp	48
Nicolson b G Cheesm'n	0	W Thynn b A Tebb	5
Forster b T Mowbray	3	R Thynn b Bl'nkinsopp	2
Hatson not out	1	Ismay b Blenkinsopp	2
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	57	Total	129

TANTOBIE v. ROWLAND'S GILL.

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

ROWLAND'S GILL.		TANTOBIE.	
R Pearson b Rockett	3	W Charlton c Pearson b W Goodfellow	11
R Oliver b Rockett	4	J Brown b W Goodfellow	5
J Hetherington b Bowes	18	W Armstrong run out	10
R Patterson b Rockett	2	M Ledger b Hetherington	16
W Robson b Rockett	1	J Bowes b W Goodfellow	6
J Sewell b Bowes	0	F Rockett not out	5
W Goodfellow b Bowes	1	J Harrison b W Goodfellow	1
A Goodfellow c Brown b Rockett	0	R Keilor b Hetherington	0
J Stewart run out	0	W Hall to bat	
R Knotts b Rockett	1	J Tyson "	
S Forster not out	0	G Keilor "	
Extras	13	Extras	6
Total	43	Total	60

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. NEWCASTLE NORTH EASTERN.

Played at Shotley Spa, and ended in an even draw. Score:—

NORTH-EASTERN.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
T Gibson b Reed	3	W Fox b Reed	3
L Coxon b Reed	0	J Reed b Stanton	6
W Stanton b Middlet'n	21	J Postle b Stanton	3
J Layton b Reed	0	J Surtees b Stanton	13
G Bowles b Reed	12	J Middleton not out	6
T Bullock not out	16	J Lancaster to bat	
J Worrall b Middleton	0	L Urwin "	
Sutton c Reed b Hall	0	E Hall "	
C Reed to bat		R Walton "	
Finlay "		J Booth "	
Marshall "		W R Town "	
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	63	Total	35

BURNHOPE JUNIORS v. LANGLEY PARK JUNIORS.

Played at Langley Park, and ended in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.		BURNHOPE.	
G Nicholson b Heckels	0	W Laycock b Bell	5
J Miller b Heckels	0	R Murray b Elliott	5
R Bell b Heckels	0	J Siddle b Bell	1
G Hexum c Murray b Siddle	0	M Heckels c Ashworth b Nicholson	5
W Ashworth c and b Heckels	1	T Robson b Bell	2
J Nicholson b Heckels	0	J Brown b Nicholson	4
J Hewson b Siddle	0	T Soulsby b Nicholson	0
T Ashworth c Heckels b Siddle	0	T Gair b Nicholson	15
J Crabb not out	7	T Patterson b Ashw'rth	14
J Patterson c Gair b Heckels	2	R Liddle b Ashworth	4
J Elliott b Heckels	0	J Moffatt not out	2
Extras	8	Extras	18
Total	27	Total	85

EBCHESTER PARK v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE EXCELSIORS.

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

EXCELSIORS.		EBCHESTER.	
J Nicholson b Smith	0	T Smith b Robb	13
J Hughes c Ramsay b Smith	8	G Parker b Robb	3
W Lister b Ramsay	1	T Bell c and b Dodds	7
T Dodds b Ramsay	1	H Ramsay b Dodds	0
J Starford b Parker	2	H Blenkiron b Robb	0
W Robb b Ramsay	1	W Charlton b Dodds	0
R Laing st Bell	2	H Peck b Dodds	0
H Angus not out	3	T Forster not out	0
W Barron b Smith	0	G Ramsay c Dodds b Robb	0
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	20	Total	22

DIPTON 2ND v. GOSFORTH PERCY.

Played on the former's ground, the home team winning by nine runs. Score:—

GOSFORTH.		DIPTON.	
Wm Cole not out	17	T Jessop b Byers	14
W T Prest b Spinks	1	J Allen b Byers	0
A Hall c Bell b Spinks	0	J Spinks c Hall b Black	10
G Black b Allen	4	J Peel b Black	0
L Jameson c Peel b Allen	2	R Herdman c Cole b Byers	0
G Patrick b Allen	0	W Alderson b Black	1
H Byers run out	1	E Jones run out	2
J Gent run out	1	J Williams c Gent b Black	7
A Bell b Allen	0	W Bell c Bell b Black	0
R Busson run out	1	W Pace not out	5
J Nicholson b Spinks	1	T Williams b Black	1
Extras	6	Extras	3
Total	34	Total	43

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE v. CORNSAY I.O.G.T.

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

HEDLEY HILL.		CORNSAY.	
Joe Westgarth b Nicholson	20	R Nicholson run out	0
W Johnson c Sergeant	2	F Hardy b Davison	3
J Westgarth b Sergeant	0	G Sergeant c Green b Davison	4
R Appleby b Nichols'n	0	G Whitfield b Davison	0
J Davison b Nicholson	2	T Jones b Green	1
A Green b Nicholson	0	R Harrison b Davison	1
G Westgarth b Nicholson	0	J Lynn b Green	1
R Hayson b Sergeant	3	M Seymour run out	0
T Hayson b Nicholson	0	T Younger b Green	0
J Bassan not out	4	G Pygall not out	1
C Benton b Nicholson	8	R Lynn b Davison	0
Extras	2	Extras	0
Total	41	Total	11

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

CONSETT SECURE THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rarely is so much interest manifested in a local game as was the case over the meeting between Consett and District and Medomsley, at the latter place, last Saturday, in a Junior League match. The fact that the two clubs had been running a neck-and-neck race all the season for the League championship of this division—each having only once suffered defeat, and that, strangely enough, at the hands of the same club, Burnhope—and also that the first fixture had to be abandoned, owing to rain, without a ball having been bowled, served to work the excitement up to boiling pitch, and the crowd that assembled on Saturday was about the largest I have ever seen on the Medomsley ground.

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Those who had looked forward to a close and exciting game—and there were many such—were doomed to disappointment, as the match turned out to be of the most one-sided character, and the home supporters had little chance of letting off any of their pent-up enthusiasm. The innings of Medomsley, who first appeared on the defensive, does not need much description, as it partook largely of the nature of a procession. The batting was of the feeblest character, and with Janes and Railton bowling their best, and being backed up by some splendid fielding, the discomfiture of the homesters was complete. W. Cant did show a little decent form—and was unluckily out at the finish—but the remainder did practically nil. The Consett pro. did a grand performance in taking six wickets at a cost of only eight runs, while Railton was credited with the other four for 13. As I have intimated above, the visitors' fielding was well-nigh faultless, and some really excellent catches were brought off.

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Of course, with but 24 runs to get to claim a victory, the success of Consett was a moral certainty. However, the latter did not commence too well, losing three wickets for 18 runs. Walton then joined Janes, and the issue was quickly placed beyond doubt. Walton played an admirable innings for his 30 before being caught close on the boundary, hitting cleanly and vigourously. Afterwards, Godfrey and Railton (33) made a prolonged stand for the seventh wicket, and completely demoralised the home bowling. Railton was ultimately caught in brilliant style by R. Charlton, the partnership having added no less than 60 runs. The Consett captain carried out his bat for a capital 30. Although both Railton and Godfrey made more runs than Walton, the latter, in my opinion, played the best innings in the match, and I have rarely seen him in better form. I cannot say much in favour of the Medomsley bowling, and the fielding shewed room for improvement. The victory of Consett was decisive and complete, and on the day's form there was no comparison between the teams, the winners being superior at all points.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY MATCH AT BURNOPFIELD.

No, gentle reader, don't be frightened; the above heading has nothing to do with "ructions," and I fancy I can hear you say, "For which, much thanks." All the same, the match at Burnopfield last Saturday was an extraordinary one. Blackhall Mill played their final match in the Cup Competition at the place named above, and as they had an unbeaten record in the tournament, they were particularly anxious to preserve its spotless purity. The visitors batted first, but did nothing out of the common, only scoring 44, for which they had principally to thank F. Richardson (12) and W. Wood (10). J. G. Allan trundled capitally for Burnopfield, securing six wickets at a small cost.

And what shall I say of the home batting? This is how my correspondent describes it:—"Burnopfield follow in, only to come back quickly for two byes and a leg-bye." Yes, the whole team were dismissed for the tremendous score of three! How the hearts of the home spectators must have swelled with pride at the magnificent batting of their representatives! Mason and Richardson thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the former accomplishing the "hat trick," and Richardson taking three wickets for no runs. It is worthy of note that three men on each side were run out. I heartily congratulate Blackhall Mill on having gone through the competition without a defeat. They have won their proud position by downright honest and plucky play, and whether they go any further up in the competition or not, they are deserving of the best wishes of all.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET BEATEN.

Chester-le-Street have this season found their position in the Senior League anything but plain sailing. Defeat has followed defeat with monotonous regularity, and there is but little doubt that the "citizens" will have to play hard to maintain their place among the "seniors" next season. Chester appeared at Westoe on Saturday, and were easily beaten by South Shields. The visitors could do nothing against the effective bowling of the home pro. (Copeland)—who claimed eight wickets at a cost of only 10 runs—and were all sent back for the poor score of 29. Shields rubbed off the necessary number for the loss of two wickets, thus gaining a ridiculously easy conquest.

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VICTORIOUS CRAGHEAD.

Craghead are experiencing a most successful time in the Cup Competition, and on Saturday added South Moor to their list of victories. The homesters took first innings, and compiled the admirable total of 95. The irrepressible Young (21) again batted well, as did J. Hunter (26), Fairley (19), and Musgrove (13). Only Joyce (25) on the visiting side displayed any ability to play the difficult bowling of Briggs and Young, and they were all out for 45. The former had the best analysis, his figures being subjoined:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
Briggs	13·3	5	9	4

Craghead should about head the competition in their division.

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A GOOD WIN FOR STANLEY 2ND.

Stanley and District 2nd gained a surprisingly easy win over Tanfield on Saturday in the Cup Competition, and the old club must have deteriorated sadly when this has come to pass. Stanley commenced the run-getting, and so well did Smith (40), Dixon (33), Dodds (13), and Henderson (11) shape, that the home team applied the "closure" when seven wickets had fallen for 110 runs. Although Swinburn, Davison, Robson, and Watson showed fairly good form, not one of the visitors reached double figures, and Clough and Smith disposed them all for 52. This is about the best achievement the Stanley second string have accomplished this season.

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ROWLAND'S GILL'S FIRST DEFEAT.

Tantobie visited Rowland's Gill on Saturday, and did what I understand no other team has been capable of doing this season—viz., beat the home team, and that in handsome fashion. Hetherington (18) and "Extras" (13) were the most prolific scorers for the Gill, who totalled 43. Rockett and Bowes being very difficult to play. The visitors had only 45 minutes left in which to get the runs, but they proved equal to the occasion, and put on 60 for the loss of seven wickets—Ledger (16), Charlton (11), and Armstrong (10) batting well. The wickets in this game were pitched at 10·15, and drawn at 12·30, on account of the Victoria Garesfield sports.

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RAIN ROBS BEAMISH OF VICTORY.

Newcastle St. Philip's were the visitors to Beamish on Saturday, and have to thank the showery weather for saving them from a crushing reverse. Some splendid batting was shown for the home team by Dorling (29), Finlay and Lee (13 each), and Stoddart (11), the total, with the aid of "Extras" (15) amounting to 101. When the game had to be finally abandoned through the rainy weather, the "Saints" had only scored nine for five wickets, and thus had considerably the worst of the draw.

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AN EASY WIN FOR WHICKHAM.

Whickham are having a season something like olden times, when they were a power in the land. They have some extremely rising young players in their ranks, who give promise of raising the club to the proud position it occupied many years ago. Whickham antagonised Winlaton on the latter's ground last Saturday, and gave the home team a good beating. A. Tebb (21) and Yeates (18) batted well for Winlaton, whose aggregate reached 57. T. B. Mowbray was credited with four wickets for 22, and G. Cheesman five for 17.

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When Whickham began their venture, they found the trundling of Blenkinsopp and A. Tebb far from easy to deal with, the result being that seven batsmen were out for 33, and the home team seemed to have a rosy chance of pulling it off. Then T. Cheesman (48) and H. Cook (37 not out) came together, and quickly settled the result. When he had made 30 Cheesman gave two chances, but otherwise he played a splendid innings, while Cook was in grand form, and never gave a chance. The brothers Cheesman are two of the most promising young cricketers in the county.

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LANCHESTER DRAW WITH SHOTLEY GROVE.

At Lanchester, on Saturday, the home team had much the best of a draw with Shotley Grove. Lanchester made a capital start with Kirtley (21) and Crone (12), which was well followed up by Sinton (12), Atkin, and Ramsay, so that when 74 had been scored for five wickets the homesters "declared." Time did not allow of the game being finished, the visitors, when stumps were drawn, having three wickets down for 29, so that Lanchester had decidedly the best of the draw.

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A WELL-DESERVED BENEFIT.

I am pleased to learn that the committee of the Consett and District Club have decided to set apart the proceeds of the League match with Stanley and District on August 4th, for the benefit of Janes (the Consett pro.) Janes has certainly proved himself worthy of a "bumper," and I trust that the "gate" on the occasion referred to will be commensurate with his merits. A more active little cricketer than Janes it would be difficult to find, and I have reason to believe that he has given every satisfaction to his employers.

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THE BROOMS WIN THEIR FIRST MATCH.

After suffering three defeats, the Brooms club brought off their first victory against Dipton last Saturday, after a very close game. The principal feature of the game was the presence of the Rev A. Magill, who used the willow in masterly style, and knocked up 19 in a very short time. Thos. Doolan (17) played a careful innings, and Stobbart also did well. G. Foster proved an excellent substitute for the visitors, compiling nine before being caught in the long field, and also bowling in capital form. For Dipton, Dr Hedley (21) was chief scorer, and showed that he is a batsman of no mean order. The doctor likewise kept wicket in smart and clever style.

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PROPOSED WEDNESDAY CRICKET LEAGUE FOR THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

DEAR SIR,—Efforts are being made to form the above League for Wednesday teams, so as to encourage players, as it will be a great boon for Wednesday players, besides giving a good stimulus to the game, and also ensuring good fixtures, and better gates than at present for the clubs included. We intend, if the replies meet our anticipations, to make two centres, so as to make the travelling as short as possible. I have received replies from clubs in this district wishing to join, and any other club wishful of joining may do so by writing to me as early as possible, as I intend calling a meeting at an early date.—Yours truly,

JOHN THOMPSON,
Hon. Sec. Crook Cricket Club.

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MEMS.

The catch which dismissed Railton at Medomsley on Saturday was about the finest I have ever seen on that ground, and was the only redeeming feature in the poor display made by the home team.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Wednesday week at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on the occasion of the presentation to the captain of the Consett club (Mr A. S. Godfrey). The popular president (Dr Geo. Renton) made some very pertinent remarks as to the incompetency of umpires in the League and Cup Competition games, and I am bound to say that they were fully justified. We must have independent umpires.

A Burnopfield correspondent thus describes last Saturday's match:—"This game, the last of the qualifying competition for the Durham Cup, took place at Burnopfield on Saturday, in the presence of a fair company. Winning the toss, the visitors batted first, compiling 44, a very fair aggregate considering the state of the wicket and bowling opposed. On the home team taking their turn with the willow, it was at the outset plainly seen that they were suffering from a temporary attack of their old complaint, "funk," and as time proceeded it rapidly became worse, the best of remedies available in Burnopfield on Saturday being unable to quench the epidemic, with the result that after a short but painful illness they succumbed to their death, the last bulletin telegraphing a trio. It may therefore be naturally expected that instead of the usual flag—viz., the "Union Jack," we may look for a black one floating half-mast over the pavilion in their next few games. Let us, however, hope the resurrection may soon come."

Local Police Courts.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, July 23rd—Before J. T. POTTS (chairman) and E. W. H. BALLENY, Esqs.

STEALING A WATCH.

Mary McGuirns, married woman, was brought up on a charge of stealing a watch, the property of F. McHassen, labourer, of West Stanley, on Saturday night.—Prosecutor stated that on this particular night he went to lodge at the prisoner's house. After being at the house a short time he put off his coat and vest, but redressed himself again so as to go and see the doctor. When outside he missed his watch. On going back to his lodgings he found the door locked, and the landlady said he could not get in. He asked prisoner if she had his watch. Prisoner said she had not seen it. He valued the watch, which was an English lever, at 43s.—Sergt. Waller said from information received he went to the house and enquired for the watch. Prisoner swore and said prosecutor was a d—— liar. He searched the house, and in a cupboard he found the watch (produced) covered over with a cup. The watch had been identified as the property of McHassen.—By the Bench: Prisoner was present when he found the watch.—Prisoner: I am not guilty, and I never saw the watch.—Inspector Mabon asked for a remand.—The Bench accordingly remanded prisoner till Thursday, the case to be heard at Lanchester. Bail was allowed.

DRUNKENNESS.

Patrick Campbell was accused by P.C. White with being drunk at Consett, on Saturday afternoon.—Fined 5s and costs, in default seven days' hard labour.

Alex. Watson and *James McKenzie* were brought up and charged by Inspector Mabon with being drunk and creating a disturbance in Front Street, Consett, on Saturday night.—The Inspector stated that the two men came out of a public-house and commenced to quarrel.—The Bench fined defendants 5s each and costs.

Robert Finlay was charged by Inspector Mabon with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Saturday night.—The Inspector adduced the facts of the case, and the defendant, in a long story, told the Bench that he was failed whilst in the Park Hotel, Consett, by another man, and then put outside.—The Bench dismissed the case.

Michael McKrath was fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Consett, on Saturday.—Sergt. Dryden proved the case.

TUESDAY, July 24th—Before J. T. POTTS, Esq.

A TIPSY WOMAN.

Sarah Dewey, married woman, of Consett, was charged with being drunk and creating a disturbance on the previous night at Consett.—Sergt. Dryden proved the case.—Fined 5s and costs.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, July 20th.—Before V. A. RIPPON (chairman), COUN. LIVINGSTONE, and J. W. RODDAM, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Several persons were fined in sums varying from 7s 6d to 12s 6d for drunkenness.

BREACH OF THE LICENSING ACT.

Isaac Thompson, innkeeper, Wearhead, was charged with selling drink during prohibited hours on Sunday, June 10th.—Supt. Snowdon prosecuted, and called Thomas Baharra, a travelling artist, who said that he was at the house for two hours during closing time with Mr Vipond, of Blanchland, and each paid for whiskey.—Mr Vipond said he had come from Blanchland, and had business in the house with Baharra, for whom he paid for a glass of whiskey, but he did not see him pay for any more.—Mr J. T. Proud, for the defence, said that the whole story had been concocted by Baharra, who had a spite against the landlord, and he asked the Bench to believe a respectable witness like Mr Vipond, who would be corroborated by Mr Thompson.—The Bench dismissed the case.—Mr Proud said he thought it was due to the police to say that they were bound to take proceedings on the statements made by Baharra.

HIGHWAY ACT.

John Humble, cartman, was fined 6d and costs for allowing his horse and cart to be on the highway at Westgate, the same not being under proper control. *Alexander Ross*, of Bishop Auckland, was also fined 10s and costs for a breach of the Highway Act.

BREACH OF THE SWINE REGULATION ACT.

Whitfield Martindale, Scurfield House, Stanhope, was charged with selling young pigs contrary to the Swine Regulation Act, he not having had them in his possession 28 days.—Defendant admitted selling the pigs, but pleaded ignorance of regulations in force. He had sold pigs to two persons—two to J. Branston and one to T. Rutherford.—The Bench took a lenient view of the case and imposed a fine of 6d in each case, and 6s 6d costs in each case.

Volunteer Intelligence.

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243, 129, 187, 33, 42, are the WINNING NUMBERS of Goods drawn for at Joseph Brown's Quarry House, Black Hedley.

