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# SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

## CHAT ON LOCAL CRICKET.

[By "Playfair."]

### CRICKET IN NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

The first half of the cricket season of 1897 is over, and perhaps the most remarkable feature of the past two months, so far as North-West Durham is concerned, has been the extraordinary number of ties that have been played, whilst numerous games have been won by the extremely narrow margins of from one to half-a-dozen runs. The Consett Club has scarcely realised the ambitious hopes entertained at the commencement of the season. Jake Siddell has batted consistently well, and Frank Richardson, Tom Lambert, and Capt. Godfrey have all done yeoman service. Jim Martin has, however, been disappointing. The second team have improved on their last seasons form, but there is still room for improvement.

### CRAGHEAD'S

best performances have been the victories over Durham City and Tudhoe. Turnbull has been the main strength of the team by his grand alround play, and Railton has more than once "come off" in the bowling line. Potts and Peele have both batted well, particularly the first-named, and Fred. Horne has improved enormously. The second team are making a bold fight for the championship of the local group of the Durham Cup competition.

### BURNHOPE

have lost several good players, and their record is inferior to that of last season. John Ironsides has done useful service with the bat, but Joe Robinson has been *hors de combat* for a few weeks. Happily, he is now recovered.

### SOUTH MOOR

started very badly, but within the last month they have strengthened their team in several respects, and are now equal to several of the Junior league teams. Emmy Beckwith's trundling has been of great service.

### STANLEY

have gained some brilliant victories, and sustained some unexpected defeats. Matt. Smith and Tom Jewitt have accomplished some splendid bowling performances, and Sammy Wood has batted better than ever. The 2nd. team have already gained more victories than during the whole of last season.

### SOUTH TANFIELD

have done some fine things in the Junior league competition. The brothers Middlemast and Billy Raine have proved the backbone of the team. The Oxhill boys have twice defeated their Stanley brethren, and are considerably elated in consequence.

### MEDOMSLEY

have been indebted to Tom Dales and Bob Charlton to a great extent. The team have gained several meritorious victories, as have the second eleven in the Cup Competition.

### TANFIELD

opened the season brilliantly, but of late they have fallen away. Tom Irwin has done great things for the Club, both with the bat and ball.

### BURNOPFIELD

have had a pitiable time of it up to date. They appear to be favourites for the wooden-spoonship of the Junior League. The second team have done equally badly. Mr H. C. Wood has done good batting service this season.

### BLACKHALL MILL

have quite maintained their reputation as a strong second-class team, and on present prospects, they appear likely to run Craghead 2nd a hard race for the Durham Cup Championship (local group). Taylor and the Brothers Wood have done yeoman service for the team, and Moody is a much improved batsman.

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE

have played with charming inconsistency, but

### SPEN AND DISTRICT,

after a poor start, have developed into a fairly good Club.

### THE STANLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE

has added much to the popularity of the game amongst the youngsters in the district. It has been the means also of greatly improving the quality of the play. Its benefits will be still more apparent in future years.

### BURNHOPESIDE HALL

are not a very powerful team, and the result of their encounter with Southill, on Saturday, was a draw greatly in favour of the Chester men. Southill took first innings, and scored 105 for the loss of six wickets. They then "declared," and had dismissed eight of the visitors for 44 runs, when stumps were drawn. Muirhead, Dennis, and Bamburgh all batted well for Southill, and Bamburgh's bowling also proved very destructive. The Southill fielding was not of the best, almost one-third of their opponents' score being extras.

### STANLEY JUNIORS

gained an easy victory over South Moor Primitive Methodists, on Saturday. Pompey Sanderson scored 25 for the winners, and Matt. Mason captured six wickets for three runs. The final scores were Stanley 76, South Moor 28. The "Prim" bowlers were not in great form, and no less than six wides were recorded against them.

### A TRIUMPH FOR CRAGHEAD.

Saturday was a red letter day in the history of the Craghead Colliery Club, for on that day, the village team succeeded in gaining a handsome victory over Durham City, and thus established their position beyond doubt as one of the finest clubs in the county. It is but a few weeks ago, that the Cits vanquished proud Norton "down south," and on Saturday, with their strongest eleven on the field, they naturally entered upon the contest quite confident of victory. The Cits started batting with extreme caution, twenty minutes being occupied in scoring the first four runs, whilst throughout the innings, the splendid bowling and fielding of the Craghead players prevented anything in the shape of rapid scoring. As instances, it may be mentioned that Tom Hutton was at the wickets nearly two hours for 17, whilst Canon Firth, usually

### A LIVELY HITTER

stood nearly three-quarters of an hour for half-a-dozen runs. Tom Hutton's score included nine singles. Harry Hutton scored 35 for the visitors, but he and brother Tom were the only batsmen to touch double figures. Six of the team were non-scorers, and the tail of the team was much longer than the body. The second wicket fell with the score at 58, but the innings altogether only realised ten more runs. This break-down was largely due to Captain Railton, who relieved Faulkner after the latter had sent down 15 overs. Railton proved

### QUITE A TERROR

to the City batsmen, and succeeded in capturing four wickets for nine runs. A special word of praise is due to the homesters for their splendid fielding. It was truly magnificent, Turnbull and Potts, in particular, being in wonderful form. With 69 to win, the homesters entered on their innings somewhat confident of victory, though recollections of the "Tudhoe" procession prevented any premature expression of jubilation. They started in very dismal style, Hoar, the City pro., who by the way is a very fair bowler, giving Horne and Holmes return tickets for "ducks," and Reg. Higginbottom the same with a single to his credit. Peele scored 9, and after he left came

### THE STAND OF THE INNINGS.

Potts played admirable cricket, and Turnbull followed up his splendid performance with the ball by hitting up an invaluable innings of 25, including five four hits. Potts hit three boundaries in his 19, and later on Faulkner and Musgrove gave the visitors some trouble. The innings closed for 82, leaving Craghead victors by 14 runs. When the teams met at Durham, the Cityites won by 12; so that honours are now even. Hoar captured seven wickets on Saturday, and Wilson obtained the remainder.

### STANLEY CRICKET.

Stanley will be represented by the following eleven on Saturday, against Washington—Messrs Geo. Stewart, J. Dixon, T. Jewitt, M. Smith, S. Wood, R. Noble, T. Shield, J. Henderson, W. T. Brown, R. Gibson, and W. Rutherford. Reserves, R. Knox and J. Robinson.

The second stringers oppose Burnopfield 2nd, at Burnopfield, in a cup fixture, when they will be weakened by the absence of Messrs Jas. Shield and George Shield. The selected team consists of Messrs J. H. Benfold, P. Harkness, R. Knox, G. Clough, H. Curry, R. Henderson, N. Summerbell, J. Mason, L. Errington, J. Stewart, and J. Robinson. Reserves, J. G. Sanderson, W. S. Wood, and W. Wrangham. Another fixture of interest is the game between the East Stanley Primitive Methodists and an eleven of England captained by Mr J. Johnson. The team consists of Messrs J. Johnson (capt.), J. Shield, G. Shield, C. Shield, N. Summerbell, T. Westgarth, C. Pattinson, J. Bulman, G. J. Pickering, W. Smith, and T. Johnson.

### THE PRESS AT DIPTON.

"All's well that ends well," but I must admit that Mr Tuson and his merry men gave the Pressmen an awful fright at Dipton, last Saturday. In the first place, the Diptonians had the audacity to dispose of the powerful Press eleven—almost equal to an all-England team—for the insignificant total of 50. It seems almost incredible, but I was there, and witnessed the feat, and can assure my readers that it is a fact. Dealing with the Press innings, I may say that both McLaren and McGregor failed entirely to sustain their County reputations, whilst the Press pro—"renowned in song and story"—was a complete failure, being twice missed in compiling the huge score of two. For that two, however, the Press were truly thankful ere the day was done. Tom Henderson gave glimpses of his old form, and, along with George Clough, he shared the batting honours of the Press team. It is fortunate that the Pressmen are as plucky as they are modest, for, had such not been the case, their task of dismissing the Diptonians for less than half a century would have been considered an impossibility. As it was, they set themselves to the task in proper "John Bull" fashion, and succeeded, after one of the finest finishes I have ever witnessed, in winning by one run. Dipton started badly, and, at one time, it seemed improbable that they would reach 50, but a lively stand by the Rev. R. Tuson and Bobby Coates proved useful, and afterwards Davies stopped in till the score was carried to 49. With two wickets to fall, and but two runs required for victory, Dipton seemed winners all over, but the Pressmen nerved themselves for a great effort, and snatched the "brand from the burning." Bobby Coates, who had hit up 21 by free cricket, was bowled off his pad, and the last wicket fell to a catch by the wicket-keeper with the score still unaltered. It was a splendid finish to a splendid game. The Pressmen fielded much better than their opponents, and their victory is largely due to this. Crowther bowled admirably for the visitors, capturing nine wickets for about 30 runs. Robinson, by a stroke of exceptional luck, took one wicket for no runs, and Jake Siddell also bowled well. On the home side, Davies, Tuson, and Coates were the most successful trundlers.

### AT THE CONCLUSION

of the game, the visitors were generously entertained to refreshments in the pavilion. They did not forget to do ample justice to the fare provided, and I have been requested to convey the gratitude of the players to Mr Tuson, Mr Clark, and the other members of the Dipton team, for their kind hospitality. The teams meet again on the Dipton ground, on Friday, July 16th, when I trust that the proceedings will be as enjoyable and the match as exciting as that of last Friday.

### TANFIELD BEATEN.

Tanfield were minus their main bowler and their most reliable batsman, at South Moor, on Saturday, and consequently they sustained a very heavy licking. Billy Robinson scored 53 for South Moor, and Tom Tindall's 25 assisted greatly towards the home score of 101 for seven wickets. Irwin's bowling was greatly missed, the quality of that sent down to the home batsmen being very poor indeed. W. G. Robinson was much below his usual form. In batting as in bowling, the visitors were also greatly out-classed. Only one player, the last man in, secured double figures, and he secured his 17 by pure slogging. Beckwith and Purdy each secured four wickets, but the former's achievement was the best as he was battling against a strong breeze. Jack Bennett did duty for South Moor, and though nine extras were allowed, his skill behind the stumps was greatly admired. Tom Welsh was absent from the home ranks. The return game is down for decision at Tanfield on Saturday, and with Tom Irwin and Joe Charlton "on duty," the homesters may be depended on to make a better fight of it.

### THE DRAW

between Burnhope 2nd and South Tanfield 2nd was certainly greatly in favour of the visitors; who after "declaring" with 133 runs on for the loss of five wickets, dismissed four of the Burnhope representatives for 35 runs. The South Tanfield skipper, young Jimmy Benfold, was the hero of the game; and I fancy that his score of 84 not out will be the highest in the annals of his club for this season. As captain of the team, he certainly acted with praiseworthy unselfishness in "declaring" when so near to the attainment of the coveted century. He was several times missed, but is nevertheless deserving of very great credit for his splendid score. McVittie also played well for 21, but of course his performance was completely overshadowed by that of his captain. E. Jacques batted well for Burnhope.

### OUSTON WANDERERS

visited Lambton Castle, on Saturday, and succeeded in winning somewhat easily by 69 to 40. Seven of the Castle representatives failed to score. Dr. Miller hit up 29 for the winners, and Moss contributed a useful innings of 15. Dixon (19) and Wilkinson (13) were chief scorers for the losers. Barnes bowled splendidly for the Wanderers.

