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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

PUBLIC BATHS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—It was a matter of no small disappointment to find that the correspondence on the subject of Public Baths for Consett was so suddenly dropped, and it is because of the interest which the question has to me that I venture to take up my pen.

Let me, however, make bold to assert that not only does it interest a few individuals but the public in general. It is to be regretted that public feeling in Consett is so slow in being expressed but the feeling is there, latent or dormant though it be. The subject has only to be mentioned to any intelligent Consettonian to provoke an expression of approval, and regret, that the institution is not an accomplished fact. The young men lounging at the street corner or crawling along the road aimless, listless, and imbued with a dull-eyed fatality longs for a healthy channel to direct his patent energies and for a better method of killing time. The steel worker after his long, hot and arduous toil longs for that perfect refreshment which the unsatisfactory "rub down" in the kitchen cannot afford but which a complete bath would give. The delightful thrill which runs through his jaded body at the thought of a plunge into a swimming pond can only be imagined.

Not only are public baths to be considered as a means of giving pleasure, though this of itself would be argument enough for their establishment, but on the ground of education and health they are obviously most desirable. This double claim has been recognised by the State in four Baths and Washhouses Acts, and in large towns Board Schools have adopted the teaching of swimming as part of their curriculum. The benefits derived from the operations of these measures are simply innumerable and incalculable. Swimming clubs flourish and bring forth fruit. The raw youth, who is "without form and void" is carefully taken in hand and trained to habits of self reliance and courage, and the sociality, discipline and invigorating exercise produce the most happy effects. The swimming competitions and galas are features of the greatest interest and are always well patronised.

Consett, however, has special claims for the establishment of public baths. It is perhaps the only exception where a town having a large ironworks has no such public provision. It is rapidly increasing in population and only requires the establishment of an institution such as is advocated to lift it sensibly higher in the scale of municipality. If we try to conceive what change would be effected by the non-existence of such public institutions as the schools, the infirmary and the police court we will feel the weight of this argument. If we consider to what a large extent the prevalence of crime due to morbid feelings of discontent, dulness and inanity such an excellent antidote as public baths would supply, would tend to raise the health and morality of the community. Now that power to establish baths and washhouses is vested in Urban District Councils and it would redound much to the credit of our councillors if they could accomplish such a desirable work. It is also a great consideration that in large towns the price charged for admission to the baths renders them self-supporting and they are thus no burden to the ratepayer. Should this attempt, feeble though it is, tend to awaken an interest in the important question of providing baths for Consett and ultimately lead to its adoption then I shall indeed be ever thankful that I have made it.

Believe me,

Ever faithfully yours,

AQUARIUS.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

By "Observer."

The farmers are about finished with their grass crops, and other portions are progressing favourably. It is assumed by many that the crops this year will be lacking in quantity; but it is rather early to offer hasty predictions. The difference in crops largely depends on the quality of land and its cultivation. The weather is not entirely to blame.

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In connection with the "Hope of West Stanley Lodge," a temperance mission is being held. The interest is caused by the mission van being located in the district under the superintendence of Mr. J. T. Fisk. Miscellaneous programmes have been rendered by the members of the above lodge, and we hope good results will accrue from their efforts.

On Saturday last, the workmen of the Oxhill Collieries went for a day's recreation to Scarborough. The weather was fairly good, with the exception of a few showers of rain. The journey to and from this popular resort was very pleasant indeed. Nature at present is resplendent with verdant beauty, and we cannot appreciate it better than by a long ride amidst beautiful sunshine and balmy air; and anyone who is capable of enjoyment can find in Scarborough a splendid assortment of attractions. The massive architectural buildings, the beautiful clean parades, the aquarium, the north and south sands, are all calculated to enrapture and prove a source of wonder and amazement. The day soon passes away, and we have to return with pleasant reflections of having had a good trip.

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The Beamish and East Stanley Collieries likewise held their annual excursion on Saturday last. Manchester was their destination. They arrived at the famous town at 12.10 a.m. The few hours at disposal were mostly spent in the Belle Vue Gardens. This large area of attractions is a feast to strangers. The Town Hall is also a wonderful sight; but as it is a manufacturing industry, and these large business premises can only be seen in operation on week days, a person requires a few days to give an estimate of the value of a trip to this scene of wonders.

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Much contention is going on in this district concerning the Liberal defeat in Parliament. Opinions vary on the matter, and much speculation is abroad as to the result of the General Election. Some affirm that it a great discredit to the Conservative party to defeat a Government on such a trifling matter, and that this false action will affect them at the General Election. Others uphold the erroneous idea that under a Tory Government trade, wages, and prosperity reign, while under a Liberal policy these essentials begin to fluctuate to the determent of the working classes. Now, any intelligent observer will know that since 1869 up to 1893 wages and trade have been more favourable under a Liberal Government than otherwise; but it is not wisdom to denounce any party on these grounds, for it is not necessarily the fault of any particular Government, but arises from causes which lie in other directions. Without doubt this General Election will prove a test in many ways. Let every man think for himself, and act accordingly.

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It is reported that Mr. J. B. Simpson, coalowner, of Ryton, has been requested to contest the Chester-le-Street division in the Conservative interest; but I am very doubtful that his errand will prove a fruitless one, for Sir James Joicey, Bart., has too clean a record to suffer a defeat.

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The Beamish Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary was held on Sunday last. The usual routine was observed in a creditable manner. The hymns were well selected and well sung. The services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Beales, of Chester-le-Street. Large and appreciative audiences were present.

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The Pelton Fell Wesleyan Sabbath School annual services were celebrated on Sunday. The recitations were of a good class, and well executed. The singing was a special feature, and proves conclusively that great pains have been taken to come up to such a high standard. The services were conducted by Mr. J. Bell, of Pelton Fell. Interested audiences were in attendance.

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Under the auspices of the Northern Union of Conservative Associations, Mr. J. Pyle, of Pelton Fell, has been busily engaged in the open-air, lecturing on "Conservative Principles and Policy." The meetings were held in a wood near to Beamish Station. Considerable excitement and discussion took place. This area is mostly composed of Liberal advocates, and the person who comes to denounce Liberalism has a hard time of it. But Mr. Pyle has the courage of his convictions, and retains his integrity.

SPORTING ITEMS.

ANNFIELD PLAIN BRASS BAND CONTEST AND SPORTS.

The fifth annual brass band contest and sports, under the auspices of the Annfield Plain Musical and Athletic Company, took place in two fields adjacent to the Board Schools (kindly lent by the Co-operative Society), on Saturday last. With the exception of two or three slight showers, the afternoon turned out fine, but still the number of spectators present was not up to the average, although a capital programme had been arranged. The band contest was the chief attraction, and in this the Consett Iron Company's Band carried off nearly all the honours. They secured first prize for the selection, and were also to the fore in the contests for the best cornet and trombone solos. The Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band again entered the lists and did very creditably, obtaining second prize in the selection, and first in the quickstep competition. Refreshments were provided on the "Lockhart system" by Mr. F. Stephenson, Newcastle. In the evening, a successful ball was held, the music being supplied by Mr. H. Brydon's String Band. Mr. Jas. Henderson acted as M.C. The secretarial duties were discharged in admirable fashion by Mr. H. Bates, and the whole proceedings were worked off in a very satisfactory manner. Full details are appended:—

Brass Band Contest.—Selection—Consett Iron Company's, conductor, Mr. J. T. Birkenshaw, 1, £7 in cash, and a cornet valued at 8 guineas; Tanfield Lea Silver Model, conductor, Mr. E. Keskeys, 2—£4, and a trombone valued at 7 guineas; Hetton Rechabites, conductor, Mr. G. Perry, 3, £3. Quickstep—Tanfield Lea, 1; Hetton, 2. Best Cornet Solo—Consett Iron Company's Band. Trombone Solo—Consett Iron Company's Band. The judge was Mr. A. D. Keate, of Denton.

£7 10s 120 Yards Foot Handicap.—Heat 1—J. Fenwick, Gateshead, 19½ yards, 1; W. Maley, Consett, 21, 2; J. Aitchison, Annfield Plain, 21, 3; A. Rostron, South Moor, 24, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 2—E. Miller, Consett, 20½, 1; H. Gair, Blackhill, 21, 2; T. Tolliday, Witton Gilbert, 22, 3; J. Shields, South Moor, 22½, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 3—A. Hunter, Blackhill, 23, 1; J. Gray, Iveston, 24, 2; G. Thompson, South Pontop, 24, 3; B. Coxon, South Moor, 24, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 4—F. Swinburne, Blackhill, 18, 1; J. Armstrong, West Stanley, 21½, 2; R. Simpson, Blackhill, 24, 3; W. Ireland, Sunderland, 18, 0. Won by six inches. Heat 5—J. Masterman, West Stanley, 20½, 1; F. Hall, Cutlers' Hall, 21, 2; G. Galloway, Gateshead, 20, 0; J. Walker, Kyo, 23, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 6—B. Rogers, Leadgate, 21½, 1; A. Dodds, West Stanley, 24, 2; J. Stephenson, South Moor, 24, 0; J. Mitchinson, Gateshead, 19, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 7—P. Ryan, Consett, 21, 1; G. Kew, Pit Hill, 22, 2; F. Watson, Kyo, 24, 3; F. Hughes, Chester-le-Street, 24, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 8—F. Forman, Leadgate, 24, 1; M. Walker, Kyo, 24, 2; J. Collins, Streetgate, 21, 0; J. Allen, (boy), Consett, 24, 0. Won easily by two yards. Heat 9—J. Roy, Byker, 23, 1; J. Wilson, Benfieldside, 24, 2; Wm. Harris, Consett, 24, 3; H. Kilty, Annfield Plain, 22, 4. Won by a yard. Second round—Heat 1—Fenwick, 1; Miller, 2; Hunter, 3. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 2—Masterman, 1; Swinburne, 2; Rogers, 3. Won by six inches. Heat 3—Roy, 1; Forman, 2; Ryan, 3. Won by a foot. Final—Masterman, 1; Fenwick, 2; Roy, 3. A close race; won by six inches. Betting: 2 to 1 against Masterman, 6 to 4 on Fenwick, and 5 to 1 against Roy. Referee and handicapper—Mr. J. W. Robson, South Pontop; pistol-firer—Mr. C. Heslop, Greencroft.

Quoiting, 10 Yards on the Sward ([illegible] entries).—J. McVitty, Oxhill, and J. Lawson, Burnhope, divided first and second money. Handicapper and referee—Mr. Wm. Embleton, Kyo.

FIVES.

Chester-le-Street.—Two matches were decided at this court on Saturday, the first, a double-handed match for £20 between Miley Andey and J. Cooper, South Moor, and Thos. Gibb, Chester-le-Street, and Mark Blenkinsopp, Ouston. The South Moor pair always showed decided superiority, and won easily. Scores:—Andey and Cooper, 35, Blenkinsopp and Gibb, 9. J. Liddle, Chester-le-Street, was stakeholder and referee. The next match was a single-handed affair for £10 a-side, 21 up, between Joe Mallam, Grange Villa, and John Burns, Newfield. Mallam was a strong favourite, and ran out an easy winner: Scores:—Mallam, 21; Burns, 7. Harry Smith, Newfield, was stakeholder and referee.

QUOITING.

Winlaton.—A quoit handicap was commenced at Mr. Evans's, Old House, Winlaton. There were a good many entries and some interesting play was witnessed. The following heats were played. First round—Jas. Forbes, 5, beat R. Fee, 14; G. Lowden, 9, beat T. Forster, "Sammy" beat T. Allen, 7; T. Paisley, 3, beat G. Renwick, 5; R. Spark, 6, beat W. Ritherson, 9; T. Forbes, scratch, beat A. Gardner, 1; Sam Lowes, 9, beat B. Stewart, 10; Curtin, 9, beat "Wirt," 7; W. Henderson, 9, beat "Darby," 7; J. Whitfield, 8, beat W. Greenwood, 10; T. Atkinson, 3, beat W. Greenwood, 10; W. Brown, 7, beat J. Lockey, 6; T. Atkinson, 8, beat J. Lockey, 6. Second round—Geo. Lowden, beat S. Lowes; J. Forbes, beat R. Spark; W. Brown, beat J. Whitfield; T. Atkinson, beat Geo. Lowden; "Sammy" beat W. Henderson; T. Atkinson, beat T. Forbes.

FORESTERS' SPORTS AT QUEBEC.

The annual picnic and sports were held on Saturday afternoon, in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. L. Lowdon, manager on behalf of the owners of Hamsteels Collieries, under the auspices of the above Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society, Court Hall, N. 5,483, Quebec. The weather in the early part of the day assumed rather an unfavourable aspect, but the gate showed only a slight decrease on that of previous years. Results:—Band Contest.—Spennymoor Sons of Temperance, £10, 1; Brandon Colliery, £6, 2, New Brancepeth, £3, 3. Quickstep for Bands, 14 to 24 players.—Brandon Colliery and Spennymoor Sons of Temperance divided 1st and 2nd prizes. £7 Wrestling Heavy Weights.—J. Armstrong, Newcastle, £3, 1; C. Charlton, Weardale, £1 10s, 2; T. Liddle, Newcastle, 15/-, 3. £5 Wrestling Light Weights, 10½ stone.—Davison, Low Fell, £2, 1; J. Mosgrove, Carlisle, £1, 2; T. Chapman, Esh, 10/-, 3. £10 Foot Handicap, 120 Yards.—Final—Ralph Love, Bargate, £6, 20, 1; M. Ellwick, Langley Park, £2 10s, 19, 2; A. Turnbull, Quebec, £1 10s, 20, 3. £4 10s Quoit Handicap.—S. Trotter, Esh, 2; W. Bell, Hedley Hill, 1; H. Hull, Esh, 1; J. Wares, divided 1st, 2nd, and 3rd moneys. £1 Footrace for Boys under 14 years.—Mile Scott, Cornsay, 10/-, 1; R. Gibson, Quebec, 5/-, 2; Emanuel Richardson, 2/6, 3; T. Hutton, Quebec, 2/6, 4. 10/- Place Kicking—H. Gibbons, Quebec, won. Association Football.—Final—Newcastle Albions beat Brandon Albions and won; Brandon, 2nd.

NEWCASTLE HOMING CLUB.

A splendid performance of a pigeon, belonging to T. Nichol, Blackhall Mill. The bird was liberated at Cherbourg (France) on June 24th at 7.45, and was home early next morning, a distance of 375 miles. Previous to this it flew from Oxford, 225 miles. It had 150 miles, including English Channel, 65 miles, strange ground to fly over.—Also the dam of the above bird has also flown all stages up to Ventnor, 310 miles. Any fancier desirous of seeing these birds, T. Nichol would, I feel sure, have great pleasure in showing them.

PIGEON FLYING.

A handicap was flown on Saturday, at Blackhall Mill, before a large number of spectators. Distance, a little over 1¼ miles. The following is the result:—Griffiths, 1 min. 27 sec., 1; Barker, 1 min. 30 sec., 2; Evans, 1 min. 35 sec., 3. There were 10 competitors. E. Fairbridge was timekeeper and referee.

DANCING.

The proposed match between Arthur Clark, (Boldon Colliery), and Jim Ellwood, (Twizell), who were matched to dance for £20 and the title of championship in the County of Durham, confined to miners, has fallen through; each party receiving their own money back which was deposited in the hands of Mr. Thornborough, of the Empire Theatre, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside, July 1.—Mr. Murray had forward 14 fat cattle, 147 fat sheep and lambs, 6 calves, 17 stirks, 3 geld cows, 9 cows, 9 pigs, 1 horse, and miscellaneous lots. Fat heifers to £17, Messrs Anderson, Black Hedley; £14 15s, Mr. Jonathan Pattison; £14 10s, Messrs Graham; bull, £11, do.; others, £10 10s to £14. Lambs 33/-, Mr. Errington, Rowley; sheep to 50s, top Mr. M. Anderson; Scotch ewes to 28s 6d, Mr. Gibson Throstle Nest. Calves, 15s to £4 2s 6d. Pigs, 18s 6d to 35s. Stirks, £4 to £5 15s; bull stirks, 52s each. Set of harness, 32s; horse, £7. Poultry, 2s to 2s 3d each. There was only a moderate class of stock forward to-day, for which there was a fair demand, anything in first-class condition maintaining full market value, the best quality of stock making decidedly the best relative prices.

DURHAM SESSIONS.

The business of the Midsummer General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Durham commenced on Monday, at the Shire Hall, Durham, before Mr. John Lloyd Wharton, M.P. (chairman), Rev. A. D. Shafto, Sir Henry Chaytor, Major Hodgson, Rev. E. A. Wilkinson, Mr. E. W. E. Ballany, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Col. J. B. Eminson, and other magistrates. The calendar contained the names of 47 prisoners.

The following local gentlemen were amongst the Grand Jury:—Messrs. Wm. St. Q. Gage, Wolsingham; Herbert Grace, Winlaton; George C. Potts, Gateshead; and Joseph Robson, Blaydon.

A warning to Bondsmen.

At the commencement of the business, the Court was informed that two men were in gaol, having been in custody for a fortnight, for having failed to satisfy their recognisances on the non-appearance of a prisoner for whom they had stood surety on his being admitted to bail, after being committed to the Sessions to answer an indictment. It was explained that the prisoner was now in custody, and the direction of the Court was asked as to the course to be pursued with the two sureties.

The Chairman, addressing the two men, who were placed in the dock, advised them that if they went bail in a matter in the future, they should take care that they could satisfy. As it was, the justice of the case was met, and they would be discharged.

The men thanked the Court, and were at once released.

The Charge.

The Chairman, in his charge, said they had 41 cases before them, a decrease of four on the corresponding Sessions of last year, when there was 45. That, so far as it went, was satisfactory, and when they remembered the condition of crime in that county for some years ago, there was undoubtedly room for a feeling of satisfaction that although the population of that county had increased enormously, certainly the number of cases they had before them was very considerably less than it used to be, and he was sure that they would feel with him that was a matter of hearty satisfaction. With regard to the number of prisoners in the gaol, there were 15 fewer than at the same time last year, though that was not so good a criterion of crime in the county, for prisoners were now received in Durham gaol from other counties than Durham.

A Sad Case.

Thomas Manuel, 26, miner, a man of very respectable appearance, pleaded guilty to attempting to commit suicide, in the Chester-le-Street district, on May 23.—The Chairman said the accused had apparently suffered some provocation which made him unhappy in his mind, and made him take the terrible course by attempting to put an end to his life. He had been in prison over three months, and he hoped in that time he had reflected on what he had done, and that he would promise the Bench to conduct himself properly in the future.—Accused: I promise you faithfully it will never occur again.—The Chairman: You may have something to put up with, but you must put up with it. You are discharged, and may go now.

False Pretences at Lanchester.

William Geldart, 29, labourer, pleaded guilty to obtaining by false pretences from Mary Ann Pringleton a silver watch, at Lanchester, on March 5.—Two months' hard labour.

No Bills:

The Grand Jury threw out the Bill charging Gilbert Williamson, 36, miner, with complicity in a charge of false pretences at Lanchester.

A Colliery Token Case.

Robert Smith (30), miner, was charged with attempting to obtain by false pretences from the Derwent Colliery Company 3/9½, on the 22nd March and other days. Mr. Strachan prosecuted, and Mr. Marwood defended.—Mr. Strachan said that defendant was charged with attempting to obtain money by a species of false pretence known as the "token fraud." Defendant was a hewer at the West Shield Row Colliery belonging to the Derwent Colliery Company. The method of the alleged deception was that defendant placed two tokens upon his tubs on several occasions instead of one, and thus obtained payment for twice as many coals as he had hewn.—The jury found prisoner guilty, and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Unlawful Wounding at Edmondsley.

Mathew Pigford (27), and Thomas Pigford (29), miners, were indicted for having unlawfully wounded Robert Hunter and John Oxley at Edmondsley on the 15th June.—The jury found prisoners guilty, and they were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Charge of Wounding at Blaydon.

Matthew Cornway (27), ironmoulder, and Nathan Noble (30), labourer, were indicted for unlawfully wounding George Anderson at Blaydon on the 11th May.—The jury found Noble not guilty, and Conway guilty of a common assault.—Noble was discharged, and Conway sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

The Grand Jury also ignored the Bill charging Henry Jackson, 59, general dealer, with stealing £23 12s, 6d., the money of Alfred Ernest Hunter, at South Shields, on May 16.

Alleged Obstruction by the N.E.R.

The Grand Jury found a true bill against the North-Eastern Railway Co. for obstructing a highway near Oxhill and it was stated that the indictment would come on before the Court of Queen's Bench.

SAD TRAP FATALITY AT DIPTON.

About two o'clock on Monday morning, Mary Elizabeth Hall, a young woman, at Annfield Cottages, South Medomsley, died from injuries sustained in a trap accident at Dipton the previous (Sunday) night. It appears Mr. and Mrs. Hall, the daughter, and a young man named Ridley, were driving home from Flint Hill. On arriving at the Fox Inn, about 9.30 on Sunday evening, the father and Ridley got out, and the former had only just re-entered the trap when the horse moved away. There is an awkward embankment at this place, the result being that the vehicle was capsized; and the three occupants were thrown with great violence upon the roadway. Miss Hall was so severely injured that she had to be taken to her home, which is about three-quarters of a mile distant. Dr. Hedley, of Dipton, was in attendance, but the poor young woman succumbed in the course of a few hours. The father is also very badly hurt.

INQUEST.

On Tuesday morning, an inquest was held at the house of Mr. H. Bragg, Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, by Mr. Coroner Graham, to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of Mary Elizabeth Hall. Mr. S. Swalwell was chosen foreman of the jury.

William Hall, a miner, residing at Lewis Street, Middle Rainton, identified the body as that of his sister, who lived at No. 4, Annfield Cottages, South Medomsley, with her father and mother, and who was 18 years of age last birthday. Deceased died about two o'clock on Monday morning at her home. Witness was not present at the time of the accident or when his sister died. Her life was insured in the Refuge Society.

Joseph Ridley, miner, living at 32, Annfield Cottages, South Medomsley, stated that he was in the same conveyance with deceased on Sunday last. Her father, John Hall, was driving the trap from White-le-Head. Her mother was in the trap as well. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were sitting in front, and witness and Mary Hall behind, the latter being on the left-hand side. They got safely as far as the Fox Inn at the bottom end of Dipton, when the father and witness got out and had a glass of porter each. They were both sober. After they came out, whilst Hall was getting into the trap, witness was standing at the pony's head, and left go thinking that the father had the reins. The pony had been hired from Mr. Nicholson, at the high end of Dipton, and wanted to get home, and started off directly he left go of the head. After he left the pony's head he went to the back of the trap to shut the door, as he intended walking home. The pony went off so sharp that he could not run forward in time to stop it. In making the turn from the Fox Inn on to the main road in Dipton the pony made too sharp a turn, and one of the wheels catching a gutter the trap was upset on to its side. The occupants were thrown on to the road towards the footpath. Hall and his wife were hurt. The wife walked home, but the husband had to be taken in a trap, and also his daughter. The latter was pitched on her face with great force, but was sensible when he picked her up. The accident occurred between 9 and 9.30.

The Coroner thought that witness had given his evidence in a very straightforward manner, and the jury would be fully able to comprehend how the accident happened. It was a most unfortunate occurrence, and very much to be lamented. Taking the facts as stated, he thought they would have no difficulty in coming to a decision.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from fatal injuries received through being thrown out of a trap at Dipton, on Sunday, 30th June.

HEALEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

On Tuesday evening, the ordinary meeting of this Council was held in the Castleside Board Schools.—County Councillor T. J. Muse (chairman), presiding.—The other Councillors present were Messrs M. Anderson, R. Johnson, R. Hall, J. W. Golightly, J. Thompson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. J. Scott).

The New Member.

Mr. John Thompson, of Healeyfield House, took his seat as a member of the Council, in the place of Mr. William Bowey, resigned, and signed the usual declaration.

Inspection of the District.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Parker, Inspector to the Lanchester District Council had notified him that it was his intention to visit the Township at an early date, and make a thorough inspection of all the sewers and public wells.

Lord Crewe's Charity.

A letter was read from the Secretary to this Charity, which stated that the application of the Council, for £5 per annum to go towards the public school of the parish, would have the consideration of the trustees at their next meeting.

Mr. Hall inquired if it was not a £10 donation that the parish used to derive from this Charity.

The Chairman stated that it was never more than £5. It was at one time made up to £11; but £6 of this amount was given by the Commissioners, and it went towards supporting the old school.

The discussion dropped.

The Fencing of the Quarry.

The Clerk reported that he wrote Mr. Lindsay Wood, with respect to fencing the quarry off the main road opposite the Board Schools. He asked him not to erect a wooden fence; but to put up a stone wall. He had not received an answer to the letter; but the Commissioners were now engaged in erecting a stone wall, so as to fence off the quarry.

The Chairman said it would be a great improvement when completed.

The Satley Charity.

The Chairman reported that he, along with their Clerk, attended a meeting held at Lanchester on Thursday week with respect to this Charity. Representatives were present from all the parishes and urban districts comprised within the boundary of those townships entitled to share in the receipts of the Rowland Wilkinson Charity, locally known as the Satley Charity. Mr. William Logan, J.P. presided over the gathering, and laid before them a scheme for the disposal of the receipts of this Charity. They discussed the question thoroughly, and eventually the following resolution was carried:—

"That there be three trustees who shall have power to let and control the land, and receive the rents of the same, and that these trustees shall be appointed or removed from time to time by the representatives of the parishes appointed to distribute the charity. That the parishes shall each appoint annually two representatives for the distribution of the charity, such representatives to be appointed each year in the month of March, but not later than the 25th of that month; the Urban Councils of urban parishes and the Parish Councils and parish meetings of rural parishes to appoint the representatives, either from amongst their own number or from outside their number but to be resident within the parish which they represent." He might state that the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight, in order that the scheme might be laid before several Councils. There was no fear, if the present scheme was agreed to; but what each parish would get their share, and it would be a good thing for the poor people.

The Clerk stated that he thought after all expenses were paid each parish would get something like £2 per annum.

Mr. Johnson said it was nothing but right that the poor people should have this money.

The Chairman: It was now for the Councillors to say whether they approved of the scheme or otherwise.

Mr. Hall said he would like to draw attention to Clause E of the scheme which was as follows:—"The Trustees and Representatives of the parishes shall meet on Easter Tuesday and Saint Thomas's Day in each year. The parish representatives shall present to the meeting lists containing the names of all poor persons within their parish, who in their opinion, are deserving objects of the charity. No person in receipt of poor relief shall be eligible to have his or her name inserted in such lists, and preference shall be given to old and infirm people. The majority of those present shall have power to strike out any names in such lists. The lists having been agreed to the amount of money in hand shall be divided in equal shares or sums among the whole of the persons on such lists, and it shall be the duty of the representatives of each parish to receive the total amount for their parish, and pay it in equal sums into the hands of each agreed upon, recipient, within one week of the date of receiving it." Now he (the speaker) considered this was not satisfactory. It should be definitely stated in the scheme how many poor people each parish could claim for.

The Chairman said that Mr. Hall had taken the paragraph up wrong. The lists submitted had to contain the names of all poor people residing in each parish.

Mr. Hall: Yes; but the scheme says that the majority of those present shall have power to strike out any names in such lists. According to this statement that one parish might get the money for half-dozen people, and another parish only for three.

The Chairman: Well, certainly you would allow the representatives at the meeting to use their discretion, as to who they should give the money to.

Mr. Hall: I fail to see how the scheme will work if that clause remains as it is. It should be definitely stated how many each parish can claim for.

