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CRICKET MATCHES.

SWALWELL II. v. EDGEFIELD.

SWALWELL II.

A. Shield c Maughan b Armstrong ... 5
J. Moran c Hands b Ward ... 2
F. Barron c Dobson b Armstrong ... 25
J. Chapman b Armstrong ... 3
J. Lee c Hands b Armstrong ... 2
R. Benson c Hands b Pletts ... 10
W. Errington b Pletts ... 0
J. Smiles b Pletts ... 2
W. Barns b Pletts ... 6
W. Speers not out ... 6
A. Thompson c Walters b Pletts ... 3
Extras ... 4
Total ... 69

EDGEFIELD.

J. Armstrong b Benson ... 8
T. Waters c Smiles b A. Shield ... 0
T. Ward b Benson ... 2
R. Pletts c Smiles b Lee ... 14
R. J. Maughan b Lee ... 3
J. Armstrong b Lee ... 0
T. Henderson c Benson b Barron ... 4
G. Eltringham run out ... 0
J. Dobson c Smiles b Shield ... 0
W. Hands b Shield ... 2
J. Gaynor not out ... 1
Extras ... 0
Total ... 34

SWALWELL v. BEAMISH.

Played at Swalwell, and resulted in an easy win for the homesters. Score:—

SWALWELL.

R. C. Smith st Curry b Ledger ... 4
H. Adamson b Ledger ... 9
J. Bruce b Findlay ... 6
T. Ryding b Finlay ... 3
T. Berry b Finlay ... 0
A. A. Fletcher run out ... 13
A. Brownlees not out ... 37
J. B. Robson c Finlay b Shield ... 5
J. Robson b Ledger ... 2
C. Holmes b Finlay ... 11
G. Bruce c Christopher b Finlay ... 2
Extras ... 8
Total ... 110

BEAMISH.

M. Ledger b Bruce ... 6
T. Shield b Robson ... 4
R. Rankin b Bruce ... 0
H. Curry c Robson b Bruce ... 9
R. Turnbull b Robson ... 0
W. Christopher b Robson ... 4
D. Laverick c Berry b Bruce ... 1
J. Mason b Robson ... 10
G. Findlay b Bruce ... 3
J. Wrangham not out ... 2
G. Parker b Robson ... 0
Extras ... 5
Total ... 44

CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY v. DURHAM CITY.

This interesting match was played on the ground of the first named team on Wednesday week, before a record Wednesday attendance. It resulted in an easy win for the home team by 52 runs. Score:—

DURHAM CITY.

T. Hutton b Coyle ... 2
F. Scott c Grievson b Coyle ... 0
Gregson (pro) c Haddon b Coyle ... 29
R. C. Cumberlege c Grievson b Coyle ... 6
H. Hutton b W. Cowings ... 6
J. Bell c Robinson b Coyle ... 9
T. Robinson b Coyle ... 5
J. W. Hedley b W. Cowings ... 7
H. A. Pierson c and b Coyle ... 4
T. G. Smith b W. Cowings ... 0
W. A. Jackson not out ... 1
Extras ... 6
Total ... 75

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

T. R. Hall b Robinson ... 6
J. Cowings b Robinson ... 7
A. Tate c Hutton b Robinson ... 40
Coyle (pro), b Gregson ... 2
W. Cowings b Hutton ... 17
G. Donnison b Hutton ... 1
H. Dennis b Hutton ... 0
W. Speed b Robinson ... 2
J. Grievson c Bell b Hutton ... 6
A. Hadden b Hutton ... 6
R. Robinson not out ... 21
Extras ... 19
Total ... 127

ROWLAND'S GILL v. LEADGATE TEMPERANCE.

Played at Rowland's Gill on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score—

ROWLANDS GILL.

J. Sewell b Monaghan ... 1
R. Sewell c Graham b Atkinson ... 0
A. Hetherington b Snaith ... 28
R. Dixon run out ... 8
W. Robson run out ... 0
W. Goodfellow b Snaith ... 4
T. Nesbitt c Birtley b Monaghan ... 1
R. Wilson run out ... 10
J. Brown run out ... 1
J. Oliver not out ... 21
J. Foster b Birtley ... 3
Extras ... 9
Total ... 87

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE.

J. Monaghan b Hetherington ... 0
T. Atkinson c and b Sewell ... 1
J. Snaith c Oliver b Hetherington ... 27
J. Birtley hit wicket ... 3
J. W. Winter b Sewell ... 6
J. Graham b Sewell ... 0
A. Birtley b Sewell ... 0
A. Wright b Hetherington ... 1
S. Thompson lbw b Oliver ... 2
T. Tate c Oliver b Sewell ... 4
G. Forbes not out ... 6
Extras ... 5
Total ... 55

WINLATON v. RYTON.

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

RYTON.

J. Pearson c Watson b Blenkinsop ... 3
S. M. Hindmarsh b Tebb ... 10
W. Ellerton b Tebb ... 0
B. B. Cowings b Blenkinsop ... 3
W. Hudson b Tebb ... 1
A. Humble b Read ... 8
E. Henderson st Douglass b Tebb ... 0
T. Graham c B. Tebb b H. Tebb ... 14
W. Clark b Tebb ... 9
J. Teasdale b Read ... 4
Sub. not out ... 6
Extras ... 12
Total ... 70

WHICKHAM.

W. Latimer lbw b Clark ... 3
J. H. Read b Clark ... 4
J. Blenkinsop c Teasdale b Clark ... 0
J. Watson b Clark ... 10
H. Tebb c Pearson b Clark ... 6
H. Douglass b Cowings ... 7
H. Forster c Hindmarsh b Clark ... 10
B. Tebb c Hudson b Cowings ... 5
D. Nicholson c and b Pearson ... 1
T. Read c and b Pearson ... 0
J. Pearson not out ... 1
Extras ... 8
Total ... 55

SOUTH TANFIELD v. WHICKHAM.

Played at Tanfield and resulted in a win for Whickham. Score:—

WHICKHAM.

J. Mowbray b H. Middlemast ... 9
T. Cheesman b H. Middlemast ... 0
W. Cook b H. Middlemast ... 6
G. Cheesman not out ... 32
R. Mordue b Kent ... 1
T. Hickson run out ... 9
W. Cheesman c and b H. Middlemast ... 5
T. Archer c R. Palmer b Robinson ... 4
C. Adamson c Bestford b Robinson ... 0
F. Taylor run out ... 0
J. W. Spoor b Irwin ... 1
Extras ... 4
Total ... 71

SOUTH TANFIELD.

T. Irwin c Hickson b G. Cheesman ... 8
R. Palmer b G. Cheesman ... 0
J. Kent c and b Cook ... 3
W. Wilson c Mowbray b G. Cheesman ... 8
J. Middlemast c Spoor b Cook ... 7
J. Robinson c Mowbray b Cook ... 4
H. Middlemast c W. Cheesman b G. Cheesman ... 14
J. Wilson c Spoor b G. Cheesman ... 0
J. Ledger c W. Cheesman b G. Cheesman ... 4
R. Palmer run out ... 1
J. Bestford not out ... 2
Extras ... 1
Total ... 52

SOUTHILL v. CROXDALE.

Played at Southill, and resulted in a brilliant victory for the home team by 139 runs. Score:—

CROXDALE.

A. Stephenson c Firth b Latimer ... 9
H. G. Brown c Firth b Latimer ... 2
T. Bennison b Latimer ... 7
J. Maddison c and b Latimer ... 10
M. Anderson c Young b Latimer ... 10
A. Robinson b Stevens ... 8
J. Harding b Latimer ... 9
J. Rice c Woods b Stevens ... 3
J. Burnop c Dennis b Latimer ... 5
J. Forster b Latimer ... 5
A. Manners not out ... 0
Extras ... 4
Total ... 72

SOUTHILL.

L. E. Woods c Stephenson b Robinson ... 9
Rev. G. W. A. Firth b Bennison ... 21
R. C. Cumberlege b Robinson ... 0
C. Latimer b Robinson ... 64
H. C. Armstrong b Bennison ... 14
C. E. Young b Stephenson ... 26
W. Bambrough b Robinson ... 30
C. F. Forster b Harding ... 0
H. Dennis not out ... 15
Stevens run out ... 18
O. Brown b Anderson ... 0
Extras ... 14
Total ... 211

KIMBLESWORTH v. HAMSTEELS.

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

KIMBLESWORTH.

M. Gregory c Bailes b Johnson ... 12
F. G. Scott b Bailes ... 0
R. Walker lbw b Bailes ... 0
T. Bamlett b Crone ... 19
J. R. Moss c Crone b Johnson ... 3
J. Smith b Bailes ... 11
J. Kaye c Crone b Bailes ... 3
T. Kaye b Crone ... 10
T. Grant b Fordham ... 30
W. Powney b Johnston ... 9
W. Renny not out ... 5
Extras ... 8
Total ... 110

HAMSTEELS.

J. B. Johnson b Moss ... 10
W. Crone b Smith ... 5
A. Bailes c Gregory b Smith ... 0
J. Lyons b Smith ... 6
H. Johnston b Moss ... 2
A. Dodds b Smith ... 0
W. Fordham b Smith ... 0
B. Jarvis not out ... 3
J. Johnson l.b.w. b Smith ... 0
J. Wood b Smith ... 0
W. Tindale b Smith ... 0
Extras ... 6
Total ... 32

GREENSIDE v. TYNEMOUTH II.

Played at Greenside.

C. Raisbeck b Jones ... 6
J. Callender b Jones ... 8
H. Brown b Jones ... 0
R. W. Clark c Strachan b Burt ... 1
C. Fewster st Arthur b Burt ... 4
J. Fewster c and b Jones ... 32
W. Nesbitt c Pettigrew b Harrison ... 20
G. Raisbeck b McMenemy ... 0
T. Armstrong run out ... 28
J. Fellis b Jones ... 17
G. Forster not out ... 11
Extras ... 6
Total ... 133

TYNEMOUTH II.

W. Pettigrew c and b J. Fewster ... 5
W. Strachan c Fellis b J. Fewster ... 32
G. Adam b J. Fewster ... 1
G. Burt b J. Fewster ... 0
W. J. Pybus c Armstrong b Clark ... 5
J. Arthur run out ... 1
E. Box b J. Fewster ... 0
D. B. Jones b Armstrong ... 19
R. Harrison not out ... 8
J. McMenemy lbw b Nesbitt ... 5
C. Peary b Nesbitt ... 0
Extras ... 3
Total ... 79

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.
BURNMOOR v. CRAGHEAD.

Played at Burnmoor, and resulted in a win for Burnmoor. Scores:—

BURNMOOR.

W. Nisbet, run out ... 3
Butler (pro), c Faulkner b Railton ... 46
J. Swinhoe b Railton ... 6
T. A. Bulmer c Snowdon b Horne ... 26
J. Rutherford c Railton b Horne ... 21
A. Woodward c Snowdon b Horne ... 0
J. Nisbet b Horne ... 20
R. Blunt l.b.w., b Horne ... 4
W. Rutherford c Snowdon b Railton ... 21
W. H. Chatt b Railton ... 5
R. Brydon, not out ... 2
Extras ... 7
Total ... 163

CRAGHEAD.

R. Holmes c Butler b Brydon ... 7
J. Peele run out ... 6
G. Potts, c Butler b Brydon ... 10
C. Snowdon c Woodward ... 7
F. Horne l.b.w. b Brydon ... 5
T. Evans c J. Nisbet b Butler ... 3
H. Moorhouse, b Brydon ... 0
N. Sheraton b Butler ... 0
Dr. Fox not out ... 5
W. Railton c J. Nisbet b Butler ... 0
W. Faulkner run out ... 0
Extras ... 8
Total ... 51

CROOK v. CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

Played at Crook on Saturday, and resulted in a draw. The match was the occasion of the groundsman's benefit, and there was a large attendance of spectators. Scores:—

CONSETT.

R. Charlton b Smith ... 45
G. Hamilton b Smith ... 6
A. Wood b Burnip ... 41
A. Hurst b White ... 7
E. Pratt l.b.w. b Stewart ... 11
J. Eltringham b Stewart ... 19
J. J. Raw c Dowson b Turner ... 21
W. Leybourne b Stewart ... 0
J. Turnbull c White b Turner ... 17
A. Mathieson c and b Turner ... 3
J. R. Richards not out ... 0
Extras ... 6
Total ... 176

CROOK.

R. Thompson not out ... 53
W. D. White c Charlton b Leybourne ... 23
W. A. Burnip b Raw ... 2
G. E. Dowson not out ... 18
Extras ... 4
Total (for two wickets) ... 100

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND.

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

SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND.

F. Latimer b Kell ... 68
W. Simpson c Hand b Coyle ... 34
Allen c Bowery b Middleton ... 47
P. McCallum b Coyle ... 22
C. O. Brutton st Taylor b Bewick ... 30
C. Page c Tayler b Coyle ... 61
A. Blacklock b Bewick ... 0
H. Hicks c Coyle b Bewick ... 10
L. H. Palmer st. Taylor b Gray ... 11
J. Hicks c Richardson b Coyle ... 2
E. Lilley not out ... 7
Extras ... 6
Total ... 298

CHESTER-LE-STREET

J. K. Bewick b Allen ... 21
O. Richardson b Simpson ... 37
Coyle b Allen ... 0
G. Halliday c and b Simpson ... 0
R. Bowery not out ... 2
J. Hand run out ... 4
T. L. Gray not out ... 16
T. Middleton did not bat
F. Tayler did not bat.
S. Kell did not bat
A. Tate did not bat
Extras ... 2
Total (for 5 wickets) ... 82

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. GOSFORTH.

This match was played at Shotley Spa and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores:

J. Gent not out ... 1
J. Kennis b Surtees ... 22
F. Blacklock b Robson ... 0
H. Bell c Raisbeck b Robson ... 5
A. Hall b Surtees ... 2
F. Boyson b Robson ... 11
T. Gent b Robson ... 2
T. Lodge b Surtees ... 2
H. Codling c Robson b Surtees ... 0
Sub run out ... 0
Sub c Annandale b Surtees ... 2
Extras ... 4
Total ... 51

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

T. Lynn not out ... 40
J. R. Surtees b J. Gent ... 0
D. I. Birt c T. Gent b J. Gent ... 30
R. Renton b J. Gent ... 0
J. R. Annandale b J. Gent ... 16
R. Robson not out ... 2
J. Postle to bat
T. Raisbeck to bat
L. Urwin to bat
S. C. Knott to bat
W. R. Town to bat
Extras ... 6
Total ... 93

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

FREE SCORING AT CROOK.

Consett gave the best display of batting that they have done this season at Crook on Saturday, and ran up the excellent total of 176. It was also satisfactory to note that this was not the work of one or two men alone, as no fewer than six players got into double figures, and no one on the side reached 50. The top scorer was Bob Charlton, of Medomsley, who played splendid cricket for his 45, and had hard lines in missing his half-century. Wood was a good second with 41, and showed something like a return to his old form, making some fine drives. Raw put together a capital 22, whilst Eltringham knocked up a useful 19, Turnbull 17, and Pratt 11. Thus it will be seen that the batting was fairly even all round. On the admirable wicket that had been prepared the visitors hardly expected to dismiss the home men in the time that remained for play. White and Thompson commenced in good style for Crook, the former running up 23 ere he was sent back. Burnip was soon got rid of, but Dowson remained with the groundsman until time arrived, when the total was exactly 100 for two wickets. Thompson passed the half century by three, whilst Dowson hit up 18. It was a capital game, and much enjoyed.

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Commenting upon the above encounter a Darlington contemporary remarks:—Crook had an important fixture on Saturday with Consett and District, the occasion being made a benefit match for Bob Thompson, the home team's groundsman. Consett came with a fairly good team, and went in first, Wood and Charlton batting splendidly for 41 and 45 respectively, the team being eventally disposed of for 176, though it must be admitted that the Crook fielding on Saturday was below the average. Upon the home eleven going in, Thompson and White were responsible for a capital opening, runs coming pretty freely. The home captain, who was disposed of for 23, had apparently every justification for being dissatisfied with the umpire's decision, inasmuch as the ball came off his pocket. When Crook commenced their innings little more than an hour's play was left. Thompson, of course, made the stand of the home eleven with 53 not out, G. E. Dowson and he playing out time for 53 and 18 respectively. As regards the bowling, the analysis shows that Stewart took three wickets for 43 runs, Smith two for 56, W. A. Burnip one for 23, White one for 42, and Turner three for 6. The match on the whole was a good one, the attendance being the best seen on the Dawson Street grond this season. A collection for Thompson as the result of his afternoon's performanc realised over 30 shillings, whilst the result of the match will be to place to his credit £9 or £10.

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CRAGHEAD CUT UP POORLY.

It was generally recognised that Craghead had a stiff job on hand in tackling Burnmoor away last Saturday, but still it was never anticipated for a moment that the visitors would be so badly beaten. Craghead have been showing fine form up to the present, but there was a falling-away on this occasion. The home team batted first, but soon lost W. Nisbet, who on the two previous days, had been assisting Durham to beat poor old Cambridgeshire. Butler, however, as usual, offered a stubborn resistance, just failing to obtain talent money by four runs only. The next highest scorers were all close together, Bulmer making 26, W. Rutherford 21, and J. Nisbet 20. The total reached the satisfactory number of 163. Horne and Railton were by far the most successful trundlers on the Craghead side. The visitors gave a very disappointing display with the willow, Butler and Brydon trundling them out for the moderate score of 51. Potts (10) was the only double figurist, and the display of Craghead was altogether unworthy of their reputation. Snowdon for a wonder failed to come off, only contributing seven.

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A DRAW AT CHESTER.

Chester-le-Street had only a moderate team to meet South Northumberland at home on Saturday, the absentees including such useful men as Robson and Jim Bewick. The visitors were well represented, and, having the good fortune to win the toss, they gave the citizens an afternoon's leather-hunting. No fewer than eight men attained double figures, and the total only missed two of reaching the third century. Had the South Northumberland skipper declared with about 200 on the visitors might have perhaps won instead of drawing. F. Latimer led the way with 68, Page coming close behind with 61. Allen (the pro.) subscribed 47, Simpson 34, Brutton 30, McAllum 22, Palmer 11, and Hicks 10, so it will be seen that the visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the batting line. Jack Bewick (21) and Richardson (37) effected a capital start for Chester, but after they were dismissed there came something like a collapse, Coyle, Halliday, and Hand being easily disposed of. Gray managed to stay the rot, and the game was abandoned with the home team's total standing at 82 for the loss of half their wickets. Thus the draw was much in favour of the Northumbrians. Gray carried out his bat for a very useful 16, which were made at a critical time.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE WIN EASILY.

Shotley Bridge clearly demonstrated on Saturday that their defeat at the hands of Wardley had not in any way damped their ardour, as they gained a capital victory over Gosforth. The visitors turned up two short, but were provided with "subs." Gosforth took first innings, but the majority of them found the bowling of Surtees and Robson rather more than they could cope with. Kennis played very nice cricket for his well-earned 22, as also did Boyson for his useful 11. This pair did the bulk of the scoring, the total amounting to 51. I append the bowling analysis, from which it will be gathered that Surtees followed up his good work of the previous week with another excellent performance:—

	O.	R.	W.
R. Robson	13	27	4
J. R. Surtees	13	20	5

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The home team responded with an admirable display of willow-wielding, which would have come in useful the previous week, and saved Shotley from defeat. Lynn and Surtees were the initial pair of batsmen, but the latter soon retired as the result of a good ball from Gent. On Birt joining Lynn some of the prettiest cricket that has taken place in the Spa grounds was witnessed. Lynn has been rather out of luck this season, but he made full amends on Saturday, carrying out his bat for a well-played 40. Birt is a young gentleman recently come to reside at Shotley from the south, and he proved himself on Saturday a good bat, a splendid fielder, and a useful change bowler. He is a decided acquisition to the team. J. K. Annandale was in his usual good hitting form, one ball inclined to leg being nearly lifted out of the grounds, seven altogether being run for it. At the finish Shotley had registered 93 for the loss of only four wickets, so that their win was of the most decisive nature. J. Gent secured all the wickets that fell, and bowled very creditably.

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A GOOD WIN FOR WHICKHAM.

It is not many teams that can boast of a victory over South Tanfield on their own ground, but the Whickham men performed this highly meritorious feat on Saturday. Geo. Cheesman was the hero of the game, and to him the visitors almost entirely owe their success. In the Whickham total of 71, Cheesman went in at the fall of the second wicket, and carried out his bat for an invaluable 32—by far the best batting performance of the day. J. Mowbray and Hickson did best of the remainder, each compiling nine. As in batting so in bowling, Cheesman proved himself to be in grand trim, and the Tanfieldites could make but little of his deliveries. Harry Middlemast came out best with 14, whilst Irwin, W. Wilson, and Jack Middlemast also did fairly well, but the home team failed to reach their rivals' score by 19 runs. Geo. Cheesman on the one side, and Harry Middlemast on the other deserve the most praise. It should be mentioned that the winners were not at full strength, and this, of course, enhances their achievement.

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SOUTHILL IN FORM.

Croxdale were the opponents of Southill on Saturday, and the visitors to Mr Forster's ground had to put up with a very severe reverse. Croxdale made a decent show with the bat, putting together 71 by a very even display, Maddison and Anderson each made 10, Stephenson and Harding nine, Robinson eight, and Bennison seven. C. Latimer was once again to the fore in the bowling department, capturing no fewer than eight wickets at a cheap outlay. Not content with what he had done in this direction, Latimer followed it up by playing a grand innings of 64, so that he is certainly entitled to the lion's share of the honours. In addition to Latimer, seven other members of the team reached double figures, Bambrough making 30, Young 26, Firth 21, Stevens 18, Dennis 15 (not out), and Armstrong 14. Thus it will be seen that Croxdale had an afternoon's leather-hunting, the total against them being 211. This was in striking contrast to what Southill had accomplished the preceding week.

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GREENSIDE SUCCESSFUL.

Greenside can boast of a large number of successes this season, and they added another to the list of Saturday, when they met and defeated the second string of Tynemouth. Greenside put on the excellent total of 133, the "tail" especially playing up in surprisingly good fashion. Thus the last three men—Armstrong, Fellis, and Forster—had the useful scores of 28, 17, and 11 respectively to their credit, the last-named being not out. Previous to this J. Fewster was responsible for a capital 32, whilst Nesbit claimed 20. Strachan (32) and Jones (19) showed good form for the seasiders, but they were not very capably supported, the whole side being out for 79, or 54 behind. J. Fewster bowled well for the winners.

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SWALWELL UNITED C.C.

By the departure of P.C. Slater, the Swalwell cricket club have sustained a distinct loss, and more especially the Wednesday organisation, which club owes its formation to him. Another team—Swalwell Juniors—also owes its inception to the efforts of this gentleman, who has done much to popularise our summer pastime in the Swalwell district. P.C. Slater has been associated with the Swalwell United Cricket Club for a number of years; and immediately upon joining the members did him the honour of placing his name upon the committee. His efforts were soon afterwards directed to the improvement of the status of the club, and he was not long in finding material to work upon. When he associated his name with the club visitors had to dress and undress in the field, as no pavilion existed. P. C. Slater at once recognised the importance of acquiring a necessary structure, and with his characteristic perseverance he quickly had a subscription list opened for the purpose of raising funds wherewith to erect a pavilion. The movement received liberal support, and the Swalwell Club now possess a pavilion second to none in the district, thanks to the efforts of P.C. Slater. Last year he held the office of secretary, and in this position he ably guided the fortunes of the club.

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Apart from the interest he took in the various branches of the parent body, he has rendered valuable services both with bat and ball. With the willow in his hand he was ever cool and collected, and could always be relied upon to materially increase the score. When once he got into characteristic easy style it took no small amount of skill on the part of the bowler to dispose of him. Although perhaps he did not shine so well with the leather, he was no neophyte at "upsetting the wickets," as many batsmen knew to their cost. He was a clever all-round player, and the Swalwell United Cricket Club are the poorer by his departure. Personally, P.C. Slater stood high in public estimation, and his removal to Fatfield, near Durham, will be accompanied by the wellwishes of his many friends and admirers. P.C. Slater has been stationed at Whickham for about six years, and although he was a terror to all evil-doers, yet he won the esteem of all who did not come under the heading of "law-breakers."

I understand that the members of the Swalwell Club have decided to recognise the true worth of him by showing in some tangible form their high appreciation of his most valued services. A subscription list will, in all probability, be opened at an early date, when I trust that the same will be accorded most liberal support.

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LEADGATE V. PELTON FELL.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR.

Sir,—I beg a space in your columns anent the unfavourable remarks towards Pelton Fell v Leadgate Temperance, at Pelton, on the 14th inst. In your "Cricket Notes" of July 20th a heading appears "An unpleasant game at Pelton Fell," but, strange to say, you never give a word as to the causes that brought about the unpleasantness you complain about. Your informant must be a peculiar person indeed to forget the necessary information your readers would so much desire. Let us try to supply you with it. First, then, at the commencement of the game the Temperance umpire gave one of the Fell batsmen out "leg before wicket." A more unjust verdict could not be given—too glaring almost for a blind man not to challenge. In fact, cricketers not in any way associated with Pelton cried "shame." Sir, let me say whoever your informant may be he is too much biassed to have any claim to honesty or truth. He knows their umpire sadly blundered, and, if not intentionally showed and proved himself entirely out of place, and grossly innocent of the position he was assuming to fill. How your informant makes his statement to you harmonise with justice on the umpire's action, or even with the name of Temperance in any form, suggests adaptability of no ordinary kind of mind in attempting to make the widest extremes join to suit their circumstances, and at the same time would have you believe they themselves are pure. Sir, such parades no upright lover of athletics can admire, and I am greatly mistaken in the person of your informant (that is, should it be a gentleman I had learnt to admire), if he did not feel himself small indeed with the decision their umpire gave. You also refer to blackguardism, (disgraceful language resembling a dog-fight, etc. I am not going to attempt a defence of suchlike behaviour. I detest and hate it; and further, I have yet to learn, and I would ask you here whenever did Leadgate set any other example than what you complain about? In this one particular the less they say the more they will shine. In reference to another part of the game, their umpire gave his man in off a fair catch behind the wicket. The course of the ball was altered, the sound of the hit was heard further off than where their umpire stood. The batsman himself admitted the hit, yet he had to remain batting to win if possible by any means, foul or fair, but win they must. They lost—hence the cry. If they had won probably you would not have had any complaints. Pelton won on their merits, not by our umpire trying shady tricks. Respecting the threats to their umpire, that is very common on a field when practices like the above indulged in. Whether they be true or not I could not say, but this I do know—I came off the field with their umpire, and never heard the least intimation to what you refer. Probably it might be the echo of a perturbed conscience. Now, sir, just allow me to ask what did Leadgate mean by threatening what we would get when we came to Leadgate? Trusting you will give this the same publicity as you gave their account of the game:—

'For thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just,
And he but naked though wrapt up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupt.'

I beg to remain, yours &c.,

SPECTATOR.

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MEMS.

Consett made a better show than expected at Crook.

Although they were without Siddell.

Bob Charlton and Aaron Wood made a fine stand for the second wicket.

The Medomsley player was seen to much advantage in making 45.

Wood also batted finely for four less.

Four other members of the team reached double figures.

It was a batsman's day altogether.

Crook scored 100 for two wickets.

Fifty-three of these were scored by Bob Thompson.

For whose benefit the match was played.

The hard-hitting one acts as groundsman to the Crook club

Whickham did a notable perormance in beating South Tanfield away from home.

Geo. Cheesman was in great form for the winners.

He scored 32 (not out) and took six wickets at a cheap cost.

There were several good all-round performances on Saturday.

And this was one of the best.

Another has to be credited to C. Latimer, the well-known Southill player.

Against Croxdale Latimer took eight wickets and hit up 64 runs.

Southill put on the big score of 211.

Chester-le-Street had a weak team on Saturday.

And consequently South Northumberland gave them a spell of leather-hunting.

The visitors totalled nearly three hundred.

Chester could only respond with 82 for half their wickets.

Robson and Jim Bewick were greatly missed.

Shotley Bridge were in fine form on Saturday.

They beat Gosforth with plenty to spare.

Surtees (who had bowled well the previous week) again did good work in this direction.

He captured four wickets for 20 runs.

Shotley came out in unusually great form in the batting department.

Lynn and Birt made light of the Gosforth bowling.

Birt has come from the south to reside at Shotley.

And looks like proving a very valuable player.

He knocked up 30 in capital style on this occasion.

Birt is also a fine fielder.

Lynn carried out his bat for a well played 40.

And having broken his spell of ill-luck should improve his average ere the season closes.

J. K. Annandale hit away in his usual vigorous fashion.

For one tremendous smack the batsmen ran no fewer than seven!

Shades of Thornton and Bonner!

Leadgate Temperance took a very poor team to Rowland's Gill on Saturday.

And had to pay the penalty.

The Temperance found the ground vastly different to their own.

The ball bumped about awkwardly.

In a good scoring game Page Bank beat Medomsley 2nd on Saturday.

Nichol (of Spennymoor) assisted the winners.

And this he did to some tune.

Carrying his bat through the innings for 72.

He gave two or three chances, but nevertheless batted exceedingly well.

Mat Walton and Bob Cant each made 42 for Medomsley.

The tail cut up badly.

Or else Medomsley would have just about won.

Craghead did poorly at Burnmoor.

The bowling of Butler and Brydon was too much for them.

Railton and Horne did the best work.

Butler once more proved his usefulness.

OF SUCH STUFF ARE ENGLISHMEN MADE.