### A VERY ONE-SIDED CONTEST

took place at Whickham, on Saturday, when the village representatives tackled Gateshead Low Fell. Whickham took first innings, and scored 66, despite some excellent bowling by F. Thwaites. Willy and Robert Cook scored a dozen runs each, and Thynn contributed 10. On the visitors taking their innings, Burdon was the only player capable of offering any resistance to the fine trundling of Cheeseman and Cook. Burdon went in first, and carried his bat right through the innings, scoring 13 out of a total of 24. Seven of the wickets were credited to Cheeseman.

### A TIE AT OXHILL.

Burnhope visited Oxhill, on Saturday, to try conclusions with South Tanfield, in a Junior League fixture, and, after a most interesting struggle, the game ended in a tie, each team scoring 41. Burnhope appear to have gone back greatly in their batting since last season, and, had it not been for a splendid batting exhibition on the part of John Ironsides, their score would not have reached 20. Ironsides, whom I have previously referred to as one of the finest batsmen in North-West Durham, was responsible for 24 out of the 41. Joe Robinson again failed with the willow, but his bowling was better than for some time past. He claimed four wickets at a small cost. Newton and Dyson also bowled well, as did H. Middlemast Raine, and Ledger for the homesters. Harry Middlemast was the best batsman on the South Tanfield team, for, besides capturing five wickets, he scored eleven runs. South Tanfield were equal to their opponents' score, with a couple of wickets in hand, but these wickets could not get the one run needful for victory. The finish was most exciting. We are having quite an epidemic of sensational finishes in local cricket this season, and it is well that such is the case, for nothing is more conducive to the popularity of the game.

### HEAVY SCORING AT CORNSAY.

Some rare hitting was witnessed in Saturday's game between Cornsay and Oakenshaw. W. Hodgson played splendidly for the Cornsayites, and his score amounted to 37, not out. It seems a pity that he did not reach the coveted half-century. Winter also hit hard for 28, and English, Moorhouse, "Mr Extras," and Hodgson all claimed double figures. Altogether, the total amounted to 128, and this proved far too many for Oakenshaw. They started badly, and, though Close and Armstrong played steadily, the innings only realised 52, leaving Cornsay victorious by the substantial margin of 76 runs.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET II.

easily defeated Kimblesworth, on Saturday, scoring 138 to the villagers' 71. Morgan (35) and Bell (29 not out) contributed largely to the victory, and Coming's bowling was very useful.

### AT BURNHOPE,

on Saturday, South Tanfield II. had all the best of their drawn game with Burnhope II. Jimmy Benfold, the visiting skipper, scored 84, not out, by free hitting against moderate bowling. The South Tanfield Committee might reasonably try this player in the Senior team.

### CRAGHEAD JUNIORS

sustained a thock, on Saturday, when they were beaten by Oxhill Juniors, in a Stanley Junior League fixture. The margin was only three runs, the scores being 54 against 51. Bruce, the crack Craghead bowler, proved very expensive. Dixon bowled splendidly for the winners, who appear to be a greatly improved team.

### STANLEY V. LITTLETOWN.

The above fixture was played on Saturday for the benefit of the home groundsmen, and the result was another handsome victory for the Stanleyites, a result, it may be added, largely due to the superb batting of Sammy Wood, and the excellent bowling of Tom Jewitt and Matt. Smith. The visitors took first innings, but only scored 46. Hunter (15) and Simpson (9) were chief scorers. The bowling was consistently good, and the fielding

### SMART AND ACCURATE.

Sammy Wood made a pleasing *debut* behind the sticks, and not a single bye or leg-bye was allowed. Samuel had the pleasure of stumping the Littletown head scorer, and this feat he accomplished in very smart fashion.

### THE STANLEY INNINGS

opened none too brightly, Matt. Smith bidding *au revoir* to the stumps ere a run was on. Rutherford hit with some vigour for 10, but "as usual" Sammy Wood was top scorer, his contribution amounting to 38. The runs were got by clean, hard hitting, and not a single chance was given, though had the ground fielding of the visitors been decently smart, his score would probably have been reduced by half-a-dozen. Joe Dixon was again bowled in trying his favourite pull, and Dick Knox once more failed to trouble the scorer. Tommy Shield defended his wickets very steadily, though he only scored four. Jack Henderson indulged in some free slogging towards the finish. Simpson was the best of the visiting bowlers, and Nichol, Thompson, and Cowley all displayed average merit. The Littletown fielding was not of a very high order, the long-stop in particular being a perfect frost.

### TOW LAW V. NEWFIELD.

The return fixture between these two teams afforded another proof of Tow Law's superiority. Going in first, Newfield were soon placed out in the field. Nine of their batsmen compiled the magnificent total of six runs. Moor was the only man who got into double figures, which he did with a dashingly played 27. Tow Law opened fairly well with Cheeseman and Hildreth, Slater following with a well-played 13. Moralee made the winning hit of the match as the seventh man in, and compiled a very useful 15. Moor, however, was the principal scorer for Tow Law, with 20 to his credit, which was obtained in fine style. Wilson also made a capital exhibition, his contribution being 14. Altogether, Tow Law knocked up some 92 runs to their opponents' 38. A comparatively easy victory was thus obtained by 54 runs. Tom Carr took four wickets for five runs. Three of the Newfield men were run out, their combined total reaching one, which, to say the least, must have been disheartening to the home supporters.

### CORNSAY V. OAKENSHAW.

Cornsay showed up in fine style, on Saturday, in their encounter with Oakenshaw. Their total was 128, whilst Oakenshaw managed to just pass the half century. Hodgin and Winter were the principal batsmen for Cornsay, their combined total reaching 65. By the way, Cornsay have found another "crack" bowler in the person of Moorhouse. This player took seven wickets for 27 runs on Saturday. About a fortnight ago, he secured the fall of seven wickets for five runs, whilst the redoubtable Sammy Groucett on the same occasion got six wickets for three runs. Cornsay are doing well this season. They have played in all some 13 games. Out of these they have won 11, drawn 1, and lost one. In their Durham Challenge Cup Competition engagements, they have not yet lost a single match. "Stick in," Cornsay!

### NOTABLE SCORES.

Among the scorers of 25 and upwards registered recently in local fixtures are:—

| | |
|---|---|
| J Benfold, for S. Tanfield 2nd v. Burnhope | *84 |
| A W Gowland, for Burnmoor v. Philadelphia | 73 |
| D Crichton, for Chester-le-Street v. Consett | 70 |
| W Robinson, for South Moor v. Tanfield | 53 |
| J Freake, for Philadelphia v. Burnmoor | *51 |
| J Young, for Philadelphia v. Burnmoor | 47 |
| Lonsdale, for Bla'khall Mill v. Spen & District | 41 |
| J Cowley, for Burnmoor v. Philadelphia | *39 |
| Sam Wood, for Stanley v. Littletown | 38 |
| W Hodgson, for Cornsay v. Oakenshaw | *37 |
| J Siddle, for Consett v. Chester-le Street | 37 |
| Taylor, for Bla'khall Mill v. Spen and District | 37 |
| H Hutton, for Durham City v. Craghead | 36 |
| Morgan, for Chester 2nd v. Kimblesworth | 35 |
| Adams, for White-le-Head v. Tanfield 2nd | 32 |
| Dennis, for Southhill v. Burnhopeside Hall | 31 |
| J Butler, for Burnmoor v. Philadelphia | 30 |
| J G Bell, for Chester 2nd v. Kimblesworth | *29 |
| Muirhead, for Southhill v. Burn'opside Hall | 29 |
| H Winter, for Cornsay v. Oakenshaw | 28 |
| G Turnbull, for Craghead v. Durham City | 25 |
| Sanderson, for Stanley J. v. South Moor P M | 25 |
| T Tindall, for South Moor v. Tanfield | 25 |
| Armstrong, for Tanfield 2nd v. White-le-He'd | 25 |

### WHITE-LE-HEAD VICTORIOUS.

White-le-Head tackled Medomsley III. team, on Saturday, and emerged victorious by 46 runs to 31. J. Atkinson scored 14 for the victors.

### BLACKHALL MILL

teams were in a very conquering mood, on Saturday, and both first and second teams came off with flying colours. The senior team were opposed to Spen and District, in a cup fixture, and won very easily, the scores being 130 to 67. J. Lonsdale topped the home score with 41, the runs being obtained by admirable free cricket, and J. E. Taylor also played a grand innings for 37. Embleton, J. Wood, and Richardson all managed double figures. Harper (21) and Inglis (22) were the only players on the losing side to offer much resistance to the splendid bowling of Joe Wood and Mason. The latter, by the way, though grown gray with six long years of active service, is still as nimble as ever. The second-stringers easily outdistanced Whickham II. Whickham were disposed of for 19, and Blackhall Mill responded by scoring 26 without losing a wicket.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET BEAT CONSETT.

The meeting between these old rivals came off at Blackfine, on Saturday, in boisterous weather. The match was for the benefit of Tom Lambert, the match pro. for the Consett eleven, and County wicket-keeper. Neither teams were fully represented, Latimer and Walker being conspicuous by their absence from the Chester eleven, whilst Matt Williamson and Carlill were off from the home ranks. The first match this season between the teams came off at Chester-le-Street, on May 1st, when Consett were victorious. The home team were fortunate in winning the toss, and naturally decided to bat, Siddell and Richardson facing the bowling of Crichton and Stephenson. No sooner had the game begun, when Crichton was struck on the arm with the ball, and had to retire. After 16 had been scored, Richardson, who was winded, was thrown out, after obtaining seven. Lambert received an ovation on going to the wickets, which he acknowledged by knocking up 19 in splendid fashion. Tom was, however, bowled with a good ball from his County companion, Jack Bewicke, and Wood, the new comer, got several boundaries in very quick time, his contribution, when he was run out, standing at 23. After Siddell and Wood had departed, a rot set in, Walton being the only batsman to stand against the bowling. The innings closed for 122, 36 of which were scored by Siddell.

### CHESTER

opened their innings with Crichton and Hutchinson. Runs were obtained very quickly, and ere the first wicket fell, 43 was on the board. Hutchinson, who had contributed 13, then gave way to Hall, and the latter had just reached double figures when he was run out. Holliday was looked upon as a high scorer by the spectators, but their expectations were doomed to disappointment, as he was bowled for a duck. Things looked none too well for Consett, as only 40 runs were required with seven wickets to fall. J. K. Bewicke, the county player, came next, and just after his arrival, Crichton reached his half-century, amid applause from the visiting contingent. "J. K" drove Richardson for a couple, but was bowled by the same player with his next delivery. Walker joined Crichton, and the score was carried to 119, when Crichton was bowled for a well-played 70. Jim Bewicke and the Chester skipper easily knocked off the required runs, and Chester were victorious by five wickets. On the whole, Chester were the better team, and fully merited their victory.

### FIXTURES.

Amongst Saturday's fixtures are the following—

Consett and District v Wallsend.
Greenside v Burnopfield.
Burnopfield 2nd v Stanley 2nd.
Whitburn v Chester-le-Street.
Medomsley v Craghead.
Blackhall Mill v Craghead 2nd.
Hetton Lyons v Burnhope.
Burnhope 2nd v Hedley Hill.
Shotley Bridge v Heaton.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Greenside 2nd.
East Stanley v Mr J Johnstone's eleven.
Tanfield v South Moor.
South Tanfield v Sacriston.
Lanchester v South Tanfield 2nd.

