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With scattered caresses
Her pearly neck is laps,
And daintily, and faintly,
Her ears all glossy, tops.

Sometimes across her forehead
It delicately flies,
An drops, as drop the shadows,
In silence o'er her eyes;
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Correspondence.

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STANLEY AND THE DRINK TRAFFIC.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—We live in a world of changes, and amongst them is the great change that has taken place in the shriving village of West Stanley. Since I first gazed on it how strange are the recollections that I can recall from the time "when my heart was full of joy and glee." Buildings have been erected, the population has increased quite startlingly, until we see look upon quite a little town, with its "Paddy's market" so famous. The few old-fashioned red-tiled houses seem to have sunk almost into oblivion, and made way for more modern and extensive buildings. The Primitive Methodists have progressed with the times, and even the school-room once used to the neat little church which stands so prominent, and ornaments the place. The Wesleyan Methodists have been blessed in their cause, after much perseverance and labour, and as a reward for their efforts, now enjoy a chapel which is admitted to be a beautiful structure. The United Methodist Free Church have also become a people who were not a people since I first knew Stanley, and amidst many difficulties are still plodding away pushing forward. The Salvation Army movement, with its fearless attack upon sin, and enthusiasm both in regard to the bodies and souls of their followers have commenced with their new barracks.

Although the religious denominations have increased with such rapid strides within the time of my remembrance, yet amidst them all "John Barleycorn" raises his hideous head to keep up with the times and drown righteousness, truth, and purity. The inn generally known as "Foster's," has been rebuilt and enlarged much since I first knew it. The Commercial Hotel, known as "Clarkson's," has recently got, I suppose, a circular bar. As the visitor enters Stanley, he will see a new structure from the west direction, the large place known as "Charlton's," that used only to be a small cottage or two which hide their heads and seem to be unnoticed and forgotten as the Isle of Man. There, too, the public-house has been enlarged. But what is startling the peace and welfare lovers of Stanley is the rumours of more accommodation to be made to carry on the sale of intoxicating liquors. We hear of many temperance bodies in the village. Are they up and dozing? The Church of England, with her rank, wealth, intelligence, and power, with her temperance institutes expected in the near future—we ask in the place of the van of the army to lead it on to victory against the fiend that stalks so boldly through our land? The dissenting bodies ought not to keep behind their eyes, as if half awake, instead of following up to make a compact body of devoted abstainers to stop the enemy from stealing quickly on them.

The Primitive Methodists should especially march at once, for the rumours we hear regarding "more accommodation" is to be the old "brew house," where I used to go when a boy for barm for my mother. I had hoped its connection with the demoralising trade had ceased for ever; but if the temperance bodies do not work, the stench will rise up in the very nostrils of the Primitive Methodists. The Catholic Church will certainly use its mighty influence in putting down the drink in every way that they possibly can, and join in the stout campaign and show themselves reliant in the cause that the immortal Father Matthew threw himself into body and soul. The ratepayers of Stanley will be aware that when they fight the drink traffic they are fighting against heavier poor rates and taxes. They will not, I trust, take so much enlightening upon this question as they had on the School Board question, but will do all in their power to hasten the end of drink. Repeatedly, my townsfolk, men and women are before the Bench for fighting and drinking. The roads are at times obstructed by the crowds who rush to see a fight, while oaths and curses taint the air.

Is it not time something was done when from 20 to 30 men may be seen powerless by drink in the short distance between Shield Row and Stanley? Have the suppliers of drink to go on in this way, seeming to enjoy their state and being merry? Oh, for an end to it!—Yours, &c.,

DEATH TO THE DRINK.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

Langley Park Rovers A.F.C. second team have nearly all dates vacant, and wish to have them filled up.—Secretary, J. Agar, Langley Street, Langley Park.

The Sacriston St. Peter's A.F.C. have all dates vacant for the coming football season, and would like to arrange matches with good first teams and good reserve teams.—Apply to A. Waite, hon. sec. St. Peter's A.F.C., Sacriston, near Durham.

Cycling Notes.

CONSETT BICYCLE CLUB.—The members of the above club intend carrying out a novel idea this week-end, when they will go into camp in hopes. What may be termed the "advance guard" will leave Consett to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon for Stanhope, to pitch the tents and make arrangements for the arrival of the main body, who will start for the rendezvous about 12 o'clock on Saturday night, and on Monday, number about 20, will breakfast. Should the weather prove fine, the cyclists expect to have a jolly time, and will doubtless make things "hum."

BICYCLE ACCIDENT AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Saturday afternoon, a young man named Charles Bardess, living in Gloucester Street, Newcastle, had a very serious accident at Chester-le-Street. He was riding an ordinary bicycle at a rapid rate down the Pile Shed Bank, and when near the bottom of the hill was suddenly pitched over the handle, and fell on his head. He was immediately attended to by Dr Lyon Smith, but so serious were his injuries that his life was for some time despaired of. Ultimately he was removed to the residence of Mr Peter Hay, where he was attended by Dr Taylor. On Sunday, the young man, although suffering from very severe concussion of the brain, had somewhat improved.

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Cricket.

Secretaries of clubs will greatly oblige by sending the first return cards to our office as early as possible.

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

BLAYDON JUNIORS v GOSFORTH ASHFIELD.—Played at Gosforth, and resulted in a victory for Ashfield by seven runs. Score:—Blaydon, 26; Ashfield, 33.

DURHAM COUNTY CUP COMPETITION.

SEMI-FINALS.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v CROOK.

Saturday was the day fixed for playing off the semi-final round of the Durham Cup Competition, and the games were favoured with charming weather. The tie between Consett and District and Crook was set for decision at Durham, on the ground of the City club, and Large numbers of spectators from the two districts of Consett, Crook, and Durham visited the enclosure to witness the match, which was unfinished, but will be continued to-morrow (Saturday). Score:—

CONSETT.		CROOK.	
A S Gedfrey (capt.) run out	66	R Scales (capt.) b Godfrey	10
I Richards not out	89	F Blair not out	22
T Jameson b Sc. les	6	W A Burnip not out	0
W Turnbull b Scales	1	J G Woodall	
T D Dales c Hilton b Woodhall	1	M Pears	
W Scales c Bolton b Wilson	34	L Dowson	
J Tyley b Wilson	7	W Turner	To bat.
P Gibson b Wilson	9	A Hilton	
M Williamson c Scales b Wilson	4	A Wilson	
Dr Wynne b Wilson	6	C Raine	
Extras	2	Extras	1
Total	240	Total	83

DARLINGTON v USHAW MOOR.

The tie between these clubs took place on the cricket field, Bishop Auckland, and ended in a win for Ushaw Moor. Score:—

DARLINGTON.		USHAW MOOR.	
C Simpson c and b Dowson	0	D Hardie c Hammond b Hedley	3
H Esnor b Hardie	23	R Hope lbw b Hammond	42
W Hammond b Tewick	0	J Gilroy b Hammond	13
J Stabler run out	4	W Tewick b Hammond	0
G Walker run out	1	G Hall lbw b Hammond	0
G Hall b Hedley	0	W Hill lbw b Hammond	0
H Grey c & b Harding	2	J Temple b Tewick	2
J Temple b Tewick	2	T Dowson not out	0
W Harding b Hedley	0	W Lenig b Harding	2
J Hebdon b Tewick	2	N Ogg b Hebdon	1
Extras	1	P Hardie c and b Grey	4
Total	53	Woodhall not out	4
		A B Hudson lbw b Grey	0
		Extras	18
		Total	93

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v CONSETT FELL 1ST

Played at Medomsley, the home team winning by 32 runs. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		CONSETT FELL.	
Mr Morgan b Watson	0	T Charlton b Harris	36
W Hunter b Robinson	2	T Longworth b Thompson	2
G Moon run out	23	W Bell b Thompson	17
T Harris b Robinson	8	T Watson run out	1
T Bramley b Robina'n	3	J Lowes b Baron	0
W Baron b Watson	0	J Robinson b Moon	0
J Ross b Robinson	0	G Charlton run out	0
T Walton b Watson	4	E Carill b Thomp on	4
W Jno Hunter b Watson	0	W Hall b Moon	0
P Murphy b Robinson	0	T Atkinson not out	1
M Hunter not out	0	A Enstace b Bramley	1
Extras	3	Extras	0
Total	73	Total	40

CHESTER-LE-STREET v MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Chester-le-Street, the home team being victorious. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		DUNSTON.	
R Cant run out	0	J Thompson c Bramwell b Middleton	21
M Charlton b Middleton	5	G Halliday b Little	6
W Cant b Middleton	0	D Crichton c Veitch	8
M Milburn b Crichton	2	W Hare c Simpson b Little	1
A Little b Middleton	2	T Hall c Simpson b Little	1
R Campbell b Crichton	0	J Bowron c Little b Kerrich	1
J Bowron c Little b Kerrich	1	W Parkinson c Little b Kerrich	0
G E Milburn b Middleton	0	Charlton run out	1
W Charlton not out	0	G Cant b Little	0
J Veitch run out	0	R Garbutt l b w b Little	0
W Simpson c Halliday b Little	0	J Bewick b Middleton	0
		J Davison not out	3
		O Robson b Little	1
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	23	Total	56

BLAYDON v DUNSTON.

Played at Dunston, and resulted in a draw greatly in favour of Blaydon. Score:—

BLAYDON.		DUNSTON.	
W Wilson c Cranston	7	J Thompson c Brown b Hepple	0
T Robinson b Cranston	11	G Brown b Tebb	7
H C Milne b Donkin	8	J Hedworth b Wilson	0
A Brownlee b Blenkinsop	11	J Smith c Thomas	1
A Tebb b Hedworth	33	Cranston c Poole	10
E Latimer b Blenkinsop	5	J Conkin not out	1
W J Wilson b Blenkinsop	0	T Blenkinsop not out	3
Lishman b Hedworth	0	Lawson	
J Tuneate b Hedworth	9	Smith	To bat.
W H Poole b Blenkinsop	8	Hudson	
J Daglish not out	4	Wood	
Extras	14	Extras	0
Total	115	Total	33

CRAGHEAD JUNIORS v BEAMISH TRUE BLUES.

Played at Beamish, resulting in a win for the home team. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.		BEAMISH.	
J Floyd b G Lyes	15	D Soulsby b Floyd	0
T Hawks c Oliver b Lyes	2	T Hawks c Oliver b Lyes	0
R Grant b Laverick	2	G Lyes b Floyd	0
J Clennen run out	5	D Laverick b Floyd	0
W Coulson b Laverick	1	J Hurlb b Lumley	1
W Brown b G Lyes	1	J Hetherington b Hepple	8
J Lumley b Laverick	2	T Topp c	0
J Lumley c and b Lyes	0	J Mason b Floyd	0
T Thompson b G Lyes	0	C Lyes b Lumley	2
T Hanson not out	0	J Laverick b Floyd	5
J Frater c Barth	0	T Hindson not out	5
Extras	3	W Walker run out	2
Total	38	Extras	0
		Total	24

OXHILL 1ST v STANLEY 2ND.

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

OXHILL.		STANLEY.	
R Ritchie b Shield	0	E Gailes b Raine	1
E Graham c Christopher b Middleton	1	T Christopher c Middleton b Middlemast	1
J Richardson c Gailes b Siddle	5	T Siddle b Raine	8
J Ritchie b Siddle	8	T Farrell c and b Middlemast	7
R Beaney lbw	9	T Shield b Middlemast	0
J Middlemast b Farrell	0	E Summerbell lbw	1
W Raine b Farrell	2	R Johnson b Raine	3
J Middlemas b Siddle	4	J Wray c Graham b Middlemast	0
R Palmer b Farrell	13	M Atkinson not out	2
M Atkinson not out	2	J Walker c Sanderson b Siddle	1
J Walker c Sanderson b Siddle	1	G Sanderson not out	0
Extras	1	W Watson b Raine	2
Total	50	Extras	0
		Total	32

OXHILL 2ND v THE LIZZIE 2ND.

Played at The Lizzie, the game ending in a win for the visitors. Score:—

OXHILL.		LIZZIE.	
J Charlton b Burton	0	A Blakey c Collin	0
M Ledger c Burton b Buck	0	H Herdman b Collin	3
J Mitchell run out	2	T Errington c Collin b Ledger	0
R Nichol c Blakey b Buck	2	J Ledger	0
J Middlemast c Blakey b Davidson	1	J Carroll c Collin b Ledger	3
R Palmer b Blakey	4	J Burton b Ledger	0
J Collin run out	0	T Buck c Mitchell b Collin	1
Charlton c Buck b Burton	3	W Herdman b Collin	0
C Mumford c Errington b Burton	2	T Smith c Ledger b Collin	0
P Howden not out	0	W Stafford b Collin	3
Extras	13	H Macpherson not out	0
		Extras	1
Total	34	Total	21

WEST DENTON v GREENSIDE.

Played at Greenside, and resulted in a win for West Denton by one run, after a close and exciting finish. Score:—

WEST DENTON.		GREENSIDE.	
Hedley lbw b Hall	4	Fellis b Bailey	15
Nicholson b Fewster	14	Richardson b Wood	0
Humble c Hall	4	J Hall c Pratt	2
Potts b Hall	0	Armitage b Nicholson	0
G Palfreman b Fewst's	0	G Hall b Nicholson	0
Murray b Fewster	3	J Hall c Bailey	3
Bailey b Hall	6	Whittaker b Potts	0
Weir b Hall	1	Pile run out	0
Wilkinson b Hall	0	Fewster c Wilkinson	0
Wood b Hall	12	Forster c G Palfreman	4
T Palfreman not out	5	Snowdon not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	5
Total	66	Total	55

It would be impossible to speak in too high terms of praise of Richards' display. To carry his bat through such a lengthy innings was an exceptional feat, and he showed the same care as the finish as he did at the beginning. Many so have been the excellent performances received in favour of Richards, I think this stands out as his most noteworthy accomplishment. The bowling and fielding of the Greside men was fine, and they bore their long outing in the field in capital style.

Only half-an-hour remained, and Scaler and Blair opened the batting for them. Both played capital cricket, Blair especially. Shortly before stumps were drawn, Scales was dismissed by Cook for 22, and as the end of the innings Blair had compiled 33 for one wicket, Blair having 22 to his credit. It will thus be seen that the Crook team have a busy task before them to-morrow (to-day), when the game will be resumed on the same ground.

A GREAT SURPRISE AT BISHOP AUCKLAND: USHAW MOOR SPENT THE FAVOURITES.

As I stated last week, Ushaw Moor have shown excellent form throughout the competition; but they surpassed themselves on Saturday at Bishop Auckland, when they dismissed the much-belauded Darlington 2nd team in easy fashion. For some time now Darlington have been expected to land the cup—especially after their record score of 223—but the reputation they had gained caused no fear to the lusty Moorites, and the latter achieved a handsome victory.

Darlington took first innings, and as batting is supposed to be their strong force, they were expected to put together a big total. However, their display was most disappointing as, barring Esnor (who made 23 runs in his 28 minutes), nobody could make anything of the excellent bowling of Tewick and Hammond. Hedley also bowled well, and kept a moderate score of 53. Harding and Tewick were an splendid form with the ball, and were backed up by some very smart fielding.

Of course, with such a small total against them, Ushaw Moor had to go in to win, and such result is proved. Smith and Hope opened the innings, and after the former had been caught for three, Gibson joined Hope, and the pair made the necessary run for the loss of only one wicket. Hope, who played such a grand innings against Collery Row, was again seen to great advantage, carrying his bat for score (43). Harding (28), Browning (30), and Gibson (19) were likewise conspicuous. Altogether, Ushaw Moor are to be congratulated on their splendid victory, and will doubtless make a bold bid for the trophy. In many cases, they are entitled to great credit for having reached the final.

A "MORAL" VICTORY FOR BLAYDON.

Blaydon showed a very great improvement on their previous week's form at Dunston, on Saturday, and time alone robbed them of victory. Batting first, the visitors made a capital display, topping the century by 15. Thomas was the only man to fail, who put on an excellent 33. Liskman (10) and Brownlee (11) also did well, and several others made useful scores. Blenkinsop bowled well for the home team.

Low scoring characterised the return game between Medomsley and Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, at the latter's ground city. Although first acted on the defensive, but gave a miserable display, seven of them getting into double figures. W. E. Charlton (29) was top score, the total only reaching 73 to 23. Even making every allowance for the splendid bowling of T. Middleton and Crichtlow, there was no excuse for such a total as 73 to 23. Mr. Willow, of Medomsley, who should certainly have been good for many more runs.

It was thought that too little time remained to get Dunston out, and such proved to be true. Without doing anything startling, most of the home batsmen contributed useful scores, and at 4 times 6 runs for 2 wickets were down for 33 runs. Of course, the draw was greatly in favour of Blaydon, who had to be content with a "moral" victory—whatever that may be worth.

With such a poor total to go in against, victory was assured for the home team, who, however, did not have it all their own way against the bowling. Following up his successful bowling, Middleton contributed a capital 21 towards a total score of 56. The fielding of the visitors was very smart, and one of the best seen on the Chester-le-Street ground this season, while Liddle did a bowling performance of exceptional merit, taking 5 wickets for 7 runs, and taking six wickets for seven runs. I am glad to see Liddle in something like his old form again.

"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

It was with great pleasure that I observed in last week's *Guardian*, that Mr W. G. Thompson, the energetic secretary of the Medomsley Cricket and Football Clubs, had been the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the members of the combined clubs. Mr Thompson richly deserves this, as he has been mainly instrumental in North-West Durham, and it is satisfactory to note that the members have marked their appreciation of his valuable services in such a substantial manner. A friend who was present informs me that the company spent a most pleasant evening; the "Vicar of Bray" being rendered in splendid style off by the captain of the 2nd team (Mr W. Hunter). I have been unable to ascertain the name of the song rendered by Mr Thompson, but it has been referred to me that it was one of his own composition. How's that, umpire?