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MANOR HOUSE

RACES & PIC-NIC

JULY 28th, 1894.

Entries for all events close on the Field. Horse Race to start at 3 o'clock.

736o H. W. STOKOE, Hon. Sec.

ALLANSFORD P.M. CHAPEL.

THE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING of the Allansford Society, will be held on Sunday, July 29th.

Consett Mission Band will assist. Services: Afternoon at 2, and Evening at 6. 773o

HEARTHRUG COMPETITION.

(Given by Mrs. Swallow, Bushblades)

First Prize, 7s 6d; 2nd, 3s. Non-members, 6d entrance. Members free. The hearth-rug that won last year debarred. 755o

BEAMISH RED ROW FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE CLOSING MEETING in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, August 4th, to commence at 7 o'clock. All members are requested to come as the business is very important.

J. BRIDDICK, Secretary.

370th STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY

NOTICE.—THE FIRST SHOTLY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT will hold an APPROPRIATION MEETING on Monday the 20th August, when the 79th Ballot will be drawn. If it does not exceed £100 another will be drawn.

By Order,
765o D. ORMEROD, Chairman.

GREAT LABOUR MEETING

To be held in the Market Place, Stanhope, on SATURDAY, JULY 28th, at Six o'clock,
To be Addressed by
COUNCILLOR WM. FLYNN, of Gateshead, President of the Newcastle and Gateshead Trade and Labour Council. Subject—"The need and aims of an Independent Labour Party." 745o

Established 1833.

MESSRS. WILLIAM POTTS AND SONS, CLOCK AND WATCH MANUFACTURERS, OF LEEDS,

Beg to announce that they have OPENED a BRANCH of their Business at 22, COLLINGWOOD STREET, NEWCASTLE-on-TYNE.

Now making the Great Clock for St. Nicholas' Cathedral. 771o

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH.

Morning, 10-30, } REV. J. V. SUTTON.
Evening 6, }

Farewell Sermons.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, and CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW, at Stanley, near Shield Row Station, on Wednesday, Aug. 15th. Classes for Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Poultry, Dogs, and Rabbits, Dairy Produce Implements, and Horseshoeing. Horse Leaping and Pony Racing.

Entries close August 1st, Prize List on application to ALEX. ATKINSON, Sec.
Causey Arch, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Pigs cannot be shown by order of Board of Agriculture. 757o

KYO FLOWER SHOW, HELD AUG. 25th, 1894.

VOCAL CHOIR CONTEST (open) Entrance 1s. per choir, and each Member pay admission to Ground.

1st Prize, £5; 2nd, £3; 3rd £1

Five Choirs to enter or no third prize; Entries close, Aug 18th

RULES:—1 The contest will be open to any choir 2 The number of each choir shall not exceed 3[illegible]; 3 Each choir shall select their own piece; 4 Judge's decision shall be final

For information apply to secretary, Geo Bullerwell, East Kyo, Annfield Plain

WATERHOUSES AND ESH (Co. Durham), Floral, Industrial, and Live Stock SHOW, on Saturday, August 4th, 1894. £300 in Prizes for Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Home Industries, Goats, Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Horse-Leaping, and Driving. Marvellous Performances by the Paddock Troupe of Young Lady Trick Bicyclists. Concerts by the Whitworth Prize Silver Band. Grand Display of Fireworks. Railway Excursions from South Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland, Fence Houses, Tynemouth, North Shields, Newcastle, Gateshead, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, Middlesbro' Thornaby, Darlington, and other places. Admission, 12 to 5 p.m., 1s. each; 5 to 10 p.m., 6d. J. J. CROFTON, Secretary. 762o

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875, 38 AND 39. VICT. C. 55.

NOTICE OF AUDIT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Audit of the Accounts of the CONSETT LOCAL BOARD, and of the Officers thereof, for the Year ended the 25th day of March last, will be held on Friday, the 17th August, 1894, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Offices of the said Local Board, and notice is further given that a copy of the accounts only made up and balance, together with all rate books and account books and all Deeds, Contracts, Vouchers, and other Documents referred to in such accounts will be deposited in the Office of the said Consett Local Board, and will be open during office hours to the Inspection of all Persons interested, for seven clear days before the audit

Dated this 24th July, 1894,

THOMAS WM. MELFORD.
758o Clerk to the Consett Local Board.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Wesley Terrace, Dipton, Monday, July 30th, 1894.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, favoured with instructions from Isabella Elliott, who is declining housekeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above address and date, all her valuable Household FURNITURE and Effects, removed from South Moor to Dipton for convenience of Sale. A good Harmonium, and American Organ with 8 stops, included in this sale.

See bills for further particulars. Sale to begin at 1-30 o'clock. 682o

Wesley Terrace, Dipton—Wednesday, August 1st.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Miss Pearson, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, a very large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, comprising:—Cottage Piano, Harmonium, 2 Sideboards, in Mahogany, 7 Chairs in Mahogany, Arm ditto, 6 ditto in Rosewood, 2 Chests of Mahogany Drawers, Large Dining Table, Mahogany Folding Table, 2 Mantel Mirrors, Wash-stands and Dressing Tables, Iron Bedsteads, Feather Bed and pillows, Cornice Poles and Shades, Carpets, and numerous other household appointments. For particulars see Bills. Sale to begin at 12 o'clock prompt.

N.B.—People furnishing will find this a good opportunity, as the articles are all good and useful.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for Cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton by Lintz Green Station

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER, FRONTSTREET, CONSETT.

Sales, Commissions, Valuations, and Auctioneering in all its Branches, at Moderate Charges, and Quick Settlements. T. D. D. has been commissioned by Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress Warrants under the Agricultural Holdings' Act. Authorised Emigration Agent for the Allan, American, Guion, and Other Lines.

OFFICES—67, FRONT STREET, CONSETT
(Next Door to North-Eastern Bank.)

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

SALE BY AUCTION of Valuable Household FURNITURE and other Effects, belonging to the late Peter Brown, Chemist, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday, August 1st, 1894, at 1.30 p.m.

For full particulars see posters.

Auctioneer:—WM. ROBINSON, Medomsley. (successor to J. Oley.)

Sale Office—3 and 4, New Fines, Medomsley, R.S.O.

SALE OF SURPLUS FURNITURE belonging to J. Gibbinson and others on Wednesday, August 8th. Persons having Furniture to dispose of can have it included in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer.—Particulars and place of Sale in future Advertisement.

Sale Offices:—3 and 4, New Fines, Medomsley.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY. Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 1894.

15 to 25 Prime Fat Cattle.
200 Prime Fat Sheep and Lambs.
20 Store Cattle, including some very fresh three year-old Bullocks.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Dairy Cows and Heifers
Poultry, Harness, Carts, &c., and other miscellaneous Lots.
Sale at 12 o'clock.

731o JOHN S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Rooms.—On Tuesday, July 31st.

SPECIAL SALE OF FURNITURE, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Oilcloths, Travelling Bags and Boxes, Portmanteaus, Dressing Bags, Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Mattresses, Bed-hangings, Window Hangings, Quilts, Kitchen, Tea, Gipsy, Dining and Drawing-room Tables; Wash-stands and Dressing Tables; Hair-seated, Balloon-backed and other Chairs; Fenders and Fire-irons; Swing and other Glasses; Flower Vases, Meat Jack, Spirit Stand, Table Knives, Coffee Mill, Patent Boiler, Leather Hat Case, Gentleman's Dressing Case, Pictures, Trays, &c., &c. Sale to commence at half-past 3 o'clock, on Tuesday, July 31st.

JOHN S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

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

By Mr. John Crawford.

Property Sale at an early date.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr John Suddee, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at an early date, 5-roomed Dwelling HOUSE, No. 13, Ark Street, Consett, together with other Valuable Property. Anyone having Property or Shares for Sale can have them included in the above Sale.—Apply J. Crawford, Auctioneer, Consett. Date and particulars shortly. 713o

To Grocers and others
John Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above Rooms, on Monday first, July 30th, the Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, belonging to a Grocer, who is declining business, consisting of Tea Cannisters, Scales, Weights, &c.; also, Tricycle, suitable for Lady or Gentleman, Spring Cart, &c. The Furniture consists of Drawers, Chairs, Couch, Sofa, Centre Table, all in Mahogany; 15 Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Sitting-room Suite, Carpets, Rugs, Desk Bed, Tables, Chairs, &c., together with Two Loads of High-class Furniture from Shotley Bridge. 783o

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

By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

MONDAY, July 30th, 1894, at 1.30 p.m.

15 to 20 Cows and Heifers. 3 Calves.
7 Fat Cattle. 60 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
35 Store Cattle (mostly S-Horned Heifers, 2 year-old.)
20 B.F. Ewes and Lambs. 3 and 4 year-old Stock Ewes.

Amongst the Sheep are some Prime Sheep from the Ford Grass Parks. The Store Cattle are Home-reared and very fresh. A number of good Geese are expected forward. Entries to day of Sale.

GREEN and DOWSON.

By Mr. W. Walker.

Middleheads Farm, Castleside, near Consett, in the County of Durham.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at Mrs Brown's, the Railway Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday, 22nd day of August, 1894, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

MR. WILLIAM WALKER, Auctioneer.

All that valuable COPYHOLD FARM, with convenient DWELLING-HOUSE AND FARM BUILDINGS, and 227a 1r 13p or thereabouts, of PASTURE, MEADOW, ARABLE AND WOODLANDS, including:—

About 100 acres of Pasture Land
About 27 acres of Meadow Land
About 31 acres of Arable Land
About 48 acres of Rough Pasture and Furze
About 20¼ acres of Wood, mostly Oak, and Underwood and a few ash.

HOUSE, FARM BUILDINGS, and GARDEN, HALF-AN-ACRE; total area 227a 1r 13p or thereabouts, as now occupied by Mr W. Bowey, in whose family it has been for upwards of a century.

The "Middleheads Farm," forming a picturesque, and desirable agricultural and sporting estate, is delightfully situated at an elevation of 750 feet above the level of the sea. The land extends to within 100 yards from the south-west of Rowley Railway Station and on the north-east it adjoins the splendid Howns Gill Viaduct, from whence grand views are obtained. A deep valley leads from back of the Buildings to Howns Gill, which is well-wooded, and contains a large quantity of good oak and ash.

Mr Bowey, the tenant, will show the property, and for particulars with plans and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs Wynne, and Son, Solicitors, 31, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, W.C.; Messrs J. T. Belk and Cochrane, Solicitors, Post Office Chambers, Middlesbrough; F. R. F. Clennell, Esq., 9, Old Elvet, Durham; or of Mr W. Walker, Auctioneer, Market Place, Bedale.

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, Land, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with experience, ability, and care. Prompt Payments. Appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to levy Distress for Rent under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Houses Designed, and Building carried out for Convenience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 465m

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On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods, Cutlery, Guns &c., &c., at
J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England.
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CHEAP WATCHES.
GENUINE ENGLISH LEVERS £1 10s 0d
SILVER GENEVAS 10s 6d
SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW.

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
W. Aynsley, Esq., James Oliver, Esq., Hedley Nicholson, Esq. } Trustees.

The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 30th July, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place. Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

GLENDENNING'S
BEEF & MALT WINE
THE MOST RELIABLE WINE FOR INVALIDS.

Composed of Extract of Beef, Kepler's Malt Extract, and old Port Wine. It forms a concentrated nutritive digestive food, blood-making, flesh-forming, and strengthening. Of the utmost value to children, invalids, and those who require strength. PRICES: 1s. 9d. PER BOTTLE; 1s. PER HALF-BOTTLE.

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BLACKHILL.—R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel, W. W. AYNSLEY, Grocer.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONER, Burton House
CONSETT.—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c; T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c; THOMAS MILNER, Chemist; JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer and Wine Merchant.
DIPTON.—R. ARMSTRONG, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
ESH.—WM. OYSTON, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M.—Your letter is too personal.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, JULY 27TH, 1894.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

(BY "INCEDO.")

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

The evil spirit which took possession of the members of the Benfieldside Local Board has happily been cast out, and with its exit the vexed question of the unpopular sewerage scheme has been as good as relegated to the shades. It was a matter of surprise to many, and to the writer in particular, that the members of the body named should have acted as they did, in view of the kindled wrath of a large proportion of the ratepayers, and that their term of office was on the eve of expiration. There was, doubtless, a reason for the attitude assumed by the Board, seeing that even in madness itself there is said to be a method. However that may be, certain it is that a new leaf has been turned over, and it may be that if the refractory members give proof of contrition for their sins, it is possible enough that they may be again restored into public favour, and thus stand a chance of a seat in the Council Chamber, the members of which will be elected in the month of November next.

A GOOD SITUATION.

The irregular division of the wealth and other good things in this wicked world has long occupied the attention of observant men in this and other countaries, but beyond dwelling on the injustice of the present existing state of things, next to nothing has been done to give measure for measure, and thus reward men according to their talents. It appears, however, that there are some really good souls within the boundaries of North-Western Durham—broad-souled gentlemen who have no compunction whatever in being singularly liberal with what is known as the money of the ratepayers proper. There is no need to go further in quest of an example than the members of an obscure Local Board having its *locale* only a few miles from Consett. The members of this generous body stood in need of an assistant master, and to fill the vacancy the modest sum of £168 per annum was offered. Men who seek situations have usually to name the salary expected, but the members of the body referred to are far too noble to stoop to such practical methods. The happy youth who got the post has thus netted some £4 per week all the year round for work performed, when the holidays at mid-summer, Easter, and Christmas are all taken into account. Not a bad thing that for teaching the young idea how to shoot, especially when it is remembered that thousands of better educated men in our land to-day would thank their stars could they command even half the figure named.

THE VALUE OF TIME.

Wise men in all ages have been at one in placing much emphasis on the value of time. One ancient writer has it, that as every grain of gold is precious so is every moment of time. This feeling does not appear to have yet borne fruit in the breasts of the gentlemen who sit periodically in judgment on the Bench at Consett—that is to say if the public are to judge by the composure shown by the Magistrates at the unpardonable waste of time at the Police Court the other forenoon, when the business of the day was retarded by searching among the stock-in-trade of a wandering pedlar for the official document known as a license, which the man refused to show to the police. The Magistrates treated the incident as a mere everyday occurrence, and dismissed the stranger without a word of warning or advice, not to speak of censure, and the fellow went his way rejoicing in the manner he had "sat upon" the Consett police. Things have come to a nice pass when it is only in the presence of five Magistrates, and twice as many policemen, that pedlars are bound to produce their license.

A POPULAR PREACHER.

It will be seen by the advertising columns that the Rev A. T. Guttery, of South Shields, is announced to preach in the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel on the afternoon of Wednesday first, and to lecture in the evening of the same day. I don't think that the rev gentleman named is very well-known in the Consett district, but I know right well that he only requires to be known to be highly appreciated. The Rev Mr Guttery is alike acceptable in the pulpit, on the platform, or in the lecture hall. In short, Mr Guttery is a most attractive speaker, and one of the ablest preachers to be found in Methodist ranks in the North of England to-day. His style is impressive, and his utterance indicate high mental gifts, and an exhaustive knowledge of the subjects of which the speaker treats. The Rev A. T. Guttery well deserves a good attendance, and as the people of Consett know a good man when they meet one, there need not, therefore, be any misgiving on the head named.

CASTLESIDE FLOWER SHOW.

The committee in connection with the Castleside Flower Show deserve credit for the measure of encouragement they offer to the votaries of the fine arts, their programme being quite a deviation from the ordinary routine of procedure. Then there is the inducements offered to those who breed and rear all sorts and conditions of dogs, from the impertinent-looking fox terrier to the sagacious collie. Indeed so varied are the attractions of the meeting that one is almost led to the conclusion that the term flower show is a misnomer. Nobody will, however, be likely to quarrel with the committee on that account, seeing that the bill of fare provided is on such a sumptuous scale.

FARMING IN NORWAY.

It seems to me to be almost an age since I intimated to my readers, and to Mr John Robinson, Sunniside, Tow Law, in particular, that I would some day pen a note on farming in Norway. Few, if any, of the country people with whom I came in contact could speak a word of English, Scotch, or Irish, and what information I was able to glean was consequently obtained from the native pilots and officers of the Excise—all of whom could speak what they very truthfully called "a little English." When steaming along a fjord—those arms of the sea which stretch inland hundreds of miles—I would point to the small holdings at the base of the mighty walls of solid rock, down the precipitious face of which the foaming waters came leaping with a sound like far off music, and ask the yearly rental paid for such homesteads. I was assured in reply that the smallest of them was routed at forty kroners, the value in English money of a kroner being exactly thirteen pence, and one-third of a penny. When on shore I examined those small holdings very minutely, sometimes walking for hours along the banks of a mountain stream to reach one. Such people will deserve to hold the land, for every foot was cultivated, patches of potatoes, oats, and barley growing in the most unlikely places. But there was, on the other hand, no semblance of comfort, much less luxury. Men, women, and children laboured on the land from dawn to dark. I have met a miniature haystack moving along a mountain pass, and when I stood aside to let it go on its way, I have perceived underneath it the feet of a woman, as the moving hay rocked from side to side like a ship in distress. I have no desire that this cursory glance at the subject under note should pass muster as a treatise on farming in Norway—far from it. To my mind, however, there was proof enough that the cultivation of the soil abroad, as well as at home, is inseparable from laborious toil, even although, as in Norway, the land could be had at the price of an old song.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Directors of the Consett Waterworks Company decided, at a meeting held on Wednesday last, to recommend a dividend at the rate of 6¼ per cent. per annum for the half-year ending June 30th, 1894.

WESLEYAN CHURCH: FAREWELL SERMON.—On Sunday next the pulpit of the Wesleyan Church will be occupied by the Rev. J. V. Sutton, of Shotley Bridge, who will, on that occasion, preach his last Sabbath-day services in Consett prior to his leaving the circuit in which he has spent three years of ministeral labours with very great acceptance. The rev. gentleman removes to the Pocklington Circuit in September.

WILD FLOWER SHOW.—An exhibition of wild flowers was held at the Black Horse Inn, Consett, on Saturday evening last, promoted by the enterprising landlord, Mr Thomas Beattie. The entries were far below the number anticipated, probably owing to the wet weather and the short notice given, only seven exhibits were forthcoming, the whole of which were neatly and artistically arranged. The judge, Mr Robert Charlton, of Benfieldside, nurseries, awarded the first prize, an electro-silver cup, to Mr John Davison, Victoria Garesfield Colliery; and the second prize, a silver medal, to Mr Joseph Hall, Castleside. A bouquet exhibited by Mr Wm. Kell, of Gateshead, was highly commended by the judge, whose decisions gave every satisfaction. A pleasing feature at the exhibition was the numerous cases of preserved birds and animals shown by Mr Beattie, whose collection is very probably the finest in the county, many of the cases having taken premier honours at local shows. The prizes were much admired as works of art, and were supplied by the well-known jeweller and silversmith, Mr H. Samuel, Market Street, Manchester.

BLACKHILL.

Mr William Kennedy, of Durham Road, Blackhill, writes to say that he was greatly surprised to see in last week's issue the discussion that took place at Benfieldside Local Board, relative to his lodging-house. He says he has applied for a license, but was told that the necessary forms were not to hand, and hence he was not able to get his license.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The members of Mr Lister's glee party, Shotley Bridge, accompanied by friends, journeyed to the pretty little village of Blanchland on Saturday last. An excellent tea was provided for the company by Miss Oliver, and after each had partaken of the good things, a scramble was made for the woods surrounding, and the time was occupied in fern hunting, etc. A pleasant drive home terminated a very enjoyable afternoon's outing.

DIPTON.