# DERWENTWATER.

## PROPOSED FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—I was pleased to see in your last week's issue a suggestion that the local football teams should form a North-West Durham League. Why not Annfield Plain Celtic, Leadgate Exiles, Hobson Wanderers, Dipton Wanderers, Allendale Park, Consett Swifts and Shotley join together and form a local combination? My experience is that local teams draw better ga'es, and cause more enthusiasm than teams from a distance. As a representative of one of the above-mentioned clubs, I shall do all I can to form a local League.
—I am yours truly,
J. H.
Leadgate, July 6th.

## TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

Tune: "The Cup of Cold Water."

Please just pay attention to some things I will mention
Of a team called the Celtic, that belongs to the Plain;
On the 12th of September, sure you will remember,
With Hexham Excelsior commenced the campaign;
Though the Plain got a beating, there was no retreating,
In fact they played hard for one goal I am sure,
But Excelsior of Hexham tried hardly to vex them,
Though the Celtic got one, and Excelsior got four.

They beat Consett Town Swifts, likewise Wallsend Celtic,
And Prudhoe as well as surely you know;
Then again had a dash at the Tyne-siders' Celtic,
They played a good game, which was given a draw.
Next came Heaton Science, who hurled bold defiance,
And twice in succession fell a fatal blow;
They were beaten by Mickley, though the game it was tricky,
With Bill Quay and Wardley Blue Star played a draw.

On March 13th, Annfield Plain beat Mickley,
Next they played Hobson Wanderers, and made a draw;
They beat Prudhoe by two, then Wallsend Park Villa,
Consett Town Swifts, and Wardley Blue Star;
Then poor Bill Quay Albion, they beat them by seven,
And Wallsend Park Villa beat them well, as you know,
Winning the Tyneside League—the last match with Hobson—
With 31 points, and the last game a draw.

Here's health to the forwards, the half-backs, and centre,
The full backs, the linesman, the man at the goal;
If fortune will favour, they bravely will labour,
And try to gain fame at the game of football.
Good health to the host of the old Railway Inn,
Long at the same place may the Celtic remain;
And now I must end, as to the skies we will send
Three cheers for the lads of the Club at the Plain.

South Pontop. THOS. STOBBART.

# CRICKET.

## DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

## CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

## LAMBERT'S BENEFIT.

[By "The Bradley Boy."]

These old rivals met at Blackfine, last Saturday, to play off their return League engagement. The match was for the benefit of Tom Lambert, the well-known County wicket-keeper and match professional for the Consett team. Unfortunately, the weather was not very favourable, a strong wind blowing across the ground. The visitors were without Walker, whilst the home team also suffered in this respect, Carlill and Dales being absent. Curry filled the vacancy in the visiting ranks, Bob Charlton being called into requisition for Consett.

### CONSETT WON THE TOSS,

and, at half-past two, Siddell and Richardson went to the wickets, Stephenson trundling to the latter batsman. The ex-pro. bowled a maiden. The scoring was then opened by Siddell, off Crichton, who came on at the low end, Jake driving him for a couple. Richardson opened his account with a single, and Curry, in throwing the ball to the wickets, struck Crichton on the elbow. Davy was forced to retire temporarily from the bowling department, Gray superseding him. The new bowler sent down a maiden, and Siddell hit Stephenson to leg for a couple of twos, after which J. K. Bewicke missed him behind the wickets.

### RICHARDSON ELICITED APPLAUSE

by cutting Gray finely to the boundary for three, and Siddell obtained a similar number off the same bowler. Richardson supplemented his score by driving Gray to the boundary for a trio, but, in the next over, he was injured, and fell. The wicket-keeper knocked off the bails, and Richardson was given out by the umpire. One for 16. Lambert was the new comer, and on making his appearance, was received with a loud ovation He opened his account by cutting Stephenson for one, and Crichton took up the trundling at the high end. Both bowlers delivered maidens, and

### SIDDELL HIT STEPHENSON

to leg for a trio, Lambert also adding a single. Stephenson proved rather expensive, and a change was effected, Tom Middleton replacing Stephenson. After a couple of byes had been obtained, Siddell cut the new trundler for two, and 30 was hoisted. Siddell was applauded for a fine cut for two off Middleton, which he supplemented by a hit to leg for an equal number. This batsman appeared to master the bowling, and cut Middleton for another couple. Lambert made a late cut off Crichton for two, and after Siddell had obtained a single, Lambert hit Crichton to leg for two. Forty went up, and both batsmen added singles. Lambert continued to hit vigorously, and scored another trio off Crichton.

### HALLIDAY REPLACED "J. K."

behind the wickets, the latter being entrusted with the trundling at the pavilion end. Lambert welcomed his county companion by cutting him to the boundary for three, and Crichton—who gave way to Bewicke—went on in place of Middleton. Siddell drove the new county player for a couple, also cutting him finely for two. Lambert hit Crichton to leg for two, but in Bewicke's next over, his stumps were disturbed, and he was forced to proceed to the pavilion. The retiring batsman scored 19. Two for 50. Wood came next, and with a leg bye, 60 was telegraphed

### SIDDELL "SNICKED" BEWICKE

luckily for three, and also added a couple off the same bowler. Scoring was very slow, only 48 runs being obtained after an hour's play. The new batsman drove Davy to the on-boundary for a trio, and 70 was sent up. Wood drove "J. K." for one, and augmented his score by a fine lofty drive off Crichton for three. Wood continued to hit freely, and again despatched the leather to the boundary—this time off Bewicke. Another couple fell to the same batsman, and

### SIDDELL WAS CLEAN BOWLED

by a splendid delivery by Bewicke, for a well-played 36. Three for 78. The home skipper filled the vacancy, and after Wood had added a trio off Bewicke, he cut Jim Bewicke, who displaced Crichton, for a fine three. Wood again drove "J. K." to the boundary, and Godfrey scored a single off his brother Jim. The home captain "snicked" Jack Bewicke for three, and this sent ninety up. Wood seemed to have an affection for "J. K.'s" bowling, as he again scored a couple of trios off him. Wood was the next batsman to fall, being stumped by Halliday for a dashing twenty-three. Four for 97. The Consett pro. came in, but failed to trouble the scorers, being bowled with a grand delivery—the best of the match—from Jack Bewicke. Five for 97.

### GODFREY WAS DISMISSED

with the score unaltered, and Walton and Lindsay checked the "rot" for a short time. Lindsay opened with a big drive for three off Jack Bewicke, and cut the same bowler for two. The century was telegraphed, and a couple of byes followed. With the score at 104, Lindsay lifted the ball into Gray's hands, and had to retire. Charlton—the Medomsley player—was the new-comer, and signalised his advent to the wickets by driving Bewicke for a single. This, however, proved to be his only contribution, as he was caught by Stephenson off the bowling of Jack Bewicke. Eight for 108. Hurst, late of Durham University, next faced the music, and Walton drove "J. K." to the off boundary for a trio, which caused 110 to be hoisted. George added a couple off the same bowler, before

### HURST WAS GIVEN OUT

leg before to Jack Bewicke. Nine for 113. Foggan filled the vacancy, and both players scored singles. Foggan hit Jim Bewicke to leg for three, and Walton made a big drive off him for two. 120 was hoisted, and with a couple added

### WALTON WAS CAUGHT BY CURRY

off the bowling of Jim Bewicke. The whole innings concluded for the respectable total of 122.

Chester-le-Street opened their innings after the usual interval, Crichton and Hutchinson opposing the bowling of Martin and Godfrey. The first over was sent down by the captain, Crichton cutting him for a couple of twos, Hutchinson opened his account with a single off the same bowler, and Walton made a fine attempt to catch Crichton in Martin's first over.

### CRICHTON DROVE GODFREY

clean into the next field, and received well-earned applause which he acknowledged by cutting the home captain for a single. Ten went up, and Davy cut Martin finely for three. He augmented this by hitting the first ball of Godfrey's next over to the leg boundary for three. Both players obtained singles, and Crichton, who was playing excellent cricket, cut Martin for two. Davy again cut Martin for three, and Hutchinson drove the captain for two. Martin's succeeding over was a maiden.

### HURST REPLACED GODFREY,

and Hutchinson cut him for three, Crichton driving him for one less. Hutchinson prettily cut the same trundler for two, and 40 was sent up. Crichton hit Martin to leg for one, and, before the expiration of Hurst's next over, Hutchinson was bowled for 13. One for 43. Hall came in, and Crichton drove Martin for two, and hit him to square leg for an equal number. Crichton drove Hurst for a couple, and the

### HALF-CENTURY WAS HOISTED.

Davy again drove Hurst to the boundary, and Hall lifted Martin's first delivery to the boundary. Richardson replaced Hurst in the bowling line, the latter trundling at the pavilion end. Crichton cut him for two, and 60 went up, after which Hall hit Richardson to the boundary for a trio. Crichton despatched Hurst for a single, and Hall put him to leg for two more. Crichton again drove Hurst to the on-boundary, and followed this up by adding a similar number, off Richardson. Two byes followed, and Martin came on in place of Frank Richardson.

### HALL WAS RUN OUT

for 10, leaving the score at 78 for two wickets. A cut by Crichton off Martin for two sent up 80, and two byes again followed. Richardson, who displaced Hurst, bowled a maiden, after which Halliday was clean bowled for a "duck." Three for 83. Jack Bewicke came in, and Godfrey again bowled. Davy reached his half-century by hitting the new bowler for three. Several bowling changes were tried in the home ranks, Richardson going on at the low end. Crichton cut him for a single, and Bewicke opened his score by driving Richardson for two. He was, however, beaten by Richardson's next delivery, after scoring two. Four for 90. Walker came in, and Davy cut the home pro. for two. The latter batsman drove Richardson for three, and then Crichton despatched him for one less. Two byes and a wide resulted off Richardson's next over, and a cut by Crichton for one raised that player's total to 60, the century also being hoisted. Davy cut Martin for one, and Walker "snicked" him for a trio. Crichton added a single, and a minute later skied a ball, Charlton being applauded for

### A FINE ATTEMPT.

Crichton drove the home pro. for a single, and the visiting captain "snicked" him for three. Crichton further increased his contribution by cutting Martin for two. A bye followed, and Richardson's next over saw the completion of Crichton's innings, as the latter was bowled by a good delivery. Five for 119. Davy's splendid innings was made without the semblance of a fluke, and he was the only player who despatched the ball into the next field. Jim Bewicke came next, and cut Richardson for three, and the winning hit was scored by Walker off Richardson. The Chester captain again "snicked" Martin for two, and the innings was declared closed with the total at 126, leaving the visitors victorious by five wickets and six runs. S[illegible] and analyses:—

CONSETT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Siddell, b J K Bewicke ... | [illegible] |
| Richardson, thrown out ... | [illegible] |
| Lambert, b J K Bewicke... | [illegible] |
| Wood, st, b J K Bewicke... | [illegible] |
| Godfrey, b Bewicke | [illegible] |
| Martin, b Bewicke ... | [illegible] |
| Walton, c Curry, b Bewic[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Lindsay, c Gray, b Bewi[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Charlton, c Stephenson, [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Hurst, lbw b Bewicke | [illegible] |
| Foggan, not out | [illegible] |
| Extras | [illegible] |
| Total | [illegible] |

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

| | |
|---|---|
| Crichton, b Richardson ... ... ... | 70 |
| Hutchinson, b Hurst ... ... ... | 13 |
| Hall, run out... ... ... ... | 10 |
| Halliday, b Martinson ... ... ... | 0 |
| J K Bewicke ... ... ... ... | 2 |
| Kerrick-Walker, not out ... ... | 12 |
| Jim Bewicke, not out ... ... | 4 |
| Stephenson<br>Middleton<br>Gray<br>Curry | To bat |
| Extras ... ... ... | 15 |
| Total ... ... ... | 126 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stephenson ... | 8 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 13 |
| Crichton ... | 18 | 8 | 22 | 0 | — |
| Gray ... | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 | — |
| Middleton ... | 7 | 2 | 11 | 0 | — |
| J K Bewicke ... | 20 | 4 | 40 | 6 | 6·6 |
| Jim Bewicke ... | 10 | 7 | 19 | 3 | 6·3 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Godfrey ... | 6 | 0 | 21 | 0 | — |
| Martin ... | 17 | 3 | 40 | 1 | 40 |
| Hurst ... | 7 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 23 |
| Richardson ... | 10 | 2 | 27 | 2 | 13·5 |

## DURHAM CITY v. CRAGHEAD.

[By "Playfair."]