OPENING OF A CRICKET PAVILION AT BEARNSGE.

Wednesday, July 22nd, was a "red-letter" day at Burnhope Colliery. Alderman U. A. Ritson, J.P., presided the above colliery, after attending the County Council meeting at Durham, accompanied by his sons—Messrs W. H. and J. Ritson—for the purpose of opening the handsome cricket pavilion which has been erected for the use of the Burnhope C.C. Although the weather was of the worst possible kind, a large party gathered at the pavilion to witness the opening ceremony.

Ald. Ritson, before proceeding and declaring the building open, addressed the men and youths present on the advantages of the game, and advised them to aim at all-round playing more than any special branch of the game, as it alone would lead to ensure success in their matches. He had noticed in the past that they had played very successfully, yet if they attained individually to all-round skill they would be more successful in the future. He thought, too, that cricket was a good indicator of a man's character to a considerable extent, and certainly anyone who played the game in earnest was less likely to fall a victim to those habits than if he did not play at cricket or at least take up some other manly game. The pavilion would also, he had no doubt, be useful for them to take shelter in, as soon to visiting teams, serve as a good place to view a match from, and make a good committee-room. It is helped to develop their characters in the right direction, helped them to be more manly, and thereby, though indirectly, encouraged sobriety, he would feel amply repaid for the part he had taken in providing the pavilion.

The building was then formally presented to the club and declared open. Mr Jno. Reed, Esq., of South Medomsley, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Ritson for his generous gift and kindly sympathies shown to his workmen, not only by the pavilion they then stood in, but specially by the excellent advice. Mr J. Hood seconded the proposal, which was carried with round after round of cheers.

The programme could not be carried out as originally intended—viz., a match between Stobley Bridge and Burnhope, as the ground was unfit owing to the clay greasiness, and a display of fireworks, owing to the heavy rain. A retreat was made to the neighbouring schools, where Mr Ritson has just had completed several great alterations, the principal being the joining together of two large rooms, making a hall 60 feet long with a splendid platform, and the whole school fitted up with a hot-water apparatus for tea. Four large tables groaned under the abundant supply of good things and beautiful floral decorations. Upwards of 400 partook of tea. There was a display of fireworks at the pavilion, which on subsiding the company repaired to the schools, and brought a memorable day to a close. Great credit is due to Councillor J. T. Forster, who takes a great personal interest in the clubs and Mr Jacob Gibson, engineer, for the active part they have taken in the club's welfare.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE DEMONSTRATION AT STOBLEY SPA.

On Wednesday afternoon, the members of the Derwent Valley Habitation of the Primrose League, which was only established a few months since, and has already attained a very large membership, held their first demonstration in the Spa Grounds at Stobley Bridge, by kind permission of Mr Jno. Stobley and Mr J. M. Stobley (Stobley Bridge); Messrs J. W. Forster, Stobley Bridge; Messrs J. W. Forster, J. Collinson, and others. A good many persons partook of an excellent tea, which was provided in the pavillion. In the course of the proceedings, Mr J. Croston, of Manchester, delivered an able and effective address on political topics.

Mr Croston, in the course of his speech, stated that the Primrose League was formed for the maintenance of the best interests of the country. It upheld the principles of religion, and was opposed to the principles of infidelity. Some men, even in the House of Commons, told them that their religion was worn-out and effete superstition. It was therefore time to bind themselves together in defence of Christian principles. They believed in reforming and improving existing institutions. They desired to preserve that which had stood the test of time, and to be enabled to hand down such institutions to their successors in no impaired state. (Applause.) They further advocated the maintenance of, and the integrity of the British Empire. They believed the prosperity of this country depended upon its commerce which was carried to every colony and land. It was on account of their first-class navy that Great Britain should maintain her own exalted position amongst the family of nations. (Applause). The Primrose League was formed not in the interests of any party, but in the interest of three great principles—Faith, Freedom, and Fatherland. (Cheers). Accordingly they supported the Unionist party because it was true to their principles. (Applause). If the Government was not steadfast to its principles, it would not, of course, receive their support. It was a most fortunate circumstance when the Government of 1886-92 passed the Crimes Act, and the helm of the state was placed in the hands of such an eminent administrator as Lord Salisbury. (Loud cheers). Every true Englishman was pledged to support the party that would give the greatest amount of happiness to the people generally. The Gladstonian Government of 1880-86 was largely responsible for making peasants think they pressed could never be fulfilled. They ought, moreover, to judge parties, not by their promises, but by their performances. (Applause). "In the Commons' House," Mr Croston repeated, "Mr Gladstone, of 1891, was occupied by Mr T. R. Oates. The congregations were large, and collections were taken in aid of the trust fund.

HONOURS.—Mr C. L. Climer, Waterhouses, has again distinguished himself. His figures well on the right side of 100 (Applause). Climer, Waterhouses, amongst the candidates for admission to the Wesleyan ministry. He is in honours division in theology. He has taken exceedingly gratifying position in theology. He is the only candidate who was unanimously placed in 1st class honours in the whole race examination. He has been successful as pupil teacher, Mr Climer has also very successful at Messrs Reass' science classes, and has won numerous prizes and medals. He was placed 94th in the 1st class on the Queen's scholarship list. He was entirely educated under Mr J. Potts at the Waterhouses British School.

BAPTISED ANNIVERSARY.—The Republic of Durham Road, (Waterhouses), successfully completed their anniversary on Sunday. A public tea was provided on the state of trade, which enjoyed by a number of friends and members. Rev W. Wynn, Bradford, preached a thoroughly good sermon on "Consecration," to a good congregation. A service of song, entitled "The Puritan's Daughter," was splendidly rendered in the afternoon by the choir and children. The connective readings were forcibly delivered by Mr Wm. Wynn. Mr G. Robson presided at the harmonium. In the evening the children creditably recited pieces. Mr Wynn conducted.

LANCHESTER.

BLACKHILL, CONSETT AND DISTRICT "MODEL" BUILDING SOCIETIES.—A public meeting was held in the National Schools, Lanchester, on Friday night, under the presidency of Mr Ralph Walton, Lanchester. The first portion of the proceedings was devoted to the furtherance of the 2nd "Model" section of advances, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd series of Eltringham, Blackhill, and J. G. Murray, Benfieldside House; and although the audience was small, the meeting was one of the most profitable held in connection with these societies. A considerable number of new members have been enrolled.—The ballot for the 1st "Model" subscription was then taken, and 4 fives were drawn; but it was found that the holders of these shares were in arrears in payment of their subscriptions. The next figures drawn represented 163, and the holder (Mr Thos. Thompson, of Leadside), being clear on the books, was thus entitled to an advance of £200, free of interest, for 16½ years.—Votes of thanks closed the gathering.

THE WORLD OF FASHION.—The August part of this popular magazine contains a full-sized pattern of a handsome dress, also beautiful illustrations and descriptions of the prevailing fashion for ladies and children.

HORNIMAN'S DIGESTIVE AND PILLS.—More precious than Gold.—Diarrhœa, dysentery, and cholera are, through the summer's heat, carrying off the young, as the winter's cold destroys the aged. In every household, where internal medicines cannot be retained, the greatest relief will immediately result from rubbing Holloway's soothing Ointment over the abdomen. The remedy should be frequent and brisk, to ensure the penetration of a large portion of the Unguent. This Ointment calms the excited peristaltic action and soothes the pain. Both Ointment and purifying pills fail in where fruits or vegetables have originated the malady, it is proper to remove all indigested matter from the stomach by a moderate dose of Holloway's Pills before using the Ointment.

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

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

THE SEMI-FINALS.

A BRILLIANT BATTING PERFORMANCE.

Never, I think, in their history has the Consett and District club accomplished such a brilliant batting achievement as that they were responsible for on Saturday at Durham, against Crook, in one of the semi-finals for the Durham Cup. The ground of the City club was in excellent condition for running, and the wickets played well throughout. The Crook men and their supporters were confident of achieving a somewhat easy victory; but I fancy the result of the day's play would act as a rude shock to their aspirations. The pertinent of both clubs assembled in force, and were loud in demonstrations of their presence during the progress of the game.

Godfrey won the toss, and, as usual, took Richards with him to open the Consett innings. Both men played cautiously at first, but Godfrey soon began to lay on in his free and vigorous style, and he scored a warm time of it. Just when everyone was expecting to see the century hoisted without the fall of a wicket, the Consett captain was unfortunately run out, 93 runs having been registered. Some idea may be gleaned of the vigour of Godfrey's batting when it is stated that the latter's score was accounted to no less than 66; and it was hard lines for him to be run out when he seemed in every way likely to make a big score. His innings is every way worthy of his great reputation. Richards continued to bat in splendid style, but could get no one to stay with him very long, and he was finally contributed for a capital 84, and the innings closed for the magnificent total of 240.

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Of course, with such a small total against them, Ushaw Moor had to go in to win, and such result is proved. Smith and Hope opened the innings, and after the former had been caught for three, Gibson joined Hope, and the pair made the necessary run for the loss of only one wicket. Hope, who played such a grand innings against Collery Row, was again seen to great advantage, carrying his bat for score (43). Harding (28), Browning (30), and Gibson (19) were likewise conspicuous. Altogether, Ushaw Moor are to be congratulated on their splendid victory, and will doubtless make a bold bid for the trophy. In many cases, they are entitled to great credit for having reached the final.

Blaydon showed a very great improvement on their previous week's form at Dunston, on Saturday, and time alone robbed them of victory. Batting first, the visitors made a capital display, topping the century by 15. Thomas was the only man to fail, who put on an excellent 33. Liskman (10) and Brownlee (11) also did well, and several others made useful scores. Blenkinsop bowled well for the home team.

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"HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE."

It was with great pleasure that I observed in last week's *Guardian*, that Mr W. G. Thompson, the energetic secretary of the Medomsley Cricket and Football Clubs, had been the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the members of the combined clubs. Mr Thompson richly deserves this, as he has been mainly instrumental in North-West Durham, and it is satisfactory to note that the members have marked their appreciation of his valuable services in such a substantial manner. A friend who was present informs me that the company spent a most pleasant evening; the "Vicar of Bray" being rendered in splendid style off by the captain of the 2nd team (Mr W. Hunter). I have been unable to ascertain the name of the song rendered by Mr Thompson, but it has been referred to me that it was one of his own composition. How's that, umpire?

OPENING OF A CRICKET PAVILION AT BEARNSGE.

Wednesday, July 22nd, was a "red-letter" day at Burnhope Colliery. Alderman U. A. Ritson, J.P., presided the above colliery, after attending the County Council meeting at Durham, accompanied by his sons—Messrs W. H. and J. Ritson—for the purpose of opening the handsome cricket pavilion which has been erected for the use of the Burnhope C.C. Although the weather was of the worst possible kind, a large party gathered at the pavilion to witness the opening ceremony.

Ald. Ritson, before proceeding and declaring the building open, addressed the men and youths present on the advantages of the game, and advised them to aim at all-round playing more than any special branch of the game, as it alone would lead to ensure success in their matches. He had noticed in the past that they had played very successfully, yet if they attained individually to all-round skill they would be more successful in the future. He thought, too, that cricket was a good indicator of a man's character to a considerable extent, and certainly anyone who played the game in earnest was less likely to fall a victim to those habits than if he did not play at cricket or at least take up some other manly game. The pavilion would also, he had no doubt, be useful for them to take shelter in, as soon to visiting teams, serve as a good place to view a match from, and make a good committee-room. It is helped to develop their characters in the right direction, helped them to be more manly, and thereby, though indirectly, encouraged sobriety, he would feel amply repaid for the part he had taken in providing the pavilion.

The building was then formally presented to the club and declared open. Mr Jno. Reed, Esq., of South Medomsley, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Ritson for his generous gift and kindly sympathies shown to his workmen, not only by the pavilion they then stood in, but specially by the excellent advice. Mr J. Hood seconded the proposal, which was carried with round after round of cheers.

The programme could not be carried out as originally intended—viz., a match between Stobley Bridge and Burnhope, as the ground was unfit owing to the clay greasiness, and a display of fireworks, owing to the heavy rain. A retreat was made to the neighbouring schools, where Mr Ritson has just had completed several great alterations, the principal being the joining together of two large rooms, making a hall 60 feet long with a splendid platform, and the whole school fitted up with a hot-water apparatus for tea. Four large tables groaned under the abundant supply of good things and beautiful floral decorations. Upwards of 400 partook of tea. There was a display of fireworks at the pavilion, which on subsiding the company repaired to the schools, and brought a memorable day to a close. Great credit is due to Councillor J. T. Forster, who takes a great personal interest in the clubs and Mr Jacob Gibson, engineer, for the active part they have taken in the club's welfare.

HEDLEY HILL.

SERMONS ANNIVERSARY.—A child, about two years of age, belonging to Mr Balmbridge, Hedley Hill Terrace, met with a very serious accident on Saturday. The child had wandered into a field where a number of horses were grazing. One of the horses hit the child behind the ear, and in making a second attempt knocked the child so forcibly to the ground, as to produce concussion of the brain. Dr Lyon Smith, Hamilton Row, about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was last week gored in the biceps by a cow. He is now completely passed through the fields, and it is hoped that the injuries will not damage the bone. He is progressing satisfactorily. Both cases were promptly attended by Dr Hare and his assistant, Mr Thorn.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

SOCIAL SUPPER.—On Monday evening, a good number of friends and members of the Allendale Cottage Friendly Society assembled in the above establishment to sup per by Mr and Mrs Holland, Allendale Cottages, on the occasion of the marriage of their eldest daughter.

WEST STANLEY.

THE RECENT FIRE.—The officials of the West Stanley, along with gangs of workmen, have, since the fire, made considerable progress in removing the *debris*, and furthering the scheme in trying to push the work. No efforts on their part seem to be spared in trying to get the colliery once more into working order.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday evening, a public tea was provided in the place of worship at White-le-Head, followed by a coffee supper. There was a good attendance. On Sunday, Miss Cowan, of Newcastle, preached morning and evening; while in the afternoon the public was occupied by Mr T. R. Oates. The congregations were large, and collections were taken in aid of the trust fund.

WATERHOUSES.

HONOURS.—Mr C. L. Climer, Waterhouses, has again distinguished himself. His figures well on the right side of 100 (Applause). Climer, Waterhouses, amongst the candidates for admission to the Wesleyan ministry. He is in honours division in theology. He has taken exceedingly gratifying position in theology. He is the only candidate who was unanimously placed in 1st class honours in the whole race examination. He has been successful as pupil teacher, Mr Climer has also very successful at Messr

LANCHESTER RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The monthly meeting was held at Lanchester, on Thursday afternoon week, under the presidency of Mr. W. S. Logan (chairman). There were present: Mr. W. E. Hall, Messrs. Hagarty, Carter, J. S. Curry, Rev. P. G. Fortin, Messrs J. Collinson, J. Wilkinson, C. Robson, T. J. Muse, W. Appleby, W. Gray, C. P. Kirkup, Wm. Bainbridge, J. Robson, W. Nicholl, the Clerk (Mr W. H. Elsson), and the Inspector (Mr J. K. Parker).

CONVERTED DWELLINGS IN WEST DURHAM.

EXTRAORDINARY DISCLOSURES.

The question of men living and sleeping in coke ovens on Flatts' property was then brought again and again discussed at considerable length, and some startling revelations were brought to light.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the subject was brought forward a month ago in consequence of a letter written to that Authority by Mr W. H. Patterson, secretary of the Durham Miners' Association, on behalf of the inhabitants. Their inspector had been requested to inspect the places and report thereon, and a deputation had been invited to attend at this meeting and express their opinions on the subject.

Mr RUTHERFORD said he wished to correct a misstatement in the letter as to these buildings, one month ago. He did not state, as reported in the Newcastle papers, that a disused workmen was apart for these men. He reported in the *Consett Guardian* was, however, a correct one. No such thing had been done by the colliery owners.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't think you had any fear of it.

Mr WILKINSON: Is there an oven set apart for these men now?

Mr RUTHERFORD: No.

Mr WILKINSON: That is the question.

The Inspector submitted the subjoined report touching the matter:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—Pursuant to your instructions, I beg to report that I have inspected the coke-ovens at Annfield Plain and at Stanley, and I found as follows:—That in 190 coke-ovens, situate in the building on and adjoining the South Derwent and Pontop Collieries, and three coke-ovens, forming no part of, but adjoining the Pontop Colliery, are being used as dwelling-houses.

That at Stanley two coke-ovens, belonging to the Shield Row Colliery, are occupied as dwelling-houses and eight coke-ovens, belonging and attached to the West Stanley Colliery are being slept in nightly.

At Annfield Plain, in seventy-one ovens, the coke-ovens are being used as a one-roomed house, being at once a kitchen, bedroom, and parlour. Wherever such fireplaces have been erected (apparently by the occupants), the smoke therefrom being conveyed in chimneys built up to, and through, the arch of the coke-oven, or through the charging aperture or top "eye" in the crown of the dome. In other instances each oven is occupied as a living-room and bedroom, the cooking being executed in the cabin at the top of the coke-yard, and in a few cases the ovens are being used only as sleeping apartments, the men having hired them as living and mess room, in one case a diminutive hut, 7 feet long and 4 feet square in transverse section, erected behind a chimney is occasionally used as a sleeping room.

At the East Pontop and Shield Row coke-ovens the conditions are analogous to those at South Derwent.