ENTERTAINMENT AT FLINT HILL.—On Thursday last a very successful "nigger" entertainment was given in the Flint Hill National School, by the senior clubs, conducted by Mr Hinkley, the head master. The chairman (the Rev T. H. Archdall) in his opening remarks, congratulated the teachers and assistant-teachers on the successful report, (marked excellent) which was gained by the school at the last examination. He also stated that the grant earned exceeded that which could be received by £18, because the grant exceeded the income of the school by that amount. The boys went through their parts very successfully, the singing of Masters Frankland, Nichols, and Rodham being greatly admired by the large audience. Great praise is due to the headmaster as the result of his training which shows that music talent is not neglected. The room was very prettily decorated with ferns, banners, and flowers supplied by the parents of the children and other kind friends. The proceeds, which exceeded £7, were handed over to the school fund.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

On Saturday last, the officials connected with this colliery had their annual excursion, South Shields having been selected as the place of their visit. Although at times there were heavy showers of rain, all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and in the evening returned home *via* Newcastle. Hearty votes of thanks were given to J. H. Love Esq, the owner of the colliery for his kindness, and to Mr Kirkup for the successful manner in which the trip had been arranged and carried out.

FROSTERLEY.

GEOLOGICAL CLASS.—The results of the geological examination in May are now to hand. Eight students sat, out of which there are six passes, viz.:—First for advanced—M. Lee, J. Mitchell. Second for advanced—J. Waller, G. Gowling. Elementary pass—R. Chapman, J. Watson. The teacher was Mr J. Barker, of Frosterley.

WEARDALE.

The wet weather is impeding the hay harvest very much. The crops are turning out good.

An excursion was run to Stanhope on Wednesday from Sunderland and South Shields.

Active preparations are being made for the coming grand contest at Stanhope Flower Show.

The anglers in the Wear have been having capital sport of late at Wolsingham and Stanhope.

The grouse prospects are reported to be encouraging on the Weardale moors.

STANHOPE.

Dr Greenwell, of Durham, has just given to the pupils a book on the "Stanhope Heathery Cave."

CRICKET MATCH.—A match was played at Stanhope on Saturday between the clubs of Sunnybrow and Stanhope, resulting in a victory for the home team by 65 to 54.

STANHOPE BOARD SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—H.M. Inspectors' report of this school has come to hand, and is as follows:—The order and attention are well secured, and the teaching is careful, methodical, and intelligent. The highest grant earned is 20s 6d per head. The school has also received the "good" grant for drawing, and the "excellent" for manual training. We are glad to note that one of Mr Collingwood's pupils, Master Pattinson, son of Mr T. Pattinson, Stone House, Stanhope, who is only 11 years of age, has won one of the County Council scholarships. This is the second scholarship which has been won recently by this school. The school has made excellent progress since Mr Collingwood was appointed master, the number of scholars having increased from 93 to 190 in the short space of four years.

TOW LAW.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Co operative society was held at the Stores on Saturday evening, the president Mr J. Vickers in the chair. The sales for the half-year were £10,647, the profit £1,936, members purchases £10,148, dividend at 3s 2d in the £ £1,606. After deducting the property and fixed stock 2½ per cent, £40 was added to the reserve fund, leaving a balance of £105. The branch store at Wolsinham has a membership of 100. The sales for the half-year were £1,157. The members share capital is £7,231. During the half-year alterations and improvements have been made in the boot and shoe department, and the large clock of property which forms the branch at Wolsingham has been purchased. Mr G. Hildyard was re-elected secretary, Mr ... Ridley treasurer, whilst Messrs Collinson, Bell, Rowe, and Wilson, were elected on the committee. Messrs Vickers and Robinson were elected auditors. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.

Mr William Robson, jun., has successfully passed his examination at the late sitting at Edinburgh, and has secured a first-class certificate as a manager of mines, &c.

Mr Frank Graham, who taught a mining class during the past winter, under the Technical Committee, has had more honours conferred upon him. He has successfully passed in the honours class, and has got a first class and Queen's medal. Ten of his students sat at the late examination. Joseph Hodgson, J. T. Bradwell, and Charles Buction got second class certificates in the advanced stage; John Welford, Thomas Hodgson, George Oliver, George Collingwood, and Joseph Curry got first class certificates in the elementary stage.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' UNITED CONFERENCE.—The quarterly conference was held in the Wesleyan School, Tow Law, on Monday evening, the Rev G. Samuel, president, occupying the chair. The Secretary (Mr J. Vickers) read the minutes and proceedings of the last conference and committee, which were confirmed. The visitors—Messrs Dixon, Brewer, and Little—gave the report of their visits to the schools during the quarter, after which Mr J. E. Dixon read his paper on "The leakage between the Sunday-school and Church: its cause and remedy." Messrs Brewer, Bell, Baxter, Dixon, Gradon, and the Salvation Army Captain took part in the discussion which followed. A motion was carried instructing the committee to formulate some scheme whereby the scholars may be entertained and instructed during the coming winter months. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Dixon for his paper. It was decided to have a united prayer meeting once in each quarter.

LANCHESTER.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The anniversary of this school at Lanchester was celebrated as follows:—On Saturday week, a sermon was preached by Mr T. Fothergill, of Roddymoor. After the service a public tea was provided, and in the evening a public meeting was held. Mr Henderson occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Mr R. Turnbull, Consett, Mr T. Williams, Blackhill, and Mr Fothergill.—On the following day, at the two services, the children recited portions of scripture, &c. Mr Fothergill conducted. On Sunday, Mr R. Turnbull, Consett, preached two sermons. At each service the scholars again recited. Large congregations were present.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

AN ANCIENT PARISH CHURCH.—At the Chester-le-Street Parish Church on Tuesday, the one thousand and eleventh anniversary was celebrated in a becoming manner. There was a celebration of Holy Communion in the forenoon, and in the evening a fully choral service, in which the local clergy assisted, and a sermon by the Rev A. N. Cooper, M.A., vicar of Filey, and some time curate at Chester-le-Street. Both services were largely attended.

HORSE AND DOG SHOW.—Owing to the unpropitious hay weather, the committee of the Chester-le-Street Horse and Dog Show will not be able to have their annual show in the usual field, the hay not being yet out of it. Mr Lindsay Wood, J.P., with his usual kindness, has, however, placed the Hermitage field at the disposal of the committee for the show, and this thoughtful act will enable Mr James Brewis and his committee to bring their show off without further hindrance or inconvenience. The show is fixed for Wednesday first, and the field is the same as the Beamish and Pontop show was held in last year. It is most admirably adapted to the purpose. Mr Brewis has received a large entry in all the various classes. Mr Luke Swan, of the King's Head Inn, Chester-le-Street, provides the luncheon and refreshments. Only fine weather is needed to make the fixture the success it deserves to be.

STANLEY.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual show in connection with this Society, which is to be held at Shield Row, on the 15th of August, promises to be a great success The arrangements for the show are now completed. And, providing the weather is favourable, the result must prove satisfactory to the members and friends.

WHAT LORD ROSEBERY THINKS.—The Earl of Rosebery is such an important personage just now, and he holds such a high place in the public regard, that it is of great moment to know what he thinks upon any great question. It is understood in the high quarters that his popularity is thoroughly high at quarters that his popularity is thoroughly deserved, and that it is a proof of a healthy public opinion. Now if public opinion is healthy it proves that the public is healthy. We have not been able to persuade Lord Rosebery to express his opinion, but we are sure it is the same as ours, viz., that the health of the British public is attained by a judicious use of those world-famed remedies—Holloway's Pills and Ointment.

WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL FOR AUGUST.—The paper pattern of the newest thing in capes is presented to the readers of WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL August (3d) also a coloured plate of fashions for seaside wear, practical designs of smart blouses and bodices, pretty styles for children, gowns for evening, home and walking, tea jacket and gowns, mantles, pelisses, capes, jackets, &c, with plain directions for cutting out and making at home.

WELDON'S PRACTICAL NEEDLEWORK (2d.) The August issue (No 104) is devoted to Monograms and initials for marking household linen, underwears, handkerchiefs, book covers, &c, with plain working descriptions, beautifully illustrated with wood engravings.

Trade Notes.

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LIMITED.

The directors of the Consett Iron Co., Limited, have resolved to recommend to the ordinary general meeting on August 4th, the payment of a dividend of 9s per share on the ordinary shares, and 4s per share on the 8 per cent preference shares. A dividend of 5s per share will also be recommended to the meeting of the Consett Spanish Ore Company, Limited, to be held the same day.

DURHAM MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Durham County Colliery Mechanics' Association was held on Saturday in the Shakespeare Hall, Durham. Mr John Orr, of Annfield Plain, the president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. Mr L. Trotter, the secretary of the association, presented the annual report.

DURHAM COLLIERY ENGINEMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association was held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Saturday. Mr W. E. Nicholson, of Ferryhill, presided, and there was a large attendance of members. Mr Lambton, the general secretary of the association, presented a most satisfactory report. The report was adopted.—A resolution of sympathy with the sufferers of the Albion Colliery disaster was also agreed to, and in this connection it was announced by Mr Lambton that the branches of the association had all voted in favour of a substantial payment towards the relief of the bereaved.—At the conclusion of the meeting, the members proceeded to the race-course, where they participated in the miners' demonstration.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

At the Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Brooms, on Sunday morning, holy mass was offered at nine and 11 o'clock. After the eleven o'clock mass, the Rev Father Magill preached from the gospel, Luke xviii., 9-14, "I say to you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other." The rev preacher explained that the Pharisee's prayers were not accepted because he did not possess humility. Therefore they must pray with a contrite and humble heart, and never despise anyone, no matter how low they may have fallen. In the evening, the Rev Father O'Kelly preached on "the necessity of God's grace," taking for his text the words of the epistle, "Brethren, you know that when you were heathens you went to dumb idols, according as you were led." Self confidence, he said, was the ruin of many, for without God's help we could do nothing. We must never allow our hearts to grow cold in the service of God, as it was only he who persevereth to the end should be saved.

I hasten to congratulate the Brooms Cricket Club on their victory of Saturday last. His reverence, Father Magill, contributed the lion's share to the winners' score. I see no reason why, with regular practice, they should not hold their own with local clubs.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

Owing to Messrs A. E. Turner, tailor and draper Blackhill; Wm. Raw, agent, Blackhill; and Geo. J. Robinson, grocer, Blackhill, having withdrawn their nominations yesterday (Thursday), no contest will take place for the election of seven members for this Board. The following gentlemen are therefore duly elected:—

Alexander Baillie, Clerk in Holy Orders, Blackhill.
*a*James Foran, Catholic priest, Blackhill.
*a*Edwin William Jenkins, Baptist minister, Blackhill.
*a*William Ramsay, bank manager, Blackhill.
*a*Geo. H. Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside.
*a*William Telford, flour mill manager, Cutler's Hall.
Frederick Walker, ironworkers' agent, Benfieldside.

a Denotes the retiring members.

Rev A. Baillie and Mr Walker will accordingly fill the places of Messrs Hy. Carss and Ed. Sloane, who did not seek re-election.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 46 dairy cows and heifers, 26 fat cattle, 14 store cattle, 22 calves, 54 fat sheep, and 76 fat lambs. Cows made up to £20, fat cattle to £16 10s, store cattle to £11, calves to 55s. Fat sheep to 45s, top, Mr J. Durno, East Lodge; fat BF ewes to 28s 3d, top, Mr F. Vickers, Bellevue; fat BF wethers to 33s 9d, top, Mr J. Collinson, Harehope House; fat lambs to 40s, top, Mr J. O. Stephenson, Ambling Gate.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart on Monday a large supply of all classes of stock, viz., 26 fat cattle, 5 calves, 233 sheep and lambs, 24 store cattle, 7 cows and calving heifers, a quantity of poultry, traps, harness, &c. A large company of buyers was present, and there was a capital sale, taking into consideration the unsettled state of trade. Cattle: From the Derwent Flour Mill Farm (6), £15 to £17 12s 5d; Messrs Annandale (2), £15 5s and £21; Mr J. Allison (2), £12 10s and £13; Mr T. Surtees (2), £12 5s and £13 2s 6d; Mr John Pattison (4), £15 2s 6d to £19 5s; Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen (8), £9 15s to £13 17s 6d. Cows, £11 10s to £13 10s each. Sheep to 50s 6d, top, Mr Stokoe, Hedleyfield Head; lambs to 34s, top, Mr R. Gledson, Highfield; calves to £4 5s, top, Derwent Flour Mill. Heifers to £12 5s; young stock, £3 17s 6d to £7 each. Set harness, 36s. Poultry to 1s 3d each.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his usual sale here on Monday, and had forward 25 in-calving and new-calved cows, 15 grazing cattle, 20 fat cattle, 5 calves, 80 fat sheep and lambs, 2 reapers, 3 ponies, rakes, forks, harness, brooms, &c. There was a fair attendance of butchers and farmers present. Trade for in-calving and new-calved cows was very slow, and some were left over. Fat cattle and sheep sold well, and fat lambs met a ready market. Grazing cattle were a fair good trade at late rates. Prices as follows:—Fat cattle: Heifers to £19, top, the Derwent Flour Mill Company; cows to £17 12s 6d, top, Mrs Mallam, Farrington Hall Farm, near Sunderland. Fat sheep: Shearlings to 50s 6d, top, the Birtley Iron Company; ewes to 44s, top, the Birtley Iron Company and Mrs R. Wilkin, Carville, respectively. Grazing cattle to £10 17s 6d; in-calving and new-calved cows to £19 10s. Ponies to £4. Calves to 45s. Ladders to 6s 3d. The sale concluded at four p.m.

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THE INTELLIGENCE OF INSECTS.

Wonderful are the discoveries of science in these days, but we could cheerfully dispense with many of them. In particular the growing mass of evidence which suggests that organic life is always accompanied by some degree of intelligence rouses the most uncomfortable thoughts; for intelligence implies a crowd of sensation from which, as we hoped, the lower orders of animals were free. That ants and bees and such like have some power of brain might be admitted without unpleasant consequences. No one, in the temperate zone at least, wants to harm them, unless provoked. But to hear that beetles and wasps, spiders and flies, are suspected of feeling terror, pain, anxiety, and such emotions, is very disconcerting to the kind-hearted. For they have always been treated as enemies of the human race to be destroyed at sight. If the means of execution be cruel, that is seldom taken into account; and the very worst of it is that we must persevere in so treating them, whether they be intelligent or no—for, after all, the most of them act in a manner hostile to our comfort, though their intentions may be good. Take wasps: Who except a Buddhist does not kill them at every opportunity?—the bona fides of the Theosophist will hardly stand that test. But Mr. Belt made some observations that startle our complacency. That delightful observer ranked wasps next to the higher classes of ants in point of intelligence, and he gives some instances. A specimen of Polistes carnifex was hunting in his Nicaraguan garden. Belt offered it a grub, which it promptly cut in two, left one-half in the midst of a leafy shrub and carried off the other. Before starting for the nest, however, it hovered over the spot and made small circles round, then larger ones, as if taking the bearings. When it had got under way even, it suddenly sped back and repeated these operations, as if upon reflection it did not feel sure that the place was quite fixed in its memory. Returning empty in due time the wasp described but one circle, and flew like an arrow to the opening. But the leaf on which it had deposited its prey was obscured by another above, and the wasp, running in, soon lost itself among the foliage. It came out, circled round again, and descended—with a like result. Again and again this happened. Always it alighted in just the very same spot, after repeating its observations, buzzing more and more angrily; at length by chance, it found the morsel, flew straight away, and did not return. As Belt says, a man seeking some object he had left behind would act in just the same way.

The leaf-cutting ant is not one of those most conspicuous for intelligence, but he tells some striking stories. A tramway was opened near one of the nests, and many of them were killed in crossing the line. After a few days they tunnelled beneath the rail and thus escaped. The tram ceased to run for a while, and Belt filled up the tunnels; but never an ant would cross. They made new tunnels and passed underneath. Instinct could not possibly tell Nicaraguan ants how to deal with a tram line. Belt opened a nest, compelling the occupants to take to flight. They removed all their precious stores of fungus, naturally, since mushrooms are not brought to bearing in a week nor a month, as human gardeners know too well. On the way to the spot chosen for a new nest there was a steep incline. After a pause the ants dropped their burdens which rolled down; one-half returned for more, whilst the others trotted down the slope, picked up the balls at its foot, and resumed their march. Hence forward they were divided into two parties, one working to the brow of the incline and dropping the balls, the other taking charge of them at the bottom, until the storehouse had been cleared out. A host of such interesting stories might be cited. "Army ants" upon the march were stopped by a water course. A slender branch, the thickness of a goose quill, chanced to stretch across. If that tremendous multitude had crossed in single file—there was not room for two—hours would have been consumed; a number of them went on the bridge and clung tight together, making it so much broader that three or four could pass abreast. But we may find illustrations still more curious.

Snails are not insects, but they belong to an order of created things that seem still less likely to show intelligence, if that be possible. But Agassiz declares that no one who has watched their "movements and tricks," when courting can doubt that the male tries to make himself "seductive," and the female approves or scorns his efforts. We have ceased to call this mere instinct among the birds; but then, of course, very much of the argument depends upon the ingenuity and character of those seductive tricks. Lonsdale, however, gives a very distinct illustration. He took a couple of snails from a well-kept garden which abounded in cabbages and such delights, putting them under the wall of that next door, which had been long deserted, where nothing grew but weeds. Before morning one of them climbed the wall, leaving a trail of slime, and returned to its paradise. But the morning after it came back, as from a voyage of discovery, and next night he found them both creeping the wall. Had the experiment been tried with animals of a higher class one would feel no doubt that the explorer was moved by affection to return and communicate the glad tidings, that he succeeded in doing so, and showed his mate the way back to happiness. If we deny such intelligence to snails, it can only be justified by their lack of cerebral ganglia. But Darwin convinced himself that worms reason in their manner. A large part of his celebrated treatise is devoted to this subject. The common earth-worm abhors light, but loves to feel the sunshine. It could not sit in the mouth of its burrow to enjoy the warmth without protection from the glare, leaving blackbirds aside. So it plugs the orifice with dead leaves commonly, and basks in the shade. We are all familiar with these plugs, which disfigure a lawn on a summer morning. Darwin made lengthy experiments to ascertain how worms drag dead leaves into their holes. Some leaves would be more easily got into position than others. It would be more convenient to grasp some by the base, others by the tip; but if the creature used no discretion at all it would seize them just as they came to hand, which would be in the great majority of cases, by the middle or parts adjacent. As a rule, the leaves of English trees and shrubs taper towards the apex, and so they would be best handled for the worms' purpose if grasped at the tip. And it is proved that 80 per cent., to speak roughly, were thus treated, whilst 11 per cent. were dragged by the middle, and 9 per cent. by the base. It might be instinct thus far. But Darwin gave them leaves of rhododendron, an American shrub with which our English worms have not been acquainted. The basal part of these is often narrower than the tip. Forthwith the proportions change; 34 per cent. being gripped by the apex, 66 by the base, and none by the middle. More striking still is the instance of pine leaves, with which again the worms of Darwin's neighbourhood are unfamiliar. It would be almost impossible to drag a pine leaf down a narrow hole by the tip. The worms saw it and did not try. Every one was seized by the base. One may naturally answer that they tried various plans before discovering the best. If so, it would be conclusive evidence of reason. But they did not. A worm leaves traces which the practised eye can detect when it grasps an object, and none were visible on the pine leaves saving those which marked the successful attempt. We must credit that the animal twines about a leaf—having no eyes—and gains by a sense of touch a clear notion of its shape; then acts accordingly. But this is not all. The prickles of a pine leaf built into the walls of the burrow will be most uncomfortable to a soft bodied creature passing up and down. So "the sharp points of the needle were pressed into the lining of voided earth;" it must be borne in mind that Darwin's worms had no experience to guide them in this case. He may well say "they deserve to be called intelligent, for they act in nearly the same manner as would a man under similar circumstances." But it is an uncomfortable thought.—"Evening Standard."