The weather for this important contest was not so genial as was hoped for, and the fortunes of the day were decided in a temperature very suitable for a Rugger scrum, but not at all appropriate for playing at "cricket's manly toil." When the teams met at Durham some six weeks ago, the Craghead lads ran a very close race with their

### FAMOUS OPPONENTS,

and evidently the Cits had not forgotten that fact, for they placed their strongest possible team in the field, on Saturday. Craghead were also strongly represented, Hughie Young being the only absentee of note, and, as he is fast approaching the sere and yellow leaf, it is probable that the team was strengthened rather than otherwise by the inclusion of Nichol Musgrove. The visitors took first innings, and opened with Canon Firth and Tom Hutton, to the attack of Turnbull and Faulkner. Turnbull sent down the first over to the Canon, and Bobby Holmes at once missed a chance of stumping the reverend gentleman, who signalised his let off by scoring a single from the following ball. The same plaper placed Faulkner for a single, and then

### HALF-A-DOZEN OVERS

were sent down for three runs. Surely a high tribute to the excellence of the bowling and fielding! Faulkner made a grand effort to hold a hot return from the Canon, but did not quite succeed, and, after twenty minutes' play, Firth made the first two-hit of the match. More quiet play ensued ere Hutton got a single off Turnbull, but the next ball proved fatal to Canon Firth, Turnbull catching him off his own bowling. Harry Hutton was the next to bat, and there ensued

### THE BEST STAND

of the day. Harry Hutton scored a single off Turnbull, and cut Faulkner for a brace. A single to Tom, and then Harry drove Turnbull for four. Singles followed, and then each bowler delivered a maiden. Tom Hutton scored singles from alternate ends, and Turnbull sent along another maiden. Harry got a single at the expense of Faulkner and a couple to the on off Turnbull, after which Tom drove Faulkner to the boundary. Another maiden followed to Turnbull, but, after a few minor hits, that trundler was thrice

### DRIVEN TO THE BOUNDARY

by Harry. Railton relieved Faulkner, but the change came from the other end, Harry Hutton being caught by the veteran, Jimmy Hunter, for 36. Two for 58. Adamson came next, but was bowled by Railton after scoring two. Hoar, the pro., came in, and hit Railton to leg for two, but, at 63, Tom Hutton was dismissed. He had played with extreme caution for 17. The

### FLOOD OF DISASTERS

continued, Wilson being bowled first ball, and Spence sent back without scoring. At 67, Hoar was caught in hitting to leg, and Lodge fell to a good catch in the slips. J. Hutton was stumped without scoring, and the innings closed for 68—a much less total than had at one time appearrd probable.

### THE HOME INNINGS

started in sensational fashion, Horne being bowled by Hoar's fifth ball, and Holmes succumbing first ball to a delivery from the visiting pro. Canon Firth bowled at the opposite end, and Peele started the scoring by hitting him for two. Hoar sent down a maiden, and them missed Peele in the slips, off Canon Firth. Peele scored a single from Firth, and then hit Hoar for two, but, with nine on, all of which were to his own credit, the ex-Burnhope player was caught by the Canon. Potts opened well by hits for 3 and 4, but, at 18, Higginbottom was bowled for a single. Turnbull joined Potts, and the latter drove Firth for a single. Turnbull hit to the boundary, amid lusty cheering, but Hoar was difficult to score from, and sent down another maiden. Harry Hutton tried an over, but proved terribly expensive. Turnbull hit his first ball

### TO THE BOUNDARY,

and despatched the third delivery to the same place, following it up with a single. Potts knocked the last ball of the over for four. Harry was promptly shunted, and Wilson was tried. More fours followed, and the half-century was hoisted, amid cheering, but five runs later, Potts was bowled by Hoar, and Turnbull caught in the slips, off Wilson. George Hunter hit Wilson for two, and three singles were added, but, at 60, Hoar bowled Hunter, and Railton was sent back at the same total.

### MUSGROVE AND FAULKNER

now came together, and the game proceeded, amid intense excitement, every stroke being watched with almost painful interest. Gradually the score mounted, and

### A RINGING CHEER

was raised when Musgrove drove Hoar for a couple, and won the match. Faulkner left at 72, and 10 runs were added ere the last wicket fell. Scores—

CITY.

| | |
|---|---|
| T Hutton, c Railton, d Turnbull ... | 17 |
| Firth, c and b Turnbull ... ... ... | 6 |
| H Hutton, st J Hunter ... ... ... | 36 |
| Adamson, b Railton ... ... ... | 2 |
| Wilson, b Turnbull... ... ... | 0 |
| Spence, b Turnbull... ... ... | 0 |
| Hoar, c Potts, b Railton ... ... | 6 |
| Lodge, c Hunter, b Railton ... ... | 0 |
| J Hutton, st Holmes, b Turubull ... | 0 |
| Crompton, not out ... ... ... | 0 |
| Bell, b Railton ... ... ... ... | 0 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 1 |
| Total ... ... ... | 68 |

CRAGHEAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Peel, c Firth, b Hoar ... ... | 9 |
| Horne, b Hoar ... ... ... | 0 |
| Holmes, b Hoar ... ... ... | 0 |
| Higginbottom, b Hoar ... ... | 1 |
| Potts, b Hoar... ... ... ... | 19 |
| Turnbull, c Hoar, b Wilson ... ... | 25 |
| Railton, b Wilson ... ... ... | 1 |
| G Hunter, b Hoar ... ... ... | 4 |
| Falconer, c and b Hoar ... ... | 8 |
| Musgrove, c Adamson ... ... | 9 |
| Hunter, not out ... ... ... | 3 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 3 |
| Total ... ... ... | 82 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turnbull ... | 25 | 10 | 41 | 6 | 6·8 |
| Faulkner ... | 15 | 5 | 17 | 0 | — |
| Railton ... | 9 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 2·2 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | A. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hoar ... ... | 14 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 1·8 |
| Firth ... ... | 6 | 0 | 35 | 0 | — |
| H Hutton ... | 1 | 0 | 13 | 0 | — |
| Wilson ... ... | 6 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 4 |

## BISHOP AUCKLAND v TUDHOE.

Played at Tudhoe, on Saturday, before a large attendance. The game resulted in a win for the visitors by 123 runs. Gregory took seven wickets for 45 runs. Scores—

AUCKLAND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Robinson, b Gregory ... ... ... | 7 |
| Bousfield, b Snowdon ... ... ... | 11 |
| Dowson, b Hughes ... ... ... | 1 |
| Fairless, c Hutchinson ... ... | 14 |
| Livesay, b Hughes... ... ... | 0 |
| Hirst, c Gibson, b Gregory ... ... | 15 |
| Hendy, b Gregory ... ... ... | 0 |
| Milner, c Maskery, b Gregory ... | 20 |
| Lodge, c Maskery, b Gregory ... | 16 |
| Pattison, c Snowdon, b Gregory ... | 15 |
| Ryder, not out ... ... ... | 4 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 6 |
| Total — — — | 109 |

TUDHOE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Maskery, c Bousfield, b Livesay ... | 50 |
| Gilroy, b Bousfield ... ... ... | 9 |
| Snowdon, c Milner, b Bousfield... | 85 |
| Whittaker, st Milner, b Bousfield ... | 9 |
| Urwin, c Pattison, b Livesay ... | 19 |
| Black, c Pattison, b Hirst ... | 0 |
| Gregory, b Hirst ... ... ... | 18 |
| Harrell, not out ... ... ... | 21 |
| Hutchinson, b Hirst ... ... | 1 |
| Hutchinson, c Bousfield, b Hirst ... | 4 |
| [illegible]ghes, c Fairless, b Hirst ... | 0 |
| Extras — — — | 7 |
| Total — — — — | 232 |

## DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

## BLACKHALL MILL v. SPEN AND DISTRICT.

Played at Blackhall Mill, and resulted in a win for the home eleven by 63 runs. Scores—

BLACKHALL MILL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lonsdale, b Halley ... ... ... | 41 |
| Bell, c Halley, b Laing ... ... | 0 |
| Moody, b Emmerson ... ... | 0 |
| Taylor, b Halley ... ... ... | 37 |
| Embleton, lbw b Halley ... ... | 13 |
| W Wood, c Archdall, b Halley ... | 6 |
| J Wood, c Halley, b Laing ... ... | 11 |
| Richardson, b Laing ... ... | 10 |
| Charlton, b Emmerson ... ... | 0 |
| Mason, b Emmerson ... ... | 1 |
| Oxley, not out ... ... ... | 4 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 7 |
| Total ... ... | 130 |

SPEN.

| | |
|---|---|
| English, c Embleton, b J Wood ... | 4 |
| Harper, b Taylor ... ... ... | 21 |
| Halley, run out ... ... ... | 1 |
| Archdall, b J Wood ... ... | 3 |
| Laing, b Wood ... ... ... | 0 |
| Gilchrist, b Wood ... ... ... | 1 |
| Emmerson, b Wood ... ... | 0 |
| Smith, c Lonsdale, b Mason ... | 0 |
| Inglis, b Mason ... ... ... | 22 |
| Laing, not out ... ... ... | 5 |
| J Emmerson, b Mason ... ... | 0 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 14 |
| Total ... ... | 67 |

## CORNSAY v. OAKENSHAW.

This match took place on the Cornsay ground, on Saturday afternoon last, before a fairly large field of interested spectators. The Cornsay Brass Band played several selections in the field during the afternoon, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the spectators. The home men showed good form, their total running up to 128, whilst their opponents' score only reached 52. Hodgson, with 37 not out, and Winter, 28, were the principal scorers for Cornsay. The following are the scores:—

OAKENSHAW.

| | |
|---|---|
| W Rosthorne, b Moorhouse ... ... | 0 |
| T Thompson, st Winter, b Moorhouse | 5 |
| L Gilpin, b Moorhouse ... ... | 0 |
| A Purvis, b Groucett ... ... | 1 |
| R Wain, st Winter, b Moorhouse ... | 8 |
| J Thompson, run out ... ... | 0 |
| H Close, b Moorhouse ... ... | 15 |
| P Nesbit, b Moorhouse ... ... | 5 |
| J Armstrong, c Milburn, b Moorhouse | 10 |
| T D Hoyle, b Groucett ... ... | 7 |
| A Robinson, not out ... ... | 1 |
| Extras ... ... | 0 |
| Total ... ... | 52 |

CORNSAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Hodgson, c Hoyle, b Armstrong ... | 10 |
| H Moorhouse, b Purvis ... ... | 13 |
| H Winter, c Nesbit, b Hoyle ... | 28 |
| J Milburn, b Nesbit ... ... | 0 |
| S Groucett, b Nesbit ... ... | 2 |
| J Slater, b Close ... ... ... | 6 |
| W Hodgson, not out ... ... | 37 |
| R Hope, run out ... ... ... | 6 |
| J Raw, run out ... ... ... | 1 |
| J Daglish, c Robinson, b Hoyle... | 11 |
| W Dowson, c and b Hoyle ... | 1 |
| Extras ... ... | 13 |
| Total ... ... | 128 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moorhouse ... ... | 12 | 1 | 27 | 7 |
| Groucett ... ... | 12 | 4 | 23 | 2 |

## LANGLEY PARK v. HAMSTEELS.

The above-named teams met at Langley Park, on Saturday, in the Durham County Cup Competition, a pleasant game ending in a win for the home team. Scores:—

LANGLEY PARK.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Lowes, c Craven, b Dodds ... ... | 13 |
| J Plews, b Bailes ... ... ... | 6 |
| Rev C J Hamilton, c Craven, b Bailes | 12 |
| R Peel, b Dodds ... ... ... | 0 |
| M Crawford, b Johnson ... ... | 42 |
| H Ardley, b Johnson ... ... | 8 |
| T Eccleston, c Fordham, b Johnson | 20 |
| T Morland, c Dodds, b Bailes ... | 3 |
| J Peel, not out ... ... ... | 15 |
| A Hollingworth, run out... ... | 0 |
| T Dixon, c Lyons, b Johnson ... | 3 |
| Extras ... ... | 4 |
| Total ... ... | 126 |

HAMSTEELS.

| | |
|---|---|
| J B Johnson, c Hamilton, b Ardley ... | 20 |
| J Lyons, c J Peel, b Ardley ... | 0 |
| A Dodds, c Crawford, b Ardley ... | 7 |
| J Johnson, run out... ... ... | 9 |
| A Bailes, b Ardley... ... ... | 4 |
| H Johnstone, c Eccleston, b Lowes ... | 8 |
| M Craven, c Lowes, b Ardley ... | 4 |
| T Lowdon, b Ardley ... ... | 3 |
| W Fordham, c Crawford, b Ardley ... | 2 |
| B Jarvis, b Hamilton ... ... | 4 |
| W Hancock, not out ... ... | 3 |
| Extras ... ... | 1 |
| Total ... ... | 65 |

## STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

## STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIORS v. SOUTH MOOR P. M.

Played at South Moor, in a Junior league fixture, and resulted in a very easy victory for the visitors. Scores—

STANLEY JUNIORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Shield, b Clennell ... ... ... | 7 |
| Mason, b Clennell ... ... ... | 0 |
| Hodgson, c Pratt, b Clennell ... | 8 |
| G Sanderson, c Wilkinson, b Clennell | 2 |
| Morton, b Nixon ... ... ... | 2 |
| Errington, b Nixon... ... ... | 4 |
| C Sanderson, b Bentley ... ... | 25 |
| Harrison, b Nixon ... ... ... | 5 |
| Robson, not out ... ... ... | 5 |
| Craig, c Bentley, b Wilkinson ... | 7 |
| Harkness, st Clark, b Nixon ... | 3 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 11 |
| Total ... ... ... | 79 |

SOUTH MOOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mitchell, b Mason ... ... ... | 0 |
| Smailes, b Mason ... ... ... | 2 |
| Clennell, c G Sanderson, b G C Sanderson | 0 |
| Brass, run out ... ... ... | 0 |
| Bentley, b Sanderson ... ... | 7 |
| Wilkinson, b Mason ... ... | 0 |
| Nixon, c Errington ... ... | 2 |
| Clark, b Mason ... ... ... | 2 |
| Davison, b Mason ... ... ... | 4 |
| Nicholson, b Mason... ... ... | 5 |
| Pratt, not out... ... ... | 0 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 6 |
| Total ... ... ... | 28 |

## CRAGHEAD JUNIORS v SOUTH TANFIELD JUNIORS.

At Craghead, in a Stanley junior League fixture. Scores—

SOUTH TANFIELD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Dixon, c French, b McMahone ... | 4 |
| Reay, c Hunter, b Bruce ... ... | 0 |
| Hunter, b Bruce ... ... ... | 4 |
| Vasey, b Bruce ... ... ... | 0 |
| Armstrong, b Hunter ... ... | 14 |
| Wilson, b Bruce ... ... ... | 2 |
| Errington, run out... ... ... | 1 |
| Benfold, b Bruce ... ... ... | 4 |
| Kay, b Young ... ... ... | 9 |
| McVittie, b Young... ... ... | 6 |
| Kay, not out ... ... ... | 1 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 10 |
| Total ... ... ... | 59 |

CRAGHEAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bruce, b Armstrong ... ... ... | 6 |
| Muncaster, c Benfold, b Armstrong ... | 0 |
| French, c Hunter, b Dixon ... | 10 |
| Hunter, c Armstrong, b Dixon... ... | 0 |
| McMahone, c Hunter, b Armstrong ... | 0 |
| Fairley, b Dixon ... ... ... | 0 |
| Young, b Armstrong ... ... ... | 9 |
| Pattinson, c Reay, b Dixon ... | 14 |
| White, not out ... ... ... | 1 |
| Pomory, b Dixon ... ... ... | 0 |
| Brown, b Armstrong ... ... | 4 |
| Extras ... ... ... | 7 |
| Total ... ... ... | 46 |

## SOUTH TANFIELD 2nd v. BURNHOPE 2nd.

Played at Burnhope, and resulted in a draw, greatly in favour of the visitors. Benfold played a splendid innings for Tanfield, compiling 84 not out. Scores—

TANFIELD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Rix, b Spencer - - - - - - | 4 |
| Kent, b Brabban, b Spencer - - | 3 |
| Benfold, not out - - - - - | 84 |
| McVittie, b Ridley - - - - | 21 |
| Hunter, c Jacques, b Ridley - - | 7 |
| Ledger, not out - - - - - | 8 |
| Thorne, b Dyson - - - - - | 3 |
| Middlemast<br>Walker<br>Tiplady | To bat |
| Extras - - - - - - - | 6 |
| Total - - - - - - | 136 |

BURNHOPE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Smith c and b Benfold - - - - | 3 |
| Spencer, b Kent - - - - - | 0 |
| Jacques, not out - - - - - | 11 |
| Urwin, run out - - - - - | 4 |
| Dyson, b Hunter - - - - - | 6 |
| Extras - - - - - - | 11 |
| Total - - - - - - | 35 |

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# CRICKET.

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## DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

South Tanfield Colliery v Burnhope Colliery.—Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a tie. Ironsides batted splendidly for Burnhope. Scores—

BURNHOPE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Ironsides, b Ledger | 24 |
| Newton, c Siddle, b Raine | 1 |
| J Dyson, b Middlemast | 3 |
| Dyson, b Raine | 0 |
| Liddle, b Middlemast | 2 |
| Mason, b Middlemast | 2 |
| Robinson, b Ledger | 2 |
| Heslop, not out | 0 |
| Richardson, b Middlemast | 1 |
| Moffitt, b Middlemast | 0 |
| Extras | 6 |
| Total | 41 |

SOUTH TANFIELD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Raine, b Robinson | 5 |
| Ledger, c Robinson, b Newton | 0 |
| T Siddle, b Newton | 0 |
| G Collin, lbw b Robinson | 0 |
| J Middlemast, b Robinson | 5 |
| J Siddle, b Newton | 3 |
| H Middlemast, run out | 11 |
| R Palmer, b Dyson | 6 |
| R Coates, b Robinson | 4 |
| R Palmer, b Dyson | 0 |
| R Henderson, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 41 |

## SOUTHILL v. BURNHOPESIDE HALL.

Played at Southill, and resulted in a draw, greatly in favour of the home team. The following are the scores—

SOUTHILL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Muirhead, b Welch | 29 |
| Dennis, b Taylor | 31 |
| Bamburgh, c Hall | 24 |
| Elliott, run out | 2 |
| Longstaffe, c Wilson, b Taylor | 2 |
| Forster, b Taylor | 4 |
| Thompson, not out | 4 |
| Scott, not out | 2 |
| Rutser<br>Hames<br>Dawson } To bat | |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 105 |

BURNHOPESIDE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Welch, c Hames, b Bamburgh | 5 |
| Sinton, run out | 3 |
| Taylor, b Bamburgh | 1 |
| Hall, run out | 1 |
| Masters, b Hames | 2 |
| Snaith, c Dennis, b Bamburgh | 1 |
| Carr, b Bamburgh | 3 |
| Anderson, c Scott | 5 |
| Wilson, not out | 7 |
| Hedley, not out | 2 |
| Laidler, to bat | |
| Extras | 14 |
| Total | 44 |

## STANLEY v. LITTLETOWN.

[By "Athlete."]

A league fixture between these teams was played at Stanley on Saturday. The gate receipts were for the benefit of the groundsmen, but the weather was cold, more like December than July, and the attendance was not so large as might have been wished. The visitors do not possess a very high reputation in the cricket world, and only the previous Saturday, they succumbed to the Hetton Lyons' bowling for the paltry total of 21. The visitors were fortunate in the spin of the coin, and decided to take first innings, opening with W. Neave and J. Thompson. Neave cut the first ball from Matt. Smith neatly for a couple, and the fourth ball he cut very prettily for three. Thompson got the last ball of the over to leg for a single.

**JEWITT FIELDING**

the ball very smartly, and saving a couple. The first ball sent down by Jewitt, Thompson drove to the on-boundary in business-like fashion, and Neave followed with a single, Brown at mid-on, shirking handling the ball. Another single to Thompson resulted from the last ball of the over. The third ball of Smith's second over proved fatal to Thompson, the ball dislodging one bail. It was a champion bailer, and the batsman appeared thoroughly deceived. One for 11. Fenwick toed the crease, and narrowly escaped being bowled first ball. Wood's wicket-keeping at this point was greatly admired. With no alteration to the score, a fine ball from Jewitt clean beat Neave, and Matt. Nichol, the old Chilton Moor player, succeeded, but was bowled first ball to the

**DELIGHT OF THE HOMESTERS,**

and the consternation of the visitors. N. Hunter came next, and Jewitt had hard lines in not performing the "hat trick" the ball clean beating the batsman, and just missing the stumps. Hunter struck his third ball past the wicket-keeper for a couple, but the first ball of Matt. Smith's third over disturbed Fenwick's stumps. Four for 13. The batsman on returning to the pavilion, remarked "I was many a mile too late." W. Orrell came in, and drove Smith for three, and followed with a single to leg off the other trundler. Hunter was

**MISSED AT THE WICKET**

and he signalised his let-off with a drive past mid-off for a single, and with a two drive off Smith, he caused 20 to be hoisted. Still on the warpath, Hunter snicked Smith to leg for a single, but lost his partner without any addition to the score, Smith disturbing the leg peg. Five for 21. Hunter opened his shoulders to Jewitt, and drove him in the direction of the pavilion for a couple, Richy Gibson racing after the ball at his record speed of 10 seconds to the 100 yards. A single resulted from the following ball, and Simpson broke his duck off the last ball of the over. He followed it up by a vigorous skyer to leg off Smith from which three runs resulted, one being due to an overthrow. Simpson cut Jewitt for a single, and the next ball was lifted over Joe Dixon's head for a couple, this bringing the score to 30. Singles followed to the credit of each batsman, after which Simpson cut Smith

**SPLENDIDLY TO THE BOUNDARY.**

Hunter scored three runs from the two following balls. He drove the first ball of Jewitt's next over straight back to the opposite stumps, and some amusement was caused by Jewitt loudly appealing "How's that." The very next ball, he ran out to drive, missed the ball, and was

**BRILLIANTLY STUMPED**

by Sammy Wood. Six for 39—the outgoer having contributed 15 by free hitting. McCutcheon brought up 40 off his first ball, but the next one proved fatal to Simpson. Seven for 40. J. Hunter opened with a single off Jewitt, and he meted out similar punishment to Smith. McCutcheon then got a single through the slips, Shield failing to hold the ball, but with the next ball Hunter was bowled. Eight for 43. McCutcheon was bowled with the score unaltered, and Cummings whipped in. He cut Jewitt just out of Henderson's reach for a single. Cowley cut Smith for a brace, but was then given out leg before wicket, and the innings terminated for a total of 46.