The article "How Public Schools Honour their Dead," appearing in the July "Windsor Magazine," will appeal to every Englishman at the present moment. Perhaps the most interesting of all the memorials illustrated is the tablet erected in Glenalmond School, to the memory of Alexander Cumine Russell. "For, till Time shall be no more, there can be no grander deed, in every sense, done by mortal soldier—let alone by a boy just out of school, a mere lad of seventeen, who yet was an officer in the 74th Highlanders, now the 'Highland Light Infantry.' Everybody knows the story of 'The loss of the Birkenhead'—how the troopship struck upon a rock; how the soldiers were formed in ranks to die, whilst the women and children were being saved; how the whole force, officers and men, stood at the salute, whilst Still inch by inch the doomed ship sank low, Yet under steadfast men. Russell was ordered into one of the boats carrying the women and children, for the purpose of commanding it, and he sat with dimmed eyes in the stern, some way off the doomed ship, watching the forms of his beloved comrades and fellows standing upright there. He saw the ship go down, carrying with it the hundreds of brave hearts. He saw those fearful creatures of the deep seizing their prey, and heard the screams of scores of human beings torn to pieces by sharks. Then, just when all for him was safe, when to him was given (with honour) life, ambition, and glory, he saw a sailor's form rise close to the boat, and a hand strive to grasp the side. There was not room in the craft for a single person more without great risk of upsetting the boat. But as the sailor's face rose clear at the boat's side, a woman in the craft called out in agony, 'Save him! Save him! He is my husband!' No room in that boat for one more! But Russell looked at that woman, then at her children, then at that sailor struggling in the waves, with his eyes beseeching help, then at the dreaded sharks feasting on every hand. Alexander Cumine Russell rose in the stern of the boat. With a bold plunge, he jumped clear of it, and helped that sailor into what had been his own place—and safety. Then, amidst a chorus of 'God bless you!' from every soul in the boat, the young officer—a lad of seventeen, mind!—turned round to meet his death. And those in the boat shut their eyes and prayed. When they opened them again, Alexander Cumine Russell was nowhere to be seen!"

THE BIGGEST ENGINE IN THE WORLD.

"It is not at all surprising to learn that the largest locomotive in the world hails from the United States," writes Mr. Herbert Fyfe, in the July Number of the "Windsor Magazine." "It has been quite recently built by the Pittsburg Locomotive and Car Works for the Union Railroad Company, of Pittsburg, and is now at work on a short stretch of line between Munhall and North Bessemer, Pa. The estimated tractive force of the 115-ton Pittsburg locomotive is 53,280 lb., and the estimated hauling capacity on a practically level track is about 6,650 tons. The hauling capacity on a level of 6,650 tons represents a train of 160 box-cars loaded with wheat. The total length of such a train would be 5,700 ft.—considerably over a mile; and the wheat would represent, at an average of fifteen bushels to the acre, the product of 9,000 acres, or over fourteen square miles of land. This enormous load could be taken over the road—or, rather the level portion of it—at a comfortable speed of ten miles an hour. The cylinders of the mammoth locomotive are 23 in. in diameter. Its drivers are 54 in. in diameter; its steam pressure is 200 lb.; its tractive power 26½ tons; and its heating surface is 3,322 sq. ft. The frames are 4½ inches wide. They were cut from rolled steel slabs made by the Carnegie Steel Company, and weigh 8½ tons per pair finished. The tender is of the standard type, and weighs loaded 52 tons, so that the weight of the engine and tender in working order is 167 tons. The total length over all of the engine and tender is 63ft. 3½ in. The centre of the boiler is 9 ft. 3¾ in. above the rails, the top of the boiler is 13 ft., and the smokestack 15½ ft., above the rails. The driving-axle journals are 9 in. by 12 in., and the main crank-pieces 7 in. by 7 in. The steam-ports are 1¾ in. wide by 20 in. long, while the exhaust-ports are 3½ in. by 20 in. The tender has a capacity of 5,900 gallons of water and 10 tons of coal."

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COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—May I request you to be so good as to publish for the information of all interested the as under of articles of clothing, &c., received since the publication of the previous one for despatch to the Northumberland Fusiliers and Durham L.I. now serving in South Africa. Permit me on the part of the Regiments to add my thanks to the kind givers.—I am, &c.,

WM. MURPHY,
Capt. for Col. Comdg. 5-68 R. Dist.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, July 23rd, 1900.

Two shirts, two pairs of socks, Anon, Pitt Hill, R.S.O.; 4 pairs of socks, Women's Guild, Stourton Branch, per Annie Taylor, secretary; 1 parcel of mufflers, socks, &c., E. Spencer, Newbiggen House; 1 bale for Durham L.I., Mrs Armstrong, Bishop Auckland; 1 case comforts for Northumberland Fus., Miss Brock, Hollinshead, Woodfoot House; 1 bale clothing, &c., Bishop Auckland; 1 parcel socks, handerchiefs, &c., Miss R Allan, Blyth; 3 scarves, 3 helmets, 2 pairs cuffs, 1 pair socks, M. I. Howell, 16, William Street, Sunderland; 11 helmets, Mrs Watson, Low Starforth Hall, Barnard Castle.

THE FOOD BEVERAGE FOR SUMMER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Summer is upon us. Men, women, and children will, in pursuit of pleasure and recreation, make unwonted exertions, and I think the few words of warning and advice given at this season last year, and which were so generally adopted, can be repeated to advantage.

Too much exercise and too much food cause tiredness and disinclination for further effort or exertion. The remedy is simple. The evidence of medical men and the public proves that as a summer Food-beverage there is nothing to equal Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, which possesses nutriment and restorative properties hitherto non-existent.

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Yours truly,
London, N.W. SPECIALIST.

TYPHOID TESTING IN EXTENSO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In his graphic but appalling description of our sick and wounded troops in South Africa, Mr. Burdett Coutts estimates that there are 20,000 of whom more than half are down with typhoid. When to these are added the previous cases which have occurred during the campaign, and those which Dr. J. W. Washbourne, tells us have been diagnosed as "simple continued fever," though mostly cases of typhoid, Dr. Conan Doyle's description of the outbreak as having been on an unprecedented scale, is quite natural. What is not natural, in view of such facts, is his opinion that inoculation against typhoid should have been compulsory. Yet, as regiments which seemed likely to resist, received intimation that if not inoculated they would not be ordered to the front, it practically was so. The War Office having ordered 40,000 doses of serum from the Professor at Netley, it was clearly used on a wholesale scale. While the "Medical Press" of June 20th tardily admits the serum a failure, a Dr. T. J. Maclagan, writing in the "British Medical Journal" of June 23rd, p. 1565, says, "It is really what might be expected; for the foundation of the treatment is a hypothesis which is inconsistent with fact. Second attacks of typhoid are more common, for instance, than second attacks of pneumonia in about the same proportion that first attacks are more common. If one attack of the fully developed disease does not give immunity, inoculation with an attenuated dose of the poison can scarcely be expected to do so." Yet he adds:—"The idea being started it was right that it should be put to the proof. But do not let men be inoculated with the idea that they are thereby made proof against typhoid; for this false sense of security may tend to make them careless." Such is the respect which these medical authorities have for human life. In the face of the hideous suffering of our soldiers from typhoid, as well as from the admittedly useless inoculations, Dr. Conan Doyle has the heartless effrontery to say, "inoculation should have been compulsory"—meaning thereby universal in the army; and Dr. Maclagan that "the idea being started it was right that it should be put to the proof." Well may the "Court Journal" of June 30th, remark:—"Great and needless pain has been inflicted upon our soldiers absolutely for nothing, for enteric has been as prevalent in the present campaign as ever it was, and has carried off more men than have fallen to the bullets of the enemy."—I am, Sir, yours, truly,

COURTNEY BRAKE.
69, Cromwell Road,
Montpelier, Bristol.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Manners are the happy way of doing things.

It is effort rather than achievement that counts with God.

Anger closes the eyes of reason as soon as it opens the mouth.

You may flee from justice, but you can never flee from yourself.

Capacity for moral suffering is part of man, and what makes him divine.

The first thing to do, if you have not done it, is to fall in love with your work.

The last blow brings the crash, but all that went before were needed to fell the tree.

They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea.

The memory of past hardships sweetens the comfort of the present.—MISS BRADDON.

Don't envy the man with a wonderful memory, he remembers much that he'd rather forget.

Omit no opportunity of doing good, and you will then find few opportunities of doing evil.

If all men were to perish who did not succeed in obtaining what they wish, all mankind would die.

One perverse disposition destroys the peace of a family, as one jarring instrument spoils a whole concert.

A young man is not far from ruin when he can say without blushing: "I don't care what others think of me."

The common opportunity comes, as the divinest opportunity in the whole history of the world came, cradled in obscurity.

It only rests with ourselves to make any position in life, which circumstances render it expedient for us to occupy, desirable.

Do you know what it is to be sure that a thing is wrong, and yet not be able to feel it so—to have your reason acknowledge what your conscience does not confirm?

To my inward vision things are achieved when they are well begun; the perfect archer calls the deer his own while yet the shaft is whistling.—GEORGE ELIOT.

No man lives without jostling and being jostled. In all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and taking offence. His life is a battle in so far as it is an entity at all.

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, pure, and good without the world being better for it; without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of this goodness.—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

To know what to do, and to be able to do it, lies at the foundation of all successful accomplishments; but at critical junctures we need to know so very thoroughly, and to have such unimpeded power of action, that no preparation can be too ample, no self-discipline too rigorous.

If we desire to reduce mental activity, it stands to reason that we must attend to nothing. We must let the mind drift. We must not attempt to exercise any control whatever, but let the thoughts stray as they will and follow any line of association that is a line [illegible]

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WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

THE BROCKWELL SEAM.

Although not an authority upon matters appertaining to collieries, my little learning tells me that the "Brockwell" seam is much coveted by local colliery proprietors. This prize has just been captured at Swalwell Garesfield Colliery, after many repeated attempts to acquire the same. I believe the late management made efforts some eight years ago to reach the Brockwell, and after several fruitless attempts, they were reluctantly compelled to abandon the scheme. Since then the colliery has changed hands, and the present manager, Mr. Wm. Neesam, determined to add the Brockwell seam to the list of workings. This seemed a hopeless task, for the men were obliged to retreat several times owing to the large quantity of water that forced itself upon them. The pumps were also "drowned out," and it was not until after repeated efforts that the seam was reached. The coal is noted near and far for its high-class properties as a gas or household coal. The present seam of coal is some thirty-two inches thick, and underneath is to be found an excellent fire-clay. The acquisition of this seam is regarded as an important event by the owners, whose thanks are due to the capabilities of the manager and his men.

A REGRETTABLE ACCIDENT.

What must be regarded as one of the most shocking accidents that has occurred in the district, took place on Friday near Blaydon junction signal cabin, whereby a fireman named Thomas B. Cook lost his life. The unfortunate fellow was in the act of pinning down the brake of a waggon, when it is conjectured that he must have caught some obstacle with his foot, and then stumbled beneath the waggons. The poor fellow was terribly mutilated. His body caught one of the sharp points, which almost cut him in two, while his hands and arms were severed from the body. At the inquest on Saturday the jury had no other alternative than to bring in a verdict of "Accidentally killed," with the rider recommending that when it was necessary to pin down the brakes that the mineral train should be stopped for the purpose of carrying out the operation. Coroner Graham is a shrewd man and one of the best Coroners that ever headed a jury, but I do believe that he was unaware of the kind of brake that Cook had to pin down. It was perhaps not generally known that the waggon was what is technically termed as a "box waggon," the brakes of which are attached to the end. This make of waggon is used by private firms, and not by the railway company. Whilst in conversation with a railway employee I was informed that owing to the position of these brakes accidents are more liable to happen, especially should there be any obstacle upon the line, when the brakes are being pinned down, because the person who performs the operation is generally prevented, at the moment, from seeing anything that is ahead of him. Had the brakes been attached to one of the Company's waggons then in all probability the lamentable mishap would not have occurred. From certain questions which Coroner Graham put to the driver, I am convinced that he was not aware of the position of the brake that required pinning down; otherwise some comments might have been expected. When private firms are having new waggons built, they will do well to keep this point in view, as lives are too valuable to be sacrificed. Heartfelt sympathy goes out towards Mrs. Cook, who has been rendered a widow after six months of married life. Her sorrow must indeed be great.

METHODISM AT CHOPWELL.

Wednesday of last week was a memorable day in the history of Methodism at Chopwell, and one which should, associated with the happiest thoughts, cling to the memory of all Methodists in that charming village and immediate district, for it marked an important step in the erection of Chopwell's first Wesleyan Chapel. Upon that day the foundation stones of a new chapel were duly laid with all the pomp synchronous with such a function. All movements, whether great or small owe their inception to something or someone, and I believe I do not err in saying that Mr. Wm. Richardson, of Chopwell, must be regarded as the pioneer of the present movement. No one, I contend, knows what Mr. Richardson has done for Methodism, for he never lets his left hand know what his right hand does. He lives for Methodism, and has tasted the joy that springs from giving. He gives not for the sake of having his name in print, but simply because he is a Christian gentleman in the highest sense of the term, and ever has the welfare of his fellow man uppermost in his heart. Long may he live to champion the cause. With such a capable leader at the helm, Methodism is sure to prosper in the district of Chopwell. The Consett Iron Company have, with their accustomed generosity, most kindly given the site, which comprises 1,200 square yards. This commands a most picturesque view, and is situated immediately on the fringe of the Chopwell woods. As regards the proposed new chapel this will not be of pretentious proportions, as it is only required for about four years or so, at the end of which time a more commodious structure will be erected.

HOW BLIND CHILDREN AMUSE THEMSELVES.

"There are comparatively few people who have any definite knowledge of the condition and capabilities of the blind. The average person is apt to regard them as beings simply to be pitied, shut off from all the joys of life, utterly incapable of doing anything else. Even people with large hearts, always ready to sympathise with the sorrows of their fellow beings, are apt to think of the blind only as worthy objects of their charity, without realising that they may be educated to become useful members of society. Fortunately, in spite of the general ignorance and indifference on this matter, there have been, and still are, a select few of ardent and unselfish spirits who have recognised that persons given the privileges of higher education, and by careful training can be taught many professions and trades by which they can support themselves and be enrolled among the world's workers. A visit to some such institute as the school at Swiss Cottage, maintained by the London Society for Teaching the Blind to Read, would do much to dispel the hazy ideas of most people with regard to the helplessness of the blind. The first thing which astonishes a visitor who has come with a heart full of pity is the general happiness and even joyous air which seems to pervade the place. On a Saturday afternoon, for instance, when the students have free time, the grounds are full of merry girls skipping or running about, so that it is almost impossible for a sighted stranger to realise that they are blind. On the afternoon when the writer visited it the girls were sitting in the grounds in horse-shoe form, knitting, sewing, playing chess or draughts, while their mistress, Miss Hay, was diverting them with sprightly gossip. A cheerful buzz of chatter was maintained, interrupted now and again by a merry peal of laughter from the girls. On no face was there a sign of unusual sadness. In the boys' playground the same cheerfu lair prevailed. A game of cricket was in progress among three or four younger boys, and they seemed to enjoy it as heartily as any English schoolboy. Truly a strange sight. How did these sightless youngsters know when and where to hit or throw the ball?"—From an article on "The Education of the Blind," in the July number of the "Windsor Magazine."

THE BRAVERY OF DANISH LIFE-BOATMEN.

One of the most striking articles in the July "Windsor" is that contributed by Mr A. E. Fletcher, which describes his visit to Skagen, "The Danish Newlyn." In this he recalls some of the services that the sturdy Danish fisherman have rendered English vessels. "As some three hundred vessels pass the lightship off Skagen Point every day, and as near that lightship there is a very dangerous reef, the services of the Skagen lifeboatmen are more often needed here than elsewhere on the Danish coast. Captain Bagh, who has been twenty-two years in command of the boat, has a splendid record, and has received decorations and acknowledgments of his services from the governments of most of the maritime nations of the world. He was also awarded a diploma for a set of fishing nets at the International Fisheries Exhibition held in London in 1880. The distinction he prizes most, however, is the medal of a Danish order for distinguished service (the Order of Dannebrog), awarded to him by King Christian, for the rescue of the crew of an English brig, during a gale of such violence that, although the crew were got off the wreck, it was impossible to take them ashore. Captain Bagh so skilfully managed the boat that he was able to keep her afloat until a passing steamer came to his rescue. For this service, Captain Bagh and his men received a gift of one pound each—a rather poor acknowledgment. I think of the heroic conduct of these Danish fishermen by a nation which prides itself both on its wealth and its generosity. Possibly, the real worth of the service rendered by Captain Bagh and his crew was not rightly represented to the Board of Trade. The lifeboat service is managed much better in Denmark than in England. In Denmark it is organised by the State, but in England it is left to voluntary effort. It has been charged against our British method that it tempts our brave lifeboatmen sometimes to think as much of saving cargo as saving life, as they share in the plunder of wrecked vessels. In Denmark the sole object of the lifeboat service is to save life. The rocket apparatus, as well as the lifeboats, are provided by the State, and the crews, selected from experienced fishermen, boat puts out. The Skagen lifeboatmen receive eight kroners for each call. Their salvage. In Skagen there is a memorial raised by public subscription to Lars Kruse and his companions, the brave captain and crew of the Skagen lifeboat, that foundered in a gale on Christmas Day, 1862. Kruse and his men on that fatal day put out to the rescue of the crew of the 'Daphne,' a British vessel, wrecked on the sand-reef off Skagen Point. Time after time the brave fellows pulled off to the wreck, and succeeded in taking off the whole crew. On returning for the last time the boat capsized."

WORKMEN'S TRIP.—On Saturday the workmen of Messrs Hedley's Craghead Colliery held their annual excursion to Manchester. The train of 16 carriages started at four a.m. from Annfield Plain, and reached its destination about 11 a.m. After spending an enjoyable day the excursionists left the western metropolis at 11.30 p.m., and reached Annfield Plain at seven a.m. on Sunday morning.

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, July 19th.—Before Col. Leadbitter-Smith (chairman), Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, Dr. Wilson, and Chancellor Espin.

DRUNKENNESS.

Daniel Kilty was fined 5s and costs for being drunk and Arthur Daley was fined 2s 6d and costs for a similar offence. The following cases of drunk and disorderly conduct were dealt with:—Thomas Fanen, dismissed; Patrick Gaffney, 5s; Patrick McCluskey, 2s 6d; George McCluskey, 2s 6d; James Eggleton, 7s 6d; Thomas Errington 5s, Wm. Fairless, 10s; Patrick Cassidy, 5s; John Colleen, 7s 6d; Samuel McKevor, 5s; Wm. Lowes, 7s 6d; Thomas Surtees, 7s 6d; John Norman, 7s 6d; John Oscar, 5s; John Young, 2s 6d; George Riley, 7s 6d; David Donelly, 2s 6d; Thomas Taylor, 2s 6d; Patrick Doyle, 2s 6d; Summerbell Bartram, 2s 6d; George Hughes, 2s 6d; Andrew Coyle 10s (or 14 days); John McGowan, 2s 6d; Andrew Thompson, 2s 6d; Matthew Whitfield, 2s 6d; and Francis Golightly, 5s and costs in each case.

DRUNK IN CHARGE.

Wm. Jackson was convicted on the evidence of Inspector Waller of being drunk while in charge of a horse at Lanchester on the 5th of July. He was fined 15s and costs.

AN UNLICENSED DOG.

Wm. Carr, for keeping a dog without a license at Burnhope, on the 3rd of July was, on the evidence of P.C. Haw, ordered to pay a fine of 7s 6d.

ASSAULT AT HEDLEY HILL.

Wm. Stones, of Boyne, was convicted of having assaulted Mary Jane Buckler at Hedley Hill, on July 3rd, and was fined 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Hardy and Peter Cassidy pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace by fighting at Burnhope on the 1st of July, and they were each bound over to keep the peace for three months and to pay the costs.

PIGS AT LARGE.

Ann Little pleaded guilty to an offence under the Highway Act by allowing five pigs to stray on the road near Satley on the 29th of June.—P.C. Waterson gave evidence as to having seen the pigs on the highway.—A fine of 1s and costs was imposed.

Wm. Willis was also convicted on the evidence of P.C. Waterson with similarly offending, and was ordered to pay 1s and costs.

LARCENY BY A BOY

A boy named Thomas Harris was charged with having stolen a jacket and vest, a pair of boots, a cap, a scarf, and a watch and albert, of the value of £1 6s 0d, the property of John Haslem, miner, Flint Hill, on the 10th of July. The evidence showed that at about 10 o'clock at night prosecutor saw the boy in his yard. He was crying and said he had no place to go to. He took pity on him and allowed him to stay in the house for the night. Next morning about 7.30 prosecutor missed the lad, but found his old jacket, vest, boots, cap, and scarf lying on the floor. He searched the house and missed the articles named in the charge.—It was further stated that P.C. Dobinson was sent by Sergt. Lawson in a trap to Blaydon and Newcastle and then to Gateshead. There the officer found the address of the lad's father, but the defendant had not then returned. He gave information to the police at Gateshead, and they apprehended him next morning at his father's house.—Sergt. Lawson said he proceeded to Gateshead, on the 12th and received the prisoner into custody at the County Police Station. He conveyed him to Consett, and on charging him he replied, "It is my first offence."—The Bench after cautioning him treated him under the First Offenders' Act and he was allowed to go.

OFFENCE BY MINERS.

Owen Finnigan and George Storey, miners, Malton Colliery, pleaded guilty to contravening the special rules by riding on a tram on July 14th.—Mr. Geo. Shipley said the practice was a dangerous one so far as the men themselves were concerned. —The Chairman said if it had been dangerous to anyone else they would have inflicted a heavy fine. As it was they would each be fined 5s and costs.

DAMAGE AND ASSAULT.

Jane Ann Lowes pleaded guilty to having done wilful damage to a window and other property of John Hudspith at Dorman's Cottages, Lanchester, on June 30th, and John Lowes, her husband, was charged with having assaulted Catherine Hudspith, wife of John Hudspith, on the same day.

Mr. J. M. Aynsley prosecuted, and said that on the day named, Mrs. Hudspith was washing her front door step when the male defendant came round the corner and kicked the pail over, after which he kicked Mrs. Hudspith on the leg. Some noise was created in consequence and the female defendant came round and commenced throwing things at Mrs Hudspith. She threw a tea pot, a pint pot, a butter dish, and a lamp stand. Then the husband said "smash the windows in," and she took up a whole lot of stones and broke every pane in the window. She also did damage to the wood-work, and broke a number of things which were standing on a table in the house. The windows had since been put in and the damage repaired, and Mrs. Lowes had paid the account. She had paid it since the summonses were taken out.

Mr. Hudspith and other witnesses gave evidence bearing out the opening statement.

The Bench said as Mrs. Lowes had paid the damage she would now only be ordered to pay the costs. In the case of her husband, as the costs were very heavy, he would only be fined 1s in addition to the costs.

ILLICIT SALE OF LIQUOR.

Thomas Armstrong, ale, wine, and spirit merchant, Blackhall Mill, and Christopher Liddell, cartman, were charged under the Licensing Act (Illicit Sale) with having supplied a quantity of bottled stout without being labelled as required by the Act.—Mr. T. W. Welford defended.

P. C. Ferguson said that on Friday, the 29th of June, he was on duty near Causey Row. He saw Liddell with a rolley, owned by Thomas Armstrong, laden with beer, stout, and whiskey. He saw Liddell lift twelve pint bottles of stout off the rolley and carry them into the house of Mrs. Mary Snell, at Causey Row. On returning to the cart witness asked him to accompany him back to the house. In the house and in the presence of Liddell he asked Mrs. Snell if she had ordered the stout, and she replied, "yes, I ordered it on Thursday, the 21st, in my own house, and he has brought it to-day, and I will pay him for it." Witness asked if there was any label to show it was for her. He lifted each bottle separately and both Liddell and Mrs. Snell admitted there was no label. Liddell then said it might be on the cart. Witness told him it was very important he should show the label, and that he should make a search for it. Liddell searched the cart all over, but could not find any label. He also searched seven empty boxes without result. Witness examined the cart and saw six dozen pint bottles of beer and stout in a box with a lid on, and he had nine quarts of spirit and some wine. None of them had a label on. He drew Liddell's attention to it and asked him if he had an order book and he replied that he had not.

By Mr. Welford: Liddell did not tell him that when he came away in the morning there was a label on. He did not say in the presence of a boy that there was a label on each order when he left Blackhall Mill. He did not say so in the presence of Mrs. Snell, but he did say that he believed he had one somewhere. He had one label dated 20th May. He could not say whether there was any more than one order left at the Causey. Liddell told him that there were three dozen returned. He did not think it was a windy night.

Mrs. Snell said she told P.C. Ferguson that she ordered the stout on the 21st and when it was delivered on the 29th she said she would pay for it. There was no label on it. Liddell said he had one on his cart. A boy, who was there at the time, said he put the tickets on in the morning.

Mr. Welford, on behalf of the defendants said when the cart left Blackhall Mill on that particular morning a label was attached to each order and if he proved that then he submitted the case was one which might properly be dismissed.

Christopher Liddell gave evidence as to having taken the order from Mr. Snell. When he left Blackhall Mill on the 29th there was a ticket on every dozen. It was about the roughest night for wind he was ever out in. He put the cards on himself. All the other orders on the cart were labelled.

Thomas Armstrong said he examined the cart before it went away, and took a note of the load. Every order was labelled.

John Curtis, a boy, said he saw the boxes go away. There was a ticket on Mrs. Snell's box.

The Chairman said there was not the slightest doubt the defendants were responsible according to law with respect to the labels being on.

Mr. Welford said not if the appropriation and the labels were put on on the licensed premises. There could be no conviction then although the labels might not be on at the time of delivery. Having proved that the labels were put on he submitted the Bench could not convict in that case.

The Chairman said that whatever Mr. Welford might say they were satisfied that there was a suspicion in the case, and that the policeman's evidence had not been affected. Armstrong would be fined £1 and costs, and Liddell 10s and costs.

IMPORTANT MINING CASE.

Frederick Octavius Kirkup was charged that he on the 3rd of April "then being the certificated manager of the Langley Park Pit, unlawfully did fail to comply with the fourth general rule then duly established for and to be observed in the said mine by you as such certificated manager thereof, to wit, by then and there failing to cause a competent person appointed by the owner, agent, or manager for the purpose, not being a contractor for getting minerals in the mine, within such time immediately before the commencing of each shift as fixed by special rules made under the Coal Mines' Regulation Act, 1887, that is to say, within two hours before the hewers under your charge commenced work to inspect every part of the said mine situate beyond each of the stations and in which workmen were to pass during that shift; and to ascertain the conditions thereof so far as the presence of gas, ventilation, roof and sides, and general safety were concerned, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided." He was further charged that he "unlawfully did fail to comply with the eighth general rule then duly established for and to be observed in the said mine by you as such certified manager thereof, to wit, by then and there allowing to be used lights other than locked safety lamps in a place in the said mine in which there was likely to be such a quantity of inflammable gas as to render the use of naked lights dangerous."

Mr. T. M. Barron, solicitor, Darlington, instructed by the Solicitors to the Treasury, appeared for Mr. Richard Donald Bain, Chief Government Inspector of Mines for the County of Durham, to prosecute, and Mr. Cooper (Messrs. Cooper and Goodger, Newcastle) instructed by Mr. W. Logan, J.P., defended.

Mr. Cooper said Mr. Kirkup was charged with having infringed rules 4 and 8. With regard to the first, acting on his advice, Mr. Kirkup would plead guilty to a technical infringement of the rule. There was no doubt whatever if they had to argue the case they would probably cause the Bench and the learned Clerk a good deal of trouble, because the rules were not as clear as they ought to be. The Mines' Inspector, quite naturally, had placed a construction on the rule different to that placed upon it by Mr. Kirkup and others. He had advised Mr. Kirkup that the rule was open to both constructions, but inasmuch as the construction contended for by the Inspector was one that would give better effect to the rule, it would have been the duty of their worships to place that construction upon it. Under these circumstances he had advised Mr. Kirkup to plead guilty. There was no suggestion whatever of carelessness or laxity against Mr. Kirkup. The only object was that the Inspector might obtain a confirmatory order substantiating his view of the rule. Since the occurrence, on the matter being pointed out to him by the Inspector, Mr. Kirkup at once adopted the idea of the Inspector. With regard to the second charge he understood it was withdrawn.

Mr. Barron said he agreed with every word Mr. Cooper had said with regard to Mr. Kirkup. There was no sort of personal reflection on his management. He had simply acted on his own construction of the rule. The practice had been, so far as Langley Pit was concerned, to treat the shifters and hewers as a continuous shift and not as separate. The rule fixed the time within which the inspection was to be made and had given rise to a difficulty in the minds of the managers as to whether it was necessary to inpect before the shifters went in or only before the hewers went in. If the shifters went in without an inspection being made it might give rise to an explosion as it did in this case. On the 3rd of April the shifters went in without any previous inspection having been made of the places where they were to work. Part of the Hutton seam was worked as a gassy seam where safety lamps were used, and in other parts naked lights were used. Two shifters going to their work had to pass through a place where they were using naked candles and they came into an accumulation of gas which caused an explosion.

The Chairman: Then candles and safety lamps are used in the same seam?

Mr. Barron said up to that point they had been. A certain part of the mine might be gassy. These two men were badly burned, but fortunately there was no dry coal dust about or it might have been serious. Since then Mr. Logan had given instructions to Mr. Kirkup and they now used safety lamps in all that part of the mine where the explosion took place. They had adopted Mr. Bain's contention that safety lamps ought to be used there. As those proceedings had not been taken for any vindictive purpose, but for the purpose of having the rules carried out he had to withdraw the second charge on the understanding that the lamps would be used. With regard to the other charge they had an assurance from Mr Kirkup and Mr Logan that as a matter of fact as soon as they were complained to about the inspection they altered the method, and now an inspection was made before the shifters went to work as well as before the hewers went. That was what Mr Bain had contended for. It had been arranged that the defence should pay £1 and £6 11s costs, and he wished again to say that there was no sort of reflection against Mr Kirkup. He had been doing what many others in the county had done, but now he had adopted Mr Bain's reading of the rule others would also have to do so for the safety of the mines.

Mr Cooper said the Act itself made it doubtful, as it said "two or more shifts succeeding one after another ought to be deemed as one shift."

Mr Barron said that would not apply if they were different classes of workmen.

Mr Cooper said it did not say the same class of workmen. That was the point they would have to argue.