The Chairman stated that the money would be divided equally amongst the several parishes, and they would be able to decide how many poor people should receive it.

Mr. Golightly said that the clause inferred that the money would be equally divided amongst the number on the lists; not amongst the parishes.

Mr. Hall: What I contend is that the larger parishes should have no more than the smaller parishes.

The Clerk pointed out that every parish would get the same amount of money according to the number of poor people that lived therein.

Mr. Hall stated that was just what he was arguing, and he held the present clause was incomplete.

After further discussion, Mr. Hall proposed that their deputation should see at the next meeting that the number eligible from each parish to receive this money should be specified in this particular clause.

This was seconded by Mr. Johnson and agreed to.

Mr. Thompson: How many representatives does each Council send to this meeting.

The Chairman: Two.

It was decided that the Chairman and the Clerk should again be the deputation to attend the next meeting at Lanchester.

It was further resolved, on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Golightly, that the Clerk should, on behalf of the Council, tender Mr. Logan a hearty vote of thanks for the interest he had taken in the scheme.

New Stiles Wanted.

The Clerk stated that he wrote calling attention to the condition of the stiles on the Commissioners estate in the parish. He received a letter asking for information as to the number of stiles, and their situation, which they desired to have altered. He wrote again pointing out the stiles which the Council considered dangerous. It was principally those from Dene Howl, through the wood to Castleside. They had not received an answer to this letter.

The Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Robson will have got instructions to attend to the stiles.

A New Association.

A letter was read from Messrs Simey, Son, and Iliff, pointing out that they had not succeeded in obtaining sufficient support to justify them in proceeding further with the proposed Parish Councils and Parish Meetings Association.

In the meantime they would be glad to advise the Council on any questions on which they might desire assistance, of course, without any charge.

Postal Arrangements.

The Clerk reported that he wrote the Postal Authorities respecting the complaint about the delivery of letters in the southern portion of the parish, and also asked for to have an earlier delivery and later despatch of letters, for the whole of the parish. He had received a letter from the Postal Authorities pointing out that their letter would be considered, and they desired to be furnished with a tracing of the district. He had procured a copy of the ordnance map, and he was now busily engaged with the tracing.

Mr. Hall hoped this matter would not be delayed.

The Clerk: Oh, no. When I write again I am going to ask for a letter box for Rowley.

The Railway Accommodation Question.

The Clerk stated that he wrote the North-Eastern Railway Company with respect to opening out the old Consett station at Consett Junction, and also for later train service from Rowley, to Durham and Newcastle. The answer was that the Council's letter would receive the attention of the directors.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Golightly moved that the question of standing orders should be deferred till next meeting.

Purchasing of a Hearse.

The question of the purchasing of a hearse for the parish was allowed to stand in abeyance.

This was all the business.

DURHAM COLLIERY ENGINEMEN.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the delegates representing the various lodges of the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association was held at the Shakespeare Hall, Durham, on Thursday last. The president, Mr. Nicholson, occupied the chair, and all the lodges were fully represented.—The agent (Mr. W. H. Lambton) presented his quarterly report, as follows:—

The Coal, Coke and kindred trades have been in a very unsatisfactory condition for some considerable time past, and especially so at the beginning of the present quarter. However, we are pleased to note some improvements of recent date. The volume of trade has increased, and as a consequence pits are working better at present than they have done during the present year. We trust this improvement will continue, and that in a short time our people will be fully employed.

We regret that our wages have been reduced during the past quarter by 7½ per cent. under the operation of the Conciliation Board. This is most unfortunate, seeing that Conciliation, as a principle, has and is being assailed by those who object to it as a means of settling our disputes as they arise from time to time. We think that the principle ought to have a fair trial. In the past, negotiation, arbitration, and sliding scales have been resorted to, and if they did not come up to our expectations, and were set aside on this account, they each in their turn had a fair trial, and this we hope will be accorded the Conciliation Board now under notice. Reductions of wages are at all times unpopular with the workmen. This is quite natural, and may be expected, seeing that in many cases it means a lowering of the standard of living; however, if variations in wages are to take place, as they are likely to, it is better that such variations be brought about by peaceable and reasonable means than by having recourse to stoppages of work, which are detrimental to the interests of employer and employed, also to the public at large. We regret to state that from recent experience, very little of the spirit of conciliation is displayed by some colliery officials in the county, and it is conduct of this kind that is doing much to estrange the workmen from the idea that there is any conciliation meant or intended by such employers.

Of local disputes we have had a fair decent crop of late, arising very largely out of the aggressive policy that is being carried out by some managers in the county. There never was a time when colliery enginemen were so scurvily treated as they are at present. Every conceivable exaction is being put in force, until in some instances an engineman's life is not worth having. No one regrets more than I do in having to make these observations, but the time is fully come when plain speaking is called for, and if it be unpleasant to the guilty parties, they only have themselves to blame, as the remedy is in their own hands.

During the last few months, special endeavours have been made by the promoters and others in order to get the measure (Engines and Boilers Bill) passed in law. Some time ago a deputation waited upon Mr. Bryce, President of the Board of Trade. Our object was to get his assistance and that of the Government. At the interview we were informed that the Bill, as it then stood, would have a very remote chance of passing the House, as it was being opposed by the railway, agricultural, and shipping interests, and on this account the Government were reluctant to take it up, as would desired of them. Having ascertained this information, the promoters of the Bill decided to delete the objectionable clauses to let the Bill be submitted to the House in its modified form. Therefore, Mr. Allan, M.P. for Gateshead, who had charge of the Bill, was successful in getting the second reading without a division, on the understanding that it be sent to a Select Committee. No sooner was this done than J. H. Wilson, M.P., proclaimed his intention of blocking it in Committee, which he succeeded in doing, and which we all regret. Mr. Wilson professes to be desirous of having persons in charge of boilers and engines on board of boats, &c., on rivers, and doing coasting service, included in this Bill. If he is really in earnest in wanting his people thus protected, why has he not years ago sought to have these people brought within the scope of the Merchant Shipping Act, which seems to be the most natural and easy way for him to have accomplished his purpose, instead of tacking his case upon a Bill which was for years only intended to apply to engines and boilers on land? And when he found he could not get all his own way he at once proclaims war against the Bill and its promoters. I trust in future that we may be saved from our friends.

Anticipating that you will, as in years past, demonstrate, I trust our members will come in their greatest numbers to make it a success.

The report was adopted.—It was decided to "demonstrate" on the miners' gala day, July 27th, and further not to send a representative to the Trades Union Congress at Cardiff in September. The enginemen have been represented at every congress since 1873, and they refrain from doing so this year as a protest against certain actions of the Parliamentary Committee and Mr. J. H. Wilson, M.P.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

At a meeting of Chester-le-Street Unionists, held in Gateshead on Saturday afternoon, it was unanimously resolved to ask Mr. J. B. Simpson, of Bradley Hall, to come forward as a candidate for the division. Mr. Simpson, though never a very active politician, has always been reckoned among the Liberals. It is very doubtful that he will consent to come forward, being a very devotee to his profession. Mr. J. B. Simpson stands in the first rank of mining engineers. He is a colliery owner on his own account, and in all that concerns colliery work he has not his superior in the North of England. It is hardly in his nature to appear as a fighting politician.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

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THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By CORRIE GRANT,
Barrister-at-law and author of "The Parish Councillors' Handbook," &c.

In my letter last week I dealt with the Orders issued by the Local Government Board with respect to the compulsory acquisition of land by Parish Councils. I propose now to describe the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts as adapted by an Order of the Local Government Board to the compulsory hiring of lands by a Parish Council for the purpose of allotments. It will be remembered that sec. 10 of the Local Government Act, 1894, provides that the Parish Council shall, if they are satisfied that allotments are required, and are unable to hire suitable land for the purpose on reasonable terms by agreement, represent the case to the County Council, who may make an order authorising the Parish Council to hire land compulsorily for a period, not less than 14 years nor more than 35 years. Sub-sec. 8 of the same section provides that the order for compulsory hiring may apply, with the prescribed adaptations, such of the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts (including those relating to the acquisition of land otherwise than by agreement) as appear to the County Council or the Local Government Board sufficient for carrying into effect the order, and for the protection of the persons interested in the land and of the Parish Council. The Local Government Board have accordingly issued an Order adapting the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts which may be so applied.

In the case where the Parish Council hire lands by agreement with the owner the Order provides that all corporations, tenants in tail or for life, married women, tenants by the curtesy or in dower, guardians, committees of lunatics or idiots, trustees, or feoffees in trust for charitable or other purposes, executors or administrators, entitled to the receipt of the rents and profits of the lands, may lease the lands to the Parish Council for the term mentioned in the Order, not only on behalf of themselves, but also on behalf of every person entitled in reversion or remainder, &c., as if such persons had been under no disability. The owner of the lands may agree with the Parish Council as to the terms and conditions of the lease, if he is entitled to lease the lands otherwise than under the adapted provisions; if he is not so entitled the terms and conditions of the lease are to be settled by arbitration, and the compensation, if any, to be paid for permanent damage or injury to the lands is to be settled in the same manner, unless the owner is entitled to dispose of the lands absolutely for his own benefit.

Where the Parish Council require to hire the lands compulsorily they are to give notice to the owner, or to all the parties interested in the lands, and demand from them the particulars of their interest in the lands. The notice must also state the particulars of the lands required, and the term for which the Parish Council are authorised to hire them, and that the Parish Council are willing to treat for the hiring of them. Such notice must either be served personally or sent by post to the owner's usual place of abode, or, if the owner is absent from the United Kingdom, or cannot be found, it must be sent to his agent. In any case, a copy must be sent to the occupier of the lands; or, if there is none, must be affixed upon some conspicuous part of the lands. If the owner or the parties interested cannot be ascertained, or if the owner fails within 21 days after the notice has been given to state the particulars of his interest, or to treat with the Parish Council, or if he does not agree with the Parish Council as to the terms and conditions of the hiring, the matter is to be determined by arbitration in the manner provided by sub-sec. 4 of sec. 3 of the Allotments Act, 1887, as amended by sub-sec. 2 of sec. 10 of the Local Government Act, 1894. The appointment of an arbitrator must be made on the part of the Parish Council in writing, by an instrument executed at a meeting of the Parish Council, and under the hands and seals of the chairman and two other members, and such appointment shall be deemed a submission to arbitration, and may be made a rule of the Supreme Court. The arbitrator has power to require the production of documents in the possession or power of either party and to examine witnesses on oath. He must deliver his award to the Parish Council, who are to retain it, and to furnish copies at their own expense to the other party, and to every other person interested in any question determined by the award. Such award is not to be set aside for irregularity or error in matter of form. Any compensation which is payable by the Parish Council, according to the agreement or award, must be paid by them within six weeks from the date of the agreement or award. If the party to whom it is payable is absent from the United Kingdom, or cannot be found, or refuses to accept it, the amount is to be deposited in a post-office savings bank or in a bank approved by the arbitrator, to the account of such party. If, however, the compensation is payable in respect of breaking up permanent pasture, or any other permanent injury to the lands, and the lands are hired from any party not seised in fee or entitled to dispose of them absolutely for his own benefit, the amount is to be deposited within six weeks in the Bank of England to the credit of the parties interested, subject to the control and disposition of the Supreme Court; provided that if the amount exceeds £20, and does not amount to £200, it may be paid to two trustees nominated by the parties entitled to the rents or profits of the lands, and if it does not exceed £20, it must be paid to such parties themselves. A receipt for such deposit is to be given by an officer of the bank to the Parish Council. Upon payment or deposit of the compensation, the owner of the lands must when required by the Parish Council duly lease the lands to them; and if he fails to do so within one calendar month, the Parish Council are to execute the lease in duplicate and forward one copy to him, and are thereupon to be entitled to enter upon the lands as if the lease had been duly executed by all parties. The lease must contain such covenants and conditions as will give due effect to the terms and conditions of hiring agreed upon or awarded, and if the terms and conditions have been settled by arbitration the lease is to be settled by the arbitrator and to be delivered with the award. The costs of procuring the execution of the lease by the owner are to be borne by the Parish Council, and if not agreed upon are to be taxed by one of the Taxing Masters of the Supreme Court. If the owner or occupier of the lands or any other person refuses to give up possession or hinders the Parish Council from entering on them, the Parish Council may complain to a court of summary jurisdiction, who are empowered to make an order requiring the owner or occupier or other person to deliver possession of them to the Parish Council.

[The remaining provisions of this Order will be dealt with in my letter next week.]

CONSETT.

New Magistrate.—At the Durham Quarter Sessions, on Monday, Mr. W. R. Taylor, of High Coniscliffe, Darlington, formerly of Selby Lodge, Consett, attended and qualified as a magistrate for the county of Durham.

The I.L.P.—On Sunday last, Mr. A. T. Dipper (Parliamentary candidate for Jarrow) addressed two large open-air meetings at the Fountain. In the morning, the subject was—"The I. L. P. A national development of trades unionism," and in the evening, "Can British land be made to pay?" Mr. Dipper dealt with his subjects in a masterly manner, and was listened to with much attention by the large number present. Questions were asked and answered.

The New Organ.—The splendid new organ, lately built in Christ Church, Consett, by Messrs Harrison and Harrison, of Durham, is affording the greatest satisfaction to all parishioners. Since its opening the musical portion of the services has been much improved, and greater congregations now attend, particularly on Sunday evenings.

Colliery Managers' Examinations.—Twelve of the successful candidates in the First Class Examination, and [illegible]—successful in the Second Class Examinations at Edinburgh in May last, are students of the Universal Mining School, Derby, conducted by Mr. T. A. Southern, late H.M. Inspector of Mines.

LANCHESTER.

Mr. John Robinson, farmer, of Margery Flatt, near Lanchester, has gathered in the whole of his seed hay.

On Sunday, the Rev. F. W. Glyn, M.A., a former vicar of Lanchester, preached at the Parish Church, before a very large congregation.

THE UNLOVED WIFE,

BY

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"The Hidden Hand," "Nearest and Dearest," "Lost Lady of Lone," &c.

CHAPTER VI.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE.

"What brought that cub here this morning, Lilith?" inquired Tudor Hereward, as soon as Rufus Hilary had disappeared.

"A New Year's call," replied the girl.

"And that bouquet?"

"A New Year's offering. I shall put them in water, and place them on a stand beside Major Hereward's bed."

"Were they brought for Major Hereward?"

"Mr. Hilary brought them for me."

"Let me put them in water, Lilith, and then let me have a little talk with you," said Hereward, as he took the bouquet from her hands, and placed it temporarily in a water carafe that stood upon a side table.

Then he returned to his seat, drew his chair nearer, took her hand in his, and said:

"Lilith, my father wishes that you and I should marry. What do you say? Will you take me for your husband?"

She lifted her dark eyes to his eyes with one swift and swiftly-withdrawn glance, so full of shy love and joy and delight, that he for the first time recognised the beauty of the girl's spirit, and gazed upon the soft shadow of the downcast lashes on the blushing cheeks with admiration, if not with affection.

"Come, little darling, what do you say? Will you give yourself to me?"

"If—if you want me, Mr. Hereward," she whispered, in a voice so low and timid that he had to bend his head to hear her words.

"That is right," he said, as he drew her to his bosom, and pressed his lips to hers, thus bestowing upon the heart which adored him one moment of unutterable bliss. "That is right. Now we will go to the father, and make his heart glad with the news." And drawing his betrothed bride's arm within his own, he led her upstairs and into the sick room. Nancy was sitting by the bed, but she immediately arose and made way for the gentleman and lady. Tudor Hereward led Lilith up to his father's side, and said:

"I have brought you my wife that you may bless us both."

The blessing given, the father said:

"And now, Tudor, you must send to Frost-hill for the minister and the license. You can write a note to the Rev. Mr. Cave, and ask him to bring the license with him, and we will have the marriage ceremony performed this evening."

Tudor Hereward, with a slight bow of assent, went to the little writing table that stood in the corner of the room, sat down and wrote the note to the Rector of St. Mark's Church at Frost-hill, and then went out to dispatch it by one of the grooms.

Lilith remained seated by the bed, with her hand clasped in that of her foster-father.

"My daughter, bring my bunch of keys, dear."

Major Hereward selected one key, detached it from the ring and held it in his hand, while he said:

"Lilith, my darling, do you remember a large, old-fashioned, black hair trunk that stands among other trunks, [illegible] and boxes in the north-east garret room? That trunk has not been opened for seventeen years. It is yours, my dear Lilith; as it was your dear father's and mother's before you. It was, in fact, all that they left you. From its contents you will learn more of your family history than even I know; for I have never looked into the packets of letters which I sealed up and locked in that trunk. This, my dear, is the key."

At that moment the door opened and Dr. Kerr, the family physician, walked in, followed by Nancy.

Lilith arose and bowed to the doctor, and withdrew from the room, as was her custom when he entered it. She went to her own chamber and lay down, trying in vain to gain a little of the sleep she so much needed. But the excitement of the day had been too great. She could not compose herself to rest. At length she arose, re-arranged her dress and went down to the hall to the little closet occupied by Nancy, who sat there knitting as usual.

"Who is with Major Hereward?" she inquired of the woman.

"Marse Dr. Kerr is wid him. Ole Marse Major ax Marse Doctor perticklar to stay long ob him dis ebenin' to witness somefin'."

"To witness—what?" inquired Lilith, with a conscious blush.

"Oh, I dunno! Somefin'! Maybe his will?"

"Did the doctor say how Major Hereward is?"

"Yes, honey! He says as how he is better; show he may pull t'rough dis time too, same as allers did."

It was Lilith's habit to refrain from entering the sick chamber while the doctor was present there. So she went down into the family parlour, where she had eaten her breakfast that morning.

That evening Lilith went to her wardrobe to select her gown. She had one evening dress noticeable only for its simple elegance.

It was of white silk, looped with moss rosebuds. This, with the white gaiters, and white kid gloves, white fan, and pearl jewellery that belonged to the toilet, had been prepared for a party which was to come off on Old Christmas Day, and to which the girl had been invited. It was extremely unlikely, under present prospects, that she would attend this party; but the dress came in now very conveniently for the marriage ceremony.

So she took heart of grace, and having attired herself she placed a bunch of white moss rosebuds on her bosom, and a necklace and bracelets of pearls around her pretty throat and wrists.

With a silent prayer for the Lord's help and blessing in this crisis of her life, she opened the door and went out. In the hall she was met by the grey-haired doctor, who surveyed her with surprise and admiration for a moment as he said:

"Come, my pretty little lady-love. The major sent me out here to wait for you and bring you in."

And he drew Lilith's arm within his own and led her into the sick room.

The minister, the Rev. Mr. Cave, a half-brother of Dr. Kerr, and bearing a very striking resemblance to the physician, even to the red face and grey hair, dressed in full canonicals, stood near the fire.

Mr. Hereward was also there, in full evening dress, with white kid gloves.

As Lilith, led in by the doctor, entered the room, Tudor, with a sudden radiance of surprise and pleasure in his eyes, went to meet her.

But Lilith, with downcast looks and flushed cheeks, passed directly to the bedside, to place her hand in the outstretched palm of her dear foster-father.

"How pretty you are, my darling! Kiss me, my precious one, my pearl of pearls! Give me your last girl's kiss!" he said, drawing her towards him.

She would have clasped her arms around his neck but that his head lay prone upon the pillow. But she took his face between her white-gloved hands, and stooping, kissed his lips again and again, with glowing emotion, until she felt her arm gently clasped and she heard the low-toned voice of her betrothed saying:

"Come, Lilith. You are agitating yourself and my father. Come, the minister waits."

And the impressive ceremony proceeded to its conclusion.

After the benediction had been pronounced the two grey-haired half-brothers, the parson and the doctor, shook hands with bride and bridegroom and wished them every joy.

Then Tudor led Lilith up to the bedside, and she stooped and kissed the father, giving him the first bride's as she had given him the last girl's kiss. He smiled up in her eyes, reached his hand out and clasped the hand of his son for a few moments, and then his fingers relaxed and he instantly fell into one of those sudden sleeps of profound exhaustion which were so frequent with him now.

CHAPTER VII.

LILITH'S DISCOVERY.

"HE sleeps," whispered Hereward, bending to look closely into his father's face. "I think he will do well now. How say you, doctor?"

"I think so, too, Hereward," replied the physician, who had come up to the bedside, and whose "wish was father to his thought." "And now, as the major is doing so well, I must really get into the saddle, for I have yet some patients to see, late as it is. Will you kindly order my horse?"

"Not until you have joined Mr. Cave and myself in a glass of wine below stairs. Will you come sir?" inquired the young man, addressing the minister.

The latter bowed, and smiled acquiescence. And the three gentlemen turned to leave the room.

As soon as they had left the room Lilith went silently to the dressing-closet where Nancy usually sat, knitting or sewing, listening and peeping.

"Now, Nancy, I wish you to go and sit by my father, and watch him carefully, while I change my dress," said Lilith.

"Yer ain't gwine to take off dat boot'ful dress till bedtime, I hopes, Miss Lilith," objected the woman.

"Oh, yes, I must. I wish to resume my place by father's side, and so must change it," Lilith explained.

The woman said no more, but passed into the sick room.

Lilith went to her own chamber and quickly made the change.

Then she reappeared in Major Hereward's room dressed in her home costume of soft crimson cashmere.

Nancy vacated her seat and retired to the sewing closet.

Lilith sat down and looked at the invalid.

He seemed to be sleeping quietly, and the watcher leaned back in her chair and closed her tired eyes; but presently her attention was attracted by the sound of heavy breathing, and she arose and looked at the invalid again.

His face had changed. His eyes were wide open and fixed. He was breathing laboriously.

"Father, father,' she said, taking his hand and bending over him.

He neither answered nor in any way noticed her.

She had had no experience with death. She had never seen anyone die. Yet now her breath was suspended and her own life seemed going from her, as she recognised these sure signs of dissolution.

Swiftly and silently she passed to the closet where the woman in attendance sat sewing.

"Nancy! Oh, Nancy! Go and call Mr. Hereward! And if the doctor and the rector have not left the house, ask them to come up," she said, in a tone scarcely intelligible from excessive agitation.

"Is the ole marse worse?" exclaimed the woman, as she hastily threw aside her work and started up, alarmed at the young lady's words and looks.

"I fear so. Hurry, Nancy, hurry!"

The woman ran down-stairs. Lilith hastened back to the bedside. Mr. Hereward, Dr. Kerr and the Rev. Mr. Cave came quickly into the room. Lilith sat by the bed, holding the hand of the dying man. She laid it down and left her place to the doctor, who came up and felt the pulse. Mr. Cave stood beside him. Tudor and Lilith, nearly overcome with emotion, yet keeping their feelings under outward control, stood at the opposite side. Nancy stood at the foot of the bed.

"Can nothing be done?' inquired the son, in a voice of deep pain.

"Nothing," gravely replied the doctor.

"Could you try stimulants?—electricity?" persistently inquired the son, in a low voice.

"Useless torture! He is dying fast. Be strong, my friend, and—look to your wife," whispered the doctor.

Lilith needed support. Pale as death, trembling and almost fainting, she stood leaning against the foot-board. Tudor passed his arm around her waist, whispered some words of encouragement, and so sustained her in her weakness. It was soon over. One long, shuddering sigh and the struggling heart was still. Dr. Kerr closed the sightless eyes, and drew the sheet smoothly over the dead face.

"Let us pray," whispered the rector.

And the little group knelt around that death-bed, and, led by the minister, prayed that this sorrow might be sanctified to their souls' good.

When they arose, Tudor Hereward put his arm around the waist of his weeping young wife, and led her from the death-chamber to her room, and after speaking such words of comfort as his grief-stricken heart could suggest, he left her to the care of the sympathising coloured women who had crowded about the doors at the sign of death. Then Tudor Hereward went to his own room and locked himself in, to struggle alone with his great sorrow.

Five days later the mortal remains of the elder Tudor Hereward were laid in the family vault of St. Mark's Church, Frosthill, in the presence of a large congregation of friends and neighbours.

And the next day Tudor Hereward the younger announced his intention of returning to Washington by the evening train.

"I shall leave you in charge here, Lilith," he said, "with full powers to act during my absence. I cannot take you with me to subject you to the discomforts of hotel life or the distractions of Washington society. Perhaps by the next winter a year hence I may be able to take a house and fit it up for you; but in the meantime you are better off here. Shall you mind being left here for the present?"

She hesitated; for she did mind very much.

"Shall you be afraid to stay here alone?" he inquired, varying the question.

"Oh, no, not at all afraid!" promptly replied Lilith, glad that she could answer truthfully, as well as satisfactorily.

"That is well! You are a brave little woman, I know. And in fact there is nothing to fear. You will be perfectly safe here with so many servants in the house."

"Yes," said Lilith.

"This is the long session, as you are aware, and Congress will not adjourn before the first of June, and may not do so even then; but I shall try to run down and see you in the interim, if only to spend a Sunday. You will be glad to see me as an occasional visitor, mistress?" he inquired, with a grave smile, putting his fingers under her chin and lifting her sweet, downcast face. "Look at me and answer, Lilith!"

"I shall be very, very glad to see you," she murmured, in a low tone, with a swift, shy glance of her dark eyes and a deepening blush.

"And—I shall be glad to come whenever I may do so, Lilith," he said, stooping and leaving a kiss upon her budding red lips.

"Must you really go by this evening's train?" she inquired.

"Yes, dear, for I must be in my seat when the house meets at noon to-morrow. There is business before the house in which I am deeply interested, and for which I have been working very hard."

"It is so sudden. I did not think you were going away so very soon," she said regretfully.

"Did you not? But you surely knew, dear, that duty calls me to Washington."

"I ought to have known; but I did not reflect. I see now, of course."

"I have been absent from my seat five days. I must not stay away longer."

"I see—I know; it is very sudden, but it cannot be helped. Can I assist you in getting ready?"

"No, dear; there is nothing with which you need trouble yourself."

"Your valise?"

"It is packed, dear."

"Luncheon put up?"

"I shall not want any. Leaving Frosthill by the 6 P.M. express, I shall reach Washington by 9 A.M., time enough for breakfast. So, dear, all that I shall require will be a substantial tea before I leave home. Now I must go and speak to Fielding, and give him some instructions in regard to the management of the place during my absence," said Mr. Hereward, leaving the sitting-room to join the overseer, who was waiting for him in the office, at the end of the hall.

Lilith sent one of the young housemaids to call Nancy to her presence—Nancy, to whose duties of permanent seamstress and occasional nurse were added those of general housekeeping. The woman came in, wearing, as mourning for her late master, what she called a "solid" black calico dress, black shawl, apron and turban.

"Nancy, Mr. Hereward is to start for Washington by the evening train," said Lilith.

"An' take you 'long ob him?" inquired the woman.

"Oh, no, it would not be expedient under the circumstances."

"Wot sircumstanches?" demanded the woman, with the bluntness of an old and esteemed family servant.

"It would not be seemly that I, just married and in deep mourning for the death of our father, should go to an hotel in Washington, at the height of the gay season, where, as the wife of a prominent public man, I should be subjected to remark, whether I should go into company, or should rigorously seclude myself. You understand these things, Nancy."

"Fack, honey, I tell yer! Yer's right! Dis worl' is wery wicious! But ef yer can't go, wot he go fo'? Dat what I want to knew."

"Of course Mr. Hereward must return to his official duties. He cannot absent himself from them. And they will occupy him. He need not, and will not, enter into society, or be criticised for keeping out of it."