At the West Stanley coke-ovens, the ovens which are being slept in have not yet had the last charge of coke withdrawn, and there is no shield over the doors, planks laid loosely over the coke. Each oven has a capacity of 600 cubic feet.

The entrance to the occupied ovens is effected through the discharging doorway, which in many cases is built up, and in its centre, an adjustable sheet iron screen covering the aperture is affixed, whereby the current of air is diverted from the inhabitants, ample space being left for ventilation.

In some instances I found the inhabitants (all men) of the ovens, within them at the time of my visit and where such was the case, I found the state of the human habitation was a rude plank bed whereon was laid a piece of carpet or bast, logs of wood as seats, and bundles of clothes, empty meat tins used for cooking and drinking utensils, all of which bore traces of having been in use that day. The condition of the inhabited ovens was generally speaking in the worse varies with the corresponding condition of the occupants, some being clean and tidy (two of them are white washed out) while others are filthy and offensive effluvia being emitted from discarded food and clothing which is allowed to lie upon the floor of the apartment. The state of the latter distasteful purposes is contained from the Consett Water Company, and that required for other domestic purpose from the adjacent private wells are used for cooking down the oven when in work.

The occupied ovens are without drains and outlets.

Section 150, Public Health Act, 1875, defines all inhabited buildings which are not originally constructed as dwelling-houses as new buildings.

During the month 38 villages have been inspected, and the numbers enumerated in the following houses are ready, or shortly will be ready, for habitation:—

1,003—32 houses at East Stanley, for Jas. Joicey and Co.

1,004—12 houses at Bradley, for the Consett Iron Company, Limited.

1,005—Alterations at Lintz, for John Shiel.

1,099—2 houses at Hareliaw, for John Bowes and Partners, Limited.

1,164—Alterations to house at Pontop Colliery, for John Bowes and Partners, Limited.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. K. PARKER.

Lanchester, July 23rd, 1891.

Mr NICHOL: Is it correct that a man has lived in these ovens for thirty years?

The Inspector: I can't say.

Mr RUTHERFORD: Yes. You can add ten years on to that.

Mr NICHOL: And did he occupy an oven for that space of time?

Mr RUTHERFORD: Not exactly the same oven.

Mr ANDLEY thought it would not make any difference whether the man lived in a coke-oven for 100 years or not. The Authority had simply to deal with the present state of affairs.

The CHAIRMAN said the question was were the Authority, after hearing the deputation this morning, going to allow this condition of things to continue?

Mr RUTHERFORD explained that these men were engaged in filling coke at the ovens, and when there was no work in the South Derwent yard they went to other places. That was the way they obtained a living. He agreed with the Inspector that went coke-yard to obtain temporary shelter even if they were working elsewhere. That was the reason so many were found in the coke-ovens. It was true that some of the men had lived in these ovens for many years, others for a few days.

Father FORTIN (to Mr Rutherford): Are you simply responsible for South Derwent ovens?

Mr RUTHERFORD: Yes; South Derwent and Shield Row.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the 197 men might have been there at that particular date, and perhaps be elsewhere on the morrow. The fact was, however, that at the time of their Inspector's visit 29 ovens were occupied as dwelling-house. Were they going to allow these ovens to be inhabited as human habitation, or take steps to stop this sort of thing?

Mr WILKINSON: It's a question of right or wrong.

Father FORTIN: I agree with the Chairman that what the deputation had to say.

The CHAIRMAN wished to hear the members' opinion first. He would not like to say anything to the deputation which might be contrary to the feelings of the Authority.

Mr ANDLEY considered that they could not obtain any further information than was embodied in their Inspector's report.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he had gone into the law bearing on the subject, and he found they could only deal with the matter in two ways. They could, if they so related, these coke-ovens as new buildings, as they were never intended originally to be used as dwelling-houses in fact it was contrary to the law to do so, to prove that the coke-ovens, from a sanitary standpoint, were not fit for habitation.

Mr COLLINSON said that would not quite wash. The colliery owners had not invited the tramps to come and live in these coke-ovens.

The CHAIRMAN: But the owner is responsible for whatever is done on his premises by the occupier. That is ordinary common law.

Mr RUTHERFORD: It may be.

The CHAIRMAN: The question is whether we should not apply to the magistrates for orders to close these coke-ovens.

Mr ANDLEY failed to see how they could call these places dwelling-houses.

The CHAIRMAN: They are such under our bye-laws.

Mr RUTHERFORD explained, on behalf of the owners of South Derwent and Shield Row Collieries, that they simply tolerated these men seeking shelter there.

Mr COLLINSON: There is no encouragement given.

Mr RUTHERFORD: These men can walk away from the coke-ovens at any moment. There is no encouragement.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the owners sanctioned this practice, and therefore they were responsible for what was done by the coke-ovens being converted into dwelling-houses.

Mr COLLINSON said if these ovens were used as dwelling-houses, then the Authority should insist upon these ovens being put into a proper state, or take steps to have them closed.

The CHAIRMAN enquired if the Authority were going to take any action, or wink at the whole matter?

Mr COLLINSON stated that they could not wink at the matter. Their Inspector would tell them at once that these ovens were not fit for habitation.

Father FORTIN: Is there any danger of fire, observed that he did not notice any small arising from the ovens on the occasion of his visit.

Father FATHERS said there undoubtedly seemed to be some advantage to convert the ovens into dwelling-houses at South Derwent Colliery.

Mr RUTHERFORD: Not more so than at other places.

Father FORTIN: There has been a fire-place put in in most people's houses there.

Mr RUTHERFORD: Who put the fire-place in?

Father FORTIN: That is the question. The owners must know about it. The fact of a fire-place existing in an oven shows that there is an intention, more or less, for persons living permanently in the ovens, and this evening's deputation was to lay before the Authority the fire-place to remain.

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Mr FORSTER: Yes. Anytime they are employed filling coke, and if not at work they wander about, and probably steal what they can.

Father FORTIN: Have the police been applied to by the managers of the colliery?

Mr FORSTER: Not officially from our Association.

Father FORTIN: Have the managers of other places where such a state of things exist?

Mr FORSTER: Yes. About two years ago, the same complaint was made at Annfield Plain. At that time I was side district, but we managed to get rid of them. Perhaps it is not wrong to such extreme measures as to burn the ovens, but we shifted the tramps, and they seem to have gravitated to Annfield Plain.

Father FORTIN: Is it a fact that for a period of a year or eighteen months the South Derwent coke-yard being present than day. There might be two hundred men in the yard at one time. Instead of resorting upon the premises, or if so, they were afraid to come because the manager of the colliery was sitting in the office?

The CHAIRMAN: No, no, Father Fortin.

Mr FORSTER said the first opposition was concerted. A representative of the Pontop Colliery accompanied the deputation, but he had since removed to Bearpark. Had he (Mr Forster) known the fact sooner, he would have had the manager present to-day.

Mr RUTHERFORD emphatically denied the statement that stones arose from the coke-ovens. He was in the coke-ovens oftener than Mr Forster, and knew much better.

Mr Forster maintained that the statement was correct, and Mr Patterson also confirmed it. Mr Trotter, a fair old stamp, also confirmed Mr. Forster's report, to a large extent. There were a large number of men occupying these coke-ovens. During the 24 years he had been employed in the district he had seen a standing disgrace to the village. Some of the men had existed in this state for 20 years. There were a few men who had been intelligent and efficient workmen as could be found in the county of Durham; but having led such a precarious life, they had appreciated low standard.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that they wanted to know what existed inside the coke-ovens?

Mr Patterson pointed out that he first visited the Authority to lay before them the conditions under which vagrants were to the inhabitants generally, and then he would call eye-witnesses to show the state of things existing inside the coke-ovens.

Mr Collinson said he was speaking from his personal knowledge of what was actually true. The men had no means of getting their clothes washed. It was something abominable that tramps should be allowed to live amongst dirt and filth, and he was surprised that a magistrate had not broken out before now.

In reply to the members, Mr Collinson remarked that he did not know whether water-closets or other sanitary arrangements existed in connection with the coke-ovens. The example to the young of these shocking practices was most reprehensible, and a standing disgrace to the village. Some of the men had existed in this state for 20 years. There were a few men who had been intelligent and efficient workmen as could be found in the county of Durham; but having led such a precarious life, they had appreciated low standard.

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The CHAIRMAN: I don't think you had better not.

Mr Kilcoin said he had been a coke-drawer at Pontop for the past four years. The smell from these tramps was of the most filthy description, and was unbearable. If they happened to get at the "windy eye" and lighted a fire these men were working, it was impossible to withstand the smoke. He had often seen men sleeping in a coke-oven. He had also witnessed a young lady "in" lying in the ovens with these men. (Laughter).

Mr RUTHERFORD: At Pontop?

Mr Kilcoin: Yes. Both at Pontop and Bank Foot.

Replying to Mr Patterson, Kilcoin said that the tramps or some one had built doors on the ovens with bricks and rubbish. There were certain ovens always the dwelling of the tramps for that purpose.

Mr RUTHERFORD: Who has done it?

Mr Patterson: Just allow me to finish.

Mr RUTHERFORD: I am merely asking a question.

Mr Patterson: You will have an opportunity when I have done. I am in order, Mr Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I do so.

In answer to further questions by Mr Patterson, Kilcoin averred that these men rooted their food on the open top, and also fried same thereon. Some men had regularly lived and slept in the ovens during the four years he had been there.

Mr Forster: They sometimes slept outside, as well as in the ovens. He had had occasion to complain of the small that came from these men,

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Authority had no control over the matter if the men slept outside the ovens.

Mr RUTHERFORD (to Kilcoin): You don't mean to say that the colliery owners built up these doors?

Mr Kilcoin: I never said so.

Mr RUTHERFORD declared that the owners had nothing to do with the building of the doors or putting rubbish in the ovens for these men to sleep thereon.

The CHAIRMAN took it that nothing was done by the colliery owners to prevent these men sleeping in and sleep in the ovens.

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Public Notices.

373 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Drilling Machine raffled for at SARAH WATERS, Hamsterley Colliery. 215g

47 IS the WINNER of the Battery. The 47 Tinkeholder, by calling at JOHN ARMS, Ebchester, will receive the above. 204

38 73, 79, 27, 39 are the WINNING NUMBERS of the Screen, Cushion, &c., raffled for at Leadgate. 225g

PREACHING, Sunday, August 2nd, 1891.—Consett Primitive Meth. Wesh Chapel. Mr A. RAMSDEN, Afternoon at 2; Evening at 6 o'clock.

NOTE.—The Annual BAND FESTIVAL of the Annfield Plain Y.M.C.A. will be held on Saturday, August 1st. 574

ANNFIELD PLAIN MUSICAL FETE and BRASS BAND CONTEST and other Sports will be held on Saturday, August 1st, 1891.—JOHN HAWDON, Secretary, Annfield Place, via Lintz Green. 220

LOOK OUT for BURNOPFIELD FLOWER SHOW and SPORTS, on Saturday, August 22nd, 1891. Tanfield Lea Prize Band specially engaged to play Programme of Music in the After noon.—BENJAMIN MASON and J. HOOD, Secretaries.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

ANYONE TRESPASSING on the LAND belonging to Miss DAWSON, Four Lane Ends, Castleside, will be prosecuted. 128g

LOOK OUT for Burnopfield Wesleyan Brass Band MUSICAL FESTIVAL, on August 8th, 1891. Seven Bands will take part. See Posters. 215c

STANHOPE FLOWER SHOW will be held in the Castle Park, on Saturday, August 8th. Floral and Industrial Exhibits. Also, Rounds, Spar, Arterial, Ferns, Grasses, Wild Flowers, Grand Afternoon Concert. Champion Wrestling. 231c

LEADGATE AMATEUR BICYCLE CLUB.

OPENING of the NEW BICYCLE TRACK, under N.C.U. Rules, Saturday, August 8th. Full Programme of Open Events. Entry Money now ready. Entries close August 3rd.—JOSEPH SWANN, Durham Road, Leadgate. 225g

CONSETT AMATEUR CYCLING CLUB.

NOTICE.—Members who intend CAMPING, will meet at the Church, 3 p.m., on Saturday, August 1st, for Camp at Horn Hall, Stanhope. Sunday: Church Parade, 10-15 a.m. 222g W. BRAND, Hon. Sec.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

MONDAY FIRST, AUGUST 3rd.—GRAND RE-OPENING.—"BLUEBEARD UP TO DATE," including the DANVILLE TROUPE of LADY DANCERS, the Canadian Skating Trio, and other Specialities. Magnificent Wardrobes. New Scenery, and Effects. 230g

CONSETT WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, August 9th, 1891, in New Town Hall, SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICES. Morning, 10-30; Afternoon, 2; Evening, 6. To be conducted by Rev F. B. SMITH, of Annfield Plain. The Scholars, assisted by Choir and Orchestral Band, will render special Anthems, &c. Collections in aid of New Chapel Building Fund. 224c

THE WITTON-LE-WEAR FLOWER SHOW will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5th, 1891. Prizes will be awarded for Flowers, &c., Rabbits, Butter, Eggs, Draught Mares, Draught Foals, and Roadster Foals. £10 will also be awarded for a Butter-making Competition, open to Dairy Maids in the County of Durham.—For Schedules, &c., apply to H. MADDISON, Secretary. 202g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE & CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY

ANY Person Removing, Altering or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, or Consuming Gas upon any Premises without first having obtained permission from the Secretary to the said Company, will be prosecuted as the law directs.—By order,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW & SPORTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1891.

£10, 120 YDS. HANDICAP; Quoiting, £2 10s; Bowling at Wicket, 15s. A handsome Bugle, value 25s, will be given to the Club having the largest number of Members present. A Medal for Cyclists, of 2nd Club.

Entries for Handicap, 1s, close Tuesday, August 25th, may be sent to I. TRENWELL, Bradley Arms, Leadgate, or to

W. E. CHARLTON, Hon. Sec., Medomsley.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TWO DAYS' EXCURSION TO LONDON.

ON MONDAY, the 3rd of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 12·5 a.m. (with bookings from Hexham, Blaydon, Consett, &c.), for LONDON, for TWO DAYS.

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EXCURSION TO THE WEST OF ENGLAND FOR 2, 8, 11, or 15 DAYS.

ON THURSDAY, the 6th of August, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 7·28 p.m. (with bookings from Hexham, Consett, &c.), for BRISTOL, BOURNEMOUTH, EXETER, TORQUAY, PLYMOUTH, TRURO, and PENZANCE.

See Bills.

Superintendent's Office, Newcastle. 207c

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The 2nd BALLOT will be held in the SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL, BLACKHILL, on Friday, August 21st, at 8 o'clock. All joining on or before Thursday, August 20th, will participate.

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Public Notices.

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

TO LIBERAL HOUSEHOLDERS.

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

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A.,

Liberal Registration Agent.

Town Hall, Consett, July 17th, 1891. 122g

MANOR HOUSE RACES (near Shotley Bridge), on Saturday, August 1st, 1891, in a Field kindly granted by Mr. William Archer, Farmer, Eddie Bridge. £4 will be given for Horses 16 hands and under. Distance, 3s. £5 will be given for Ponies 14 hands and under. Entrance, 2s. 6d. £2 will be given for 120 Yards Handicap. Entrance, 6d. Quoit Handicap.

There will be a Tea provided. Ladies 6d; Gentlemen, 1s. A Grand Ball will be held in the Evening. Over 30 Entries received for Racing. Racing commences about 2 o'clock. 226g

All Entries for Horseracing, with exact height, to be made to JOSEPH ROBINSON, Manor House; or WILLIAM MOORE, Handicapper, Shotley Bridge.

THOMAS RICHARD DOLPHIN, Deceased.

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

Dated this 15th day of July, 1891.

BERNLYSDE, FORSTER, & FORSTER, Solicitors,

139g Grainger Street West, Newcastle.

CONSETT WILD FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

THE FOURTH EXHIBITION will be held in the Co-operative Society's Hall, Consett, on Saturday and Monday, August 8th and 10th, 1891. For fresher particulars see Bills and Schedules. Admission, on Saturday, from 4 p.m., and on Monday, from 6 p.m., 5d each! 174g

M. E. G. WALTON, Secretary,

12, George Street, Consett.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the Nineteenth day of October next, application will be made to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace assembled at the Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Durham, as the City of Durham, for an ORDER FOR DIVERTING AND TURNING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT CONSETT, in the County of Durham, lying between a Street there called Constance Street, and a Road there called Brick Flat Lane, and Shackabo Tenements, and To Justices having viewed the same, and the Plan of the Old and Proposed New Highway will be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County on the 21st day of August next.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 1891.

THOMAS Wm. WILFORD,

Clerk to the Consett Local Board.

152g

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

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

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TO THE ELECTORS OF BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—As the time has now arrived when the Ratepayers have it within their power to elect a new Board, I have been asked to come forward as a candidate for your suffrages to represent them on the new Board, and as I am a man who is wishful to see every person's child well educated, and fully equipped for the battles of life, should you deem me worthy, and elect me, I will strive to obtain as good an education as I possibly can for every child who attends the Public Board School, without any pecuniary difference whatever. Also, I shall leave their Religious Instruction in the hands of their Parents and Pastors, as I consider them the proper persons to teach that most important question. I now leave myself entirely in your hands, and remain, yours truly,

201g EDWEN HEPTON.

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CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Consett Waterworks Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Consett, on that day, the 17th day of August, 1891, at One o'clock in the afternoon precisely, for the transaction of General Business.

The Books for the Registration of Transfer of Shares will be closed from Monday the 3rd, to Monday the 17th of August, both days inclusive.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1891.