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

PRESENTATION TO MR A. S. GODFREY.

On Wednesday se'nnight, at Mr Wm. Eltringham's Station Hotel, Blackhill, a smoking concert was held, under the auspices of the Consett and District Cricket Club, Dr George Renton (president), occupying the chair, while Mr Joshua Lax, of Shotley Bridge (a veteran cricketer), was in the vice-chair, and there was a large attendance, several members of the Chester-le-Street club being present. The company included Messrs Jos. Eltringham, R. Park, J. Dixon, A. S. Godfrey (captain), W. Romsey (hon sec.), T. Jameson, M. Hobday, George Walton (vice-captain), Jos. Askew, J. Mathieson, J. Symington, A. D. Wood, M. Williamson, W. Robinson, T. D. Robinson, W. Railton, T. T. Grey, R. Marshall, Beand (Benwell), T. R. Hall, Brown, Brooks, Binney, Gowans, Hutchinson (Chester-le-Street), &c. Mr A. S. Godfrey, the captain of the Consett and District C.C., on the occasion of his recent marriage, was presented with a handsome marble timepiece (supplied by Messrs Marshall and Son, Town Hall Buildings, Consett) bearing a suitable inscription, and which was subscribed for by the members and friends of the club.

The CHAIRMAN having proposed the loyal toasts, and referred to the great interest taken by the Royal Family in cricket, submitted the health of the visitors, coupled with the names of Messrs Hall and Brown, (Chester-le-Street), and Thos. Jameson, and R. Beand (Benwell).

These gentlemen suitably responded.

The CHAIRMAN said it gave him great pleasure to propose "The health of the guest of the evening—his good friend and cricketer, Mr Arthur S. Godfrey." (Loud applause.) Speaking of Mr Godfrey as a citizen, the worthy chairman said that their guest had conducted himself since he came amongst them in a manner becoming of any citizen. He knew no better example of a citizen than that set by Mr Godfrey. He had enjoyed the friendship of Mr Godfrey for many years, and had always found him straightforward and honest—never going behind your back to say things, but always telling you straight to your face what he thought. (Applause.) With credentials like these he could go out into the world fearing no one. (Cheers.) However, it was as a cricketer that he wished to speak more particularly of their guest, and in that respect words failed him to do adequate justice to his merits. He was sure that they would all agree with him when he said that they had had no more brilliant cricketer in their neighbourhood than Mr Godfrey. (Cheers.) Mr Godfrey came with a reputation. Several men had come to them with a reputation, which had often proved of a bogus kind—(laughter)—but in the case of their guest it had been more than borne out. (Cheers.) He had been captain of the Consett and District Club on several occasions, and the enthusiasm he had thrown into their games had been infectious, and had done much to raise the club to the standard of excellence it now held. (Applause.) He would specially refer to the notable year when the Consett club won the cup. During that year the brilliant cricket of Mr Godfrey had done more than anything else to win the cup. His average of 49 per innings for all the cup games spoke for itself. (Cheers.) Mr Godfrey's enthusiasm and ability had, without doubt, had a great influence upon the game in the district. They owed a deep debt of gratitude to their guest for the excellent example he had always set them, and he trusted it would be a long time before he would sever his connection with the Consett and District Club. (Loud cheers.) Mr Godfrey had lately entered upon a most important phase of his life. He had taken upon himself an important step which they all hoped would add materially to his happiness and comfort, and everything which went to make life happy. (Cheers.) He heartily wished many happy years of married life to Mr Godfrey and his good lady. (Loud cheers.)

Mr JOS. ELTRINGHAM endorsed everything the chairman had said concerning Mr Godfrey. He was pleased the latter had had the good sense to take the step commented upon by Dr Renton. (Laughter and applause.) He sincerely hoped that he would have no reason to regret married life, and that it would make no difference to his connection with the Consett club. (Hear, hear.) He trusted their guest would continue as a member, and as a playing member, for a number of years. (Cheers.) Mr Godfrey's example had been a benefit to the players. He had infused a spirit of enthusiasm into his men, who did their best to emulate that spirit. (Cheers.)

Mr R. PARK also bore testimony to the good qualities of Mr Godfrey, whose advent into the district (the speaker said) had been exceedingly fortunate for the Consett and District Club. (Applause.) He showed the members how cricket in its best form should be played. Many had copied his style, and copied it to their advantage. No one deserved recognition at their hands better than Mr Godfrey. He hoped that he might enjoy long life and happiness in his new state. (Applause.)

Mr JOSHUA LAX said he concurred in every word the doctor had said, and echoed by Mr Eltringham and Mr Park. He had always found Mr Godfrey a true man, a gentleman, and a citizen, and it took a gentleman and a citizen to make a good cricketer. (Applause.) He had known more of Mr Godfrey as a cricketer than as a man. As a cricketer he had enjoyed the play of Mr Godfrey as much as that of any man he had ever seen in the district. (Cheers.) He trusted that their guest's married life would be a happy one, and that he would in the future make many centuries. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN then handed the timepiece over to Mr Godfrey amid cheers.

Mr GODFREY, who was loudly cheered on rising to respond, said he scarcely knew how to return thanks for the handsome present the members of the Consett and District Club had made to his wife and himself. Anything of the sort never entered his mind for the small part he had played in the Consett and District C.C. He felt it exceedingly difficult to find words to express his thoughts, but anything he had done for cricket had been done with a good will, and he never expected such a present as he had received that evening. He always maintained that they had as good men in the Consett Club now as ever he had been, and he was always glad to see his own score beaten in any match by one of his own men. (Applause.) He was now going to say a few words with which they would all perhaps not agree. He thought the best way to promote cricket in the district was that the League fixtures should be dropped. He felt that the Junior League did not tend to benefit cricket in the district but that it induced vindictive feelings, and too keen a rivalry on the part of clubs. Spectators, no doubt, had a great deal to do with this, and if spectators would control their feelings a little more it would be better for all concerned. (Applause.) On behalf of himself and wife, he thanked them for their kind present, and accepted it in the same manner as it had been given. He should like to play more frequently than he had done, but when at liberty he should always be glad to play for Consett and District. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in eloquent terms, proposed "The health of Mr Lax," and trusted that his health would speedily improve. (Cheers.)

Mr LAX suitably replied.

Mr W. ROBINSON submitted the toast of "The Chairman," referring to the latter as a real old Englishman, a good old Englishman. (Loud cheers.) Their president was an enthusiastic cricketer, and so long as he remained in their midst the Consett and District Club would always have a generous patron. (Loud cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN, in responding, remarked that he had the interests of cricket at heart, not only in the district but in the county at large. So long as he had breath he would do his utmost to promote cricket in the county (Cheers.) During the last few years Durham had made rapid strides, and in the course of a few more years he hoped to see Durham occupy a high position among the counties of England. (Applause.) He was at all times anxious to further the interests of cricket or any other sport in their district. (Cheers.) He endorsed to some extent what Mr Godfrey had said regarding League matches spoiling cricket; but he thought if the League was properly carried out, it would tend to benefit cricket, and help to bring out young cricketers. (Hear, hear.) A spirit of vindictive rivalry pervaded many of the teams who constituted the League and Cup Competition. This was not so much due to the players as to spectators and incompetent umpires. (Applause.) The county committee felt that this spirit of vindictive rivalry and incompetent umpires was doing cricket harm, and they would do their utmost to remedy this state of things next season. Competent umpires would have to be appointed by the committee and not by the clubs. (Cheers.) Having instanced some ridiculous decisions by umpires which had come under his notice in League and Cup games the worthy and popular chairman resumed his seat amid cheers.

Some excellent songs were rendered during the evening by Messrs M. Hobday, J. Mathieson, J. Symington, A. D. Wood (Blackhill), Binney and Brooks (Chester-le-Street), whilst Mr T. R. Hall (Chester-le-Street) officiated as accompanist. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought to a close a very enjoyable and harmonious evening.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

On Monday night, a meeting of the above League took place at the Waterloo Hotel, Bishop Auckland.—Owing to the resignation of Hunwick, there were applications for admission made on behalf of Brandon and Bishop Auckland Reserve. By five votes to four Auckland Reserve was admitted.—Referees were appointed for September.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

The following nominations have been received by the returning officer (Mr W. H. Kisson), clerk to the Lanchester Union, for the seven vacant seats on the Board:—

Alexander Baillie, Clerk in Holy Orders, Blackhill.
aJames Foran, Catholic priest, Blackhill.
aEdwin William Jenkins, Baptist minister, Blackhill. [illegible]
aWilliam Ramsay, bank manager, &c., Blackhill.
William Raw, agent, &c., Blackhill.
aGeorge Harrison Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside.
George James Robinson, grocer, Blackhill.
A. E. Turner, tailor and draper, Blackhill.
aWilliam Telford, flour mill manager, Cutler's Hall.
Frederick Walker, ironworkers' agent, Benfieldside.
a Denotes the old members.

Two of the retiring members, Messrs Henry Cares and Edward Sloane, do not offer themselves for re-election. The time for withdrawals expired yesterday (Thursday), and the election is fixed to take place on the 3rd August. The votes will be counted at Lanchester on the 4th proximo.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT BENFIELDSIDE.

A ratepayers' meeting, lasting over three hours, of the residents of the township of Benfieldside, was held in the Board School on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance. As no reporter was present, it is impossible to give a detailed report of the proceedings, but the following summary will give the public who were unable to be present a very fair idea of the business that was done:—

Mr G. Parnaby, of Blackhill, who most ably filled the chair in a manner very satisfactory to everyone present, after a short introductory speech, called upon Mr J. G. Cooke to propose a resolution affirming the advisability of forming a Ratepayers' Association, at the meetings of which personal and public matters affecting the ratepayers individually or as a body might be brought forward for consideration and discussion. The association was not in any way to either run candidates for local elections or to use its influence to support any particular candidate—that is, it is to be an association open to all and not representative of any section or faction.

This was warmly supported by Mr INGLIS, and carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were appointed as a temporary committee to draw up a set of rules and a policy or programme of work:—Messrs J G Cooke, Inglis, M Richley, W Raw, Kelsey, Robinson, Seed, and F Walker.

The CHAIRMAN then called upon Mr F Walker to introduce a discussion on the sewerage scheme at present under consideration by the Local Board.

After a few remarks emphasising the fact that the meeting had been called for friendly discussion, and not for any personal or factious bickering, Mr Walker proceeded to point out that beyond the bare facts that a certain partial scheme had been adopted by the Board at an uncertain cost, and that a second or supplementary scheme dealing with that part of the district not touched by the first scheme would probably have to follow, nothing was generally known. Mr Walker then proceeded to ask the members of the Local Board present, as far as they were able and willing, to answer the following six questions:—

1st—Who it is or what power it is that is compelling our Local Board to so suddenly adopt a sewerage scheme for the district?

2nd—Why only one part of the district is being dealt with by the present Board?

3rd—Why one part of the Board district must be dealt with with so much haste by the present Board, while the other part can be left for the new District Council for next year?

4th—What preparation has the present Board made for their successors to carry out the second part?

5th—What other schemes have been proposed for dealing with the district as a whole, and why have they been abandoned?

6th—More details are desired of the first or partial scheme, more working details, first cost, cost of maintenance, nature of chemicals to be used, what is to become of the solid residue kept back from the Derwent?

These questions were most fully dealt with by Coun. R Murray, who pleased and satisfied everyone present by the frank manner with which he dealt with everything that was laid before him. Mr Murray was most ably assisted by Mr Joshua Lax and Mr W. Robinson in his endeavour to convince the meeting that the Board were acting for what they hoped and expected were the best interests of the ratepayers.

A most satisfactory discussion followed, for which the promoters of the meeting were greatly pleased. The following gentlemen among others took a leading part in the discussion:—Messrs W B Barron, G Wilkinson, M Richley, W Telford, and W Raw.

Mr WALKER, in summing up the discussion, pointed out that the whole matter had resolved itself into two points of chief interest—first, the members of the Local Board were made aware that the chief opposition of the ratepayers present to their scheme was its want of finality. They objected to the district being divided, and one part of the sewerage being treated in Cutler's Hall quarry. They desire to see the whole district of the Board embraced in one scheme if it can be done at not too great a cost. Second—the meeting found from Mr Murray's explanation that the Board, in dealing with only one part of the district, expected they would be treating the greater part of the sewage that at present runs into the Derwent. They hoped that by grappling with this at a cost of not more than £600, they would do all that was necessary for some years to come.

Mr MURRAY mentioned that a scheme for the whole district had been estimated to the Board as likely to cost, say, £5,000. Events during the week, and the discussion that evening, made the members of the Board alive to the fact that in the first instance they had greatly underestimated the cost of the Baxton Burn scheme, and that they had very probably overestimated the cost of a scheme to embrace the whole of the Board's district. One of the chief reasons of the great cost of a complete scheme was the question of levels at Shotley. On this point there was a great divergence of opinion between several of the ratepayers present and the members of the Local Board. However, the end aimed at by the promoters of the meeting—viz., a thorough but friendly discussion and interchange of opinions and information between the ratepayers and the Local Board on this question, which has almost become a bitter one in the district, had been achieved.

Matters affecting the School Board (questions of expenditure) should next have come up for discussion, but they were met in a most handsome manner and explained by Mr Telford, who placed the matter in a very fair light indeed from the point of view of the present Board.

Mr Wm Raw, Mr Inglis, Mr Murray, and others took part in the slight discussion which afterwards followed.

Mr W. ROBINSON proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, who, placed in a very difficult and trying position, had by most excellent tact and good judgment, conducted the meeting in a manner highly creditable to himself, and to the admiration and satisfaction of everyone present.

The large and representative gathering adjourned till the committee appointed to draw up the rules of the Ratepayers' Association should call them together at a near date.

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CHAPTER LXIX.

George Brown Eats Humble Pie With An Apparently Good Appetite.

Stranraer, left alone, walked up and down the filbert tree boardered avenue with rapid and impatient strides, muttering to himself the while, in indisjointed sentences, very much as follows:

"I'm glad I kept my temper and held my hand, for the killing of the man whom she has loved for years, and most likely loves still, would have been a base return indeed for the noble and devoted manner in which she saved my own life. What business, indeed, have I to live and so stand in the way of a happiness that can never be consummated until I am dead? Almost the first words that she replied to me with when I was pressing her—for her own sake, as Heaven knows, and not for mine—to marry me in that accursed cavern in the Cheviot Hills, were that she loved another, and that her heart could never be mine. Without a doubt this young fellow is 'that other,' and from this moment I am a stumbleblock in the way of their happiness; for whilst I live she cannot even love him without committing a sin, a sin which she may not be able to help, yet which will utterly destroy her peace of mind through the compunction that it will occasion her, no matter how innocent and pure the affection may be. Oh, God! would that I had perished, sword in hand, by the pike thrust of one of King George's soldiers; and yet no, for my work was then unaccomplished, and she was still in deadly danger. But now—now it is very different, for my task is done, and henceforth I can never be other than a millstone around their necks. Hang it all, why should I not make her my widow and have done with it? It is the last and sole remaining service that I can render her, and it will, furthermore, re-unite me to one who loved me well, and has lain in her grave for years—and whom, perhaps I have wronged by thinking of this southern maiden so much as I have done, for there have been moments when I have felt delight, yet at the same time bitter self-reproach, in the thought that I cared for her more than for a sister, and she for me more than for a brother. I need not commit self-destruction to do her this last service, for an English judge and an English executioner will save me the sin of the suicide, and thus, too, will the gift of second-sight be fulfilled, for such is my fate, and who can struggle against fate?"

Such bitter self communings—some only thought and others muttered aloud—occupied a great deal more time than it has taken us to jot them down.

They were not ended, in fact, when, on looking suddenly up from the ground, on which his eyes had been steadfastly fixed all the while, he beheld his wife and his late antagonist approaching him; she looking as sad, yet calm, as a moonlit landscape, and he as perturbed, yet resigned, as a sea that is beginning to settle down after a storm.

As for Stranraer, by an effort he mastered his emotion, and advanced to meet them with a smile upon his face; whereupon George Brown hurried on ahead of his companion, and when within a couple of yards of the disguised chieftain, doffed his hat with as much reverence and humility as he could have shown to a crowned monarch, at the same time exclaiming, in agitated tones:

"I cannot find words to express the sorrow and the humiliation that I feel for what has occurred. I can but think of myself as a cur who has snapped at the beard of a lion, and I can but regard your conduct as what that of the kings of beasts would probably have been under like circumstances, namely, as too magnanimous and proud to even condescend to punish, as he richly deserved, so insignificant and silly an assailant."

"If such are really your opinions, you think vastly too much of me, and vastly too little of yourself, to do justice to either of us. But pray are you easier in your mind about other matters."

"I am trying to feel grateful to Providence that the girl whom I loved more than my own life has married a man who she has already convinced me is a hundred times more worthy of her than I could have been. I say I am trying to feel grateful and thankful for her good fortune in such respect; not that I've achieved the doing so, for if you only knew how much I cared for her you would be able to realise the hardness of the struggle."

"I can, and do realise it. But it may not have to be a long one, and the victory may hardly be gained ere you discover that even the battle was a needless one. To speak plainer, no man can escape his destiny, and mine leads me in the direction of Tower Hill."

"May Heaven forbid it," ejaculated Brown fervently.

"Why should you say that?"

"I both say and wish it—for her sake as well as for your own. For your sake because you deserve a happier fate, and for her's because I believe she loves you. I hope you don't think me such a mean and selfish hound that I would be glad to secure my own happiness through the death of one individual, and at the very least the temporary grief and misery of another, and that other the woman whom I have so fondly loved?"

"No, I don't believe any such thing. There's my hand in token that I do not," said Stranraer.

The extended hand was seized and heartily wrung, and then Brown said hurriedly and somewhat excitedly:

"Enough of sentiment, for, as a man of action, you must plainly enough perceive that this is a time for action. Rose—Lady Stranraer, I mean—has told me of your exact position, and it is still a very perilous one I do assure you, for Morpeth not far distant, the sun has long risen, and no one can tell how soon parties of military may be scouring the whole country round in search of fugitives, whilst your present disguise is so wholly unsuited to you that your detection would be certain therein."

"That's a very poor compliment to me, who thought and procured it," said Rose, as she at last joined them.

"You got it for a special purpose, and it has answered that purpose admirably," replied Brown; "but daylight has stricter requirements than night. Now, my notion is that if the Chief and I were to exchange clothes, he becoming the brewer's traveller, and I the English rustic, the parts would be far better cast—for I flatter myself that I can ape the country bumpkin to the life, in which he would, of course, fail altogether; whilst as an Englishman of some education he would pass muster very well, for even if the Scottish burr should be detected, there are some business cards of our brewery firm in my pockets, which all help to bear out the assumed character, and the name of George Brown, which is printed on them, sounds almost as much Scotch as it does English. Mrs. Bailey, the landlady, will declare, for the asking, that he's been staying here for a week, and that she's given him an order for beer; whilst I'll stand to it, if 'tis needed, that I knew him well by sight and name when I worked on a farm in the neighbourhood in Conside. Now, the quicker that all this is put in practice the better, and I really think it would be a good thing if you, Lady Stranraer, set out at once on foot along the southern road, nor stopped on the way until we overtake you—your husband mounted on my horse, and I walking, as English clod poles generally do."

"She cannot go alone. Only think of what dangers may befall her on the way," said Stranraer.