"'Pears to me as ge'man can do jes as dey pleases an' ladies can't. 'Deed it's de trufe!"

"Well, Nancy, I did not call you in to discuss this point, but to tell you that Mr. Hereward will leave here at five to catch the six o'clock train; so I wish you to see that the nicest and most substantial tea be ready for him at half-past four. I know I may trust it to you. Remember that he will travel all night."

"I'll 'member, Miss Lilith! I'll get young marse a staff ob life wot will prop him up till breakfas' time to-morrow mornin'; eben ef he had to walk all de way f'om Cloud Claps to Washin'ton! Le's see," she said, beginning to count on her fingers; "beefsteak—dat de bes' stan'-by ob all!—brile pattridge, poach eggs, rice cakes—"

And so muttering and counting she passed out of the room.

Lilith sat down and waited for the return of her husband, meditating whether she might ask him to let her go with him as far as the station and see him off.

Ah! for the unloved wife!

And yet she did not know that she was not loved. Tudor Hereward had asked her to give herself to him; therefore, of course, he must have loved her. This, without a thought or a question she had taken for granted.

She had been useful and indispensable to the foster-father who had passed away. She had been the constant companion of his secluded life. She had walked and driven with him; and had read to him or sung his favourite songs, or talked with him over their favourite books in the evenings.

He had often told her how much he hoped that she would be to his son all and much more than ever she had been even to him. And he had praised that son, again and again, to such a high degree that Lilith had grown to believe him the very ideal of good, wise and heroic manhood, and to love, revere and worship him in her heart as a demi-god.

But then, the girl was very young, and entirely ignorant of the world and of life.

(To be continued.)

HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

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

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

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

Middlesbro,' May 31, 1895.

Mr. G. Handyside.

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

J. DEVINE.

Sunderland, June 1, 1895.

G. Handyside, Esq.

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

R. SANDERS.

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

Mr. G. Handyside,

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

J. BROOKS.

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

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

HOME MARKETS.

CORN.

NEWCASTLE.—The wheat trade ruled again extremely slow, and on the little business done prices showed a decline of about 6d per quarter on the week. Maize dull and 6d cheaper. Scotch oats a slow sale in buyers' favour. Beans and peas steady and unchanged. Barley for grinding purposes 6d down. Flour difficult to sell, with prices rather cheaper. Generally a very dull market for all kinds of grain.

CATTLE

NEWCASTLE.—The supply of cattle was about the same as last Tuesday, the increase being only 20 head. Quality and condition was fairly represented, considering the time of the year. Trade commenced slowly owing to sellers asking stiffer rates, and buyers had to advance on last week's prices before business could be transacted. A slow dear market was experienced throughout, with a good clearance. Sheep and lambs showed a decrease of 547 head. Choice young sheep were in good demand from the opening, and sellers had decidedly the advantage of transactions, although not to any quotable extent. South country dealers bought a little more freely, in consequence of the recent rains, and at the close a good demand had been made. Lambs were only a moderate display; prime quality was in good demand at late rates. Calves were a similar display. Trade slow and dragging at less money. Pigs were a smaller show. The arrivals from a distance since Tuesday last consisted of 163 cattle, 129 sheep and lambs and 440 pigs from Aberdeen and district: and 438 cattle from Ireland. Total numbers shown:—Cattle, 1,544; sheep and lambs, 5,778; pigs, 625; and calves, 147.

HAY AND STRAW.

NEWCASTLE.—There were 27 carts of hay and 34 carts of straw at the Haymarket. Prices:—Old land hay, £3 to £3 10s; new land hay, £4 to £4 10s per ton; wheat straw, £1 to £1 4s; and oat straw, 16s to £1 per load.

MRS. S. A. ALLEN'S WORLD'S HAIR RESTORER never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff, rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers.

LOCAL PRIZE-WINNERS AT THE ROYAL SHOW.

We are pleased to notice that several local exhibitors have been successful at the Royal Show at Darlington. In the class for hunter mare or gelding, Mr. J. A. K. Falconer, Shotley Lodge, Shotley Bridge, was awarded second prize (£15) for "Hercules." For "Maggie," in the Shetland pony mare class, Master Oswald Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester, was commended. Messrs Jas. Joicey and Co., Beamish Colliery, secured first prize (£10) with "Geordie," in the class for pit ponies, while the Earl of Strathmore, Gibside Hall, was third in class 36 (Clydesdale Stallion) with "Prince of Derwent." In the sheep classes, Mr. John E. Nicholson, Manor House, Lanchester, was second in class 171 (Border Leicester two-shear ram.) Mr. Jos. Vickers, Tow Law, received the reserve number in the class for black-faced mountain two-shear rams, whilst the same gentleman carried off premier honours in class 184 (black-faced mountain shearling ram), and first and second prizes in class 185 (pen of three black-faced mountain shearling ewes.) In the poultry section, Messrs J. and T. Currah, Frosterley, obtained a first (30/-) for coloured dorking cock, and third for coloured dorking hen. Mr. A. P. Stoker, Birtley, took first prize for Minorca hen. In class 300 (two pounds fresh butter, slightly salted, made up in pounds) there were no less than 75 entries, 12 prizes being offered—viz., four of £5 each, four of £3 each, and four of £1 each. Miss Urwin, of Wolsingham, was successful in securing one of the prizes for £3 offered for the four second-best exhibits.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

PAST AND PRESENT IN FARMING.

[By an Ex-Hind.]

There may be a touch of egotism in the observation, but it is true, all the same, that having followed the plough in England and in Scotland both, the writer can review the situation as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Those, if such there be, who cling to the opinion that agriculture is a decaying industry, should have visited the ancient town of Darlington last week. Nothing, perhaps, within the borders of the extensive enclosure is so much calculated to afford food for profitable thought as the interminable display of machinery, introduced with the view of lightening labour and sweetening soil. The elaborate machinery for threshing and dressing grain for the market forms a strange contrast to the usages in the days of other years. The writer began life at the plough-tail, and when he was a lad he had to rise from bed at four o'clock in the morning and thresh corn with the flail until daylight in the winter months, and thereafter feed the sheep and cattle, the men going to the plough in the fields. The flail was swung round the head from left to right, and was composed of two pieces of wood, each about four feet long and about the thickness of a man's arm above the wrist, the pieces being kept together by a leathern loop, interlaced by a rope of twisted straw. The sheaves of grain were laid, one at a time, on strong timber about four feet square, and known as the threshing floor, the men or lads performing the role of threshers standing opposite to one another and beating the sheaves in turn until the grain was extracted. It was hard work, and after thumping away for three or four hours of a morning a dish of "crowdy" went down with no little relish.

The writer will never forget an incident that happened in the short hours of the morning on one of the first farms on which he served. It was about Christmas old style (5th January), almost the only holiday we had during the circuit of the year, and in order to get through with the work betimes, it was arranged that we should rise and thresh at two o'clock. The fates had, however, so decreed that we should be abroad an hour earlier, for shortly after midnight the rain descended in torrents, and passing through the thatch roof of our sleeping chamber, literally flooded us out of bed. I rubbed my eyes and yawned, but the ploughman arose in a temper and went straight to the bedchamber of our master with a tale of woe and injury. He found the farmer sitting in bed under the protecting dome of an umbrella! The master was a bit of a wag, and when the ploughman complained, he told him frankly that if he thought his master's bed was more comfortable than his own he was welcome to a share of it. This is true to life, and it serves to cast a lurid light on rural life in former times.

With the exquisite appliances now in use for the dressing of grain for the market, the present generation know comparatively little of the attendant toil and trouble in connection with the separating of the wheat from the chaff. It was customary in the writer's time to dress the grain between the two open doors or the barn, a windy day being absolutely necessary for the performance of such a task. A man or woman stood between the open doors through which the draught swept, and as the grain passed through the riddle the chaff was blown away, the best of the grain fell at the foot of the riddler, while the less precious seeds were blown a little away, and formed what in farming circles was denominated the "tail," being used chiefly for feeding the horses. The first machinery introduced into the country for dressing grain was the hand-fanner, or winnister, a simple contrivance, the grain falling through a feeder on an oscillating riddle, the chaff being blown away by a revolving fan, the whole being driven by hand, the heavy grain running down one spout, and the light, or unmarketable descending by another. Strange to tell, a good deal of opposition was offered to the handy and useful machine described, especially in the northern shires of Scotland. The "rude forefathers of the hamlet" did not take well to it. The idea was to them both new and novel. They could not understand how wind could be generated in a box in a barn with all the doors closed. It was, they contended, unnatural, and the current raised must, they argued, be the devil's wind. It may be assumed that those prejudices were eventually overcome, and the writer can remember when two or three farmers had a grain-dressing machine in common, using it in turn, just as they did the weekly newspapers of that day.

The display and variety of the ploughs exhibited indicate pretty clearly how that important implement of husbandry has been improved in recent years. As late as the year 1866, the writer was servant on a farm on which six draught of horses were kept, and the whole of the ploughs used by us were made of wood, the cleathing, or board, being of metal, and the share and sock of wrought iron. Those were the days spoken of by Gray when—

"The ploughman homeward plods his weary way."

The way was in good truth weary enough, nor were the gathering shadows dispelled by the knowledge that later in the evening there was the prospect of a long walk to the country smithy with the plough irons. But the scene is changed, and the farmers of to-day find it profitable to use metal fittings for their ploughs, the price obtained for the worn-out socks being almost as much as they paid for the new, while the country blacksmith has, to a considerable extent, found, like Othello, "his occupation gone." It is impossible to conjecture what changes in the way of improvement in single and double ploughs the coming years will reveal before we reach that beatific state of existence referred to by Keble in his "Christian Year":—

"When the sharpened share shall vex the soil no more,
And earth, unbidden, shall produce her store."

The introduction of reaping machines in lieu of the hook, and more latterly the scythe, conduced, more than any other change in agricultural circles, to relieve the ploughman of the hardest task of the year, and to place the strain on the sinewy shoulders of the horse. The first reaping machines introduced into this country were too intricate in their mechanism, and this fault had the effect of circumscribing the area of their adoption for a time. About thirty years ago, there was scarcely a large farm in the Northern Counties at which there was not a reaping machine of huge proportions stowed away about the back of the cart sheds, or other out-buildings, the farmers and untutored hinds being unequal to the task of keeping the machinery in going order. The writer was a ploughman on a large farm where the master invested in the purchase of a reaping machine of the class in use in those days. It required three horses to draw it, and its size and appearance reminded me of a portable windmill, its huge arms revolving with a monotonous motion, while the noise produced by the clanking of chains and the rattle of the innumerable wheels put the cattle in the adjoining pastures to flight. It was continually going wrong, and although good ploughmen, we were very indifferent mechanics, with the result that the master grew desperate, and one day, when his cup of tribulation was filled to the brim, he raised his hands in despair and exclaimed: "Would that the Almighty would come down and mend this —— machine!" Mechanical science has since proved that the simpler the construction of a machine the better are the results obtained, and the beautiful specimens of reapers on exhibition at Darlington this week form a striking contrast to the plant of the same class in use upward of thirty years ago.

THE FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT TANFIELD LEA.

BOARD OF TRADE REPORT.

The report of Major G. W. Addison to the Board of Trade respecting the result of this inquiry into the circumstances connected with the fatal accident which occurred on April 26th last at Tanfield Lea, on the Tanfield Mineral Branch of the North-Eastern Railway, was issued on Saturday from the Railway Department of the Board of Trade. In this case, it will be remembered, as a train of empty waggons was being pushed from East Tanfield to Tanfield Lea Colliery four waggons in front of the train left the rails. The guard, who it is believed was riding on the buffers between the second and third waggons was so seriously injured that he died a few hours after the accident, and a labourer named Reay, of Gateshead, who had got on to one of the waggons without permission, received injuries from which he immediately expired. The train consisted of 16 empty waggons and a side tank engine which was running at the time bunker foremost. "It is no doubt" (the report states) "owing to the necessity of attending to the two injured men that the men upon the spot at the time are unable to say much as to the state of the line immediately after the accident, and that little information is forthcoming to account for the trucks leaving the rails. If the evidence of the permanent way inspector, Thomas Charlton, be correct, the line was in perfect order. At the time of my (Major Addison's) inspection, however, the V crossing 95ft in advance of the facing points was not in a satisfactory condition, although this may of course be a result and not in any way a cause of the accident. The crossing is very close to the front of a steep incline, and the driver estimates the speed which he usually attains in order to get up the "kip" at about 18 to 20 miles an hour. He and the fireman do not think the speed was any greater than usual, but I am inclined to think it must have been, or that the speed was suddenly increased as the waggons came on to the crossing, and that defects in the crossing caused the trucks to leave the rails. It will be noticed that one waggon had a bent axle after the accident, but as it had run safely through various facing points and round rather sharp curves, before arriving at Tanfield Lea, I think this damage must certainly have resulted from the accident. The fireman and driver state that they were quite unaware of the presence of the unfortunate man, labourer Reay, on the train, and the fireman says it is not unusual for men to get on to the train unknown to them. This is a point to which the attention of the company might advantageously be directed, as it is very desirable that every effort should be made to put a stop to the practice."

INQUESTS IN WEARDALE.

FATALITY AT A LEADMINE.

At the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Westgate, Weardale, on Friday, Mr. Coroner Proud held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the shocking death of Joseph Jacob Dalton (15), High Greenlaws, at the crushing mill of the Weardale Lead Company at that place. Mr. Plummer, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, being present, with Mr. E. Hopkins, London, of the Lead Company.—After Mr. Plummer and the jury had viewed the scene of the accident, Joseph William Dalton, father of deceased, quarryman, said deceased was a washer boy at the above place. When witness came home from work at Stanhope he found the lad conscious, and he told him he had slipped his foot while serving the crusher and got in betwixt the rollers, and said his leg was hurt.—The Coroner: Did he make any complaint against anyone?—Witness: No, sir.—Mr. Plummer: Had he done anything else? No. The accident took place at 8.30 a.m., and he lived till 1 a.m. the following morning.—John Hill, chargeman of the mine, said deceased had worked there since March, and at the time he was injured was feeding the crushing mill at which he was employed occasionally. He went up to see the boy after the accident, and inquired how it had happened, and he answered that he was looking over at the other boys from where he was, and slipped his foot off the guard board.—After sundry interrogations from the jury, Isaac Coulthard, master washer, said deceased was under him and others, and changed in at the special job with the other lads, who were changed every eight waggons for the last eight weeks or more. He heard deceased shout "Oh dear, stop her," and witness ran to the engine-house and got the machinery stopped, and ran back to the boy's assistance. He found his legs in the rollers, and they were much mangled, especially the left leg. It took fifteen or twenty minutes to get him out.—The Coroner: Do you think deceased at thirteen years was competent?—Witness: Yes.—Mr. Plummer: Do you make it a practice to go up to the place where the boy was?—Witness: Yes, sir; frequently.—The Foreman of the Jury: Do you think that the footboard is in sufficient repair?—Witness: Well, yes.—The Foreman: A man's head or fist could get through?—Witness: No, not that big.—The Coroner: Could it be made safer?—Witness: It might.—A Juryman: Was there any water coming down, causing the boy to get nearer to danger to keep clear of it?—Not that witness knew, as he always stopped it if anyone complained.—A number of the jurymen commented on the lack of proper protection, and asserted that it was a "man's job, and not a boy's."—Edward Coulthard, another master washer, said he was minding the engine when the affair happened, and heard the cry to "stop her," which he did, and then ran to assist in getting deceased out. Deceased said he had slipped his foot.—Mr. Plummer here explained that he was probably standing on the top of the guard board instead of on the saddle.—Coroner: Have they to shift out of water coming down nearer danger—Yes, but it was always remedied when complained of.—The Foreman of the Jury: Is it a fact that when the last accident took place the directors were ordered to employ a man to do the work?—Witness: I don't know.—A Juryman: Has any boy been sent home for refusing to do this work? No.—Mr. Hopkins: Would anyone not have to stand on the edge to get in? Yes.—The Foreman: But, Mr. Hopkins, the board is worn, and anyone might get in with little effort, and it is the unanimous opinion of the jury that it is a most dangerous place.—Mr. F. Walton, engineer, interrogated, said it was possible to fence it in, but room would have to be left to feed the mill.—Mr. Hopkins said it was practicable; also a screen to keep the water off the lads.—After a long discussion, a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned: also that more adequate protection should be made in front of the foot guard, either by iron bars or other sufficient means.—Mr. Hopkins said that the company would be prepared to carry out any reasonable suggestion, and it was the first mishap of the kind they had had.

THE ACCIDENT ON THE NEW LINE.

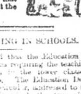
Another inquiry was held regarding the death of Ralph Nattrass, 23, Rainy-close, Westgate, on the new line, on Whit-Sunday last. Mr. Willit represented the contractors, and Mr. Graham the surveyor, Mr. E. D. Lyall, Darlington, who, with the coroner, had measured the place to be nine inches betwixt the brake and the wall.—John Walton Nattrass, brother of deceased, said the latter was working on the railway as a labourer, although a leadminer, and he was brought home at 8.30 a.m. injured, being crushed in the lower part of the body, and Dr. Hewitson and others attended him till Wednesday, when he expired.—Wm. Patterson, Haswicks, Westgate, deposed that on Whit Sunday, 2nd June, at 5.45 a.m., with five others and deceased, he got on to the new railway station and took an empty truck, and all got into it to ride to Eastgate. They were all inside till within 40 yards from where the accident happened. They saw a man named Ward come to turn the points on to a siding, and someone told deceased to put the brake down. He got over on to the side brake with his feet as they were approaching the [illegible] and the folding doors, and shouted to him to take care of the doors. Deceased sprung on to the edge of the truck to get in again, but was struck by the bridge on the left hip. He dropped down betwixt the truck and the wall, and he walked down to the hut with assistance, and sent for a trap to take him home. They were using the truck on their own responsibility, and had no leave. There was a gradient all the way.—George Robinson corroborated, as did John Wm. Gowling, that they were going to work as stated.—The jury concurred that deceased was "Accidentally killed."

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands 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 1/1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Ltd., 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 curative or palliative agent," while Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial. I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."



A FINE, dry season, such as that which lovers of warmth and sunshine have congratulated themselves upon this year, causes the thoughts of those whose minds are not too lofty to care about the vagaries of fashion to dwell more upon pretty conceptions of lace and muslin suitable for garden parties and daylight engagements than on the more solid and lasting materials that are for all times and seasons. Both in and around London there have been many beautiful *fêtes* during the last week or so, and it has been more than interesting to most women whose memory carries them back more years than they are supposed to be willing to own, to notice how many very pretty fashions which have long been in abeyance are now allowed to re-assert themselves. The simple muslin frocks, with flowers round the hem, wide sashes and frilled or lace-trimmed fichus, awake many a memory of dead and gone summers. To be sure, there is a great difference, really, in the cut and fashion of these virginal robes. If anyone happening to have an old frock laid by took it into her head to get it washed and ironed, and chose to appear in it, doubtless she would look very queer, the skirt, were it ever so much gored, would still not look wide enough at the base, and then the sleeves! We are now so used to wide shoulders and huge puffs on *gigot* arrangement that no dress made by a tasteful and experienced modiste strikes one as exaggerated; it is the ignorant imitations that always look *outré*. That there are more imitations than originals must be confessed, and those who cannot afford to go to trustworthy dressmakers are obliged to keep a wary look out, lest the artist they employ should follow the bent of her own uneducated taste. In noticing other people we see what to follow, and, even more, what it is well to avoid in our own dress, and where opportunity of taking hints is lacking, good fashion papers will supply the want. Amongst others of this useful and interesting style of literature, the *Ladies' Gazette* may be singled out as possessing a special charm of its own from the artistic grace the fashion artists almost invariably infuse into their illustrations. Nor is this the only merit; the practical manner in which information is given, as to the requisite quantity and probable cost of materials composing the models of gowns and mantles, makes the journal invaluable for those living away from the region of shops, it being possible to obtain through the post every thing needed for the construction of the dresses, from the paper pattern by which to cut them, down to the buttons and bones needed for finishing off the bodice. The sketch here shown is the back view of one of the pretty toilettes illustrated in this number. It is made of plain woollen crépon, in a delicate shade of grey trimmed with white guipure lace. The other sketch given is a sample of the charming and artistic novelties to which the readers of this admirable journal are constantly introduced, a very convenient as well as pretty form of afternoon tea-table.

Another competition for photographs of pretty children is just closing, and prizes are being offered for short complete stories, a subject likely, we should think, to be very warmly taken up. Space fails for the enumeration of the *Ladies' Gazette's* numerous attractions, but we must in conclusion repeat the opinion that has elsewhere been expressed in various ways, that it is the most admirable little booklet that has ever been produced at the price of one penny.



OBJECT TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.

It will be remembered that the Education Code of 1895 contains provisions requiring the teaching of object lessons in future in the lower classes of schools for older scholars. The Education Department have now issued a circular, addressed to H.M. Inspectors of Schools, in which the true aim of object teaching is indicated, and some specimen courses of object lessons are given. The circular contains some useful suggestions on the right employment of object teaching, which have been made by practical teachers, and concludes with the following remarks:—To sum up the main value of object teaching, there are three principal uses. The first and most important is to teach the children to observe, compare, and contrast; the second to impart information; and the third is to reinforce the other two by making the results of them the basis for instruction in language, drawing, number, modelling, and other handiwork. There are, however, other important uses of good object teaching. It makes the lives of the children more happy and interesting by opening up an easily accessible and attractive field for the exercise of brain, hand and eye. It gives the children an opportunity of learning the simplest natural facts and directs their attention to external objects, making their education less bookish. It further develops a love of nature and an interest in living things, and corrects the tendency which exists in many children to destructiveness and thoughtless unkindness to animals, and shows the ignorance and cruelty of such conduct. The value of the services which many animals render to man should be dwelt upon, and the importance of kindly treating them and preserving them should be pointed out. By these means, and in other ways, good object teaching may lay the foundation for the right direction of the activity and intelligence of the children throughout the whole school.

THE SATLEY CHARITY.

A meeting of the Four and Twenty of the Parish of Lanchester, with representatives from the parishes and urban districts comprised within the boundary of those townships entitled to share in the receipts of the Rowland Wilkinson Charity, locally known as the Satley Charity, was held at the Board Room, Lanchester, on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr. W. Logan, J.P. The property comprising the charity is let for the gross amount of £40 per annum, and is divisible among the poor of the district who are not in receipt of parish relief. Councillor T. J. Muse proposed, and it was seconded by Mr. L. Nicholson, and supported by Mr. W. J. Scott, that the following scheme be adopted:—"That there be three trustees who shall have power to let and control the land, and receive the rents of the same, and that these trustees shall be appointed or removed from time to time by the representatives of the parishes appointed to distribute the charity. That the parishes shall each appoint annually two representatives for the distribution of the charity; such representatives to be appointed each year in the month of March, but not later than the 25th of that month; the Urban Councils of urban parishes and the Parish Councils and parish meetings of rural parishes to appoint the representatives, either from amongst their own number or from outside their number but to be resident within the parish which they represent." The meeting was adjourned for a fortnight, in order that the scheme might be laid before the various local councils.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DIVISION.

A large and representative meeting of Unionists was held at 71, West Street, Gateshead, on Saturday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. Edward Eccles, jun. After considerable discussion it was unanimously resolved to invite Mr. J. B. Simpson, coalowner, of Bradley Hall, Ryton, to contest the division. The meeting was adjourned until to-night (Friday), to receive Mr. Simpson's reply. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most enthusiastic meeting.

It is expected that Sir James Joicey, the sitting member for the Chester-le-Street Division, will visit the Washington district and address the electors in the early part of next week.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

Both political parties are now making active preparations in North-West Durham in view of the General Election. A meeting of the Divisional Conservative Association will be held to-morrow (Saturday) for the adoption of a Unionist candidate. It is not yet officially disclosed whether Ald. Utrick A. Ritson or some other gentleman will be brought forward, but in any event we are assured that there will be a contest. The Council of the North-West Durham Liberal Association has been summoned for Wednesday next, when Mr. L. A. Atherley-[illegible] formally adopted as their candidate, and he will commence his campaign forthwith.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, fleas, bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, ground mice, &c. 1s. and [illegible] boxes.

Business Announcements.

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR OF ATTENDANCE.

MR. H. MARKHAM,

SURGEON DENTIST,

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NOTICE.

RE JOHN SMITH AND SON, ARCHITECTS SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

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

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Saturday Evening, July 6th, 1895, in the Co-operative Hall. Chair to be taken at 6-30, when the following Business will be brought forward for consideration. Newspapers will be Sold by Auction at 6 p.m. prompt.
1. Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting.
2. Minutes of Committee for past Quarter.
3. Report and Balance Sheet.
4. Report and Balance Sheet—Farm.
5. Election of Three Committee-men.
6. Re-issue of Library Books.
7. Election of One Auditor.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
The Members' Share Books will be balanced and given out on and after the 8th July, 1895.
The Places of Business will be Closed All Day on Wednesday, July 17th, for Employees' Annual Trip

CONSETT WESL[...]
ALL SEA[...]
SUNDAY, [...]
Morning, 10-30 } MR[...]
Evening, 6 } MR[...]

EDWARD STEPH[...] Blackhill, begs to [...] and after Sunday, July 7t[...] in his District for the [...] Chronicle," and will be [...] "The Sporting Chronicle[...]
HAVE YOU HE[...]
THE LATEST [...]
"ETHIOPEAN [...]
By GEO. A. [...]
Just Published. Easy and [...] or post free 1s. 1d., fro[...] Ramsden's Music W[...]

STANLEY TRADESME[...] TO KESWICK, O[...] JULY [...]
AN EXCURSION TR[...] Plain at 5 a.m., Sh[...] at Beamish and Pelton, [...] Keswick at 7 30 p.m. [...] Apprentices (under 16 yea[...] (under 12 years of age), 2s. [...] the Shop Assistants; also [...] Sons, Annfield Plain.
705r

NORTH-EASTE[...]
ALTERATIONS IN T[...] FOR J[...]
NEWCASTLE A[...]
ADDITIONAL TRAI[...] for Consett at 2 3[...] Newcastle at 7.40 p.m., on [...] For further alterations [...] Tables.
GEO. S. G[...]
York, June, 1895.

NORTH-EASTER[...]
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GEORGE S. G[...]
York, July, 1895.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FL[...] INDUSTRIAL E[...]
THE Committee of the a[...] announcing that they [...] POULTRY DEP[...] to their Annual Show, on 10th [...] they have
17 CLASSES WITH [...]
GRAND BRASS BA[...] CASH PRIZES[...]
For Schedules, Condition[...] apply to
W. R[...]
North-Eastern Bank, Black[...]

Sales by A[...]

By Mr. J. [...]
Lanchester Aucti[...]
NEXT SALE will be held [...] Entries respectfully inv[...]
A second Meeting of Fa[...] Dealers, will be held on Wed[...] 6.30 p.m., when all interested [...] to attend, to give in names a[...] portant business.

By Mr. John C[...]
Golden Lion Inn, [...]
WEDNESDAY, July 24th [...] the SALE of Mrs. E[...] Stock of HORSES, VEHICL[...] Entries can be made to M[...] Auctioneer, up to July 15th.
Priestfield, near Lintz [...]
MR. JOHN CRAWFOR[...] AUCTION, on Wedne[...] that FIELD OF GRASS now [...] Meet at the Shed in low field, a[...] Four o'clock. Bill taken on app[...]
Crawford's Salerooms, Victor[...]
SALE OF FURNITURE on [...]
JOHN CRAWFORD, [...] AUCTIONEER, VALU[...] and HOUSE AGENT. Also, [...] his Honour Judge MEYNELL t[...] Rent, under the Law of Distre[...] 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria S[...]