(Signed) JOHN BURDON, Chairman.

WILLIAM WYLIE, Secretary.

201g

ST. IVES CHURCH, LEADGATE.

FLOWER SERVICE AUGUST 2ND, 1891, 2·30 P.M.

A SERVICE will be held on Sunday next, in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed in Church of the First Fruits.

All those who have Relations or Friends buried in St. Ive's Churchyard are requested to bring Flo ers to decorate the graves.

An Order of Service will be printed, and sold at by the School Children. Price 1d.

THE OFFERTORY IN AID OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

"I would not have you ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep; that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."—Thess. I, iv. 226g

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH.

600 PRIZES

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

GRAND MILITARY TOURNAMENT AND ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

By Non-Commissioned Officers and Men from the ROYAL ARTILLERY, Newcastle.

(To commence at 2 o'clock.)

TWO POPULAR CONCERTS BY THE RENOWNED ROYAL EXHIBITION BAND.

Bandmaster ... Mr. H. Akers.

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

GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

Novocastrians v. Shotley Bridge.

(Wickets pitched, 2 o'clock.)

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

(Exhibition open 1·30 o'clock.)

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

Entries close August 8th.

149g W. RAMSAY, Secretary, Blackhill.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

Glebe Cottage, Medomsley.

MR. WILLIAM RAW is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, at the Glebe Cottage, Medomsley, on Saturday, August 1st, 1891, the Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BOOKS, &c., belonging to the late Miss M. A. Hedley, Comprising—Mahogany Dining Table, 7ft. 6in. by 4ft., Mahogany Easy Chair, Hair Seat Mahogany Chairs, Hair Seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs, Hair Seated; Piano; Mahogany Night-Commode; Mahogany Couch, in Mohair; Polished Ash Bedstead with Spring Stand and Dressing Table; Painted Wardrobe; Towel Rails; Kitchen Table; 6 Kitchen Chairs; Iron and Brass Bedstead and Mattress; Mahogany Pembroke Table; 2 Cornice Poles with Rings; Fenders and Fireirons; 2 Coal Scuttles; Kettle and Pans; Pots and other Tubs; Inkstand; Pictures; 2 Brussels Carpets; 2 Kidderminster Do.; Hearth-Rugs; Door Mats; Glass; Ware; Invalid Chair; Delgarno's Sewing Machine, and numerous other lots.

BOOKS.

Shakespeare, Milton, Pope, and Longfellow's Works; Dictionary; 11 Vols. Johnson's Works; History of England; 3 Vols. London Society; the Works of Sterne; Progress and Poverty; Woman of Fashion, 2 Vols.; Our Life in the Highlands; 50 Portraits of Eminent Persons, Steel Engravings; History of the Battle of Roncesvalles; Large Family Vols. of Chambers' Journal; Hutson's Mathematics; The Orator; 13 Vols. Chambers' Miscellany; 6 Vols. Leisure Hours; 8 Vols. Penny Magazine; School Books, Bibles, &c.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 184g

The Rectory, Ebchester.

MR. WILLIAM RAW is instructed by the Rev H. LINTHWAITE, M.A., who is leaving the neighbourhood, to SELL BY AUCTION his Valuable Household FURNITURE, &c., on Wednesday, August 12th, 1891, comprising:—Mahogany Sideboard; Mahogany Dining Table, with Two Loose Leaves; 2 Mahogany Couches, 6 Rose-wood Chairs, covered in Repp; Mahogany Chiffonneer and Bookcase, in two parts; 2 Mahogany Secretary and Drawers; Large Painted Wardrobe; Ladies' Work Table; 2 Occasional Chairs; Music Stool; 2 Book-cases; What-Not; 8-Fold Screen; Oak Ottoman; Carved Bookcase; Gilt Clock, in Glass Shade; Fine Glass Chandelier; Candles; Grandfather's Clock in Mahogany Case; Weather Glass, Barometer, and Clock; Dumb Waiter; Linen Drawers; 2 Hair Seat Bedsteads, with Springs; Wash-stands and Dressing Tables; Iron Chair Bed; 2 Oak Arm Chairs; 2 Night Commodes; Secretary; Umbrella Stand; Window Blinds and Hangings; Reading Lamp; 2 Large Kitchen Tables; Large Cupboard; Boot Stand; Books; Pictures and Ornaments; Kitchen and Bedroom Chairs; Looking Glasses; Fender and Fire Irons; Box Mangle; Rocking Chair; Small Tables; Fountain; Copper Tea Urn; Scales and Weights; Plate Rack; Meat Safe; Wringing Machine; Washing and Rose Tubs; Copper Bed Warming Pan; New Water Filter; 3 Baths; Utensils and other Carpets; Passage Oil-cloths; Hearth Rugs and Mats; Feather Beds and Bedding; Kettles, Pans, Ware, Glass, and various other articles.

Also Two Lawn Mowers; Metal and Stone Lawn Rollers; Wheel Barrow; Garden Seat; Large Iron Chest; Spades, Rakes, and other Garden Tools; Corn Bin; Cart Harness; Pony Trap, nearly new; Box &c., &c.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock prompt.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 210g

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Notice.

THE SALE of Household FURNITURE at 75, Allendale Cottages, belonging to Mr Wm. Dent, will not take place on August 1st.

195g J. OLEY, Auctioneer, Shotley Bridge.

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. John Crawford.

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

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

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr McCANN, of Albert Row, Consett, and Others, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Sale-Rooms, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891, the whole of their Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, Lot of Mahogany Drawers, Brass-mounted Beds, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

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

25, Victoria Street, Consett. 243g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all Orders for the SALE OF STOCK PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate attention. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People are also leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street, Consett. 905a

By MrJohn S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, AUG. 3rd, 1891.

6 Fat Cattle,
120 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
20 Young Fell Geese.
Pork and Bacon Pigs.
A number of Calving Cows and Heifers,
Stirks, and Poultry.
Stack Nets, Harness, &c.
Sale as One o'clock.
J. C. MURRAY.

Algers Farm, near Castleside, For Sale by Auction.

MR. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr M. Lee, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, August 12th, 1891, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill (subject to conditions which will there be read), all that DESIRABLE FARM, called Algers Farm, containing 29 Acres of Meadow, Pasture, and Tillage Land, about 30 Acres being in Tillage, consisting of excellent Turnip and Barley Soil, and in a capital state of cultivation, having been in the Owner's own hand for the last 9 years, together with a good DWELLING-HOUSE, Milk-House, Byres, Stabling, Barn, Cart and Implement Shed, Turnip House, Barn, and all necessary Conveniences, all nearly new, and being conveniently situate about Two Minutes' walk of Rowley Station on the N.E.R., at which 8 Passenger Trains pass daily, and as which there is a good depot for manure, &c.

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

Sale will commence at 3 for 4 o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

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

NOTICE.

STANLEY AUCTION MART will RE-OPEN SHORTLY.
JOHN LOWES, Auctioneer.

Sales by Auction.

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

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

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, under a Power of Sale, in the Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett, on Monday, August 3rd, 1891, the Superior and highly finished Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including:—Handsome Walnut Sideboard, with Bevelled Plates; Chest of Mahogany Drawers; Fined-toned Trichord Pianoforte, only two years in use; Fine Bridgeport Organ, with 11 Stops, Knee Swells, and Coupler; Inlaid Music Cabinet; Music Stool; 2 Leather Couches; Ladies' and Gentleman's Easy Chairs, in Leather; 5 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair; 5 Leather-seated Chairs; 8 Windsor Chairs; 2 Rocking Chairs; Smoking Chair; Austrian Bent-wood Rocking Chair, and 6 Small Chairs to match; Washstand and Dressing Tables; Handsome Overmantel, in ebonised frame; 3 Handsome Bedsteads and Mattresses; 3 Cornice Poles; 3 Handsome Brass and Steel Fenders; Fire Irons and Brasses; 2 Feather Beds, Bolsters, and Pillows; Double Toilet Set; Carpets and Hearthrugs; Well-seasoned Floor Oilcloth; Dinner Ware and China; Earthenware of different kinds, and all the Miscellaneous Effects and Sundries. Also, new Wringing Machine with best Hard Wood Rollers; Superior Singer Sewing Machine; American Cooking Stove, in perfect order, and other Goods.

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

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

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2 Dwelling-Houses and Shops, and 2 Cottages behind, situate in Front Street, Leadgate. Rental £58 a-year.

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

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

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

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on moderate terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Fay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.—Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for Prompt Settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, AUG. 3rd, 1891.—50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 8 Fat Cattle; 85 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 6 Store Cattle; 7 Finger Calves.

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

233g J. VICKERS, Auctioneer

By Mr. William Nicholson

LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, August 5th, 1891.

Present Entries:—

A number of Calving Cows and Heifers.
Fat and Grazing Cattle.
Fat and Keeping Sheep and Lambs.
Calves, Pigs, Poultry, &c.
Entries to day of sale.
Sale at Two o'clock.
203g WILLIAM NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Thirlway Terrace, Sunnyside.—Friday night, August 7, 1891.

MR A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by Mr Thos. CARLTON, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

For particulars see bills.

Sale to Commence at 4 p.m. 216g

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.

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

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

The Lodge, Annfield Plain.

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

Sale to Commence at 2 o'clock.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 59g

Business Announcements.

MOST MONEY LENT

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

J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbroking Business in the North of England.
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FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET,
PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH LANE.

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GLENDENNING'S BEEF & MALT WINE,

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

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Prepared only by W. GLENDENNING, Newcastle.

LOCAL AGENTS:—

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

WITTON-LE-WEAR.—T. SUDDES, STATION HOTEL.

MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL DIPTON.—ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.

STANLEY.—W. M. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.

BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.

TANFIELD.—JOHN JEWIN, PACK HORSE INN.

Miscellaneous Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT

BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
TOWN HALL CONSETT.

SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.

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

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

'EASY IS THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN"
SUPPLIED BY
E. BROOKS,
HATTER TO TRADE,
67, GREY, and 59, CLAYTON STREETS, NEWCASTLE.

"NO PANIC."

ROBERTS' !!! REMOVAL.

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

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

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

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

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

ROBERTS' COLONIAL BUILDINGS,
No. 17, BIGG MARKET,
(GRAINGER STREET CORNER),
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

NOTICE.

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

TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

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

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCUBUS."]

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The TOW LAW correspondent of the *Guardian* drew public attention last week to the ungentlemanly conduct of a "demon of the wheel," the party against whom the complaint was made having, it appears, given utterance to certain observations unworthy of himself and of the club with which he is connected. It is rarely indeed that cyclists transgress against the light in this respect, because, as a rule, they represent the flower of every community in which a club is established—the less enterprising section of young men contenting themselves by lounging about the streets, as if there were no fresh air to invigorate the body, and no green fields to please the eye. But there is the proverbial black sheep in every flock, and it would have been remarkable indeed had Tow Law proved even the exception to the rule. Not close Tow Law furnish the only offender against good manners on wheels. My object in referring to the Tow Law case is simply to show that the same has been done elsewhere, but with very different results. I was chatting the other evening with the president of a cycling club, which has a membership of sixty all told, and he informed me that at a recent general meeting of the club its members had occasion to pass a vote of censure on a member who, during an outing in the country, had spoken disrespectfully in passing to a young woman on the highway. The young fellow stood corrected, and apologised there and then. Members of cycling clubs wear distinguishing badges, and sometimes uniform, and hence it is desirable that the good name of the respective clubs should be maintained. In times of war the honour of nations is held inviolate by the *esprit de corps* of the various branches of the service, and as Solomon declared that a good name was rather to be desired than great riches, my Tow Law friend will, I trust, profit by the good example set them by their clubmates elsewhere.

THE STUDENTS OF CLERKENWELL.

The celebrated band of Acton is likely to be weighed in the balance, and should he be found wanting, the onerous rests with his would-be friends, who seek to crown him with degrees of excellence which formed no part of his character, and which he had no claim to when in the flesh. I admire Shakespeare; but I am not blind to his faults, and the impression that all men of average intelligence know more or less about William Shakespeare, and I therefore concluded that it was well enough known that if opinion was divided about him being "the prince of poets" there was at least no doubt about the right to crown him king of plagiarists. Every student of English literature knows right well that Shakespeare was the most unscrupulous Englishman of letters the world has ever seen. His contemporaries knew it, and when he was laid in the tomb they paid no tribute to his worth—they owed him nothing, and they paid him less. Greene, his townsman, and a dramatist of no mean rank, complained bitterly of Shakespeare having purloined several of his plays, and in his wrath found utterance in the subsequently famous epithet of character: "There is a upstart crow, beautified with our feathers, that with a player's hide supposes he is as able to bombast blank verse to the best of you." To tabulate, even an abridged detail, of Shakespeare's literary depredations would fill a volume, and my surprise comes in at the point at which double Dutch and Kyd" writes with the confidence which the mastery of a subject is calculated to beget, and before his lance my quandom, but by no means high-souled critic, "A Student of Shakespeare," is fated to go down. The communication dated from Chester-le-Street is the best specimen of contro versial correspondence that I have ever seen published in the *Guardian*. The latter has no exception to certain observations, and with the points at issue he deals exclusively. With the confidence which the mastery of a subject is calculated to beget, and before his lance my quandom, but by no means high-souled critic, "A Student of Shakespeare," is fated to go down. The communication dated from Chester-le-Street is the best specimen of controvers

SHOTLEY BRIDGE OCCASIONAL COURT.

THURSDAY, July 23rd.—Before Coun. J. ANNAN DALE.

VAGRANCY.

James Harvey, hailing from Somersetshire, was brought up by P.C. Watson, for sleeping in a hay-rick in the vicinity of Stanhope, on the previous night, and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

DRUNKENNESS.

Laurence Collins (30), of Consett, was fined 5s and costs for drunkenness at Consett, on Wednesday night, or 7 days in default.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

Few excursions are run into Weardale, but many out. With Teesdale it is quite different. They have them there very frequently to Barnard Castle and Middleton, but seldom to Stanhope, and to Wolsingham never. The Stanhope Floral and Horticultural Society asked the Railway Company this year for three excursions to their annual show. The one from Newcastle was denied; so was the one from Consett and neighbourhood; and the only one they got is that from Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Darlington, so that they will have to be thankful for small mercies; while Frosterley and Wolsingham need not ask, as their chances are small indeed. Wolsingham has often been denied tripe to the agricultural as well as to the flower show.

At a christening at one of the churches in Weardale, the other Sunday, one of the children about to be baptized struck at the clergyman officiating. He had sense the latter put water on the other's faces that were christened before his turn came on, and he resented such treatment, and manifested his dislike by going for the gentleman in long robes. He was big as it was to be baptized, but if he had been bigger who knows what might have happened! On the same occasion, one of the sponsors, after the ceremony was over, looked inquiringly at the gentleman of the cloth and said, "Noo are ye done with me?"

There were merry doings on Sunday last at the Butts Dock, in Butler's village, as the ships came in on the other, three sheets to the wind. It seems they had all encountered the same storm. In their disabled and dismantled condition, they had great difficulty in crossing the bar. They had each on board the admiral in the case, and they had drained the liquor of sad life to the very last dry. The coastguardsman and his wife watched the ships in distress, as they crossed the bar and made into port. "Consett" ran foul of the Commons Dock, and "Southdown" ran foul of Bedale's Reef, just before crossing the bar. "Sallie's Pride" almost missed the bar, while "Young Consett" and "Young Southdown" were both wrecked at Rogerley Lodge.

It is rather an astounding statement to make that the whole population of the globe—some 1,400,000,000—could find ample standing room in Weardale at the ratio of 13,000,000 to the square mile. Yet such, I am told, is the fact; and facts are stubborn things.

I am sorry that the Weardale Guardians—at least some of them—should try to oust Mr Thos. Peadon in the question of property qualification for office. Peadon is a man with grit in him, and the action of the Guardians has made him more before the public as a martyr.

HANDYSIDE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINES.

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

Those who have not heard of Handyside's Consumption Cure, should go to any place where Gospel Hall's medicines are sold, and they will not be surprised that the number of deaths have decreased from 80,000 to 50,000 deaths per annum. It has lately been discovered to cure the most malignant cases of cancer.

HANDYSIDE'S RHEUMATIC CURE, has never failed to cure the worst form of Rheumatics or Sciatica, except in extreme old age, or in a state of delirium. Anyone can bring the worst cases they know of, and they can rub their own friends; the only ar required, is to go by the printed directions. In several cases of long standing, Handyside's Blood Purifier should be taken to prevent a return of the disease. 1,500 have been cured, and it has only been known to return in five cases.

HANDYSIDE'S BLOOD PURIFIER is the only cure for Fits, Indigestion, a Weak Heart, General Debility, Bronchitis, Asthma, Sleep'seness Ringlikes of the Skin, Scurvy, Lowness of Spirits, Costiveness, Fevers, Smallpox, and all Diseases that affect the human frame. It is the grand st female medicine ever discovered. It removes all stoppages, and by purifying the blood it gives a a brightness to the face, and tinges the complexion with all the hues of health. Every aged person who takes it, should notice what a youthful elasticity it imparts to them, it makes them quite jaunty and young.

Those who prefer to take pills should never be without Handyside's No. 1 pills, they should be in everyone's house, they operate quick, and in cases of inflammation, they may save life. No. 3 pill is the grandest pill for building up the constitution ever discovered; they contain a large amount of Handyside's Blood Purifier, and never lose their effect, but if they do not relieve the bowels every third day, No. 1 should be taken with No. 3, until No. 3 pill will do its work. Those who try them and notice the improvement in their health soon find out which pills are worth a guinea a box. They are entirely unlike any other, for every small pill, and the boxes are large, therefore no one need be afraid of taking a few extra, and if they can be made to do their work, no pill in the world is equal to them. I deposited £1,000, and challenged all the doctors in the world united. No one accepted my challenge. Handyside's Consumption Cure, 3s 9d; Blood Purifier, 2s 6d; Health Pills, 1s 1½d; Handyside's Pills, 1s per box; Rheumatic Cure, 1s per bottle.