The Chairman said they were very glad they had come to an arrangement, and so saved the Bench from having to decide an intricate matter. The Bench confirmed the arrangement.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, July 23rd.—Before Mr. J. W. Walton-Wilson (presiding), Mr. Wm. Aynsley, Mr. F. Priestman, and Mr. Geo. Ainsworth.

EDUCATION CASES.

Hugh Agnew was summoned by Mr Michael Hall for having neglected to send his boy to school. The case had been adjourned for a month, and during the month the boy had been absent for a week.—A fine of 5/- was imposed.

Elizabeth Doran was summoned by Mr. John Gibson for neglecting to send her boy, 12½ years of age to school. The boy had been absent for two months. Mrs. Doran had four children and had no house of her own, but just stayed where she could.—A fine of 5/- was imposed.

Timothy O'Neil, whose boy had been absent for three months, was fined 5/-.

Ann Wynn was summoned respecting her boy, 11½ years of age, in Standard III, who had only been present one day out of five months. Mr. Gibson applied for an order for the boy to be sent to an Industrial School.—The application was granted.

UNLICENSED DOGS.

John Ferguson was charged with keeping a dog without a license.—Sergt. Dryden said the defendant was camping in a quarry in Sherburn Terrace, Consett. There were three dogs, but defendant said he only owned two. He could only produce one license.—He was fined 7/6 and costs.

A CONSETT BETTING CASE.

Wm. Teasdale was charged with betting in Sunderland Row, Consett, contrary to the County Bye Laws, between July 10th and 14th.—Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

Sergt. Dryden said that on the 11th of July at about 12.30 he placed himself so that he had a full view of a number of men in Sunderland Row. He saw the defendant there, and he saw him make several bets. He had a paper, and when anyone went up to him he took out the paper and handed it to them. They looked through it, and after making a selection they made a bet. He saw defendant receive paper and something else, and after looking at the paper he saw him making an entry in a book. At ten minutes past one a young man gave the defendant a piece of paper and handed him something else, and Teasdale made an entry. Witness watched for about an hour, and a good many people made bets with defendant during that time. Witness made entries in his notebook of the circumstances at the time. On the 13th witness was again at the place, and saw Teasdale making bets in a similar manner. He knew Teasdale to be a professional bookmaker.

Mr. Aynsley: You say that on the 11th you placed yourself so that you could see several men. Where were you?—I was in a yard.

In whose yard?—I was in Forster's yard.

Whereabouts is that?—Straight opposite.

Mr. Aynsley having, by means of an ordnance plan located the position indicated by Sergt. Dryden, asked for the names of the other men who were there.

Sergt. Dryden said he did not think he would be justified in giving the names. They were not charged.

Mr. Aynsley submitted that he was entitled to an answer. The sergeant said there were other men there, and he was entitled to ask who they were. He asked for the names of the men the officer knew.

Sergt. Dryden said he was prepared to give the names if he was justified in doing so.

Mr. Aynsley pressed for an answer, and Sergt. Dryden then gave eight or nine names.

Mr. Aynsley: Do you know that the houses in Sunderland Row are the property of the Consett Iron Company, and that the Company claim exclusive right over the street?—I have been so informed, but it is public through usage. It has been a public road for 30 or 40 years.

I submit to you that the Consett Iron Company could put gates across here and prevent you or I from going through?—I don't think they could.

Why?—Because it has been so long used.

That may be, but you don't know what they may have done to preserve their rights.

Mr. Aynsley submitted that there was no case against his client. No bye-laws had been put in. His client was prosecuted for frequenting the streets and committing an offence under the bye-law of the Durham County Council. That bye-law had not been put in and proved, and there was therefore no case against his client. To prosecute under a County bye-law, it was absolutely necessary to produce a printed copy properly authenticated, and it must also be stated that the necessary consent had been obtained from the Local Government Board. But the bye-law had not been put in at all, and so far as they knew it was not authenticated. He therefore took that preliminary objection, and submitted that the case must be dismissed on that point alone.

Mr. Ornsby pointed out that they had a copy of the bye-law in the Court.

Mr. Aynsley said it was necessary for the prosecution not only to produce the bye-law but they must satisfy the Bench that it was a good bye-law. The Bench must also be satisfied that the place was either a street or a place. It had been held that a place meant a place where the public had a right of access. The prosecution must also prove that the defendant was frequenting the place for the purpose of betting. As far as the bye-law was concerned he submitted it was ultra vires, and the County Council of Durham had no right to make the bye-law. It was made under a clause of the Local Government Act (Section 16) of 1888, which gave the County Council power to make bye-laws under the Municipal Corporation Act of 1882. Under that Act the Council of any borough might make bye-laws for good rule and government in the borough, and also for the prevention and suppression of a nuisance. It was a well-known fact that betting in itself was not an offence. Under the earlier County bye-law they had to prove that a nuisance was being committed. There had been no evidence that morning that they were causing a nuisance or an obstruction. A similar bye-law of the Northumberland County Council was at present before the Courts as to whether it was good or not. It was worded the same as the Durham bye-law, and one of the reasons alleged against the bye-law being good was that it must not only be for the good rule and government, but also for the suppression of a nuisance. As it was a recognised fact that betting was not a nuisance he submitted that the County Council had no right to make the bye-law and that it was ultra vires. He would suggest that pending the hearing of the case in the higher Court they might adjourn this case for a month or two months. As far as a public place was concerned he would prove that the place where these men were standing, and the whole of Sunderland Row, and what he called Short Street, were the property of the Consett Iron Company, and that the company repaired the streets. In addition to that the Company would be perfectly justified in placing gates at each end of the street, and so keep the public out. As far as the street was concerned the public had no legal right of access. The public who lived in the street had a right to pass and re-pass to and from their houses, but excepting these few people the public had no right of access to it. As to the construction to be placed on the words he submitted that they did not apply to this case at all. He would prove that the Consett Company had full rights over it. If the Bench held that it was a public place within the meaning of the bye-law then he would ask them to adjourn the case until the result of the appeal was known.

Mr. W. S. Shell, surveyor to the Consett Urban District Council, produced an ordnance plan, and said the street and property belonged to the Consett Iron Company, who repaired and kept the street in order. The Council did not repair the street. It was private property, but he would not go so far as to say that the Consett Company could put gates up.

By Sergt. Dryden: He had known the street since he was a boy. It was practically the same now as it was then.

The Chairman, after the Bench had consulted, said they had decided to impose a fine of 43/- and costs.

DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS.

Matthew Carr was charged under the County bye-laws with driving a trap without lights at Flint Hill on July 14th.—P.C. Dobinson said he saw defendant driving a horse and trap at a trot on the highway at 10.15 at night. It was a very dark night, and defendant had no lights. There were a lot of people and traps on the road.—Defendant denied that he was trotting.—He was fined 2/6 and costs.

John Edwards, a youth, was charged with similarly offending at Castleside on July 7th, and after hearing the evidence of P.C. Hadwin, the Bench inflicted a fine of 2/6 and costs.

A SERIES OF ASSAULTS.

William Joel was charged with having assaulted Christopher Turnbull on July 14th.—Complainant said he wished to withdraw the case. Joel, who was willing to pay the costs, had been hurt at the works.—The case was withdrawn.

Robert Maxwell was charged with having assaulted Henry Marshall at Consett, on July 10th.—Marshall said he was standing at his yard gate near Mr. Christopher's stables when defendant came round the corner and said he would black both his eyes. He thereupon struck him between the eyes. He had not had any quarrel with him, but on Pretoria night there was a bit of a row and defendant was going to choke a woman when someone struck him. Maxwell blamed him for it.—John Hall gave evidence as to having seen the assault committed, and defendant was ordered to pay 5/- and costs.

John Collins was charged with having assaulted Mary Ann Boyle at Blackhill on July 7th.—Complainant said Collins and her husband were quarrelling, and she went and interfered when defendant struck her, and knocked two teeth out, and loosened three others.—Defendant denied having struck her. In the quarrel Mrs. Boyle fell on to the pavement and that was how she came by her injury.—The case was dismissed.

Edward Wilkinson and Alice Wilkinson were charged with having assaulted Elizabeth Aken at Consett, on the 10th of July. The female defendant pleaded guilty and the male defendant not guilty.—The complainant said Edward Wilkinson came to her in Kennedy's public house and struck her on the face. She fell, and he kicked her about the body. He then shouted of his wife to come and "give her the rest."—After hearing further evidence the Bench fined Wilkinson 5/- and costs, and his wife 2/5 and costs.

Mary McGeary was charged with having assaulted Maria Kennedy at Consett on July 8th.—Mrs. Kennedy said defendant was sitting on the step arguing, and jumping up suddenly struck her, and used a dirty expression. She struck her across the face with her hand.—Complainant called witnesses, among them being Hugh Ruddy, who declined to be sworn until he was assured that he would be refunded his day's pay. Having taken the oath he caused loud laughter by saying "I know nothing about the case; I was at Blackhill."—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

Jane Kirk was charged with having assaulted Rose Eccles at Dipton on June 26th. —Complainant said she was going for a walk when defendant knocked her into the dyke.—Defendant denied having touched her. There was an argument going on and she went to bring her sister away.—The Bench dismissed the case.

A BLACKHILL LICENSING CASE.

Michael O'Hanlon was charged with having been drunk on licensed premises at Blackhill on July 7th, and James Millhouse was charged with having permitted drunkenness and with having sold drink to a drunken person on the same day.—Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

P.C. McGee said that at about seven o'clock on Saturday evening, the 7th of July, when he was on duty in Derwent Street, when he saw O'Hanlon very drunk, in company with two other men coming down from the direction of the Rose and Crown. He passed them in the street, and he afterwards saw them go into what he took to be the Zetland Arms public-house. He and P.C. Ellwood looked through the Zetland Arms but could not see them. They then looked into the Sportsman's Arms, and they found O'Hanlon in the bar with a glass of beer in his hand. He staggered back to a seat and drank part of the beer. Witness saw the landlady, and asked her who supplied the man with the beer. She said she filled the beer but she did not notice the man was drunk. Mrs. Millhouse called her husband and witness drew his attention to the man. Millhouse also said he did not notice O'Hanlon was drunk. Witness advised the landlord to get the man off the premises, and Millhouse came round, took hold of the man and told him to get out. When they got to the door Millhouse said "steady up, there's the three bobbies standing outside." Witness, P.C. Ellwood, and P.C. Simpson were then standing outside. O'Hanlon then staggered down home in a very drunken state.

By Mr. Aynsley: He was beside Sloane's piano shop when he first saw O'Hanlon. He had not noticed that O'Hanlon had a physical peculiarity in his walk. The two other men were leading him. There were about eight people in the Sportsman's bar when he went in. Everything was perfectly quiet. When witness first went in O'Hanlon was standing. He then staggered back and dropped into a seat. He had a glass of beer in his hand, and drank part of the beer after he sat down. He had been four years at Blackhill and had never before had occasion to find fault with Millhouse.

P.C. Ellwood and P.C. Simpson gave corroborative evidence.

Mary L. Kempson said her father kept the Rose and Crown. O'Hanlon came into the house at about seven o'clock with two other men, and asked for something to drink. O'Hanlon was drunk but the others were sober. She supplied the sober men but refused O'Hanlon.

Katie Kempson corroborated and said anyone could see O'Hanlon was drunk.

Supt. Bensies said they had nothing to say against Millhouse in his management of the house, and they would be satisfied with a conviction for selling.

Mr. Aynsley said that on the evidence there was no case against his client of permitting, as it must be proved that he knowingly supplied liquor to a drunken man. On the charge of selling it was different, and all he could do was to ask the Bench to deal as leniently as possible. It was a hard case against his client, because whilst the constables had every opportunity of seeing the condition of the man outside the landlord was in the difficulty of having the man straightening himself up and walking in apparently sober. So satisfied was Mrs. Millhouse that she served him. His client had lived in the district for about 30 years, and had worked for the Consett Company for about 20 years. He had been five years in the Sportsman's Arms and had never had a complaint against him nor had he ever been cautioned. He suggested that Supt. Bensies might withdraw the case, and his client would give a contribution to the police orphanage fund.

Supt. Bensies declined to do so.

Mrs. Millhouse was then called, and said O'Hanlon walked quite straight when he came into the bar. He called for two beers and a small port and she supplied the order. If the man had been drunk she would not have served him.

James Millhouse said if they had known O'Hanlon was not sober he would not have been supplied. It was often difficult to tell when a man was drunk. They could pull themselves together, and by leaning against the counter appear sober.

James Patterson, Blackhill, said he was in the bar when O'Hanlon came in with two other men. He seemed to be right enough when he came in. Witness did not see him stagger.

John Richardson and Walter Taylor having given evidence, the Bench fined O'Hanlon 5/- and costs. The charge of permitting against Millhouse was withdrawn, but for selling to a drunken person he would be fined 5/- and costs. They imposed that small penalty owing to the manner in which the house had been conducted in the past.

AN UNABATED NUISANCE.

John Skidmore, of Blaydon, was charged under the Public Health Act with having failed to abate a nuisance in accordance with an order served upon him by the Consett Urban District Council. The notice had reference to 13 houses in Medomsley Road, Green Street, and Bath Lane.—On being charged defendant said he had been ill. He was not like a lot who would not do a thing.—Mr. T. W. Welford, on behalf of the Council, said that on the 4th December last the Inspector and Medical Officer visited the property and found it in an insanitary condition, and on the 10th the Council passed a resolution that notice be served upon the defendant. On the 9th notice was served and expired in February. Mr. Shell had made repeated applications to the defendant both personally and by letter.

Mr. Shell said in conjunction with the Medical Officer he visited the property on the 28th November. He made a report, and it was confirmed by the Council on the 5th December. He served the notice, a copy of which he produced. The place was at present in an insanitary state and was injurious to health. Something had been done to the roof, but nothing to the yards and ashpits which were chiefly complained of.

Dr. Macintyre said he had examined the yard. It was a large yard commonly used by about 17 tenants. The yard was enclosed. There was an archway, and in the middle of the space there was a construction for use as ashpits and privies. The walls were not properly cemented and the matter percolated through into an improperly paved yard. There was a drain, but it was a very defective one. The drain should be lifted and the ashpits re-constructed. In his opinion it was thoroughly injurious to health.

Mr. Welford said if the defendant would submit plans of which the Council could approve the case might stand over. The Bench might make an order in the meantime.

An order was then made, the work to be done in a month, and defendant was ordered to pay £1 7s 6d costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. F. Priestman (chairman) and Mr. Geo. Ainsworth.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following cases were dealt with as under:—Jane Ann Ridley, 2/6 and costs; Sarah Hogan 2/6 and costs; Joseph Hall, 5/- and costs; John Hetherington, 10/- and costs; William Waugh, 5/- and costs; John Stoker, 5/- and costs; Joseph Walls, 5/- and costs; Michael Callaghan, 5/- and costs; James Purdy, 5/- and costs; Thomas Taylor, 5/- and costs; James Duffy, 10/- and costs; Arthur McNally, 5/- and costs; John Johnson, 5/- and costs; William Joel pay costs; Arthur Boyle, 10/- and costs; Marcella Ward, dismissed; John Coleman, 5/- and costs; Patrick Boyle, 5/- and costs; John Collins, 5/- and costs; John McGee, 10/- and costs; Henry Grant, 5/- and costs; John McColl, 5/- and costs; John Hagan, 5/- and costs; Henry Armstrong, 5/- and costs; Joseph Bell 5/- and costs; Mary Grant, 2/6 and costs; John Dodds, 5/- and costs; Bernard Connolly, adjourned; Joseph Vickers, 5/- and costs; John McNally, 5/- and costs; Peter Rafferty, 5/- and costs; Edward Lakey, 5/- and costs; Michael Morris, 5/- and costs; James Thompson, 5/- and costs; Albert Dowson, 5/- and costs; James Nicholson, 5/- and costs; John Armstrong, 5/- and costs; Michael Burns, 5/- and costs; Thos. Turner, 5/- and costs; William Bertram, 2/6 and costs; George Cochrane, 10/- and costs; Charles McCue, 15/- and costs.

THROWING A STONE THROUGH A WINDOW.

Thomas Mann, living at Derwent Cottages, was charged with committing wilful damage by throwing a stone through a window at the Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley.—John G. Armstrong, the landlord, said that on the 14th July defendant's father came into his house, and he refused to fill him anything. Defendant got up and said he was not drunk, and asked for a drink, but witness refused it, thinking that there might be mischief. The father and son then left the house, and he never knew till a big stone (produced) came through the window, and nearly hit a man. He estimated the damage at 3/6. Defendant had been to see him about the case, but he decided to let it go on.—Mann was fined 2/6, 3/6 damage, and the costs.

ALLEGED UNPROVOKED ASSAULT.

Peter Lamb was charged by Sergt. Lawson with committing a breach of the peace, at Dipton, on July 14th. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Sergt. Lawson deposed that on the night in question, about eleven o'clock, he saw the defendant deliberately go to a man and strike him.—Lamb declared that the other man struck him first, and he struck back.—Sergt. Lawson said the two men came out of the Black Bull Inn. The other man was standing in the middle of the road and defendant went deliberately across and struck him. He did not see the other man strike.—Defendant denied that he was over in the Black Bull that night.—Lamb was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and ordered to pay the costs.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

John McNally was charged with doing unlawful damage to a garden belonging to Hy. Forster, of Consett, on the 17th July. —Prosecutor deposed that on the date in question a lot of damage was done to his garden. It was just a small garden. Defendant got away through the coal-house.— Defendant was further charged with committing an assault upon Margaret Bell at the same time and place.—McNally declared that he was working at the time the offences were alleged to have been committed, and he could not have been there.—Margaret Bell deposed on the 10th of July she saw McNally pulling the lettuce in the garden. She ran upstairs to tell her mistress, and defendant got away. On the 17th of the present month she again saw McNally pulling lettuce. He ran away to the coal-house, and when Mr. Forster came down defendant got away through a hole in the coal-house. Witness asked him what he was doing there, and he threw coal at her and said, "If you mention me I will give it to you."—McNally said that on the 17th July he was working from six o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and the books of the Consett Iron Co. would prove it. He asked for the case to be adjourned in order that he might call evidence.—Sergt. Waite deposed to visiting the garden, and finding it in great confusion. He considered 10s reasonable damage.—The Chairman said they would adjourn the case to give defendant a chance of bringing his employer's evidence to show that he was not there.—The case was adjourned for a fortnight, defendant's father being bound over as surety in the sum of £5 for his son's appearance.

BREAKING WINDOWS.

James Clare was charged with committing wilful damage at Blackhill to the property of Michael Grant.—Complainant deposed that defendant came and broke five panes of glass in the window of his house on July 10th, the damage being estimated at 3/4. He produced a bill for that amount. He had a lot of trouble with defendant, when he was drunk. He lived two or three doors off complainant.—Clare was fined 1/-, 3/4 damage, and the costs.

AN UNWILLING PROSECUTOR.

John Coulson, William Greenwell, and Daniel Hughes were charged with doing damage to a post and fence, the property of George Nicholson, contractor, Dipton.—P.C. Curtis deposed that on Thursday, the 5th of July, about 5.30 p.m., he saw defendants leaning against the post, and sitting on the wire belonging to George Nicholson. The defendants had been cautioned several times. About 20 or 30 lads assembled there every night to play quoits. Only three or four could play at a time. The others sat on the fence, and the prosecutor could not keep his horses in the field owing to the wire being broken. He had spoken to them several times, and expected it would come to that.— Mr. Nicholson assessed the damage at 1d each. He did not think either of the two defendants (the third one did not appear) would do him any harm. There had been a lot of damage done.—Sergt. Lawson said they had been told that whoever was caught they had to be summoned, as there had been so much damage done. Mr. Nicholson now wanted to get them off. He (the Sergt.) did not think it was fair.—The Chairman said that prosecutor had put the police in an awkward position. He complained of the damage, and now he did not want anything done to defendants.—Nicholson said the defendants seemed decent young fellows, and he did not think that they would do him any harm.—Defendants were fined 6d each, 1d damage, and costs.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Isabella Collins, a married woman, belonging to Blackhill, was charged with using obscene language. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Elwood deposed that he had to lock defendant's son up on July 9th, and she followed them to the station using filthy language all the way.—Defendant denied the charge, and said it was Patrick Boyle's sister that was using the bad language.—P.C. McGee deposed to hearing defendant use bad language. A row commenced on the Saturday night, and it continued till the Monday.—Catherine Morgan, called for the defence, said she saw Mrs. Colins standing at her door, but she never heard her use any bad language. When the policemen came and took defendant's son she (witness) went with her as far as the Rose and Crown, but she never heard her use bad language. She was with Mrs. Collins the whole of the night. Defendant told her son to go quietly. That was all she said.—The case was dismissed on payment of the costs.

DAMAGING A CHERRY TREE.

John Stephenson, William Gibson, and William Stephenson, three young lads, were summoned for doing damage to a cherry tree, the property of Thomas Barron, at Rowland's Gill, on July 14th.—Complainant said that when he went in to his dinner on the day in question the boys went up the cherry tree. They broke 37 branches off. He assessed the damage at 6d.—P.C Robson said he made inquiries and found the lads at Rowlands Gill. He saw the tree, which was completely spoiled. They were very bad lads, and had stolen a rabbit from the same place.—The parents of defendants denied this.—The Chairman said it was rather a bad case. Defendants would be fined 1/- each, 6d damage, and the costs.

DAMAGE TO A FIELD.

Peter Doolan was charged with damaging grass.—P.C. Reeks said he was on duty at White-le-Head on the 14th of July; and saw defendant coming across the field.—Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, said he simply got over into the field for a certain purpose. He had no intention of doing any damage. —The damage was assessed at 1d, and Doolan was fined 6d, the damage, and costs.

TALKATIVE DEFENDANTS.

James Murphy, Thomas Johnson, Hunter Taylor, L. Mark Conroy were charged by P.C. Sinden with playing at pitch and toss at Blackhall Mill on July 7th. Murphy and Conroy pleaded guilty, and the other two defendants not guilty.—The officer deposed that on the date in question he saw Murphy throw up some coins, and the others joined in. Taylor was sitting on his "unkers" near them. He had no doubt about the four defendants being there.—The defendant Conroy was particularly talkative, and was warned by the Bench that his fine would be increased if he did not make less noise. The other defendants also were greatly inclined to argue the question. Ultimately Murphy and Conroy were each fined 5/- and costs, and the other defendants got the benefit of the doubt and were dismissed.

AFTER RABBIT MEAT.

Edmund Wallace and Robert Weston, two boys, were fined 6d each, 3d damage, and the costs for being in a field picking clover for rabbit meat.—P.C. Rispin proved the case.

CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

John Shannon, of Blackhill, was fined 1/- and costs for allowing his chimney to be on fire, on July 14th.—P.C. Ellwood proved the case.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Robert Gedling and Patrick Rafferty were fined 5/- each and costs, on the evidence of P.C. Dixon, of Leadgate, for playing pitch and toss at Leadgate on July 6th.

For a similar offence at Dipton, Adam Henderson, Michael Rooke, and John Joseph Haslam were dealt with in a like manner.—P.C. Dobinson proved the cases.

A MESSAGE TO MINERS

ON HOT WEATHER AILMENTS.

THEIR CAUSE AND CURE.

There is no season of the year when the work of the miner, arduous at all times, is so very trying as at the present one. The hot weather which makes workers above ground long for cool breezes, is a source of grave trouble at the coal face. At any time their work predisposes them to debility and anæmia; but in summer when the heat is of itself almost sufficient to produce these ailments, they are exceedingly prevalent. In most cases their earlier stages are so noticeable that all who take reasonable care may avert all serious evil. A loss of appetite, a feeling of constant fatigue, a desire to shirk all responsibility, and a feeling that everything is too much trouble, followed by restlessness or sleeplessness at night, are sure symptoms of the approach of these ailments. These may be speedily removed and strength and vitality restored if Charles Forde's Bile Beans be taken with regularity. They put digestive organs, kidneys, and liver, and nerves into proper condition, cool and purify the blood, and rid the system of impurities which are a source of constant danger while ever present. Judicious use of this vegetable preparation will prove sufficient to avert most of the hot weather troubles which assail miners, and by keeping up the appetite, bracing the system, and aiding the organs to supply the necessary energy, maintain excellent health in the hottest and most oppressive weather. All leading chemists stock Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness, or you may obtain from the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company, 119, London Wall, E.C., by sending 1s 1½d or 2s 9d (2s 9d box contains three times 1s 1½d.)

BLAYDON.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.—The large gathering at St. Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon, on Wednesday week clearly demonstrated the interest taken in the marriage of Mr. Henry Smith, of Newcastle, and Catherine Sybil Latimer, the only daughter of the late Mr. William Latimer, who up to his death, was a highly respected resident in the district. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked charming in a dress of white bengaline silk, trimmed with lace and chiffon, and a veil with orange blossom. She also carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Robson and Miss Anna Robson, nieces of the bride, and they were attired in dresses of blue French taffeta, trimmed with white silk and lace. They also wore black picture hats, relieved by white feathers. Gold curb bracelets and bouquets of pink roses were the gifts of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. James Smith, brother of the bridegroom, and the Rev. Ernest Picton was the officiating clergyman. A reception was afterwards held at Dene House, the residence of the bride's mother, and later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for Ilkley, where the honeymoon is to be spent. There was a fine array of presents.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening in the Board Room, Medomsley. Mr. H. Palmer, J.P. (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Mr. W. H. Cooke, Mr. H. Moffitt, the Rev. W. Cockin, Mr. W. Hogg; the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland), and the Attendance Officer (Mr. M. T. Milburn.)

DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

With respect to defective and epileptic children a letter was read from Mr. W. H. Ritson, Clerk to the Tanfield School Board, asking the Medomsley Board to appoint two representatives as members of a Joint Committee to ascertain further particulars regarding arrangements for carrying out the requirements of the Defective and Epileptic Children's Act. Mr. Ritson also asked the Board to cause inquiries to be made as to the names, ages, and addresses of all children in their area who would benefit by the establishment of a boarding school in the district.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Milburn should obtain the necessary information, and forward it on to Mr. Ritson.

The Chairman's suggestion was approved of.

Mr. Cooke then moved that the Chairman and the Rev. W. Cockin should attend the conference as the representatives of the Board.

This was seconded by Mr. Hogg, and carried.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. J. W. Daniels (head-master) reported that the number on the books was 314, and the average attendance for the month 269. Mr. Daniels pointed out that owing to changes in the Code certain alterations would have to be made in the curriculum of the school. Geography would have to be taught to girls as well as boys. History too would be taken throughout the school, whilst a specific subject must be taken where the Inspector thought the circumstances warranted such. Mr. Ward H.M.I., informed him when he last visited the school that he would require them to take up a specific subject. He (Mr. Daniels) therefore proposed to take a course of lessons on general science, which would be a continuation of the object lessons already taken in the lower classes. These would be taken by boys and girls.

Miss Watson (head mistress) reported that the average attendance for the past month was 151. Mr. Ward, H.M.I., paid a visit to the school on June 29th. The work of the school was progressing satisfactorily.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Mr. Milburn reported that the average attendance for the past month was 85 per cent.

The Chairman inquired if the Low Westwood Catholic School was included in the average?

Mr. Milburn replied in the negative, stating that he had only received the figures once.

Mr. Cooke said that seeing they were the authority for the whole parish, he thought it only proper that they should have the statistics of the school every month.

The Chairman thought that the Board should press for the figures to be supplied the same as was done by the other schools.

Mr. Milburn was requested to interview the head teacher of the Catholic Schools, and inform her that the Board required the statistics every month. Failing this, the Board would have to report the matter to headquarters.

APPLICATION.

Miss Margt. Scott, who has just completed her apprenticeship in the Mixed Department, applied to be engaged as an ex-P.T. under Art 50.

Mr. Cooke moved that the application be acceded to.

This was seconded by Mr. Moffitt, and carried.

In reply to a question, the Clerk pointed out that the average attendance in the Mixed Department was 280, and they had a teacher and staff for over 300.

SCHOOL FURNITURE.

The tender of Mr. Thos. Robinson, of £25, for school furniture, was accepted.

The Board then adjourned.

PRESENTATION AT CONSETT

On Friday night last there was a large gathering at Mr. Coulson's Commercial Hotel, Consett on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. George Wilkinson, foreman of the East Smelting Shop at Consett Iron Works, who is leaving, after 18 years service, for a more lucrative position in Derbyshire. When it became known that Mr. Wilkinson was about to sever his connection with the Consett Works a meeting was held at which it was decided to present him with a token of esteem, and a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs L. Matthews, Philip Stoker, R. Miller, R. Wright, J. Tusick, and W. Irvy. These gentlemen obtained from Mr. Harry Wood's establishment a double gold albert with centre appendage for Mr. Wilkinson, and a handsome gold diamond and ruby ring for Mrs. Wilkinson. Mr. T. Jarvis occupied the chair and Mr. P. Stoker the vice-chair, and after light refreshments had been partaken of the Company settled down to a "smoker." The following letter was read:—

9, Rodgers Street, Blackhill.

Dear Sir,—I am exceedingly sorry that a prior engagement will not allow me to be present at the gathering to bid farewell to Mr. Geo. Wilkinson, and beg that you will convey my regrets to those present. I congratulate Mr. Wilkinson most heartily on his success in obtaining such a good appointment, which success he thoroughly deserves, for his merit, capability, sterling honesty, and conscientious work. He has every right to feel proud that he has attained to such a high rung on the ladder of success by his own unaided efforts, and I, in company with all who have worked with him wish him a long life to enjoy the fruits of his labours, and trust that his promotion may be as rapid in the future as it has been in the past.—Yours faithfully, J. E. THORPE.

The Chairman having submitted the loyal toasts,

The Vice-Chairman proposed the Army, Navy, and Reserve forces.

Mr. S. Smith, a reservist who was invalided home after being wounded at Magersfontein, responded. He said that during his stay in South Africa he met their old and respected friend, Mr. Wm. Green's son, whom he had known from boyhood. Consett and Blackhill were well represented at the front, and he had no doubt they would give a good account of themselves. (Applause.)