By Mr John S. [...]
ROYAL AUCTION MART, [...]
MONDAY, JULY [...]
12 to 20 Fat Cattle, includin[...]
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves[...]
Pork and Store Pigs,
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
15 to 20 Store Cattle.
1 Strong Useful Grey Cob, [...] good in all harness.
1 Handsome Bay Cob, 14 h[...] in all harness.
Stack Covers, different [...] Ladders, Hay Rak[...] Spring Cart, Harnes[...] Sale at One o'cl[...]
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JOHN SWINBURN [...]
THE
AGRICULTURAL AUCTION[...] AND GENERAL COMMIS[...] ROYAL AUCTION MART [...] BENFIELDSID[...]
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE [...] Distress for Rent, under the [...] Distress Amendment A[...]

By Mr. A. Philli[...]
23, Annfield Place, Annfi[...] Monday, July 15th, [...]
MR. A. PHILLIPSO[...] instructions from Mr. J[...] Emigrating, to SELL BY PUBI[...] the above place and date, all his [...] HOLD FURNITURE, and EF[...] begin at 1-30 o'clock. For particula[...]
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SPECIAL NOTIC[...]
A. PHILLIPSON, Auctione[...] Land, and Emigration A[...] take AUCTION SALES upon [...] terms, and conducted in the best s[...] by Post will have prompt attentio[...] GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., b[...] Cash. Appointed by His Honour [...] under the Law of Distress Amen[...] Office—Front Street, Dipton by L[...]

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ALL SEATS FREE.
SUNDAY, JULY 7TH.
Morning, 10-30 } MR. J. F. ELLIOTT.
Evening, 6 } MR. A. PHILLIPSON.

EDWARD STEPHEY, 26 Derwent Street, Blackhill, begs to inform the Public that on and after Sunday, July 7th, he will include Leadgate, in his District for the supply of the "Sunday Chronicle," and will be glad to receive orders for "The Sporting Chronicle" and "Tissue." 715c

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THE LATEST SCHOTTISCHE
"ETHIOPEAN SCHOTTISCHE"
By GEO. A. WILLIAMS.
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STANLEY TRADESMEN'S EMPLOYES TRIP TO KESWICK, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH.
AN EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Annfield Plain at 5 a.m., Shield Row, 5.5 a.m., calling at Beamish and Pelton, returning same day from Keswick at 7.30 p.m. FARES:—Adults, 4s; Apprentices (under 16 years of age), 2s 8d; children (under 12 years of age), 2s. Tickets may be had from the Shop Assistants; also from Messrs Wilson and Sons, Annfield Plain.
705r D. DALE, Secretary.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
ALTERATIONS IN THE TRAIN SERVICE FOR JULY.
NEWCASTLE AND CONSETT.
ADDITIONAL TRAINS will leave Newcastle for Consett at 2.30 p.m., and Consett for Newcastle at 7.40 p.m., on SUNDAYS.
For further alterations see the Company's Time Tables.
GEO. S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, June, 1895. 686r

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
ON MONDAY, the 8th of JULY, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 5.15 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH, returning from Tynemouth at 10.25, and Newcastle at 10.55 p.m., the same day.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 10th of July, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 9.40 a.m. (with bookings from Lanchester and Shotley Bridge) for TYNEMOUTH, returning at 8.25 p.m. the same day.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, July, 1895. 706r

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.
THE Committee of the above have pleasure in announcing that they have this year added a POULTRY DEPARTMENT to their Annual Show, on 10th August, and for which they have
17 CLASSES WITH 17 SPECIALS.
GRAND BRASS BAND CONTEST.
CASH PRIZES, £40 10s.
For Schedules, Conditions and Entry Forms apply to
W. RAMSAY, Secretary.
North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill. 714r

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Green.

Lanchester Auction Mart.
NEXT SALE will be held on Monday, July 15th. Entries respectfully invited.
A second Meeting of Farmers, Butchers, and Dealers, will be held on Wednesday, July 17th, at 6.30 p.m., when all interested are respectfully invited to attend, to give in names and transact other important business. J. GREEN, Satley.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate.
WEDNESDAY, July 24th, is the day fixed for the SALE of Mrs. E. J. Brown's Surplus Stock of HORSES, VEHICLES, HARNESS, &c. Entries can be made to Mrs. Brown, or to the Auctioneer, up to July 15th. 716r

Priestfield, near Lintz Green Station.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday first, July 10th, that FIELD OF GRASS now ready for Cutting. Meet at the Shed in low field, adjoining the wood, at Four o'clock. Bill taken on approval. 717r

Crawford's Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett.
SALE OF FURNITURE on Monday, July 15th. 718r

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

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
MONDAY, JULY 8TH, 1895.
12 to 20 Fat Cattle, including 1 Prime Fat Bull.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
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1 Strong Useful Grey Cob, 13 h.h., 7 years old, good in all harness.
1 Handsome Bay Cob, 14 h.h., 4 years old, good in all harness.
Stack Covers, different sizes; Stack-yard Ladders, Hay Rakes, Forks, Poultry, Spring Cart, Harness, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
719r J. S. MURRAY.

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

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

23, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain. Monday, July 15th, 1895.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, favoured with instructions from Mr. John Bell, who is Emigrating, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place and date, all his excellent HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and EFFECTS. Sale to begin at 1-30 o'clock. For particulars see bills. 689r

3, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain. Saturday, July 20th, 1895.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mr. Thomas W. Bell, who is Emigrating will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place and date, all his very superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Sale to begin at 1-30 o-clock. For particulars see bills. N.B.—Note this Furniture is just new, and in good ord.r. 690r

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

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

Preliminary Notice.—Rose Cottage, Shotley Bridge.
MR. WM ROBINSON, honoured with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr. John Smith, Architect, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, his very Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and other Effects, on Wednesday, July 17th, at 10-30 a.m. Particulars next week.

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

Business Announcements.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday—(The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday). 648q.

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On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones. Plated Goods Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at
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BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, Burton House.
CONSETT.—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c; T. D. DRYDEN, Grocers, &c.; THOMAS MILNER Chemist; JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer and Wine Merchant GEORGE PATTRICK, Chemist and Druggist, 5, Front Street.
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ESH.—WM. OYSTON, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
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SOUTH MOOR.—M. DIXON, Oak Inn.
STANLEY.—WM. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.; T. FORSTER, Wine and Spirit Merchant; J. ROBINSON, Family Chemist.
SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—M. ELSDON, Wheat Sheaf Inn.
SPEN.—R. BROWELL, Miners Arms.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, Pack Horse Inn.
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH, 1895.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

THE Cabinet met on Tuesday to take its first look round. Apparently it was a somewhat dubious survey, but an effort was made to make the best of it. It was agreed to push forward the dissolution as rapidly as possible, and when Parliament met, a few hours later, it was proposed to push on the Factory Bill and prorogue Parliament on Saturday, the dissolution to follow on Monday. The Votes were soon obtained. The first took a few minutes, the second barely half a minute, and the third (four millions for the Army) led to a rather spirited debate. Mr. Dalziel asked for a statement as to the amount of cordite small arm ammunition in stock, which question had been pressed upon the late Government by gentlemen opposite. Of course, he got no satisfactory reply, and it was not expected that he would do. The present Government cultivates the official reticence it found so objectionable when its members were in Opposition. Nothing satisfactory could be got out of it. Some increase of Estimates is to be proposed if the country gives its verdict for the family party which is to be known as the Coalition Government. We say family party because it is going to consist of uncles, nephews, and relatives in abundance. Lord Salisbury is Prime Minister. One nephew is First Lord of the Treasury, and another nephew is Chief Secretary for Ireland. Mr. Chamberlain is Secretary for the Colonies, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, his son, is Civil Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Jesse Collings is Under-Secretary of the Home Department, and Mr. Powell Williams is Financial Secretary of the War Office. These facts justify our remark that the Government is a big family party.

The cordite question, as discussed on Tuesday, contained some few points of interest. Mr. Campbell-Bannerman contended that he was right in believing the report of the War Office experts, who were responsible for matters of this nature. The Government was asked to shew what was the stock of small arm ammunition when the late Conservative Government, which introduced cordite, went out of office, and what was the stock at the present time by way of comparison. Mr. Brodrick could not give the figures. The fact is that the storage had been going on at a more rapid rate under Mr. Campbell-Bannerman than it did under his predecessor. "Why, this year," said Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, "the increase is seventy-five per cent. more than the regular annual estimate." Then came a quibble as to actual moneys paid. That also went by the board when it was shewn that cordite had become cheaper by one-third, so that price ceased to be a comparative test of quantity. A further point was made when Mr. Woodall showed that the power of producing cordite was increasing annually. Sir C. Dilke tried to compress the discussion into a general admission that we had not, and never had, a reserve of ammunition adequate to our possible needs. Here again we encounter our old friend "spot" Supply. He seems to mean that we ought to have in store, regardless of deterioration, danger and expense, a supply equal to some fancy estimate; not the estimate of Mr. Chamberlain, which he gave away on Monday, but some other. All this must be great fun to Sir Redvers Buller and others.

There was another interesting matter the same evening, after Parliament was up. It was the wailing of the Conservative party over the new appointments. Five Liberal Unionists were added to the Administration on Tuesday. That will make nine Liberal Unionist members of the Government, with a tenth to be added when Mr. Anstruther gets his Lordship of the Treasury. The list of unclassed men now includes in the Commons along Mr. Courtney, who is a martyr on his own account, and good party Conservatives like Mr. Matthews, Sir James Fergusson, Mr. Stuart Wortley, Mr. Forwood, Baron de Worms, Mr. James Lowther, and Sir Ashmead Bartlett. Possibly some outside appointments may be found for some of them, but in any case a curiously large proportion of the spoils of office has fallen to the virtuous Liberal Unionist party. Devotion to the Union has had its reward. What will old-fashioned and new-fashioned Liberal Unionists think of this scramble for places as the final outcome of an independent party? What will the rank and file of the Conservatives think of a Government which makes the Duke of Norfolk Postmaster-General, and religious educationists of a party which makes Sir John Gorst, a New Zealand Loan Company director, Minister of Education?

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening Councillor Flynn, of Gateshead, addressed an open air meeting at the Fountain, Front Street, on "Trade organisation." There was a large company present.

MUSIC IN THE PARK.—For the first time this season music was provided in the Park, on Wednesday evening. A capital programme was rendered by the Consett Iron Company's Band. There was a large attendance of the general public.

MUSIC.—We notice that Mr Geo. A. Williams, manager of Ramsden's Music Warehouse, Town Hall Buildings, Consett, has composed a very nice schottische for the piano. It has a lively and catching melody right throughout, and is not difficult; therefore it ought to become popular among the dancing public next season. Mr Williams informs us that although it has only been published a week, he has already sold a large number of copies.

POLICE INSPECTION.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, Sir Heabert Croft, Government Inspector of Police, conducted his annual inspection of the members of the Durham County Constabulary, stationed in the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division, the parade taking place in the field behind the Police Station, Consett. Lieut.-Colonel Eden, Chief Constable was present. Sir Herbert expressed himself highly satisfied with the condition of the Police Buildings, etc., and the manner in which the books and documents were kept. In the afternoon Sir Herbert Croft visited the Lanchester buildings.

BLACKHILL.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL. — On Sunday, special sermons were preached, morning and evening, by Miss Bulmer, Tanfield Lea. In the afternoon, a musical service was held, when solos were rendered by Misses Williams and Wright, and Mr E. Robinson. Miss Hocking, Allendale Cottages, gave two recitations, and Miss Bulmer delivered an appropriate address. There was fair congregations present.—On Monday a concert was held. A capital programme of music including violin selections, &c., was rendered. After the concert, a supper was partaken of in the school-room by a good number of people. The proceeds were in aid of the New Building Fund.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH CHOIR TRIP.—On Monday, the members of this choir together with their friends, to the number of 40, had their annual trip by brakes, to Hexham. The morning being beautifully fine, the pleasure seekers thoroughly enjoyed their drive to the ancient town. After partaking of an excellent dinner, provided at the Temperance Hotel, the company proceeded to view the several places of interest and were greatly taken up with what they saw, especially the visit to the Abbey. The return journey was made from Hexham about eight o'clock. Whilst between Riding Mill and Minsteracres the company were overtaken by a thunderstorm. However, the company, after receiving a good drenching, arrived home shortly after ten o'clock, having thoroughly enjoyed their trip. The brakes were supplied by Mr G. Christopher, Blackhill.

BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE P. M. PRIZE CHOIR.—This celebrated choir who, it will be remembered, achieved first honours at a local choral competition last year, provided for the music loving people in general in the neighbourhood, last Sunday, a treat of unusual excellence, in the shape of a new cantata, by Jamouneau. The occasion was the Sabbath School anniversary, and the choir, who had promised to assist, did so in the above manner.—The cantata, which has just been recently issued, was entitled "The Saviour of Men," and in the rendering of it, the choir were assisted by Mr. F. Gregory's string band of nearly 20 performers, an almost indispensible adjunct in the performance of such music. The excellence of the affair was manifested in the countenances of those who had been fortunate enough to gain admittance, for many were debarred the privilege of participating in the treat, through being crowded out, and many were the audible expressions of approval at the finish of the performance, and performers in general and the leaders of the choir and band, Messrs Smailes and Gregory respectively, in particular, who must have exercised more than an average amount of tact and forbearance with what must have been diligent and assiduous pupils, in order to have acquired to such perfection, the cantata, in the comparatively short time which had been allotted them. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when fare of a similar character will be dished up for their patron's delectation.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. — On Sunday, the anniversary services in connection with this school were held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. The preacher was Mr Proudlock, Willington Quay. In the afternoon, the choir and children rendered the service of song, entitled "The patriot prophet of Horeb." The connective recitations were given by the children. At the evening service, recitations, &c., were given by the children in a creditable manner. Large congregations were present. The collections were in aid of the Sunday School fund.

ST. CUTHBERT'S (BENFIELDSIDE) MAGAZINE. — We have received the July number of the above popular magazine, which well sustains its reputation. The serial story, "Merrielands Farm," is as interesting as ever, and a capital short story entitled "Hope," cannot fail to attract attention. A sketch, "Number 9, Church Row," will well repay perusal, as will the articles on "Food Adulteration," "Validity of Christian Worship," "Holiday Temptations," and "Christian Martyrs." The magazine also contains a story for women "Faithful unto death in Darkest Africa," a letter from the Rev A. Watts dealing with the attack on the Church, and a lot of useful information connected with the parish.

FLOWER SHOW AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.—The committee of the above popular show have this year determined to add additional attractions to their annual gathering in the shape of a Brass Band Contest—for which cash prizes to the amount of £40 10s will be offered—and a Poultry Department. In the latter there will be 17 classes with 17 special prizes. Entry forms are now ready, and may be obtained from Mr Wm. Ramsay, North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Building Trade.—Great activity prevails in the building trade in this district. A large number of cottages have been erected, but apparently there is only a meagre supply to meet the demand. Quite a number of houses are staked out and in course of being built which will greatly add to the accommodation of the workpeople.

Prospect of Hay Harvest.—The crops in the surrounding neighbourhood appear light in comparison with the average yield of last year, which indicates a higher price for hay this incoming season.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A Curious Custom.—A quaint and curious custom has prevailed with the Chester-le-Street Guardians for many years. As soon as the hearing of the relief cases are finished a huge snuff-box is handed round, and before proceeding to any other business the Guardians take snuff. On Thursday week, the snuff taking was supplemented by the master bringing in a monster dish of strawberries and cream, with which the members were regaled.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

Baths.—A meeting of the workmen connected with this colliery was held in the British Schools to consider a proposal for the erection of baths in connection with their Institute. Mr. P. Kirkup presided, and there was a moderate attendance.—The Chairman spoke at some length on the advantages of having baths such as those contemplated, and described very lucidly a scheme whereby the boon could be obtained. He estimated the cost at something over £600. This money they could borrow of Mr. Love (the owner). Mr. Love was no speculator, and their only idea in this scheme was the good of the workmen. No interest would be charged, and the money could be repaid in five or six years from the profits of their Institute.—A workman suggested that the use of the baths, when erected, should be extended to the parish generally, and it was replied that the outside public would be admitted at a somewhat higher rate.—The meeting declared by vote its approval of the scheme, after a general conversation.

DIPTON.

Sudden Death.—A miner named Frank Dodds belonging to Dipton (and who is well-known in the district), died suddenly at Beamish early on Sunday morning. It appears that the deceased man had accompanied the Oxhill Workmens' trip to Scarborough last Saturday, and on its return determined to stay overnight with his wife's relatives at Beamish. At that time he appeared to be in his usual state of health. Dodds got up during the night and had a drink of water, but in the morning he was found to be dead. Deceased was about 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.

EDMONDSLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting of this council was held at Edmondsley on the 2nd inst, Councillor Michael Curry presiding. Mr John Hodgson, chairman of the council, wrote expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence. A circular was read from Messrs Simey, Son, and Eliff, Sunderland, drawing the Council's attention to an Association they were forming to give legal advice in matters of difficulty that may arise in Parish Councils, and it was decided to join the Association. On the motion of Coun. Clamp, The Public Libraries Act was adopted, and a committee was formed to consider the best means of giving the Parish the benefit of the Act. A call was made on the Overseers for ½d in the pound on the rateable value of the parish.

OXHILL.

Trap Accident.—On Sunday night week a pleasure party proceeding on their homeward journey from Annfield Plain to Hetton, where Mr. Cunningham, beer-house keeper, accompanied by his wife and other friends, had been upon a visit to their sons in a four wheeled vehicle, when suddenly the shaft broke, and coming in contact with the animal it bolted, and notwithstanding every effort put forth by the driver, the whole of the occupants were overthrown, and more or less injured. The aged couple, Mr. Cunningham and his wife, are said to have received severe shock to the system. On it being known, assistance was rendered and medical advice procured. The conveyance being of no service, it was eventually left for repair at Mr. Irwin's, cartwright, in the village.

QUEBEC.

On Monday, Sergt. Smallwood, of the Durham constabulary, was removed from Quebec to Stockton-on-Tees. Sergt. Gillespie, of Darlington, goes to Quebec.

SOUTH MOOR.

Application for a Patent. M. Carthorn, 4 Ivy Terrace, South Moor, near Chester-le-Street, Durham. Improvements in automatic hauling or driving clips or grips for rope haulage. No of Application, 11721.

STANHOPE.

The Stanhope Volunteers had a Church Parade on Sunday morning.

Four hundred and fifty passengers left Stanhope on Thursday week by one excursion train for Darlington.

The Wear has been in fine condition of late for fly-angling, and some good catches have been made.

TOW LAW.

A miner named Thomas Marley, employed at Black Prince Colliery, Tow Law, was caught by the "set" on Monday morning and got one of his legs broken.

WEARDALE.

The new railway is fast approaching completion. It is hoped that it will be available for traffic before the end of August.

Fatalities.—Coroner Proud held two inquests in Weardale on Friday. In one case a man named Nattrass, on Whit-Monday, got on to a truck to travel by gravitation, to Stanhope. Getting on the truck side of the brake, deceased fouled a new bridge, received injuries which caused death this week.—In the second case, John Joseph Dalton, a boy, had got his leg drawn into a lead-crusher, and received fearful injuries.—In each case the jury found death had been accidentally caused; but in Dalton's case the jury recommended more effectual precautions with the foot-guard.

Weardale came well up at the "Royal." Coun. J. Vickers took first for black-faced tup, and also first and second for pen of three black-faced ewes. Messrs Currah, of Frosterley, took premier honours for the best specimen bird. The judge said it was a perfect bird—the best he had ever seen. Miss Urwin, of Wolsingham, was second for 2lbs. of fresh butter, and Mrs Burns, of Witton, third. Mr Ridley, of Peak Field, Frosterley, got a highly-commended for poultry. Not a bad record for Weardale.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. — The anniversary services of this school have been celebrated during the past fortnight. On Saturday June 22nd, a concert was given by the choir and friends, solos being very tastefully rendered by the Misses Thompson, of Tanfield Lea, Miss E. Huggup, and Mr T. Shepherd,—Mr J. Henderson making a very acceptable chairman. The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by a sumptuous ham, which was partaken of by a number of friends. On Sunday, 23rd, Mr T. R. Oates, of Andrew's House, presided over the services, and both preacher, children, and singers, played their part in a very creditable manner. On Saturday last, the annual field day was held in Miss Grieves' field (kindly lent for the occasion), and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent by old and young alike. Last Sunday, Mr H. Cruddas, of Iveston, preached an excellent sermon in the morning, the remaining part of the day being taken up with recitations and singing. The whole of the services have been very successful, the speaking of the scholars, and the singing evoking from the crowded audiences, tokens of surprise and delight. The finances show an improvement on past years, reaching over £10.

WEST BUTSFIELD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL. — The Primitive Methodists of this place held their twenty-seventh anniversary on Sunday last, when two excellent addresses were delivered by Mr Jas. Taylor, of Dipton. The children recited dialogues and poetry, in a creditable manner to the largest gatherings there for fifteen years. Over 300 people who had travelled from Waskerley, Consett, Tow Law, and the neighbouring villages to see the ancient little village of Butsfield, which is now being greatly improved by the rebuilding of the homesteads. A few more trees planted on the west side of the village would add greatly to the beauty of the place which, at this season of the year, is in full bloom. It was a real pleasure to see the beautiful evergreens and the old oaks with the Browney Burn running through the centre, with the old ancient abbey on the south. On Saturday, a public tea was held, when a goodly number sat down with the teachers and children, to the good things provided. The tables were presided over by Miss A. Willis, Miss M. Rippon, and Mrs W. Willis. After tea, a public meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by the Rev W. Raisbeck, Rev B. Hanley, and Mr R. Turnbull, of Consett. The chair being occupied by Mr Wm. Pattinson, of Castleside. Mr W. Alderson, of Dipton, and Miss A. Willis preided as the harmonium. The collections were in excess of those taken during the last fifteen years.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, July 3rd.—Before Colonel F. F. SHEPPEE (chairman) and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Twelve persons were charged with this offence, and were fined in sums varying from 2s to 15s, costs following in each case.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Thomas Davison, Robinson Proudlock, and Alex. Graham were charged with damaging a fence, the property of the Birtley Iron Company, on the 15th ult.—P.C. Stephenson said he saw defendants pulling the rails off the fence.—Defendants were ordered to pay the damage 1s each, a fine of 2s 6d each, and costs.

POACHING.

John Woodruff was charged, at the instance of Carr Bell, with poaching on the Whitehill estate, near Chester-le-Street, on the 19th ult. Mr J. Turnbull defended.—Carr Bell, gamekeeper, said he saw a dog in the park. He also saw Woodruff, whom he knew very well. There was another man that he did not know.—Cross-examined: They were about 300 yards away when he saw them first. He was never nearer than about 40 yards to them.—For the defence, it was contended by Mr Turnbull, that the keeper was mistaken.—Edward Stewart said he lived next door to defendant. On the Wednesday he saw defendant at eight o'clock in the morning. He could not say where Woodruff was at six o'clock in the morning.—The Chairman said there was no doubt that defendant was there, and he (the chairman) had his suspicions about the witness—Fined 10s and costs.

A PUTTER AND HIS PONY.

George Liddle was charged with ill-treating a pony on the 24th ult., at Team Colliery.—George Donkin, a colliery official, said defendant knocked the eye out of the pony with an iron bar.—Thomas Speed, a deputy overman, said he saw defendant strike the pony with an iron bar. He examined the pony and found its eye was out.—Defendant said he was striking the pony on the forelegs when it put its head down, and he hit it on the eye.—Fined 15s and costs.

A DRUNKEN RIDER.

John Stoker was summoned for being drunk while in charge of a horse at Birtley, on the 23rd ult.—P.C. Wise said he saw defendant riding on a pony. He was very drunk, and nearly fell off.—Fined 10s and costs.

A PUGILISTIC PITMAN.

James Blenkiron, for fighting with another man, was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months.

AN UNRULY CUSTOMER.

Ralph Bennett was charged with refusing to quit the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Beamish, on the 22nd ult.—William English, the landlord, said defendant came to his house drunk. Witness refused to supply him, and told him to go away home. Defendant would not go, and stayed there for 20 minutes before he would go.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 5s and costs.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

John Pike was fined 5s and costs for being drunk on the licensed premises of Mrs Smith, Butcher's Arms, Chester-le-Street, on the 21st ult.

A GERMAN AND HIS WIFE.

Gustav Rosenberg was charged with assaulting David Hay at Pelton Fell, on the 18th ult.—Complainant said that he went to speak to Rosenberg. Without any warning Rosenberg struck him, seized a paint bottle from witness, and made a stroke at him; then kicked him, and knocked him down.—Cross-examined: Vat for you come to my vife and insult her, and vat for you take the knife out of your pocket. Vat for you touched my wife under de chin; vat for you tink my vife is; at this stage the defendant fairly broke down in his already very much broken English, and got into a very excited state, and said that if ever Hay came to his house again in the same way, he would find that a "Sherman" could protect his wife.—A boy named John W. Bell said he saw Rosenberg strike at Hay; he did not see Hay draw a knife.—Jane Galling said the disturbance took place, just at her door. She saw the German throw Hay down three times. Afterwards the German came back and wanted Hay to fight. The German then threw some bricks at Hay.—The chairman said there was no doubt that Hay had grievously insulted Rosenberg's wife and it was a wonder he did not get a much worse thrashing. The case would be dismissed, and the German must keep his hands down.

A VIOLENT ONE ARMED MAN.

James Brannon was charged with refusing to quit the premises of Edward Ferguison at Birtley; and also with damaging a window to the extent of 5s on the 29th inst.—Mr Ferguison said defendant came to the house very drunk; he was refused drink, and had to be put out after refusing to quit. When he got outside he threw a can through the window. Defendant, a one armed man, was fined 10s. in each case, and ordered to pay 1d. damages and costs.

MATTHEW AND HIS WIFE.

Matthew Stark was charged with assaulting his wife Ann, at Chester-le-Street on the 29th inst. Complainant said defendant came drunk and struck at her with a chair. He had frequently struck at her. They had been married 20 years, and he had often ill-used her.—Defendant said if they would tell him what there was to pay, he would pay; or if he was to go to Durham he would go "like a gentleman". He then made a threatening gesture towards his wife and said he would fix her before she left the court.—Sergt. Rutherford said he was a great cur; why did he threaten the woman in that way, it showed that all the badness was there.—The chairman said defendant was not in a fit state to understand what was said to him; but he would have to find two sureties of £5 each for his good behaviour for six months, and if there was any more of that kind of work they would make a separation order.—Defendant, I wish you would do it at once.—He was then removed.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT THE CAUSEY.

On Wednesday afternoon, shortly after one o'clock, an old man named George Middleton, living at the Causey, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW".]