Handyside's Mother Shipley's Syrup, a ready relief for bad stomach, eating and drinking what has not agreed with them; no connection with Mother Siegal's Syrup. Try both and see which is the best. It does not build the system up like Handyside's Blood Purifier, but it gives relief sooner. Price one shilling per bottle.

Beware of imitations; none are genuine that bear not "Handyside, Benfieldside," on the Government stamp. Many lives have been lost by unprincipled chemists recommending their own preparations for the sake of extra profit. Those who have got pills that they are getting the genuine articles should write to G. Handyside, Newcastle; it will be supplied at the regular price, carriage paid, with the following guarantee and certificate to be enclosed.

So certain am I of the marvellous effect of "Handyside's Consumption Cure," his Pills, and also his "Blood Purifier," and "Rheumatic Cure," that I hereby certify that if this medicine does not do them more good than any other medicine I agree to return the money.

Ask any chemist to give you the same guarantee, and this will put a stop to imposition.

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

DRESSMAKING LESSONS.—MRS LEACH'S FAMILY DRESSMAKER for August.—In addition to its invaluable Lesson on Home Dressmaking, this popular publication contains a graduated system of a Tabbed Bodice, and 3000 paste numbers, enabling each holder to a pair of gloves. The paper is a marvel of cheapness. MRS LEACH'S PRACTICAL FAMILY DRESSMAKER, price 2d.

Trade Notes.

CONSETT IRON COMPANY, LIMITED.

The directors of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, have resolved to recommend to the ordinary general meeting, on the 15th August next, the payment of a dividend of £1 5s 6d per share on the old ordinary shares, and 9s 3d per share on the 8 per cent. preference shares.

A dividend of 5s per share will also be recommended to the meeting of the Consett Spanish Ore Company, Limited, to be held the same day.

The Newcastle Chronicle says:—"The dividend of the Consett Iron Co., announced in another column, must be satisfactory to all but the very few who have been in ignorance. It is at the rate of £1 9s 6d on the £10 shares, but it is a balance dividend, and these shares are not fully paid up. We presume that the interim dividend was above that of the previous interim; and this balance dividend is below that of the corresponding half-year. The return is, under the circumstances of the iron trade, a splendid one. The Consett has always been, since its re-formation, successful. In some instances the rate is paid as much as £4 10s per share—a return to which this year's is slight; and it has paid 10 per share up to the present year; but as that small sum represents 10 per cent. per annum. For its past financial year, the return is very large, though below the possible ideal of the shareholders. Consett is a mine of wealth, but prudently distributed.

CONSETT WATER COMPANY.

The directors of the above company, at a meeting held at Durham on Saturday, have resolved to pay a dividend at the rate of 1 per cent. for the half-year. This rate is the same as that for the previous half-year.

NORTH OF ENGLAND MANUFACTURED IRON TRADE.

THE LATE MR THOS. WILLIAMS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade for the North of England, was held on Monday, at the Odd-fellows' Hall, Middlesbrough. Mr W. Whitwell presided, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr O'Duffy. The following works were represented:—Thornaby—Employer (William Whitwell), operative (L. Banerger); Stockton—Employer (John West Stockton—C. Spencer, O'Duffy; Stockton Malleable (steel department)—F. Mills, W. Gentles; Ditto (iron department)—D. Ugden, G. G. Crawford and R. Pringle; Rise Carr—R. W. Jones, R. Brennan; Consett—J. Wildsmith; Consett Malleable—T. Siddall, D. Fenwick; Park Gate—Employer, J. V. Gheesman, J. Gardner; Jarrow—J. Walsh; Monkwearmouth—W. Thackray, jun., C. Holmes. Mr R. H. Heenck, treasurer, and Messrs J. R. Winpenny and E. Trow, secretaries.

LETTER FROM MR DAVID DALE.

The following letter from Mr David Dale, in acknowledgment of his selection as a member of the Labour Commission, was read by Mr J. R. Winpenny:—

West Lodge, Darlington.

DEAR SIRS,—I am deeply grateful for your letter of the 20th, and by the very kind and cordial approval which it conveys from the North of England Manufactured Iron Trade of my nomination by Lord Salisbury as one of the Royal Commission of Labour. The appointment of Mr Trow and myself is no doubt evidence that our Board is recognised as having led, and as still leading, the way in the cause of industrial conciliation. Whatever assistance I may be able to render to the important inquiry now being entered upon will be due to the experience first gained in connection with our North of England Iron Trade Board. Should any question or suggestements to your next meeting, and believe me, yours faithfully,

DAVID DALE.

HALF YEARLY REPORT.

The SECRETARY read the half-yearly report of the Standing Committee, as under:—

The Standing Committee submits the following report as to the present position of the Board and the work of the past half-year.

Eleven works, owned by eight firms, are now in membership with the Board, this being an increase of one would mention that Messrs Pease and Partners' Redcar works having been re-started during the half-year. The average number of operatives subscribing members during the half-year has been 4,270, which is a decrease of 497 on the number given in the January report.

The financial statement for the six months ending June 30th, presented herewith, shows:—Balance in hand as January 1st, £195 19s 9d; receipts during the half-year, £501 14s 4d; expenditure, £202 7d 7d; leaving a balance in hand at June 30th of £207 16s 9d.

The committee have held four meetings during January, and there have been in addition several meetings of sub-committees appointed to visit works in connection with disputes, in order to report to the committee the facts and circumstances and the open modes of working, &c. The following is a statement of the cases dealt with:—

Stockton Malleable Works—Cases of rollers and shearmen in the steel-plate mill.

Level and Rowell's, a question relating to the payment of level-hand money, brought forward by the operatives' secretary in accordance with notice given.

Stockton Malleable Works—Case of puddlers' helpers in the iron mill.

Consett Works—Claim of forkers in No. 2 plate-mill; also a claim of the heaters in the 20-in. bar and angle mill.

Proposed wages—The ascertainments of averages net selling price of finished iron received since last report and the effect of the same upon wages under the sliding scale have been as follows:—

Period	Tons	Average net selling price	Effect upon wages under sliding scale
Feb. 23, 1891	38,923	5 17 11	No change
2 months ending April 30, 1891	42,877	5 15 10	2½ reduction
2 months ending June 30, 1891	42,871	5 13 10	No change

The only change in the workers' wages at the works affected by the scale that applies to them has been a reduction of 2½ per cent from the beginning of the present month. The Board can thus report a full record, with deep regret, the death of Mr Thomas Williams, vice-president of the Board, which took place on the 15th inst. Resolutions of sympathy and suitable vote of condolence was forwarded by the committee to his widow, and the committee being desirous of placing on record in this report the circumstance in which sympathy and assistance might fittingly be afforded, a fund was promoted under the auspices of the Board on which £78 6s 7d in contributions up to the present time amount to £78 6s 7d. Before closing their report the Standing Committee consider that it will very suitably fall to the appointment of two gentlemen holding official positions in connection with this Board as members of the Royal Commission on Labour, namely, Mr Dale, the conciliator, and Mr Trow, operative secretary. The committee feel that the appointment of these gentlemen, both of whom have been for some time associated, rendered by them to the cause of industrial conciliation, may be looked upon by the Government as a compliment to the Board with which they have for so long been associated. The Standing Committee have much pleasure in adding their congratulations to the gentlemen named on their appointment as members of the Royal Commission, and feel assured that in the course they will represent the sentiments of the members of the Board generally.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the members on the very small number of cases it had been necessary to bring before the Board during the past six months. They must be all pleased with the fact that the machinery of the Board had worked so remarkably smooth during the past twelve months, and that the difficulties they had to contend with had been settled in a reasonable and so thoroughly amicable a manner. To his mind it was exceedingly gratifying to find from Mr Dale's letter that the Board had led and was still leading on the great principles of industrial conciliation and arbitration. They did not know how far-reaching it was to them if they could not calculate its value. They got accustomed to a thing and they forgot the immense privilege it was giving them. The Board was established in 1869, and now the number of cases that had been settled approached 1,100, and then in 1,100 cases that Board had been privileged to settle amicably, while otherwise have resulted in strikes or stoppages of work. The amount of experience that they had gained in connection with the Board had been very considerable; the education they had received was very great; they had all learned to treat each other in all courtesy, and although at times they might reflect that so much time was spent, they had the gratification of feeling that it prevented an amount of feeling outside which would represent a different state of things than that brought about by the conciliatory discussion round the Board. He regretted that during the past year they had lost a leader on the men's side in the person of the late Mr T. Williams, of Consett. He has just added that he thought that Board would not soon be forgotten. They had also lost Mr Gentles, but he trusted they would be able to appoint a man to succeed the operative who succeeded a calm spirit and good judgment, and who had considerable authority on his own side of the Board. He could not but feel that looking to each other strengthened the tie that existed between employers and employed, and that done by Board in amicably settling various difficulties, and they rejoiced to see that the spirit of good feeling which prevailed as that Board; it was glad to see that the quantity of iron they were making was pretty much in accord with the demand for the present year, although they had to sympathise with each other in the fact that the prices were gradually but certainly coming down. He was glad to congratulate them on having a method of preventing disputes in the existence of the sliding scale, and although it was not that, it was something somewhat similar between employers, he was sure they would rather have that than no organised method for settling such questions. The result of the sliding scale had enabled them to keeping the markets in Lancashire and Staffordshire in a settled state, which would not be the case if they had reduced as much as 10 per cent. within the year.

Mr O'DUFFY seconded the motion, and said he agreed in the main with the remarks which had been made of the table would continue, that trade would speedily mend, and that there would be no necessity for a reduction in wages.

The report was then adopted.

Mr SIDDALL (Consett) drew the attention of the Board to the difficulty they had in viewing the sliding scale, which had during the past two years kept the iron trade in a steady and prosperous condition. The scale was a great advantage to both the employer and the operatives, and they could not do better than renew it.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the sliding scale would continue in force until three months' notice was given from either side to terminate it, and the question of electing a successor to Mr Williams was also before the Board, but was deferred till the annual meeting in January.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

I AM VERY PLEASED TO NOTICE that already the idea of providing music in the new and pretty little Consett Park is meeting with favour. The proposal is only the opening of a series of concerts to be given during the remainder of the summer season to be contributed by the various local brass and reed bands, and, although I am in ignorance of any arrangements made in this direction, I am constrained to think the matter has not been overlooked by the committee. Long before the park assumed its present cheerful aspect, I suggested, as some of my readers may remember, that in addition to instrumental concerts there should be given in the park occasional vocal production of vocal music. There are many capable choirs in the locality, and if the members of these would consent from time to time to lend their services I feel perfectly convinced that results would be most pleasant and altogether happy. I am not a Captain Newton—perhaps it is well I am not—but I have no fear in forecasting that if the fine summer weather for a little time to come yet, and there is scarcely anything in my ideas more beautifully sweet on a soft summer evening than concerted music vocally rendered. It would at any rate prove something of a novelty. What could be nicer, for instance, than to listen to the members of the Old Choral Society in a partial rendering of some quiet evening, of that simple, though tuneful little Cantata, "The wreck of the Arrow?" It is undoubtedly the most successful thing the Choral Society has ever certainly the most popular. Here, then, Mr Stephenson or Mr Stelling, is an opportunity for you and your choral friends! I should like much to hear what you think on the subject.

WAYLIKE SPEAKING, OF MATTERS MUSICAL, I must not forget to remind readers that to-morrow (Saturday) is the date fixed for the Brass Band Contest at Annfield Plain. I am sorry I cannot give a list of the competing bands, but having been unable to obtain one, I am afraid I must therefore not be inconsiderable; and that if only a fine day favours the event, a good show in the shape of gate-money will be in evidence. I hope it may prove so, for only one real encouragement to the promoters and an incentive to still greater efforts in the future. As I observed last week there is no reason in the world why Annfield Plain should not have successful band-contests; for the people in the district are decidedly enthusiastic, and such enthusiasm is worthy of every possible encouragement. I shall be indeed disappointed if the financial results following the enterprise shown by Mr Harwood and his committee, and I wish them every possible success in the splendid movement to inaugurate an annual musical contest.

ON MONDAY EVENING NEXT, the popular little Theatre Royal, Consett, will be re-opened for the season, and on the occasion, will be presented for the first time, I believe, in the town, the burlesque *Bluebeard up to Date*, for which, I understand, a really excellent company has been engaged. There is perhaps nothing that goes so really well in the hot summer weather such as of late we have experienced, than burlesque, and the season is not far to seek. We pine for such things as are light, airy, musical, and witty at these times, for we do not feel inclined to think very heavily or very seriously. It is the comic that is then appreciated. Tragedy in the summer seems quite out of keeping with our sentiments, just, it would seem, for much the same reason that top-coats and heavy clothing generally are out of keeping with the time. I can anticipate that Mr Brodie will find she has made something of a "hit" by his engagement for the opening of the season, and that during the coming week he will have really good houses.

THE BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION will, in the ordinary course of events, have become a thing of the past ere my next notes see the light. Meanwhile the subject of the coming contest is on everybody's lips, and is creating no little amount of excitement. I think I am correct in saying the nominated makes quite a formidable list—such a one as probably few districts of the area of that of Benfieldside has ever had to boast of. There is, of course, in this circumstance in which sympathy and assistance might fittingly be afforded, a fund was promoted under the auspices of the Board on which £78 6s 7d in contributions up to the present time amount to £78 6s 7d. Before closing their report the Standing Committee consider that it will very suitably fall to the appointment of two gentlemen holding official positions in connection with this Board as members of the Royal Commission on Labour, namely, Mr Dale, the conciliator, and Mr Trow, operative secretary. The committee feel that the appointment of these gentlemen, both of whom have been for some time associated, rendered by them to the cause of industrial conciliation, may be looked upon by the Government as a compliment to the Board with which they have for so long been associated. The Standing Committee have much pleasure in adding their congratulations to the gentlemen named on their appointment as members of the Royal Commission, and feel assured that in the course they will represent the sentiments of the members of the Board generally.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the members on the very small number of cases it had been necessary to bring before the Board during the past six months. They must be all pleased with the fact that the machinery of the Board had worked so remarkably smooth during the past twelve months, and that the difficulties they had to contend with had been settled in a reasonable and so thoroughly amicable a manner. To his mind it was exceedingly gratifying to find from Mr Dale's letter that the Board had led and was still leading on the great principles of industrial conciliation and arbitration. They did not know how far-reaching it was to them if they could not calculate its value. They got accustomed to a thing and they forgot the immense privilege it was giving them. The Board was established in 1869, and now the number of cases that had been settled approached 1,100, and then in 1,100 cases that Board had been privileged to settle amicably, while otherwise have resulted in strikes or stoppages of work. The amount of experience that they had gained in connection with the Board had been very considerable; the education they had received was very great; they had all learned to treat each other in all courtesy, and although at times they might reflect that so much time was spent, they had the gratification of feeling that it prevented an amount of feeling outside which would represent a different state of things than that brought about by the conciliatory discussion round the Board. He regretted

Farmers are now actively engaged in winnowing their hay. The weather is favourable and more settled, with a suitable breeze for this preparation.

DARKWOOD.

A TALE OF LONSMOOR.

CHAPTER XVIII.

INTO PERIL.

Gwen arrived at Shrewsbury late in the afternoon, and parted at the station from the attentive old woman servant who had escorted her.

The latter was going direct to London by the night express, but she went out to the Darkwood carriage with her young charge, saw Gwen assisted into the vehicle, and watched the carriage, in all into the vehicle, and watched the carriage, in all its finery of high-stepping horses, coachman and footman in livery, and emblazonment on panels of the Darkwood arms, and quite well away in a cloud of dust.

Gwen felt convinced that Gwen was to live in the utmost luxury, and that she would be supremely happy in its enjoyment, the faithful old woman turned her attention to her own journey.

The November day had been dark and dull and unpleasant. The clouds promised rain. There was a chill in the air, which seemed dense and heavy.

Gwen sat snugly under her warm wraps, but her eager eyes scanned the landscape without missing an object of interest. Like all young people, she loved change and novelty, and her delight was in every step of the horses.

"I know I shall like Dunholm Castle and the Lady Georgina, Gwen," she said to herself, "I feel that I shall be at home in all my life, not a real home. I wonder if this will be one."

The carriage rolled on over miles of pleasant road, and swept into the long street of Dunholm village, where it slackened speed.

Gwen regarded the houses, shops, the inn and smithy, and the two churches with the same eager interest she had displayed since leaving Shrewsbury.

"How grand it must be to own such a magnificent property," she thought; "to have it in one's master hand, and to be better and happier for the Lady of Dunholm—what could be grander than this? I must try to teach the Lady Georgina what great responsibilities are to be hers some day."

She passed through the village and turned into the park, following the stately avenue that led between ancient trees to the Castle of Dunholm.

Ascending the rise gradually, the carriage suddenly quitted the shadows of the park and came out upon the open expanse of the hilltop, where the Castle reared its mass. A minute later the vehicle passed into the carriage porch, and came to a halt.

The footman sprang down from his perch and opened the door. Gwen alighted, and ran up the second, the marble steps. The door stood open. As she paused on the threshold the hall porter came forward to meet her.