The Chairman said the next item on the programme was the presentation to their worthy friend, Mr. Wilkinson. Ever since he came to the district he and Mr. Wilkinson had been friends, and he was sure they would all congratulate him on the success he had attained. (Applause.) He trusted that in his new sphere he would have health and acquire wealth. He had pleasure in calling upon Mr. Tom Forster to make the presentation.

Mr. Forster said it was with mixed feelings he attempted the task placed in his hands. There must always be a certain amount of pleasure in being able to present something to a friend and especially if that friend be a true and a tried one. (Hear, hear.) In that case the pleasure was somewhat modified by the prospect of their friend leaving them. At the same time they must not allow their regrets to carry them too far, and they must not begrudge Mr. Wilkinson his success. He took it it was an important step on the ladder which their friend was climbing, and, as he had said to him in racing parlance, he had weighed up all the chances, and had decided to give it a try. He was sure they all hoped Mr. Wilkinson had backed a good winner. (Loud applause.) In handing the albert and ring over he might say he had known Mrs. Wilkinson for four years and he had always found her an upright and straightforward lady. (Applause.) She had never been a hindrance or an obstacle in the way of her husband's advancement, and although it meant leaving Consett she was prepared to aid and encourage her husband. So far as the testimonial was concerned he never in the course of his experience knew anything more heartily or willingly responded to. The unanimous reply had been, "Certainly, I will subscribe with pleasure, I am only sorry he is going away." In handing over the articles he asked the company to join with him in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson health, long life, and prosperity. (Loud applause.)

The Company responded heartily to the toast, and sang, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Wilkinson, who was applauded, said he felt that a very severe task had been set him that night. He must say he was proud to receive these tokens of their respect for himself and his wife. Valuable as the presents were he did not regard their intrinsic worth so much as being an evidence of their good friendship towards him. He never thought he was held in such high esteem in Consett. He started at the works as a boy, and had worked in the smelting shops for 18 years. He had always been slightly ambitious—(hear, hear)—but there was one thing he laid down for himself, and that was he would not seek advancement except by being honest and straightforward. (Applause.) It was a satisfaction to him after being so many years amongst them to carry away with him such a substantial mark of their esteem. He was proud to see so many different grades of workmen represented there that night. He felt awfully sorry to leave so many good "pals" behind. They had not forgotten his wife, and he could assure them they were giving the ring to a good wife and a good mother. (Loud applause.)

Other toasts followed, and during the evening excellent songs were rendered by Messrs Joe Robinson (who also presided at the piano), J. Richardson, A. Crawford, J. Spencer, T. Forster, and others.

During the evening Mr. Robt. Miller was also presented with a meerschaum pipe and case by Mr. Lovat.

GREAT PRIZE SCHEME.

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NEMESIS.

(By J. McQuillen.)

The world holds more mysteries than we dream of, and it were idle to deny that even the most improbable may happen. Wrapped up in the history of the middle ages, were many curious inventions and discoveries which we but barely comprehend even at this late date. It was reasoning along this line that led Jasper Eddleston to dip into the love of 400 years ago—many strange secrets were unveiled to him and much that was mere crackbrained rubbish, such as the astrology, necromancy, and the black arts generally. What he did find and the use he put it to will be unfolded in this brief story. He was a student, that will have been already surmised, a chemical student, and it was a discovery in that direction that he stumbled across, not one which would transmute the baser metals into virgin gold, nor yet crystals into diamonds, though it was much more wonderful, but of that more anon.

Sharing his studies and his rooms as well as his friendship was one Andrew Stewart, a lively young Scotsman, who learned no more than he could help and who avoided the musty tones affected by Jasper. "Keep your black letter rubbish to yourself, Jasper, and while you burn the midnight oil I will bask in the sunshine of pleasure. I will grind when forced but not till then," he would say.

The two men had sorted well together in spite of the difference in the temperaments, and materially aided each in their studies, until a niece of their landlady appeared on the scene, and then the mischief began. Phyllis Moran was the bone of contention, for both men had fallen in love at first sight, and neither was prepared to give way to the other. There was no open hostility as yet, but a coolness had arisen which was steadily growing. Andrew affected indifference. Jasper was sullen. Each in his own way and at his own opportunity paid court to Phyllis. Which she favoured, sly jade! it were difficult to decide, but Andrew was confident he was the favoured swain, and this Jasper feared. He let the fear eat into his heart until life became unbearable, and he felt he must do something to displace his burden.

He sat long over the fire one night brooding over his sorrow. Andrew had long since fallen asleep, and this Jasper knew for it shaped his thought. Presently the need for action suggested itself. He must make sure that Phyllis really cared for Andrew before putting his plan into execution. He carried a heavy book up to the bedroom. Quietly he passed in. Yes, Andrew was asleep. Without ado he placed the book on the chest of the sleeping man and waited a moment and then he spoke in low slow words. "Andrew, tell me is it true that Phyllis cares for you?"

The sleeper moved uneasily but his sleep remained unbroken, and out of his unconsciousness he answered—

"Phyllis, Phyllis, care for me? Yes, she cares for me. She cannot away with that sullen hound, Jasper Eddleston. What has come over the man? Why cannot he take his defeat like a man?"

"Because he is a man," Jasper muttered as he winced under the other's words.

"Yes, she cares for me. When I get money enough, which will not be long, we are to be married."

Jasper smiled grimly. "It has gone so far, has it. So be it. That fixes my purpose. Andrew Stewart you may safely say farewell to the world, for as such you are done with it. You will live, it is true, but it will be a dog's life—a dog's life." Jasper chuckled to himself as he repeated his last words as if they conveyed more than appeared. He left the room and went down to the laboratory where he busied himself in compounding a chemical preparation whose formula he gathered from an ancient scrip at hand. Carefully he weighed and measured and combined until at length he was satisfied that the drug was ready. Going to the door he gave a low whistle and presently a mastiff appeared. Jasper stroked the dog's head and spoke to it. They were evidently great friends. "Come, Don, I want you to do me a good turn to-night. Good dog." The dog followed him to Stewart's room and lay down to await Jasper's bidding. Deftly Eddleston arranged the sleeper's head, without awaking him, and then from the phial he carefully dropped drop after drop of its potent into the sleeper's mouth. A change came over the unconscious man, his face was livid, his breathing stentorious, then his limbs became rigid. Quick as thought Jasper had the dog on the bed and as expertly repeated his experiment on it. The dog was affected in a similar manner. Another dose of his elixir to the man and then the head of dog and man were brought into close contact, mouth to mouth. Stewart heaved a sigh and rigidly relapsed. The colour returned to his face and to all appearances he was as before. The dog Jasper dragged from off the bed and out of the room, and left it to sleep off the drug. He went back to the fire and his thoughts. He was too excited to sleep, his brain was aflame at the success of the operation and the consequences which would follow. For what he had done he felt no compunction. Andrew was a rival, a something in his path. He had simply removed the obstacle. Andrew out of the way, worse than a dead man, what was to prevent him from winning Phyllis Moran. He sat till the morning broke, then washed himself and went about in his usual way. It was not until his return from a college lecture that he heard of what had befallen Andrew Stewart. The house was all agog with the strangeness of the event. A man alive, yet to all intents and purpose dead. There was no intelligence behind his features, his soul, or if you will, his mind was gone. Nothing remained but the bulk of the body. Could Jasper Eddleston account for the mystery. Jasper shook his head. He could but it did not suit his purpose to. Don, the dog, was in a quiver of excitement. It was here, there and everywhere about the house. With strangely human eyes it looked up into the faces of those in the house. Could they but understand its mute language, its wistful, restless passing to and fro, much might have been explained. But no one heeded the dog in their anxiety about the man. Poor Phyllis was distracted, her eyes were red with weeping. Jasper saw how truly Andrew had spoken. She loved him. She, however, was a woman. She would forget the past in the joy of the present. No woman could remain devoted to a human log, and Stewart was little better so long as Don lived. With grim satisfaction Jasper dwelt upon the work of his brain, and felt grateful to the old German writer who had placed such a powerful weapon within his reach. He had succeeded beyond his dreams.

Though hopeless of any betterment in Andrew's condition, Phyllis nursed him assiduously. She had not one iota of appreciation as a reward. He took in the nourishment like a plant and lived simply in muscular movement. She was in despair. She felt that his spirit was not imprisoned within the insensate body. It was gone. How she could not tell. Where she could not imagine. So in grief she nursed all that was left to her.

The devotion of Phyllis to the object of his vengeance was galling to Jasper. He saw he was getting no nearer to her. Instead of Andrew, in his helplessness becoming distasteful to her, as he had hoped, he was dearer than ever. He told Phyllis that she would injure her health if she continued to watch Andrew. "It is not as if he knew that you were nursing him, or that there was the least possible chance of recovery; it would be more merciful to let him die out." To this Phyllis had nothing to say; she had no point to argue.

Don avoided Jasper, and when avoidance was impossible he growled and showed his teeth most ferociously. Only by force was he prevented from more than once springing upon him. The antipathy was inexplainable, for the dog was docile. He followed Phyllis about the house and whined his sympathy for her sorrow. Lovingly he looked into her eyes. What a story he could tell if speech would only come to him. Phyllis was grateful for his attention. There was something almost human in the way in which he sought her presence and her caresses. He was her only comfort. Jasper changed his tactics and became attentive to Andrew. He concocted various drugs which he said might be beneficial to him, and thus he gained a little upon Phyllis's thoughts. Emboldened by the advance, he essayed further progress, but he found it one thing to gain her gratitude, and another, widely different, to gain her love.

"Jasper Eddleston," she said, "I have loved Andrew Stewart, and I can love no other, and, least of all, you. I have not the slightest regard in that way towards you." She spoke with simple dignity, without desire to wound. But her words stung Jasper to the quick. His cold nature blazed into passion and he seized her arm, and with vehement utterances urged his love.

"You shall hear me. You must."

"Sir!"

"Phyllis—" he pleaded. "Phyllis, be mine—" and he sought to clasp her to him. She gave a slight cry as she stepped back. The door was burst open and Don bounded in. With one spring he caught Jasper by the throat, and in a moment the dog and the man were on the floor—the man battling for life against the enraged animal. Phyllis shrieked and rushed to the wall and seized an old-fashioned dagger, with which he attacked the dog, but the weapon was knocked from her hand. It fell near Jasper. He grasped it with a big effort; plunged the blade into the dog, it rolled over—the fight was done. At that same moment, liberated by the death of Don, the spirit re-entered its natural abode, and Andrew Stewart became a living man.

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Business Announcements.

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Is an EXCELLENT RESTORATIVE AND NERVE TONIC, and very highly Recommended.
3s. 6d. per quart Bottle (usually sold at 4s 6d.
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Tawagie Port Wine, 1s. 6d. per quart bottle.
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Robinson's Quarts of Irish Whiskey, 3s.
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ANOTHER LIFE PAYMENT.

OVER NINE HUNDRED POUNDS (£900) have now been paid under ARCHIBALD RAMSDEN'S FREE LIFE AGREEMENT SCHEME.

ARCHIBALD RAMSDEN, Ltd., have just received Notice of Claim, under their Free Life Agreement Scheme, from the relatives of the late Mr. John Wilson, of 4, Spencer Street, Consett, who hired a Piano on the Three Years' System on June 6th, 1899, and who had paid the sum of £17 14s. 6d. The conditions of the Agreement having been fulfilled, the Piano has now been handed over to his daughter, Miss Sarah Wilson, without any further payment. Copy of receipt below:

May 24th, 1900.
Received from Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., Piano, number 16883 (3,040), as a Free Gift in accordance with the terms of the Archibald Ramsden Free Life Agreement Scheme, in full discharge of all Claims and Liabilities on Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., on account of the death of Mr. John Wilson, 4, Spencer Street, Consett.
(Signed), SARAH WILSON, Spencer Street, Consett.
(Witness), GEO. A. WILLIAMS.

INTENDING Purchasers should consider this Scheme. It is a Free Gift to all Purchasers on the Three Years' System.
Over £900 have now been paid in Claims.

SEND FOR CATALOGUE.

ARCHIBALD RAMSDEN, LTD.,
FRONT STREEET, CONSETT,
And numerous Branches as above.

Public Notices.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,
572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW.

AUGUST 11th, 1900.
Trotting Handicap (Open), 1st, £3; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance 3s., to be sent with height and last two performances.
Scamper Race (Handicap) Open for Ponies 13-2 or under, 1st, £4; 2nd, £1 10s; 3rd, 10s. Entrance Fee 3s.
Entries close on August 6th, to Secretary, J. L. WEEDY, 22, Park View, Burnopfield.

NOTICE.

VISITORS TO SOUTH SHIELDS for Holidays or Week-end, will find Home Comforts, at reasonable charges, at
F. A. MACDONALD'S BOARDING HOUSE, OCEAN ROAD,
between Pollard and Baring Streets; Five minutes' walk to Public Parks, Baths, Pier and Sands. References: Messrs. J. and G. Gair, Annfield Plain; Levi Whitfield, Leadgate; and Geo. Toward, Castleside. 897g

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J. W. CAMPBELL,
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565h J. W. FORSTER (Successor to the late Mr. Joshua Lax), Shotley Bridge.

HALLO! HALLO!!

LOOK OUT! for STANLEY and DISTRICT CRICKET and FOOTBALL CLUB SPORTS, to be held in Co-operative Store Field, on Saturday, JULY 21st, 1900.
£20 for 120 Yds. FOOT HANDICAP.
£3 for Trotting Handicap.
£2 15s. for Quoit Handicap.
£7 for Wrestling Competition (10 or 12 st. men)
Bowling at the Wicket, 10s.
BICYCLE PARADE. A Bugle given for Largest Club Muster.
Other Juvenile Sports.
Handicapper (Foot Race)—J. CHARLTON Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green. 190i

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DIPTON PRETORIA CARNIVAL
July 11th, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions (collected by Mrs. Hodgson, Misses Raine, Robson & Riddle)	14	15	2
Collected on Field by 12 young Ladies for Indian Famine Fund ..	4	15	5
Total received,	£19	10	7

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Printing and Advertising	0	18	0
Fireworks ..	10	10	0
Cartridges, and Refreshments for Band ..	1	14	0
Donation to Band ..	0	13	2
Mementoes to Secretaries	1	0	0
	£14	15	2
To "Consett Guardian" Indian Famine Fund ..	£4	15	5

RICH. TUSON, Treasurer.
344i J. E. DAVIS, Secretary.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS CO.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF GAS.

The Directors of the above Company beg to give notice that in consequence of the great increase in the cost of Coals and other material, the price of Gas, (now supplied at 3s. 4d. per 1,000 cubic feet) will be increased to 3s. 10d. per 1,000 cubic feet, on and after the ensuing Quarterly inspection of Meters during the present month.
By Order,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
June 12th, 1900. 917h

Public Notices.

MEDOMSLEY FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL AND DOG SOCIETY.

THE 29th ANNUAL SHOW of Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, and Dogs,
ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1900.
Driving (2 classes), Place Kicking; Quoiting; Bowling at the Wicket, &c.
Further particulars on application to R. CHARLTON, Secretary, Medomsley, R.S.O.

WATERHOUSES AND ESH
(Co. DURHAM)

SHOW

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1900.
£500 in Prizes for Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Home Industries, Goats, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Cats, Cavies, Horse Leaping and Driving.
Send Post Card for Schedule stating Entry Form required to
2721 J. G. CROFTON.

BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW
AT AXWELL PARK, BLAYDON,
ON WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15th, 1900.
Entries close August 1st, 1900.
Schedules on application to
ATKINSON and HODGSON, (Secs).,
246i Causey, Swalwell, R.S.O.

BIRTLEY SHOW.

Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Flowers, Industrial Work, &c.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1900.
£170 in Prizes. Numerous and valuable Specials.
Splendid Classification.
Popular Judges.
120 YDS. FOOT HANDICAP. £15 in Prizes!
Mr. Speed, Handicapper.
Write for Schedule
J. H. RIPPON,
268 Birtley, Co. Durham.

ST. MARY'S LEAGUE OF THE CROSS, BLACKHILL.

SPORTS

Will be held in the Vicarage Field, Consett, on SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 1900.
When Upwards of £30 Will be given
£17 10s. will be given for 120 yds. HANDICAP. Entrance 1s. to Mr. J. Charlton, Handicapper, Victoria Garesfield. Entries close Tuesday, July 24th, (Wednesday morning's post in time). Running, High Jump, Three-legged Racing, Sack Racing, and other Sports.
111 JOHN MOORE, Secretary, Blackhill.

LOOK OUT FOR CONSETT SWIFTS' ATHLETIC SPORTS, August 18th, on the Vicarage Field.
£12 10s. 120 Yards Foot Handicap; £1 10s. for Quoits; Three Legged Race; Boys' Handicap; Tug-of-War; Putting Weight; Jumping; Kicking at Goal; Bowling at Wicket, &c.
Entries for Handicap to be sent to Mr. J. CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green, or WM. G. REED, Secretary, 61 Sherburn Terrace, Consett. 326i

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AGRICULTURAL AND FLORAL SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL SHOW of HORSES (DRIVING and LEAPING), CATTLE, SHEEP, DOGS (SHEEP DOG TRIAL), PRODUCE, PIT PONY PUTTING COMPETITION &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY, August 22nd, 1900, in the PICTURESQUE GROUNDS OF LAMBTON PARK.
LAMBTON GARDENS will be Open during the AFTERNOON.
PRIZE SCHEDULES for Floral section can be had from Messrs. W. CLARKE and C. F. NEWTON, Secretaries, Front Street, Chester-le-Street. Schedules for Horses, Cattle, Dogs, &c., apply to the Secretary.
JOHN FAIL,
10, Wilfred Street, Chester-le-street.
Entries close Wednesday August 8th at latest. 324i

LEADGATE HORTICULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND LIVE STOCK SHOW.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1900.
Dogs, Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Ducks, and Dairy Cows.
Plants, Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, and Works of Industry.
Driving Classes, Pony Hurdle Scamper, Comic and Fancy Dress Bicycle Parade.
Concert by Leadgate Saxhorn Band. Ball in the Marquee after the Show.
Schedules may be had from
Mr. H. Whitfield, Front Street,
Mr. J. E. Kinleside, Post Office,
or by Post from G. W. GOULDEN, Secretary, West Parade, Leadgate, R.S.O. 131i

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PELTON FELL.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1900.
FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL & LIVE STOCK SHOW,
AND
BRASS BAND CONTEST
For Bands that did not win a Cash Prize above £10 in 1899.
1st, £10; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £2; 4th, £1.
QUICK STEP, £1 and 2nd, 10s. Entries close July 30th.
Plants, Flowers, and Vegetables.
Pigeons (Homers), Canaries, and Rabbits.
Industrial Classes and School Children's Exhibits. Entries close July 30th.
Quoit Handicap.—40s., 15s., 5s., 5s.
Bowling at Wicket (10s., 5s.), &c., &c.
Enter on Ground.
REFRESHMENTS ON THE GROUNDS.
GRAND BALL at night.
For further particulars, Stands, Stalls, &c., &c., apply
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	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	2268	19	6
Mr T. Little (3rd and 4th Contributions	0	5	0
Mr T. Siddell	1	0	0
	£2270	4	6

SUBSCRIPTIONS may be paid to
Mr. T. L. GLEDSTONE, Hon. Treasurer, N.E. Bank, Consett;
or further information from the Hon. Secretaries—Mr. W. S. DAVIES, Bryngless, Consett; or Mr. G. T. HYDEN, Blackfyne House, Blackhill.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FUND in aid of the Wives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors serving with the Colours.

CONSETT DISTRICT.
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HON. SECRETARY:—MR. T. W. WELFORD, CLERK, CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount acknowledged	931	16	11
Moiety Church Bicycle Parade ..	5	4	4
Consett Iron Co's. Workmen's 13th contribution	34	2	5
	£971	3	8

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THE CONSETT IRON Co's. WORKMEN'S PRIZE BRASS BAND.

(The most successful contesting Band in the North) will give a

GRAND CONCERT,

IN THE
CRICKET FIELD, BLACKFINE, BLACKHILL,
ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 5TH.
Concert to commence at 2.45 o'clock p.m.
COLLECTION on entering to defray expenses.

H. P. JASINSKI.

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(Late of the Vaudeville Restaurant, Newcastle),

BEGS to Inform the Public that he has taken over the management of the above Hotel (lately occupied by Mr. Morgan), and trusts that past experience, and a determination to give the closest attention to Business will meet the Public Approval and Patronage.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, LUNCHEONS, DINNERS, TEAS, PROMPTLY PROVIDED.

110i GOOD STABLING.

Public Notice.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATION.

A PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held in the
TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON FRIDAY, JULY 27th, 1900,
When Addresses on the Political Situation Will be delivered by
JAMES JOICEY, Esq.;
ALD. U. A. RITSON;
J. G. MURRAY, Esq.; and
F. W. DEACON, of Manchester.
Chair to be taken at 7 p.m. by
ALD. U. A. RITSON.
All Patriots invited without distinction of Party

Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
EXCURSION TRAINS FROM BLACKHILL
TUESDAY, JULY 31st, at 9.10 a.m. for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.
FRIDAY, AUG. 3rd, at 3.5 a.m. for SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL, BATH, &c., 4 or 7 days.
SUNDAY, AUG. 5th, at 8.13 p.m. for LONDON, 2, 5, or 8 days, and the CONTINENT.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, July, 1900. General Manager.

Church Notices.

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN CHURCH.

OPENING SERVICES CONTINUED.
Thursday, August 2nd.—Rev. MARK GUY PEARSE. Sermon, 3-15; Lecture, 6.30.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH SPEN.

THE MEMORIAL STONES
WILL BE LAID ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th.
Particulars Later.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

SUNDAY, JULY 29th, 1900.
Morning, 10-30 } Mr. W. RICHARDSON.
Evening, 6 }

ALL SEATS FREE.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
ON SUNDAY FIRST.
Preacher, Morning and Evening: REV. E. HIND of York.
SACRED CONCERT at 2 in the Afternoon.
A welcome to all. 3th

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th, 1900.
Morning, 10-30 } Rev. ROBERT HIND.
Evening, 6 }
And MONDAY EVENING at 7.30 will LECTURE. Subject:
"MAN OF VENICE."

ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 29th, 1900.
Morning 10-30 } REV. J. W. DENHAM.
Evening 6 }

ALL SEATS FREE.

Stud Notices.

THE CLEVELAND BAY STALLION,

"LUCKY PRINCE,"

Will travel the Consett and Blackhill District and Stand at Surtees' Builders Yard, Benfieldside, Blackhill, this Season.
Tuesday Route:—Burnopfield, Blaydon, staying at Belsay over night, and return by Wylam to Blackhill every night. 68th

Sales by Auction

By Mr. Wm. Robinson

IMPORTANT SALE of Copyhold and Freehold PROPERTY, situate at Quebec, Maiden Law, and East Stobb House, belonging to Mrs. Strawbridge, Annfield Plain.
Date and particulars next week. WILLIAM ROBINSON, Auctioneer, New Fines, Medomsley.

Front Street, Annfield Plain,
Saturday and Monday, August 4th and 6th

MR. W. ROBINSON, favoured with instructions from Mrs. Tait, who is declining business, will offer for SALE BY AUCTION, at the above place and dates, the whole of her very Valuable STOCK-IN-TRADE, consisting: Ladies and Gent's New and Second-hand Silver Lever and Geneva Watches, Alberts, Guards, Scarf Pins, Brooches, Lockets, Electro-plated Goods, Hardware, Cutlery, Wall Clocks, Alarum Clocks, 2 Barometers, Ornaments, Lustres, Special Set of Chamber Ware, &c.
Full particulars in posters. Sale each day at 2 p.m.
The whole of the Stock is of excellent quality and well worth the attention of Tradesmen and the general public.
P.S.—This old established business will be taken over and continued by Mr. Joseph Buckingham, Clock and Watchmaker, of Esh New Winning, Co. Durham.
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Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr James Turnbull.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.

THE FIRST SPECIAL SALE of Keeping Lambs and Grazing Cattle will be held on Wednesday, August 17th, 1900.
Early Entries respectfully solicited.
317i JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr. Joseph Vickers.

Freehold Land, Cottages, &c., at Rookhope, near Stanhope.

MR. JOS. VICKERS will Offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Phœnix Hotel, Stanhope, on Monday, the 30th July, 1900, at 5 p.m., all those Seven FIELDS of Pasture and Meadow Land, containing 10 acres or thereabouts in the village of Rookhope, adjoining the road from Rookhope to Allenheads, with FOUR COTTAGES, in the respective occupation of Messrs. J. Brown, M. Simpson, F. Gardiner, and J. Bright, and the Cowbyre, Stable, Piggery and other Buildings.
If not sold in one lot, the Cottages and Garden adjoining the highway, in the occupation of Messrs. Gardiner and Bright, will be offered separately in one lot, and the remainder of the Premises comprising the Land, 2 Cottages, and Farm Buildings in a distinct lot.
Mr Jos. Dawson Boltsburn, will show a plan of the Premises, and also the Premises themselves. For further particulars apply to Messrs. DAVIES & BALKWILL, Solicitors, St. John's Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer, Tow Law, R.S.O. [illegible]

By Mr John Crawford

Hunter's Hill, Fellside, Whickham.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, is instructed by Mr. R. H. Forster to SELL BY AUCTION at an early date, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Horses, Carts, Harness, Cows, &c. Date and full particulars next week. [illegible]

STACK NETS FOR SALE, all sizes.—Apply, JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. [illegible]

TO LET, Six-roomed HOUSE, with Stabling, Cow Byre, with Loft above, large self-contained Yard in Consett.—Apply JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Consett. [illegible]

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All Sales conducted with Care, Economy, and Quick Settlements.
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Business Announcements.

UNITED PROVIDENT ASSURANCE CO., LIMITED.
HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL - - - £100,000.

The sum of £20,000 has been deposited with the Court of Chancery in harmony with the Life Assurance Cos.' Acts, as a special protection to Policyholders.

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Public Notices.

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1900.
GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 1st, 1899. To Balance ..		129 0 4¼
March 31st, 1900.		
To General District Rate	698 1 3	
,, Gas Rents ..	320 13 4	
,, Residual Products ..	64 17 6	
,, County Council Salaries ..	30 0 0	
,, Main Roads ..	160 12 0	
,, Cemetery ..	67 14 6	
,, Rent of Office ..	8 0 0	
,, Sale of Water ..	0 3 0	
,, Street Works ..	6 6 8	
		1556 8 3
,, Balance due to Treasurer ..		0 7 11
		£1685 16 6¼

EXPENDITURE.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 31st, 1900.		
By Sewerage ..		53 6 1
,, Sewerage Disposal ..		10 0 0
,, Street Improvements ..		2 18 11
,, Repairs of Main Roads	£215 7 5	
,, Repairs of other Roads	23 6 11	
		238 14 4
,, Watering ..		31 18 10
,, Gas Works ..		503 5 4
,, Public Lighting ..		80 15 4
,, Cemetery ..		100 19 0
,, Scavenging by Contract ..		217 10 0
,, Refuse Tip ..		5 10 0
,, Election Expenses ..		16 13 6
,, Salaries ..		132 14 1
,, Establishment Charges ..		49 15 4
,, Registrar's Returns ..		0 17 4
,, Notifications ..		8 7 6
,, Advertising ..		8 3 0
,, Instalment of Loans ..		128 3 10
,, Interest on Loans ..		71 19 3
,, Balance ..		24 4 10¼
		£1685 16 6¼

EDWARD MILBURN,
Clerk to the Council.

Tow Law, 21st July, 1900. 322i

Sales by Auction

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

IMPORTANT SALE OF LAND for Building Sites at Castleside. Particulars next week.
T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer.
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Important Sale of Freehold Property, West View, Blackhill, and Victoria Terrace, Blackfine.
SATURDAY, JULY 28th, 1900.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, honoured with instructions from Mr. Geo. Wilkinson, who is leaving the district, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Saturday, July 28th, 1900, at Six o'clock p.m., the following Valuable PROPERTY.

Lot 1.—No. 4, West View, containing 5 Rooms, Sitting-room, Kitchen, Scullery, and Pantry on the ground floor, 3 Bedrooms upstairs, with provision for Attics, and a frontage of 21 feet.

Lot 2.—No. 5, West View, "Hillcrest House," with Bay Windows, containing Dining-room, Kitchen, Scullery, and Pantry, all fitted with Cupboards, on the ground floor, Drawing-room and 2 Bedrooms upstairs, large Yard and Water Closet, both Houses fitted throughout with Gas and Water.

Lot 3 and 4.—Nos. 8 and 9, Victoria Terrace, Blackfine, each containing large Kitchen and Back Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms upstairs, large Yard, and all Conveniences.

The whole of the Properties are built of Stone Blockers and Stone Mullions and Steps from Castleside Quarry. Mr. Wilkinson will shew the Properties in West View; Mr. R. Stoker, 71, Durham Road, Blackhill, the Blackfine Properties.

Lot 5.—Ten Consett Water Preference Shares.

The Auctioneer would call special attention to these Properties, being built on the most modern style, the best material and workmanship.

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T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett.

Important Sale of Furniture, &c., Raven Inn, Broomhill, Ebchester, on Monday, July 30th, at 1·30 p.m.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, favoured with instructions from Mr. Wm. Temperley, who is declining business, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, July 30th, 1900, at 1·30 p.m., all the Surplus FURNITURE, WARE, &c.

Consisting: Walnut Piano, American Organ, Oak Chest of Drawers, Desk Bed, 2 Iron Beds and Mattresses, Four-poled Bedstead, Round Table, 4 Fenders, Wringing Machine, Pictures, Bracket Lamps, 6 Birch Chairs, Oilcloth, Churn, 2 Butter Tubs, Scales and Prints, 2 pair Scales and Weights, Meat Safe, 6 Forms, 4 ft. to 9 ft. long, 2 Inlaid Tables, etc.; Corn Bin, Grindstone, 4 doz. Knives and Forks, Spoons, Set of Dinner Ware, Pans and Steamers, Frying Pans, 20 Spitoons, Quantity of Glasses, Water Bottles, Trays, Decanters. Set of Harness, nearly new; Rocking Horse, Pair of Spring Cart Wheels, Axle, Springs, Shafts, etc.; Quantity of Old Iron and Timber, Wire Netting, etc.; Wheelbarrow, Small Gantry; Sow in Pig, due in August; Young Do.; 40 Head of Poultry, 2 Ducks and Drake, lot of Pigeons and Boxes, Pig House, 4 Hives of Bees, Skeps, Boxes, and Bee House, etc., with a lot of Goods too numerous to mention.