"No danger whatever threatens a woman on an English highroad in broad daylight," answered Brown. "She can walk on until she reaches Houghton, which is only three and a half miles distant, and passing through the village she can await our overtaking her on the other side. My reasons for this course are—firstly, that if the dragoons should arrive here as they might do, in search of you, the most conspicuous and easily remembered would be gone; and secondly, that in such a case Lady Stranraer may escape the consequences that might result to yourself."

The latter part of this speech completely defeated its purpose, for Rose at once exclaimed:

"Oh, if you think there is any real danger, my right place is by my husband's side, and there it shall find me."

"The danger can only occur through your being found at his side," answered George, somewhat tartly. "Brewers' travellers don't take their wives, sisters, or cousins with them on their journeys, though they may accept of even the company of a clod pole, along a lonely country road, especially when both of 'em are mounted, as, after all, I think that we shall be. Now, my dear Ro— Lady Stranraer, I pray you to take my advice and start at once. You can put some food in your pocket and munch it on the way. At Houghton we will get a third nag for your especial use when we overtake you. But now go, for the quicker you are gone the quicker we also shall get away in turn."

Rose could see the sound sense of her ex-lover's advice by this time, and felt that two such remarkable figures as she and her husband had cut whilst riding through and out of Morpeth would very probably be recognised by scouting parties despatched from thence; whilst one of the disguises, especially when shifted on to another person, might call up no dangerous remembrances at all.

She therefore declared that she would start at once, and what's more did so, her market basket slung over her arm, and singing as she went.

"Now," said Brown, "we had better effect our change of dress as quickly as possible, and then be off. I know the landlady will spare a horse, and truth to tell, I couldn't get along without one, being slightly lame in one leg. But you must take mine, for Mrs. Bailey's is hardly a steed that a brewers' traveller would bestride, I reckon."

CHAPTER LXX.

A Minute Too Late. Surrounded And Suspected. An Awkward Dilemma.

Well, no time is lost, the transformation was effected, and Cameron of Stranraer made a very much better English gentleman than clown, for he could speak the language grammatically and fluently, but knew nothing of county dialects or provincialism; or, in other words, of the veritable vulgar tongue; whilst Brown, on the other hand, had travelled again and again over the entire north of England, and, being an excellent mimic, could imitate all the divers dialects that were therein to be found.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Bailey had spread a hasty meal, and ordered the stable boy to saddle her own horse as well as "the commercial gent's," the animal more especially referred to being a raw-boned rosinate of a steed that had seen better days, and could still put on a spurt at a pinch, though not able to keep it up for long, being broken-winded and spavined, the possessor of a lot of other ailments as well, with a rough, ragged coat, and a pair of broken knees; which was, perhaps, partly the reason why she so readily accepted the drover's lamed pony in exchange, for it's injuries were only temporary, whilst the other animal's would be lifelong.

It was, however, quite a good enough steed for a clod-hopper to bestride, and in the present instance a better would have been a worse, because presenting an incongruity between the rider and the ridden.

"We'd better bolt our food and then bolt ourselves," said Brown, in a low tone to his companion as they sat down, for the sake of appearances, at different tables.

But Cameron of Stranraer couldn't see the joke, or even understand the slang, so he answered with a grave nod, whilst he unconsciously did exactly as he had been advised.

Five minutes, therefore, saw the breakfast commenced and finished, for people hadn't to wait for their tea, or their coffee to get cool in those days, since men, at all events, always drank ale or wine.

Speedy as they had been, however, it would have been all the better had they been quicker still, for, just as they were rising from their chairs, they saw the flash of scarlet and steel through the lozenge-paned inn window, and the next instant there strode into the room which they occupied, an officer, a sergeant, and a dozen infantry soldiers, the officer shouting out the while, at the top of his voice:

"Landlord! bread, cheese, and ale for my men, and the very best that your house affords for myself; but tell me first if you suspect that there are any rebels concealed in the village, or if any have passed through it?"

Thereat Mrs. Bailey promptly presented herself, declaring that she'd neither seen nor heard of any rebels in that locality, and that she'd should think they'd had enough of England by that time, and would all of them be travelling north instead of south," ending up by promising that his honour's orders should at once be executed.

Then, ere she quitted the room, she cast a somewhat uneasy glance at George and his companion.

It would have been better had she taken no notice of them whatever, for the officer was as sharp-eyed as a weazle, and noticing the anxious looks it at once aroused his suspicions.

"Ha! whom have we here?" he exclaimed, striding up to Stranraer, and regarding him keenly. "Well, sir, your dress is English, and you may be a loyal subject of King George; but you have a Scotch face, to say the least of it—wherefore I'll trouble you to tell me who you are, and also what you're doing in this especial neighbourhood?"

"I'm from Conside, my name is Geo. Brown, and I'm a traveller for the well-known brewers, Smith, Ferguson, and Co. Pray accept a card," responded Stranraer, giving him one of the firm from out the inside breast pocket of his coat.

"Umph! a brewer's traveller, eh? and yet, though your name seems to be English, your accent is as Scotch as your face," retorted the officer, in puzzled tones.

"And I've Scottish blood in my veins as well. Our junior partner, Mr. Ferguson, is a Scotchman, as his name almost proclaims, and I'm a kind of connection. I may, indeed, almost say a kinsman of his."

"Ah! that amply accounts for it—for whenever a Scott settles down in our country, and gets fat on its produce, he invariably sends for the leanest of his kinsmen in order that they may despoil us also. I can believe your tale now, because it is so very natural, and so according to fixed rule."

And with an insulting laugh the officer turned to the real George Brown, and instantly observed that the condition of his hands hardly accorded with his style of dress.

"Hullo, chaw-bacon," said he, "I be hanged if you look the genuine article either. How long is it since you've driven the plough or handled spade, eh?"

"Whoy, not sense th' owd maester's bin gone dead and I've married his widdy, if yer honour must know," responded Brown, with a rustic hoarse laugh, and a leer which set everybody else giggling.

"I've engaged this honest fellow to show me a short, cross-country cut to where my business next leads me, and it's high time that we were on the way. But if you'll allow your brave fellows to empty a three gallon cask of our best ale at my cost, sir, they shall find that it at all events is thoroughly English, despite that there are Scotchmen in the firm, and I trust that you will regard the offer as proof of my own loyalty to King George and the House of Hanover," said Stranraer to the officer.

"What! a Scotchman offer to stand treat? Why, in that case, I'm ready to believe all that's good of him and nothing that's evil. Egad, sir, I'll help to drink the ale myself, and so save my pocket the expense of a bottle of wine," rejoined the individual genially; and he raised no further objections to the two men's departure, nor watched them any further than to make quite sure that the ale was really paid for.

Five minutes later Brown and Stranraer were mounted and riding down the street, and the cask of ale had been brought into the inn kitchen, there tapped, and commenced to circulate freely.

But one of the soldiers happened to be very quickly affected by strong drink, and one who, moreover, was a fool until he reached his third pint and invariably reverted to the same condition on finishing his fifth.

His lucid intervals were, therefore, as rare as brief, but unfortunately, for Stranraer, and George Brown, one had the orthodox three pints unthawed the soldier's frozen faculties, and unloosed his at other times tied tongue, then he said, with an expression of low cunning, to his sergeant:

"I knew who that man who has treated us was at first, aye, that I did, though folks do call I a fool. He was a man in petticoats who kept us from getting over that barricade for so long last night. I mean the captain or the kernel of all the petticoats you do know. I could swear to him by his hye and his nose, for I was lying dead—I men to my wounded—and watching him all the while, I was; aye, till his chaps was all killed, and our chaps had all got over; and I shan't forget him, I shan't, as long as I do live, because he killed such a lot ov our fellies to his own cheek, he did, whilst I was looking at un."

"You stupid fool, and why didn't you say all that whilst he was here. My song, if, through your stupidity, you have let a thousand pounds slip through the captain's fingers, I shouldn't a bit wonder if he ordered you half as many strokes from the nine-tailed cat at the halbards," rejoined the sergeant, roughly.

"Lawk sake, then don't say a word about it, if you love me," exclaimed Private Stubbs, open mouthed, with horror.

"But I don't love you, and if I said nothing about it I might get a turn at the halberds in your company, and lose my stripes as well," and so saying the sergeant at once rose and went into the little bar parlour to acquaint Captain Bull with the communication which Private Stubbs had just made to him.

Like one of the veritable "wild bulls of Bashan," did the gallant captain then rampage and roar; and Private Stubbs experienced an exceedingly unpleasant five minutes whilst all his knowledge was being dragged out of him as though it had been his back teeth; for terror had ere this frozen up his intellects again, and so even a born idiot could have answered similar questions almost as lucidly.

Nevertheless, by dint of oaths, threats, and shakings the officer managed to gather just sufficient of the facts of the case to feel assured that the fellow had spoken the truth; and so Cameron of Stranraer had neither been prisoner nor returned as dead, and, consequently at an early hour of the morning, a thousand pounds had been offered for his body, alive or dead, he at once made up his mind that the seeming brewer's traveller must be be, and the apparent clod pole another Jacobite of note, and he, consequently, determined upon immediate pursuit.

How he wished that he commanded cavalry instead of infantry soldiers; but, as it were, he was bound to do the best he could with the materials that he had ready to his hand.

So he immediately started his men off through the village, with an authority to enter all stables, and requisition every horse that they could find in the King's name, bringing them to the inn door as fast as ever they could be seized upon and saddled, so that the earliest supplied should be the first to start in pursuit of the suspects.

Armed with such authority there was not muhh difficulty in procuring nags of some sort or other, and, unfortunately for Stranraer and Brown, many that were procured were swifter and more enduring animals than those which they themselves were mounted on, wherefore it was that near Ponteland their pursuers had sighted and were in full cry after them.

CHAPTER LXXI

In Which George Brown Brings Himself Within Reach of the Gallows.

Only by three of the soldiers, however, and two of these were almost too tipsy to keep their saddles, though the third chanced to be the sergeant, and he was sober enough.

Brown was the first to observe the flash of scarlet and steel through the mysterious dust cloud far in their rear, and he guessed at once what was up.

"We must ride hard, for the red coats are after us," he exclaimed, excitedly, and at the same time clapping spurs to his nag.

"Nay," said Stranraer, as he imitated his example, "I must ride hard, but why should you plant your foot into a hole not of your own digging? I beseech you to be satisfied with the good service that you have already rendered me, and which I shall remember with gratitude all my life through, but not to hazard long years of imprisonment by allying yourself with me any longer. See, there is a lane branching off to the left. Gallop up that lane and depend upon it that our pursuers will not follow you but me."

"If I were to desert you at such a pinch—a stranger in a strange land—hanging, drawing, and quartering would be too good for me. Besides which, I've promised her to see you through it, and I deem such a promise sacred, even though she is lost to me for ever, answered George with an air of stubborn determination.

This brief colloquy took place whilst the two young men were dashing onwards at full speed; and Stranraer, clearly perceiving that his companion's resolution was not to be shaken, briefly, thanked him, and forbore from further entreaty.

Indeed, it was no time for indulgence in conversation, because they had to try every trick to get away from their foes, though, after all, they proved utterly unavailing, for the pursuers gained on them rapidly, and notwithstanding that the rat-tailed horse proved that he had speed in him, although he "roared" fearfully whilst tearing along at full gallop.

But the three soldiers had shot ahead of their companions, because the horses which they had requisitioned were well bred hunters, who had even run in provincial races; wherefore the present stern chase was not destined to prove a "long chase," according to rule, and Houghton church tower was still half a mile distant in their front when the fugitives were overtaken and threatened with instant death if they didn't at once surrender themselves prisoners.

"My companion has done nothing to render himself liable to arrest," said Stranraer. "Let him go free, and I will give you my sword," he added, but drawing the weapon as he spoke, because the sergeant was approaching him menacingly.

But as the chief did this one of the soldiers presented a pistol at his head, with the exclamation:

"You are worth as much dead as you are alive, my gamecock, so here goes to avenge those you sent to kingdom come last night, one of whom was my own brother."

Then it was that George Brown, noticing that the fellow was shutting one eye as though to take a better aim with the other, whilst his forefinger curled around the trigger of his levelled weapon, whipped a pistol out of his own pocket, and, quick as thought, shot him through the head, the soldier falling dead under his horse's feet.

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LIBERAL MEETING AT LOW WESTWOOD.

SPEECH BY MR ATHERLEY-JONES M.P.

WOMEN AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The annual general meeting of the Hamsterley Colliery and Low Westwood branch of the North-West Durham Women's Liberal Association took place on Saturday afternoon, in the Co-operative Hall, at Low Westwood. Tea was provided, the tables being attended to by Miss Allan, Mrs Scott, Mrs Ridley, and Miss J. Thompson. The repast was well patronised. At the business meeting, the following officers for the next year were selected:—President Mrs Atherley-Jones; vice-president, Mrs Pumphrey, Elm Park, Shotley Bridge; secretary, Mrs Morgan, Low Westwood; treasurer, Mrs Cosford, Low Westwood; committee, Mrs Crown, Allendale Cottages; Mrs Brown, Blackhall Mill; Mrs Ridley, Blackhall Mill; Mrs Campbell, Hamsterley Colliery; Mrs Clark, High Westwood; Mrs Cooke, High Westwood, Miss Robinson, Allendale Cottages; Mrs Hetherington, Allendale Cottages; Mrs Allison, Blackhall Mill; Mrs Dixon, Low Westwood; Mrs Scott, Low Westwood; Mrs Miller, Mickwell Burn; Mrs Allen, Low Westwood; and Mrs Simpson, High Westwood.

In the evening, a public meeting was held, and was very numerously attended the majority of those present being females. Mrs Pumphrey presided, and was supported by Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones M.P. for the division. The Westwood Mission Brass Band played selections before the proceedings commenced, and on the hon member (who had travelled specially from Durham where he had been speaking at the miners demonstration) entering the room the air "see the conquering hero comes" was struck up, and the worthy member was greeted with much enthusiasm. The room had been very tastefully decorated with curtains and plants.

Mrs PUMPHREY read the annual report, which showed that the last yearly meeting took place on March 1893, when Miss Ford gave an interesting address on the conditions of factory labour in the clothing trade at Leeds. They hoped to have this lady again some day. A public meeting was held last August, with Mrs Atherley-Jones in the chair, when Mr Atherley-Jones spoke and for the first time announced that he had made up his mind that women ought to have the franchise. Last summer there was a garden party, but unfortunately the weather was dreadfully wet. However, on Thursday next, Mrs Pumphrey had arranged to hold another garden party at her residence. Five committee meetings had taken place, and two small meetings at private houses—the first at Mrs Cosford's when the subject of "the living wage" was discussed, and the second at Mrs Morgan's when the burning question of Church Disestablishment was dealt with. The report also gave a resumé of the proceedings of the Women's Liberal Federation on May last.

The financial statement showed that several new members had joined, and at the end of the year there was a small balance in hand.

On the motion of Mrs Ridley, seconded by Mrs Morgan the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr ATHERLEY-JONES, who was well received, after a few personal observations, said he was gratified to see such a large gathering of ladies who were taking their part in the promotion of Liberal principles, and seemingly, pursuing the line of action which would ultimately lead to the achievement of the rights to participate in the affairs of the nation by recording their votes for parliamentary candidates as intelligent citizens. (Applause.) For a long time past, he had been in a state of benighted darkness, having been under the impression in the first place that no substantial section of women desired the franchise, and secondly—which was important—that there was no practical good to be derived therefrom. He did not deny that partly from the pressure brought to bear by the ladies in his constituency, and largely the conviction arrived at after a careful study of the question he had come to the conclusion that it was impossible for any conscientious Liberal to deny the same privileges to womanhood which were now enjoyed by manhood. (Applause.) The Government had already adopted a line of policy with regard to women, which to a large extent disposed of the question, in their favour. They had irrespective of political opinions, conceded the right of woman to exercise the franchise—it was time there was some unjust exceptions—and for all practical purposes (subject to amendment in matters of detail), to vote on all questions of local government. Women could now vote for and sit on parish councils, and it was an unintentional oversight that they were not allowed to sit on county councils, but that error would in a short space of time be remedied. They could sit on School Boards and Boards of Guardians—in short, woman had for all practical purposes as free excess and as large control in the affairs of local government as men possessed. Therefore, if women were judged capable by the legislative to participate in the interesting or the complex in the difficult questions of local government was there any logical reason why they should not be allowed to vote for the election of a member of parliament? He would say frankly that a large proportion of women were not interested in politics. The same thing applied to men—he was not speaking of the county of Durham because it was a notorious fact that they took a very active and intelligent interest in political—where, speaking generally as much apathy existed before the franchise was granted to them. They could not expect females to display a lively interest in politics when they had not any benefit or interest therein, but give the women the franchise, and their interest in the affairs of the nation would gradually develop. He (Mr Atherley-Jones) then refuted the other arguments advanced against female suffrage—viz, that the franchise would cause women to leave their domestic duties, neglect their husband and family, and also cause family jars between husband and wife. This was nothing but rubbish. There was plenty of family jars and quarrels just now. The average man did not leave his profession, neglect his work or shrink his duties to record his vote in the ballot box, and he saw no reason why a woman should not take an intelligent interest in politics, keep herself posted in the nations affairs, and still attend to her multifarious home duties. (Applause.) It was said the franchise would brutalise women—rob them of the softness and gentleness which had been the marked characteristic of the ladies of this country for generations, but experience had taught them otherwise. In one constituency in London, at a recent election, a Conservative M.P. informed him (Mr Atherley-Jones) that the Returning Officer had said that for the trouble given him he would sooner record the votes of 1,200 women as 100 men. (Laughter and applause.) This might be a slight exaggeration, but he could relate other instances which completely disposed of the theory that the exercise of the vote would tend to brutalise or inhumanise females. In municipal elections, the presence of women at the polling booths had a humanising and softening effect. It was difficult for anyone to deny the right of the women to the franchise, except upon the basis that woman was an inferior animal to man, but this idea was exploded by the fact that since females had taken advantage of the facilities of higher education offered to them they had eclipsed the males in all branches of study. This had been remarkably illustrated by the results at Cambridge University examinations, and the women seemed determined to throw wide open the portals of education since the advantages were placed within their reach. (Applace.) Further, the physiological fact that a woman's brain was smaller than a man's was valueless, inasmuch as a flea's brain contained far more cunning and intelligence than a sheep's. (Laughter.) If woman could have any improving effect upon the body politic of this country, then most certainly she ought to have the franchise. (Applause.) Sir John Hall, formerly Prime Minister for New Zealand, who was mainly instrumental in extending the franchise to women in that country told him (the hon. member) that although the time elapsed was so short, the experiment so far had had a singularly good effection the moral and social improvement of the people. (Hear, hear.) The admission of women to the electorate had been the means of moderating, if not actually abating, the evils arising from the calamitous liquor traffic. (Cheers.) He saw no reason to doubt why the same effect could not be produced in this country, not by valid or violent legislation, but by gentle and reasonable means. It was further urged that women should not have the franchise because they could not fight themselves, and, moreover, they would not allow the men to do any fighting either. (Laughter.) He believed, however, that if it came to fighting devolving upon women, they would take their fair share of it; but for the sake of their husbands, brothers and sons, women having suffered the anguish, the horrors, the misery, and the destitution caused by battles and bloodshed, would, if introduced into the companionship of the affairs of the nation, teach the human race the arts of peace, and live in harmony, and have all the nations of the world federated in the bonds of fellowship and happiness. (Applause.) And instead of having recourse to the cruel and merciless arbitrament of the spear and the sword, all international disputes and differences should be settled by the arbitrament of sound reason, common sense, and justice. (Cheers.) They had passed the area of great political reforms, and the policy of this country ought, in future, to be directed towards the amelioration of the conditions of the people, to remove the wrongs and injustices and disadvantages under which the masses were suffering at the present movement, and to improve their homes and their surroundings. If they only had the women in their confidence they would soon undertake a solution of those great economical problems which confronted them, not only amongst the teeming population in their industrial centres, but likewise in the scattered rural districts. (Applause.) They had had a long and arduous period of (Parliamentary) life; but they had passed two measures of the greatest value and importance. He would not say that the Liberal party was superior to criticism, or had done ever so much as it might have done; but these two acts ought to get them returned to power again at the next general election—whenever that might be, he did not know how soon or how near. Having passed Mr Wm. Harcourt's Budget and the Parish Councils Bill he maintained that they deserved well of their country for these two things alone. (Applause.) In the Budget there was a new departure in the history of the financial policy of the nation—they had endeavoured, not by harsh or confiscatory measures, but by just and reasonable methods—to guage men's capacity to contribute towards the support of the country by the amount of wealth each individual possessed. (Applause.) He held it to be the primary duty of the Liberal party not to relieve any person whatever from the responsibility of just contributions to his country, but the working classes themselves had hitherto borne both in respect of local and imperial taxation, the excessive burden. Not perhaps by immediate or direct taxation, but by indirect taxation—which was the most insidious form of taxation—he declared that the working classes had borne their undue proportion towards the maintenance of the state. In regard to the Parish Councils they would be endowed with far larger powers than they now possessed. Already, however, their powers were considerable, and he would suggest that they took care only to elect persons in these bodies who would serve the interests not of any particular landowners, large employers of labour, or any individual in high station, but men and women who will administer the affairs of the parish in such a way as to promote the general well-being of the inhabitants. (Applause.) They could provide allotments which were especially beneficial to aged people, and the Parish Councils would have a great deal to do with the general sanitation of their villages. The Bill was an experiment to a large extent, and if it was found that these bodies exercised their powers with audity, discretion, and forethought, there was little doubt that these powers would be very largely increased; so that not only would every parish, but every village would become a healthy public living area; the social and moral condition of the people would become almost the sole care of the inhabitants of the parishes—that they will become, in a word, little self-governing communities. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr W. McCLENNING (Hamsterley Colliery), seconded by Mr MILLIGAN (Westwood), a vote of confidence in the hon. member was carried without dissent.