Stanley commenced their apparently easy task with Rutherford and Smith. Nichol opened the bowling by sending down a maiden to Rutherford, and Simpson handled the leather at the opposite wicket, and from his fourth delivery,

**A REGULAR BAIL-TOPPER,**

Smith received notice to quit. George Stewart followed in, and pulled the first ball to the leg boundary for three. Rutherford, after playing several good balls from Nichol, "snicked" that player past the wicket-keeper for a couple, and two singles to Stewart ensued. Rutherford launched out at Nichol, and knocked the ball to the tennis court for three. This fine drive he followed up well by sending successive balls from Simpson for two and a single. The next over from Nichol produced two runs to the credit of Rutherford, and inferior fielding resulted in a bye being added. The first ball of Nichol's next over bowled Stewart. Two for 17. Tom Jewitt was the next to handle the willow, and he played the rest of the over in satisfactory style. Rutherford was nicely caught and bowled by Simpson without any increase to the score. He had batted in something like his old form for 10. Brown joined his chum from Tanfield Lea, and scored a single from the first ball. Jewitt brought up 20 by driving Nichol to the boards for a couple, and a single to Brown followed, but at 22,

**JEWITT WAS YORKED.**

Four for 22. Sammy Wood joined Brown, and Nichol bowled a maiden to the "little un." Wood opened his account by cutting Simpson for three, and Brown added a single, after which Wood further increased his score by an off-drive for a couple. Nichol then made a confident appeal for leg before wicket against Brown, but Umpire Dixon gave him "Not out," much to the disgust of the bowler. Two runs to Wood brought up 30, and a couple of byes followed. Singles were made by both batsmen, the general fielding hereabouts being very slack. At 34, Brown was caught by Cowley in the slips for four, and Dixon succeeded. Wood made a grand drive for three, and Dixon pulled Simpson to the leg boundary, this causing 40 to be hoisted. Wood again drove Simpson to the bottom of the field for three, and followed it up by cutting and driving Nichol twice for a brace, thus giving

**STANLEY THE VICTORY**

with but five wickets down. Two more byes followed, and then Dixon was bowled by Simpson. Six for 49. Richy Gibson came next, and at this point Cowley was tried in place of Nichol, and Wood

**DROVE HIM FOR THREE**

off the third ball. The fourth, however, proved fatal to Gibson. Tom Shield succeeded, and after running a couple of byes, Wood drove Cowley for two. Shield scored two from a very short hit, and then received a blow on the fingers. Wood got another couple—this time from Cowley, and hereabouts Jack Hunter was conspicuous for his painfully slow fielding. Wood cut Simpson for three, and brought his individual score past 30 by the same stroke. Two byes ensued, and secured another single through misfielding on the part of Ned Hunter. Tom Shield got a single past point, and

**WOOD DROVE SIMPSON**

out of the field, amid general cheering. This caused 70 to be hoisted. Jacky Thompson relieved Simpson at the low end, and Wood drove his first ball for three, Shield following with a single, but just later

**SAMMY WAS BOWLED**

for 38, compiled without a chance. Dick Knox followed in, and the spectators recollecting a certain event that had occurred during the week, raised a hearty cheer. Shield was bowled by Cowley for four, with the score still 78, and Henderson filled the vacancy. "Sedgy" got a leg hit for two, but Knox narrowly escaped being bowled first ball. Another bye was registered, and then Henderson was missed at mid-on. He then slogged Cowling for three, and Knox was bowled for a "duck," the innings terminating for 85. Scores—

LITTLETOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| W Neave, b Jewitt | 6 |
| J Thompson, b Smith | 5 |
| T Fenwick, b Smith | 0 |
| M Nichol, b Jewitt | 0 |
| N Hunter, st Wood, b Jewitt | 15 |
| W Arell, b Smith | 4 |
| W Simpson, b Jewitt | 9 |
| W McCutcheon, b Jewitt | 2 |
| J Hunter, b Smith | 2 |
| R Cowley, lbw b Smith | 2 |
| J Cummings, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total | 46 |

STANLEY.

| | |
|---|---|
| W Rutherford, c and b Simpson | 10 |
| M Smith, b Simpson | 0 |
| G Stewart, b Nichol | 6 |
| T Jewitt, b Simpson | 2 |
| W T Brown, c Cowley, b Nichol | 4 |
| S Wood, b J Thompson | 38 |
| J Dixon, b Simpson | 3 |
| R Gibson, b Cowley | 0 |
| R Knox, b Cowley | 0 |
| T Shield, b Cowley | 4 |
| J Henderson, not out | 6 |
| Extras | 12 |
| Total | 85 |

Bowling Analysis.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smith | 7 | 1 | 25 | 5 | 5 |
| Jewitt | 7 | 0 | 21 | 5 | 4.2 |

## WHITE-LE-HEAD Y.M.C.A. v. MEDOMSLEY 3RD.

Played at White-le-Head, and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores:—

MEDOMSLEY.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Pattinson, c J Pyle, b Morton | 5 |
| J Davidson, b Clarkson | 4 |
| R Ashby, b Morton | 0 |
| T Shearer, b Clarkson | 2 |
| J Burdess, b Clarkson | 5 |
| A Parker, b Clarkson | 3 |
| J Walton, b Morton | 0 |
| W Starford, b Morton | 7 |
| W Reitch, b Clarkson | 0 |
| T Bell, b Morton | 2 |
| N Coulson, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 31 |

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Arthur, b Burdess | 0 |
| J Atkinson, b Bell | 14 |
| T Morton, b Burdess | 2 |
| J Gladders, b Bell | 0 |
| G Clarkson, c and b Bell | 7 |
| J W Harrison, b Bell | 0 |
| J Richardson, b Bell | 3 |
| J Pyle, b Parker | 1 |
| R Atkinson, b Parker | 1 |
| J Adams, c Davidson, b Shearer | 11 |
| W Pyle, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 46 |

## TOW LAW v. HEDLEY HILL.

Played at Tow Law, and resulted in a win for Hedley Hill by two runs. Scores—

TOW LAW.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Kirtley, b A Green | 2 |
| J Woodhall, c and b W H Moralee | 7 |
| G Simpson, b A Green | 0 |
| J Allan, b Moralee | 1 |
| J Hildreth, b Moralee | 0 |
| W Carr, b Moralee | 9 |
| A Gill, not out | 0 |
| W Hindmoor, c J H Agar, b A Green | 1 |
| J Norwood, b A Green | 0 |
| J Gascoigne, b Moralee | 3 |
| E Donaghy, b A Creen | 11 |
| Extras | 5 |
| Total | 38 |

HEELEY HILL.

| | |
|---|---|
| A Appleby, c Allen, b G Simpson | 9 |
| M Davison, b Simpson | 2 |
| W H Morallee, b Simpson | 0 |
| A Tomlinson, b Simpson | 1 |
| J Davison, stumped | 11 |
| A Green, b J Allen | 2 |
| J H Agar, c Gascoigne, b Allen | 3 |
| J Blake, not out | 7 |
| R Hayson, b Simpson | 0 |
| J Turner, b Simpson | 3 |
| G Sanderson, b Simpson | 0 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total | 40 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A Green | 8 | 1 | 19 | 5 |
| W H Moralee | 7·1 | 2 | 16 | 5 |

## BEAMISH v. CRAGHEAD 2ND.

Played at Beamish, and resulted in a win for Beamish by three runs. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| T Faulkner, b Finlay | 9 |
| W Wilkinson, b Finlay | 0 |
| A Howgate, c Humble, b Bryson | 1 |
| J Cummings, b Bryson | 1 |
| J Linsley, c and b Finlay | 0 |
| M Sheraton, c Humble, b Finlay | 6 |
| S Evans, b Layburne | 21 |
| R Peacock, b Layburne | 0 |
| Jos Fairley, not out | 13 |
| J Johnson, run out | 1 |
| R Hann, c Humble, b Layburne | 0 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 55 |

BEAMISH.

| | |
|---|---|
| M Layburne, b Linsley | 1 |
| F Mole, b Linsley | 2 |
| D Laverick, c Sheraton, b Howgate | 10 |
| G Laverick, run out | 4 |
| G Humble, b Linsley | 0 |
| G Finlay, c Howgate, b Faulkner | 15 |
| J Bryson, c Johnson, b Howgate | 3 |
| C Brown, b Howgate | 0 |
| J Scott, b Howgate | 5 |
| W Stoddart, c Sheraton, b Linsley | 4 |
| W Hewitson, not out | 7 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 58 |

## TOW LAW v. NEWFIELD.

The return fixture between these two teams came off on the Newfield ground, on Saturday afternoon last. The home men won the toss, and elected to bat, Richard Moore and Mawson facing the bowling of Tom Carr and Jack Hildreth. Mawson scored a four hit off Carr's first ball. However, in the next over this batsman was caught at slip. Moore showed up in good style, and secured a couple of fours off Hildreth's first over. Dobson was the new-comer, but was out to Carr with his first delivery. R. Elliott then took up the willow, but was soon run out without scoring. T. Elliott followed, and he likewise was soon disposed of. Stephenson, who succeeded, managed to knock a four off Hildreth, but in Carr's next over, he was clean bowled. Hemsley, unfortunately, who counted on retrieving the fortunes of the homesters, was run out in making a short run. Moore, at this stage of the game, batted in fine style. The remaining batsmen, however, gave him but little assistance in augmenting the score. He carried his bat out for a well-played 27, the total only reaching 38.