T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett.

T. D. DRYDEN,
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MONDAY, JULY 30th, 1900.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.
25 Fat Cattle; 150 Sheep and Lambs; Cows, Calves, Pigs, Shovels, Gripes, &c.
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3 by 12 Deals, Redwood of best brands	1,862	,,
4 ,, 11 Deals, Redwood, of best brands	2,428	,,
4 ,, 9 Deals, Redwood, of best brands	3,226	,,
3 ,, 11 Deals, Redwood and Whitewood, of best brands	7,440	,,
3 ,, 9 Deals, Whitewood, of best brands	9,332	,,
3 ,, 7 Battens, Whitewood, of best brands	9,654	,,
2½ ,, 7 Battens, Whitewood, of best brands	18,298	,,
2½ ,, 6½ Battens, Whitewood of best brands	19,444	,,

11 by 2, 9 by 2, 11 by 1, 9 by 1, 7 by 1½, 7 by 1¼, 7 by 1, 7 by ¾, 7 by ½, and all narrower sizes of Deals, Battens, and Boards. Yellow Pine in Boards and Deals, 1st, 2nd, 3rd qualities, Mouldings, and Skirtings in great variety. Canary Pine (Dressed and Rough), Pitch Pine Timber. All Timber Requisites for Engineers, Collieries, Cabinet Makers, Builders, and Contractors.

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1900,

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PARISH COUNCIL.—At the monthly meeting of Esh Parish Council, held at the National Schools, Mr. R. Holliday on leaving the district, resigned his seat on the Council. Mr. W. A. Holmes, of Esh Hall, was elected to the vacancy.—Mr. J. E. Parker, of Blackhill, explained a new scheme of sewerage for the Esh Ward, to take the place of the existing plan, and the proposed system was adopted.—Mr. J. B. Lupton, of Lanchester, submitted plans for dealing with the sewerage of Ushaw Moor Ward. It was decided to first open negotiations with the Durham Rural District Council for a joint scheme before adopting Mr. Lupton's idea.

Election Addresses.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
JULY 30th, 1900.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
I shall be obliged by the support of the Electors of Benfieldside as a Candidate for the Benfieldside School Board, on Monday first.

GEO. H. ROSS-LEWIN.
Vicar of Benfieldside and Honorary Canon of Durham,
Benfieldside Vicarage, Co. Durham.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
JULY 30th, 1900.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
On Monday next, you will be called upon to elect Seven Members for the Benfieldside School Board, to manage the affairs of that Board for the next three years. As most of you are aware, I have had a very long experience—over 30 years—in school work, in this district, and on that account I thought that I might be an acceptable Candidate to the Ratepayers, so decided to place myself in their hands.

If you will favour me with your interest and a share of your Seven Votes, you may rely on my doing the best I can for the welfare of your children, at the least possible expense to the Ratepayers.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
328i. JOHN COLLINSON.

BENFIELDSIDE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
The time having arrived for the Election of seven persons to represent you upon the above Board, I again appeal to you for a continuation of your support.

During the five years I have had the honour of representing you, I have endeavoured conscientiously to carry out the duties appertaining to the office.

I have for many years taken a deep interest in the Moral, Intellectual, and Social Welfare of our Children, and it is my desire to place every facility within their reach to make them good citizens.

If favoured with your confidence it will be my earnest endeavour as in the past to serve you to the best of my ability.

Venturing to solicit the favour of your vote and interest.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEO. J. ROBINSON.
Derwent Street, Blackhill. 350i

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE RATEPAYERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
After serving you upon the above School Board for nine years, I now again, owing to the triennial retirement of the Members, have to solicit a renewal of your confidence.

As you are all aware I have practical and intimate acquaintance with School management and administration of our Education Code.

Strongly opposed to any needless expenditure of public money I am none the less an uncompromised advocate of full and adequate provision being made for the instruction of the children of the working classes.

The value of a sound and substantial education cannot be over-estimated, more especially in view of the keen competition which is so prominent a feature of every grade and position in life. I am of the opinion that it is the duty of every educational authority to insure a proper equipment of young people entrusted to their care, so that they shall not be handicapped in the struggle for existence, and their efforts to attain positions of honour and respectability.

Questions will shortly arise affecting the interest of the Ratepayers which will require close observation. These I need hardly say will have my very earnest attention, and should you again favour me with your vote and interest, I will continue to give all matters my fullest consideration.

Your Obedient Servant
W. RAMSAY.
North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill,
July, 1900. 351i

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
MONDAY, JULY 30th, 1900.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
Having been asked by an influential portion of the electorate to allow myself to be nominated for one of the seats on the above Board, I willingly place my services at your disposal. Known to most of you for years past, and from my long residence here, I may safely claim to have a fair idea of the educational needs of our district. There are a few questions which will have to be faced by the new Board, notably that of providing accommodation for the children from another rateable area.

Trusting to receive a liberal amount of support on the day of the poll.

Believe me to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours Obediently,
WILLIAM A. HOULISTON.
Front Street, Shotley Bridge,
July 24th, 1900. 352i

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
MONDAY, JULY 30th, 1900.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
Having served you to the best of my ability for the past three years on the above Board, I again respectfully solicit your support at the coming Election. I have endeavoured in the past to do my duty honestly and straightforwardly, ever being anxious that the children should secure the best education possible, and at the same time exercising a watchful eye with a view of preventing any addition to the already high School Board Rate.

If my actions in the past meet with your approbation, your support of my candidature on Monday first will be warmly appreciated.

Yours Obediently,
JOHN SLOANE.
Middle Street, Consett.

ELECTION OF A GUARDIAN.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th, 1900.
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH OF IVESTON.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
Having consented to offer myself as a Candidate for the vacant position of Guardian of the Poor for the Parish of Iveston (owing to the lamented death of the late Coun. L. Nicholson), I beg to solicit the honour of your Vote and Interest.

My knowledge of the requirements of the poor of your Parish, derived from frequent daily visits to the various parts of your district, lead me to believe that my services will be of some value (if elected), and I unreservedly place them at your disposal. Trusting to receive your support,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
W. F. HENLEY.

TERRIBLE STEAM-ROLLER ACCIDENT.

A fatal accident of an appalling character occurred on Wednesday on the road between West Butsfield and Castleside, by which a man named Pickering, of Medomsley, lost his life. By some means not ascertained Pickering fell in front of the roller, weighing 20 tons, which passed over him, and, as may be easily imagined, he presented a shocking spectacle when the accident was discovered.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, July 27th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

A Unique Meeting. The last monthly meeting of the Medomsley Parish Council must be termed an unique gathering. There was nothing whatever in the minutes that required discussion, the agenda was blank, no correspondence was to hand, and there was not a single cheque to sign. Perhaps it was just as well considering that the weather was of such a sultry nature, and that it was much more pleasant out of doors than inside the Board room. However, the Chairman probably thought that it was a pity that the members should assemble without doing anything at all, therefore he inquired if anyone had anything to bring forward for the benefit of the parish. Coun. Armstrong—perhaps with a view to preventing a repetition of such a curious state of affairs—at once rose to his feet and gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that seats be placed in different parts of the township. Coun. Crawford then called attention to a serious state of things existing on a footpath leading from Allendale Lane to Ebchester Station. It appears that those whose duty it is to clean out the ashpits of the Consett Iron Company's houses have carted night soil, etc., on to this particular footpath, and that the result is anything but pleasant can be easily imagined. Coun. Palmer bore out Coun. Crawford's remarks; and it was decided to write the Company anent the matter. Probably by the time these lines appear in print this serious nuisance will have been abated.

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Freemasonry. In the past, probably through want of opportunities, Weardale has furnished only a small number of Masons. Consequently the consecration of a Masonic Lodge last week at Wolsingham—an account of which is given in another column—marks an important step in the advance of the order in Weardale. Previously the nearest lodge for the dale's Masons was that at Crook; but by the opening of the "Hudson" Lodge at Wolsingham a centre has been obtained within easy reach of the various villages in the dale, and also Tow Law. The consecration service was performed by that highly popular veteran in the craft, the Rev. Canon Tristram, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the county. We were also pleased to see that our local "Constance" Lodge was well represented at the ceremony. The fact that about a dozen new applications on behalf of candidates anxious to become members were made at the opening proceedings last week, is indicative of the success that will undoubtedly be inalienably allied to the youngest lodge in the county.

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Mr. Hogarth's Successor. The much lamented death of that fine sportsman and gentleman, the late Mr. Wm. Hogarth, of Burnopfield, left vacant the position of head-master of the Burnopfield National School. Out of a number of applicants for the post the choice has fallen upon Mr. J. Middleton, of the Ebchester National School, who will commence his new duties at Burnopfield when the school re-opens after the holidays, on August 13th. Mr. Middleton's departure from Ebchester will undoubtedly cause regret amongst the many friends he has made there. He goes to Burnopfield with the highest references, and the fact that the Ebchester school has been exempted from examination for a number of years demonstrates Her Majesty's Inspector's opinion of his teaching powers. Mr. Middleton succeeds a good man—one who enjoyed the esteem and respect of all with whom he came in contact—and we wish him every success in his new sphere of labour. Miss Nelson, who has been appointed head-mistress of the Infant School, is fresh from college, and comes with the most flattering credentials. Under the guidance of such experienced teachers, the school should continue to maintain the high reputation it has won in the past.

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Not Encouraging. It is generally admitted that the police have in many cases a difficult duty to perform; but their task would be made much harder were all prosecutors to act in the same manner as did a gentleman at the Consett Police Court last Monday. Mr. Nicholson, of Dipton (the gentleman referred to) has, it seems, suffered much damage and annoyance in the past owing to a gang of young fellows, who gather nightly, sitting upon a wire fence watching others playing quoits. The result has sometimes been that the fence has been rendered so useless that the cattle have strayed out of the field without any great difficulty. Naturally, Mr. Nicholson became much annoyed, and instructed the police to prosecute anyone caught committing damage of the kind mentioned. Consequently P.C. Curtis became on the look-out, with the result that he summoned three young fellows to appear before the Consett Magistrates last Monday. The officer proved his case, and then Mr Nicholson was called upon to assess the damage. One would naturally have thought that he would have wished to see the delinquents as severely punished as possible; but the prosecutor adopted quite a different role. He declared that he did not think the two defendants—the third one did not appear—wished to do him any harm, although it had just been proved that they had done this very thing. Mr. Nicholson further stated that "they were decent young fellows," and altogether showed a great unwillingness to say anything against them. This conduct drew forth an indignant protest from Sergt. Lawson, who pointed out that Mr. Nicholson had instructed them to prosecute anyone they caught doing damage to the fence, and now when they had carried out his instructions he did not want the offenders punished. The Chairman (Mr. F. Priestman) also pointed out to Mr. Nicholson that he was placing the police in a very awkward position, and asked him if he was prepared to pay the costs? However, he was not disposed to do this, and the defendants were dealt with in the usual manner. It was certainly a somewhat remarkable attitude for Mr. Nicholson to assume, and we should imagine that in future the police will not feel inclined to pay over-much attention to any complaints he may make.

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Vacancies. There are now no less than three vacancies on the Lanchester Board of Guardians, the much regretted death of Mr. John Hunter, of the Grange Farm, Medomsley, being the cause of the third. Those at Stanley and Leadgate are fixed to take place on the 3rd and 7th of August respectively. At the former place there are three candidates in the field, viz., Mr. Wm. Welsh, Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, and Capt. Crossling. At Leadgate the election will probably resolve itself into a contest between Coun. Winter and Dr. Henley. The latter is a gentleman new to public affairs. He has issued an address, which is certainly very modest. He says that "his knowledge of the poor of the parish, derived from frequent daily visits to the various parts of the district, leads him to believe that his services will be of some value if elected." There is no doubt a lot of truth in this, as doctors have opportunities of studying the needs of the poor which do not fall to the lot of many people. Coun. Winter, of course, is an "old parliamentary hand," and he is sure to work hard to secure success. The contest gives promise of being a very interesting one. Speaking without any knowledge on the subject, we should say that Mr. Robert Moffitt is very likely to be invited to stand for the vacancy at Medomsley, and the electors could not possibly get a better man for the position. The late Mr. Hunter was very anxious that Mr. Moffitt should take his place at the time of the last election, but the latter refused to supplant his old friend. Under the altered circumstances, however, Mr. Moffitt will probably allow himself to be nominated.

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Benfieldside School Board. On Monday first, the electors in the Benfieldside township will be called upon to choose seven members to form the School Board for the next three years. In another column will be found a report of interviews a representative of this journal has had with most of the candidates, and their views will no doubt prove interesting to our readers. On the whole we are not inclined to quarrel with the members of the old Board upon the work they have accomplished during their term of office. We believe that in whatever they have done they have been actuated by the best of motives. Of course, their actions did not always secure the approval of their constituents; but this was only to be expected, and it is the same with all public bodies. We lean to the opinion that there has been more outspokenness during the past three years than formerly, and that the electors consequently have had a better idea of what business was being transacted. This was probably due to what one may term the introduction of young blood, which has had a beneficial effect. As we stated last week, all the old members, with the exception of the Rev. A. Baillie, are seeking re-election. The new-comers include Mr. John Collinson and Mr. W. A. Houliston, of Shotley Bridge; Mr. H. Carss, Cutler's Hall; and Mr. J. G. Cooke, Blackhill. Mr. Collinson, as a former schoolmaster, would no doubt prove a useful member, whilst Mr. Carss has been a member of the Board previously. Mr. Houliston and Mr. Cooke also take a great interest in educational matters. Personally, we think that nearly all the old members will be returned, but who of the new candidates will accompany them it is difficult to say. The electors have the matter in their own hands, and we trust that they will see to it that the best men are returned. The education of the children is an important question, and those who deal with it should be men who thoroughly understand their work.

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The Famine in India. We are sorry to state that there are but little signs of the famine in India drawing to a close. The Secretary for India has received a telegram from the Governor of Bombay, in which he says that the figures for the week ending 14th July show that in the famine-stricken districts there were 9,876 cases of cholera, of which 6,322 were fatal. In the native States, the cases of cholera numbered 9,740, and deaths from cholera 6,617. The total number of deaths among those on relief works and in receipt of gratuitous relief in the British districts 6,435. Cattle mortality is increasing, and unless rain falls within a short time, and in sufficient quantities to admit of the ordinary cultivation being carried on, the consequences cannot fail to be serious. It will thus be seen that there is urgent need of all the assistance that can possibly be sent to the natives of our dependency. We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £4 15s 5d from the Rev R. Tuson (treasurer), on behalf of the Dipton Pretoria Carnival Committee, this amount having been collected on the field on the night of the celebrations at Dipton. Mr Tuson informs us that the demonstration was undoubtedly the largest gathering ever assembled in Dipton, and must have been attended by from eight to ten thousand people. The members of the Sunniside Methodist New Connexion Chapel have jst set other similar societies an example in the way of raising money for the Famine Fund. On Sunday the children processioned the village and also sang special hymns. Mr. James Bell made a house-to-house collection, which realised the sum of £3 15s 3d—a highly satisfactory amount considering the size of the village.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

AN IMPATIENT CYNIC.

Coun. Henry Carss is probably a very well meaning man, and it may be a very learned man, but he is not a philosopher. He can talk glibly about the law, he seems to have a passing acquaintance with things astronomical, he is searching for the millenium with one eye, and for the philosopher's stone with the other; still he is not a philosopher. I do not wish to divert the veteran Councillor's mind from such abstruse questions as the Baxton Burn Sewage scheme, or the Benfieldside Council's new bye-laws, but I might point out to him in reference to the science set up by Socrates that Pythagoras applies to himself the name of Philosophos rather than Sophos—"lover of wisdom," rather than "the wise." Others followed who became cynics and cynics of the present day, unless they are very clever and witty at the game, are not unduly popular. Mr. Carss has become impatient about the new bye-laws and imbued with the thought that the delay was due to Mr. Eltringham, the Chairman of the Committee, he became cynical at that gentleman's expense. The result was a sharp passage of arms and Mr. Carss, who is a member of the Committee and fully aware of what has been done, gained nothing by his untimely outburst. Mr. Carss has taken over the parentage of these bye-laws and he himself should hasten matters in Committee if he wants them passed. He has usurped Jupiter's throne, and he must now see that his satellites are at any and at all times ready to obey his commands.

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A WISE PROCEEDING.

Had Mr. Bain, the Chief Government Inspector of Mines for the County of Durham, not taken the proceedings he did at Lanchester Petty Sessions last week he would have been lacking in his duty. The facts were briefly that two men were injured by a slight explosion at Langley Park Pit on the 3rd of April and this led to the discovery that an improper construction was being put upon general rule 4 which, Mr. Bain contended, provided for an inspection both before the hewers went in and before the shifters went in, and not as the managers had held, that one inspection was sufficient for both. From a legal point of view it might have been argued that either construction could have been put upon the rule, but it was admitted by the solicitor for the defence that Mr. Bain's construction would give better effect to the rule, and he further admitted that it would have been the duty of the Magistrates to adopt that construction. He, therefore, very properly advised his client to plead guilty, and gave an assurance that Mr. Bain's construction had been adopted at the Colliery. A second charge of infringing rule 8 by using naked lights was withdrawn on the understanding that in future safety lamps only were to be used. Langley Park, it was hinted, was not the only pit where these rules were being infringed, but after this public action there will surely be no hesitancy on the part of managers throughout the county to fall in with the Inspector's views and so do all in their power to protect the lives of men who already have sufficient risks to run when following their arduous labours in the bowels of the earth.

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A NURSERY FOR PROMOTION.

Every now and again we hear of men leaving the Consett Works to take up more responsible duties in other parts of the country. Truly it is a nursery for those who care to take a real interest in their work, and by laudable ambition and straightforward conduct to aim at promotion. Such men on leaving the Consett Works take away with them a thorough knowledge of their duties and not only turn out to be a credit to themselves, but also to those from whom they have received their tuition. Mr. George Wilkinson, a foreman in the Smelting Department, is the latest addition to the migratory list. Starting as a boy he has had 18 years' experience and that experience has gained for him an important appointment in Derbyshire, where, no doubt, he will prove one more to the many good men turned out by Consett.

POSTAL FACILITIES.

There seems to be room for improvement in the postal arrangements of Consett, but the fault does not altogether lie with the Postal authorities. They are in a measure at the mercy of the North-Eastern Railway Company. Owing to the last train leaving so early the despatch box has to be closed at 8.15, which has often proved an inconvenience to business men if not an actual loss. Where, however, an improvement could be made is in having a despatch and a delivery on Sunday mornings. At the present time there is no despatch between 8.15 on Saturday night and 9.45 on Monday mornings, so that if the Saturday night despatch is missed a letter, no matter how important it may be, cannot be delivered say in Newcastle until mid-day on Monday. On the other hand a letter posted in Newcastle on Saturday evening is not delivered until the Monday morning, and it may be that the addressee has had to leave Consett by the 7.50 train, and consequently does not get his letter until his return at night. The inconvenience here is obvious and ought to be remedied. The cry of "Sunday labour" may be raised, but there is Sunday labour as it is, the office being open for two hours for telegrams and the sale of stamps. Perhaps Mr. Dunne will turn his attention to this matter when his present efforts to improve the train service have succeeded.

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OVERCROWDING AT TANFIELD.

About twelve months ago Mr. Robert Heslop, surveyor to the Tanfield District Council, made an inspection of nearly every house in the district with a view of ascertaining the extent of overcrowding and he issued an elaborate and most carefully tabulated report of the results of his inspection. He showed that there were 1571 houses and tenements and a population of 7991. After showing the number of rooms in each house he concluded that the overcrowding was, in private houses 54, in Messrs. Joicey and Co.'s 48, Messrs. Bowes and Partners 35, and the South Garesfield Co.'s 61, giving a total of 198. This he based on a 300 cubic feet air space, and allowed for living rooms being used as bedrooms. If he had taken the 400 cubic feet minimum prescribed by the Local Government Board for each occupant of a sleeping room independent of living rooms, then one-third of the houses in the district were overcrowded. But as he pointed out, what could be done when the householder proved that he had not the means of providing better house accommodation. The law did not allow people to sleep in the streets or fields, therefore he had to chose between the offence and running the risk of overcrowding. Altogether there were 182 lodgers in the district, chiefly in the two or three roomed houses, a great many of them being in the overcrowded houses. In a supplementary report submitted last week at a special meeting he stated that a considerable improvement had taken place, and especially where lodgers were kept, but there was still a number of houses occupied by two families. I am glad to see that the Council by their resolutions have backed up their surveyor and that his valuable labours are not to be thrown away. It may be, as Mr. Braidford said, that the existing state of affairs might have been prevented had they built houses sooner in the district, but then the lad who let the can of milk fall would not have spilled the milk had he kept the can in his hand. The Tanfield Council have set a good example and have gone a long way to free themselves from the taunt that they keep the rates down by doing nothing.

CONSETT WORKMEN'S BAND.

That the Consett Company's Workmen's Band is performing with consistent excellence this season is proved by the fact that they secured another first prize at Wolsingham on Saturday last. This makes a total of seven firsts and two seconds at five contests with five different judges. This is eloquent testimony, and not only the immediate supporters of the band but the townspeople generally ought to be proud of the undoubted proficiency of the performers.

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Subscriptions towards the Relief of the Sufferers will be thankfully received by the

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LEADGATE.

TRIPS.—On Wednesday week the members of the Wesleyan Church Choir had a trip to Richmond, and greatly enjoyed their outing.—On Saturday the Primitive Methodist Church Choir had a brake excursion to South Shields, where a most pleasant day was spent.—The Co-operative Store trip took place on Saturday last, Saltburn being the rendezvous. All present enjoyed themselves. The Mission Band visited Tynemouth on Saturday, a large number of other residents from Leadgate also putting in the day at the popular seaside town.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—ORIGINAL ETHIOPIAN MINSTREL TROUPE Concert in Town Hall Consett, September 19th.

Local and District News.

Consett.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.—On Wednesday evening the Consett Iron Company's Workman's Prize Band performed and excellent programme of music in the Park. There was a large company present, who thoroughly enjoyed the following items:—March, "The 20th Century;" waltz, "Torero;" grand selection, "Memories of Balfe;" selection, "Songs of England;" waltz, "La Chatelane;" selection "The Runaway Girl;" and Lancers, "The Royal Irish."

CONSETT WORKMEN'S TRIP.—On Saturday last the Consett Iron Company's workmen held their annual excursion, when about 700 journey to Edinburgh, arriving in the Scottish capital at about nine o'clock. After spending a pleasant day the excursionists left again at about eight o'clock, and reached home soon after one on Sunday morning. Large numbers also spent the day in Newcastle, Tynemouth, and Shields.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—On Friday evening first, in the New Town Hall, Consett, a meeting is to be held under the auspices of the North-West Durham Conservative Association. The speakers will include Mr. James Joicey, Ald. U. A. Ritson, Mr. J. G. Murray, and Mr. F. W. Deacon, of Manchester. The chair will be taken at seven o'clock by Ald. Ritson, and all patriots, irrespective of party, are invited to attend.

Blackhill.

On Tuesday evening last the Rev. Forster Raine, of Bradford, preached an eloquent sermon in the Baptist Church, Highgate. There was a good congregation.

ST. MARY'S LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.—The sports in connection with this society will take place in the Vicarage Field, Consett, on Saturday first. An excellent programme has been arranged, and granted fine weather there should be a large attendance.

WESLEYAN SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday last the anniversary services in connection with the Blackhill Wesleyan Sunday School were held, when sermons were preached to large congregations, morning and evening by Mr. W. Hogg, of Westwood. In the afternoon a musical service was held, when the children recited portions of scripture and dialogues. Mr. B. Frankland officiated as conductor, and Mr. W. H. Palliser presided at the organ. Capital collections were taken at the various services in aid of the school fund.

Dipton

WESLEYAN CHOIR TRIP.—On Saturday the members of the Dipton Wesleyan Choir held their trip to Tynemouth, the favourite seaside resort, and spent a very happy day on the sands and other places of interest. The party travelled by the 8.30 a.m. train from Lintz Green, returning by the 7.30 p.m. from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Medomsley.

ACCIDENT TO A YOUTH.—A youth named Willie Kelly, residing in Consett, and employed as a driver in the Hunter Pit, Medomsley, met with an unfortunate accident on Thursday last. He was coming out-by with his pony when his leg was caught between the limmers and the tub and was fractured. He was conveyed to bank and attended to by Dr. Downs, who ordered his removal to the Consett Infirmary.

Pelton Fell

The annual Floral, Horticultural, Industrial, and Live Stock Show, and Brass Band Contest for bands that did not win a cash prize above £10 in 1899, will be held at Pelton Fell on August 4th. There will also be a quoit handicap and bowling at the wicket, for which valuable prizes are offered. Particulars may be obtained of Mr. J. A. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec., 188, Front Street, Chester-le-Street.

Stanley.

PRESBYTERIAN SOCIAL TEA.—On Monday afternoon the fortnightly sewing-meeting tea was given by Mrs. Morland at her house at 26, Mary Street, West Stanley. There was a very good company present.

ANNUAL TRIP.—On Saturday the Craghead Co-operative Society's employees had their annual excursion to Carlisle. The scenery "en route" was very much admired by the excursionists, who spent a happy day in the old town and its surroundings.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.—On Wednesday afternoon the scholars attending the Stanley Wesleyan Sunday School held their annual treat at Axwell Park. The party travelled by special train from Shield Row Station and greatly enjoyed the outing.

ACCIDENT AT OAKEY'S COLLIERY.—On Tuesday a rather serious mining accident happened to a lad named James Payne, who was employed at Messrs Dickinson's Oakey Colliery as a driver in the Brockwell Seam. It seems that the lad had slipped his foot while attempting to get on the limbers, with the result that the tub ran over his leg and broke it by the thigh part. He was conveyed to his home in Scott Street, Stanley, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Beuson, of Stanley.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL PIC-NIC.—On Saturday at mid-day the scholars attending the Presbyterian Sunday School journeyed by train from Shield Row Station to Beamish whence they proceeded to a field adjoining Urpeth Hall, kindly lent by Mr. J. Douglas. Tea was provided for the children and adults, after which games were indulged in. In the evening the younger children were conveyed home in carts by Mr. Douglas. On Sunday Mr. McClennand, of South Shields, preached at the ordinary services.

GUARDIANS BY-ELECTION.—For the casual vacancy in the parish of Stanley on the Lanchester Board of Guardians, occasioned by the retirement of Mr. Jonathan Green, J.P., the newly-appointed registrar of births and deaths for the sub-district of Tanfield, the following candidates have been nominated:—Wm. Welch, Holly Terrace, South Moor, engineer; T. W. W. Ritson, West Stanley Co-operative Stores secretary; and Thos. E. Crossling, West Stanley, architect. The polling takes place on Friday, 3rd prox.

Shotley Bridge

P.M. CHURCH.—The anniversary services will be eld on Sunday first, the prtacher, morning and evening, being the Rev. R. Hind, of York. There will be a sacred concert in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

PAPERMAKERS' EXCURSION.—Messrs Annandale's employees and their friends had their annual excursion on Saturday, when a visit was paid to Sunderland, where an enjoyable day was spent.

White-le-Head

MARRIAGE OF MISS ARMSTRONG.—On Tuesday afternoon, at Tanfield Parish Church, the marriage of Miss Annie Armstrong, eldest daughter of Mr. Thos. Armstrong, Clerk to the Tanfield Urban Council, to Mr. Robert Robinson, son of Mr. Wm. Robinson, of Mountsett, took place. The Rev. R. Tuson, vicar of Dipton, officiated, and was assisted by the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., vicar of Tanfield. The bridesmaids were Miss Georgina Armstrong, sister of the bride, and Miss Robinson, sister of the bridegroom, while the "best man" was Mr. Thos. Armstrong, brother of the bride. After the ceremony the happy couple took the train at Shield Row Station "en route" for Yorkshire, where the honeymoon will be spent. A reception tea held at the home of the bride's parents was partaken of by a goodly number of guests. The presents were both numerous and costly. We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson for a long and happy wedded life.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

THE QUESTION OF OVERCROWDING.

The Tanfield Council again find themselves face to face with a question which will demand their careful attention. The question of overcrowding has again been brought under their special notice by the report of their surveyor and inspector, on the suggestion of Coun. H. C. Wood. In it the lodgers seem to figure very prominently indeed. In the course of his investigations Mr. Heslop reported that he found there were no less than six lodgers in a house of two or three rooms at the Lintz besides the members of the family, which was no insignificant number. Perhaps the Council are, after all, somewhat to blame for the present congested state of the houses in the district in having neglected to put into force the provisions of the Act for the housing of the working-classes. In the case of the lodger nuisance the Council virtually recommended the bachelors to "buy a cage and get a bird." The fact that two and three families are compelled to occupy one small house should rouse the Council to action if they wish to maintain in their district a healthy condition of affairs. Acts of Parliament bearing on the subject were not put on the Statute Books for the people of England to look upon and admire, but for our local parliamentarians to carry into effect in their various districts with a view to improving the every-day life of the toiling thousands of Britain's sons and daughters.