The storm of Wednesday week last will be a memorable event in the annals of the Newcastle Temperance Festival. In past years, some fourteen or so, curious luck in the matter of weather has almost invariably attended the Festival. This year has been an exception, and a memorable one. Not for a long time has Newcastle been visited by so terrible a storm as that on the night in question. I happened to be on the Moor when first the ominous signs appeared, the quickly growing darkness, vivid flashes of lightning were first noticed, and the awful roaring of the thunder heard. The sight was positively awe inspiring, and many were the thousands whose hearts beat more rapidly than was wont. It was a strange sight indeed to notice the great number of people who, despite the on-coming storm, outwardly displaying no signs of concern. Those who foresaw the inevitable suddenly made a wild rush across the Moor in the direction of the town, but there were scores of seemingly indifferent individuals—amongst them a great number of ladies in the lightest of attire, who made no attempt to leave; indeed, in many instances they pursued their walk right forward into the fair. They were severely punished later unhappily, and had to seek shelter in shows and other available tents, where they remained, hundreds of them, until the early hours of the morning when at last the storm gave way. It was a terrible experience for them, and for many years to come they will have good reason to remember Race Wednesday in the year of grace one thousand eight hundred and ninety five.

They are doing their level best at Medomsley to obtain telegraphic facilities for the village, and they are to be congratulated on their determination. The latest from the Postal Authorities is, it appears, that the boon cannot be granted unless a guarantee of £27 per year for seven years is given. This it is stated, will be the annual cost of maintaining the service. Governmental Departments rarely care to run any risk of losses, and in this connection, it may freely be asserted that the Postal Authorities take the cake in the matter of prudence. To be sure they are always ready to meet the requirements of the public whose servants they are, BUT (a large but, Mr Compositor) they cannot see their way to run into debt in the doing of it. So our friends at Medomsley are left to their own resources, but judging from appearances they will prove themselves more than equal to the demand made upon them and the guarantee will be readily forthcoming.

Whellan's History and Directory of Durham.—We beg to intimate to subscribers to this work that the prices are,—bound in cloth, 25/-; bound in half-calf, 30/-. A misunderstanding seems to be current amongst subscribers that they are entitled to reduction of 5/- on these prices. They confound the published price with that of subscribers. The published being 30/- and 35/-, or 5/- more than the price to subscribers.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IN WEST DURHAM.

REMARKABLE DISPLAY OF LIGHTNING.

Another terrific thunderstorm swept over North-West Durham on Monday evening, about 9 o'clock, which lasted for fully one hour. The lightning was most vivid, followed by heavy peals of thunder. Rain fell in torrents, flooding several of the main streets and houses in a very short time. All out-door traffic was entirely suspended in the meantime. A considerable amount of damage has been done in several parts of the district. A corner of the goods warehouse at Rowley Railway Station, belonging to the North-Eastern Railway Company, was demolished by the lightning. A portion of the roof was also removed, and a number of panes of glass were broken. None of the railway company's men were in the building at the time of the occurrence. At Butsfield, a man named Whitfield lost a valuable horse by being struck with the lightning. It appears that the animal had been brought out of the field and put into a stable for safety. The lightning entered the kitchen of Whitfield's house, swept everything off the mantel-piece, and penetrated the wall to the stable, and thus killing the horse. Mr Hand, butcher, Consett, lost a lamb by being killed with the lightning. This was one of the worst storms that has been experienced in this district for sometime. After the fall of rain the sky cleared beautifully, and many stars were visible. To the west and east of the district, however, there hung threatening curtains of clouds in startling relief to the clear sky between. Out of the darkened west there ever and again flashed the brilliant lightning beams, illuminating the whole of the scowling nebula in a manner beautiful beyond description. The clouds seemed riven at every flash, and the light cast over them was more like that of a rising sun than the effect of an electric disturbance. The remarkable phenomenon attracted the attention of many people, and numbers stood at their doors for hours enjoying the play of the elements.

During the course of a thunderstorm on Tuesday night, a sycamore at Belle Vue, the residence of Mr R. Walton, Lanchester, was struck by lightning and much damaged. The tree has been visited by a number of the curious to see the effects of the lightning upon it.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The terrific thunder storms which have passed over the village and district were accompanied by tremendous downpours of rain, which did much damage to gardens and garden produce, also to roads and footpaths in the district. The vividness and grandeur of the lightning surpassed any storms we can call to remembrance.

The teachers and children connected with Baptist Sunday-school at Rowley held their annual pic-nic on Saturday week, in a field at Healeyfield, kindly lent by Mr Joseph Angus. It was largely attended.

The Sunday school connected with the Primitive Methodist Church celebrated their anniversary services on the 23rd and 24th ult, and were conducted by Coun. J. W. Taylor, Dipton. Mr Taylor is an excellent preacher, and an adept at leading a school anniversary. The choir and children did their work in an excellent manner, reflecting credit on their teachers. The choir was led by Mr T. Raine, and the organ was touched by the master hand of Mr M. Fawell, Consett.

We are pleased to learn that Mr Charles Raine was successful in taking first honours at the band contest held at Annfield Plain, on Saturday last.

A great number of people from the village and district visited the Royal Show at Darlington last week, and were well pleased to note that Coun. Vickers, of Tow Law, was named amongst the first prize winners for mountain sheep.

The young men who frequent the village from other town on holiday times would do well to bring their mothers with them. They would tell them when it was time to go to bed, and save them undressing by the wayside.

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening at the Tanfield Board School,—Coun. Henry Curry Wood, J. P., (chairman) presiding. There were likewise present:—Councillors Thos. Pringle, Wm. Bulmer, W. J. Handcock, A. Davis, W. Holmes, Rev. T. H. Archdall, Tom Pringle, J. Roddam, W. Cunningham, W. Harrison, Mr. Geo. Ridley again acting as clerk.

The Clerk and Collectorship: Plenty of Applicants.

The Chairman announced that he had received 81 applications for the joint offices of clerk and collector, at a salary of £80 per annum. He did not know what course the Council proposed to adopt in the matter.

Coun. Bulmer: How many are there for inspector and surveyor?

The Chairman: Eighteen.

The Chairman then proceeded to read the list of names; and after a considerable amount of discussion and voting, it was resolved that the following six applicants should be invited to attend an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday evening next, when the final selection will be made:—Hell Nicholson, Tantobie; L. B. Handcock, Gateshead; Ernest H. Hayward, Shotley Bridge; Thos. Armstrong, Spen; Nicholas Wilkinson, East Tanfield; and Joseph Allen, White-le-Head.

Surveyor and Inspector.

The Chairman read the names of 18 applicants for the above position; and after a similar course of procedure to that in the foregoing case had been adopted, it was agreed that the following three gentlemen should be requested to attend the adjourned meeting next Wednesday:—Robert Heslop, Witton Park, Bishop Auckland; H. Webb, Chester-le-Street; and J. T. Trowsdale, Stockton.

Appointment of Treasurer.

There were two applications for the position of treasurer to the Council; and Mr. Geo. Ridley, of Stanley, was unanimously appointed.

Securities for Officers.

On the motion of Coun. Bulmer, seconded by Coun. Holmes, it was decided that the treasurer's security be £1,000.

It was proposed by Coun. Handcock, seconded by Coun. Thos. Pringle, and agreed, that the security for the rate-collector be £300.

It was resolved that the inspector and surveyor's security be £100.

It was likewise agreed, on the motion of Coun. Davis, seconded by Coun. Harrison, that the gentlemen elected to the above positions should find security from a Guarantee Society approved by the Council.

Letter from the Local Government Board.

A lengthy communication was read from the Local Government Board with respect to certain documents connected with the work of the Council.

Highway and Lighting Committee.

The Chairman stated that the above committee had held a meeting last week, at which Coun. Archdall was elected chairman of the committee for the ensuing 12 months. He had to announce that the resolution of the Council with respect to the employment of the men on the road had been attended to. Also, that provision for storing the lamps in the Burnopfield district had been attended to, and that it had been decided to erect three additional lamps at the Lintz.

The report was adopted.

Building and Sewerage Committee.

The Chairman said that the business as regards plans had not been completed, and therefore the committee had nothing definitely to report upon.

The Roadmen.

On the motion of Councillor Handcock, seconded by Councillor Bulmer, it was resolved that in future the roadmen be paid fortnightly instead of monthly.

Cost of the Recent Inquiry.

The Chairman mentioned that he had received a letter from Mr. R. Simey, clerk to the County Council, with respect to the expenses of the local inquiry in connection with the formation of the Urban District Council, the amount being £2 8s.

It was agreed that the amount should be paid forthwith.

The Main Roads.

The Chairman remarked that he had seen Mr. Simey on the previous day, and the latter suggested the advisibility of the Council at once applying to the County Council with respect to their position with regard to main roads in their Urban district. His idea was that they ought to communicate at once with the County Council.

It was resolved that the Clerk should communicate with the Clerk of the County Council as regards their position in respect to the main roads.

As the evening was now well advanced, the Council at this point decided to adjourn till Wednesday next.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

[By Lady Cook.]

Only a few years ago it would have been thought absurd to expect that a woman could fill any important public office with efficiency. The proposal, for example, that she should become a Poor Law Guardian, was met by general ridicule. But it is confessed now on all sides that the brave ladies who have undertaken this onerous and unpleasant office are to be reckoned among the most valuable members of the Boards on which they sit. It required no small amount of moral courage for them to have taken their seats among a number of men, many of whom were hostile to their admission. However, their intelligent watchfulness, their clear perception of requirements and what is due to the poor and to the ratepayers, their superior knowledge of domestic affairs and of the needs of the sick, the women, and children, and their unswerving honesty of purpose, have extorted the admiration and respect of those who were formerly opposed to them. The ancient prejudice against their participation in public offices still lingers in some of the rural districts, where the inhabitants understand turnip growing far better than social economics; but the educated members, and those who have experienced the value of women's counsel in the administration of parochial matters, are anxious that more women should join their Boards. We do not desire to see a preponderance of either sex on the lists of the Poor Law Guardians, but there can be no doubt that if they were balanced, it would be to the advantage of rich and poor alike.

The fact that women are able to prove their conspicuous equality in administrative capacity on Poor Law Boards, may be traced to the "Municipal Franchise Bill" of 1869, which omitted the word "male" before the word "person" in Section I, and thus restored the municipal franchise to women ratepayers, of which they had been dispossessed by the "Municipal Corporations Act" of 1835, in the same manner that they had been excluded from the Parliamentary franchise by the Reform Act of 1832. This restoration of the power which they had enjoyed until 1835, combined with their general advance in education, has invested them with a consideration which was previously refused. They are now a municipal force, and must be conciliated. They can influence elections, and must be courted. And so the right to sit on Boards of Poor Law Guardians was reluctantly conceded.

But the forebodings of the croakers have not been realised. The sky remains where it was before. No scandals have occurred. There have been no suggestions of flirtations across the table. The men have not fought for the smiles of the lady Guardians. On the contrary, these have often received scant courtesy. Always a small minority, they have had to work strenuously to make their views known. The admiration accorded them has been only a just tribute to their abilities, for it must be said of Englishmen that, although they are often superstitiously wedded to precedents and resent the equality claimed by women, they are, or wish to be, lovers of fair play. They may sometimes believe in unjust theories, but they also believe in what they see.

If it should be said that we exaggerate their stolidity, then we point to the "grill" in the gallery of the House of Commons, where lady listeners to debates are closely immured for fear their bright eyes and pretty faces should cause some luckless senators to wander in their speech. The same men can address a whole gathering of ladies at a Primrose Habitation, or lecture to a mixed audience without a tremor. But, in the House, their jaunty self-assurance would at once desert them if they were to see a lady present. To some this is a pretty fiction that deserves to live; to others, it is an absurdity that should be demolished at once. Members may regard it as astute; we consider it a policy of low cunning to keep women out of the House.

Nevertheless, they are bound to get in, and the sooner the better. They can sit on School Boards and Boards of Guardians, and were elected on the London County Council. But the Judges, in their interpretation of the law as it stands, ousted them from the last body. It is necessary, therefore, that the law should be altered so that the administrative capacities of gifted women may not be lost to County and Municipal Councils. They must have a fair share, too, of magisterial influence as Justices of the Peace. We have broken through the tradition that only a "gentleman" can be a J.P. Publicans, tradesmen, and working mechanics, are now frequently appointed on the ground of representing all classes. But more than half the population is entirely unrepresented. The knowledge and judgment of capable women are ignored. Yet their presence on the bench is equitably requisite whenever a woman is to be tried. When our whole empire, consisting of one-fifth of the world is most ably ruled by one cultured lady, it is nonsense to assert that other women could not act as local magistrates. The case of juries is parallel. Where women are tried, women should be jurors, or both sexes should be tried by an equal number of jurors of each sex. One of our greatest thinkers, J. Stuart Mill, says in his "Subjection of Women":—"Is there so great a superfluity of men fit for high duties, that society can afford to reject the service of any competent person? Are we so certain of always finding a man made to our hands for any duty or function of social importance which falls vacant, that we lose nothing by putting a ban on one half of mankind and refusing beforehand to make their faculties available, however distinguished they may be? And even if we could do without them, would it be consistent with justice to refuse to them their fair share of honour and distinction, or to deny them the equal right of all human beings to chose their occupation (short of injury to others) according to their own preferences, at their own risk? Nor is the injustice confined to them; it is shared by those who are in a position to benefit by their services. To ordain that any kind of persons shall not be physicians, or shall not be advocates, or shall not be members of Parliament, is to injure not them only, but all who employ physicians or advocates, or elect members of Parliament."

Did space permit, we could refer to some of the many women of various times who have been famous for their public abilities, politically and judicially. Whenever free women have been entrusted with power they have used it for the benefit of their country. We could point out that women originally sat in our English Parliaments. And they will sit again, and infuse more honesty and intelligence into politics when they possess the franchise. This privilege is one of the great levers which all patriotic women should endeavour to grasp in order to raise their country's status and to reduce the inequalities of society. It is sometimes difficult to write calmly in face of the wrongs and abuses which have oppressed and still oppress our sex. But we have attempted to place this subject before our readers dispassionately, and we earnestly commend it to their conscientious reflection and enlightened judgment.

THE NEW CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRY.

WORKS TO BE STARTED AT BIRTLEY.

For a considerable time past a scheme for the establishment of works for the manufacture of iron and tin-plate goods has been under the consideration of representatives of various local co-operative societies, and now that land has been purchased and different co-operative societies have taken up shares to an adequate number, the works will be established as early as possible. In all 28 societies are promoting the concern under the name of the Northern Co-operative Iron and Tinplate Productive Society, and shares representing over £1,000 have been taken up. The works are to be erected at Birtley, where an acre of land close to the railway has been bought at a price which the promoters consider advantageous. Chiefly goods for household purposes such as buckets, fenders, and general hardware are to be produced by the new society, and the works will be the means of introducing a new industry into the district. The elections for the directorate of the society have just taken place, with the result that Mr. Henderson, of Blaydon, is chairman, and Mr. Hewison, of Stanley, secretary. Messrs Thornton (Gateshead), Wallace (Jarrow), Charlton (Throckley), Philip Reay (Annfield Plain), and a representative of the Crook Co-operative Society are amongst the list of directors.

The Law About Sewing Machines.—At the Sunderland County Court on Thursday last, John Hunter and Sarah Jane Hunter sued the Jones Sewing Machine Company for £20 compensation for damages sustained by reason of the alleged wrongful seizure of a sewing machine.—The evidence showed that the Hunters had bought a machine from a furniture dealer who had previously secured it in connection with a seizure under an execution from a man named Welch. Four of the Machine Company's agents, it was alleged, came to the Hunters' house when Mrs. Hunter was ill, and seized the machine, that lady suffering in her health in consequence. The Company afterwards returned the machine, but they now counter claimed for its return because of a recent decision in the House of Lords bearing on the case.—Judge Meynell found for the plaintiffs for £5 damages, and found against the counter claim with costs.

Cricket.

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

Consett Excelsirs beat Blackfine Lilywhites, on the former's ground, by 34 runs to 27.

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

MEDOMSLEY v BURNHOPE.

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

MEDOMSLEY.		BURNHOPE.	
R Campbell c Moffatt b Heckels	3	A Heckels run out	6
M Charlton b Gair	24	J Ironsides c & b Dales	14
T D Dales b Gair	0	J Newton st M Charlton b Dales	7
R Cant b Heckels	5	J Robinson b Dales	17
G E Milburn c Atkinson b Gair	0	W Liddle c M Charlton b Dales	0
W Cant b Gair	5	J Gair lbw b Dales	4
M T Milburn c Heckels b Dyson	2	T Dyson b Campbell	0
M Hedley c Rowe b Robinson	58	J Dyson b Campbell	0
W E Charlton b Gair	14	J Moffatt st M Charlton b Dales	1
W Simpson not out	16	M Rowe b Dales	3
B Charlton c Liddle b Robinson	7	W Atkinson not out	3
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	136	Total	59

DURHAM CUP COMPETITION.

QUALIFYING ROUND.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2ND v MEDOMSLEY.

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

MEDOMSLEY.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
W T Hunter b Lancaster	20	J Lancaster c Lovat b Bramley	6
J Veitch c Hall b Robson	0	A Musgrove c Moon	6
W Hunter run out	7	W Oliver b Brown	7
G Moon b Robson	1	J Postle run out	8
P Murphy run out	1	R Robson b Murphy	37
M Murphy not out	15	W Fox b Brown	0
T Bramley c Fox b Lancaster	0	A Charlton st Veitch b Murphy	4
S Wheatley b Robson	3	L Urwin b Lovat	2
J Hunter run out	4	E Hall not out	12
W Brown c Town b Lancaster	5	G Hall b Murphy	2
W Lovat b Robson	0	W R Town b Murphy	6
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total	60	Total	91

BURNOPFIELD v BLACKHALL MILL.

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

BURNOPFIELD.		BLACKHALL MILL.	
J H Cuthbertson b J Wood	5	J Wood b Bell	0
H C Wood c Taylor b J Wood	7	J E Taylor c Bell b Geo Robson	6
G Cooper b J Wood	0	T Greener lbw b Bell	0
G Bell c Russell b Mason	1	J Lonsdale c Wood b G Robson	8
J Weedy run out	12	J Greener b Wood	1
G Robson b Mason	9	A Russell c Cooper b Bell	5
R Dent b Charton	7	W Wood not out	14
R Armstrong c Greener b Mason	2	G Emmerson b G Robson	2
T Robson not out	17	T Dobson c G Robson b Charlton	2
J Charton b Charlton	6	P Charlton b G Robson	0
W McIntosh b Wood	1	W Mason run out	0
Extras	1	Extras	8
Total	68	Total	46

TANFIELD v SOUTH MOOR.

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

SOUTH MOOR.		TANFIELD.	
W Brass c Atthey b Robson	5	T Atthey b Joyce	11
W Robinson c Watson b Robson	14	T Christopher c Joyce b Rutherford	1
T Welsh c Robson b Watson	13	F Rockett c Tindall b Joyce	20
H Joyce c Watson b Robson	36	M Robson c Rutherford b Joyce	16
J Rutherford b Watson	0	W Robinson run out	0
T Tindall not out	29	J Watson c Rutherford b Joyce	3
T Ridley run out	0	W Wallace c Gibbon b Rutherford	5
E Graham c Irwin b Handcock	14	W Handcock c Joyce b Rutherford	0
J Ashcroft c Atthey b Wallace	8	T Mossom c Baker b Joyce	1
T Gibbon to bat		T Irwin not out	0
M Barker to bat		M Pattinson c Tindall b Joyce	0
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total (for 8 wkts) Innings closed.	122	Total	61

BEAMISH v CRAGHEAD.

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

CRAGHEAD.		BEAMISH.	
J Hunter c Humble b Cook	17	H Scott b Railton	2
G Potts c Humble b Brayson	11	R Dorling b Young	1
W Cummings b Cook	0	F Mole b Railton	1
H Young b Finlay	17	Dr McLachlan c Young b Railton	3
N Musgrove b Cook	3	G Humble c Hunter b Young	7
G Hunter st Laybourne b Finlay	9	A Kerr c Young b Railton	8
W Railton b Laybourne	6	M Laybourne c Young b Railton	0
R Holmes c Humble b Finlay	1	H Cook b Young	8
A Halgarth lbw b Laybourne	1	J Brayson run out	2
J Cummings b Finlay	0	W Stoddart not out	0
M Dodds not out	0	G Finlay b Railton	9
Extras	6	Extras	1
Total	71	Total	42

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v CHESTER-LE-STREET.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		CONSETT.	
Kerrich-Walker not out	61	A S Godfrey not out	19
Crichton b Raw	3	Janes b Child	0
Thompson c & b Jones	8	M Williamson b Child	0
Child b Janes	3	F Richardson c Kerrich-Walker b Child	7
J K Bewicke b Raw	0	R S Hay b Child	0
Halliday b Raw	0	A D Wood lbw b W Middleton	1
J Bewicke c Williamson b Janes	14	T Lindsay b W Middleton	3
W Middleton run out	13	W Turnbull b Child	0
T Middleton not out	9	J J Raw b W Middleton	0
Walker to bat		J Askew b Child	3
Stephenson to bat		Kell (sub) b Child	0
Extras	13	Extras	4
Total (for 7 wkts) Innings closed.	124	Total	37

GENTLEMEN OF STEELWORKS v PLAYERS OF PLATEMILLS.

Played at Blackfine, and ended in a victory for the former. Score—

GENTLEMEN.		PLAYERS.	
W Robson c Johnson b Lennox	10	J Cockburn c and b Dowse	0
D Aitkin b Sayers	12	G Sayers c Dowse b Thorpe	1
H Shaw b Sayers	23	E Lennox c Dowse b Thorpe	0
S Bitting b Sayers	0	E Johnson c Thornton b Dowse	6
H Dowse run out	3	W Oliver b Robson	31
O Gray b Wilkinson	0	J Wilkinson c Barnett b Shaw	0
J Barnett st Turnbull b Wilkinson	13	J Turnbull c Aitken b Thornton	20
J Malpass not out	23	H Bennett run out	0
J Little b Sayers	7	R Walton run out	1
J Thornton b Sayers	0	J Dick b Robson	9
J Robson b Dick	3	D Killgower c Thorpe b Bitting	0
S Turnbull run out	3	J A Jack c Thornton b Robson	0
J Thorpe b Lennox	8	A Siddle not out	0
Extras	2	Extras	7
Total	107	Total	75

DURHAM CITY 2ND v CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

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

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		DURHAM.	
T R Hall b Wilson	0	A Bell c Gowings b Clifford	24
R Garbutt lbw b Bell	33	A Prince lbw b Garbutt	3
F F Hutchinson b Bell	48	W R Wilson not out	71
J Davidson c Wilson b Bell	5	Dr Hill run out	20
J Curry c Prince b Wilson	3	W F Gilliland lbw b Crichton	0
J Cowings b Bell	5	T Smith c Clifford b Hutchinson	5
C Graves run out	0	Crossley b Davidson	0
J W Morgan c Wilson b Bell	0	J Duncanson run out	6
W Cowing b Wilson	0	J Smith b Garbutt	0
J Clifford b Wilson	0	W Thompson c Hall b Hutchinson	6
L Crichton not out	3	E Laidler b Garbutt	0
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	99	Total	138

STANHOPE v RODDAM'S ELEVEN.

A match was played at Stanhope on Saturday between Stanhope and Mr Hugh Roddam's eleven. The latter included some crack players, among whom were W. Hirst and others of similar calibre. Stanhope won by 61 against the visitors' 40. The Stanhope bowlers (J. W. Roddam and J. Dixon) were in splendid form. The Stanhope team have now won three matches in succession.

SWALWELL UNITED v STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

Played at Swalwell, and resulted in a draw, the game being stopped through a heavy downpour of rain. Score—

SWALWELL.		STANLEY.	
S Minns run out	2	W Rutherford b Robson	3
G Cameron c Brown b Smith	12	R Gibson c Short b Bruce	8
T Barry c Brown b Smith	12	W T Brown c Minns Bruce	5
A Fletcher b Smith	2	R Noble b Bruce	6
M Lawson c Brown b Wood	1	S Wood b Robson	7
J Bruce run out	4	R Knox not out	6
Rev J Short c Noble b Smith	5	J Jewitt not out	4
J Robson not out	9	Bennett to bat	
T Hopwood b Beckwith	0	Smith to bat	
S Conlon b Beckwith	4	Beckwith to bat	
T Lumley b Smith	2	Sub. to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	2
Total	60	Total	35

DIPTON 2ND v SPEN.

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

DIPTON.		SPEN.	
P Graham b Robinson	12	G Webster b Thompson	8
W Thompson b Birkett	2	E Aymers c Coates b Barron	2
N Freek b Birkett	12	R Aymers lbw b Thompson	0
J Brown run out	7	E Emmerson b Thompson	9
R Coates b Robinson	14	J Ripley run out	1
J Spinks b Robinson	4	R Ripley b Coates	5
R Oughton run out	7	J Birkett b Thompson	0
T Burton b Birkett	0	M Richardson b Coates	0
R Freek c & b Birkett	3	F Robinson b Coates	5
J Curry b Robinson	2	T Eltringham not out	1
R Tuson not out	0	R Webster run out	0
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	65	Total	36

SACRISTON v HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

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

SACRISTON.		HOUGHTON.	
F Robson b Thorman	27	W Johnson b Winn	2
J Taylor b Coburn	12	T Leanard c Jameson b Winn	4
J R Jameson b Coburn	22	G Johnson c & b Winn	3
W Swindle c Richardson b Coburn	17	J Chesterton c Champness b Robson	0
W R Champness not out	27	L Thorman b Robson	0
J Green c Johnson b Coburn	12	J Coburn not out	16
T Henderson b Coburn	3	H Fenwick run out	0
M W Robinson b Cob'rn	6	J Wallace b Robson	0
R Taylor b Coburn	0	J Richardson b Robson	9
R Golightly b Coburn	0	W Coburn run out	3
M Winn run out	0	J Dixon run out	1
Extras	7	Extras	5
Total	128	Total	43

HEDLEY HILL v TANTOBIE.

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

TANTOBIE.		HEDLEY HILL.	
G Keller hit wkt b Brown	0	A Tomlinson c Bowes b Keller	0
M Fletcher c Greener b Brown	12	J Agar run out	5
R Keller b Brown	0	E Thompson b Keller	5
J Harrison b Morallee	0	W H Morallee b Hall	8
J Bowes run out	4	E Stones b Tyson	4
W Hodgson b Brown	0	A Green b Hall	0
J Charlton b Brown	4	D Brown b Tyson	3
W Hall b Brown	3	J Barron b Keller	3
J Atchinson b Brown	0	T Charlton not out	3
J Tyson b Morallee	3	J Agar b Tyson	0
R Atchinson not out	0	W Jackson b Keller	0
Extras	4	Extras	6
Total	30	Total	38

CONSETT Y.M. 2ND v SHOTLEY GROVE 2ND.

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

Y.M.		SHOTLEY GROVE.	
J Hull b Hope	2	E Pallister c Robson b Pratt	7
R Tindle c Hope b Pallister	1	R Hope c Hall b Pratt	4
W Robson c Forster b Pallister	12	J Harper b Pratt	1
W Walton b Pallister	2	T Gorman b Pratt	1
E Pratt b Hope b Pallister	0	D West c Marshall b Walton	4
I Richards b Pallister	0	P Campbell b Pratt	0
G Turner c & b Pallister	5	R Barnes c Johnson b Walton	0
D Marshall run out	3	T Hetherington b Walton	0
T Raw c Campbell b Harper	0	F Jackson b Pratt	0
W Atkinson b Pallister	2	T Forster not out	0
J Johnson not out	0	H McNair c & b Pratt	0
Extras	6	Extras	0
Total	33	Total	17

CONSETT WHITE STAR v DELVES LANE.