Tow Law commenced with Hildreth and Cheeseman, to the bowling of Robinson and Hemsley. Robinson commenced by bowling a maiden over to Cheeseman, when Hildreth "snicked" a single off Hemsley, Cheeseman following suit. Singles were obtained in the next over by each batsman, when Cheeseman had a close shave of being run out in attempting a short run. Hildreth then "snicked" a brace off Robinson, Cheeseman following with a single. The latter fell a victim to Hemsley in the next over. One for 9. Slater followed, and a[illegible] Hildreth had scored a single off Robinson, [illegible] new-comer made a splendid boundary hit. [illegible] followed this up with a brace and a single. [illegible] attempting a short run, Jack Hildreth wa[illegible] out, his contribution to the score being six. [illegible] for 17. Mellias filled the vacant place, S[illegible] setting him a good example by executing an[illegible] neat boundary hit. R. Elliott then took u[illegible] bowling, and in his first over Mellias was c[illegible] an easy catch. Nattrass succeeded, but [illegible] facing Hemsley's first ball, he succumbed [illegible] "duck." Coulson was the next man i[illegible] making a capital boundary hit. Slat[illegible] attempted a short run, but failed to r[illegible] crease in time. Five for 28. Moralee [illegible] next man in, Coulson, a moment later, being bowled by Elliott. Six for 30. Moore followed, starting well with a boundary and a single. Moralee opened by missing several opportunities of scoring, but redeemed himself by scoring the winning hit of the match by a brilliant cut. Moore followed with another boundary, to which he soon added a three. After a few minutes' careful play, Moore secured another boundary. Just later, he was bowled by Elliott, retiring with a remarkably well-played 20 standing to his credit. Seven for 67. Tom Carr was the next man, and soon "snicked" a single, Moralee following with a fine drive to the boundary. However, in attempting a drive to long-off, he was caught and bowled by Elliott, after playing a very useful innings for 15. Eight for 77. Carr then fell a victim to a catch by Mawson with the score unaltered. Wilson and Richardson were the last men in, the former knocking a couple of balls for four. After adding another four hit, he was bowled by Robinson, his score being 14. The Tow Law men were thus declared the winners by 53 runs. Scores:—

NEWFIELD.

| | |
|---|---|
| Moore, not out | 27 |
| Mawson, c Nattrass, b Carr | 4 |
| Dobson, b Carr | 0 |
| R Elliott, run out | 0 |
| T Elliott, b Carr | 1 |
| G Stephenson, b Carr | 4 |
| J Robinson, c Nattrass, b J Hildreth | 0 |
| G Robinson, run out | 1 |
| J Coney, run out | 0 |
| W Potts, b Carr | 0 |
| T Hemsley, b Hildreth | 0 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 38 |

TOW LAW.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Cheeseman, b Hemsley | 3 |
| J Hildreth, run out | 6 |
| H Slater, run out | 13 |
| T Mellias, c Mawson, b Elliott | 1 |
| J Nattrass, b Hemsley | 0 |
| J Coulson, b R Elliott | 5 |
| J Moralee, c and b Hemsley | 15 |
| J Moore, b Stephenson | 20 |
| T Carr, c Mawson, b Stephenson | 5 |
| R Wilson, b Robinson | 14 |
| E Richardson, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 9 |
| Total | 92 |

## SOUTH MOOR v. TANFIELD.

This match was played at Sout Moor, on Saturday, and resulted in a win for South Moor. Scores—

TANFIELD.

| | |
|---|---|
| W Wallace, run out | 1 |
| T Christopher | 3 |
| W Robinson, run out | 0 |
| J. Watson, c Fairley, b Purdy | 0 |
| E Gailes, b Purdy | 5 |
| J Cloe, c Fairley, b Beckwith | 0 |
| S Chisholm, b Beckwith | 2 |
| W Robinson, b Purdy | 6 |
| F Rockett, not out | 7 |
| T Atthey, b Purdy | 1 |
| E Bowes, b Beewith | 17 |
| Extras | 9 |
| Total | 51 |

SOUTH MOOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Ashcroft, b Robinson | 9 |
| T Tindall, run out | 25 |
| T Gibbon, b Robinson | 3 |
| W Dodds, c Robinson, b Wallace | 9 |
| W Robinson, l-b-w, b Close | 53 |
| E Beckwith, run out | 4 |
| G Purdy, not out | 2 |
| H Joyce, b close | 1 |
| J Fairly<br>E Smith<br>J Bennett } to bat | |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 101 |

## CONSETT EXCELSIOR v. CONSETT WHITE STARS.

Played at Consett, and resulted in a win for the Excelsiors by 7 runs. Scores:—

WHITE STARS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Bridgewater, b Rawes | 0 |
| Lovat, run out | 5 |
| Sheldon, b Crawford | 4 |
| Dibley, st. Stafford | 0 |
| Harris, run out | 0 |
| Lockran, b Crawford | 2 |
| Whittaker, c Crawford, b Piggins | 0 |
| Bainbridge, b Piggins | 0 |
| Potts, c Piggins, b Alderdice | 0 |
| Winter, not out | 9 |
| H Bridgewater, b Rawes | 0 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 21 |

EXCELSIORS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Alderdice, c Winter, b Bridgewater | 7 |
| Stafford, b Winter | 4 |
| Piggins, b Winter | 2 |
| Crawford, c Lockran, b Winter | 1 |
| W Hodgson, b Winter | 0 |
| Rawes, not out | 5 |
| F Hodgson, b Winter | 0 |
| Hope, b Dibley | 3 |
| Repper, b Bridgewater | 2 |
| B Piggins, b Bridgewater | 0 |
| Reed, b Bridgewater | 2 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total | 28 |

## WHICKHAM v. GATESHEAD LOW FELL.

Played at Whickham, when the home team obtained an easy victory by 42 runs. The visitors got five "ducks," Cheesman and Cook bowling well for the home team,. Scores:—

WHICKHAM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm Cook, c F Thwaites, b Burdon | 12 |
| J H Hedworth, c and b Thwaites | 8 |
| Mordue, b Thwaites, | 1 |
| H Cook, b Thwaites, | 6 |
| G Cheesman, b Thwaites | 9 |
| T Cheesman, b Thwaites | 0 |
| W Thynn, b R G Thwaites | 10 |
| R Cook, c R G Thwaites, b F Thwaites | 12 |
| W Cheesman, b F Thwaites | 2 |
| M Burn, c Burton, b R G Thwaites | 0 |
| T A Snaith, not out | 3 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 66 |

GATESHEAD LOW FELL.

| | |
|---|---|
| W Burdon, not out | 13 |
| J Oliver, c Hedworth, b Cheesman | 1 |
| F Thwaites, c Cook, b Cheesman | 1 |
| J F Hodgson, b Cheesman | 1 |
| T Tucker, c and b Cheesman | 3 |
| R G Thwaites, b Cheesman | 0 |
| W Crone, b Cheesman | 0 |
| J Connell, b Cook | 2 |
| H Temple, b Cook | 0 |
| R Kell, b Cook | 0 |
| R Heslop, b Cheesman | 0 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total | 24 |

## WINLATON v. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

These teams met at Winlaton, the home team winning easily. Nicholson, Blenkinsopp, and Watson played well for the winners, as also did Hollins, Haslam, and Burn for the losers. Scores:—

WINLATON.

| | |
|---|---|
| T Blenkinsopp, c Webb, b Hollins | 18 |
| H Tebb, b Hollins | 9 |
| P G Watson, c Burn, b Haslam | 16 |
| A Tebb, c Hollins, b Haslam | 9 |
| D Nicholson, b Haslam | 23 |
| B Tebb, b Haslam | 0 |
| H Forster, b Haslam | 0 |
| T Robinson, b Hollins | 1 |
| W Latimer, lbw b Haslam | 2 |
| G W Greener, b Haslam | 1 |
| F Laidler, not out | 1 |
| Extras | 31 |
| Total | 111 |

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

| | |
|---|---|
| R Pye, b Blenkinsopp | 1 |
| H Haslam, c Laidler, b Blenkinsopp | 15 |
| B B Burn, b Blenkinsopp | 12 |
| A E Hollins, c Watson, b A Tebb | 20 |
| A G Dunn, b A Tebb | 0 |
| E Raine, b A Tebb | 1 |
| G A Gailes, not out | 2 |
| E Cheesman, b A Tebb | 0 |
| A G Taylor, b Watson | 2 |
| S Webb, b Watson | 0 |
| S Logan, b A Tebb | 1 |
| Extras | 4 |
| Total | 58 |

## PRESS v. DIPTON.

Played at Dipton, on Friday, in the presence of 500 spectators, hailing from all parts of North-West Durham. The Rev. R. Tuson won the toss, and sent the Pressmen to the wickets, Siddell and Robinson opposing the bowling of Davies and Thompson. Robinson got a single from the first ball sent down, and Siddell shortly afterwards placed Davies to leg for a couple. With seven on, however, Siddell was given out leg before wicket, and at the same total, Robinson—who was quite off colour—was out to a brilliant running catch by Davies. Ross only scored two before being clean bowled, and the [illegible]ped professional, after being twice badly [illegible]nce by Bob Coates—had his pegs dis[illegible] Thompson. Crowther and McLaren [illegible] back, the Lancastrian evidently [illegible] of practice, but Thompson and [illegible] more difficult to dislodge, and [illegible] bowling were necessary ere [illegible]efell the Pressmen. Mr Tuson [illegible]es, and at length succeeded in [illegible]umped after he had compiled [illegible]son—the famous Surreyite— [illegible]y of his best days, and some [illegible]es excited loud outbursts of [illegible]lled ten without giving a [illegible]l to a good ball from the [illegible]gor—the famous wicket-keeper—was out to a catch by Thompson without scoring. "The Bradley Boy" ran a few byes, but the end came with the score at 50.

Dipton started in unpromising fashion, Spink being neatly caught first ball by McClean, who was fielding at mid-on. Councillor Clark was bowled by Crowther for a single, and Thompson and Curry soon returned to the pavilion, both falling victims to the trundling of the Leadgate Park custodian. Tuson and Bobby Coates made a plucky effort to retrieve the fortunes of the day, and their free hitting caused Clough to be shunted in favour of Siddell. The score was taken to 30 ere another wicket fell, Tuson being then captured by Robinson at long-on for ten. Coates meanwhile had luckily escaped from being run out, and he also survived a couple of appeals for leg before wicket. Bell was bowled first ball, and Gailes fell to a good ball from Siddell. Davies, who unfortunately has lost his right arm, joined Coates, and the new comer gave a great deal of trouble. Davies was deservedly applauded for driving Siddell for four, and Coates hit both bowlers with freedom. With the score at 46, Robinson relieved Siddell, and opened with a maiden to Davies. Coates hit Crowther for three, bringing the homesters to within one run of the Press total, but the Leadgate bowler then dismissed Davies. Williams came next, and amid intense excitement, Coates was somewhat luckily bowled off his pad from the fourth ball of Robinson's second over. Raine came in, and stopped the last two balls of the over. From the third ball of Crowther's next over, Williams was caught by the wicket-keeper, and the Pressmen won a splendid contest by one run. Scores:—

PRESS.

| | |
|---|---|
| J Siddell, lbw, b Davies | 4 |
| J Robinson, c Davies, b Thompson | 3 |
| J Ross, b Thompson | 2 |
| J Benfold (pro.), b Davies | 2 |
| J Crowther, b Thompson | 4 |
| W McLaren, b Davies | 1 |
| S Thompson, b Coates | 6 |
| G Clough, st Spink, b Tuson | 10 |
| T Henderson, b Tuson | 10 |
| W May, run out | 1 |
| R McClean, not out | 0 |
| G McGregor, c Thompson, b Tuson | 0 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total | 50 |

DIPTON.

| | |
|---|---|
| F Clark, b Crowther | 1 |
| J Spink, c McClean, b Crowther | 0 |
| W Thompson, b Crowther | 6 |
| R Coates, b Robinson | 21 |
| J R Curry, b Crowther | 2 |
| Rev R Tuson, c Robinson, b Crowther | 10 |
| P H Graham, c and b Crowther | 2 |
| W Bell, b Crowther | 0 |
| Gailes, b Siddell | 1 |
| J Davies, b Crowther | 5 |
| T Williams, c Henderson, b Crowther | 0 |
| M Robinson, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 49 |

## STANLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Appended are the results to date—

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stanley | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Craghead | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Oxhill | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Allendale | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| South Moor P. M. | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Medomsley | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| South Moor | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

## DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The results up to date are—

| | P. | W. | L. | D. | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Hetton | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Hetton Lyons | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| South Tanfield | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Eppleton | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Stanley | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Sacriston | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Littletown | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | —1 |
| Felling Temperance | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | —1 |
| Burnopfield | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | —1 |
| Chilton Moor | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | —2 |
| Burnhope | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | —3 |
| Washington | 9 | 2 | 6 | 1 | —4 |

## DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Results up to date—

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tudhoe | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Sunderland | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Norton | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Whitburn | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Durham City | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| North Durham | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Chester-le-Street | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| Bishop Auckland | 7 | 1 | 3 | 3 | —2 |
| Philadelphia | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | —1 |
| West Hartlepool | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | —1 |
| Craghead | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | —1 |
| Consett | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | —3 |
| South Shields | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | —5 |

## JOTTINGS.

A couple of very exciting finishes were seen in the Stanley district last week.