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BURNING OF EFFIGIES IN THE PUBLIC PARK AT LEADGATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I will feel much obliged if correspondents in dealing with the above subject will confine themselves to the point at issue. It it not my intention to enter into a newspaper controversy, but your correspondent in last issue signing himself "Heathen Chinee," has invented, for the sake of expediency, statements which he alleged I made at the meeting of the Leadgate Urban District Council. He says that I gave it as my authority that Leadgate was simply swarming with the uncivilised and heathen and that we have a Councillor's authority that there are hundreds of heathen at our own doorsteps. Now, Mr. Editor, those statements are false and malicious, and I appeal to you to correct them. The remarks I made were for the few and not for the multitude, and directed against those who were the instigation of the effigy being placed upon the bonfire, and taking place as it did in a public park. I made it very clear when offering my protest that I was quite in accordance with the rejoicings, the procession, and the parade, but in the name of goodness was there any necessity for placing the effigy of a man upon a bonfire to satisfy our joy and consequent excitement? Your correspondent says he was not ashamed and fully approved of the effigy business. If so, well and good; but if effigy burning is such a delightful occupation for him, let him practice it at his own fireside for the amusement of his household, and not go into a public recreation ground and cause his hobby to be the means of offence to others. He says there may have been many things done that everyone did not approve of, but he does not say the effigy business was one of them, and because he fully approved of it, are we to conclude that he considers himself everyone? He accuses me of taking advantage of my position as a member of the Council to insult those who did not coincide with my ideas. My reply is he should have thought of this before the liberty was taken of entering a public park without permission from the authorities and causing that to be done which was offensive to even one single person. As to ramming of opinions "down the throats," etc, my opinions are not worth much, but I take the "loan of the ramrod" when he is done with it.—I remain, yours respectfully,

J. COSTELLO.

PRETORIA CELEBRATIONS AT MARLEY HILL

On Saturday the inhabitants of Marley Hill and district celebrated the fall of Pretoria, and the approaching termination of the war in South Africa in a most enthusiastic and loyal manner. Although perhaps the day was a little late for such celebrations, nevertheless the signs of loyalty and enthusiasm did not lack completeness. The proceedings took a most laudable form, including a free tea for the children, together with a programme of sports, while a bonfire and display of fireworks brought the celebrations to a pleasant termination. Over 700 school children were entertained to a free tea in a field near the village, after which they were each presented with a mug and a packet of sweets as a souvenir of the occasion. This pleasant little ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Kathleen Berkley. Previous to the tea the children processioned the village, headed by the Marley Hill Brass Band, under the able guidance of Mr. J. Taylor. An attractive programme of sports was provided for the delectation of those present, and for which prizes were given. Subjoined are the results:—

Skipping for girls, under 16 years of age.—1, Miss L. Davidson (blouse given by Mrs. T. Brabban); 2, Miss Maggie Hands (album); 3, Miss E. Robson.

Skipping for girls, under 13 years of age.—1, Miss Annie Morton (dress piece given by Mr. Powell, Newcastle); 2, Miss Mary Patterson (ladies' companion); 3, Miss A. Hankin (work box.)

Skipping for girls, under 10 years of age.—1, Miss A. Blackmore; 2, Miss E. Lowery; 3, Miss Sarah Routledge.

Skipping for girls, under 7 years of age.—1, Miss Jenny Musgrove; 2, Miss Minne Dewhurst; 3, Miss E. Askew.

Football.—Eleven pocket knives were offered for the best football team, and these were won by a team from the Marley Hill Colliery Board Schools.

Tug-of-War.—Confined to drivers in the various seams at Marley Hill Colliery—First prize, a silver medal, given by Mr. Wm. Fenwick. This was won by Thomas Shorten.

The celebrations, which were of a most enthusiastic description, were brought to a successful termination in the presence of hundreds of people, by the lighting of a huge bonfire, and a liberal display of fireworks. Mr Lee lighted the bonfire. The success of the proceedings were due in a large measure to the indefatigable labours of the secretary (Mr. James Bell), to whom much credit is due for the completeness of the undertaking. He was ably assisted by Mr. Lowery as treasurer, while Mr. Dewhurst filled the office of president.

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

On Sunday the 22nd inst the above festival was held. The conspicuous feature of the day was the Children's Flower Service, in the afternoon at 2.30. The whole of the Sunday School children, each carrying his or her bouquet of flowers, filed in long extending procession from the schools, headed by the younger ones into the church, each class being under the care of its respective teacher, the edifice being filled with the exception of the side aisle into which parents and others were admitted. After an opening hymn the flowers were presented and arranged in order within the sanctuary rails and on the windows. A service, bright with interspersed hymns, specially suited to children succeeded, and an address upon "the lilies of the field" was given. At eight a.m. a goodly number attended the early service of Holy Communion, and after Morning and Evening prayer, the Rev. Henry Greene, M.A., vicar of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was the preacher. In the morning, from 1 Cor. xii., 27v, he specially spoke of the Kingdom of God and how every Sunday School teacher did their part of earnest, and true work in building up the kingdom of God. Sunday School work was of the utmost importance, as the nursery of the church and training the young for after life. In the evening the preacher, to a large and attentive congregation, graphically showed how righteousness exalteth a nation, and how, under the most adverse circumstances, it was possible to serve God. "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household," Phil iv. 27. The lesson was deduced that if, as history incontestably proved, sin and evil were the precursors of decay and national ruin in the earnest and proper support of our Church Schools lay the remedy. Let every member by prayer, sympathy, and help to give aid. At the close of a day of joyful and reverent worship the enormous bulk of flowers were distributed by the willing hands of visitors and friends to the sick and ailing and poor throughout the town, and the Hospital and Infirmary.

MINERS' FESTIVAL AT DURHAM

A service will be held in Durham Cathedral on Saturday first, at 2.30 p.m., when an address will be given by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Durham. The nave will be all thrown open to miners. The bands of the Northern Counties Brass Band Association will lead in the procession from the Palace Green, through the great North Door. The voluntaries will be played by the South Shields Garibaldi Prize Band (conductor, Mr. T. Barrow.) There will also be processional marches played by the above band the Dunston Temperance Band (conductor, Mr. T. Swaddle), and the Wardley Silver Band (conductor, Mr. T. Pickering). The anthem, "Praise the Lord, O my Soul" (Goss) will be rendered, and during the voluntary a collection will be made for the Aged Miners' Homes Fund. We trust that there will be a crowded congregation, and that the collection on behalf of the very admirable object mentioned will be one worthy of the occasion.

BURNOPFIELD.

UNITED CAMP MEETING.—Under the joint auspices of the various chapels in Burnopfield "al fresco" meetings were held on Sunday morning and evening, near the Co-operative Store; while in the evening a joint meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel. The speakers were Messrs. Saunders, Bell, Fletcher, Cox (Newcastle), and R. Frankland (Burnopfield). The speakers were attentively listened to, their remarks being much appreciated.

THE DANGER OF PILLS.

GREAT HARM OFTEN FOLLOWS THE USE OF PILLS. THEY IRRITATE AND WEAKEN THE BOWELS, CAUSE PILES, AND IN VARIOUS WAYS OFTEN DO HARM.

MEDICAL AUTHORITIES AGREE THAT THE PROPER WAY TO TAKE MEDICINE IS IN LIQUID FORM, BECAUSE IT CANNOT REACH THE DISEASED PARTS OR BECOME PROPERLY ASSIMILATED IN ANY OTHER WAY.

READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT LETTER.

W. J. WILSON, 46, Lord Street, Rochdale, writes, June 6th, 1900:—Dear Sir,—Being a sufferer from bronchitis and catarrh for the last five years, I deem it my duty to those similarly afflicted to inform them of the wonderful relief I have found, especially Veno's Seaweed Tonic, have had upon me. I feel, dear sir, as if endowed with new life, and my appetite and strength have astonishingly improved. For many years past I have used a great many iron tonic pills, but with little good results, complaining, and, I venture to say, many others besides myself, have found them worthless as well. Trusting the merit of your medicines may become more generally known.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET DISTRICT COUNCIL

The ordinary meeting of this Council was held in the Union Buildings, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday afternoon last, the presidency of Coun. J. Humble (Chairman). There were also present Coun. Milner, Consett; J. Banks (vice-chairman), J. Sharp, R. Lonsdale, Waters, Coun. Dr. Kelly, T. C. Renwick, W. Hawking, R. J. Wilson, Coun. Dr. Bolam, O. Midforth, R. Richardson, J. Todd, T. F. Brass, and M. H. Douglas.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Dr. Taylor reported that during the month 91 births had been registered, giving a birth-rate of 34.2 per 1,000, and 121 deaths had been registered, giving a death-rate of 45.5 per 1,000 for the same period 15 deaths from infantile diarrhœa, 3 deaths re-sulted from children had died under one quarter of a year old, giving a rate of 33.3 per 1,000 born. The diseases notified were 12 cases of scarlet fever, 5 cases of enteric fever, 1 case of puerperal fever and 3 cases of erysipelas. Twenty-two of the children affected by scarlet fever in Sacriston appeared to be their infected house, nor did all over, and neighbours visited continually infected house, and when enquiry was made that they would not cease visiting such houses. On July 11th he found a child lying in the peeling stage playing in the streets. Before even patients suffering from scar-let fever had been admitted to the hospital, 17 patients recovered from scarlet fever had been discharged. The number of patients under treatment on the 14th and the seven number daily, resident had been 15.7. The report was adopted.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the re-appointment of Dr. J. Taylor, as Medical Officer of Health, from July 13th, 1900, to July, 12th, 1901, inclusive, at a salary at the rate of £175 per annum.

THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

A circular letter was read from the Local Government Board to sanitary authorities respecting the housing of the working classes. Coun. Richardson moved that a copy of the circular be supplied to each member of the Council.

Coun. Bolam seconded the motion, which was carried.

SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

A letter was read from the Chester-le-Street Lighting Company, Ltd., informing there shares that they intended to apply to the Board of Trade on or before Dec. 31st next, for a provisional order to be confirmed by Parliament, to authorise the supply of electricity for the said company for public and private purposes within the whole of the district of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council.

Coun. Renwick: I take it there will be no objection to it.

Coun. Bolam: I move that we should treat this as other applications are treated. My object in stating this is simply to put this application the same treatment that has been meted out to other applicants for similar nature. We have got sufficient companies in the district without having any more, and least of all a local monopoly, because I do know they are worse than any other. The generality of tradesmen are most unfair treated out of their business, and have no other alternative but submit to what what the company chooses to put upon them. In other words, I move we oppose the application.

Coun. Harle: It is only a formal application until a deposit is made, and then we must November as well have time to deal with it. At present it will be a matter of form to discuss it.

Coun. Bolam: Will this afford us an opportunity of discussing it at future time?

The Chairman: Yes, I think so.

Coun. Richardson: I think the matter should not be allowed to go before the Board of Trade without some expression of our views being given.

Coun. Renwick: We have no power to prevent these people to bring the matter before the Board of Trade.

Coun. Bolam: If we have no power to object why do we sit here.

Coun. Renwick: We can only oppose it when it comes before the Board of Trade.

Coun. Brass: Are we quite certain that it will be brought before the Board of Trade.

Coun. Harle: I am not in the habit of getting up and speaking, but I think it is distinctly said that another application will be made to the Chester-le-Street Council.

Coun. Brass: Oh! I be pardon, I did not understand in that light.

The matter then drooped.

TOWNLEY ROAD MATTER.

A letter was read from the Usworth Parish Council complaining of the condition of the roads at the Quarry Row, Usworth Colliery.

Coun. Banks: We are always having complaints from Usworth, and I think it is time to them it might be advisable to appoint a sub-committee to ascertain whether the Council had any responsibility in the matter and I should like the persons in charge in the matter go before the local committee at the next meeting, and if we find that the Council responsible no one would wish to shirk it, but we cannot be responsible for other people's work.

Coun. Douglas said the Usworth Colliery Company were prepared to carry out the improvements contained in their scheme, during the present summer, which was complained about was completed under the supervision of the surveyor.

Coun. Richardson moved that the matter be referred to the Surveyor.

Coun. Banks seconded the motion.

The Chairman: I think the representations I think it would be better to go before the local committee.

CLAIM FOR SURFACE DAMAGE.

A letter was read from Miss M. Anderson, of High Usworth, relative to a claim for surface damage to land by the sinking of a pit over the land. She had the Council and not the contractor liable for the damage done.

Coun. Richardson: The local committee decided that the claim was against the contractor, because it was one of the conditions of the contract that he should be held liable for damages.

Coun. Banks: It was thought by the committee that the claim was an extortionate one. If the work go on the contractor would be no one her notice to the Council.

Coun. Cheek: The claim was thought extortionate.

Coun. Douglas: What is the claim?

The Clerk: £25.

Coun. Banks: I suggested that the Council say what the contractor had offered and keep out of the business.

This course was agreed to.

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A SURPRISE FOR THE BOERS.

SUFFERINGS OF THE TROOPS.

We have received the following letter from Private T. Sellers, of the 2nd Cheshire Regiment, inquiring after some of the "Shamrock and Diggers' News":—

Johannesburg, South Africa,
June 30, 1900.

Dear Mr. Editor,—I hope you will excuse me writing to you, but I think the campaign is about finished now, so I thought I would drop you a line. We left Pretoria on the 5th, and was two time to write for the last two months, and I thought as long as we had a letter from England it was a treat. I believe that the last natives would be over with it a little sooner, but I am sorry to say that not quite all the Boers, and we landed on the right of Johannesburg, and fighting was all we had to mines, which I am proud to say we did. There was a good fight for the mines, and the Boers fled extends for about 15 or 15 miles, and we recommenced Johannesburg on the 31st, and got here we marched 27 miles, and when we got to the camp we had to stand in our wet clothes; they were wet through with sweat, and we had to lie down in the mud. It was the biggest part of the men burned their boots and some of us had to march barefooted, but I bear to fire fires in their sleep, and no wonder almost every night expecting a bullet from them. The population of Johannesburg did not fight, but they were all armed with rifles and bullets, and they had to be disarmed. The Boers had

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GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD.

On Thursday evening the monthly meeting of the Greencroft School Board was held in the Greencroft Board Schools, Mr. H. Greener (chairman), presiding. There were also present—Messrs T. U. Ord, R. Hall, Mr. R. Jackson (deputy-clerk), and Mr. R. Tindale (attendance officer.)

APPLICATIONS FOR MONITORSHIPS.

Applications were read from Dora Pigford, Catchgate, and Ethel Harrison, Hangingstone, to be engaged as monitresses with the view to becoming pupil teachers. The applications were ordered to lie over until after the holidays.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. W. I. Mackay, headmaster, intimating that some School Board authorities paid the contributions for the teachers under the Teachers' Superannuation Act by raising the salaries of the teachers by the amount of the subscriptions.

Mr. Hall: The Board has no right to pay it; the teachers have a perfect right to pay it.

Mr. Mason thought the amount should be deducted monthly.

Mr. Ord's suggestion that the matter be left over for further consideration was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE.

Messrs Greener and Ord were appointed representatives of the Board to attend the Conference to be held to further consider the question of establishing a Boarding School in the district for defective and epileptic children.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.

The Chairman stated that he and Mr. Ord had attended a special meeting at Newcastle on July 13th, when the Higher Elementary Education Bill was gone through section by section, after which the chairman of the meeting moved that the executive committee of the School Board Association be ordered to press for a definition of the words "adequate" and "other forms of education," expressions used in the bill.

Mr. Ord said there was not one of the gentlemen present could give a definition of the exact meaning of the words and expressions referred to. It was a mixed up Bill from beginning to end. If the Bill became law in its present form every district would be compelled to provide for a technical education. The Urban Council, the County Council or the School Board of a district had the power to levy a rate of 2d in the £, but the rate could not exceed that amount. In some places the Local Board had taken the matter up, and if they had the same experience of the County Council as the Greencroft technical Committee had it would be a sorry job. They were putting brakes on wherever they could. Last year they canvassed the district for classes and when they got one the County Council tried hard to stop them. They could not get a grant from the County Council at all.

Mr. Mason: What is your recommendation?

Mr. Ord: The meeting recommended the executive to make inquiries into the vague and ambiguous words and expressions, and that the technical committee should consist for one third part at least of the managers of Boards or other elementary schools or those appointed by them.

Mr. Hall moved that the report be received as satisfactory.

Mr. Mason seconded the motion which was carried.

Mr. Ord: If the Bill passes as it is it will be a humbug.

Mr. Mason: It will be adjourned.

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Friendly Societies Gala at Wolsingham

The fourth annual demonstration of the Wolsingham Friendly Societies was held on Saturday afternoon in fine weather, and besides a good attendance of spectators, an excursion from Saltburn, Hartlepool, and intermediate stations, bringing in a large number of visitors. The following societies were represented:—Ancient Shepherds, Free Gardeners, Engineers, Druids, and Rechabites. The chair was taken by the rector of Wolsingham (the Rev. Chancellor Espin, B.D., D.C.L.), and he was supported by Dr. Fremantle, Dean of Ripon, Mr. Sant (Bishop Auckland), Mr. Vickers, (Tow Law), and Messrs W. Shaw, J. J. Devey, and Dr. Devey (Wolsingham). The Chairman opened the proceedings with a felicitous speech, in which he pointed out what ought to be the end and aim of Friendly societies, viz., Self help and mutual help.—The Dean of Ripon, in the course of an interesting address, explained the great value and use of friendly societies. He then proceeded to deal with the history of these societies, pointing out the many difficulties that had to be overcome before the societies were enabled to enjoy the privileges they do to-day. He ended by urging the societies to continue their work by providing for old-age pensions, which, if they reached the ideal state of things would provide for everybody except the incurably idle and the incurably vicious.—Mr. J. Vickers spoke on the working of friendly societies, and ended by urging the members to attend their lodge meetings, pay their contributions regularly, and support their officers.—Mr. Sant, of Bishop Auckland, in a humorous and pithy speech, still put forward the claim friendly societies have upon the working classes.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. J. Devey to the Chairman and speakers, was seconded by Dr. Devey, and unanimously carried. The Chairman and the Dean of Ripon suitably responded. The sports then took place. The following are the various events with the winners:—Brass band contest—1, Consett Workmen's Prize Band; 2, Spennymoor Temperance; 3, Auckland Park; 4, Cornsay Institute. There were seven entries. 120 yards foot race—Heat winners—J. Charlesworth, E. Walker, T. Irwin, W. Armstrong, T. Liddle, and W. Coates (Wolsingham); J. Egglestone (Spennymoor); M. Marley (Tow Law); T. Nalls and J. Winter (Crook); F. Burns (Bishop Auckland). Semi-finals—J. Egglestone, J. Winter, and T. Nalls; final—1, Egglestone; 2, Winter; 3, Nalls. Cycle handicap—1, Sleep (Spennymoor); 2, Hutchinson (Consett); 3, Marshall (Wolsingham). Pony scamper—1, W. Shaw; 2, G. Sanderson. Trotting handicap—1, T. Dowson; 2, J. Ayre. Quoits—H. Peacock, G. Moor, equal. Boys' handicap—1, A. Shaw; 2, G. Shuttleworth; 3, F. Bolam. Skipping—1, C. Watson; 2, A. Martendales; 3, E. A. Bows.

WEDDING OF A PELTON FELL YOUNG LADY IN AMERICA

The following is a copy of a clipping sent us (from an American newspaper) of an account of the wedding of Miss Caroline Bell:—

FERGUSON—BELL.

The Haliburton St. Methodist Church was crowded to the doors last Tuesday evening by people eager to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss Caroline Bell to Mr. W. J. Ferguson. The ceremony was performed at 7.30 in the evening by Rev. J. P. D. Knox, who came up from Victoria for the purpose. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Murray Ferguson, and the bride by her cousin, Miss Ettie Bell. The bride looked lovely in a dress of white silk trimmed with valenciennes lace and a hat of white chiffon adorned with ostrich tips and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid was beautifully attired in white Swiss muslin and the whole party looked as pretty as the picture as they stood before the altar rail and had the destiny of the two principals sealed by the words that pronounced them man and wife. After the ceremony the party and over 50 invited guests repaired to the Co-operative Hall, where the wedding supper was partaken of and dancing and a general good time indulged in till the dawn broke in the eastern sky next morning.

The young couple received congratulations from their host of friends and left on the 8.30 train for Victoria and the Sound ports, where they will spend their honeymoon, returning in a few weeks to take up their residence on Irwin Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are well known in Nanaimo, having lived here from early childhood, and both have the respect and confidence of many friends—including "The Herald"—who wish them every joy and prosperity in the journey of life that is now opening up before them. They were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents, a list of which is printed below:—

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell, piano.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bell, fancy oak table.
Mr. and Mrs. Polkinghorn, China tea set.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis, fancy table.
Mr. and Mrs. Willey, fancy glass set.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Quaggin, Japanese tea set.
Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, linen tablecloth and towels.
Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, toilet set and towels.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, fancy reed chair.
Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell, linen tablecloth and napkins.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Richards, silver cake basket.
Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood, linen table cloth.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Eastam, Japanese whatnot.
Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, fancy oak table.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd, berry dish and cream jug.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Yarrow, silver sugar bowl and spoon.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Malpass, water set and tray.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon, parlour lamp.
Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, water set and tray.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott, linen tablecloth and berry set.
Mr. and Mrs. Neave, bed spread.
Mr. and Mrs. Johniton, vases and watch stand.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Muir, pair lace curtains.
Mr. and Mrs. Shotton (Vancouver) case of carvers.
Mr. and Mrs. Langham, pair chenille curtains.
Mr. and Mrs. John Grey, bed spread.
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Alexander, bed linen and fancy mats.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, half dozen silver knives.
Mrs. John Bell, eiderdown quilt.
Ettie Bell, pair lace curtains.
Beattie Bell, fire screen.
R. W. Bell, paper rack.
Mrs D. W. Ferguson, bed spread.
D. Ferguson, berry set.
Miss E. Ferguson, fancy glass basket.
Miss M. Ferguson, table cloth and napkins.
T. McLay, bamboo flower stand and plant.
Mrs. McLay, bed spread and pillow cases.
T. R. McLay, pair pictures.
J. H. Good, hall mirror.
Wm. Newton, parlour lamp.
J. McLellan, silver sugar bowl and spoons.
H. Thorpe, tapestry tablecloth.
Mrs. J. Perry, fancy lamp.
Gib Garrow, upholstered rocking chair.
E. Rogers, fancy reed rocking chair.
J. Greenwell, set of carvers.
A. Greenwell, silver pickle jar.
May Greenwell, water set and tray.
Katie Greenwell, pair vases.
Wm. Bone, silver egg and cruet stand.
Jas. Bell, rocking chair.
Miss Fulton, parlour lamp.
Pete Stubbert, pair fancy vases.
Alice Johnston, toilet set.
J. Burrow, marble time piece.
W. Aitken, reed rocking chair.
Taylor, Smith, and Co., fancy glass sets.
Tom Dixon, fancy mirror.
Masters J. W. and N. Tarrow, silver berry spoon.
G. Yarrow, sen., pair lace curtains.
Miss Davinson and Mr. Gay, water set.
Mr. and Miss Wall, glass set.
R. Curry, dinner knives and coffee spoons.
Miss T. Merritt, silk table scarf.
Mr. Langton, picture.
Sadie Ferguson, pair lace curtains.
Miss M. Ferguson, table cloth and napkins.
Miss J. Price, linen table cloth.
A. Price, silver sugar bowl and spoons.
Miss C. A. Grey, silver salt holders.
Mr. A. and Miss Lizzie Cowie, oak flower stand.
John Shepherd, water pitcher.
H. McMillan, toilet set.
M. Smith, half dozen silver fruit knives.
Tom Aitken, silver egg cruet.
Mrs. J. McDonald, fancy vases.

The bride's parents are well-known and highly respected at Pelton Fell, where the bride was born 19 years since. Mr. Bell was employed for 22 years as fireman and engineman under the Pelton Company, and went out 12 years since, with his wife and family, to Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Mrs. Bell informs us that she receives the "Guardian" regularly, and looks anxiously forward to its coming. She has three brothers and three sisters living in and around Annfield Plain and Stanley.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above League will be held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate, on Friday night first, July 27th, at 7.30 p.m. First division, age 20 years; second division, age 18 years. All clubs wishing to join may send a representative to the meeting, or write to the secretary,—E. Birtley, St. Ives Road, Leadgate.

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CONSECRATION OF THE HUDSON LODGE.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the consecration ceremony of the "Hudson Lodge," No. 2791 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, named after Bro. Robt. Hudson, for over 20 years Provincial Grand Secretary of Durham, whose great services to the craft have been frequently recorded, was held at the National Schools, Wolsingham, when there was a large attendance of provincial officers and lodge officers and members. The R. W. Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., was unable to be present. The provincial officers were:—The Rev. Canon H. B. Tristram, Deputy P.G.M., officiated as Provincial Grand Master; Bro. Babington Boulton, P.P.G.W., as Deputy P.G.M.; Bro. Sir George Hare Philipson, P.S.G.W.; Bros. William Gray, PJGW; R. Hudson, PGSB, Eng., PG Secretary; F. H. Bennett, PPGW; J. C. Moor, PPGW; Charles T. Johnson, PGD of C; Rev J. G. Ryles, PG Chaplain; Rev. E. Sykes, PG Chaplain; Thomas Robinson, PGSD; Harry Brown, PGSD; G. C. Askew, PGDD of C; George W. Hudson, PPGS of W.N. and E. Yorks.; Andrew Farmer PPGW, N. and E. Yorks.; J. H. Pollard, PG Treasurer; Edward Milburn, PPGD; Charles W. Anderson, PPGD; William Hutchinson, PPGD; Rev. Hartley Jennings, PPG Chaplain; R. Hauxwell, PPGSB; Thomas Hardy, PPGP; D. G. Smith, PGP; Thos. Banks, PPAGD of C; Isaac Thompson, PPG Treasurer; W. J. Sanderson, PPD of C; George Emmerson, PPGSB; R. Brown, PPGD of C; G. Rutherford, PPGStB; Robt. W. Wraith, PPGStB; John Barnet, PPGStB; Wm. Hunter, PGStd; J. Lichter, PPAD of C.; John Moore, PGOrg; J. Ellis, PGStd; Thos. Grieve, PG Tyler; George J. Christopher, PPGStB.

Among others present were:—Bros. J. R. Dixon, PM, 1121; T. Putman, WM 1379; J. Henderson, PM, 2415; Wm. Addison, IPM, 2019; W. J. Anderson, PM, do.; S. Barkas, WN, 2019; Wm. Todd, IPM, 121; Geo. Pattrick, Wm; George Murray, Jur., IPM; M. Hobday, PM; J. Coulthard, PM, 2135; A. Guthrie, IPM; T. Youngs Tuck, PM 1121; Richard Walker, WM, PPGStD; Joseph Rickerby, Wm, 124; J. Jacobs, WM, 94; Thos. Harrison, PM; John Grayston, WM, 949; R. Hogg, WM, 1932; W. Cowley, PM; T. Raine, IPM, do.; T. H. Thompson, PM, 1121; W. N. Cochrane, PM, 1379; W. Chapman, WM, 1650; Chas. Cox, PM, 1121.

The brethren having assembled, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., in the chair, the consecration ceremony proceeded according to Masonic order. The provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, read the petition to Grand Lodge, and the charter for the new lodge granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. The founders of the lodge were:—WM, Bros. Robt. Wm. Wraith, P.M. 2019, PPGSt.B; IPM, W. Johnson Anderson, PM 2019; SW, Edward Milburn, PM 2019, PPSGD; JW, William H. Talford, 2019; Treasurer, Wm. Atkinson, 2019; Secretary, Wm. Shaw, 2019; SD, Dr. T. V. Devey, 2019; Org., Geo. W. Egglestone, 2019; IG, Arthur Wooler, 1342; Stewards, John Thos. Stobbs, 2019; Charles S. Roberts, 2019; and Thomas Nichol, 2019; Jno. Geo. Bainbridge, 2019; Jno. Geo. Lawson, 2019; John Easton, 728; W. C. Johnson, 2019; Joseph Vickers, 2019; Wm. Pallister, 2019; and Thomas Raine, 2019.

The officers of the new Hudson Lodge were presented to the Acting PGM, and the address to the lodge was delivered by the Rev. J. G. Ryles, PG Chaplain, in which he said they were connected with a province which was noted for the distinguished names and services of its chief officers. The RW Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., had given his name to two of the lodges in the province, the VW Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., had given his name to one lodge, with which he had the honour to be connected, and now they were associating the name with a new lodge of one whose name was second to none in his love and earnestness for Freemasonry, and who in all the lodges he had visited had never failed to impress upon them the highest tenets of Freemasonry; and he would ask the brethren of the new Hudson Lodge to take care in that lodge to establish for some years to come in the history of the lodge such a high standard to see that those who followed them after the first years of their existence might continue to maintain such a prestige for their lodge that it would not fall short of the high standard they were ever exhorted to set. (Applause.)

Scripture and prayers were read by the Rev. E. Sykes, PGC, and the new lodge was officially and solemnly dedicated by Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., and the lodge was afterwards formerly constituted, the ceremony being directed by the PGD of C, Bro. Charles T. Johnson. The first officers of the new lodge were appointed as follows:—Bro. Robert W. Wraith, PM. 2019, WM; Bro. E. Milburn, PM, 2019 SW; Bro. Wm. H. Telford, JW; Bro. W. J. Anderson, IPM; Bro. W. Shaw, secretary, etc.

The banquet in the evening was held in the Town Hall—Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., in the chair.

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SUICIDE AT WOLSINGHAM

KILLED ON THE LINE.

On Friday afternoon Mr. J. T. Proud, coroner for the district, held an inquiry at Wolsingham, touching the death of John Gordon, aged 42, who was killed on Thursday night at Harperley, near Wolsingham.

Jane Willis Gordon said the deceased was her husband, and he was 42 years of age, and a moulder by trade, employed at the Wolsingham Steelworks. It was three months since she last saw him alive. Witness stated that she summoned the deceased at the last monthly sitting of the Wolsingham Police Court for a maintenance order, and her husband was ordered to contribute £1 a week for her sustenance and that of the children. She understood that he was at Wolsingham until the summons was taken out, or thereabouts, although she had not seen him. In answer to the Coroner witness gave as her reason for thinking that the deceased was not in his right mind the fact that he could not sleep at night.

Albert Watson, fireman on the 8.42 p.m. train from Wear Valley Junction, said that on reaching Wadley, near Harperley, on Thursday night he saw a dark object on the line. This was distant about 20 yards away. He saw a hat fly. The object was in front of the engine. Witness shouted to his mate, who knocked off steam, whilst witness applied the brakes. The driver went off the engine, and the body of a man was taken up and put in the van. Witness could just see a dark object lying or in a stooping position on the line. The man was dressed in dark clothes. The night was cloudy, and the ballast made it difficult to distinguish anything. Witness could just see the trunk of the body. In answer to the Coroner Watson said he had not the slightest doubt from the circumstances that the deceased was there on purpose.