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

CONSETT.		DELVES LANE.	
J Winter run out	3	Bell b Tyndle	1
G Liddle run out	0	Gowland c Suddes b Tyndle	5
T Niminey b Cummings	0	Morgan b Tyndale	0
J Bridgewater c Bell b Minto	16	Collin b Bridgewater	2
C Tyndale b Cummings	2	Cummings b Bridgewater	1
J Suddes b Cummings	0	Minto run out	4
F Rawes c Harris b Cummings	8	Dryden b Rawes	3
D O'Neil c Bell b Minto	2	Harris b Niminey	3
G Chapman c Collin b Minto	1	Bell b Rawes	0
J Sullivan b Collin	0	Harris b Niminey	4
E Bridgewater c Collin b Minto	0	Dryden not out	1
Extras	14	Extras	9
Total	44	Total	33

LITTLEBURN v CORNSAY.

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

LITTLEBURN.		CORNSAY.	
H Young b Slater	1	W Hodgson b Willins	14
W Furnival b Turnbull	1	J Hodgson b Simpson	0
F Bradley run out	5	G Turnbull b Willins	0
S Shields b Slater	3	H Winter b Willins	7
J Willins b Turnbull	5	J Slater b Willins	0
W Simpson lbw b Milburn	29	G Simpson c Bradley b Willins	0
J Brown b Simpson	0	J Race c Furnival b Willins	6
F Horne b Slater	12	H Lowes b Willins	0
J Grainger b Slater	0	J Daglish not out	0
W Liddle b Milburn	0	W Dowson b Willins	0
J Herron not out	0	J Milburn b Simpson	9
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	58	Total	41

MARLEY HILL v BURNOPFIELD 2ND.

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

MARLEY HILL.		BURNOPFIELD.	
F Hutchinson c and b Allen	7	T Allen run out	2
P Sharp b Allen	5	R Bruce lbw b Douglas	2
T Morton b Walton	0	G Wilkinson b Douglas	0
J Ringer b Allen	2	G Wood b Ringer	4
M Douglas b Walton	1	T Campbell b Douglas	2
J Croft c Wood b Allen	10	J English c Ringer b Douglas	9
H Hutchinson c Allen b Walton	7	R Walton b Ringer	3
R Pattison c & b Allen	0	R Davison b Ringer	3
T Turnbull c Handcock b Allen	0	W Jefferson run out	0
E Saunder not out	2	T Handcock b Douglas	4
J Lee b Walton	0	Davis not out	0
Extras	1	Extras	3
Total	35	Total	32

DIPTON P.M. v CONSETT Y.M.

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

CONSETT.		DIPTON.	
F Siddle b Peel	2	T Jessop b Spencer	13
J Wilson b Bragg	1	M Swinbank b Spencer	1
J Spencer b Peel	26	W Bell hit wkt	2
J Jones c Bell b Peel	2	R Kelly c Spencer b Jones	0
J E Colling b Bragg	0	J Bragg b Spencer	3
J Love c Bragg b Peel	0	P Cockburn b Jones	0
T Wood b Bragg	4	W Lowson b Spencer	1
J Smith run out	1	T Williams b Spencer	1
J Borrow not out	0	J Peel b Jones	5
J Overall run out	4	J Williams b Spencer	8
W Tilley b Bragg	0	R Herdman not out	5
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	41	Total	39

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

A WEAK TEAM AND THE RESULT.

Saturday's game at Chester-le-Street can scarcely be termed a fair trial of strength between the "citizens" and Consett, inasmuch as the visitors were represented by the poorest eleven that has done duty for the club this season. Siddell, Walton, and Jones were all unable to play, and this considerably weakened the batting. But, taking everything into consideration, I am decidedly of opinion that the Consett men should have made a better show. The home innings was chiefly remarkable for the fine display of Kerrich-Walker, who went in first, and when the "closure" was put into force with the score standing at 124 for seven wickets, the Chester skipper was still not out, having 61 to his credit out of 111 made off the bat. Kerrich-Walker's batting dwarfed all the efforts of his colleagues, the most successful of whom were Jim Bewick (14), W. Middleton (13 not out), and T. Middleton. J. J. Raw (a recruit from the 2nd team) bowled capitally for the visitors, clean bowling such noted bats as Crichton, Jack Bewick, and Halliday. Raw is certainly deserving of a further trial.

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The Consett venture can be easily summed up, as, with the exception of Godfrey, no one exhibited the least ability to cope with the splendid bowling of Child (the home pro.) and "Pep" Middleton. The visitors' skipper opened the innings with Janes, and carried his bat right through, scoring 19 out of the total of 37. No less than six men failed to trouble the scorers at all. The breakdown of the Consett batting was complete, and caused much surprise, as it was totally unexpected. Child did a grand performance, his seven wickets (six clean bowled) being obtained at a cost of only two runs each. "Pep" Middleton secured the other three for 19.

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A GOOD VICTORY FOR MEDOMSLEY.

Great interest was taken in the return Junior League fixture at Medomsley on Saturday, wherein the home club opposed Burnhope. The game was in some respects a remarkable one, for the reason that whereas for some time the visitors completely held the upper hand, the luck suddenly changed, with the result that Medomsley ultimately left off easy winners. M. Charlton and Campbell opened the home innings to the attack of Gair and Heckels, and with 11 runs on the board Campbell was well taken at leg by Moffatt. Dales came in, and to the jubilation of the Burnhope men, was clean bowled (middle stick) by the third ball he received from Gair. Then for a time wickets fell fast. R. Cant was dismissed by Heckels with a "soft" ball, G. E. Milburn was easily taken at point, W. Cant was beaten by Gair, and M. T. Milburn was splendidly caught in the long field by Heckels. Then Charlton, who had played excellent cricket for his 24, was sent back by Gair. In this way seven wickets were down for 40, and the visitors seemed to have victory within their grasp.

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However, on M. Hedley and W. E. Charlton becoming associated, a splendid stand was made, and it was not until the total had reached 73 that Charlton was bowled for an invaluable 14. With Simpson in, the score again leapt up, Hedley (who was now well set) batting in grand form. The two defied all efforts to separate them till the score stood at 125, when Hedley was finely caught at long-on for a magnificent 58, marred by only one chance when he had scored about 45. At the outset, Hedley (who is only about 18 years of age) was not at all comfortable, but when he had settled down he showed fine form, hitting hard when opportunity offered, and placing the ball with excellent judgment. He has a nice free style, and should do good service for Medomsley, who are extremely fortunate in having secured such a promising young player. The home innings came to a conclusion shortly afterwards for 136—the last three wickets having added 96 runs to the total—Simpson taking out his bat for 16. I ought to mention that Burnhope were greatly handicapped owing to Robinson being very lame, but the latter pluckily went on when the home club were piling on the runs, and bowled extremely well too.

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Heckels and Ironsides commenced the big task set visitors, Dales and W. Cant sharing the bowling. In attempting a dangerous short run, the Burnhope captain was run out. It must have been a desperately near thing, and the Burnhope supporters were scarcely satisfied with the decision. Soon after, Ironsides was out to one of the finest catches it has ever been my good fortune to witness. The batsman named drove the ball back to Dales with tremendous force, and whilst every one was looking for it reaching the boundary, Dales was seen to thrown it up, having effected a marvellous catch. This feat called forth loud cheers from all present, the visitors equally as hearty in their applause as the home supporters. Robinson (17) was the only one of the succeeding batmen to give any trouble. Dales's "breaks" puzzling them more than a little. The innings ultimately closed for 59, Dales being credited with seven wickets for 28 runs, and thus fully atoning for his failure with the bat.

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A CLOSE FINISH AT WHICKHAM.

An exciting match was played at Whickham on Saturday between South Tanfield (Oxhill) and Whickham clubs. Unfortunately, heavy rain fell just previous to the commencement of the match, which made the pitch very slow, and rendered scoring a difficult matter. The home captain correctly named the spin of the coin, and for some reason decided to take the field! At the time there was only six or seven of the Whickham men present—a state of things very trying to a skipper's patience—and "subs" had to be found for the absentees. The visitors' batting was of a very uneven character, eight wickets being down for about 30 runs, but the last two men raised the score to 66. Palmer played a fine not out innings of 31 for his side, and although it was marred by two or three chances, he thoroughly deserved the warm reception his clubmates gave him at the finish. G. Cheesman bowled very finely up to the time he was taken off, his analysis reading—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
G. Cheesman	13	10	6	4

His last seven overs were consecutive maidens.

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On Whickham taking up the run-getting, the same uneven batting which characterised the Tanfield venture was observable, three wickets being down for four runs, and five for 18; but on T. B. Mowbray and Thynn becoming associated, a different complexion was put upon the aspect of the game. Mowbray, after adding 24 in his usual finished style, was most unfortunately—owing to a mistake badly run out. Thynn contributed 15 to the score before he was sent back. Thynn is one of the best bats in the Whickham club, but, owing to a poor state of health, he, so far this season, has done little or nothing. One or two good scores may reasonably be expected from "Billy" ere the season expires. The home innings eventually closed for 72, Whickham thus winning by six runs only.

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BURNOPFIELD AGAIN BEAT BLACKHALL MILL.

Owing to circumstances which I need not recount, the return match between the above teams excited a wonderful amount of interest at Blackhall Mill on Saturday. I understand that Burnopfield were anxious to have neutral umpires for the game, and wrote Mr Ramsay to this effect, but the latter was unable to comply with the request. However, the visitors substituted another umpire (Mr Ferguson) for the one objected to at Burnopfield. The latter batted first, and put together 68—T. Robson (17 not out), Weedy (12), and G. Robson showing the best form. On the Blackhall Mill side, the only man to offer any lengthy resistance to the trundling of G Robson and Bell was W. Wood (14 not out), and the whole side was dismissed for 46. Robson took four wickets at a cost of only six runs.

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I very much regret to say that, judging from the statement supplied to me by a correspondent, the match was far from being a pleasant one. When the home team were batting, one of them was given out "lbw" by the Burnopfield umpire, whereupon he knocked the wicket down, and went away swearing vengeance against the umpire. At the conclusion of the game (my informant adds) the same man came to the umpire and wanted to fight him. As Mr Ferguson was going off with Mr Wood, they were pelted with stones by some boys, and unfortunately a lad with Mr Ferguson had his head split open, whilst Mr Ferguson himself received a blow on the arm. All I can say is, if such scenes as have been enacted in connection with the Cup Competition this season are the result of that competition, the sooner it is abolished the better. At any rate, if it is continued, let us at least have neutral umpires. I don't say that this will entirely meet the evil—for evil it is—but I can safely assert that it will do away with a considerable amount of the bickering and ill-feeling which now characterises our Junior League and Cup Competition games. This is a question the County Committee should deal with at once, as the harm being done to the game under the present state of affairs is incalculable.

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BEAMISH DEFEATED.

For the first time this season in the Cup Competition, Beamish suffered defeat on Saturday, and that on their own ground too, Craghead—who have been running second to the home team all the season—being the club to bring about their downfall, with the result that Saturday's winners now head the table. There was nothing startling in the scoring line on either side. Craghead batted first, and, thanks principally to the efforts of J. Hunter (17), Young (17), Potts (11), and G. Hunter, managed to put together 71. The best of the home bowlers were—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
M. Laybourne	7	4	7	2
G. Finlay	17	8	16	4
H. Cook	15	4	21	3

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Although the total against them did not appear to be a very formidable one—taking into consideration what they have accomplished on previous occasions—Beamish found the deliveries of Railton and Young altogether too much for them. Not one of the home batsmen managed double figures, Finlay coming nearest with nine, whilst Cook, Kerr, and Humble proved the best of the remainder. The aggregate amounted to 42, made up from the following bowling—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
W. Railton	13	3	23	6
H. Young	13	6	18	3

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SOUTH MOOR "DECLARE" AND WIN.

At Tanfield, on Saturday, the home team had to put up with another reverse, South Moor doing the trick in handsome fashion. Several of the visitors showed capital form with the bat notably Joyce (36), Tindall (29 not out), Robinson (14), Graham (14), and Welsh (13), and as a consequence South Moor decided to adopt the "closure" when they had totalled 122 for the loss of eight wickets. Notwithstanding that Tanfield made a promising start—Rockett (20), Robson (16), and Atthey (11) all doing well—the last few wickets fell for next to nothing, and the whole team were out for exactly half the visitors' total—viz., 61. Joyce and Rutherford bowled finely for the winners, and after they had got rid of the first three or four batsmen, carried all before them. Tanfield are certainly "down on their luck," but I trust that an improvement will set in ere long.

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SACRISTON WIN EASILY.

Sacriston administered a decisive defeat to Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, the latter having no less than 85 runs the worst of the argument. Curiously enough, the first six men on the home side all reached double figures, while the last five only raised three runs between them. Champness took out his bat for a capital 27, Robson also being credited with the same number, while Jameson made 22, Swindle 17, Taylor 13, and Greene 12. The visitors were quickly dismissed by Robson and Urwin for 43, three men losing their wickets through bad judgment in running. J. Coburn (16 not out) shaped well, his best supporter being Richardson.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE VICTORIOUS.

Shotley Bridge entertained Medomsley 2nd on Saturday, and succeeded in obtaining a point out of visitors in the Cup Competition. W. T. Hunter (20) and M. Murphy (15 not out) played well for Medomsley, whose total reached 60. The home club responded with 91, the chief honours being easily borne off by Robson (37), E. Hall coming second with 12 (not out.) Only one of the Shotley men failed to score. Robson and Lancaster bowled well for the winners, as did M. Murphy for the losers.

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BURNOPFIELD v BLACKHALL MILL.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue you published a letter from the hon. sec. of the Blackhall Mill Club, which, to say the least, was a "wide." If Mr Dodds was aiming at the truth, he certainly requires a lot of practice. He, however, exhibits a wonderful amount of nerve when he accuses the crowd of hampering the fielders. Sir, I defy any crowd to give fielders more fairplay. As for barefaced decisions if you happen to see "the cake" in your district Mr "L.B.W." kindly hand it over to the "Millites." It is theirs, for they certainly won it at the match in question. "Barefaced decisions" indeed! What do you think, sir, of an umpire (I am not referring to last Saturday's match) giving a man out "caught," and after the game asking him where the ball hit him; or of a batsman on being given out venting the furiousness of his wrath, anger, and displeasure upon the wickets, like a spoiled, passionate schoolboy! I regret Mr Dodds' hopes for a pleasant game last Saturday were not realised, as it can scarcely be called pleasant for a club to have their umpire stoned away. Never mind, "Millites," dry up your tears and have another try for the trophy next year, and the first time you accept defeat manfully in a cup match, "may I be there to see." Apologising for trespassing on your space,—I am, sir, yours truly,

R. Dand.

Northcote Street, Newcastle,
July 1st, 1895.

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Sir,—Being interested in cricket, and a spectator at the above game played at Burnopfield, I must say I was greatly astonished at the letter appearing in your last issue, signed by the secretary of the Blackhall Mill club. At the outset, I may candidly say that such a piece of impertinence is as slanderous as it is uncalled for. To be brief, I will try to answer Mr Dodds' epistle. With regard to Blackhall Mill's doings in the Cup Competition last year, I say all honour to them for the plucky fight they made, and no club wished them success more than Burnopfield. Having beaten our team twice, we accepted such defeat quietly, and wished for "better luck next time," which certainly has been our lot, as we have won all cup-ties up to date this season. But has Blackhall Mill acted towards us with the same friendly feeling? No, they find a team this year superior to themselves, and instead of acknowledging such manfully—i.e., I use his own phrase—they try to bring disgrace upon our club by inserting such base and untrue accusations in your greatly-perused cricket column. Happily for Burnopfield, they are in a position to deny point blank all such falsehoods, and Mr Dodds' remarks about the "twelfth man" are most unfair; and I may safely say that had Mr Dodds's experience of cricket been as great as that of our "twelfth man," then he would have perhaps thought twice before he leapt. And now about his remarks alluding to the football player charging one of their fielders. Well, now, this is certainly the most barefaced falsehood in his letter, as our football players desire to preserve themselves for their own game when September arrives, and not run the risk of having their precious limbs maimed by so unsportsmanlike a set as Blackhall Mill have proved to be. If Blackhall Mill fielders had to hunt amongst a crowd, surely their captain could have appealed to the home captain, and I am sure he would have received the utmost civility from that gentleman. Yes, Mr Dodds, the Cup Competition was promoted to encourage cricket, and while Burnopfield endeavour to win by principle and superiority, Blackhall Mill do "vice-versa." Now we come to the return match on Saturday last, which, in his letter, he hoped would be pleasant and peaceable. On this occasion Burnopfield had to leave home without one of their crack bowlers (Allen), yet nevertheless they fairly and squarely defeated the "Millites" by 23 runs, and when the result was made known here, I, along with other sympathisers, uncovered my head and sorrowfully exclaimed, "Oh, Mr Dodds, to think that such an unforeseen catastrophy should occur"; but, alas, it was only too true. And how did the Blackhall Millites accept their defeat? Like a pack of lunatics. They even went the length of pelting their visitors away with stones, with the result that a person was badly cut in the head. Some abler pen than mine may perhaps describe Saturday's occurrence, but I sincerely trust it will be brought before the proper authorities, and that it will receive the punishment it so richly merits. Thanking you in anticipation,—I remain, yours, &c.,

W. H. D.

Burnopfield, July 1st, 1895.

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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

(Northern Division.)

The following table shows how the clubs now stand:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Sunderland	6	3	0	3	3
South Shields	8	3	1	4	2
Whitburn	6	1	1	4	0
Consett	4	1	2	1	—1
Philadelphia	7	1	2	4	—1
North Durham	5	0	3	2	—3

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DURHAM COUNTY CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

Northern Division, Durham Centre, B Group.

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

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(SOUTHERN DIVISION).

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

	Played	Won	Lost	Dwn	Pts
Stockton	5	2	1	2	1
West Hartlepool	5	2	1	2	1
Darlington	4	2	2	0	0
Chester-le-Street	5	2	2	1	0
Durham City	3	0	2	1	—2

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MEMS.

The return match between Swalwell and Stanley and District had unfortunately to be abandoned, owing to the heavy rain, when the game stood in a very interesting position, Swalwell having scored 60, and Stanley 35 for the loss of five wickets. There was thus every prospect of an exciting finish.

Medomsley's score of 136 on Saturday did not contain a single "bye," the two "extras" given being both wides. This is a testimony to the excellent work done by the Burnhope long-stop.

After their admirable show on Saturday against Beamish, Craghead should certainly obtain first place in their division of the Cup Competition.

It would be difficult to say how much of their success Craghead owe to the splendid work done by Railton and Young with both bat and ball—but more especially the latter—during the present season.

Burnopfield should have little difficulty in securing premier honours in their division.

Consett have a stiff task before them to-morrow, when they tackle the powerful Sunderland club on the Ashbrooke ground. I wish our local men good luck.

I beg to thank Mr M. Dodds, of Craghead, for kindly supplying me with the table of the Durham City Centre of the Cup Competition.

The match on the Blackfine ground last Saturday was a most amusing one, and caused roars of laughter amongst the large crowd present.

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MATCHES WANTED.

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

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

A HUSBAND AND WIFE CASE.

At the Moot Hall Police Court, Newcastle, on Saturday, before Mr. Spencer and other magistrates a man named Stephen Bell was charged with assaulting his wife.—Complainant deposed that on the 22nd inst., the defendant came home in an intoxicated condition, and, after using bad language to her, struck her a violent blow on the back of the head. Complainant gave her husband no provocation whatever for such conduct. Complainant applied to the Bench for a separation order as she was afraid to live with defendant any longer. He had often ill-used her and she was afraid of her life. Some time ago defendant was committed at Consett to three months imprisonment for assaulting her.—Bell did not deny the charge, and he was ordered to pay the costs of the court—15/-. A separation order was also made, defendant to contribute 10/- a week towards the maintenance of his wife and family.

FOOTBALL.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

A meeting of the above League will be held at the Mason's Arms, Middle Street, Consett, on July 31st, at 7 o'clock, for to arrange fixtures. Any teams wishing to join are requested to send two representatives.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS A.F.C.

On Saturday evening, the members of the above club held their first annual supper and smoker at their headquarters, the Mason's Arms Hotel, Consett. Upwards of 50 members and friends sat down and partook of a splendid supper provided for the occasion by Mr Courtney, Consett. After the supper a smoker was held, presided over by Mr T Skelton. Songs were sung by R Russel, F B Howatt, T and J Ellis, B McKie, and several others, a pleasant and enjoyable evening being spent by all present.

CONSETT CLUB.

At a special meeting of this club, held at the club's headquarters, Burton Hotel, Consett, it was unanimously agreed to run a second team, also a junior team in the coming season. It was reported that the first team had become members of the Derwent Valley League, for which there was a capital list of fixtures arranged. The officers for the second team were elected as follows:—Captain, J Sisterson; vice-captain, A Lindsay. The election of the junior team officers were left over till another meeting. The second team have all dates vacant, which they would like filled up. The secretary is Mr A E Kappster, Consett.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

A meeting in connection with the above League was held on Saturday at the headquarters, Towneley Arms, Rowland's Gill. Mr J Bennett, Byer Moor, president, presided over a full attendance, all the clubs being represented. The rules were revised, the most notable alteration being the fee for referees, which was raised to 4s and third-class train fare. All the fixtures were mutually arranged, and a strong list of referees appointed. Mr H Millbank, representing Birtley Reserve, intimated that their team were sorry, but compelled to withdraw from the League, owing to the compulsory action of the Northern Alliance committee in forcing them to join the newly-formed Second Division in connection with that body. The committee accepted the resignation. The League is once again in complete working order, and with such excellent officials as Mr Bennett (president) and Mr Wm Smith (hon. sec.) at its head, the coming season is bound to be an exciting and interesting one for those clubs included in the league.

MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Swifts Juniors A.F.C. would like to arrange fixtures with good junior teams; ages, 15 to 17.—Apply R. J. Mullen, 17, Puddlers Row, Consett.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT EBCHESTER.

An elderly man, named Robert Bell (77), was discovered on Wednesday week suspended by a rope from an apple tree in the orchard connected with Ebchester Hill. He was badly injured about the neck when cut down, and it is feared that he will not recover.

EMIGRANTS' INFORMATION OFFICE.

Westminster, S.W.—The July Circulars of the Emigrants' Information Office and the Annual Editions of the Handbooks show the present prospects of emigration. There is no demand for mechanics in Canada, and in large towns line Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, many men have been unable to obtain employment in their respective trades. Farm labourers who intend to emigrate this year should start at once, as farmers seldom take on fresh hands after the harvest is over: the demand for female servants in towns and on farms is still unsatisfied. The lowest fare to Australia has been raised, and now stands at £14 14s a head. In New South Wales the long-continued troubles at the collieries appear at last to be settled, as the miners have resolved that all strikes should cease, and that terms should be made with the employers. The Superintendent of the Government Labour Bureau at Sydney recently reported that there were from 8,000 to 10,000 persons unemployed in that city and the suburbs, and that others in search of employment were coming in from country districts. Large numbers of coal miners, compositors, clerks, accountants, men in the building trades, professional men, and especially of general labourers, had registered themselves as unemployed during the past year, most of whom were sent up country to prospect for gold, and had done fairly well. The rates of wages during the year shewed a reduction all round, but the cost of living also has fallen, and is now very small. The report of the Royal Commission on the Civil Service states that the service is considerably overmanned and overpaid, and recommends various reductions. In Victoria there is no demand for more labour, trade being still very depressed. The latest returns of Victorian manufactures generally shew considerable decreases in the number of men and women employed; but in a few industries, such as butter and cheese factories, the numbers have risen. The harvest returns for 1894-5 shew, as compared with those of 1893-4, a large decrease in the yield of wheat, but increases in the yields of oats, potatoes, hay, and especially barley. The export of butter has largely increased, but that of cheese is small. There is a good opening in the dairying industry for experienced men with a little capital. To alleviate the general want of employment in the Colony, the Government is starting as many public works as possible, and is employing considerable numbers of men in reducing the gradients on the railways, and in the reclamation of swamp lands.

In South Australia there is no demand for mechanics anywhere: in country districts the principal demand is for married couples for farms and stations, shearers, grooms and coachmen for private service, shepherds, married farm labourers, with or without daughters able to work, lads for farms, single men for hotels and private service, country blacksmiths, single farm labourers, ploughmen, &c., but there is a large supply on the spot, and there is no opening for fresh hands.

In Queensland the supply of mechanics in the building and other trades at Brisbane, Bundaberg, &c., is quite sufficient, but in parts, as round Rockhampton, a few ploughmen are wanted. In Western Australia experienced gold miners with a little money can do well: but there is no general demand for mechanics; land is inexpensive and offers good openings to small farmers. Tasmania is well supplied with all kinds of labour, and the wages of miners on parts of the West Coast have been reduced; the cost of living has declined during the last year or two. In New Zealand trade, especially in the large towns, has, with some few exceptions, been dull; but in spite of the depressed times, mechanics can do better there than in Australia, and great facilities are offered to agriculturists who wish to take up land. With a view to helping the unemployed and promoting land settlement, the Government is initiating in both Islands a large scheme for road-making and the erection of saw-mills, to be worked as far as possible upon co-operative lines.

The fare to Cape Colony is now as low as £8 8s. Considerable numbers of emigrants have continued to arrive in the Colony for some time past, with the result that many of them, and especially those who remained in Cape Town, have been unable to find employment. It is unadvisable, therefore, for persons to emigrate to the Colony at the present time, unless they have a little money to keep them on arrival. The supply of really qualified teachers for the lower grades of schools is still far short of the demand, although there are promising signs of change: in the case of first and second class schools the supply is much better. In Natal, work has been very dull in the building and other trades at Pietermaritzburg, and several hands at the woollen factory at Newcastle—the only one in the Colony—have been discharged. It should be noted that the police in British Bechuanaland are recruited locally, and that there is a sufficient supply of recruits on the spot.

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CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, July 1st.—Before J. W. Walton-Wilson, (presiding), Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, and J. T. Potts, Esqs.

Drunkenness.

A large number of persons, hailing from Consett, Blackhill, Leadgate, Dipton, Burnopfield, and Lintz Colliery, were proceeded against for this offence, and convicted.

Damaging a Wall.

Two youths, named William Harrison and James Smith, of Blackhill, were charged with doing damage to a wall the property of the Consett Iron Company, on the 10th ult.—P.C. Crisp attested that on this particular day he saw the defendants climb over the wall, and then trespass down a grass field. The damage to the wall amounted to 2d each.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were each fined 1/-, the damage, and costs.

Damaging Grass at Burnopfield.

John Steele, an old man, was proceeded against for trespassing in a field adjoining to Mr. Wm. Callender, farmer, Burnopfield, on the 22nd June, doing damage to the grass to the amount of 3d.—P.C. Wall stated that he saw the defendant come down the wood side, and then laid himself down in the clover field.—Defendant denied the offence.—The Bench imposed a fine of 1/-, the damage and costs.

Pitch and Toss.

Edward Greener, John Gallagher, and George Stammerman were summoned for playing at pitch and toss near Mountsett, on the 9th ult.—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Tomlinson deposed that on this particular afternoon, he discovered the three defendants playing pitch and toss on a footpath leading from Mountsett to Hill Top. When the defendants saw him they ran away.—The defendants all declared that it was impossible for the officer to see them playing.—The Bench found them guilty, and ordered a fine of 7/6 each and costs to be paid.

Highway Act.

Thomas Routledge, of Derwent Cottages, was charged with allowing his cows to stray on the highway, on the 15th June.—P.C. Wright attested he was on duty near the Hat and Feather Inn, Derwent Cottages, when he saw the defendant's cows straying on the highway.—Defendant stated that the cows were not straying. On this particular day they had just been turned out from milking, and were on the road to the field when the officer came on the scene, and found fault.—Defendant was let off with a caution.