Mr ATHERLEY JONES returned thanks for the compliment, and said he prided himself of coming more amongst his constituents than any other North-country member. He moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Pumphrey for presiding, and this having been carried the assemblage dispersed.

WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday last.

THE SURPLUS WATER.

Mr Egglestone, the Inspector, submitted a scheme for dealing with the surplus water at Wearhead water supply works, which was adopted.

CRAWLEYSIDE WATER WORKS.

The contractor for the Crawleyside Water Works wrote intimating that in his estimate he had overlooked a certain item, and unless the Authority would advance him a specified sum in addition he would be unable to do the work.

SUBSIDISING.

A considerable discussion took place on the system of subsidising, which obtained in carrying out work of a public nature in the dale.

Mr MONKHOUSE proposed that the next contractor's tender be accepted. He thought this might act as a healthy snub to the snub referred to.

The motion was carried unanimously.

BETTER FACILITIES FOR GETTING WATER.

A deputation from Frosterley came before the Authority asking for better facilities for getting water. The deputation are to furnish the Authority with particulars anent this scheme.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting of this Board was held on Friday last at Stanhope—Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., presiding.

THE POLLING DISTRICTS.

A circular was read from the Durham County Council in respect to the polling districts and wards for the district councils. Only one booth was given to the parish of Heathery Cleugh, which for parliamentary and other purposes now has two booths.

The Clerk was deputed to write respecting the matter.

THE TRAMP QUESTION.

The CHAIRMAN referred to the conference at Darlington on the tramp question, which he said was decidedly in favour of the cell system.

Mr RIPPON advocated stringent fumigating.

It was decided to carry out what was decided upon at the Darlington Conference as far as possible.

WORKHOUSE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Workhouse Master reported that they had had 92 casuals during the past fortnight. He was instructed to carry out as vigorously as possible the above decisions of the Board. He said he had great difficulty in keeping them at work, for on the first opportunity they would scale the walls and be off. Two had gone off that way that morning.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday last.—Ald. Livingstone, J.P in the chair.

SCHOOL GRANT.

From H.M. Inspector's reports it appears that the schools have done very well. The grant earned per head is as follows:—Lanehead, 20s; Wearhead, 18s 6d; Infants, 12s 6d; St. John's Chapel, 20s; Infants, 14s 6d; Westgate, 20s; Infants, 15s; Frosterley South, 18s; Infants, 14s 6d; Frosterley North, 17s 6d; Infants, 15s; Stanhope, 20s 6d; Infants, 13s.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES.

The average attendances for the month were:—Lanehead, 92; Wearhead, 87; St. John's Chapel, 84; Westgate, 87; Rookhope, 91; Frosterley South, 81; Frosterley North, 91; Stanhope, 92.

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Sporting News.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The annual athletic gathering at Victoria Garesfield took place on Saturday afternoon in the spacious grounds known as the Low Spen Park, which commands a splendid view of the Derwent Valley, and is situate midway between Rowland's Gill and Lintz Green Railway Stations. This being one of the principal fixtures held throughout North-West Durham people from far and near attend the same. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable, and at intervals during the afternoon heavy showers of rain fell; but this did not seem to have any effect on the attendance, and the event was patronised by thousands of people, and the committee are to be congratulated upon securing such a "record gate." The main attraction was the 120 yards handicap, which received the large entry of 188, including some of the best sprinters of the day, and the quarter-mile race 45. This meant no easy task for the handicapper, but the duty was ably carried out by Mr John Charlton, Victoria Garesfield, which was done in a manner that left little to be desired, close finishes being the order of the day. J Flackerty, of Newcastle, acted as pistol-firer, James Talbot, of Newcastle, was judge, whilst J Chapman, E Barton, J Charlton, and T Minks superintended the running track, and got the runners on their marks. There was an excellent tea provided in a large marquee which was well patronised during the afternoon, and in the evening a grand ball was held which was well attended. The Spen Excelsior Reed Band, under the leadership of Mr Christopher Summerside, supplied the music. Owing to the unfavourable state of the weather, the children's sports did not come off. Results:—

£30, 120 Yards Handicap.—Heat 1—J G Avott, Victoria Garesfield, 28, 1; J Jackson, Shotley, 26, 2; E Riddle, Rowland's Gill, 29, 3; J Gardner, Blaydon, 29, 0; W Hood, Spen, 29, 0; W Walton, Consett, 30, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 2—J MacAuley, Hexham, 25, 1; J Wallace, Burnhope, 23½, 2; W Boyd, Blaydon, 27, 3; W McLay, Consett, 26, 0; J Hardy, Shiremoor, 27, 0; T W Wake, Whickham, 27, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 3—J Douglass, Newcastle, 19, 1; W Eledon, Blaydon, 23, 2; J Wallace, Wallsend, 26, 3; J Lawrence, Sunniside, 25, 4; G Rutherford, Byker, 26, 0; J Fenwick, Gateshead, 26, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 4—A Simmonds, Gosforth, 24, 1; E McLaughlan, Newcastle, 23, 2; D Fisher, Newcastle, 20, 3; J H Dickinson, Winlaton, 21½, 0; A Mason, Eat Village, 26, 0; W Forster, Haughton, 26, 0. Won easy. Heat 5—J Sacker, Blaydon, 26½, 1; J Thompson, Hexham, 26, 2; Joseph Vasey, Ebchester, 26½, 3; J Dawson, Blaydon, 22, 0; T Davidson, Sunderland, 21½, 0; G Orwin, Newcastle, 21, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 6—M Elvison, Winlaton Mill, 26½, 1; J Shorten, Langley Park, 26, 2; J Little, Benton, 27, 3; P Ryan, Consett, 26, 0; J Whitfield, Crook, 23, 0; J Armstrong, Stanley, 26, 0. Won easily. Heat 7—W Hanson, Leadgate, 23, 1; J T Hunman, Newcastle, 21, 2; T Graham, Milkwell Burn, 26, 3; T Davidson, Silver Tongues, 23, 0; J H Moffit, Haswell, 21, 0. Won easily. Heat 8—G Sutherland, Hetton, 22½, 1; J Clapperton, Bunker Hill, 25½, 2; J Daley, Consett, 12½, 3; W Arthur, Durham, 26, 0; J W Douglass, Ashington, 23, 0; H Dobson, Ebchester, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 9—G Oliver, Rookhope, 23½, 1; J Campbell, Burradon, 24½, 2; A Anderson, Folly, 29, 3; J Waugh, boy, Greenside, 29, 0; R Little, Killingworth, 27, 0; N Keith, Burnopfield, 29, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 10—P Freeman, Boldon Colliery, 20, 1; E Miller, Consett, 27, 2; J Walker, East Kyo, 27½, 0; W Wilson, Blaydon, 20½, 0; D Deey, Derwenthaugh, 26½, 0; J W Robson, 25½, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 11—J Jones, boy, Winlaton, 29, 1; G Hewitt, Blackhill, 26, 2; W Batey, Tow Law, 24½, 3; W Lefoy, Jarrow, 27, 0; J Barrett, Newcastle, 26, 0; J Askinson, East Pontop, 25, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 12—J Rennell, Allendale, 26, 1; J Stephenson, Blackhill, 22, 2; E Mullen, South Shields, 26½, 3; E Carr, Newcastle, 23½, 0; A Brunton, Sunderland, 22, 0; J Reed, Teams, 27, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 13—J Forster, Leadgate, 26½, 1; J Arkless, Swalwell, 27, 2; F Hall, Cutlers' Hall, 26½, 3; J Hewieson, Grange, TW, 21½, 0; J Walker, West Kyo, 26½, 0; J Green, Sunderland, 24, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 14—C Brunton, Sunderland, 22½, 1; W McKenny, Westwood, 26, 2; W Hutchinson, Newcastle, 26, 3; G Watson, South Hetton, 20½, 0; J Dennison, South Moor, 22½, 0; N Forsyth, The Spen, 27, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 15—J Burnets, Newcastle, 23, 1; J Lowrence, South Shields, 26½, 2; J Follow, Shields, 22, 3; J Stephenson, Carlton, 33, disqualified; W Dixon, Gateshead, 24½, 0; H Wild, Teams, 27, 0. Won easy. Heat 16—G R Ford, Gateshead, 23½, 1; H Cohen Newcastle, 25½, 2; H Elliott, Newcastle, 12½, 3; J Purdy, Morpeth, 23, 0; S Frame, Shields, 26½, 0; J Thompson, Winlaton, 23, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 17—J Waites, Crook, 23½, 1; T Harrison, St. Peter's, 22, 2; J Osborne, Blaydon, 27, 3; G Simpson, Cornsay Colliery, 27, 0; J Wanless, Prudhoe, 27, 0; T Wilson, Grange, 26½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 18—W Robinson, Seghill, 26, 1; H Harris, Jarrow, 24, 2; J Cregan, Elswick, 27, 3; F Callander, Carlton Ironworks, 23, 0; R Patterson, Crook, 24, 0; W Simpson, Hexham, 26, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 19—P Watt, Gateshead, 26½, 1; G Gibson, Seaton Deleval, 23, 2; J Watson, Gateshead, 21½, 3; F Pearson, Gateshead, 26½, 0; J Richardson, Crook, 23½, 0; Surtees, Jarrow, 21½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 20—G Heads, Teams, 27, 1; J Sedgewick, Gateshead, 20, 2. Won on sufferance. Heat 21—W Hedley, Hexham, 26, 1; H Thomas, St Anthony's, 22, 2; T Hutchinson, Bentinck, 22, 3; W Reay, Blaydon, 27, 0; J Schofield, Durham, 18½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 22—G Martin, Newcastle, 25½, 1; F Johnson, Winlaton, 21½, 2; J Wakenshaw, Teams, 23, 3; W Reed, Byer Moor, 25½, 0; R Anderson, Hetton, 24, 0; A Pickering, South Hetton, 23½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 23—J Wilkinson, Blaydon, 23½, 1; J McDonald, Sunderland, 19, 2; J Rogers, Winlaton, 23½, 3; J Henderson, Gateshead, 25, 0; J Dawson, Ovingham, 25½, 0; Thomas Coulson, Newcastle, 23½, 0. After another exciting race J McDonald won by half-a-yard. Heat 24—A Coupland, Byer Moor, 26, 1; J Ridley, Gateshead, 24½, 2; S Goodchild, Ryhope, 20½, 3; J Patterson, Newcastle, 18½, 0; J Shield, Spen, 27½, 0; S Marshall, Broomhill, 24½, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 25—C Hunter, Winlaton, 24, 1; A Gladstone, Dunston, 27, 2; A Leslie, Consett, 27, 3; W Dixon, West Wylam, 25, 4; J Johnson, Seaton Delaval, 26, 0; G Oswin, Newcastle, 21, 0. Won Easily. Heat 26—T Thirlwell, Byer Moor, 26, 1; T Turnbull, Sunderland 26, 2. Won by a foot. Heat 27—J Wilkinson, Walker, 21, 1; T Laycock, 24½, 2; B Noble, 23, 3; T Armstrong, Elswick, 24, 0; J G Hutchinson, 20, 0; J Steel, Sunderland, 20, 0; Won by a foot. Heat 28—A Snowdon, Newcastle, w.o. Heat 29—J Howard, Newcastle, 19½, 1; F Swinburne, Blackhill, 25½, 2; J Anderson, Bedlington, 23, 3; P Ayre, Sunderland, 26, 0; M Rodie, Byker, 24, 0; H Gardner, Langley Park, 25, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 30—G Halliday, Newcastle, 24½, 1; J R Scott, 20, 2; A Winship, Newcastle, 23, 3; J Hindmarch, Ashington, 35, 0; J D Breamish, Silksworth, 24, 0; A Bell, Houghton, 21, 0. Won on the tape. Heat 31—J Bell, Ryhope, 27, 1; T March, Blaydon, 27, 2; A Cummings, Silksworth, 26, 3; J Sanderson, Consett, 27, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Second Round—Heat 1—J MacAuley 1, J Douglas 2, J G Avott 3, A Simmonds 4, Stoker 5 Won by a yard. Heat 2—N Ellison 1, Oliver 2, Freeman 3, Southern 4, Harrison 5. Won by a foot. Heat 3—Jones (boy) 1, Oirkett 2, Brunton 3, Forster 4, Rennell 5. Won by a yard. Heat 4—Winter 1, Heads 2, Watts 3, Ford 4, Robinson 5. Won easy. Heat 5—Hunter 1, Hedley 2, Coulthard 3, Martin 4, McDonald 5. Won on the tape. Heat 6—Wilkinson 1, Thirlwell 2, Bell 3, Snowdon 4, Halliday 5, Howard 6. Won by half-a-yard. Final—Winter 1 £20, Jones 2 £4, Hunter 3 £2, Wilkinson 4 £1, MacAuley 0 Ellison 0. A splendid race. Winter won by half-a-yard; whilst there was only a yard between second and third; fourth man close up. Betting: Evens on Winter, 6 to 1 agst Hunter and MacAuley, 4 to 1 agst Ellison and Wilkinson, and 3 to 1 against Jones. Mr John Charlton, Victoria Garesfield, was handicapper; Mr James Talbot, Newcastle, judge; and Mr J Flacherty, Newcastle, pistol-firer.

Quarter-Mile Handicap for £7.—Heat 1—J Forster, Leadgate, 45, 1; G Oliver, Rookhope, 40, 2; M Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 26, 3; J Daley, Consett, 20, 4; W Clapperton, Bunker Hill, 40, 5; J Osbourne, Blaydon, 46, 6; A Burkett, Newcastle, 35, 0; J Wanless, Prudhoe, 38, 3; J Purdy, Morpeth, 35, 0; J Winter, Crook, 35, 0; F Callender, Carlton, 35, 0; N Surtees Jarrow, 33, 0. Won easily by three yards. Heat 2—J Avott, Victoria Garesfield, 50, 1; F Wilkinson, 36, 2; H Harris, Jarrow, 35, 0; W Dixon West Wylam, 36, 4; G Short Spen, 50 5; J Stephenson, Carlton 0; R Patterson, Crook 38 0; J Oregan Elswick 40 0; W Bland Neville's Cross 34 0; J Laycock, Newcastle 32 0; W Thompson Winlaton 36 0; T Lee Victoria Garesfield 55 0. Won easily. Heat 3—F Johnstone, Winlaton 25 1; S Goodchild Ryhope 34 2; W Hanson Leadgate 30 3; E Riddle Friarside 50 0; T Smirk Blaydon 35 0; J Bryson Gateshead, 38, 0; W Batey, Tow Law 35 0; J Schofield Durham 30 0; E Carr Newcastle 30 0; D Rennell Allendale 40 0; G Halliday Newcastle 34 0; J Howard Newcastle 28 0; Won easily. Heat 4—F Swinburne Blackhill 38 1; D Fisher Newcastle 36 2; W Eldon Blaydon 36 3; J Scott Shields 29 4; F Freeman Boldon 35 0; J Gardner Boyne 38 0; A Simmonds Gosforth 36 0; J Hindmarsh Ashington 38 0; E McLaughlam Newcastle 32 0 J Dickinson Winlaton 33 3; W Cox Spen 50 0. Won easily. Final heat—J Forster 1 £4; J G Avott 2 £2; F Swinburne 3 10s; F Johnstone 4 5s. Won by three yards, half-a-yard between second and third.

Wrestling for 10st Men.—Musgrove Carlisle 1; Smith West Stanley 2; Waugh Greenhead 3. There were 21 entries.

Wrestling for 11st Men.—R Liddle Newcastle 1; D Little Dearham 2; Smith Ridgeholme 3; Dickson, Cumrew 4; 28 entries. John Hall and T Tweddle attended to the wrestling, and T Armstrong was referee.

Quoiting.—14 entries. T Surtees Spen and T Gain divided first and second money, W Embleton Kyo being third, and Armstrong Dipton, and Best Spen, 4th and 5th, I Musgrove, J Gardner, R Teasdale and W Walton looked after the quoiting.

Football Competition.—Caxton, of Newcastle, 1; Lintz Celtic 0.

BLAYDON RACES.—At the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, on Monday night, the sites for tents at the Bank Holiday meeting were let, Mr Jas Cooper being the auctioneer. No 1, Mr W. Bonner, £6 10s; No 2, Mr F Nelson, Oxford Music Hall, Newcastle, £6; No 3, Mr A Campbell, Hanover Square, Newcastle, £8 5s; No 4, Messrs Johnson and Co., Gallowgate, Newcastle £9; No 5 (Ring), Mr F Nelson, £7 10s.

PIGEON FLYING AT BLAYDON.—The handicap promoted by Mr Colling, of the Pioneer's Tavern, Blaydon Haughs, which has been in progress during the last few weeks, was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday afternoon. There were three birds left in, and these flew together in the final, from Swalwell Bridge to Blaydon, a distance of one mile. Barber's dominoe Bob was first, half a second in advance of Smith's Pilot, Reay's Little Tommy being third. J Young was timekeeper, and F W Reay starter.

PIGEON FLYING AT THE SPEN.—On Saturday a match was decided from Barlow Reservoir to Spen, about a mile, between Short's Fit Jacket and John Watson's Night Watch, for £5 a-side. Night Watch won by 14 secs.

Another match was flown the same distance between D Little's Off the Wing and J Gardiner's War End for a similar stake, when off the Wing came in first by 7 secs. Referee, W Setrey, Spen; timekeeper, H Smith.

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD

On Wednesday afternoon, the monthly meeting of this body was held in the Greencroft Board Schools, Catchgate, Mr Mitchinson (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs P. Reay, A. Brown, — Greener, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

CHEQUES.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr GREENER, the accounts were passed, and cheques to the sum of £232 were signed.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Greencroft School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the past month I have had reported to me 21 cases of irregular attendance, which I have attended to.