John Mitchell said he was the driver of the train leaving Wear Valley at 8.42 p.m., engine No. 394. Witness gave evidence as to his getting down and assisting in the placing of the body in the van. The head was crushed and the neck broken. The body was taken to Wolsingham. There was no crossing where the deceased was killed.

Police Supt. Snowdon gave evidence. The body was, it appeared, practically unrecognisable. The deceased, however, had been identified by his fellow-workers. The Superintendent produced the deceased's rent book, which was found in his pocket, which was identified by his wife.

A verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane" was returned.

LANCHESTER.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS' ANNIVERSARY.—On Saturday last the anniversary services and meetings in connection with the Primitive Methodist Connexion at Lanchester were held in the chapel. Mr. J. Jobling, of Waterhouses, conducted a service in the afternoon, after which a public tea was held in the school-room, the tables being presided over by Mrs. Lamb, Miss Scott, Miss Gibson, Mrs. R. Tunstall, Mrs. C. Tunstall, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Harris, Miss Halkier, and Mrs. Brown. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Chapel, presided over by Mr. J. Jobling. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, Mr. Wm. McClenning, Oxhill, and the Rev. M. A. Drummond, Lanchester. The rev. gentleman gave a brief resume of the progress which had been made during the past 50 years, and mentioned that he preached in Lanchester Workhouse 42 years ago. He had been in almost every village in the County of Durham, and was pleased to say that there had been great strides made during the half century. He also referred to the work which had been done in India and other parts of the empire.—Collections were taken during the day on behalf of the School fund.—On Sunday the services were conducted by Mr. L. Henderson, of Crook, and in the afternoon the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, and dialogues.

WM. BORROW,

PRACTICAL COOPER, TEMPLETOWN, CONSETT.

STANLEY CRICKET AND FOORBALL CLUB SPORTS

On Saturday afternoon the Stanley and District Cricket and Football Club sports were held in the Co-operative field, kindly lent for the occasion. The chief events were the 120 yards foot handicap, which received an enormous number of competitors; a trotting competition, in which considerable interest was evinced; a quoit handicap, and wrestling for light and heavy weights. Notwithstanding the fact that there were several excursions from the district a large company passed through the gates, and gave their practical support to their local athletes in endeavouring to establish an annual gala day. The first prize for the foot handicap was £15; the second, £3; the third, £1 10s; the fourth and fifth, 5s each. Mr John Charlton, of Victoria Garesfield, was handicapper and judge, to whom much credit is due for the able manner in which he discharged his difficult task, as will be seen from the results in the various heats, some nine or more of which resulted in dead-heats. Mr W. Hutchinson acted as pistol firer. The judge for the troting was Mr G. Wilkinson, of New Acres, South Moor, while a similar duty in the wrestling devolved upon Mr Sullivan, of Stanley. The secretarial were ably discharged by Messrs Charles Crute and John Bennett, upon whom the onus of the arrangements depended. During the afternoon and evening the South Moor Prize Band, under the leadership of Mr J. Ward, discoursed fine music. The following are the results of the events:—

Foot Handicap.—Heat 1—G Gilberston, Shotley Bridge, 25, 1; L. Smith, Stanley, 22½, 2; after two dead-heats. Heat 2—E. Nesbitt, Ryhope, 25, 1; R. Knight, Blackhill, 23½, 2. Heat 3—J. Wilkie, Hebburn, 22, 1; J. Beck, Gateshead, 24, 2. Heat 4—A. Grey, Byker, 25, 1; M. Murphy, Blackhill, 24½, 2. Heat 5—Void. Heat 6—R. Harper, Wallsend, 25, 1; J. Logan, Newcastle, 21½, 2. Heat 7—W. Goodfellow, Lintz, 25, 1; J. Best, Dunston, 24, 2; J. Hardy, Chopwell, 25, 3; T. Wilson, Benwell, 25, 4. Heat 8—W. Hutton, Pelton Fell, 22½, 1; J. Johnstone, Blackhill, 22½, 2. Heat 9—C. Curry, Stanley, 25, 1; W. Carr, Stanley, 26, 2. Heat 10—J. Shaw, Haverton Hill, 16½, 1; W. Burns, South Pelaw, 23½, 2. Heat 11—F. Forsyth, Consett, 26, 1; R. Porter, Birtley, 25, 2; C. Chrisp, Stanley, 26, 3. Heat 12—W. Farrow, Cullercoats, 17, 1; J. Blaylock, Newcastle, 23½, 2; M. O'Connor, 25½, 3. Heat 13—T. Soulsby, Mickley, 23, 1; J. Fisk, Newcastle, 22, 2. Heat 14—E. Gibson, Byer Moor, 26, 1; H. Wright, Swalwell, 26, 2; J. Bell, Dipton, 26, 3. Heat 15—G. Nevin, Long Row, 26, 1; E. Burns, Toftgate, 25, 2. Heat 16—Talbot, Burnhope, 23, 1; J. Archer, Blackhill, 18½, 2. Heat 17—W. Tate, Stanley, 21½, 1; G. Richardson, Blyth, 21½, 2. Heat 18—T. Graham, Milkwellburn, 26, 1; J. Brown, Blackhill, 26, 2; J. Barns, Derwent Cottages, 26, 3; T. Stoddart, Burnhope, 25½, 4. Heat 19—B. Rogers, Leadgate, 26, 1; J. Rennard, South Moor, 26, 2; P. Nox, Consett, 25, 3; R. Jordan, Newcastle, 22, 4; M. Dawson, South Moor, 26, 5; C. Young, Byker, 24, 6. Heat 20—J. Jones, Blackhill, 26, 1; W. Nicholson, Marley Hill, 25½, 2; R. Rowe, Elswick, 25, 3; J. Johnstone, Gateshead, 25½, 4. Heat 21—T. Grey, Blackhill, 26, 1; W. Burton, Annfield Plain, 23½, 2. Heat 22—W. Wild, Newcastle, 26, 1; R. Dixon, Byker, 25½, 2; W. Hudson, Elswick, 26, 3; T. Thirlwell, Dipton, 26, 4. Heat 23—E. Wanless, Birtley, 25½, won by inches after three dead heats; E. Sutherland, Elswick, 19½, 2; J. Harrison, Byker, 19, 3. Heat 24—W. Ord, Leadgate, 23½, 1; W. Hope, Elswick, 26, 2; G. Carr, Beamish, 25½, 3; D. Williams, Elswick, 25½, 4. Heat 24—M. C. Allison, Elswick, 24, 1; R. Armstrong, Stanley, 22, 2; J. Mitchinson, Gateshead, 21½, 3. Heat 26—S. Scurr, Byker, 22½, w.o. Heat 27—W. Amos, Blaydon, 25½, 1; J. Ross, Newcastle, 25, 2; J. Lamb, Byker, 25, 3; W. Fisk, Newcastle, 24½, 4. Heat 28—D. Watson, Elswick, 25½, 1; A. Simmons, Newcastle, 24½, 2; R. Ward, Wallsend, 20½, 3; J. Taylor, Consett, 25, 4. Heat 29—T. Kirsopp, Newcastle, 20, 1; T. Hood, Gateshead, 24, 2; T. Gregory, Swalwell, 25½, 3; T. Elliott, Byker, 24½, 4; J. Jennings, Blackhill, 26, 5. Heat 30—J. Prest, Derwent Cottages, 26, 1; F. Charters, Blyth, 25, 2; T. Camp, Blackhill, 21, 3; A. Maughan, Beamish, 24, 4; J. Todd, Newcastle, 22, 5. Heat 31—W. Bennett, Newcastle, 24½, 1; T. Dixon, Gateshead, 21½, 2; J. Handyside, Carr's Hill, 25½, 3; J. Grey, Stanley, 23, 4; W. Wright, Gosforth, 23, 5. Heat 32—F. Redford, Newcastle, 23½, 1; G. Leybourne, Winlaton Mill, 26, 2; H. Ritson, Derwenthaugh, 19½, 3. Second round—Heat 1—Grey, 1, after a dead heat with Wilkie; Nesbitt, 3; A. Grey, 4; Harper, 5. Heat 2—Curry, 1; Forsyth, 2; Hutton, 3; Goodfellow, 4; Shaw, 5; Farrow, 6. Heat 3—Soulsby, 1; Tate, 2; Talbot, 3; Nevin, 4; Gibson, 5. Heat 4—Grey, 1; Jones, 2; Rodgers, 3; Graham, 4. Heat 5—Ord, 1; Amos, 2; Wanless, 3; Allison, 4; Scurr, 5. Heat 6—Prest, 1; Kirsopp, 2; Redford, 3; Bennett, 4; Watson, 5. Final—Prest, 1; Curry, 2; Grey (Byker), 3; Grey (Blackhill), 4; Ord, 5; Soulsby, 6.

Trotting handicap—Heat 1—Mr Joseph Watson's (Stanley) Forrester beat Mr Richardson's Chester Lass. Heat 2—Mr Watson's Fairy Queen, 120, beat Wadge's Tommy, 255. Heat 3—Mr Peacock's (Newcastle) Rough and Ready, 135, beat Cumberledge's Catchgate Gipsy, 120. Final—Fairy Queen, 1.

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Quoiting.—M. Hardy, South Moor; W. Embleton, Kyo; and H. Rostron, Stanley, divided.

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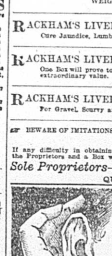

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DEATH OF MR. JOHN HUNTER,

OF GRANGE FARM, MEDOMSLEY.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Hunter, of the Grange Farm, Medomsley, the sad event taking place on Saturday morning, at the age of 54 years. The deceased gentleman had only been unwell for about a fortnight, and the news of his demise was quite unexpected. The late Mr. Hunter attended the Gateshead Auction Mart as recently as the 6th inst., but afterwards became ill. Pleurisy and inflammation set in, but it was thought last week that deceased (who was attended by Dr. W. Allen of Shotley Bridge) was on the high road to recovery. On Saturday morning last he was able to partake of breakfast, but alarming symptoms set in later, and he passed away. The late Mr. Hunter had lived at Medfamiliar and popular figure in the village. He succeeded his father in the management of the Grange and Allendale Farms. The deceased gentleman was a thoroughly skilled agriculturalist, his experience and knowledge being extensive and varied, and his advice was often sought after. He was a valued member of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, and also took a great interest in the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association and the Derwent Valley Entire Horse Association. He was likewise a shareholder in the Blackhill Farmers' Mart Company. Deceased was noted as a successful farmer, and was greatly liked by all who knew him. Although naturally of a somewhat unostentatious nature, he was prevailed upon some time since to allow himself to be nominated as one of the representatives of the Medomsley parish on the Lanchester Board of Guardians, to which body he was elected, and only a month or two since he was re-elected for a further term of three years. Mr. Hunter was a staunch Churchman and Conservative, but did not manifest a great interest in politics. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn their loss.

THE FUNERAL.

The interment took place at Medomsley on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. A short service was conducted at the Grange Farm by the Rev. W. Cockin (Vicar of Medomsley), after which the mournful procession moved on its way to the churchyard. The sacred edifice was completely filled, the Burial Service being conducted by the Rev. W. Cockin and the Rev. A. C. Blunt (curate), these gentlemen also officiating at the graveside. The coffin was of polished oak with brass mountings. The under-bearers were:—Mr. W. H. Stonehouse (Hedley), Mr. T. Swinburne (Hedley), Mr. R. Fenwick (Low Bradley), and Mr. J. Bell (Medomsley), all old friends of the deceased gentleman. The relatives present included Messrs James, John, Willie, and Bertie Hunter (sons), Misses Ada, Ethel, and Mary Hunter (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter, Hexham (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. R. Veitch, Medomsley (sister), Mrs. Simpson, Bradley (sister), Mr. George Hunter, Medomsley (brother), Mr. Thomas Hunter, Medomsley (brother), Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley (cousins), Mr. George Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolam, Ewehurst Head, Dipton; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. and the Misses Wharton, Leadgate (cousins); Mr. Simpson, Priestfield (nephew); Mr. W. Hunter, jun., Medomsley (nephew); Mr. R. Suddes, Darlington (cousin); Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett, Brancepeth (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Armstrong, Hat and Feather, Medomsley; Mr. Geo. Veitch, Medomsley, (nephew); Mrs. Ratcliff, Lanchester; Misses Louisa and Martha Hunter, Medomsley (nieces); Mrs. R. Lowes, Consett; Mr. Wm. Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley (cousin); etc. Amongst the general public present we noticed:—Coun. W. R. Cooke, Westwood; Coun. W. Robinson, Medomsley; Mr. R. Gledson, Highfield, Whittonstall; Coun. J. W. Jamieson, Medomsley; Mr. J. W. Simpson, Ebchester; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Calvert, Leadgate; Coun. W. Young, Dipton; Mr. Jas. Steel, Medomsley; Mr. J. Jewitt, Medomsley; Mr. Charlton, Reckleaves, Spen; Mr. Watson, Spen; Coun. G. Ritchie, Langley Park; Mr. Jas. Kelly, Leadgate; Rev. W. and Mrs. Cockin, Medomsley; Coun. Jacob Walton, Medomsley; Mr. G. Coulthard, Medomsley; Rev. T. H. Archdall, Tanfield; Mr. J. G. Brown, Ebchester; Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley; Mr. W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley; Mr. Ralph Walton, Lanchester; Mr. W. Cumming, Lanchester; Mr. G. Watson, Stanley; Coun. Jos. Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. T. S. Longstaff, Leadgate; Mr. G. Charlton, Ebchester; Mr. T. Ridley, Medomsley; Mr. Thos. Foreman, Leadgate; Mr. Jos. Cheesman, Castle Dene; Mrs. Watson, Mountsett; Mr. Ramsey, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell, Medomsley; Coun. M. D. Greener, Leadgate; Mr. A. M. Hedley, Medomsley; Mr. Anderson, Mosswood; Mr. Cuthbertson, Burnopfield; Mr. G. Hobson, Harperley; Mr. M. Rippon, Medomsley; Mr. Telford, Berry Edge Farm; Mr. G. Maddison, Ewehurst; Mr. R. Burdon, Medomsley; Mr. T. Traynor, Medomsley; Mr. R. F. Taylor, Medomsley; Mr. J. Cumberledge, Catchgate; Mr. J. J. Thompson, Fairle; Mr. J. Miller, Panshields; Mr. John Taylor, Medomsley; Mr. and Mrs. Blench, Leadgate; Mr. R. Marshall, Consett; Mr. W. Robinson, sen., Medomsley; Mr. T. Hunter, Medomsley; Mr. E. Lockey, Consett; Mr. F. A. Coltman, Consett; Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Dipton; Mr. J. Cookson, Medomsley; Mr. J. Davison, Allendale Cottages; Mr. Jos. Robinson, Medomsley; Mr. Jos. Whitehead, Consett; Mr. H. Oliver, Hurbuck; Mr. T. H. Smith, Tanfield; Mr. G. E. Milburn, Medomsley; Mr. W. T. Hunter, Medomsley; Mr. T. Williams, Dipton; Mr. J. Ross, jun., Leadgate; Mr. J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Mr. C. Hodge, Medomsley; Mr. Wm. Robinson, jun., Medomsley; Mr. T. Clark, Billingside; Mr. T. Robinson, Medomsley; Mr. T. Calvert, Medomsley; Mr. R. Ramsey, Dipton; Mr. A. Fewster, Bradley; Mr. J. Robinson, Catchgate; Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, Knitsley; Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Annfield Plain; Mr. and Mrs. Hurst, Leadgate; and others. Beautiful wreaths were placed upon the grave from the widow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Veitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ridley, Rev. and Mrs. W. Cockin, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. G. Watson and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bolam, Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff (Lanchester), Miss Louisa Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Walton. Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley, acted as undertaker, and carried out the funeral arrangements in a most able manner.

WEDDING AT WESTWOOD

A wedding which created much interest took place on Wednesday, July 18th, when Miss Margaret McKinney, (daughter of Mr. James McKinney) was married to Mr. Robert Bell, of Westwood. The party left the house of Mr. McKinney in four cabs at 2 p.m. for Medomsley Parish Church, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Cockin, (vicar). The bridal party consisted of the following friends of the bride and bridegroom:—Mr. Wm. McKinney (brother of the bride) 1st groomsman; Miss E. McKinney (sister of the bride), 1st bridesmaid; Mr. Thos Matthew Walton and Miss Martha McKinney; Mr. Andrew McKinney and Miss Esther McKinney; Mr. Andrew Boyd and Miss Jane McKinney; Mr. Royal and Miss E. Montgomery; Mr. Ruddifoot and Miss Walton; Mr. John Skidmore and Miss Isa Nichol; Mr. J. Cooke and Miss A. Nichol. Miss Skidmore (a little girl friend of the bride) made a charming little bridesmaid. She looked specially attractive in a dress of cream alpaca trimmed with lace and ribbon, crowned with an elegant hat to match, and carrying a beautiful basket of flowers. The bride walked up the aisle on the arm of Mr. Robt. Campbell, her brother-in-law, who gave her away. She was attired in white duchess satin, trimmed with Swiss lace, and carried a bouquet of choice flowers presented by the bridegroom. The bridesmaids wore lovely dresses of cream crepon. After the ceremony the party left the church (amidst an enthusiastic peel of bells) for home, where they entertained a large company of friends. After partaking of a substantial repast the happy couple bade all good-bye and left for Tynemouth with the best wishes of the company. The following large list of presents is sufficient to show the esteem in which the worthy couple are held by their numerous friends:—

Bridegroom to bride, gold brooch and shower bouquet.

Bride to bridegroom, gold sleeve links.

Mr. McKinney (father of bride), cheque.

Mrs. McKinney (mother of the bride), household linen.

Mr. Wm. McKinney, Westwood, cheque.

Mr. A. McKinney, Westwood, plush rocking chair and gold albert.

Miss E. McKinney, Westwood, silver trays and box-iron.

Miss M. McKinney, pillow cases and vases.

Mr. Robert Campbell, Westwood, cheque.

Mrs. R. Campbell, Westwood, quilt and table covers.

Miss E. McKinney, Dipton, lace curtains and clothes brush.

Miss E. McKinney, Dipton, bath towels and candlesticks.

Mr. J. McKinney, Dipton, silver jam spoons.

Mr. H. McKinney, Dipton, butter-cooler.

Mr. A. McKinney, Dipton, silver sugar tongs.

Mr. Thos. Matthew Walton, Blaydon, dinner set.

Mr. A. Boyd, Westwood, flower vase.

Mr. Forsyth, Westwood, kettle and mirror.

Mr. W. G. Ruddifoot, Blaydon, teapot.

Mr and Mrs. Skidmore, Blaydon, lamp.

Miss Skidmore, Blaydon, fancy ornaments.

Mr. Royal and Miss Montgomery, Hebburn, bedroom ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Hebburn, quilt, fireirons and fender.

Mr. and Mrs. McVay, Hebburn, linen table cover.

Miss A. McVie, Hebburn, sheets.

Master R. Montgomery, Hebburn, half-dozen plates.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry, Hebburn, table cover.

Mr. Thos. Nichol, Blackhall Mill, dinner cruet.

Miss A. Nichol, Blackhall Mill, linen table cover.

Miss Isa. Nichol, Blackhall Mill, hand-painted hobals.

Mr. A. Allen, Hamsterley, brass candlesticks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bell, Allendale Cottages, sheets and flower pots.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, Milkwell Burn, cheese-dish.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace, Milkwell Burn, hearth-rug.

Mr. W. Walton, Milkwell Burn, breakfast cruet.

Miss Mullholland, Howlett Hall, cream jug and sugar basin.

Miss Cobb, Westwood, musical timepiece.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Simpson, Westwood, hand-painted hobals.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, Westwood, bath towels and fancy mats.

Mr. Joe. Cooke, Westwood, Japanese table.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Westwood, hand-painted hobals.

Miss E. Turnbull, Westwood, jelly dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Westwood, half-dozen tea knives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison, table-cover.

Mr. and Mrs. Balfour, Westwood, half-dozen plates.

Miss A. Simpson, Westwood, fruit dish.

Mr. John Bell, Westwood, mantel mirror.

Miss Jewitt, Westwood, silver jelly spoons.

Mr. Keening, Westwood half-dozen cups and saucers.

Mr. W. Charlton, Ebchester Station Hotel, half-dozen tea knives.

Miss Charlton, Ebchester Station Hotel, vases.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson, Westwood, breakfast cruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn, Ebchester, cream jug, sugar bowl, and teapot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wraith, Westwood, handsome bouquet.

A Friend, sheets and towels.

NEW COUNTY BRIDGE ACROSS THE DERWENT.

On Tuesday afternoon the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the proposed county bridge across the river Derwent, a substitute for the existing dangerous ford, was performed in delightful weather. The new structure will cost £1,250, and the designs have been prepared by Mr. J. E. Parker, of Blackhill. The bridge is located on the road leading from Muggleswick into Northumberland, and will be very convenient for the local residents. Mr. Thomas Westgarth, of Tow Law, is the contractor, and the work is expected to be completed in the autumn. Yesterday's ceremony was attended by the members of public bodies and other interested parties. Miss Ritson, a daughter of Ald. Ritson, placed in the cavity a bottle containing copies of the Newcastle, Hexham, and Consett newspapers, and thereafter she gracefully laid the stone of the south abutment. The company afterwards adjourned to Calf Hall, Muggleswick, the county residence of Ald. Ritson, and partook of dinner.

STANHOPE.

THE LATE MR. WM. HOGARTH.—Mr John Hogarth and family, of Stanhope, take this opportunity of thanking all the friends and acquaintances of the late Mr. Wm. Hogarth, schoolmaster, Burnopfield National Schools, for the many and great kindnesses shown by them, and for the many manifestations of sympathy and kindly feeling at his demise.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

A FEW OBSERVATIONS.

[BY "WANDERER."]

On Monday next the electors of Benfieldside will be called upon to elect seven gentlemen to form the ninth School Board for the district. Originally constituted in 1876 there have only been three contested elections since, and this would tend to indicate a general acceptance on the part of the ratepayers of the policy pursued by their representatives during the greater part of 24 years. It does not, however, always follow that the approval is unanimous and contests are sometimes avoided by arrangement among the candidates themselves. These arrangements are open to objections at times but not always. If, for instance, the "new blood" proposed is not likely to alter the policy of the Board it is very desirable that the ratepayers should be saved the cost of a contested election. I believe I am not very far wrong when I say that a contest involves an expenditure of upwards of £40, and this is entirely apart from the personal expenses of the respective candidates. Viewed, therefore, from a financial point of view there is something to be said in favour of a peaceful arrangement among the candidates when more than the requisite number happen to be nominated. On the other hand the ratepayers cannot be expected to shut their eyes to an ever growing rate—a rate which has been growing by leaps and bounds during the past half of the Board's existence. Twelve years ago, I believe, the rate was about sevenpence in the pound. The precept issued in April last showed a rate of 1s 3d. in the pound, and from inquiries and observations I have made there seems a probability of the next precept indicating a still higher rate. The rateable value of the School Board area is, in round figures, £20,000 and for the half-year from April last it was necessary to raise £1,200, a sum represented by a one and threepenny rate. There is no gainsaying the fact that this is a heavy rate and does not at all compare favourably with Newcastle where the rate is 9½d or 10d. Comparisons are said to be odious and in this connection the old "saw" does not altogether belie itself when viewed from the surface. But it does not always follow that comparisons of this kind are "fit and proper" pegs upon which to hang a serious indictment. Many country School Boards early in their career find themselves with a millstone round their necks and despite their struggles they fail to shake it off. Primarily their duty is to see to the efficient education of the children, and one of the first things demanded of them by an exacting Department is ample provision and proficient staffing. Almost at the very outset the Benfieldside Board found it necessary to incur a building account amounting to £8,022. This money had to be borrowed on behalf of the ratepayers and the repayments being spread over a number of years became a standing charge on the rates. The amount outstanding at the end of last year on this account alone was £4,969 and it has now been reduced to something like £4,800 so that many years must elapse before the item is cleared off. This is one of the initial difficulties a newly-constituted Board has to contend with and it invariably turns out to be an undesirable legacy for successive Boards who not only have to pay off the debt but must keep abreast of the times and in touch and harmony with Whitehall. It is useless arguing against expenditure which is absolutely necessary, but it is, on the other hand, desirable to avoid anything in the shape of unfair taxation. At the present time an effort is being made by the Gateshead Board of Guardians to force upon the Benfieldside School Board the educational responsibility of about 144 children. Acting entirely on their own responsibility and without consultation with the local authorities they erected a number of Cottage Homes just within the School Board area and they now demand school accommodation for their children from the Benfieldside Board. As 40 of the children are Catholics accommodation is demanded for rather more than 100 and this can only be done by building and charging the account to the ratepayers, or by sending the children to other schools where there is ample accommodation and which are as near. To compel the Benfieldside Board to build would be manifestly unfair and he would be a bold candidate who would support such a scheme. True the Gateshead children would have fees to pay and would add to the grant provided they were likely to stay for any lengthened period but the amount obtainable from these sources would fall a long way short of the bill the ratepayers would have to pay and therefore it becomes a serious question for the ratepayers. Should the Gateshead Authorities gain their way then it will simply mean a seriously increased rate and there will be nothing to prevent the Guardians as soon as the account has been incurred from saying "we find the Cottage Homes are not suitable and we have decided to take the children back to Gateshead." This is a matter which will have to be stringently fought and it is very important that the new Board should have the strong support of the ratepayers, and so add weight to the representations they must make to the Education Department. Another matter which will shortly have to be dealt with is that of the education of defective children. There are eight defective children in the Benfieldside township so that the matter is one of serious moment for the district. A conference has already been held under the auspices of the Tanfield School Board and another meeting is shortly to be held at Lanchester to further consider the scheme. If the scheme as at present propounded, or rather hinted at, is carried out it will mean a further, and probably heavy increase to the rates. While it is very important to look after the educational interests of defective and epileptic children it is desirable to attain that end in the least expensive manner. These are the principal prospects of increased expenditure, and they are matters which will require—the one hard fighting against and the other most careful consideration. In any case there will be need for economy and that economy will have to be exercised in detail as well as in lump.

The ratepayers have ten candidates before them for the seven seats. The whole of the old members with the exception of the ex-chairman are seeking re-election. The Rev. A. Baillie's retirement is a matter of regret for his tact and experience would have been of value on the new Board in the matters lying before them. Mr. Baillie in his valedictory address makes use of the following somewhat notable words:—"During the past three years much has been accomplished by the Board for the good of the schools, and not a little of what has been done will prove a very great help to those who succeed. Some critics have been pleased to assert that in certain directions the Board has been less economical than it might and should have been; but any unprejudiced person who is capable of giving the expenditure of the Board intelligent consideration, will, I believe, arrive at the conclusion that we have been studious of economy in the conduct of our work all through—of economy so far as it did not mitigate against the efficiency of the schools. The economy that tends to inefficiency is the reverse of real economy. It should be gratifying to the community, as it is very gratifying to the Board, that the schools have attained to, and for some time maintained, so creditable a standard. The teachers in the different departments have done their work with conscientious diligence, and merits the Board's commendation." This may be taken as a very fair reflex of what the policy of the Board has been—an aiming after efficiency, which they have regarded as the true economy. Having secured that efficiency it should now be maintained at a lower cost. The six remaining old members are all seeking re-election. They are as follows:—

Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., St. Cuthbert's Benfieldside.
Rev. E. W. Jenkins, Baptist, Blackhill.
Wm. Ramsay, Bank Manager, Blackhill.
Geo. J. Robinson, Grocer, Blackhill.
John Sloane, Hotel Keeper, Consett.
Jacob Dowson, Draper, Blackhill.

In addition to these old members the following nominations were duly handed in:—

John Collinson, Bank Manager, Shotley Bridge.
Wm. A. Houliston, Joiner, Shotley Bridge.
Henry Carss, retired mason, Cutlers' Hall.
J. G. Cooke, Steelworker, Blackhill.

THE CANDIDATES.

Canon Ross-Lewin, who has been a member of the Benfieldside School Board for about 14 years, is essentially an educationalist. Prior to coming to St. Cuthbert's the Rev. Canon was a school manager at Hurworth-on-Tees for 10 years, so that when he was co-opted a member of the Benfieldside Board he had experience to recommend him. Since joining the Board he has been most regular in his attendance and has always found the members to work harmoniously together. The Vicar has always taken a deep interest in educational work and he has at all times endeavoured to live on good terms with his non-conformist brethren. Discussing one or two items which are chiefly prominent at the present time the Vicar referred to the Gateshead Guardians scheme of Cottage Homes and their demand for school accommodation for the children they propose sending there. He is of opinion that the Gateshead authorities ought to have school accommodation, but not at the expense of the Benfieldside ratepayers. If the population had been increasing to any appreciable extent in that part of the area then the Board might have felt it necessary to build a school at Snows Green, but in the absence of that increased population of their own they ought not to be saddled with an expenditure of about £1,500. He did not object to the children because they were poor, but he did not see why they in Benfieldside should have to pay to save the Gateshead Guardians. Although the Cottage Homes were just within the area he pointed out to me that it was impossible to reach them by road without going outside the parish. On the subject of defective children the Canon thought the best plan was to deal with each case separately. As regarded the rates he was of opinion that they would compare very favourably with many country School Boards.

The Rev. E. W. Jenkins just preceded Canon Ross-Lewin in his membership and has also been close in his attendance at the various Board and committee meetings. He has a good grasp of educational requirements and has at all times been a useful member.

Mr. Wm. Ramsay has been a member of the Board for nine years, and during the past triennial term has discharged the important duties of vice-chairman. In that capacity he has naturally had to pay close attention to the work of the Board, and generally speaking he has proved himself to be well posted up on all the varied subjects requiring attention. He declares that he will fight to the bitter end the placing of additional expense on the township for the benefit of the Gateshead Guardians. The township was never consulted in the matter and the Homes were built without the district being taken into consideration in any way. He had no wish to put hardships in the way of the poor children whose presence he would welcome providing the local authority was not called upon to bear an unfair expenditure, but he could not see any fairness in the Benfieldside School Board being called upon to provide special accommodation at the expense of the ratepayers. Were they to do so it would involve an expenditure which would take many years to pay off. With regard to defective and epileptic children he did not approve of one centre as that would prove too expensive. He thought better and more reasonable arrangements could be made.