Obscene Language.

Hannah Bell, married woman, was charged under the Towns Police Clauses' Act, with using obscene language at Consett on the 16th ult.—Sergt. Dryden averred that he received information of a disturbance going on in Sunderland Street. On proceeding to the place he heard the defendant use some most disgraceful obscene language.—Defendant denied the offence, and declared she never used the language complained of. The Sergt. was never present.—The magistrates inflicted a penalty of 1/- and 7/- costs.

THE FATE OF A LOCAL RACE HORSE.

A BAD CASE OF CRUELTY.

Matthew Kelly and Peter Smith, hawkers and horse dealers, Newcastle, failed to appear to answer a charge of cruelty to a horse at Ebchester, on the 13th ult.—P.C. Eland stated that on the night of the 13th June, about 10 o'clock, whilst on duty at Ebchester, in company with P.C. Dixon, they saw a mare tied up in the yard behind the Chelmsford Hotel. They noticed that one of its fore legs appeared to be broken, and the animal was suffering great pain. They remained in the village, and shortly afterwards Kelly came down the street, leading the mare, followed by the man Smith. The mare was very lame, and was travelling on three legs, being unable to put the off fore leg upon the ground.

Witness asked the man to whom the animal belonged, and he answered "Me and Smith." He ordered the mare to be put into the stable, and examined her, and found her off fore leg to be very much swollen; the bone having apparently been broken.—Inspector Thos. Mabon, Consett, gave evidence of examining the mare in the stable on the following day, and ascertained that the bone in the fore leg seemed to be in two different positions, and the animal could not stand upon the same. The mare was suffering great pain, and the leg was very much swollen. He went down into the village, and saw the two defendants, and he informed them that he would not allow the mare to leave the stable till it had been shot. He returned to Ebchester later on, and found the two defendants had taken the mare out of the stable, shot it, and taken the carcase away on a flat to Newcastle.

In answer to Mr. Van Haansbergen, the Inspector stated the bone seemed to be broken, and he never saw a worse case of cruelty in his life.—Inspector Kennedy R.S.P.C.A., also spoke to the off fore leg being broken. He was told that the leg had been fractured at Hawick races a little over 12 months ago. There were signs of a recent injury. The mare was well-known on local race-courses, running under the name of East Lynne. The animal had changed hands on different occasions, and if it had been worked during the past 12 months she must have suffered a great deal of agony. A young man named Robson, of Newcastle, stated that his brother purchased the carcase from the two defendants. He heard the defendants say that if "they had only got the horse to Newcastle instead of being stopped at Ebchester, his brother would not have got the carcase, as they had a customer for her, who would have had the mare sent to Antwerp." (Laughter).

Mr. Brown, veterinary surgeon, Newcastle, who made a post-mortem examination, described the injuries received by the mare. The fore leg had been broken a long while ago, but there was a recent injury, which had evidently been caused by the animal having been travelling on the road.—The magistrates found the defendants guilty, and sentenced them each to three months' hard labour, and ordered them to pay the costs, or undergo another 14 days' imprisonment.

A Black Man in Trouble.

William Bell, a black man, hailing from Newcastle, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at West Stanley, on Saturday night.—P.C. Iceton stated that he found the defendant intoxicated, and obstructing the footpath. He refused to go away when requested. Defendant denied he was intoxicated. He stated that he was disposing of some goods in the market-place, and was requested to leave by the police. He refused to do so, because he had paid for his stand.—The magistrates said they would discharge him if he would leave the town. This defendant promised to do so, and he was accordingly let out of the dock. Defendant quitted the court with a smile on his countenance.

Breach of the Peace.

Cornelius McAloon, miner, was charged by P.C. Crabb with fighting at Leadgate, on the 1st June.—He stated the defendant was fighting with another man named Edward McAloon, in a backyard behind a beerhouse. The other man was convicted at the last court.—Defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months and defray the costs.

A Disturbance at Consett.

Hannah Scott, widow, of Edith Street, Consett, and her daughter named Mary Jane Pescod, were summoned for committing an assault on Mary Ann Atkinson, a young married woman, at Consett, on the 22nd June. Mr. Wanless (Durham) prosecuted; whilst Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) defended. Defendants pleaded not guilty.—After Mr. Wanless had stated the facts of the case, and showed that a very serious assault had been committed, Mr. Welford suggested that he thought it would be better if the parties concerned would settle the grievance out of court. Both the defendants and the complainant were respectable people, and well-known in the district, and it would be a pity to disgrace themselves by going into the present case.

The Chairman (Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen): We are agreeable if you can come to a settlement. We will dispose of another case, whilst the parties concerned have the matter talked over out of court.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Wanless returned into court, and said his client was desirous that the case should proceed.

Complainant stated that she was the wife of William Atkinson, and resided at 1, Shakespeare Square. Defendants lived at the back of their house, and their yard door was some 25 feet distant further up the street. On Saturday, June 22nd, about 6.30 in the morning, she broomed the dirt off the back street to the far side near to the Consett Iron Company's property. This did not interfere with the defendants at all, and was not near their property. Shortly after she went into the house. There was no one about. Her husband was in the yard cleaning his boots when some dirt was thrown into the yard, and she asked her husband what it meant. She looked out, and saw Mrs. Scott, near her own door. Complainant again took the broom, and swept the dirt back again to where it was before. Mrs. Scott returned and threw another shovelful of dirt into the yard and was in the act of bringing another, when she upset the shovel with the broom. The other defendant shouted that was just what she wanted, took up two handfuls of fine dirt, and blinded her with it. Mrs. Pescod took the broom out of her hand and both of them seized her by the hair of the head, used her shamefully, causing several parts of her body to be black and blue. They gave her several blows, and then pulled a quantity of hair (produced) out of her head. Her husband endeavoured to part them, and she never did anything to the defendants to cause them to attack her in this fashion. The affray lasted half-an-hour. Afterwards, she went and saw her mother, who saw her dress, which was destroyed. She had a black eye the following morning, and had to be attended by Dr. A. D. M. MacIntyre.—Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: She had lived at this place five months. There was no ill-feeling. The defendants had dried their clothes since she went to live at this place. The disturbance commenced by her upsetting the shovel with the broom. Mrs. Scott did not say that the dirt was getting into her yard. She never threw anything into Mrs. Scott's yard. The defendants did put their clothes out in this particular back street to dry, and the same fell to the ground. She could not suggest who loosened the staple. She never used the broom to Mrs. Scott. It was Mrs. Pescod that attacked her first, and she never assaulted either party. She had been very ill, and unable to do anything since the assault. She had not attended any of the services of the Plymouth Brethren since the day of the assault. She remembered her father going to see the defendants about the assault, but was not aware they had had to seek protection. She knew Robert Eccles; but he did not witness the assault.—By Mr. Wanless: She had been living with her mother from the day of the assault.—William Atkinson, husband, corroborated, and stated that Mrs. Pescod struck his wife in the eye, and blackened it very much.—Cross-examined by Mr. Welford, witness said it was the dirt business that commenced the mischief. Mrs. Pescod took the broom off his wife, and threw it down. Both of the defendants had hold of his wife's hair.—Mr. Pescod separated them. The clothes had repeatedly fallen down, through the staple coming out.—By Mr. Wanless: The staple coming out was no fault of his.—Rebecca Frosdick spoke to seeing Mrs. Scott throw the dirt into the yard.—Dr. A. D. M. MacIntyre stated that on June 23rd he was called in to see Mrs. Atkinson. He examined her, and found bruises on several parts of her body, and she was suffering from general shock. Complainant was still under his treatment.—Mr. Welford, for the defence, stated that there had been a considerable amount of ill-feeling between the parties about the drying of clothes in this back street, and it came to a climax on this particular morning. When Mrs. Scott had the dirt on the shovel, complainant let drive with the broom, and caught Mrs. Scott on the side of the face. When this was done, the other daughter merely went to her mother's rescue, and there was no assault committed by the defendants. He thought he would be able to prove that complainant was the aggressor.

There was a cross-summons charging Mrs. Atkinson with assaulting Mrs. Scott at the same time and place. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Mrs. Scott stated she was a widow, and owned property in Edith Street. Their back door was close to Atkinson's house. It was true there had been a considerable amount of ill-feeling about the drying of the clothes in this back street, and it came to a climax through the crook coming out on the Thursday. On this particular morning Mrs. Atkinson swept the dirt near her door, and she told her not to do it. A lot of dirt was thrown over her, and Mrs. Atkinson struck her with the broom on the side of the head and face. Her daughter then came to her rescue. She never struck Mrs. Atkinson, but Mrs. Pescod did get hold of defendant. Mr. Logan afterwards came to her, and called her a white-faced b— but she took no notice of him.—Cross-examined by Mr. Wanless: She never threw any dirt into the yard. Mrs. Atkinson did assault her with the broom. She went and told the Surveyor about the sweeping of the dirt. She was afraid of the defendant and her broom. (Laughter). Mrs. Pescod corroborated, and stated she went to her mother's assistance, when Mrs. Atkinson attacked her with the broom. Defendant was acting like a mad woman when she got hold of her.—By Mr. Wanless: She was not afraid of the defendant; but she was not going to stand by and see her mother attacked. Defendant's husband was the sheep, and seemed to be amazed when the disturbance was going on.—Robert Eccles said he saw the defendant throw the crook into Mrs. Scott's yard.—Cross-examined by Mr. Wanless: Witness said it was not the woman in the dock that he saw throw the staple into the yard. It was her sister. (Laughter).—The Bench returned to consider their discussion. On their return into Court, the Chairman said they had inspected the back street of the disturbance, and they were satisfied that Mrs. Scott had gone considerably out of the way to interfere with Mrs. Atkinson. There had been an assault committed, and both defendants would be fined 10/- each and costs—£2 6s altogether. The charge against Mrs. Atkinson would be dismissed, and complainant would have to pay the costs.

AN ASSAULT CASE: THREE FIGHTS IN ONE DAY.

John Golightly and Joseph Golightly, Consett, were charged with assaulting John Wake, of Blackhill. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for defendants.

Complainant deposed that on the day in question Joseph Golightly struck him at work. Defendant hit him on the eye, and altogether dealt him eight blows with his fist. When complainant asked Golightly what he meant the latter never spoke. Defendant afterwards went and brought his brother, the barber, and the two of them would have killed him if he had not "run for it." They struck him, kicked him, and hung on to him. At night, when they had finished their day's work, the Golightlys waited for him on the only road he could go home by. They had their sleeves rolled up, and hit him again "all over." This happened three weeks ago, and the bruises he then received had healed since.

By Mr. Welford: He did not offer to fight Joseph Golightly after they got outside the works. He and his brother had not Joseph Golightly down in the coal-hole, and they were not all fighting. There was no challenge thrown out at the dinner-time to fight at three o'clock. There was not another challenge given at three o'clock to fight at five o'clock. His brother lived where he lived, at 34, Durham Road. Witness did not get the worst of the first fight, and then go and seek his brother.

George Brown said he did not see the first blow struck, but when he looked round he saw Wake with his eye cut. He saw nothing else. He heard no altercation between defendants and Wake. Joseph Golightly was there. He appeared to be just standing and arguing with complainant.

By Mr. Welford: This would be shortly after one o'clock.

Thomas Cuthbertson testified that he was speaking to Wake shortly before three o'clock, when defendants came up. They made a rush at Wake, and tried to hit him. Witness then turned round and told a man to go for the police.

By Mr. Welford: There had been a fight before. Complainant did not consider himself a bit of a "don" at fighting. He knew nothing about a challenge for a fight at five o'clock.

Joseph Davison said he was proceeding down to Blackhill with the two Wakes, when the two defendants, who rushed at Wake and knocked him down. They used him very badly.

By Mr. Welford: He knew that there had been a fight between Joseph Golightly and Wake at one o'clock. He heard no challenge to fight. All he saw was the two Wakes badly used at five o'clock. He would swear that the Wakes did not attack the defendants first.

Robert Wake deposed that when he came back from his dinner on this day he saw his brother covered with blood. The latter said that Joseph Golightly had done it. Witness went to see Golightly, and the latter said he would do the same to him. At five o'clock they were going home from work, when they met defendants, who attacked them, and used his brother shamefully. John Golightly struck witness when he was down.

By Mr. Welford: He and his brother were not at Joseph Golightly in the coal-hole during the afternoon. It was not a "made-up thing" that witness and his brother should fight the two Golightlys. At five o'clock witness and his brother did not "go for the defendants."

John Burgess said he was going home from work with Davison and the two Wakes. Defendants were in waiting, and John came over and said, "Which is the b—r?" They then threw off their coats, and John Golightly hit John Wake over witness's shoulder.

By Mr. Welford: Witness did not have a "go."

Mr. Welford, in defence, said if his clients' story was true, this was what happened:—Complainant was fighting with Joseph Golightly, and got the worst of it, and he then went and fetched his brother, who then both started on to Golightly. A challenge was then given for the Wakes to fight the Golightlys outside the works. Mr. Welford maintained that the wrong parties had been summoned.

Henry Nelson testified that he knew the defendants and also the two Wakes. He remembered the day in question. On that day, about one o'clock, he was engaged in wheeling the "scrag" from the boiler. He saw Joseph Golightly and complainant, and they seemed to be wrestling. He asked a man whether they were larking or were in earnest, and the latter said that they were in earnest. They eventually got parted, and Wake said, "It was not good enough; he would have a go at five o'clock." Complainant went and fetched his brother, about two hours afterwards, and said, "Here's a man will fight you, Golightly." Defendant replied, "Is there two of you going to be at me?" and the Wakes then rushed at him, and hit, kicked, and bit him, and used him shamefully. Witness pulled Golightly away into the pithole. Defendant said, "If there's going to be two, I'll fetch another to help me." Witness did not see the last tussle.

By Complainant: He saw complainant fetch his brother out of the mill. He did not see defendants at complainant at three o'clock.

Jonathan Brown and Edward Gibson gave evidence to the effect that the complainant was the aggressor, the former alleging that the fight outside the works was a fair stand-up one between the two Wakes and the Golightlys.

The Magistrates retired, and on returning into court said they had determined to fine the two defendants 10/- each and costs.

A Sequel to the Above Case.

Hannah Wake, mother of complainant in the last case, was then charged with assaulting Joseph Golightly. Mr. Welford represented complainant.—Golightly gave evidence as to the assault, which took place at Blackhill on June 1st.—After his statement had been borne out by several witnesses, the Bench imposed a fine of 5/- and costs.

A "Dutiful" Son.

Peter McGuire, Consett, pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly on Saturday night.—Sergt. Dryden deposed that on the date mentioned he saw defendant drunk and throwing stones in Medomsley Road. There were about 300 people gathered, and McGuire was turning round and throwing stones at him. Defendant had been assaulting his father.—Supt. Bennies said that on Saturday night he saw a great crowd in Princess Street. He saw defendant's father bleeding like an ox, and defendant ran away.—In answer to the Bench, McGuire had nothing to say.—The Chairman stated that defendant was already under recognisances to keep the peace. This was a rather bad case, and defendant had a bad record, having been before the court nine times last year and convicted, and twice this year, on the last occasion being bound over to keep the peace. He was liable to have the recognisances escheated, but the Bench would not do so, although they would still hold good. They thought they would not be doing their duty unless they sent defendant to gaol for a month.

A LIVELY SUNDAY NIGHT.

Henry McDermott was charged with being drunk and disorderly on Sunday night.—P.C. Waites stated that there was a great disturbance going on in Consett on the night in question. Defendant was drunk and disorderly and witness locked him up. McDermott was "booing" the police while they were taking another man to the police-station.—Sergt. Mitchell corroborated.—Defendant denied that he was intoxicated, and said he never got drunk.—Fined 5/- and costs.

John McGuire pleaded guilty to being drunk on Sunday night, but not guilty to a charge of assaulting the police on the same evening.—P.C. White testified that about 10.15 on Sunday night he was on duty in Middle Street, Consett, when he heard a disturbance going on in Nelson Street. He proceeded there, and found defendant drunk and disorderly, and wanting to fight another man. When he saw the police, McGuire said, "I'll allow no b— bobby to lock me up." When he tried to take defendant to the police-station, the latter resisted violently, and commenced to hit and kick him.—P.C. Robinson said that he was in company with the last officer, and saw defendant kicking up a disturbance with a man named Golding. When taking him into custody, McGuire resisted all he could, and hit and kicked the previous witness.—Sergt. Dryden stated that about 25 minutes past 10 on Sunday night he was called to the assistance of the constables. He found defendant resisting violently, and helped to take him to the police-station.—Fined 5/- and costs for being drunk, and 10/- and costs for the assault on the police.

Edward McDermott pleaded not guilty to assaulting P.C. Robinson in the execution of his duty, on the same date.—P.C. Robinson stated that when they were taking McGuire to the lock-up, McDermott came behind them and struck witness with a stone. He afterwards threw another stone, catching him (Robinson) on the back of the head.—Defendant said all he did was to shout amongst the crowd.—Supt. Benzies attested that on Sunady night, about 10.25, he found the two officers struggling with McGuire. His attention was called to defendant, and he caught hold of him, when McDermott dropped a stone out of his hand. He was doing his utmost to incite the crowd to resist.—Defendant denied that he had a stone in his hand.—McDermott was further charged with being drunk and disorderly on the same occasion.—Similar evidence to that in the preceding case was adduced.—In answer as to whether he had anything to say, defendant declared that it was no use saying anything there.—Defendant's mother appeared, and appealed to the Magistrates to deal leniently with him.—The Bench thought this a very much worse case than the last one, and fined defendant 5/- and costs for drunkenness, and 30/- and costs for the assault, or in default five weeks' hard labour.

Alleged Embezzlement of Money.

A groom named John Henderson, of Blaydon, was again charged with embezzling three different sums of money belonging to Mr. Thos. Severs, of East Castle, whilst he was travelling with the entire horse "Petersfield," owned by the prosecutor last season.—Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted; whilst Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate) defended.—The case was remanded till Thursday (yesterday) when it would be gone into at Lanchester.

The Alleged Stabbing Case at Allendale Cottages.

Charles Inness, a labourer, was brought up on remand charged with stabbing his wife at Allendale Cottages, on Saturday night the 15th inst.—After Dr. Lax (Allendale Cottages) had tendered evidence, prisoner was again remanded, till Thursday (yesterday) at Lanchester.

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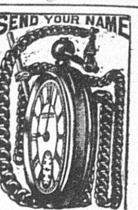
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From a London Correspondent.)

Lord Rosebery's speech at the Eighty Club was received with genuine enthusiasm. What some sections of the party will say to his candid exposition of the necessity of concentrating their energies on one point I do not know. There are Welsh members who are ready to wreck the party over and over again unless their special views of a special question are adopted. Lord Rosebery's declaration that the only principle for Liberals to enforce before the country now is the supremacy of the House of Commons ought to appeal to the common sense of most Liberals. It is objected that the Lords have lately done nothing to offend the democracy, but the fact that we have a Tory Government to which the Upper House will say ditto is a sufficient illustration of a gross anomaly.

I have the best reason for stating that the friendliness of the Queen towards Lord Rosebery and his colleagues has been in no wise exaggerated. Her Majesty parted with her Liberal advisers with sincere regret. For some of them, notably Lord Rosebery, Mr. Fowler, and the late Secretary for War, especially for Mr. Fowler, the Queen conceived a very warm regard. There is no doubt whatever that the late Ministers enjoyed the goodwill of their Sovereign in a rare degree, and that she is genuinely sorry for the change.

Mr. Childers, who has the reputation of an electioneering prophet, and who is said to have predicted the majorities in the last two General Elections with surprising accuracy, is reported to have said that this time there will be a tie. Liberals and Tories who expect a majority for the Unionists put it anywhere between thirty and fifty. It is a pretty general opinion that if the Unionist majority is considerably more than fifty the chances that Mr. Chamberlain will smash the Cabinet in a short time will be greatly enhanced. A large Tory majority will be extremely restive under Mr. Chamberlain's heel, whereas a small one will be comparatively quiescent.

Mr. Chamberlain is solemnly warned by one of the journals devoted to South African interests that he must at once withdraw the sharp criticism he recently passed on Sir Hercules Robinson, the High Commissioner in South Africa, or at least give an indication that the policy advocated by the latter will be maintained by the new Administration. He is also told that before all things he must shew himself Imperial but not imperious towards the Governments of the South African Republics.

If the Government mean to annex Chitral, they will give great offence to a considerable section of their own supporters, who are already expressing their regret that Mr. Fowler did not remain in office long enough to make this policy impossible. There is a strong party for annexation, no doubt, but the wisest heads amongst the Anglo-Indian officials are against it.

Sir Wemyss Reid was the only journalist of repute who urged after Lord Rosebery's Bradford speech to dissolve forthwith on the House of Lords question. His advice was not taken, and he attributes the recent crisis to those who advocated the filling up of the cup policy. That policy, he says, was forced upon the Cabinet by one particular Minister, and though when it was adopted, Liberals of all sections loyally joined hands in the attempt to carry it out he somewhat caustically adds that its folly was recognised by every sensible man.

I understand that if Mr. Gully should be defeated at Carlisle, which is by no means a foregone conclusion, the Liberal leaders will take no further action in regard to the Speakership. Their position is that the Speaker is a non-party official of Parliament, and that any opposition to his re-election must proceed on the principle that the Speakership is a purely partisan appointment, and that the holder of the office ought no longer to be above party considerations. So if Mr. Gully is turned out by the Carlisle Conservatives, and Sir Matthew White Ridley put into the Chair, the Liberal leaders will take this as an absolute innovation in Parliamentary practice, and will eject Sir Matthew when they get another majority.

Much sympathy is felt for Sir Arthur Hayter. Had the late Government known that a dissolution was so near, they would have made him Governor of New South Wales. He missed the appointment by a few days, because the seat at Walsall was not safe. However, why any man should want to be Governor of New South Wales I cannot divine, for the Australian Governorships are merely ceremonial offices, entailing a vast expense, and carrying absolutely no authority.

One of the most interesting announcements in the honours list is the baronetcy which has been conferred upon Captain Naylor-Leyland. The bestowal of this honour on the gallant captain will give his American wife the right to be called Lady Naylor-Leyland, and I suppose she will consider that this will give her a great advantage over Mrs. Curzon, the Washington bride of the new Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, whom the new baronet is to oppose at Southport at the ensuing election.

Mr. James Blyth's baronetcy is a well-deserved recognition of his solid services to agriculture. No man has taken a stronger interest in cattle-breeding, and his practical encouragement to the dairy farmers has lately been exemplified by the institution of valuable prizes for the best plans of model dairies for butter and cheese making. Mr. Blyth, his brother, Mr. Harry Blyth, and Sir Walter Gilbey are the chief partners in the firm of W. and A. Gilbey, the well-known wine merchants.

The death of Professor Huxley had been expected for some days. He was evidently worn out physically, though he seems to have retained his mental alertness to the last. The position he occupied in the scientific world was unique, perhaps because he was the wielder of a fascinating pen. It was at one time thought that he had some large work in hand —a sort of *magnum opus*—but I hear nothing about it, or of any memoirs, concerning which there is sure to be some considerable curiosity.

The late Professor Huxley was eminently a fighting man of science. No one was ever more ready than he to take up the gauntlet in the defence of his conclusions. He was a born disputant, and as an exponent of the Darwinian doctrine he displayed extraordinary resource and dexterity, not always, it must be confessed, with much consideration for the feelings of his antagonists. To lucidity of thought he added a literary charm, so that to open any of his books is a delight and stimulus. With the exception of Herbert Spencer, there is no philosophical thinker of our generation who has had such an influence on his contemporaries in his own country.

I have discovered the reason why the Duke of Edinburgh clings so tenaciously to his British annuity of ten thousand a year. The German company of players, now in London, is the ducal company from Saxe-Coburg. When Duke Alfred succeeded to his German duchy, he wanted to shut the theatre. Never a patron of the arts, he did not see the sense of spending money on a subsidised playhouse. This economy was strenuously resisted by the Coburgers, and it threatened the Duke with such unpopularity that he abandoned his intention. Now, the ducal theatre costs just ten thousand pounds per annum. Hence the refusal to give up the allowance from the British Exchequer to a German prince!

The story that just previous to the fatal division Sir William Harcourt exclaimed on the Terrace: "Thank Heaven, we have no crisis to-night," turns out to be an invention. The ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer never uttered the phrase attributed to him.

CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this body was held in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street—County Councillor Geo. Ainsworth, J.P. (chairman) presiding. The other Councillors present were—Messrs J. W. Davison, Wm. Aynsley, Geo. D. Powell, Geo. Wade, J. Lowes, R. C. Foster, J. Kempson, J. Wildsmith, A. D. M. Macintyre, J. Summerbell; the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the Surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon), and the Treasurer (Mr T. L. Gledstone.)

THE LATE MR WM. JENKINS, J.P.

A letter was read from the family of the late Mr William Jenkins, J.P., of Consett Hall, thanking the Council for their letter of sympathy on the loss they had sustained through the death of their father and mother.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This report read as follows:—

Mr W. S. Davies waited upon the committee, and the chairman pointed out to him that the buildings came too far out, and were not in uniformity with the rest of the street.

A letter from Mr John Lamb was read, dated the 13th June, 1895, asking permission to put a hatchway in the back street behind the Railway Hotel, Consett, and the committee resolved that permission be granted, subject to Messrs Reid Bros. and Co. entering into the usual agreement with the Council, to be prepared by the Clerk at their expense, accepting all responsibility in connection with the putting in and maintenance of the same in good order, and to pay an annual acknowledgment.

The committee recommend that the Consett Iron Company's plan for cookery schools in Harvey Street be passed and sealed. Also, that Mr T. Cuthbertson's plan for house in George Street be passed and sealed, subject to two water closets instead of one being shown on same.

The committee recommend that the plan for five-roomed house in Stephen Street, submitted by Mr Johnstone, be passed and sealed; and that Mr J. Davis's plan for five houses in Barr House Avenue be passed and sealed, subject to duplicate being produced. The Consett Iron Company's block plan for eight sites in Delves Lane is directed to be returned to them, with a recommendation that the lower site be made of equal size back and front, cutting off a triangular piece at the lower side for the purpose of drainage.

On the motion of Mr Wade, seconded by Mr Wildsmith, the report was adopted, and the plans were stamped.

THE SEWER IN GIBSON STREET.

A letter was read from the Consett Co-operative Society, calling attention to the fact that their houses in Gibson Street had been repeatedly flooded during the recent thunderstorms, owing to the defective drain in Gibson Street.

Mr Powell said it appeared to him that this six-inch sewer in this street was inadequate, and he thought something should be done to prevent the houses from being flooded.

The Chairman: What does the Surveyor propose to do to remedy the defect?

The Surveyor stated that in Newmarket Street there were two main sewers. He thought the sewer from Gibson Street was connected to the old main, and it had become blocked. He had the men now engaged in finding out what was wrong with the sewer.

Mr Macintyre said that in coming down the street there was very often a strong smell. He considered that steps should be taken to remedy this. At present there was a case of typhoid fever in the street.

Mr Powell pointed out that during the recent thunderstorms this street had really been impassable, owing to being flooded with water. The same thing occurred in Thomas Street.

Mr Aynsley remarked that such was a general complaint all over the district.

The Chairman: Perhaps the gullets were stopped.

Mr Powell: I could not say whether such was the case or otherwise.

The Chairman: What size are the pipes for this sewer?

The Surveyor: I can soon ascertain by going and inspecting the same. The workmen are engaged at the drain now.