Her arrival in the carriage declared to him her identity. Without waiting for her to speak, he said, respectfully—

"If you please, miss, my lord is engaged with visitors, and requests you to go up to your own rooms. His lordship will see you in an hour."

The words were scarcely spoken when the housekeeper, Mrs. Dover, came down the hall, her rustling black silk robe, her fair, placid face kindling with surprise as her eyes rested upon Gwen.

"You are Miss Myner?" she asked. "Lord Darkwood has visitors, and requested me to receive you in his stead. I am Mrs. Dover, the housekeeper. Permit me to show you to your rooms."

Gwen bowed and followed the lady up the wide stair to the upper hall, along the corridor to the second hall, off which the Lady Georgina's rooms opened.

Upon the same side of the hall as the Lady Georgina's was a suite of rooms over the state banqueting hall, which had been extended from the main building, and projected beyond it.

To these rooms Gwen was ushered.

"Lord Darkwood received a telegram from Mr. Sutton this morning, Miss Myner," said Mrs. Dover. "Something that you would arrive to-day, and your name. Lord Darkwood ordered the carriage to meet you at Shrewsbury station. I hope you will like your rooms, Miss Myner. Your bedroom and sitting room look out upon the park. Your dressing room fronts upon the old castle ruins."

"I am sure that I shall like them," said Gwen, warmly, yet timidly.

Mrs. Dover regarded Gwen with a sort of tenderness mingled with admiration. How different was this grand young beauty, in the bloom of her early womanhood, and in her grace and haughty sweetness, from the loutish hoyden who was likely to be Marchioness of Darkwood!

There were likely to be sorrowful days in the experience of the young "governess-companion," and she would have sore need of a friend within those gray stone castle walls. The housekeeper, Gwen felt sure, the girl's gentle loveliness, vowed to herself that she would be that friend.

"Won't you be seated, madam?" asked Gwen gravely and shyly, pushing a low chair towards the housekeeper.

"Only for a moment, thank you," was the response. "I wish to say to you, Miss Myner, that I have been housekeeper here for many years, before the death of the late marchioness. I knew her son, the late marquis, in his boyhood. Do you know, Miss Myner," exclaimed Mrs. Dover, suddenly, "that your face seems familiar to me? You bear a strong resemblance to the Charteris family."

Gwen started.

"I do not mean that you look like the present marquis. He resembles his mother's family, and his daughter is like him. But you have the Charteris features, like to some one I have met. I was formerly Captain Tollish, of the army," he explained, "I choose that you should hear all this from me, Miss Myner, rather than from others."

Gwen bowed. She scarcely knew what to reply, and so remained silent.

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He rang the bell, and ordered a servant to convey his compliments to the Lady Georgina Charteris, with the request that she should come to him in the library. The servant vanished, Lord Darkwood paused a moment, then took upon his embroidered ball-suit and advanced towards Gwen. Suddenly he started, paused, and stared at her with dilating eyes.

The red glow of the fire fell upon Gwen's face, making every feature with the clearness of a cameo-cutting. The haughty sweetness of expression, the noble carriage of the small head, the pure, wide forehead, shadowed by the massive bronze coils of hair, the chiselled lips, the dusky fringed eyes—he marked all these anew, and with eyes suddenly opened to a strange resemblance to some one he had once seen.

"Miss Myner," he ejaculated, a curious pallor gathering about his mouth, "you bear a singular likeness to the Charteris family. It is very singular —very singular."

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"My dear Lord Darkwood," she said, "I am not aware that I have ever seen any of the family."

"No," was the response, given sullenly. "I've not manners enough to dine with my father. He would not ask me, a pink-cheeked boy, to do something improper. I am to take my meals in the schoolroom with you for the present. We dine at six; my father dines at seven."

Gwen glanced at the Lady Georgina's attire. The new wardrobe of the latter had been ordered by Mrs. Dover, and the young lady had not been able to gratify her own very singular tastes. She wore now a pink cashmere dress, in honour of Miss Myner's arrival, or in compliance with the popular usage of dressing for dinner; but it was wrinkled and soiled already, and had been donned in haste, and the fact was apparent. Her hair was dishevelled—it was always dishevelled—and the lace at her neck was torn by heavy pulling.

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And in the same manner the Lady Georgina resolved that she would copy Gwen in manners and in dress.

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"I do now, Marian," cried the girl. "No one can help loving you. What walks, and rides, and drives we'll have together! I was so dull here alone, and she looked disdainfully at the same time, and began to talk to. Yes, we'll be great friends."

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She settled herself cosily upon a sofa, while Gwen followed the servant below to the library.

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The lights were glowing in the gasaliers, the fires were burning in the grates, and the warmth prevailed in the great vaulted apartment, with its many thousand tomes. A man rose up from a reading chair and came towards her. He was short and stout, his round, fat face was smiling, and his small, sinister eyes fixed themselves upon the girl in a strange intent gaze.

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WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting took place at Stanhope, on Friday afternoon—Councillor Livingstone, M.D., presiding.

NUMBER OF INMATES.

There are about thirty inmates in the Workhouse.

The CHAIRMAN suggested they board out the inmates.

Dr ARNISON, J.P.: To a Convalescent Home. (Laughter.)

THE PROPERTY QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE.

A DALEMAN'S PROTEST.

The Chairman explained that he had been asked if Mr Peadon were a Guardian, and he had replied that so far as they had any evidence, he was. A member of the Board had told them Mr Peadon had gone from a farm to a cottage, and reduced rental of course followed.

Mr PEADON said it was a fact he had left his farm, but he had taken another. He did not, however, know whether it would give him sufficient qualification, though he failed to see what difference it could make. His supporters were satisfied, and had offered to put his rating up, but he would not allow that. He did not know whether they would like him to disclose any information concerning his new farm. Personally he did not care for office, unlike some he need not name. He only left on behalf of his supporters that he should be ousted at the instance of a man who did not represent ten ratepayers where he represented a hundred, and who had never sided by conservative principles since he sat Board. If anything were needed to damn the monetary qualification for office they found it in this case, where they had a proposition to oust himself for a man they represented but few rate-payers. The time would come when these qualifications would be swept away. It was only for the sake of those who sent him—his supporting that he attended that Board at all. Otherwise he would retire, as he cared nothing for office. He knew he had only a few supporters in that room; he knew he had some deadly enemies! Many treated him well; others with contempt.

A Guardian pointed out that, if Mr Peadon was not a Guardian, it would mean the expense of another election.

Mr PEADON explained that about St. John's Chapel not half-a-dozen persons were qualified for that Board. He had written the Local Government Board on the matter, but too late to get any answer for that day.

The Clerk: You will be wrong. Mr Peadon, about the number qualified above St. John's Chapel.

Mr LOVE: We have no discretion; it is the law.

The CHAIRMAN held that Mr Peadon could sit provided the Board took no steps to turn him out.

Mr CURRY: What is his vote worth?

The CHAIRMAN: As much as yours or mine.

Mr PEADON said he had replied decidedly no to his supporters who wished to put him in order on rates, though he could ill spare the time for the duties.

The Clerk read from the Consolidated Orders to the effect that if sufficiently rated Mr Peadon was eligible for a seat, and not otherwise, though his votes would not invalidate the proceedings of the Board.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr Peadon perhaps could be ousted, but it was not for the Board to take steps. If inadequately rated at present, Mr Peadon might shortly become qualified again.

Mr PEADON: Exactly.

It was then proposed and seconded that Mr Peadon be a member; but this motion was replaced by a suggestion from Mr RITSON, to let the matter rest for a month, during which period objection might be raised if anyone was so disposed.

Mr LOVE: According to the Act we have no discretion.

Several Guardians said it was a disagreeable business in which they should take no action.

Mr PEADON: I repeat I only came here as a duty. I esteem no honour the position can give.

Several Guardians expressed their appreciation of Mr Peadon, and regret at the present juncture.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

SANITARY DODIES AND PROPERTY IN CHANCERY.

The Inspector (Mr Egglestone) reported that some cottages occupied by Cook and others, at Wolsingham, were without water supply by the breakage of a pump. The water come from a well in the yard, which is unpaved. The well, again, is badly covered. The Inspector thought the well likely to be polluted, and should be closed, and the water perhaps analysed. The property belonged to Mr Wooler—the Inspector added—but is now in Chancery.

The Clerk said if there was a receiver who administered the property, he could be written to.

Mr CURRY: The receiver has not authority.

The CHAIRMAN said they could enforce their instructions.

Mr CURRY said the receiver had said he was there to receive money, and not to pay it.

The CHAIRMAN said that in that case it would be a very good plan to put property in Chancery. (Laughter).

The Inspector was directed to communicate with the receiver, asking him to give the matter early attention.

RATEPAYERS' MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Friday afternoon, a meeting of the rated inhabitants in the township of Consett and Knitsley was held in the Local Board Rooms, Consett, having been specially convened by the overseers for the purpose of nominating a collector of income taxes for the township. There was a very numerous attendance, and the room was crowded to overflowing. Messrs G. Hawdon and Nathan Fawell had acted as collectors for the township of Consett and Knitsley for many years, and Iveston, but as Mr Hawdon had recently died a vacancy had been occasioned. He (Mr Swinburne) desired, in addressing the meeting, to say that he had no vote very suggestion to make as to a suitable person, or would it prefer the Inland Revenue to make the appointment, and the amount of security to be found by the newly-appointed collector?

The CHAIRMAN understood it to be the duty of that meeting to nominate a suitable gentlemen, and submit the names to Mr Swinburne, who would, no doubt, make a final selection.

Mr ALLAN proposed that the vestry had to nominate one person only, and the individual appointed to the office selected the other officer, who was known as a nominated figure-head. Mr Swinburne could nominate a collector; but in order to take the responsibility off himself he preferred that the vestry should undertake this duty.

After further discussion, the following gentlemen were nominated:—

Mr A. Brodie—proposed by Mr J. Kelly, seconded by Mr Cooper, and supported by Mr R. Wylam.

Mr Nathan Fawell—proposed by Mr J. Wade, and seconded by Mr J. W. Davison.

On a show of hands being taken, 25 voted for Brodie, and 5 for Fawell.

Mr WYLAM proposed that the question of fixing the amount of security should be left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr H. NICHOLSON seconded the motion, which was passed.

Mr KELLY suggested that the smaller hall of the New Town Hall should be secured for holding parish meetings therein in future.

Mr KILVERT stated that the meeting had nothing to do with the matter, which rested with the overseers.

The meeting then ended.

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QUOITING AT WATERHOUSES.—On Saturday evening, a deposit was made to bind a double match at quoits, for £10 a-side, between T. Spence, Bowran, and J. Stephenson, Grandon, Waterhouses; at Mr C. French's Station Hotel, Waterhouses, to be played for three weeks game Saturday, at the Recreation Grounds from the 24th inst. Conditions as follows:—Distance, 10 yards, 4 lbs quoits, 2 in pins, 41 ¼ ins game. J. Jobling was appointed stakeholder and referee.

HEDLEYHOPE COLLIERY, TOW LAW.—The following are the results of these sports:—120 yards handicap foot-race (32 entries)—Foster, Esh, 25, 1; G. Dent, Sunniside, 26, 2; Lennon, Hamsteels, 27, 3. Handicap bicycle race (7 entries)—J. Gilpin, Oakershaw, 1; T. Hutchinson, Sunnybrow, 2; J. Hutchinson, Sunnybrow, 3. Handicap bicycle race for amateurs residing within a radius of three miles of Hedleyhope (8 entries)—G. Curry, Sunniside, 1; R. Welsh, Tow Law, 2; T. Lightfoot, East Hedleyhope, 3. The Tow Law men employed at Hedleyhope collieries, 6 men to a team (4 entries)—Hagan's team 1, Dent's team 2. Handicap quoit match (63 entries) —16 men for three special stakes. 100 yards handicap race for boys under 16, employed at Hedleyhope collieries (11 entries)—T. Bainbridge, 1; T. Frood, 2; T. Armstrong, 3. Wrestling for men not exceeding 13 stones—Allison, ½; Hughes, 2; Burke, 3. Running high leap—Wrangham, Hill Top, 1; J. Tomlinson, Sunniside, 2. Quarter-mile race—T. Foster, 1; W. Batey, 2; G. Teesdale, 3. Three-legged race—Teesdale and Bland, 1; Moses and Smith, 2; Two Bateys, 3.

QUOITING AT THREE LANE ENDS.—On Saturday afternoon, a quoit match was successfully brought off between R. Robinson (Watchtower), and T. Dryson (Cornsay), for £10 a-side, in a field situated in the vicinity to Mr E. Taylor's Fir Tree, Three Lane Ends, Cornsay, amidst a large number of spectators. Conditions:—Distance 10 yards, 4 lb quoits, 2 in pins, 2 steps only allowed, 41 points game. Result:—R. Robinson, 31, Grayson, 41. Robinson being 19 to Grayson's 6 at start, the latter eventually winning by 10 clunks. J. Jobling was stakeholder and referee.

BILLIARDS.—WOLSINGHAM v. HUNWICK.—The return match between these institutes was played at Hunwick on Saturday, resulting in another victory for Hunwick, who won 6 games out of 10, and scored 917 against 830 by Wolsingham. Score:—Hunwick —W. English, 68; J. Henderson, 100; H. Metcalfe, 64; C. Raine, 83; F. Heslop, 100; J. Coates, 100; R. Heslop, 88; J. Whitfield, 100; J. Hall, 100; T. English, 100—total, 917. Wolsingham—J. Hall, 100; W. Angus, 83; G. Mainprize, 100; J. Pykourne, 100; W. Wharton, 46; J. R. Richardson, 69; W. Marrindale, 49; G. Heron, 86; J. J. Dewey, 64; J. Frood, 70—total, 830.

SOUTH GARESFIELD AND LINTZ COLLIERY SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon, the first annual gala and sports under the auspices of South Garesfield and Lintz Colliery were held in a field at Middle Pasture side, which was kindly granted by Mr Shiel for the occasion. The weather was favourable for the undertaking, which brought a large amount of visitors. Mr Thomas Minks, Victoria Garesfield, was handicapper. Mr F. Maddison, pistol-firer, and Mr M. Clark, judge. The committee, with Mr Hall as energetic secretary, had spared neither pains nor trouble to suit all comers, and to make the gala a success. Results:—120 yards handicap:—1—J. McQuarters, Burnopfield, 21½, 1; R. Bennett, Friarshill, 2½; 2—Thomas Murray, Dipton, 19½, 0; W. Elsdon, Blaydon, 19, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 3—G. Collingson, Hamsteels, 21, 1; R. Davis, Winlaton, 22½, 2; 4—Joseph Urwin, Spen, 19½, 0; Armstrong, Greenside, 20, 0. Won by six inches. Heat 3—R. Hunter, Greencroft, 21, 1; J. Haggerston, Leadgate, 18, 2; R. Taylor, Lintz Colliery, 24, 3; W. Henry, Tanfield, 21, 0. Won by six inches. Heat 4—Joseph Urwin, Spen, 20, 1; H. Leyton, Dipton, 21, 2; J. Hymers, Blaydon, 18, 0; W. Elliott, Dipton, 20, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 5—T. Gardner, Whickham, 20, 1; J. Coulson, Spen, 24, 2; T. Johnstone, Tanfield, 21, 0; Moffat, Newcastle, 18, 0. Heat 6—T. Cockburn, Catchgate, 16, 1; W. Douglass, Elswick, 17½, 2; R. Edwards, Tyne Dock, 18, 3; J. Arnold, Marley Hill, 19½, 4. Heat 7—M. Ellison, Winlaton Mill, 14, w.o. Heat 8—W. Hanson, Leadgate, 18, 1; J. Baitey, Delaval, 19½, 2; T. Watson, Tantobie, 22, 0; T. Woodcock, Newcastle, 17, 0. Won easily by two yards. Heat 9—William Carr, Blaydon, 21, 1; J. Milburn, Ebchester, 18, 2; Henry Garland, Burnopfield, 18, 3; J. Oregan, Elswick, 20, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 10—William White, Scotswood, 18½, w.o. Heat 11—O. Kenan, Marley Hill, 21, 1; Bradley, Newcastle, 18, 2; J. Atkinson, Winlaton, 21, 3; J. Laing, Spen, 20, 0. Won by two yards. Heat 12—William Brown, Seaton Sluice, 20, 1; A. Dodds, Quebec, 15, 2; J. Coulthard, Byermoor, 20½, 3; Cocon, Sunderland, 18, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 13—T. Moor, Stanley, 20½, 1; George Hall, Burnopfield, 18, 2; W. Arnold, Marley Hill, 23, 3; J. Tindle, Newcastle, 0, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Second round—Heat 1—G. Collingson, Hamsteels, 21, 1; Moffat, Newcastle, 18, 0; J. McQuarter 2. Heat 2—Joe. Urwin 1, T. Gardner 2. Thomas Cockburn 3. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 3—W. Carr 1; M. Ellison 2, W. Hanson 3. Won on the tape. Heat 4—O. Kennan 1, T. Moor 2. Wm. Brown 3. Won by a foot. Heat 5—Won by a yard. Final heat—Carr 1, 23; Kennan 2, 20; Urwin 3, 20½; Collingson 4, 20a. Won by six inches. Old Man's Race, 100 yards. Heat 1—Wood 1, Hall 2, J. Shotton, 23 2; J. McKenna, 27, 3; R. Rogers, 14, 0. Heat 2—Pinkey, 21, 1; W. Sinclair, 21, 2; T. Wilkinson, 19, 3. Final heat—Wood 1, Pinkey 2. Boy Race, 80 yards. Heat 1—J. Stewart 1, W. Goodfellow 2, W. Crompton 3, J. Gibbons 4, W. Thompson 5. Heat 2—R. Pyle 1, Bird 2, Heat 3—J. Maddison 1, A. Haycock, Newcastle, 48, 2. Won easily. Heat 4—J. Urwin, Spen, 52 1; H. Layton, Dipton, 52, 2; J. Cowgan, Gateshead, 52, 3; E. Avots, Victoria Garesfield, 52, 0; R. Bennett, Friarside, 50, 0. Won by a yard. Final heat—M. Ellison 1, O. Kenan 2, Joe. Urwin 3. Won easily. Scrambling race for workmen of the South Garesfield and Lintz Collieries.—First round—Geffery threw W. Smith, Cameron threw Moffat, Fail threw Bainbridge, Wilson threw Springbrough, J. Smith threw Chambers, Lowe odd man. Second round—J. Smith threw Lowe, Moffat threw Cameron, Geffery threw Fail. Third round—J. Smith threw Geffery, Moffat a bye. Final —Moffat threw Smith twice out of three, and won. Women's race, 100 yards. Heat 1—Mrs Brown 1, Mrs Jackson 2, Mrs Green 3. Football contest.—Lintz Rovers v. Lintz team 2. Burnopfield Rovers assisting for girls.—Mary Bally 1, Mary Sc. 2, Sarah Thompson 3. Quoiting, 70 entries.—Q. Best, Spen, 1; Robinson, 2; Spen. 3; Hughes, Dipton, 3. A grand ball was held in the evening

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Local and District News.