The attendance has been fair; considering all things, there is still much sickness in the district.

I wish to call the attention of the Board to a case of a boy named Dixon, of Greencroft Cottages, who has left school, having only got through Standard II. He is 12 years of age.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
ROBT. TINDLE.

The report was adopted.

TOO ANXIOUS FOR WORK.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write Mr Wilson, farmer, of Maiden Hall, pointing out that the boy Dixon was illegally employed by him.

THE PLAYGROUND.

Mr REAY raised the question as to some attention being given to the children's playground during the holidays.

The CHAIRMAN: What do you intend to do to the same?

Mr REAY: Well, it should either be paved or something else done to it.

The CHAIRMAN: You had better refer the question to a committee.

Mr GREENER: It is time something was done to the playground.

It was eventually decided that the matter should be referred to Messrs Brown and Reay to report on the same.

TEACHERS' REPORT.

Mixed Department.

No. of scholars on the books last month	340
Number admitted	0
Number left	8
Nett number on books	332
School accommodation	321
Average attendance for school year	292
Average for month	285

The head teacher (Mr W. J. Mackay) reported as follows:—In view of the fact that military drill and physical exercise will be compulsory in all good schools next year, I respectfully suggest that the Board might consider the advisability of putting up swings, &c., for the boys, and a May-pole and swings for the girls. Allowing for the absence of sick children, the attendance of the children, with two or three exceptions, is satisfactory.

Infants' Department.

No. on books last month	182
No. admitted	2
No. left	1
Nett number on books	185
School accommodation	165
Average attendance for school year	134·7
Average attendance for month	130·1

The reports were adopted.

PURCHASING SWINGS, &c.

The question of the purchasing of swings, May-pole &c., to be erected in the playground, was referred to the Chairman and Mr Green for consideration.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Mr BROWN moved that the schools should be closed for four weeks for the customary midsummer holidays, to commence on the 26th inst.

This was seconded by Mr REAY.

Carried.

SALARIES ADVANCED.

It was resolved that the salaries of Mr T. Thompson, Misses Shepherd and Knifton, and the caretaker should be advanced £5, also that the attendance officer (Mr Tindle) should receive an advance of £3.

SCHOOL MATERIAL.

It was agreed that the school material, as ordered by the head master, should be procured.

THE CONTINUATION CLASSES.

The Inspector's annual report on these classes was read as follows:—

The scholars of the evening continuation school appear for the most part to be very earnest in their work. Good progress in algebra, mensuration, and shorthand has been made, and fair instruction in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and vocal music imparted.

Average attendance (Article 14) 29·2

The following table shews the number of scholars that passed in the various subjects:—

Reading and writing	46
Arithmetic	55
Algebra	6
Mensuration	6
Shorthand	14

Total amount of grant claimed, £25.

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It was believed by Sir J. Herschel that clouds tend to disappear under a full moon, this being the only observable influence upon the weather. To test Herschel's conclusion, the Rev. S. J. Johnson has made systematic observations of the sky for a period of 15 years, and confirms the general opinion of astronomers of to-day that the moon has no effect upon clouds.

It is reported that the last connection has been made on the long-distance telephone line between Spokane, Portland, and Williamette points and Tacoma, Seattle, and Puget Sound points, the whole work having cost something like ...... dols. The main line is over 750 miles in length, and is said to be the second longest telephone line ever laid, the line between New York and Chicago, covering 950 miles, claiming to be the longest in the world.

Singular Device.—An American actress recently called in at a hardware store and purchased "a pair of nippers and half-a-dozen 18in. gas-burner tips." All theatrical people while travelling in the United States are said to consider nippers and tips an indispensable part of their luggage. It seems that the managers of hotels in small towns try to save gas by putting bits of cotton in the bedroom burners, thus impeding the flow. The minute an actor strikes a light and detects this he pulls out his nippers and tips, off comes the "faked" burner and on goes one that secures a full supply. The motto of the great American nation is—"If they don't give you what you pay for, take it," and a very good one, too."—"Invention."

Solidification of Petroleum.—One of the most valuable secrets of the end of the 19th century, or what is described as such, is now on its way to the United States. It relates to a process for the solidification of petroleum, and it is expected that on its arrival in America it will be bought by the Standard Oil Company, which, it is reported, will not have it patented, but will use it under lock and key. If this method of protecting industrial discoveries continues to grow in favour at the same rate as during the last year or so, the prosaic work of manufacturing may, says an American contemporary, soon recover much of the romance that belonged to it in earlier ages. But we question whether such methods are favourable to the life and growth of general commercial enterprise or even, on the whole, to any particular industry in which they are adopted.—"Invention."

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VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

The members of this club held their third summer outing for the season, on Saturday, to Morpeth. The party was headed by Mr J. F. Robinson, Burnopfield, president, and Mr W. Jackson, Byer Moor, secretary and treasurer. Owing to the timing of a local train having been made some minutes later since the programme was prepared, the bulk of the party missed the connection at the Central Station with the train for the north, and so were late in getting to Morpeth. They were met by Mr W. Davidson, B.A., Mr G. Edgell, and Mr W. Pentland, members of the Morpeth Field Club, along with its secretary, who, at Morpeth Castle, which was first visited, described in outline its history, with some notices of the families in whose possession it had been, mentioning particularly the fact of its having been in the hands of the famous freebooter, *Sir Gilbert de Middleton*, who imprisoned in it Bishop Lewis Beaumont of Durham. Evidence of the siege it had sustained under the Marquess of Montrose was also pointed out. Through the kindness of the occupier access to the roof of the gateway was obtained, and the prospect from it of the vale of the Wansbeck was greatly admired. By Spelvet Lane and Stony Cross Bank they went on to the Parish Church, St. Mary's. Its architectural features were pointed out, its great east or Jesse window was described, and attention called to the Latin inscription on the tombstone of Henry Grey, who had a grant of Newminster Abbey after the dissolution. Mr Edgell and Mr J. R. Hardy exhibited and described old church plate, the oldest register book, and rare altar frontlets. Want of time and the wet state of the ground prevented the programme from being completed by a visit to Newminster Abbey. At the Mission Room, Manchester Street, the party partook of tea, provided by Messrs Tilley and Co., purveyors. The president, in the name of himself and those who accompanied him, thanked the Morpeth friends for their courteous attention.

DURHAM MINERS' GALA.

A GREAT CROWD AND A WET DAY.

On Saturday, the annual demonstration of the miners of Durham county was held at Durham. Unfortunately, the weather was anything but propitious.

NO. 1 PLATFORM.

At the No. 1 platform Mr John Forman presided, and was supported by Mr Charles Fenwick, M.P., Mr J. H. Wilson, M.P., Mr W. H. Patterson, Coun. Errington, Mr H. Jamison, Mr W. Symonds, Mr W. Johnson, Mr Isaacs, and others. Mrs Charles Fenwick was also present.

Mr W. H. PATTERSON moved :—"This meeting expresses its deep sorrow for the loss of our good old friend, Ald. James Fowler, J.P., who acted as chairman for over 10 years at our annual gala; and likewise acted as general trustee since the commencement of the society. From his earliest manhood to the day of his death he was a true friend of the miners of Durham.

"We express our sorrow for those who lost their lives in, and our sympathy with the bereaved, by the sad catastrophe that took place at the Albion Colliery, South Wales. We would urge on the workmen everywhere to see that the clauses in the general rules of the Mines Bill, which given them power to appoint local inspectors, are carried out; and we hope that the Government will appoint additional inspectors, so that such sad calamities may be prevented as far as possible.

"We rejoice at the continued improvement in our dwellings, brought about by the action of the County Council, the Sanitary Authorities, and by the voluntary action of some of the owners, and we hope that the same improvement will continue until every man has a comfortable dwelling, perfect in its sanitary arrangements and surroundings.

"During the last year, we are glad to say, that trade has in some measure improved, and that while there are many men idle through depression of trade, they are being assisted by the voluntary subscription which our members have placed upon themselves.

"We are glad to learn that many of the owners are making a determined effort to maintain the prices of coal, and thus keep up the wages of the workmen. We would strongly urge on those owners who are outside of the Sales' Association to join it, for if it is a mutual benefit to employers and employed it can only be so when it embraces all the owners. While we deprecate the underselling and competition below what will realise a fair day's wage and a reasonable profit for investments, we believe the public are willing to pay a fair price for the commodity we produce.

"During the year we have obtained a five per cent advance, which we hope to maintain. We are of the opinion that by establishing a Board of Conciliation between owners and workmen we may secure a revival in trade, maintain good prices, and still further increase our wages."

Mr J. JAMISON seconded.

Mr J. H. WILSON, M.P., supported the resolution.

The resolution was carried with applause.

Mr W. SYMONDS moved the following resolution:—"That while we desire to express our thanks to the Government for their great efforts to give Home Rule to Ireland, to prevent contracting out of the Employers' Liability, and to extend the principle of Local Self-Government to the dwellers in the villages and rural portions of the kingdom, we enter our protest against the action of the House of Lords for their rejection or mutilation of these measures, and our belief that the time has come when the hereditory principle in our legislation should be abolished, as we consider it is against all ideas of justice and common sense, and its continuance a menace and danger to all real progress; and we hope that at the earliest opportunity the two former measures will be re-introduced, and that the Government will press forward the other measures in their programme.

"We desire to tender our thanks to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the splendid Budget he has introduced, and for the new departure he has made in taxation, by which process he has endeavoured to place the national burden upon those best able to bear it, instead of placing the cost of our increased navy upon the necessaries of life, and upon those whose incomes are comparatively small.

"We desire to take this opportunity of tendering our thanks to the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone on his retirement from public life, for the great work he has done in the cause of the people, and our hopes that his declining years may be as happy as his career has been useful in bettering the lives of those less able to help themselves, and thus assisting in the highest and best sense, the true progress of the nation."

Mr W. JOHNSON having seconded,

Mr C. FENWICK, amid a drenching downpour of rain, next addressed the audience in support of the resolution.

The resolution having been carried, the meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

NO. 2 PLATFORM.

In front of the second platform, at the further end of the course, a very large number of miners assembled, the principal attraction being the fact that Mr John Burns, the Labour member for Battersea, was to deliver an address, this being his first appearance at a meeting of the Durham Miners' Union. Mr M. Fowler, M.P. for Durham City, presided, and among the gentlemen on the platform were Mr John Wilson, M.P., Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., Mr J. Johnson, Councillor House, Councillor Cann, and others.

Mr J. WILSON, M.P., moved the first resolution, which was the same as that moved at No. 1 platform.

Coun. HOUSE seconded.

The resolution was carried.

Mr J. JOHNSON moved the second resolution, which appears in the report of the proceedings at No. 1 platform.

Coun. CANN seconded the motion.

Mr L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES supported.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried.

A violent thunderstorm broke over the race course while the hon. member for North-West Durham was speaking, and as soon as the resolution had been put a rush was made for places of shelter, but the downpour was so severe that only the well-equipped few reached a haven of safety with dry clothing.

INQUEST AT CONSETT.

THE PUBLIC MORTUARY QUESTION.

Yesterday (Thursday), Coroner John Graham held an inquest at the Consett Police Buildings touching the death of a female child named Finnigan, daughter of Rose Ann Finnigan, married woman, of Ark Street, Consett.—The evidence of Dr Shannon, Mary Brady, and Ann Storey was to the effect that the child was born on Tuesday morning last, and was then in a delicate condition. The child only lived 24 hours.—The Jury returned a verdict that the child died from debility or weakness at birth.

At the conclusion of the inquest, the Coroner made a long speech touching upon the necessity of the town being provided with a public mortuary. He considered that a place like Consett, where there were so many small cottages, should have such a building. It could also be used by the doctors to conduct post-mortem examinations. He did not know why the Local Board for the town was so slow in taking this question up. What matter should it make whether the building cost £50 or £100 so long as it was for the benefit of the town. He was certain the ratepayers would not grumble over the expenditure, and he did not know of a place that required a public mortuary more than Consett. He did not wish to do it, but if he wrote to the Local Government Board on the question a move would very soon be made by them.

A Juryman (Mr Daly) promised to see that the question was brought before the Local Board at the next meeting.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

Weardale farmers have sustained a great loss by the death of Matthew Carr, a clever local cattle and horse doctor, who died suddenly at Stanhope, on Monday morning. Although he had no diploma, yet few veterinaries were half as clever as poor "old Matt." When he gave a case up there was very little hope left. His services were sought after far and near. He was also a real Stanhope character, and was known for miles around. He was an old employe of Messrs Ord and Maddison, and worked for them for years. Their Weardale representative, Mr G. Pattinson, informed me on Monday that deceased was one of their cleverest and best workmen. "In fact," said Mr Pattinson, "Matt could turn his hand to anything. Nothing seemed to come wrong to him." He will be much missed. He was a native of Derwent.

Stanhope also lost by death, on Sunday, another old standard, Joseph Gray, a well-known Weardale angler, at the ripe age of 78.

A firm in London is noted for keeping almost everything that is saleable. A curious Weardale fop, with more money than brains, some time since sent a unique order for a quantity of fleas. In a day or two the order was completed, and the fleas sent to him with a £9 bill, which he had to pay.

Master G. Thompson, son of Mr John Thompson, Stanhope, has won a County Council free scholarship at the recent examination. He is a pupil of Mr J. A. Mason, at the Barrington School. Master Pattinson, son of Mr T. Pattinson, Stone House, Stanhope, has also won a similar scholarship—a two years' free scholarship at a grammar school. He is a pupil of Mr Thos. Collingwood, at the Stanhope Board School.

The Frosterley Geological Class have done well at the recent examination. Eight sat, and six out of the eight have passed. Mr J. Barker, their teacher, is to be congratulated on the success of the class. Some of the passes are first class for advanced.

The old town of Wolsingham contains some rare talent. I seldom take up a paper or a periodical but I see articles penned by natives of the old town on "Vivisection" and "Anti-vaccination." One in the *Herald of Health* for August, on "Continental experiments on human beings," does the writer and the old town of Wolsingham great credit. The article is written by Mr Joseph Collinson.

The Wolsingham anglers take the cake for trout fishing. Most of them frequent a tempting pool near the railway bridge. There are some big fish in it, and more than one of old Isaac's disciples, when they could not hook the finny tribe, dived in after them and put salt on their tails. The otters have left the place in disgust, being outdone by the natives of the old town.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, JULY 28TH.)

Consett and District v Chester-le-Street, at Blackfine.

Consett and District 2nd v Lanchester 1st, at Lanchester.

Medomsley v Chilton Moor, at Medomsley (Junior League.)

Shotley Bridge v Benwell Hill 2nd, at Benwell Hill.

Shotley Bridge 2nd v Greenside 2nd, at Shotley Spa.

Stanley and District v Burnopfield, at Burnopfield.

Blackhall Mill v South Moor, at Blackhall Mill.

Craghead v Sacriston, at Craghead.

Tantobie v Rowland's Gill, at Tantobie.

Langley Park 2nd v Cornsay I.O.G.T., at Langley Park.

Esh Winning and District v Cornsay, at Cornsay (Cup Competition.)

Birtley v Ouston, at Ouston (Cup Competition.)

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

This return friendly fixture will be brought off at Blackfine, when the Consett eleven will be as follows:—A. S. Godfrey (capt.), G. Walton, M. Williamson, A. Wood, R. Bradley, T. C. Charlton, J. Siddell, T. Lindsay, F. Snaith, J. W. Janes (pro.), and A. N. Other. Wickets pitched at 1·15 prompt.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2ND v. LANCHESTER.

This match will be played at Lanchester. The following team will represent Consett:—Jas. R. Richards (capt.), J. G. McTaggart, F. Warwick, G. T. Wilson, T. T. Gray, Dr Dawson, R. Raw, J. Spencer, J. Humphrey, F. Brodie, and G. Hamilton.

CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY v. WALLSEND WEDNESDAY.

Played on the Avenue ground, Wallsend, on Wednesday, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

T R Hall b Watson	16
Hutchinson b Watson	0
J Brown b Watson	0
Cookson c Dunlop b Blakey	8
J W Morgan b Watson	0
W Speed st Gibson b Watson	8
Dennison st Gibson b Watson	7
J Cowans b Watson	3
Fall b Blakey	0
Baillie not out	1
Pringle b Blakey	1
Extras	1
Total	45

WALLSEND.

Watson c Fall b Cookson	161
R Lawson b Brown	4
W Lawson run out	4
Gibson b Brown	0
Blakey run out	9
Little b Brown	3
Graham c and b Brown	0
Stewart b Speed	27
Smith b Morgan	0
Dunlop not out	6
C Lawson b Morgan	2
Extras	6
Total	222

STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday afternoon, the annual meeting of this Board was held in the Public Office, Front Street, Mr Geo. Forster (chairman), presiding. The other members present were—Messrs J. Smith, J. Green, J. Watson, J. Robinson, T. W. W. Ritson, the Clerk (Mr J. G. Ridley), the Surveyor (Mr J. Routledge), the medical officer (Mr T. Benson), and the treasurer (Mr W. Hewison.)

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following report was read:—

That the plan of Wesleyan Chapel at South Moor be passed subject to the w.c. and ashpit being added to the same.

That the plans of three houses in Murray Street, for W. Collins, be adjourned for want of particulars.

That the plans of two houses in Front Street, Stanley, for J. Green be passed, subject to alterations being made to meet the surveyor's requirements.

On the motion of Mr ROBINSON, seconded by Mr RITSON, the report was adopted, and the necessary plans were passed and stamped.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—Your workmen during the past month have chiefly been employed in watertabling and dressing up the roads generally.

They have also put in the main drain behind Kyo Lane Houses, and cleaned out the drain at Hill Top.

The Gas Company have completed their drains to High Rows, South Moor, and the whole of the lamp posts have been fixed during the month.

There is between 40 and 50 lamps and lamp-posts requiring painting. I would recommend the Board to have them painted, and to have them numbered before the lighting season commences.

The water-cart requires to be altered, repaired, and painted.

The contractor for the South Moor road improvements is progressing slowly.

Several plans have been laid before your Building Committee to-day and they will report on the same.

Habitation certificates are required following houses:—

Two houses in Murray Street for Mr W. J. Palmer.

House and shop at South Moor for Mr Larkman.

The Surveyor's report was approved of.

PAINTING THE LAMPS.

Mr GREENER moved that the Surveyor be empowered to get the lamps and lamp-posts painted and numbered.

This was seconded by Mr ROBINSON.

Agreed to.

THE WATER-CART.

It was decided that the Surveyor should have power to see that the water cart was repaired.

THE IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTH MOOR.

Mr GREENER: I think something ought to be said with respect to the contract for road improvements at South Moor. The contractor proceeds very slowly with this work, and the time allowed for the execution of the same expires at the end of the present month.

Mr RITSON: I think it is time the Board was taking action.

The CHAIRMAN: It is true, the contractor does get on slowly with the work.

Mr RITSON: Here the time has now nearly expired, and not half of the work has been done yet.

The CHAIRMAN: Just so.

Mr GREEN: Not a third of the work. It would be advisable for the Clerk to draw the contractor's attention to the matter, and to point out if the work was not completed the penalty would be enforced. I would not mind if there was any likelihood of the contract being finished in three months from now but if it comes to have to take 9 months, it will be a serious matter for the people living at South Moor.

Mr SMITH: The contractor has now got a considerable amount of stone on the place.

Mr GREEN (to the Surveyor): Is it correct that the time for the execution of the work expires at the end of the month.

The Surveyor: Yes.

Mr GREEN: How much work is there done?

The Surveyor: According to the statement lying on the table there will be about a third of the work completed. It's a £2,000 contract.

The CHAIRMAN: What would you suggest should be done.