The Chairman: You had better go at once.

The Surveyor afterwards reported that the sewer had been opened out, and the obstruction removed. He found the pipes were only six-inch ones.

The Chairman: If the obstruction had not been there perhaps the houses would not have been flooded.

The Surveyor thought the best thing to do would be to put down a new 9-inch sewer in place of the present one.

On the proposition of Mr Macintyre, seconded by Mr Wildsmith, this was agreed to.

THE FACTORIES ACT.

Mr Richard Johnson, H.M. Inspector of Factories wrote pointing out the workshops of the Consett Co-operative Society, Mr J. T. Potts, Miss Dodds, Mr J. Nichol, and Mr S. Rowe required certain sanitary matters remedied.

It was decided that the Clerk should write the several parties requesting them to comply with the Act.

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee reported as follows:—A letter dated the 22nd ult. from Messrs Nowell and Sons, railway contractors, was read, asking permission to have possession of the road at Templetown Bridge for a few hours on the morning of the 23rd June, and the Committee decided no allow such possession to be taken.

The Committee recommend that the Surveyor forward to Mr C. E. Harrison, the Engineer to the North-Eastern Railway, a copy of the Council's conditions, and specifications for kerbing, channelling, cementing, and macadamising, for Mr Harrison's guidance for doing such work in the district.

The report was adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—Mr Rippon (workmen's wages) £57 11s 11d; Ord and Maddison, limestone, £19 0s 3d; Knight and Co., stationery, 11s 1d; J. Atkinson, lime, 10s 6d; Ord and Maddison, plough shares, 10s; Jas D. Brown, wages and salary, £18 7s 2d; Wm. Eales, services, £2 2s.

It was agreed that the cheques should be paid.

UNSATIFACTORY WORK.

A short discussion took place respecting the unsatisfactory way the contractors for the new passenger railway to Annfield Plain were making the diverted road and footpath at Carrhouse.

The Chairman said perhaps it would be better to write Mr C. Harrison, engineer to the North-Eastern Railway Company, pointing out that the new road was not being made in a way that would be satisfactory to the Council when completed.

The Surveyor said that the Council should see that the approaches to the Station were cemented.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr Powell proposed that the Chairman's suggestion should be carried out, and also to inform Mr Harrison that the Council merely informed the Company of this, so that they might take steps to have the matter remedied, and thus avoid unnecessary expense. The Council was also to ask for the road to be made in accordance with their specification.

Mr Foster asked if they would couple anything to the motion with regard to the footpaths?

The Chairman: I would not do so at present.

Mr Summerbell: If the footpaths at one side of the bridge at Delves Lane are to be cemented it should be insisted on that the footpaths on the opposite side of the bridge should be done in the same way.

The Chairman: We are not going to insist upon anything at present with regard to the footpaths.

The motion was accordingly carried.

THE PLAN OF SEWERAGE WORKS.

The Finance Committee reported the accounts of R. Robinson and and Thomas M. Hobson for £93 and £8 11s 6d respectively in connection with the plan of sewerage works, and the letter of the Local Government Board, dated 13th June, with regard to this account were referred to the full Board for their consideration. After considerable time had been taken up in examining the new plan, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr Aynsley, seconded by Dr Macintyre, that the two accounts should be paid.

A letter from the Local Government Board was read demurring to the payment for the plan of sewerage works and mounting out of the sewerage and sewage disposal loan, and requesting that the £167 referred to in the Board's letter of the 23rd March last be at once repaid to the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

After a short discussion the Councillors came to the conclusion that they had better defray the cost of the plan out of the ordinary rate, and also that the £167 referred to should be repaid.

THE END OF THE SEWERAGE ACCOUNT.

The correspondence of June, 1895, between Messrs Waddell and McIntosh and the Clerk, as to the payment of a cheque on the sewerage account for £365 15s 3d, and the deposit for £500 to them for Mr Torrance's executors and Mr Best was read, and also the latter's letter of request for this paymentand receipt of the money.

The Clerk reported that he had sent the cheques, and had received receipts for the same.

SITE FOR FIRE BRIGADE STATION.

The Finance Committee reported that the letter from the Govenors of Sherburn Hospital, offering a site on Medomsley Road for the fire station, at 2s per square yard, had received their consideration. The Committee had come to the conclusion that the price asked, amounting to £270 altogether, was too high.

Mr Lowes pointed out that the site would cost them £117 10s, and then there was the cost of half the street making, which amounted to £90.

Mr Foster thought if the question was deferred he did not think they would get the land much cheaper.

The Chairman: Do you want land for a stone-yard too?

The Surveyor: Yes.

The Chairman said if they were to get the land at 1s 6d per square yard they would not reduce the amount a great deal.

Mr Davison was in favour of allowing the question to stand over for the present. The state of trade was anything but good, and he considered it was not an opportune time to spend the ratepayers money in this direction.

Mr Powell proposed that 1s 6d per square yard be offered for the site.

The Chairman: If that was done it will perhaps reduce the cost to about £220 for the site.

The Surveyor stated that if the land was purchased a portion would be set apart for a stone-yard. There would also have to be sheds erected for storage room, and they would likewise require a proper fire brigade station.

Mr Aynsley: Then at that rate it will cost something like £1,000 for the whole scheme.

The Surveyor: Yes.

The Chairman: Were are you going to get the money?

Mr Powell: It will have to be borrowed.

Mr Macintyre said he was not aware a portion of the site was required for a stone-yard.

The Surveyor stated that the question of purchasing land for a fire station raised it first. They could do without a stone-yard this season.

The Chairman said it was all very well talking about doing without a stone-yard, as long as the Council kept using other people's land to break their stones. They could not tell how long this might be allowed to continue. All that the Surveyor had mentioned was very desirable, but it going to incur an enormous expenditure.

Mr Powell: Have we a place at present for the fire appliances?

The Chairman: Yes; but it is not a very convenient place.

Mr Macintyre said they had some cottages offered to them at one time for £500 for the same purpose, but they refused the offer.

Eventually, the Surveyor was instructed to prepare a rough plan showing the proposed fire station and other outbuildings on the site, and submit the same to the next meeting.

PROPOSED NEW STREETS.

The Surveyor produced plans for the new streets at Blackhill—viz., Henry Street, St. George's Place, and back of same, and Park Road, from the railway bridge to the auction mart, and a portion adjoining the railway bridge, also Ridley Street, and a portion behind the Rose and Crown Hotel.

On the motion of Mr Powell, seconded by Mr Kempson, it was decided that the necessary notices should be served for the making of these streets.

THE BREAKING OPEN OF THE ROADS.

The Highway Committee recommended that the Council instruct the Clerk to write the Consett Waterworks Company and the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company to the effect that in future when they intended to break up or interfere with the streets in any way three days' notice must be given to the Surveyor of their intention, and a plan of the proposed operations was also to be given to him.

The Committee also call the Council's attention to the very unsatisfactory condition the streets were left in by the Gas Company at the present time.

The Chairman: Can this order be carried out?

The Clerk: Yes; except in cases of emergency.

The recommendations were agreed to.

Mr Davison proposed that the Gas Company's attention should be called to the unsatisfactory condition of the roads, which had been interferred with by their contractor in the laying down of new gas mains, and that they should put the same into satisfactory repairs.

This was seconded by Mr Foster.

Agreed to.

THE SEWERAGE FARM.

The Farm Manager (Mr Brown) reported that the labour for the month had chiefly been in cleaning parts of arable land, weeding and hoeing root crops, besides the usual work of irrigation. About four acres of rye grass and clover and rye grass had been cut and put into coil. A breadth of turnips had also been sown.

The report was adopted.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT OVERSEER.

On the proposition of Mr Foster, seconded by Mr Powell, the Clerk was instructed to apply to the Local Government Board inquiring if it was their intention to allow the Council to have the power to appoint the assistant overseer.

WHOOPING COUGH AND MEASLES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board with respect to the resolution of the Council ordering that whooping cough and measles should be added for one year to the list of diseases notifiable in the district, under the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889. The Board had had the question of the notification of measles generally under their consideration, and they had arrived at the conclusion that the advantages to be derived from the addition of measles to the diseases which are notifiable under the Act were largely dependent on the notification, together with the attendant measures for prevention, being maintained for a reasonable number of years. They would be willing, therefore, to approve the order so far as it related to measles, on the understanding that it should not be revoked until the expiration of a period sufficient to enable it to be fully tested. With regard to whooping cough, they were not prepared to approve of the same unless the system was maintained for a period of five years.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write the Local Government Board, intimating that the Council were not prepared to extend the order to the period mentioned by them.

AYNSLEY TERRACE

The tender of Messrs E. and J. R. Walker, Consett, for the making of Aynsley Terrace, was accepted. The amount of the tender was £235 7s 3d.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

On the motion of Mr Aynsley, seconded by Mr Foster, Dr Geo. Renton was re-appointed Medical Officer for the ensuing twelve months.

THE RECENT THUNDERSTORMS.

A letter was read from Mr J. McCartan, solicitor, Consett, on behalf of Messrs Lowes and Pratt, of Berry Edge Road, claiming compensation for damage caused by the flooding of their houses during the recent thunderstorms.

Another ratepayer named Isaac Lowdon, of the same place, claimed £3 damages through the flooding of his house, owing to the defective sewer.

A letter was read from the Consett Iron Company calling the attention of the Council to the flooding of their houses in this particular street, and, pointed out that steps should be taken to remedy the defect.

After the Surveyor had pointed out what was the cause of the flooding of the houses, it was decided that a new 9in. sewer should be laid down so as to remedy the defect.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write the several parties stating that the sewer was going to be remedied.

ANOTHER NUISANCE.

A letter was read from the Leadgate District Council calling attention to sewerage flowing from the Council's district into a field in their district. They desired to have the same remedied.

The Clerk was authorised to state that the matter would receive attention.

A Refuse Deposit.

The offer of the Consett Iron Company for a portion of Martin's Fell to be set aside as a refuse deposit for the district, at a rental of £5 per annum, was accepted.

Surveyor's Report.

Gentlemen,—During the past month, your workmen have been chiefly engaged in putting in new sewers to meet the requirements of the increasing demands owing to the many building operations in your district, namely: The sewer in the back street on the north side of George Street, which has had to be extended, and the new sewer at Blackhill, which has been finished up to a point for which plans have been passed for dwelling-houses. The sewer in the back street on the south side of George Street will also have to be extended at an early date as property has, and is, being put up very fast in this locality.

Your district has been severely visited by thunder-storms during the past month, accompanied by heavy downfalls of rain, and as a consequence your main sewers have been taxed to their utmost capacity, several houses and cellars are reported as having water in them, for a short time during the said visitations. The roads in the district have also been very much damaged through the flooding arising from the same source.

Plans and sections for the making of new streets in the Blackhill portion of your district, have been prepared, and will be laid before you to-day.

The district has been inspected by me, and I find the majority of the ashpits, with only a small quantity of refuse in them, and have served 21 notices for the abatement of same, which I am pleased to say have been attended to.

The following amounts have been paid into your treasurer during the month:—General district rate £63 15s 0d; District Tolls, £3 12s 11d; Penalties, £0 3s 6d; Private Street Improvements, £2 8s 0d.

W. RIPPON.

The report was adopted.

The other business was of a formal character. The proceedings lasted nearly four hours.

CHESTER-LE-STREET GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting of this Board was held on Thursday, Mr. Geo. Ridley, chairman of the Board, presiding over a large meeting.

The Rate Collector and His Salary.

The adjourned consideration of an application from Mr. John Smith, rate collector, for an increase of salary came up.

Mr. John Crawford said that was the second application from Mr. Smith since his appointment three years since. The increased rateable value did not make any material difference, as the larger portion of the rates were collected from two or three persons, such as colliery people, and the railway. There was another thing; formerly the rates were made and collected four times a year; now they were collected twice a year. He did not think a case had been made out for an increase.

Mr. Berkeley pointed out that the rateable value had increased from £25,000 to £37,000—a very large increase. But they must remember that Mr. Smith was appointed the year after the Durham strike, when the colliery works were low. That accounted for the increase. After further discussion, Mr. Oswald moved that Mr. Smith's salary be increased from £55 to £70. Mr. Bowman seconded.

Mr. Henderson moved and Mr. Garson seconded that the increase be £8 the amount paid by Mr. Smith for his bond in the Guarantee Society.

The amendment was carried by 17 against seven.

Cost of Relief.

Mr. Joseph Armstrong stated that he had paid away for outdoor relief, etc., in the Chester-le-Street District, £63 during the fortnight. Mr. John McKay, for Harraton District, replied that in the same time and for the same purposes he had disbursed £63 2s 2d. Cheques were ordered and signed accordingly.

Workhouse Master's Journal.

The Workhouse Master (Mr. A. Aikman) replied that the number of inmates in the House that day was 115 as against 129 at the same date as last year; during the fortnight 134 vagrants had been relieved as against 86 during the corresponding period of last year. The Master asked, and the Board agreed that the children in the House have their annual trip to the seaside. A collection was made in the room, for the treat, which amounted to £2 14s, for which the Master thanked the Guardians.

Finance.

The Finance Committee reported that they examined the quarterly accounts, and recommended that cheques be signed for £1,098 7s 8d, which was done accordingly.

The Harraton Registrar.

A letter was read from the Registrar General consenting to the attendance of Mr. Turnbull, Registrar for Harraton sub-district, at the Usworth and Washington stations, once weekly; and requesting to know why the Guardians considered it necessary for the Registrar to attend once a week at the stations named, and not at the other stations in the sub-district. The clerk was instructed to state that the opinion of the Board was that if the registrar attended all the stations weekly, he would never be at his central station at Birtley.

The Guardians afterwards sat as the

CHESTER-LE-STREET. RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. George Ridley presiding.

Appointment of Medical Officer of Health.

The Council proceeded to fill this appointment, vacant through the resignation of Dr. David Duncan. Only three applications were received, viz:—Dr. John Taylor, Dr. W. J. Brown, and Dr. H. Lyon Smith, all of Chester-le-Street. Mr. Berkeley raised the question as to the validity of Dr. Taylor's application, as that gentleman was a member of the Board. He suggested that they defer the appointment until the next meeting.

The Chairman said that it was perfectly clear that a member might be an applicant; but if he was appointed he would resign at once.

After some further discussion, the Council proceeded to the appointment when Dr. Brown received one vote, Dr. Smith, two, Dr. Taylor the remainder of the members. Mr. Mitchell then moved, Mr. Henderson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Dr. Taylor be appointed Medical Officer of Health, and Medical Officer of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Birtley Ashpits.

Two tenders were received for cleaning the Birtley ashpits: Wm. Dan, Birtley, £150; and Samuel Baxter, £145. Mr. Dan's tender was accepted.

Parish Councils and Corporation.

A letter from Lamesley Parish Council complained that Gateshead Corporation cause a nuisance by depositing town refuse near a road at Chow Dene.

Mr. Deveson explained that the Corporation deposited the refuse upon their own land, upon the borough boundary. It was certainly a nuisance, but it was in the borough.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the Corporation to remove the nuisance.

Vital Statistics.

Dr. D. Duncan, Medical Officer of Health reported that during the fortnight there had been 37 deaths and 53 births, giving a death-rate of 17.8 and a birth-rate of 57.03 per 1,000.

He had received 11 notifications of infectious diseases, viz—eight scarlatina; one typhoid, and two erysipelas. A child in the hospital was suffering from scarlatina.

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT NEAR CONSETT.

At the Lanchester Police Court, yesterday (Thursday)—before Jonathan Green, Esq.—John Henderson, of Blaydon, was charged with embezzling three separate sums of money, the property of his employer, Thomas Severs. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) appeared for plaintiff, while Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate), represented defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Thomas Severs deposed that he was a grocer and publican, living at the Bantling, East Castle, and was the owner of the entire horse, "Petersfield." John Henderson, the defendant, was his servant, and received 25/- per week, and all his meat and lodgings. Defendant first became his servant in April last year, and ceased to be in his employ in July, 1894. His duty was to go with the entire horse, and to receive the groom's fee of 5/-, the half of the rest of the money to be paid at the end of the season, and half when the mare proved in foal. He was given a card similar to the one produced, which showed the terms and the breeding of the horse. Defendant received £1 10s from Mr. Thompson, of Station Town, near Wingate, which had not been accounted for. Henderson had not accounted for £1 which he received from Mr. Rutherford, of Whickham, nor yet for the second part of the money he received from the Lintz Green Colliery Company.

By Mr. Leadbitter: Defendant had 5/- every Monday morning, being part of his wages. Complainant paid for the stabling at Boldon to Mr. Armstrong. The arrangement was for Henderson to receive a commission of 5/- per mare above 40 mares. He was certain it was above 40, and not 30. About 39 mares were served, including his own. It was sometimes the rule between the master of an entire horse and his man that no receipts should be given. Witness gave no receipts to defendant for the monies paid over to him. He (Severs) was always sober when Henderson came in, and did not forget any money that was paid to him. He never made any entries in his book; it was done by his daughter. It was not a fact that after thirty mares had been served Henderson was to have a commission of 5/- per mare. Only defendant and himself were there when the arrangement was made. There was nothing due to Henderson, but a good part due to him (complainant). There was nothing due to defendant for travelling expenses, as witness paid all expenses. It was Henderson's own look-out if the groom's fees were not all paid. He would swear that he was perfectly sober every night when Henderson came in. It was his general practice to be sober after five o'clock every night.

By the Bench: If the case of Thompson, of Wingate, had been reported, it would certainly have been put down.

Charles Thompson, miner, of Station Town, near Wingate, testified that on Thursday, July 5th, 1894, he had a mare served by "Petersfield." He paid Henderson 30/-. Defendant gave him neither receipt or card, although he asked for them.

By Mr. Leadbitter: His mare was served at a public-house yard at Hutton Henry. Witness had been in the public-house, but could not read prosecutor's card if any had been hung up. He paid 30/-, and not 5/- only for the groom's fee. Witness did not know the conditions then, nor yet till this year, when he received an account from Mr. Severs for 50/-. Thos. Croft was there when he paid the money. Croft was now ill in bed, or he would have been present.

Sergt. Tones stated that he apprehended prisoner on the 19th June, at Blackhill, on a warrant. He took him to the police-station at Consett, where he read the warrant over to him, charging him with embezzling three separate sums of money—£1 10s, £1 5s, and £1—belonging to his master, Thomas Severs. Defendant replied, "All right; I can give him the money now."

By Mr. Leadbitter: Defendant did not admit that he had embezzled the money.

Mr. Leadbitter, for the defence, submitted that his client had a claim for compensation against Mr. Severs. He admitted that they had received 20/- from the Lintz Colliery Company, and 20/- from Mr. Rutherford, but they still claimed £3 5s, from Mr. Severs—£2 for commission, and 25/- for travelling expenses. He submitted that there had been no fraudulent intent, as his client had never left the place. He expected that there would have been three witnesses present that day on behalf of Henderson, but they had not attended.

The case was remanded in order that Mr. Leadbitter might call his witnesses.

Defendant was again admitted to bail on his own recognisances of £20, and one surety of £20.

THE STABBING CASE AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Lanchester Police Court yesterday (Thursday)—before J. Green, Esq.—Charles Innes, a shoemaker, residing at Allendale Cottages, was charged with unlawfully and feloniously stabbing his wife, on Saturday night, June 15th.

Elizabeth Innes deposed that she was the wife of prisoner, and was housekeeper for Dr. Lax, at Allendale House, Medomsley. On Saturday night, the 15th June last, her husband came home drunk about eight o'clock, and commenced to quarrel with her. She was alone in the kitchen at the time. Prisoner got hold of her by the arm, and pulled her about, striking at her once. He got hold of her by the neck with his left hand, and she got hold of his right hand, in which prisoner had a penknife. The latter said, "Let go of my hand," and she said, "Let go of my neck." She left go of his hand, and prisoner left go of her neck. Before she turned round she felt she had been wounded in the side. She ran upstairs, remarking to prisoner, "You have done it now." She was then wearing the dress and chemise produced, which were both cut. She was immediately afterwards attended by Dr. Lax. She was confined to her bed for about a week. Prisoner and her fell to the ground when he had the knife in his hand, but she did not think that she received the wound then.

In reply to the Clerk, prisoner said he had no questions to ask.

Dr. J. W. Lax said he was an assistant to Dr. Geo. Renton, practising at Allendale Cottages. Mrs. Innes was his housekeeper. He remembered Saturday evening, 15th June, when he went into the kitchen for a jar of water. Prisoner just entered by the back door as he went out of the kitchen. He then went into his sitting room, and shortly afterwards he heard a disturbance going on in the kitchen. He went into his surgery (which adjoins the kitchen), and heard a sound of scuffling. Prisoner and his wife were the only two persons in the kitchen. He heard prisoner use filthy and disgusting language, and heard Mrs. Innes say, "Put down that knife," or words to that effect. Prisoner replied that "he would push it into her heart." The disturbance lasted some time, when witness heard a suppressed scream, and the prosecutrix rushed upstairs. Witness heard her tapping on the bedroom floor just above him, and went upstairs, and found her half-leaning and half-standing against the bed in front of the mirror. She was partially dressed, and her bodice was soaked with blood. On cutting open her chemise he found the blood gushing from a wound on the left side. She lost a large quantity of blood. The wound was situated between the fifth and sixth ribs, and had penetrated to the left lung. The wound was a dangerous one, and likely to be caused by the knife produced. Witness stopped the bleeding, and prosecutrix had since been suffering from congestion of the left lung and local pleurisy. She was now out of danger, although still weak from the wound and loss of blood. He could not say as to the state of the prisoner at the time, as he only caught a glimpse of him. The wound would necessitate some force. Prisoner asked no questions.

P.C. Hadwin said he was stationed at Westwood. On the night of the 15th June, from information received, he went to Allendale Cottages, and there saw Charles Innes, and told him that he would be taken into custody on a charge of stabbing his wife. Witness conveyed him to the Consett Police Court, and there charged him with unlawfully and feloniously stabbing his wife, to which prisoner made no reply. He also found the knife produced upon him, and afterwards received the chemise and dress from Mrs. Innes.

In answer to the Clerk, prisoner (who seemed to acutely feel his position) stated that he would like to say how the affair occurred. On the night in question, after he went into the house, he took out his knife to cut a piece of tobacco, and about some trivial thing he began to get noisy. His wife pushed him on to the sofa, and told him to make less noise, but like a fool he got up again, and she was pushing him down again, trying to keep him quiet, when he slipped on the floor and both of them fell against a table, and the knife pierced her side, but he did not know she was hurt until she told him. He only wished to add that he was deeply sorry for what his wife had suffered, and he would also like to say—and he believed that his wife would be glad to hear it—that he would never touch drink again.

Prisoner was then formally committed to take his trial at the forthcoming Assizes, which will commence in about a fortnight's time.

The Bench offered to admit prisoner to bail in two sureties of £10 each and himself in £20, but the necessary sureties were not forthcoming.

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The above teams meet at Sunderland to-morrow, when the Consett team will be as follows:—A S Godfrey (capt.), G Walton, A D Wood, J Siddell, M H Williamson, F Richardson, Rev R S May, J W James (pro.), I Richards, T Lindsay, and A N Other.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 2ND v SUNDERLAND 2ND.

The team to represent Consett at Blackfine, on Saturday, will be chosen from the following—M Hobday, Jas R Richards, J Askew, Thos T Grey, F Warwick, H Holliday, T D Robinson, T Turner, R Watson, J Maddison, G T Wilson, M T Milburn, and R Cant. Wickets pitched at 2.

CONSETT Y.M. v HEDLEY HILL.

The above teams meet at Hedley Hill, when the following will represent the visitors:—J E Collin J Smith, Jos Hull, J Hull, J Jones, J Love, J Spencer, T Wood, J Borrow, F Siddle, and W Tilley.

CHESTER-LE-STREET NOTES.

Sunday Music.—The Hetton Rechabite Prize Band, under the leadership of Mr. Geo. Perry, gave two concerts in the cricket field on Sunday; one in afternoon, and one in the evening. Both concerts were largely attended and thoroughly appreciated. In the afternoon the band gave a fine rendering of Hagan's Hymn, "They that go down to the sea," and a selection from Bellini's works. In the evening they were requested to repeat the two first-named pieces, which they did in most meritorious style. Both Mr. Perry and his band are to be complimented upon the great improvement they have made in a short time. They are sure of a hearty welcome when next they visit the city.

A Cricket Note.

The domain of cricket is sacred to L.B.W., and this note is not intended to trespass, or poach upon his manor. Neither is it intended to flaunt the disastrous face of Consett last Saturday in the face of that gallant team. L.B.W. will explain away the defeat of the west countrymen, in his usual able manner and good taste.

There is however a piece of news, anent next Saturday's match. On that day the citizens will be visited by the seasiders—Whitburn. A capital match ought to result, as both teams are in fairly good form. A novel feature will be introduced into the game. Between the innings, a running match over 100 yards, and across the ground will take place. The contestants will be Mr. John A. Thompson, mine host of the Kings Head Inn, and wicket-keeper for the city team, and Mr. Joseph Bousall, an old-time professional, who is to receive five yards start. The match is for a prize, and a supper for thirty; and has been pending some weeks. The most lively interest is being taken in the contest.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

DODD—WHITFIELD.—Winlaton, St. Paul's Church, on the 26th ult., William, youngest son of Wm. Dodds, sen., of Stargate, to Rebecca Eleanor, eldest daughter of Wm. Whitfield, of Winlaton.

DEATHS.

ALLISON.—Stanhope Workhouse, on the 25th ult., Joseph Allison.

ATKINSON.—High Spen, 30th ult., in his 80th year, Ralph, husband of the late Elizabeth Atkinson, formerly of Coxlodge.

CHEESMAN.—Ryton, Barmoor House, 30th ult., in his 23rd year, Thomas, eldest son of John Cheesman, late of Hedgefield.

DALTON.—Westgate, on the 27th ult., aged 13, Joseph Jacob Dalton.

HUTCHINSON.—Oxhill, 27th inst., aged 3 years and 8 months, Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Thomas and Margaret Hutchinson.

LOW.—Victoria Garesfield, Pipe Bridge, 26th ult., aged 5 years and 11 months, Mary Lizzie, daughter of William and Mary Low.

LIDDELL.—Craghead, 8, Thomas Street, 27th ult., aged 22, James Liddell.

NATTRASS.—Westgate, Rainy Place, 27th ult., aged 23, Ralph Nattrass.

PEACOCK.—Blaydon, Bridge Street, 2nd inst., aged 6 years, Edward Ernest, son of Edward T. and M. J. Peacock.

POTTS.—Burnopfield, 28th ult., aged 20, Sarah Jane, wife of Richard Potts.

ROBINSON.—Lanchester, 27th ult., aged 76, Miss Mary Robinson.

TELFORD.—Annfield Plain, 29th ult., aged 1 year and 10 months, Thomas Richard, son of Edward and Polly Telford.

TURLEY.—Consett, 29, Puddlers' Row, 4th inst., aged 75, Joseph, the beloved husband of Ellen Turley. Interment on Sunday afternoon at Benfieldside Cemetery, at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this, the only intimation. 720r

TURNBULL.—Burnopfield, Sheep Hill, 29th ult., aged 56 years, Jane, widow of the late James Turnbull, Andrew's House.

WATSON.—Annfield Plain, 1st inst., Elizabeth Watson, druggist. 695r

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In affectionate remembrance of Alice, second wife of David Kirkup, who died at Upper Lintz, on July 3rd, 1894, aged 54 years.

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