CONSETT.

BANK HOLIDAY.—The County Court Office, Consett, and the various banks in the district, will be closed on Monday next.

POLICE COURT.—On Monday, there were no cases for trial at this court. Mr. J. W. Walton-Wilson was the presiding magistrate.

The directors of the Consett Water Company have held meetings on Saturday and Monday, but have not yet finally appointed a collector of rates in the place of Mr Geo. Hawdon, deceased.

LAST (Thursday) night, the Blackhill Mission Brass Band, conducted by Mr James Pallister, played a programme of sacred music in the public park.

CONSETT AMATEUR CYCLING CLUB.—Those members of the Consett Amateur Cycling Club who intend camping at Ferne Hall, Stanhope, on Saturday, and attend Church parade on Sunday, are invited to meet at Christ Church, on Saturday, at three o'clock in the afternoon. See advertisement in another column.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OPENING OF CONSETT PARK.—We have been favoured with copies of photographs of the opening ceremony of Consett Park, taken by Mr Vernon Hall, photographic artist, Consett. Excellent photographs of Mr and Mrs Dale, Mr Jenkins, the ladies and gentlemen on the platform, as well as many well known Consettonians are given, and the views—one of the platform, the other of the band stand and surroundings—are very creditable to the artist. Those of our readers who wish to secure a souvenir of one of the most notable days of Consett, should procure these photos early.

PROPOSED TRADESMEN'S PIC-NIC.—A meeting of the tradespeople of Consett and district—the exact locale of which cannot be identified, except so far as to state that it was held in a third class railway carriage, between Consett and Consett—will be considered the advisability of organising a pic-nic for the shopkeepers and business-men of the town and surrounding district. Mr C. Lumley, Consett, presided, and on the motion of Mr J. Kelly, Consett, seconded by Mr T. Hodgson, Blackhill, it was resolved to call a meeting at an early date, to make arrangements for the forthcoming pic-nic.

MUSIC AND SCIENCE AT ART EXAMINATIONS.—John Watson Egglestone (14), eldest son of Mr G. T. and Elizabeth Egglestone, of 17, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, obtained a pass certificate in the Junior Division of the theoretical examination held at Newcastle centre, on Nov. 27th, 1890. He also obtained 2nd class certificate for honours in theory obtained 2nd class certificate for honours in theory on May 27th, 1891; and on July 21st he has successfully passed practical playing examination on the pianoforte for the primary division, with special reference as to being well prepared. Besides these examinations, Master Egglestone has been successful in passing for geometry and 2nd class in building construction examinations, as held in connection with the Science and Art Classes at the Consett British Schools, in April last. Mr Thos. Jones, Church Street, Consett, was his teacher of music; and Mr W. Thompson, Arthur's Hill, Newcastle, was his teacher at the Science and Art Classes.

RE-OPENING OF THEATRE ROYAL.—Vast improvements have been effected at this popular place of entertainment during the last three or four weeks. The old seats on the balcony that were always most uncomfortable have been removed and new ones with backs to them been fixed in their places, thereby conducing in no inconsiderable measure to the greater comfort of the patrons of this particular part of the house. The whole of the auditorium has also been thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom and the walls freshly painted, giving the place a clean and cool appearance. We read also that the handsome new drop curtain and dressing-rooms have been completed and refurnished. During the vacation, Mr Davis Massey, late scene artist at the Tyne Theatre, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Court Theatre, Shields, &c., has been engaged in still further augmenting the stock of scenery, several new cloths having been painted by this gentleman. Amongst the number are a street scene, a garden scene, and a wood scene, descriptive of a country walk in Cheshire. The whole of these are without doubt works of art, and reflect great credit upon the artist. The whole of the various colours, especially in the garden and wood scenes, being exceptionally good. We learn that the lessee, Mr R. J. Brodie, is determined to put down the very annoying practice of smoking in the theatre, and he only wants the co-operation of his friends and the public generally to carry out his determination. We trust that before long the help he expects may be readily accorded him, and thereby make the theatre attractive to the non-smoker as well as the smoker. Mr Brodie has effected some splendid engagements for the present season, the opening one being Mr Arthur Danville's celebrated burlesque company with the latest attraction *Blue Beard up to Date*. This is to be followed by *The Flower Girl*, *The Right Man*, *Rights Right*, *Victory, Foundered Fortune*, *Marishka* (return visit), Augusti Creamer's Irish Life Co. (return visit), *Jack-in-the-Box*, *Rudolph the Rock-let* (return visit), *Jack-in-the-Box*, *Rudolph the Rock-let* (return visit), *Zingari*, Charles Verner's American Dramatic Co. *World of Pride* (return visit), *Current Cash* (return visit), *Monte Christo*, &c. The musical arrangements have also undergone a change, Mr Emmerson being now placed in the position of musical director. There is only one thing wanting to make the incoming engagement season a genuine success, and that is the support of the play-going public of this district. Hitherto the town of Consett has not borne a very good name as a place for encouraging the drama. This impression to be removed by making the visit of the companies already engaged thoroughly successful, and without doubt greater attractions will follow.

BLACKHILL.

The Blackhill Primitive Methodist Chapel anniversary was held on Sunday, the special preacher being Rev J. Cleminson, of Bishop Auckland.

APPOINTMENT OF RURAL DEAN.—Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., has been appointed by the Bishop of Durham Rural Dean of Lanchester Deanery—comprising the parishes of Benfieldside, Blackhill, Castleside, Collierley, Consett, Dipton, Esh, Ebchester, Hamsteels, Hamside, Lanchester, Leadgate and Medomsley. There is no income, we understand, attached to the office of Rural Dean.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—Tuesday being the 6th anniversary of the death of Father Smith, the late esteemed pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, muffled peals were rung from the tower of the church by members of the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, of which the deceased was the founder.

It is gratifying to learn that Wm. Raw, a son of Mr Wm. Raw, of Blackhill, won several prizes at the Newcastle Grammar School Sports on Wednesday afternoon. He was second in the football play afternoon. He was second in the football play place kick, also second for the high jump, clearing 4 feet 7 inches, and for the long jump, young Raw, 4 feet 7 inches, and for the long jump, young Raw, was first, covering a distance of 17 feet 10 inches.

SHOTLEY.

MANOR HOUSE SPORTS.—These sports will be held to-morrow (Saturday), and promise to be very successful. We understand there are to be no capital entries for each event, over 30 animals being entered for the horse race.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

OCCASIONAL COURT.—On Wednesday morning, Ann Hall, alias, a tramp, was fined 2s 6d and costs, or seven days, for being drunk at Consett, on Tuesday night.

THE FLOWER SHOW.—We are asked to remind intending exhibitors that the entries for all departments at the forthcoming Floral and Horticultural fete at Shotley Bridge, closes on Saturday, August 8th, with the secretary (Mr W. Ramsay, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill.)

PIC-NIC AT THE SPA.—On Saturday, the employes of Messrs T. Cowpers Hardy and Co., timber merchants, Argyle Saw Mills, held their annual excursion to Shotley Bridge at the firm's expense. After partaking of a substantial dinner-and-fork tea, the workmen enjoyed themselves during the afternoon in various games, returning in the evening after having thoroughly enjoyed a good day's outing.

THE COACH FROM NEWCASTLE.—The glories of the old coaching days are about to be revived in our district. Mr Lee Priestman, of Shotley Bridge, has made arrangements to run "The Venture" coach between Newcastle and Shotley Bridge.

WEARDALE.

The blooms on the heather this year promises to be much better than that of last season.

Hay-harvesting is now in full swing in Weardale. The weather has been very hindersome, but a lot of hay has been made.

WEST DURHAM HIGHWAY GOVERNMENT. At Wardale Highway Board on Friday—Mr C. J. Backhouse, J.P., presiding—the Surveyor reported that the roads in this district, during the past winter, had been ravaged by heavy rains.—Mr Bidley, Tow Law, proposed to enclose some land below Wolsingham, and this referred to the County Council. The chairman thought there cost £100 in the district, £47 2s 1d total, £149 5s 8d, which included accounts for stone. The Board's representation of the damage to traffic by the pass of the hounds side of Wolsingham county bridge has moved the County Council to give the matter attention.

THUNDERSTORM.—On Thursday se'nnight, at High Law Riggs, Ireshopeburn, the house of Mr Wm. Watson, rate-collector, was struck by lightning. The fluid knocked part of a chimney down, passed through the roof into the attic, broke out the window and causing a lot of debris to fly over the interior of the house. Happily Mr Watson's son, who was in bed, escaped injury, and Mr Watson though stunned was no worse. Mr W. H. Featherstone, jun., who was angling in the burn, had his rod bobbin stripped off, while the cradle was burned.

ESH COLLIERY.

The coke trade of the district is somewhat brisk, the yards being fairly cleaned up.

The Flower show promised well for the inhabitants to be the red-letter day of the district, and retains its interest and charm beyond all other festivities. The earnest endeavour of the Committee and secretary to make it a success is deserving of all praise. During the previous years the exhibition have been remarkably good.

THE ESH CHOIR.—Tuesday.—The members of the local lodge belonging to the Durham Miners' Association, Esh Colliery, have decided to purchase a new banner, (banners are the order of the day), and no doubt, cast in their mite for this purpose.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, the members of the above place of worship at Esh Winning celebrated their Sunday-school anniversary services in their Sunday schools, kindly lent by Mr Morris, engineer, and held in the most favourable weather. The spacious building was literally packed. The scholars in a most effective manner rendered portions of scripture, poetry, dialogues, history, &c, their efforts, without exception, reflecting a great amount of credit upon the superintendent and teachers. On the Monday, Mr Taylor officiated at the harmonium, while the choir, under the leadership of Mr Lines, and assisted by the scholars, sang a selection of hymns and anthems at most fitting intervals. Collections were taken in aid of the school fund.

HARE LAW.

COLLIERLEY BURIAL BOARD.—A special Board meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, in the Hare Law Board Schools. The members present were—Rev. T. Johnson, Arthur's Hill, Rev. Hereford, J. Swallow, P. Reay, and the clerk (Mr W. S. Tolfotd) The only business was the signing of a cheque for £80, due to the contractors. It is reported that we will soon be supplied, and the cemetery, which has been so long in hand formally opened.

STOCKSFIELD.

ANTIQUARIES AT BYWELL CASTLE.—On Saturday, the first afternoon meeting of the Society of Antiquaries, for this season, was held at Bywell. A large party of members and friends met at Stocksfield Station. The Rev. J. Johnson, of Healy, conducted the party to the "Mote Hill" and the two ancient churches. Mr Johnson here read a short address on the history of Bywell, and in the churches gave a short address on the history of these two interesting buildings. The party then proceeded to Bywell Castle, where they were entertained by Mr John Hall and Miss Hall. Mr Cadwallader J. Bates afterwards addressed the party in the large hall of the old castle tower, and gave an antiquarian lecture on the castle. Before quitting the grounds, Mr Bates proposed the thanks of the members to Mr and Miss Hall for their generous and delightful hospitality. This was carried by cheers.

MEDOMSLEY.

Medomsley Church Choir visited Hexham on Wednesday last, and a pleasant time there is broken. Unfortunately the weather was of the worst description, rain falling all the time very heavily, which prevented them getting over the fells.

MUSICAL INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, LONDON.—S. Mace, jun., of Medomsley, passed the Senior Division of the above college in violin playing, with honours, at the recent examination held in Dr Lott, in Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 21st. His teacher is Signor Numa Zabban, of the Northumberland College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LANCHESTER.

The anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Sunday-School was commenced at Lanchester, on Saturday afternoon, over the Sunday and Monday. Afterwards, a lecture was delivered by Mr T. Fothergill, of Crook.—On the Sabbath, Mr Fothergill conducted three services, when the scholars recited and sang.

WOLSINGHAM.

A friendly exchange of pulpits last Sabbath gave the Baptist congregation an opportunity of hearing in their own beautiful sanctuary an excellent sermon by Rev R. Garbett (Wesleyan). This popular preacher has grown in favour ever since his settlement in the circuit, and we hope that this circuit at the end of next month (after two years' labour) it is not the wish of the circuit. There is no doubt but that he will grace a larger circuit shortly.

By the death of Mr Thomas Collinson, of Slatey Ford, the Wesleyan cause at Tunstall has lost one of its best supporters. The deceased was highly esteemed in the district. Though originally a member of the Primitive Methodist Society at Frosterley, when he resided in that locality, he made his home with the Wesleyans at Tunstall, there being no Primitive Society nearer than Wolsingham. He will be much missed.

SPEN COLLIERY.

Mr Leland Jones and Miss Carrie Violet's Combination Company are still drawing bumping houses at his theatre in the Recreation Ground, Spen. On Monday last the company was first commenced to give his company their respective benefits. Mr Ail. Foy and Miss Maggie Stanton had a packed house on Monday night, when the drama was *The Poor of Newcastle*.

WEST STANLEY.

CO-OPERATIVE TEA.—On Saturday, the members of the West Stanley Co-operative Society held their annual tea and public meeting. The tea was largely patronised. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by some local ladies and gentlemen.

RYTON.

TREAT TO SUNDAY-SCHOOL CHILDREN.—The children attending St. Jude's Church School, Shieldfield, Newcastle, had their annual school trip to Ryton yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. A special train was engaged, and it conveyed about 600 little ones and 150 adults. The St. Jude's Brass Band played selections of music. The unfavourable weather did not prevent the children from thoroughly enjoying themselves. Tea was partaken of in the hall belonging the Wesleyan Chapel. Afterwards the children testified their appreciation of the liberality of the congregation of St. George's and others in providing the treat, and to Rev Digby Seymour for his efforts in the same direction.

WYLAM.

TEMPERANCE GALA.—On Saturday afternoon, a demonstration was held in a field near Cox House, Wylam, in connection with the West Wylam U.M.F.C. Sunday-school Band of Hope. The proceedings commenced with a public open-air meeting, at which the chair was occupied by Mr Moorhead, Seaton Sluice. Mr M. MacInnes, M.P., delivered an address to the Sunday-school teachers, and Miss MacInnes spoke on Band of Hope work. Rev S. Fraser, of Prudhoe U.M.F.C., also gave a short address, while Mr Ramsay, of Newcastle, was also present. A public tea followed, after which the company were at liberty to participate in games and a variety of amusements. Later, an open-air concert was held, the programme being contributed to by several local vocalists, under the direction of Mr Batey, of Prudhoe. Mr Robson, West Wylam, occupied the chair.

CASTLESIDE.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Friday morning, James Jameson, aged 54, a blacksmith employed at the Hedleyhope lead mines, died very suddenly. He is a single man, and has been living to the neighbourhood of Castleside for the past 12 months. He was at work on Friday morning till nine o'clock, when he came home for his breakfast, soon after which he complained of a pain in his chest, and immediately fell forward and expired. The Coroner did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest.

FLORAL SERVICES.—The teachers connected with the Castleside Primitive Methodist Sunday-school held their annual floral services. As usual, a splendid display of flowers, &c., was on hand, sent by many kind friends, and some sent from afar. Mr G. Eggleston, Consett, with his well-known kindness, brought a large consignment of greenhouse plants, for which the teachers desire to convey their thanks to that gentleman and their many friends in the district. On Saturday night, a public tea was held, which was followed by Mr Thomas Proud, London; Mr W. G. Golightly, Castleside; Mr W. Clayton, Consett; and Mr J. J. Potts, Waskerley; the chair being occupied by Mr Singleton, Consett. A capital supper was held afterwards, when a large number sat down. The tables were presided over by Mesdames J. Dent, Potts, W. Thompson, and J. Lee, assisted by Mrs Lister. On Sunday, the services were conducted by Mr Proud, London, preaching morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Reclaimed, or the Harwoods' two Christmas Days," was given by the choir. Conductor, Mr T. Maine; harmoniums, Mr Frank Dodd, reader, and Mr J. Proud. The choir was in good form, and rendered their part in a very creditable manner, Mr Proud is an excellent reader, and a very pleasing singer, and has on this occasion endeared himself to his many friends by his self-sacrificing spirit, having journeyed from London without fee or reward. Proud on Sunday night in order to attend a case in the High Courts on Monday at ten a.m.

LOW FELL.

EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC.—The following pupils of Miss Maud Gray, Low Fell, have passed successfully at the local examinations held in Newcastle:—Trinity College, June 3rd:—Miss Hannah Dixon, Junior Division. Musical International College, July 23rd:—Misses Ira Smith and Ethel Brown, Junior Division; Miss Emily Kendal (eight years old), Primary Division.

STANHOPE.

A large number of visitors favoured Stanhope with their presence on Sunday.

The Bishop of Richmond has returned to his duties, and preached twice on Sunday.

OPEN-AIR MUSIC.—On Saturday evening, the Stanhope Town Band played a pleasing and varied selection of music in Stanhope Hall grounds. These grounds were placed at the disposal of the band free, by Mr Richard Mews, an act which deserves the best thanks, as the attendance on the field was so much enjoyed by one gentleman that he promised a contribution of £1 is towards the funds, and in response to this appeal 17 members were given. The evening concert was held for the benefit of the band, and a considerable number of visitors were present. Various games, sports, and dancing were held in the field, a pleasing evening was spent, and a nice little balance added to the band fund.

BAND GALA AND SPORTS.—This gala and sports came off on Saturday in the beautiful grounds of Horn Hall, Stanhope, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr R. Mews. The day was fine, and the affair was well patronised. The band was on hand present, and, under the able leadership of Mr W. Walton, discoursed a number of lively and inspiring airs. Mr St. John, of Sunderland, one of the best runners now in Stanhope, made the band a handsome present.

THE RATING OF MOORS.—At a special meeting of the Board in the Stanhope Board Schools on Friday week, to consider the rating of the moors, some strong comments were made on the alleged abuses in respect of property owned by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. It was stated that one moor alone could have for £100 what another, for the same acreage, had to pay £700 for.—An ex-officio Guardian declared that the moors were administered charity in England; and it was further stated, in discussion, that a system of favouritism prevailed, and yet, in the face of those glaring inequities farmers refused one penny piece to help with circular appeals on behalf of the poor inmates. Other committee members declared the state of things a scandal.—Unfortunately, as Mr Curry said, the question of game rating had never been tried in a court of law, and he suggested co-operation with such unions as Alston and Teesdale to get the point settled. Mr Hutchinson, from Castle, it was said, having expressed a desire that something that way should be done.—The Committee decided to put the unreckoned moors up to 2s, which will realise £1,000, in addition to £2,000 to £3,600, and a supplemented valuation list was now adopted.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

We have to chronicle the sale of Mr Storey's St. Bernard dog pup, "Bovril," age 13 months, to Mr S. W. Smith, of Leeds. The sum paid is close on £50 guineas, which is the largest price ever paid in this county for a dog.

ORDER OF MECHANICS.—The Ancient Order of Mechanics Lodge at Annfield Plain, held their annual festival on Saturday, when there was a good muster of members, who marched around the district, each wearing a pair of white gloves and a white rosette, headed by the Blackhill Temperance Prize Band. Upon their return, they were regaled with a knife-and-fork tea, prepared in the Co-operative Hall, which was well served up by the ladies in attendance. The headquarters of this lodge is at Mr J. Lumley's, innkeeper, Annfield Plain.

OPEN-AIR MISSION.—On Friday night, a united open-air service was held at Annfield Plain. The mission band played from the Y.M.C.A. rooms to the centre of the place, where a large number assembled, when stirring gospel addresses were delivered by Mr G. Baldridge and Mr Philip Reay. This was the beginning of a series of mission services, at which the mission band will play several pieces, and several addresses will likewise be given.

CAMP MEETING.—The Primitive Methodist Society at Annfield Plain held their annual camp meeting on Sunday. The morning was spent in parading the streets, and in the afternoon services were held in a field near the Wesleyan Chapel kindly granted by Mr M. Handyl, when the following gentlemen addressed the large congregation assembled:—Messrs T. Robinson, J. Clough, J. H. Emmerson, T. Berridge, W. H. Atkinson, and R. Hawes. The mission band was present in the morning and afternoon, and rendered excellent service under the able leadership of Mr A. Forster, Jr. A love-feast was held in the evening. The whole of the services were conducted by Rev T. Archer, of Stanley.

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"My friends," said a politician the other day, with a burst of ingenuous eloquence, "I will be candid with you." The terrific outburst of applause which followed this remark entirely upset the point which the orator was about to introduce.

One of "our young girls" was under examination in grammar the other day, when asked why the noun "bachelor" was singular, blushingly answered, "Because it is very singular they don't get married." She went up to the head.

"You say he called you a donkey?" "Yes." "What did you do about it?" "Nothing." "Well, if a man should call me a donkey I'd kick him with both feet." "Certainly, any donkey would naturally do that."

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

THURSDAY, July 30th.—Before Councillor JAMES ANNANDALE (presiding), W. R. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esqr., and Thos. GILLET, Esqr.

DRUNKENNESS.

Andrew Hartley and *John Jacques*, drunk and creating a disturbance by battering in a house door at West Pelton, 20th inst., 5s each and costs; *Thomas Dawson*, Greenorefit, 13th July, 10s, or seven days' imprisonment; *James Hopkins*, *Peter Doyle*, *John Elliott*, *Francis McDonald*, *Michael Taylor*, *Patrick McGuire*, all at Greenorefit, 13th inst, 5s each, or seven days; *David Ahern*, at Shield Row, 18th inst, 5s; *John Gill*, at West Stanley, July 18th, 5s; *Jas. Roberts*, at South Moor, 18th inst., 5s; *Joseph Cook*, at Burnhope, 5th inst, 5s; *John Lowes* and *James Armstrong*, at Waterhouses, 1st inst, 5s each; *George Charlton* and *John Fydon*, at Quaking, 10th and 11th inst, and *Robert Stephenson*, same place, 12th inst, 5s each.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Frederick Gill and *Thomas Welsh*, for fighting at Consett Colliery, on 18th inst, bound over for three months, besides mulcted in 5s costs.

Thomas Hope, *Joseph Evans*, *Wilkinson Shield*, *Alfred Welsh*, *William Bligh*, *Thomas Hunter* and *Thomas Hanson* were prosecuted by P.C. Hadwin for fighting at South Moor, on the 18th and 20th days of this month.—Harrison proved that he was lawfully acting in endeavouring to keep the peace by Coates and Shield, and was acquitted. The Justices advising him to choose better company in future. The other defendants were all bound over for the space of three months.

The Chairman enquired the cause of so much drunkenness and fighting at South Moor on that particular day. Mr Finlay explained that a football match had taken place, but the game was broken up before the finish. The parties concerned had been altogether ready all the week-end, and were continually fighting and quarrelling.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Henry Northcote and *Joseph Wetherall*, for causing wilful damage to grass at South Moor, on the 6th and 12th July, were fined 6d each, 1d injury, and costs.

James Blight and *James Herdman*, for trespassing in fields belonging to James Hedley Bros., near South Moor, on the 18th inst., were similarly dealt with.

Joseph Wood and *James Todd*, boys of 14 years, were summoned for committing wilful damage in a meadow field, belonging to Mr J. H. Burn, at West Stanley, on the 10th ult., and were fined—Wood (who did not appear), 1s, 1d damage, and costs; and Todd 6d respectively.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Matthew Jackson pleaded guilty to refusing to quit the licensed premises of Edward Hall, at the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley, on the 18th ult., and was fined 5s and costs.

William Agar, for refusing to leave the licensed premises of Edward Hall, at Langley Park, on the 11th July, was similarly fined.

BICYCLE RIDING ON FOOTPATHS.

John Sudden, a young fellow, pleaded guilty to a charge preferred against him by Sergt. Smallwood, for riding a bicycle on the footpath near Quebec, on the 19th ult. He was fined 2s 6d and costs.

A PRIZE FIGHT.

Joseph Scott, miner, of Annfield Plain, and *Thos. Forster*, miner, of South Moor, were charged with engaging in a breach of the peace by fighting at Low Stanley, on the 18th inst.—The case was proved by Mr Turner, farmer, who saw defendants fighting in his fields, and was subsequently pulled by a large crowd. The battle was for £2 a-side.—The Bench: Had they any seconds?—Witness: Yes.—The Bench: They were there without your authority?—Witness: Yes.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were bound over to keep the peace for six months, and ordered to pay 14s 6d each costs.

THREATENING TO KILL.

Robert Toward, a young fellow, pleaded guilty to being drunk and incapable near the Morrison Pond, Annfield Plain, at one o'clock on the morning of the 19th inst., and to the charge that the defendant had been threatening to commit suicide by drowning himself.—Defendant, who had nothing to say, was fined 5s and costs.

A LAZY FELLOW.

John McCormick, a dirty-looking tramp, was charged with refusing to perform his task at the Lanchester Workhouse.—Mr Wilson Brotherton, the master, stated that the prisoner was admitted to the casual ward of the Workhouse on Sunday night, and on Monday he was given 4lbs of oakum to pull. He sat all day and had done nothing up to the following morning, except to pick about an ounce of oakum. Witness asked McCormick why he had not done his task, and received a very explanation. He ate his food, and did not complain of being unwell.—Accused said he was injured by a truck at Sunderland, and he could not do the task because it was too hard.—The Bench: Then you are a lazy fellow, and will be committed for 14 days' hard labour.

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CAMP MEETING.—The Primitive Methodist Society at Annfield Plain held their annual camp meeting on Sunday. The morning was spent in parading the streets, and in the afternoon services were held in a field near the Wesleyan Chapel kindly granted by Mr M. Handyl, when the following gentlemen addressed the large congregation assembled:—Messrs T. Robinson, J. Clough, J. H. Emmerson, T. Berridge, W. H. Atkinson, and R. Hawes. The mission band was present in the morning and afternoon, and rendered excellent service under the able leadership of Mr A. Forster, Jr. A love-feast was held in the evening. The whole of the services were conducted by Rev T. Archer, of Stanley.

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

"My friends," said a politician the other day, with a burst of ingenuous eloquence, "I will be candid with you." The terrific outburst of applause which followed this remark entirely upset the point which the orator was about to introduce.

One of "our young girls" was under examination in grammar the other day, when asked why the noun "bachelor" was singular, blushingly answered, "Because it is very singular they don't get married." She went up to the head.

"You say he called you a donkey?" "Yes." "What did you do about it?" "Nothing." "Well, if a man should call me a donkey I'd kick him with both feet." "Certainly, any donkey would naturally do that."

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, July 29th.—Before H. W. KENRICK-WATSON (in the chair), and GEO. DUNELEY, Esqrs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons, hailing from Felton Fell, Birtley, and Chester-le-Street, were fined in sums varying from 5s to 17s 6d:—*Wm. Lawrick*, *John Cornfort*, *Wm. Moist*, *John Fortin*, *Thomas Siddle*, *Thomas Hayes*, *George Graham*, *Richard Shields*, *Daniel Nolan*, *Patrick Nolan*, *Peter McHurk*, *Mary Nolan*, *Thomas Pannon*.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Anthony Crone, *Joseph Miller* and *Patrick Sean* was charged with doing wilful damage to a door, the property of the Charlaw and Sacriston Coal Company, on the 20th inst.—P.C. Johnson proved the charge, and the sentence of the Bench was 5s each, or 14s. in.—Defendants were fined 2s 6d each and costs.

ASSAULT AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Charles Mulhelp was charged with assaulting Jane Ann Gildson at Chester-le-Street, on the 11th July.—Mr. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham, appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Harle, Chester-le-Street and Newcastle, for the defence.

—Complainant said that she was in Pearson's public-house on the Saturday night when defendant came in and the sight of the latter filled the glass out of her hand, and blackened her eyes, saying at the time "that he would be hanged for the b——." Joseph Bone said that he was Pearson's public-house manager, and that defendant struck complainant. She had not said anything to him.

Sarah Jane Pearson also gave evidence, and said she saw him strike complainant. Defendant's schoolmaster said he was in Pearson's with defendant. Defendant left witness and went into the backyard. He had to pass through the passage were complainant and her friends were. Defendant did not see anything take place, until a glass was thrown by some one in the passage.—Fined 10s and costs.

DAMAGING LEEKS.

William, Thomas, and Robert Mallaber were charged with doing damage to leeks, the property of Wm. Finlay, at Birtley, on the 19th inst. William was the first witness called, and stated that Finlay at the same time and place. Mr F. Harle appeared for the defence in each case.—Prosecutor said that defendants and others came into his garden and eat up his leeks. He threatened to kill the chickens if they came there again. Wm. Mallaber came into the garden and got him by the throat and abused him. During the struggle the leeks were trodden down, doing damage to the amount of £1.—Mrs Finlay said her husband put the chickens out of the garden. They came in again, and then William Mallaber came and struck her husband, so did the three sons. Several of their best leeks were destroyed.—Heslop Rake also deposed that he saw the Mallabers strike at Finlay.—For the defence, it was urged that Finlay first struck at Mallaber, senior, and that during the struggle which ensued the leeks were trodden down.—Ordered to pay £1 damage and costs, and the charge of assault to be dismissed.

NON-MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS.

Orders for maintenance of their parents were made on Joseph Gallon, John Thomas Carr, James Carr, William Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, Robt. Bruce, and Thomas Bruce, all of whom were summoned at the instance of Mr John McKay, relieving officer for the Harraton sub-district of the Chester-le-Street Union.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

William Lambert, farm servant, and his master, John S. Barker, Red Red Hall, were each summoned for working two horses in an unfit state, at Chester-le-Street, on the 6th inst.—Inspector Aplin, R.S.P.C.A., prosecuted, and Mr John Turnbull appeared for the defence.—Inspector Aplin said the horses were a very bad state, and they had very sore shoulders. They were not in a fit state to be at work.—Mr W. Temple, V.S., also gave evidence.—Lambert was fined 2s 6d and costs in each case, and Barker, the master, 10s and costs in each case.

James Slowther was also charged, at the instance of Inspector Aplin, with treating a pony at Chester-le-Street, on the 6th ult.—Inspector Aplin and Mr W. Temple, V.S., having given evidence, defendant was fined 5s and costs.

INFECTIOUS SHIP BOOK RECOMMENDED.

John Thomas, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a pair of trousers and a pair of stockings, value 5s, the property of Jacob Swalwell, at Chester-le-Street, on the 15th inst.; and further with stealing a pair of boots from John Carruthers, value 6s 1d.—John Gledstone said he was an assistant with Mr Swalwell, and had his attention drawn to the prisoner, and found the trousers and stockings, which he identified as his master's property, in prisoner's possession.—P.C. Mann said he arrested prisoner, and found the property upon him.—Mr Carruthers said he missed the boots from his shop door, and when P.C. Mann brought the prisoner and the boots, he identified the boots as his property.—Prisoner also gave evidence as to arresting prisoner, and finding the boots in his possession.—Prisoner said he bought the boots at Shotley, and did not notice the name Carruthers's door. He admitted the other charges, but would not admit that he stole the boots. He paid 4s 6d for them at Birtley, and had them when he came to Chester-le-Street. Mr Temple considered him guilty of both charges, but as prisoner bore a very good character, he would be fined 20s and costs in each case.

THEFT OF 5s.

John Hodgson and John Edward May, boys, were charged with stealing 5s, the property of Mrs Watkin, at Chester-le-Street, on the 21st inst.—Mrs Watkin said she sent her daughter with two half-crowns to pay her fund money. The girl was to take money to Wrekenton.—The daughter, a little girl ten years of age, said that she was going to Wrekenton the boys stopped her and took the money out of her pocket. She went home and told her mother, and then told the police.—As the boys were so very young, the Bench decided not to fine or imprison them, but bound over the parents to bring up the boys for judgment when called upon.

A DISHONEST HOUSEKEEPER.

Annie Brown was charged with stealing a black dress and blue shawl, the property of Elizabeth Dewyer, at Birtley, on the 15th April.—James Dewyer said he was a labourer, and lived at Birtley. He advertised for a housekeeper, and prisoner applied for the situation. She came and stayed two days, then went away, taking with her a dress and shawl belonging his daughter. The articles were worth 30s.—Elizabeth Dewyer gave evidence.—Sent for trial at the ensuing Sessions.

DAMAGE TO TURNIPS.

Charles Smith, a youth, of no fixed abode, was charged with wilfully damaging turnips, the property of the Earl of Durham, at Pictree, on the 24th inst.; and further with assaulting Walter W. Coxon, his lordship's bailiff, at the same time and place.—P.C. Coxon said he saw the youth pulling up the turnips in his field. He took him into custody, and intended to bring him to Chester-le-Street, but prisoner ran away, and threw a stone at witness, and but for putting up his hand witness would have been struck in the face.—For the damage, prisoner was fined 2s 6d and costs, and for the assault 10s and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

James Thomas, and John Pillington, Robert Hall, Thomas Hall, George Hall, Jonathan Hall, and Matthew Pattison were charged with playing at pitch and toss at Chester Moor, on the 19th inst.—P.C. Lindsay proved the charge.—Brown and Pillington-Main were each fined 1s and costs; the rest 2s 6d each and costs.

Richard Robinson, Robert Robinson, George Robinson, George Hedley, John Thompson, and George Kirk were charged were charged with playing at pitch and toss at Fatfield, on the 19th inst.—P.C. Johnson said he saw over thirty men playing at pitch and toss. His summoned all in the knee of the lot.—Fined 2s 6d and costs, Kirk being fined 5s and costs.

FIGHTING.

John Smith, George Graham, Thomas Farmon, and Richard Shields were charged with fighting at Eighton Banks, on the 19th inst.—P.C. Dodds said that he saw defendants stripped to the buff and fighting. He had to go and seek the assistance of another constable to quell the distur