The Surveyor: Well, I am going to write him on the matter. Mr Johnson says the delay is caused in not being able to get the material for the kerb and channelling.

The CHAIRMAN: Can we give our Surveyor any stronger instructions.

Mr SMITH: Mr Johnson informed him that he was getting the material from five different quarries and yet the demand could not be supplied.

Mr GREEN: At this rate the contract will not be completed before next January.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a great pity Mr Johnson will not push on with the work.

Mr SMITH: Is there a penalty.

The Surveyor: Yes, £2 for each week beyond the stipulated time.

Mr SMITH: If Mr Johnson is prepared to pay the penalty I don't suppose any of us will grumble.

Mr RITSON: I should think not.

Mr GREEN: I don't wish the penalty to be enforced. I merely want the contractor to get on and complete the contract.

Mr SMITH: I don't think there will be any harm in writing the contractor.

The CHAIRMAN: It is necessary that such should be done.

Eventually, Mr GREEN proposed that a letter be written to Mr Johnson pointing out that the contract would have to be completed at the end of other three months. If not, the penalty would be enforced.

Mr RITSON seconded.

Agreed to.

It was also decided to send the contractor a cheque for £120 in payment of work already completed.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Jos. Routledge) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have along with your Medical Officer, inspected the greater part of your district during the month, and there are several houses in a very damp unsanitary condition.

The houses at the Pea Cottages belonging to the South Moor Coal Company are very unfit for human habitation in their present state.

Several of Scott's houses, Havanna, occupied by Messrs Dickinson's workmen, are in a very damp unsanitary condition.

Nothing has been done in the shape of repairs or alterations to the houses at Louisa Terrace, Havanna, and Hill Top.

There is a very filthy drain goes underneath the Rev Mr Chester's house at the Brewery Square, belonging to Mr T. D. Edee, which ought to have immediate attending.

I have had the drain examined at Mr McDermot's property, near Mr Welch's shop, and I find the cause of the stench has arisen from a field drain pipe going underneath the floor of the houses, and communicating directly with the main sewer without being trapped, which has answered as a ventilator to the sewer. I have had the pipe disconnected from the main.

The whole of the main sewers both at South Moor and Stanley have been flushed during the month.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant.
JOS. ROUTLEDGE.

Mr SMITH moved the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Mr ROBINSON.

Carried.

UNSANITARY HOUSES.

Mr GREEN asked, with respect to the unsanitary houses, if the Medical Officer's report touched upon the same?

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr GREEN: I think the South Moor Coal Company have had their attention drawn to the insanitary houses at Louisa Terrace.

The Clerk: Yes; but I have received no reply.

Mr GREEN: The South Moor Coal Company have not been written to with respect to the Pea Cottages.

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr GREEN: Very good. I will move that the Clerk write these owners again, pressing upon them to put the houses into a condition fit for human habitation, especially the Pea Cottages.

Mr SMITH seconded.

Mr GREEN: Before the motion is put I must say the houses are really a disgrace.

The motion was carried.

SCOTT'S HOUSES.

Mr GREEN proposed, and Mr RITSON seconded, that Messrs Dickinson should be served with a notice to put Scott's Houses into a sanitary condition.

Agreed to.

A FILTHY DRAIN.

The CHAIRMAN: What about the drain near Mr Chester's house?

Mr SMITH: I think this Board's attention has once before been called to this drain, and something was done at the time.

Mr RITSON: The drain has never been interfered with by this Board.

The Surveyor: I have repeatedly drawn attention to the same.

The CHAIRMAN: But we have never done anything to it.

The Surveyor: No.

Mr SMITH: Is it the outlet near Mr Chester's house?

The Surveyor: Yes.

The Medical Officer: It is a dirty, abominable drain, always causing a nuisance.

The Surveyor: This Board should do away with it when the sewerage scheme is carried out.

The CHAIRMAN: What can be done with it in the meantime?

The Surveyor: Clean it out.

Mr SMITH: Does the Surveyor intend to see that the work is done?

The Surveyor: I will see that the owner does the work.

Mr RITSON: Let us have a motion.

The Medical Officer said that the agent for the property had been seen several times anent the drain, but seemed to take no notice of it.

Mr SMITH moved that Mr Clarke be written to by the Clerk for the nuisance to be abated.

Mr GREEN: It is very questionable whether Mr Clarke will take notice of the same.

The CHAIRMAN: How is that?

Mr GREEN: Simply owing to the delay of the sewerage scheme.

The Medical Officer: It has nothing whatever to do with the sewerage scheme.

Mr GREEN: All right. I will second the motion.

Carried.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Benson) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The notifiable diseases reported to me during the month were 3 of scarlatina and 1 of enteric fever. The latter occurred at Louisa Terrace, Oxhill, and the former at South Moor, Oxhill, and Stanley. One case of scarlatina caught the infection outside the district and probably the enteric fever case did also. The others were infected at home. Measles have been imported into both Havanna and Stanley, but the outbreaks are of too recent a date to be able to form any idea of what may follow.

The death-rate for the month is below the usual average—10 deaths were registered, being equal to an annual ratio of 15 per 1,000. None of the deaths were due to preventible diseases.

Sanitary defects were found on premises at Havanna, Old Pea Cottages, and Brewery Square, all of which were noted by the Inspector, who will in due course lay them before your Authority.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

The report was adopted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month I have collected and paid over to the treasurer the sum of £549 11s 11d on account of the general district rate, made on May 30th.

WM. HEWISON.

Mr RITSON: How much of the rate is there to collect?

The Collector: Something like £510.

The report was approved of.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee recommended the following accounts for payment:—

	£	s	d
Messrs Burn—gas supply, &c.	46	10	3
Wm. Johnson—building wall, &c.	4	2	11
M. Brown	10	6	1
Wm. Wears and Co.—steam-roller	41	15	0
R. Jackson	0	18	0
Messrs Knight & Co.—bye-laws, &c.	23	4	5
Consett Waterworks Co.	7	2	7
Charter and York	4	14	6
J. Cumming, for Earl of Durham—pipes	1	4	0
Geo. Charlton, making tracing from Lanchester Common Award	2	2	0
Surveyor's account—wages, &c.	85	9	1
Total	227	8	10

On the proposition of Mr WATSON, seconded by Mr ROBINSON, the report was adopted, and the cheques signed.

LANCHESTER COMMONS.

Mr GREEN: The plan that is now lying on the table does not meet with my wishes. It was a plan showing the two commons that we wished to have possession of.

The Clerk: Mr Charlton has given you all the information that was possible.

Mr GREEN: We are still in the dark.

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr GREEN: I must say the plan is a good one, but we are still in the dark with respect to the bridle footpaths in the district.

The Clerk: We cannot get that information.

Mr GREEN: I would like to have seen the plan covered the whole area.

The subject then dropped.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The circular from the Local Government Board, bearing on this question, was again read, after which the Chairman said the members would have to choose a representative.

Mr GREEN: Of course, the Chairman is an ex-officio representative.

The CHAIRMAN: I quite understand. (Laughter.)

Mr GREEN moved that Mr Armstrong should be the representative.

Mr ROBINSON seconded.

Mr SMITH observed that Mr Armstrong was not present. Were they sure Mr Armstrong would stand?

Mr GREEN: I have had no conversation with Mr Armstrong on the question.

Mr SMITH: I will move that Mr Green be the representative.

Mr GREEN: I will give Mr Armstrong a chance.

Mr WATSON seconded the amendment.

The motion was carried.

CHOLERA: NOTIFICATION OF DIARRHŒA.

The following letter was read:—

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S.W.,
16th July, 1894.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that cholera, from which certain parts of Europe have never been entirely free since the summer of 1892, again shows some signs of recrudescence on the Continent. In the late summer and autumn months of 1892 and 1893 the disease reached our shores. In 1892 it failed to extend to any persons beyond those arriving in our midst from abroad. But last year it led to a number of localised outbreaks which, happily, were of trivial extent compared with previous cholera visitations to this country.

In those localities where cholera made some headway it was found that there had been antecedent diarrhœa, generally quite excessive in amount, often choleraic in type; the existence of this unusual diarrhœa being only discovered when diarrhœa was, under section 7 of the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, added to the diseases notifiable under that statute. But notification of diarrhœa was rarely, if ever, adopted until after the advent of cholera, when the information to be derived from it could not be utilised to prevent that disease from gaining a footing whilst in its least recognisable form.

Under these circumstances, the Local Government Board have thought it desirable to remind sanitary authorities that the utmost vigilance should be exercised within their respective districts, to control any diarrhœa which may be suspicious either in character or in amount during the present and forthcoming season. And, with a view of facilitating action in this direction, the Board would give favourable consideration to any applications that may be addressed to them for their approval to add diarrhœa to the list of notifiable diseases, until the termination of the current quarter. In making any such application, each sanitary authority will consider how far it may be desirable, in the first instance, at least, to limit notification of diarrhœa to attacks occurring over one year of age.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
HUGH OWEN,
Secretary.

The Clerk to the Sanitary Authority.

The Medical Officer: Let the question remain in abeyance. (Laughter.)

Mr GREEN: If that is your verdict, we will pass on.

The Medical Officer: If there should be an outbreak, it will be notified in the usual way.

The CHAIRMAN: Just so.

THE POLLUTION OF BEAMISH BURN.

The Clerk read the following letter:—

5, North Bailey, Durham,
12th July, 1894.

SIR,—We are instructed by Mr Eden, of Beamish Park, to call the serious attention of your Board to the offensive nuisance, which is created by the deposit of sewage matter in the Beamish Burn, and by the stench arising therefrom, and to request that immediate steps may be taken for its removal.

The nuisance has now become so intolerable, as to become a source of danger to Mr Eden and his household, and some of his visitors have suffered from sore throats in consequence.

We understand that some remedial measures are contemplated by your Board, in conjunction with the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, but that these are not being actively proceeded with.

Mr Eden strongly complains of the delay that has taken place in doing what is necessary to remove the nuisance, and unless he can be at once satisfactorily assured through us, that the necessary remedial works are being pushed forward with all possible despatch, and that the matter is being properly and promptly attended to, he will be reluctantly compelled, in self-defence, to take such proceedings, as, he may be advised are necessary in order to get rid of the nuisance.

We are writing a similar letter to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, and will thank you to acknowledge receipt of this letter, and to inform us what your Board are doing, or propose to do, in order to remedy the nuisance.

We are, yours faithfully,
J. G. WILSON, ORNSBY, and CADLE.

The Clerk, Stanley Local Board,
Stanley R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Mr GREEN: Is Mr Balfour's plans at London?

The Clerk: No.

Mr GREEN: Are the plans not yet sent to the Local Government Board.

The Clerk: I cannot send them till the necessary instructions are to hand. Mr Balfour has still possession of the plans.

Mr SMITH: We are making very slow progress with the sewerage scheme for the district.

Mr GREEN: Yes, I think so.

The CHAIRMAN: We had better answer the letter by stating that we are making progress as best we can, with the sewerage scheme for the district.

Mr GREEN: I was under the impression that the plans were at London, and was going to move that the letter be sent on.

The Clerk: The plans are not there.

Mr GREEN: Send the letter to Mr Balfour, and ask him to make all speed possible with the plans, so as to get them forwarded to the Local Government Board.

The CHAIRMAN: That might do.

Mr GREEN: Yes; and Mr Balfour might send the letter along with the plans to the Local Government Board so as to get the inquiry held as quickly as possible.

This was agreed to.

THE SOUTH MOOR OUTFALL WORKS.

Mr GREEN: Will the plans for the South Moor Outfall Works be ready soon.

The Surveyor: I should think so.

Mr GREEN: How is the Roads plans progressing?

The Surveyor: They will be ready in a fortnight's time.

The Clerk: It would be as well just to send all the plans at one time.

The CHAIRMAN: The South Moor scheme is more pressing.

Mr SMITH: Not according to the letter that has been read.

Mr GREEN: We know which of the schemes is the most pressing.

The question accordingly dropped.

THE ROADMEN SEEK AN ADVANCE OF WAGES.

The following letter, sent in by the scavengers employed by the Board, was read:—

SIR,—We, the scavengers employed by the West Stanley Local Board, request you to lay this, our petition, for an advance in our wages of 2s per week. Hoping that they will give it their careful consideration, as we are not placed in the position of other workingmen, having the use of their combinations in seeking such advances. We, as a body, know full well that it is not a question but that you can get plenty of workmen to work at the present wage. We wish to point out that what we are seeking is to have a living wage, so as to enable your employees to appear along with the masses in a decent and respectable manner. Our request is to have a wage similar to what they have in other towns, men that are following a similar occupation, as when house-rent and coal, and lost work through wet weather is considered, it makes the wage very low. We append the scale of wages at present paid in other towns at Newcastle they have 22s per week, at South Shields they get 23s per week, Sunderland 23s, and at North Shields 23s, Tynemouth have from 27s per week to 30s, and Gateshead has just received an advance of 2s, making their present wage up to 25s per week, and all the others are seeking an advance of 2s per week on the above wages except the Tynemouth workmen. Leaving the question with its present bearings, to your consideration, we remain, yours respectfully, your servants, the workmen of the Stanley Local Board.

(Signed) HENRY BOLAM.

The CHAIRMAN: The scavengers might have stated what the neighbouring Boards were paying their men.

Mr GREEN: Do the workmen lose any time through wet weather.

The Surveyor: Yes.

Mr GREEN moved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr RITSON: The men might have stated the hours the scavengers worked at the towns mentioned in the letter.

Mr WATSON: They did not go into that question. (Laughter.)

The motion was seconded by Mr ROBINSON and agreed to.

SOUTH MOOR RAILWAY BRIDGE.

Mr GREEN: What about the South Moore Bridge question?

Mr ROBINSON moved that Mr J. McCartan, solicitor, West Stanley, be employed to investigate this question.

Mr SMITH: What is the position of the Board in the matter. Is there a good case or not?

Mr ROBINSON: We hold that we have a good case.

Mr RITSON: The award shows that this road should be 40 feet.

Mr GREEN: Yes; but was this roadway made under Act of Parliament.

Mr RITSON: I think it would be.

The CHAIRMAN differed from this opinion.

The Clerk again read the correspondence anent the matter from Messrs Charter and Youll, Newcastle.

Mr SMITH asked if it would be advisable for Mr McCartan to meet the Board.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr McCartan would have to have time to consider the question.

After a lengthy discussion, the most of which was of a private character, it was decided that Mr McCartan should be consulted on the question, so as to obtain his legal opinion.

NOTICE.

CHANGE OF PROPRIETORSHIP IN THE OLD-ESTABLISHED POSTING BUSINESS AT BLACKHILL.

Telegraphic Address: CHRISTOPHER, Blackhill. Postal Address: GEO. J. CHRISTOPHER, Blackhill.

HAVING taken over the above Business, which has been carried on successfully for this last Half-century by my deceased Father and Brother, I beg to intimate that it is my intention to carry on the Business as hitherto at the old Address, and by keeping good Horses and Conveyances, hope to be honoured with the confidence and patronage which has been so liberally bestowed upon my predecessors.

Hearses and Mourning Coaches, Carriages for Weddings, &c.; Brakes and Waggonettes for Pleasure Parties, and Posting in all its branches will be done upon the most reasonable terms.

A Competent Man will be in constant attendance at the Yard from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m., where Orders may be left, which shall have prompt attention.

SPECIAL TERMS TO UNDERTAKERS.

GEO. J. CHRISTOPHER.

Blackhill, April 14th, 1894.

THE SPOUTING OF HOUSES.

It was agreed that owners of property should be once more served with notices to have their property spouted.

This was the business of importance.

CONSETT READING & RECREATION ROOMS.

On Tuesday evening, the half-yearly meeting of the members of this Institute was held in the Smaller Hall of the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett. Mr W. Aynsley, Consett, presided.

The Secretary (Mr Jas. Kelly) read the half-yearly report, which was as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting the half-yearly report for the half-year ending June 30th, 1894, it is gratifying to have to record an increase both in membership and in finances. They began the year with a balance in hand of £17 14s 6d, and the half-year closed with a balance in the treasurer's hands of £22 2s 1d. The subscriptions from members for the preceding half-year was £30 0s 9d; the amount received this half-year has been £36 7s 3d, an increase of £6 6s 6d. The takings of the billiard table also show an increase of £2 1s 0d, so that from these facts it is quite evident that the popularity of the Institute still holds good. During the past half-year, a sub-committee was appointed to purchase some more books for the library, and 160 volumes have been got, which will tend to still further increase the usefulness of the Institute. A comprehensive catalogue has been compiled by your secretary, and the committee are seriously considering the advisability of having printed copies for the use of the members. In conclusion, the committee would still urge the members to continue to advocate the advantages of membership, with a view of increasing the number on the roll.

The report was adopted.

The other business transacted was of a formal character.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT—No. 2, Constance Street, 20th inst., the wife of J. A. Thompson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 21st inst., Thomas Welch to Elizabeth Coxon, both of Shield Row.—Same day, John Smith, of Lanchester, to Isabel Slater, of Quebec.—Same day, Wm. F. Hobday to Catherine Atkinson, both of Blackhill.—25th inst., Jonathan Blair, of Blackhill, to Margaret Dobson, of Consett.

WEST PELTON—St. Paul's Church, 25th inst., Edward son of John Green, to Elizabeth Catherine, daughter of Charles Adamson, of Beamish.

HEXHAM—United Methodist Free Church, on the 25th inst., by the Rev John Pitchford, Blackhill, assisted by the Rev F. S. Waterhouse, Irving Clark, High Burn, Ebchester, to Annie Lizzie Turnbull, third daughter of the late Roger Turnbull, of Barrasford Fell. No cards.

DEATHS.

DIPTON—Delight Rows, on the 25th inst., Tinsley, the beloved husband of M. E. Stokoe. To be interred to-day (Friday), the 27th inst. 734o

Flint Hill, 23rd inst., aged 9 years, Edith, daughter of Ralph and Mary Wells.

Woodhouses, 21st inst., aged 50, Jeremiah Cunningham.

HAMSTERLEY—21st inst., aged 22, Isabella Robson (Bella), the beloved wife of Thomas Allen, and beloved daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Judge, of Leadgate. "Loved in life, lamented in death." 777o

BIRTLEY—21st inst., aged 28, Rosa Ann, wife of Thomas Marshall.

HIGH HOUSE, near Tow Low—19th inst., aged 81, Jane, wife of Aaron Garthwate.

WINLATON—21st inst., aged 51, Jane, wife of the late David Jeffery.

STANHOPE—22nd inst., aged 78, Joseph Gray. 23rd inst., aged 68, Matthew Carr, veterinary surgeon.

In loving remembrance of dear mother and beloved wife of Thomas Hall, of West Kyo, who died July 27th, 1890.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

In affectionate remembrance of Elizabeth Isabella Wilkinson, the beloved daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Wilkinson, of South Moor (late of Bushblades), who was killed on the Tanfield Moor Incline, July 27th, 1883, aged 17 years.

"Thou art not forgotten, daughter dear,
Nor ever wilt thou be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee."

FATHER AND MOTHER.

In loving memory of Thomas William, the beloved son of Ann and the late George Lock, of Leadgate, who departed this life July 28th, 1893, aged 22 years; also, of the above George Lock, who died June 9th, 1886, aged 37 years.

"Fret not for me my mother dear,
Nor wish me back again;
But think how sweet 'twill be for me
To suffer no more pain." 779o

In loving memory of Isabella McLeod, who died at Greencroft Lodge, Lanchester, July 28th, 1893.

"She was a flower too tender, sweet, and [illegible],
To live among the thorns of sin and care,
So Jesus took her from this world of vice,
To bloom among the flowers in Paradise."

"Gone, but not forgotten." 739o

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