Mr. Geo. J. Robinson holds very strong views against the demands of the Gateshead Guardians, who, he declared, wanted to send their children where there was not sufficient accommodation. If they built accommodation and anything went wrong with the Homes the Guardians could withdraw the children and the ratepayers would be left to meet the whole cost. There was plenty of accommodation at Consett, Leadgate, Medomsley, and Westwood, all of which were quite as near or nearer. If the Benfieldside Board had to build for the Gateshead children, it would mean another twopence on the rates at least.

Mr. J. Sloane has had three years experience on the Board, succeeding the late Rev. Father Foran, whose position he has worthily filled. Mr. Sloane declares that there is a very strong feeling against the action of the Gateshead Guardians and one which he considers to be most justifiable. They were asking the Benfieldside School Board to provide accommodation for their children, and legally they were justified in doing so by being inside the area, but considering the distance of the Benfieldside Schools from the Homes, and the close proximity of others such as Westwood, Medomsley, and also Consett, he could not think that the Education Department would compel the Benfieldside Board to provide the accommodation they were asked for. They could never expect young children especially in winter, to go to the Benfieldside Schools. In this connection he pointed out that if the ideas of three members of the Board had been carried out some two years ago of building a school at Snows Green, to meet the requirements of the locality surrounding it, they would not have had any trouble in meeting the present demand. Sooner or later that question would have to be taken up and more accommodation provided for that part of the district. He pointed out that the Shotley Grove Schools were being carried on at a loss of about £100 a year. The lease would expire in October, and the whole matter would have to be thrashed out again. He referred to the fact that if the Education Bill at present before Parliament were to become law they would have power to charge special fees for accommodating the children from the Cottage Homes. It was possible that if the hundred children to be accommodated were distributed over the various standards that the difficulty of accommodating them might be met to a great extent. As to defective children Mr. Sloane thought it would be a very good thing having a special institution, but he was afraid it could not be worked except at great expense to the ratepayers. Speaking of the old Board he spoke in terms of appreciation of his colleagues. His chief regret that there was to be a contest lay in the fact that it meant a half-penny in the £ on the rates. In conjunction with others he had endeavoured to economise as much as possible without deteriorating in any way the efficiency of the schools. For some time he had known they were on the verge of an increased rate. Their teaching staff had cost them about £200 more than the grants they had received. That ought not to be the case, and that point brought up the salary question which was discussed fully some months ago. If the ratepayers were satisfied with the increase then given then of course he would not find fault. He sincerely trusted that the new Board would endeavour to procure the best teaching ability, and thereby greatly increase the efficiency of the school. Their pupil teachers should, in his opinion, be up to, if not above the average. Mr. Sloane, in reply to a question I put to him respecting Mr. Murray's footpath from Snowdon Street, said he thought the offer was an unreasonable one. They were not seeking something for nothing but the Board certainly thought Mr. Murray's terms and conditions too high to be acceptable to the ratepayers. The estimated cost of the fencing necessary to protect the adjoining land would have meant another three-farthings in the £. They were, however, not without hope that they would come to a satisfactory agreement with Mr. Murray.

Mr. Dowson, as an old member of the Board, is a strong advocate for keeping down the rates. He deplores the height to which they have reached, and he is not without hope that the present contest may have a salutory effect. The grants earned ought to be higher, and the averages should compare more favourably with those of the rest of the country.

Mr. John Collinson comes forward for the first time and undoubtedly has good credentials in that he was in scholastic work for 30 years in the district. Though he has not hitherto taken any active part in public affairs he has not been unmindful of his surroundings and of the needs of the district in which he has so long resided. His school experience fully justifies his candidature.

Mr. Wm. A. Houliston also aspires for the first time. A number of gentlemen felt that apart from the interest Mr Houliston evinced some time ago in getting the Shotley Grove School re-opened, he, as a practical builder, would be a useful member on the Board and would be able to give timely and valuable advice when dealing with new buildings or structural alterations. Respecting Mr. Houliston's candidature a correspondent has written to me in the following terms:—"Seldom has any nomination given such all round satisfaction as that of Mr. W. Houliston, of Shotley Bridge, as a candidate for the School Board of Benfieldside District. Mr. Houliston has resided in the neighbourhood all his life, and by his upright conduct with his fellow-men and his keen interest in local affairs, that tend toward the better conditions of humanity in the vicinity, is peculiarly fitted for the office. True to the bulk of the general public Mr. Houliston is unknown, but the writer has had a personal acquaintance with him for seven years, and can testify to his sterling worth and general ability as a business man. It is certain that if Mr. Houliston is elected he will have the ability at any rate to see after the ratepayers' interests. As Mr. Houliston has sons and daughters attending the Board Schools I think he will also look after the best means for advancing and helping the generations of the future to that position which intelligence and general trend of the age is pointing by providing a sound education. I sincerely hope the voters of Benfieldside will consider Mr. Houliston in giving their votes for the School Board Election."

Mr. Henry Carss is well-known in the district and if he should turn out to be one of the seven it will not be the first time he has taken his seat on the Benfieldside School Board. Mr. Carss is still full of life and vigour, and can stir up his colleagues on a public Board better than many a man his junior in years. Should he be elected he may be expected to fight a battle royal with all comers from the Gateshead Board of Guardians.

Mr. J. G. Cooke has several times endeavoured to obtain public favour in the polling booth, and, undaunted, is making one more effort as a labour candidate.

THE POLLING.

The polling will take place on Monday in three booths—Shotley Bridge, Benfieldside, and Derwent Street Schools. Each elector is entitled to seven votes, and may either give them all to one candidate or divide them. The best method of voting is by figures. A single cross does not carry more than one vote and this method of voting should be avoided on the present occasion.

STANLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting was held in the Council Chambers, Front Street, Stanley—Coun. Green, J.P., being in the chair. There were also present—Couns. T. Duffy, A. H. Swinburne, W. Indian, T. Forster, A. Kuhlman, J. Anderson, W. Welsh, and G. Forster; the Clerk (Mr. J. G. Ridley), the Surveyor and Inspector (Mr. J. Routledge), and the Collector (Mr W. Hewison).

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that the plans be passed for the erection of a dwelling-house for Mr. R. C. Birtley, in Theresa Street, Stanley; drainage for East Stanley Schools; for a bakery for West Stanley Co-operative Society.

The report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that Messrs Green and Swinburne be appointed to confer with other representatives on the invitation of the Leadgate Urban Council on the question of subsidences on highways caused by colliery workings; that the Surveyor make up the footpath near Martin's property, near South Moor, and cement the same. Mr. Ritson and the Clerk were requested to make further enquiries as to the Post Office telephone system.

Coun. Welsh: Where is that Ashbourne Council's resolution? Let's see whether it is made of india-rubber or what.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that the draft copy of the lease with Mr. George Forster, for the Council Offices, be approved, subject to certain alterations; that the accounts, amounting to £597 1s 0d, be paid; that the copy of the yearly financial statement be published in each of the Consett papers alternately each year; that John Atkinson, scavenger, receive an advance of wage at the rate of 1s per week, commencing on July 30th; that notice boards be put up in the cemetery warning against damage done to wreaths, flowers, etc., placed on the graves; that notices be given that the cemetery gates will be closed during the months of May, June, July, and August at 9 p.m.; September, at 8 p.m.; October, at 6 p.m.; November, December, January, and February, at 5 p.m.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL REPORT

Dr. Benson reported that the list of notifiable diseases reported during the month consisted of nine cases of scarlatina, two of erysipelas, and one of diphtheria. Scarlatina was distributed over Oxhill, Stanley, and East Stanley, and all the cases without exception resided within what might be considered an infected area, and further the members of two households constituted the majority. The disease had throughout retained its mild form, and there was now evidence that the epidemic was passing off. Neither case of erysipelas appeared to have arisen from infection, nor had there been any case subsequently. As regarded the case of diphtheria nothing was discovered likely to have originated the outbreak; the subject, a child, developed the disease a fortnight after an attack of scarlatina, and during the isolation period. Several cases of mild whooping cough had occurred following the above outbreak, but there were no indications of an epidemic. The month's mortality was considerably below the county average. Thirteen deaths were registered, giving a death-rate equal to 12.5 per 1,000 per annum. Infantile mortality was satisfactory, and the only death from infectious disease was the above-mentioned case of diphtheria.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. J. Routledge reported that Mr. Simpson had finished the whole of his contracts in connection with the private street works. The time for finishing the streets at South Moor expired on Nov. 30th, 1899. If the gas was to be continued for public lighting he would require about 20 lamps to replace lamps worn out. The whole of the sewers had been flushed and disinfected during the month.

Coun. Swinburne moved that notice be given to the contractor to get the streets finished in a month.

Coun. Welsh seconded.

The motion was carried, and the report was adopted, the Surveyor receiving full power to enforce the performance of the conditions of the Council's contracts.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. W. Hewison (collector) reported that during the month he had collected and paid over to the treasurer £117 11s 2d on account of general district rate; £5 6s 6d cemetery fees, and 5s 6d fines.

The report was adopted.

FAULTY STEPS.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Robinson, of East Stanley, asking if the Council intended to repair the steps in front of his house or not, as they were dangerous in their present condition.

Mr. Routledge explained that he had engaged a man six weeks ago, but the work had not been attended to.

It was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Duffy, seconded by Coun. Kuhlman, that Mr. Routledge engage his son to do the work forthwith.

Carried.

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOP

CONSECRATED AT USHAW COLLEGE.

Dr. Richard Preston, who has been appointed Bishop Auxiliary to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, was consecrated at St. Cuthbert's Chapel, Ushaw College, on Wednesday, by Bishop Wilkinson. It was a long, solemn, and picturesque ceremonial, and was taken part in by a large number of clerical dignitaries. The chapel was crowded by clergy, students, and laity. Mr. R. Preston, Mayor of Lancaster, brother of the newly-made Bishop, was amongst the number. Luncheon was afterwards partaken of by 400 people.

BLACKHILL.

THE COST OF ROAD-MAKING.—Matt. H. Airey, of Blackhill, was summoned before the Darlington Bench on Tuesday by the Corporation for the non-payment of the amount incurred by the Corporation on his behalf in respect of road-making. Mr. H. G. Steavenson (Town Clerk) appeared to prosecute, the case being taken in the absence of the defendant. Mr. Steavenson asked for an order for the payment of £17 9s 3d, the amount incurred for road-making in Back Valley-street and Wilson-street, and certain back streets off Valley-street, of which due notice had been given to the defendant.—Mr. T. Smith, borough surveyor, gave evidence.—An order was granted, with costs.

STANLEY POLICE COURT

WEDNESDAY, July 25th.—Before Mr. J. Green, Mr. W. Holmes, and Mr. F. H. Burn.

THE DRUNK LIST.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness, and the sentences imposed:—John Thornton, at Stanley, 14 days; Hy. Hall, at Stanley, 10/- and costs or 14 days; Wm. Hands, at Stanley, 2/6 and costs; Jas. Tinton, at Stanley, 5/- and costs, or seven days; Hugh Kilty, at Stanley, 5/- and costs; John Morris, at Stanley, 5/- and costs; Thos. Gregory, at Shield Row, 2/6 and costs; Joseph Dawson, at Shield Row, 2/6 and costs; Andrew T. Spoors, at Shield Row, 2/6 and costs; Peter Connor, at Shield Row, 2/6 and costs; Edward Hood, at South Moor, 5/- and costs; Wm. Bryans, at South Moor, 5/- and costs; Thos. Burk, at South Moor, 5/- and costs; John Smith, at South Moor, 2/6 and costs; George Stores, at South Moor, 2/6 and costs; John Morton, at South Moor, 2/6 and costs; Joseph Redhead, at Craghead, 2/6 and costs; Geo. Steel, at Craghead, 2/6 and costs.

DRUNK IN CHARGE.

Matthew Stephenson was charged by P.C. Ayre with having been drunk in charge of a horse and trap at Stanley on July 13th.—The officer stated that defendant was driving through Front Street, Stanley, while very drunk.—Defendant, who admitted the offence, was fined 5/- and costs.

BIG "SCHOOLS."

P.C. Thomas, of East Stanley, summoned Robt. Crozier, Wm. Agar, Jas Frazer, Geo Shield, Peter Cusack, Jos. Harrison, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Lee, Henry Payne, John Courtley, Thos. Holliday, and Robt. Gourley for having played at pitch and toss at Stanley in a public place on July 8th. Defendants all pleaded guilty excepting Cusack.—The officer stated that he watched the "school" on the Black Road for about half an hour. He saw all the defendants throwing up money. He had no doubt about Cusack being there. Prior to that time he and P.C. Ferguson saw the defendants playing at the top house.—P.C. Ferguson corroborated. Defendants exchanged money. When he approached he heard one of the defendants say "the b—— is a mile off yet."—Gourley stated that he was never in the Black Road and did not know where it was. Cusack denied being there and called Jane Ann Watson, his landlady, to prove his contention. The witness said Cusack entered the house about 12.30 and went to bed and was there until late in the afternoon.—Defendants were fined as follows:—Robert Crozier 6d and costs; Frazer 5/- and costs; Shield 2/6 and costs; Cusack dismissed; Spencer 5/- and costs; Harrison 2/6 and costs; Anderson 2/6 and costs; Lee 2/6 and costs; Payne 2/6 and costs; Gourley 2/6 and costs; Holliday 2/6 and costs; Agar 5/- and costs.

P.C. Thomas also charged Wm. Peveller, Thos. Charlton and John Foster with having played at pitch and toss on July 14th.—Defendants were all fined 2/6 and costs.

P.C. Ferguson preferred a similar charge against Joseph Narney, Thos. McGoldrick, Thos Trewick, Andrew York, Wm. Watson, and John Davison, which was committed at Shield Row on a public highway, on July 15th.—Narney, York, Davison, and Watson were fined 2/6 and costs; and McGoldrick and Trewick 5/- and costs.

P.C. Crisp charged Hy. Bell, Thompson Bibby, Geo. Mills, Thos. Burke, Mat. Carr, Robt. Ridley, John Gibson, Wm. Richards and Matt. Cain with having played at pitch and toss at Craghead on July 1st.—Defendants pleaded guilty.—The officer said he saw the defendants exchanging money.—Burke was fined 5/- and costs, and the others 2/6 and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

P.C. Vitty charged George Urwin and Thos. Robinson with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting at South Moor on July 13th.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace.—Robinson pleaded not guilty.—The officer said he did not see the fight start. Robinson said he struck in self-defence.

Robt. Henderson, Patk. Connelly, Thos. Spencer, Wm. Coxen and Michael Docherty were summoned by P.C.'s Stubbs, Davidson, and Ferguson, for committing a similar offence on July 8th, 9th, and 14th.—Defendants were bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

P.C. Crisp charged Joseph Mulligan, a hawker, with having been the owner on July 7th of a cart to which no name was attached. Defendant had since got his name put on his cart.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

STRAY PONY.

P.C. Crisp charged Samuel Waggott, of South Moor, with having allowed his pony to stray on the highway at New Acres Road on July 6th.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE CASES.

Geo. Stewart, builder, Stanley, charged Allen Miller and Chas. Benfold, small boys, with having committed wilful damage to plant at Stanley on July 28th.—P.C. Thomas said about 8.20 p.m. he saw the lads where the new road was being made damaging the barrows and other plant.—Mr. Stewart claimed 1d damage.—Defendants were fined 1/- and costs, and 1d damage.

Edward Wylam, farmer, Stanley, charged Geo. Vale with having committed wilful damage to grass at East Stanley on July 19.—P.C. Thomas said he saw the defendant in a pasture field belonging to Mr. Wylam.—Mr. Wylam assessed the damage at 1d.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs, and the damage.

Alfred Routledge, builder, Stanley, charged Jas. Gillespie, Albert Booth, and Jos. Welsh with having committed wilful damage to flooring boards at Stanley on July 8th, to the extent of 2d each.—P.C. Phizackles said about 7.30 he saw the defendants doing the damage complained of.—Mr. Routledge assessed the damage at 2d.—Defendants were fined 1/- and costs and the damage.

Ed. Wylam, farmer, Stanley, charged Thos. Hepplewhite and Wm. McIvor with having done wilful damage to grass at Shield Row on July 2nd.—P.C. Ferguson said he saw the defendants lying in a meadow field the property of Mr. Wylam.—Mr. Wylam assessed the damage at 6d each.—Defendants were fined 1/- and costs, and the damage.

Messrs Dickinson and Co. summoned Robt. Warkman and Albert Todd, boys, for having done wilful damage to grass at Shield Row on July 17th.—P.C. Ferguson said he saw the defendants in a meadow field, and when they saw the police they shouted "Go to h——."—Defendants were fined 1/- and costs.

Robt. Dawson, Stanley, charged Geo. Wanless with having committed wilful damage to a certain lath at Stanley, on July 1st.—Dawson assessed the damage at 1d, and a fine of 1/- and the damage was imposed.

Messrs Hedley Bros., coal owners, summoned Wm. Jones, a miner, for having done wilful damage to grass on July 19th at Middles Farm, Stanley.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT.

P.C. Ferguson charged Wm. Graham, Stanley, with having ridden a bicycle at East Stanley, on July 7th, without a light attached.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he had had an accident, and rode home with other two young fellows, both of whom had lights.—Defendant was fined 6d and costs.

TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT.

P.C. Ferguson charged Joseph McIver, miner, with having committed a breach of the Towns Police Clauses Act, by having used obscene language at Shield Row on July 2nd.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—The officer said about 11.15 p.m. he heard defendant making use of the language used on the summons.—P.C. Thomas corroborated.—Defendant denied being at Shield Row that night.—Thos McIver, father, said defendant was never at Shield Row on that night.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Sidney Callicott, barman for Mr. Jos. Watson, Royal Hotel, Stanley, charged Robt. Davison, miner, with refusing to quit the licensed premises at West Stanley on July 2nd.—Complainant said defendant repeatedly refused to leave the premises and bit and struck him.—P.C. Ferguson corroborated and said he saw the teeth marks on the complainant's finger, and the wounds on his brow.—Davison was also charged with having assaulted Callicott at the same time and place.—Defendant said complainant aggravated him and jumped off the doorstep on to him.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs for the first offence, and 2/6 and costs for the assault.

ASSAULTING A BUTCHER.

Robert Vitty, butcher, Cement Cottages, charged Joseph O'Kane, a miner, of South Moor, with having assaulted him at South Moor on June 25th.—Complainant said the defendant went and looked through the window and said he was like his b—— father.—Mary Bell, servant, said she saw the defendant strike complainant, knock him down, and drag him outside.—John Russell, jun., Annfield Plain, said he was passing the shop when the two were struggling, and he helped to part them.—A man named Waggott was standing at the Row End when it happened. He saw complainant laugh at defendant while passing the shop.—Defendant said he was very drunk, and when he saw the complainant laughing at him it provoked him.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

STRANGE BATHING PLACE.

Frank H. Burn, of Stanley, charged Hy. Salkeld, Peter Roxborough, George Nixon, and Jas. Trainer with having done wilful damage to grass at Stanley on July 17th.—P.C. Ayre said he had previously cautioned the defendants. In the field was a pitfall which was filled with water, in which defendants and other lads were in the habit of bathing.—A fine of 6d and costs was imposed.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

P.C. Thomas summoned Jas. York and John Coyle for having been drunk and disorderly at No Place on July 22nd.—P.C. Thomas stated he saw defendants drunk at No Place.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

Robt. Cranston, landlord of the Red Robin Inn, No Place, Beamish, summoned John Coyle for refusing to quit his licensed premises, and also for having assaulted him on July 21st.—Complainant said defendant had two or three glasses of beer in one of his rooms. When he went back to the room defendant had his coat off. Complainant requested him to put it on, and on refusing kicked complainant, after which he put him out.—Defendant was fined 10/- and costs for the first offence, and 2/6 and costs for the second offence.

Emma Hughes, a married woman, summoned Jas. Walvin for assaulting her and doing damage to her spectacles on July 20th at Craghead.—Complainant said she saw defendant fighting with his brother, and went to make peace between them, and waved a paper in his face, upon which defendant struck her and broke her spectacles. She valued the spectacles at 7/6.—P.C. Johnson said he saw the defendant strike complainant on the face. There had been a fight about "ball playing" and Mrs. Hughes was endeavouring to separate them.—Defendant said the complainant had no business to interfere with his brother.—Defendant was fined 5/6 and costs for the assault, and 2/6 and costs for the damage.—Defendant: I don't mean to pay one halfpenny.—Mr. Green: Very well, you will have to go to Durham Gaol for seven days.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

P.C. Thomas, East Stanley, charged Thos. Sayers, a miner with having used obscene language at East Stanley on July 21st.—The officer said the defendant was playing a concertina at a very late hour, and when he requested him to desist he "showed off" and used the language on the summons.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

TRANSFER OF LICENSE.

Mr. Mark Coates, licensed victualler, Consett, applied for a transfer of the license held by Mr. Jos. Watson, of the Royal Hotel, Stanley.—Mr. T. Lambert made the formal application.—Mr. John Palmer, builder, testified to the character of the applicant, and the application was granted.

CRICKET

DIPTON v. BURNHOPE II.

Played at Burnhope on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BURNHOPE.

N. Jacques b J. Allen	0
W. Jacques c Simpson b Coates	3
M. Frazer b J. Allen	3
J. Richardson b Coates	9
P. Cassidy run out	2
R. Wallace not out	35
J. Siddle b J. Allen	3
R. Murray b Coates	1
W. Laycock b Thompson	1
J. Elliott c Burton b Coates	0
J. W. Fish b Thompson	0
Extras	15
Total	72

DIPTON.

J. Spinks b Siddle	5
F. Wilson b Wallace	10
R. Coates b Siddle	11
W. Thompson c Laycock b Cassidy	19
Jas. Allen b Siddle	4
T. Simpson l.b.w. b Wallace	1
A. Blakey b Siddle	4
F. Allen run out	3
J. Wilson, not out	17
T. Burton b Cassidy	2
J. Muse c Laycock b Wallace	9
Extras	3
Total	88

MEDOMSLEY v. CONSETT.

In this match to be played at Consett, the Medomsley team will be chosen from the following.—Rev. A. C. Blunt, M. Hedley, T. Walton, R. Cant, R. Campbell, R. Charlton, M. Charlton, A. Whiteley, F. S. Strickland, W. Cant, J. R. Lowes, M. H. Wilkinson, and E. Wilson. Brake to leave Medomsley at 1.30 prompt.

MEDOMSLEY II. v. CONSETT II.

At Medomsley, the following will represent the home team—M. Walton, S. Wheatley, J. Hetherington, W. J. Hunter, W. G. F. Thompson, T. Parker, Jos. Walton, W. Lovat, Jos. Marks, W. Wheatley, and G. Scrivens. Reserve, Walter Thompson. Wickets pitched at 2.30.

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"I read, I pondered, and I thought
What strange description here is given!
I wish you all to understand
I'm speaking now of Rowell's "Heaven."

The skipping with angelic choirs
On seas of glass and gold caignes mounted!
Must to the deeply thinking man
Be always very much discounted.

The valleys shall have passed away.
No more we'll see the stately palms.
No more we'll desecrate their boughs.
The cascades shall have lost their charms.

The plains shall never more be seen;
The groves shall vanish with the rest;
The hill-grown cedars shall no more
Have any attractions for the blest.

Why speak of all this glass and gold?
Christ's teaching is not that, I find,
But, when we reach Our Father's Home,
We leave all earthly things behind.

Ear hath not heard, eye hath not seen,
Nor mind of man can e'er conceive
The fulness of those heavenly joys
Reserved for those who do believe."

"HELP."

Annfield Plain.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Samuel L. Shannon, who died at Dipton, July 28th, 1899. Ever remembered by his loving wife, Margaret Shannon.

In loving memory of Christopher Taylor, the beloved husband of Hannah Taylor, who was killed at East Castle Colliery, July 19th, 1899. Ever remembered by his loving wife.

Oh do not ask me if I miss him,
There is still his vacant place;
Can I ere forget his footstep,
Or his dear familiar face.

In ever loving and affectionate remembrance of our dear and only son, Samuel Lindsay Shannon, who died at Dipton, on July 28th, 1899, aged 26 years.

One sad year has passed away,
Since our dear loved one was called away.
The blow was hard, and oh! severe,
To part with him we loved so dear.
A light has from our household gone;
A voice we loved is stilled.
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Never to be forgotten by his father and sister.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Barbara Howard, who died February 26th, 1898, aged 65 years. Also my dear father, George Howard, who died July 29th, 1891 1898, aged 75 years.

We were so long with pain oppressed,
That wore our strength away,
It made us long for endless rest,
Which never can decay.

Ever remembered by their loving son, Stephen.

In loving memory of my dear brother, who died July 9th, 1898 aged 33 years.

With care you watched my dying bed,
With many a dropping tear,
But angels beckoned me away,
And took me from your care.
Weep not for me my brother dear,
Shed not for me one single tear,
For all was done that could be done,
You plainly saw my time was come.

Ever remembered by his loving brother, Stephen.

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Leadgate.

ELECTION OF A GUARDIAN.—For the seat rendered vacant on the Lanchester Board of Guardians by the death of Mr. Luke Nicholson, we understand that Dr. W. F. Henley and Coun. J. W. Winter have been nominated. Withdrawals will be taken up to Monday first, and the election is fixed for Tuesday, August 7th.

FIRE.—On Monday night, about ten o'clock, a fire which might have had serious consequences broke out on the premises of Mr. Jas. Kelly, of the Queen Victoria Hotel, Leadgate. By some means the curtains on the first landing became ignited, and there was soon a blaze. Fortunately, the fire was quickly discovered, and, by the aid of several men who happened to be in the bar, the flames were got under. Considerable damage was done to the wall, etc., but it was lucky that it was not more serious.

Tanfield

COLLIERY ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning an accident befel a man named Brown, of East Stanley, who was employed at Messrs Joicey's Tanfield Colliery. It appears that Brown was working as a hewer when a fall of coal broke his leg. He was conveyed home and received medical attention.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births

BARRY.—At 82, Kensington Road, Southport (late of Consett), on 24th inst., Mrs. Barry, wife of Thos. Barry, hairdresser, of a daughter.

SMAIL.—Woodbine Cottage, Shotley Bridge, on the 18th inst., the wife of A. J. Smail, of a son.

SMETHAM.—Busty Bank, Burnopfield, on July 23rd, the wife of Thomas Smetham, of a daughter.

Marriages.

ROBINSON—ARMSTRONG.—At Tanfield, on the 24th July, by the Rev. Richard Tuson, Vicar of Dipton, Robert Robinson, Mountsett House, to Annie, daughter of Thomas Armstrong, White-le-Head House.

SHIELD—HEPPLEWHITE.—At Wesley Hall, Elswick, July 18th, by the Rev. T. F. Thompson, John, youngest son of the late Robert Shield, of Swalwell, to Jennie, youngest daughter of Ralph Hepplewhite, of Elswick.

Deaths.

COCKBURN.—5, Railway Cottage, Leadgate, on 24th inst., Elizabeth, wife of George Cockburn.

CHARLTON.—Gosforth, Causey House, on the 20th inst., aged 86, Elizabeth, widow of the late William Charlton.

DAVIDSON.—Ouston, July 23rd, aged 41, Mabel, wife of John Davidson.

DALE.—Kip Hill, Stanley, died on 23rd inst., John, the beloved husband of Margaret Dale. To be interred at Stanley on Friday, at 3 p.m. All friends kindly invited.

DAWSON.—Beamish Mill, 21st inst., aged 9 years and 9 months, Henry, son of George and Sarah Dawson, and grandson of the late Isaiah and Margaret Gillisead, Dipton.

ELTRINGHAM.—Sunniside, 17th inst., suddenly, aged 57, John, husband of Jane Eltringham.

FINLAY.—Houghton-le-Spring New Town, 18th inst., aged 84 years, Eleanor, relict of the late Wm. Finlay, grocer.

FROSDICK.—Consett, 5, Berry Edge Road, on the 23rd inst., after a long and painful illness, Caroline, beloved wife of William Frosdick. To be interred at Blackhill Cemetery on Friday. Cortege to leave residence at 3.30 o'clock. All friends kindly invited.

HUNTER.—Grange Farm, Medomsley, on 21st inst., aged 54 years, John, beloved husband of Isabella Hunter.

HEPPLEWHITE.—Quality Row, Swalwell, on the 17th inst., aged 81 years, Michael, husband of Sarah Hepplewhite.

LANCHESTER.—At Holly House, Bishop Auckland, on the 17th inst., Thomas Lanchester, M.R.C.V.S., husband of Eleanor Lanchester.

RILEY.—Prospect Terrace, Sunniside, at the residence of her uncle, William Murray, on the 23rd inst., in her 16th year, Sarah, fourth daughter of Matthew Riley, plasterer, of Hexham.

SAMPLE.—Front Street, South Moor, 22nd inst., aged 27 years, Thomas, husband of Mary Ann Sample.

TURNER.—Hope Street, Crook, 24th inst., John Turner, aged 71 years.

THOMPSON.—Grey Bull Inn, Stanhope, on the 20th inst., aged 1 year and 20 days, Robert, the beloved son of Robert Worthy and Hannah Thompson.

TURNBULL.—4, Railway Terrace, Usworth Colliery, on the 18th inst., aged 9 months, Julia, daughter of Robert and Constance Jane Turnbull.

WATSON.—Eighton Banks, Simpson's Cottages, 17th inst., aged 63, Mary Ann, widow of the late Robert Watson.

WALKER.—Chester-le-Street, 115, Front Street, 19th inst., aged 35 years, John Walker, stonemason, eldest son of William Walker, Iron Founder.

WHITFIELD.—At Teams Cottage, Teams, Gateshead, on the 17th inst., in his 14th year, Alfred, youngest son of William and Mary A. Whitfield.

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