Tow Law Wednesday beat Stanley Wednesday by 64 to 62, and on Friday, the Press team defeated Dipton by 50 to 49.

Mr Tuson ought to teach his team "the art of fielding." Had they accepted all the easy catches offered, the Press men would not have scored 30.

The cricket fever seems to have caught on at Stanley Colliery.

Alf Dover did some fine work as longstop for Tow Law Wednesday against Stanley.

Carr bowled well in the same match, seven wickets being credited to him.

Jimmy Shield bowled with extreme hard lines for Stanley Wednesday against Tow Law Wednesday. Three easy catches were dropped from his bowling.

Joe Temperley scored 4 for Tow Law. Almost a record for the stalwart full back.

South Moor are raking a good team together. They intend to take the shine out of Stanley and South Tanfield.

The coming match between Stanley tradesmen and "Cross-bar's" eleven, selected from the District Council, School Board, and other sources, is exciting a lot of interest in and around Stanley.

Mr Robert Pearson is acting as skipper of the tradesmen's team. He hopes to induce our local Crimean warrior to take the field.

South Tanfield 2nd meant to swamp Burnhope 2nd last Saturday, but time intervened.

Benfold junr. scored 84 not out for the Oxhill lads.

Davy Crichton is a rare good batsman when he gets set.

The Consett bowlers found that out on Saturday to their cost.

Essex were beaten by Lancashire last Saturday, by 66 runs.

This is the first defeat that the Eastern countymen have sustained.

Robinson, of Elswick Works, was in great form at Wallsend on Saturday.

He captured nine wickets, caught the tenth off Swinburne's bowling, and scored 44 runs.

Tom Welsh assisted Burnhopeside Hall against Southhill on Saturday, but the team were in for a heavy beating, had not "time" saved them.

Sammy Wood is batting splendidly for Stanley this season. He seems to have taken up a permanent position in the *Chronicle* notable scores.

At a rough guess, I should estimate Sammy's average to be 25.

In Saturday's game between Tanfield and South Moor, Emmerson Bowes, the Tanfield slogger, scored 17 runs in four successive balls.

Billy Robinson hit up a splendid 56 for South Moor, and Tindale also played a good innings.

Craghead's victory over Durham City is a feather in the cap of the colliery lads.

In George Turnbull, Craghead have one of the best alround players in the county.

Frank Sugg, the famous Lancashire hitter, earned "a pair of spectacles," playing against Essex last week.

He was out first ball each innings. Rather rough on Franky!

W. W. Read and H. B. Chinnery shared the same fate as Sugg, in the Surrey v. Middlesex fixture.

Ranjy has placed another century to his account.

So has Albert Ward.

I understand that Joe Dixon and Richy Gibson, of Stanley, proud of their recent sprinting performances at Elswick, are issuing challenges in very reckless fashion.

Dick Knox continues to be unlucky. He went in tenth on Saturday, but again came out with a round'un."

Harry Hutton bowled one over for Durham City against Craghead on Saturday, and it cost 13 runs.

Larry Joyce, who last season played with Tantobie Co-operatives, has signed on for Stanley Athletic.

Stanley footballers are hoping to have a very powerful Alliance team next season.

They will need it.

I hear that Hebburn Argyle and South Shields are both on the warpath for fresh blood. Report says that Rodger Patton, the United A centre-forward, has signed on for Argyle.

Tom Tindall is batting in fine form for South Moor. He scored 25 against Tanfield, and was then unluckily run out.

Purdy and Beckwith divided the Tanfield wickets equally.

Emmerson Bowes has an affection for the South Moor bowling. He did something after the stamp of Saturday's performance last season.

What price the Press winning to-day (Friday)? They have to tackle the strong combination of policemen that are located in the district.

Henderson is a champion behind the sticks, and he never missed a chance on Friday last with the Dipton crew.

The Rev. R. Tuson and Bob Coates were in rare form for the Dipton team.

Had it not been for their brilliant display in the field, the Press men would have won hands down.

The Press would like to meet Consett and District first eleven.

Judging from their recent performances, the latter would find it no easy task to defeat the Pressmen.

E Batey, secretary of the Leadgate Exiles F. C. is one of the best billiard players in the district. He can now defeat his tutor, Mr P Hafferty.

Consett cut up very badly against Chester-le-Street.

# LAWN TENNIS.

## DIPTON v. CONSETT.

The above clubs met on Saturday last to fulfil their long deferred fixture. On several occasions rain has prevented the match coming off, and even on Saturday the weather left much to be desired. There was a strong wind which did much to interfere with the accuracy of the play. However, the game was enjoyable, the result being 8 sets and 62 games to Consett, and 4 sets and 42 games to Dipton. It will be noticed that Consett did not present a full team, but this was owing to so many players being away on holidays. Tea was prepared on the ground. The following are the scores—

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr and Mrs Curry v. C Cooke and Miss M Thompson | 0 to 6<br>3 to 6 |
| Mr and Mrs Curry v. G Dawson and W Lane | 6 to 3<br>5 to 7 |
| J Davies and Miss Coulthard v G Dawson and W Lane | 1 to 6<br>3 to 6 |
| J Davies and Miss Coulthard v C Cooke and Miss M Thompson | 1 to 6<br>1 to 6 |
| Rev. R Tuson and Geo Murray v C Cooke and Miss M Thompson | 6 to 4<br>4 to 6 |
| Rev. R Tuson and Geo Murray v G Dawson and W Lane | 6 to 2<br>6 to 4 |

# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

The members of this Council held their monthly meeting in the National Schools, Lanchester, on Monday evening. Mr J. R. Ritson (Chairman) presided, and there were also present—Messrs J. Innes, Wilson, Chapman, Bowman, U. A. Ritson, Jun., Thornton, Gibson, Champney, Knowles, R. Innes, and Thompson (Clerk).

**ALLEGED EXCESSIVE CLAIM.**

The correspondence included a claim of ten guineas from Craghead Parish Council for their proportion of balance due to them in September last, or their creation as a Parish Council.

The Clerk pointed out that the claim was in excess of what was due, according to the rentals supplied by Mr Towns, the assistant overseer.

The Chairman said that as the figures in the possession of that Council were official, he thought that the claim ought to be referred back again to the Craghead Council for amendment. He made a motion to this effect.

This was seconded by Mr Wilson, and agreed to.

**ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.**

The Clerk stated that he had received notice of objection to the assessment of certain property in the parish belonging to the North-Eastern Railway Company.

**LANCHESTER VILLAGE GREEN.**

Mr Bowman called attention to the fact that the bye-laws formulated by the Parish Council had never yet been passed by the Local Government Board. He thought that definite steps ought to be taken in the matter, in order that the question of collecting tolls might be settled.

On the motion of Mr Gibson, seconded by Mr Knowles, a committee, consisting of Messrs Champney, R. Innes, Wilson, and Bowman, was appointed to enquire into the matter, and report to the next meeting.

**THE ROAD TO DORMAN'S COTTAGES.**

Mr Bowman drew attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the road from Kit's Well to Dorman's Cottages. In wet weather, he said, the road was impassable, and its condition was not creditable to the Council. He suggested that a footpath should be formed on the side of the existing cart road, and stated that where the latter was narrow, Mr Pallister would allow the Council to set back the fence for the necessary width.

The Chairman agreed that the road needed forming, but he was afraid that the Council could do nothing in the matter. The question of repairing it had been referred to the District Council, the County Council, and the owners of Cornsay Colliery, but one and all declined the responsibility of making it.

Mr Chapman said that there was a footpath from Kit's Well to Dorman's Cottages on the other side of the fence, and this was all that was needed.

Mr R. Innes agreed with the last speaker.

Mr Bowman still contended that it was the duty of the Parish Council to provide a footpath as he had suggested.

Mr Chapman remarked that at the time when it was proposed to repair Kit's Well Footpath, permission was obtained from the owners of the Greencroft estate to repair the path running through their property, but no such permission was obtained from Mr Pallister. He suggested that the last-named gentleman should be written to for his permission.

After further discussion, the Council decided to repair the footpath running through the fields, the Clerk being instructed to write to Mr Pallister for his permission to do so.

Mr Bowman said the contents of the ashpits at Dorman's Cottages had been put on to the road there, and the smell was so abominable that it amounted to a nuisance. He thought that the attention of the District Council should be called to the matter.

Mr Wilson said it would save time if they called the Inspector's attention to the nuisance.

The Chairman thought the proper course was to bring the matter before the District Council.

The Clerk said that was undoubtedly the proper way to proceed.—Mr Bowman's suggestion was then adopted.

**ALLEGED POLLUTION OF A WELL.**

Mr Bowman complained that the well near to Springwell Cottages was contaminated by the presence of cattle, pigs, and poultry, and moved that the attention of the District Council should be called to it.

The Chairman (after eliciting from Mr Bowman that the well was on waste land) expressed the opinion that the Parish Council could do nothing in the matter.

Mr Bowman was of opinion that the Parish Council had jurisdiction over all wells and ponds.

The Chairman said that jurisdiction only extended to places where a District Council did not exist.

Mr Bowman still maintained that he was right, but as his motion found no seconder, the matter dropped.

**THE COUNCIL'S EXPENDITURE.**

Mr Bowman said a copy of the balance sheet showing the Council's expenditure for the year ought to be in the hands of each member, and he moved that the Clerk be instructed to prepare them.

Mr Chapman said the Clerk gave his services free, and it would be absurd to ask him to prepare a copy of the balance sheet for fifteen members. They had before them the financial statement signed by the Auditor, and this, he thought, was quite sufficient.

As Mr Bowman's motion was not seconded, it fell to the ground.

**THE WILKINSON CHARITY.**

Mr Bowman said that the Council ought to have possession of all the books and documents relating to the Rowland Wilkinson Charity, in order that they might have an opportunity of perusing them.

The Chairman said he was informed by the Clerk that all the documents referred to were deposited in the Vestry, where they might be consulted by those who wished to see them. As there were eleven parishes interested in the Charity, he was afraid that the Lanchester Parish Council was not in a position to claim the sole right to possess the documents.

The matter then dropped.

**FOOTBRIDGE OVER THE BROWNEY.**

It was resolved to invite tenders for repairing the footbridge at Browney Steps.—There was no other business of importance.

# TOW LAW.

Primitives.—On Sunday last, the Rev. John Bainbridge, superintendent of the circuit, preached his farewell sermons in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, the evening service being well attended. In the afternoon, a service of song, entitled, "Sowing wild oats," was given by the Tow Law Wesleyan Choir, under the conductorship of Mr Geo. Newton. The connective readings were ably given by Miss Whalley. There was a large congregation.

Choir Trips.—On Saturday last, the members of the Tow Law Presbyterian Church Choir held their annual trip, Sunderland being chosen as their destination. About thirty members left by the 8.10 train for Newcastle. Sunderland was reached about eleven o'clock, when, after a short stroll round the town, the party betook themselves to Roker, where they partook of dinner. The afternoon was given up to boating, riding, and other enjoyments. A return to Sunderland was made about 5.30, when, after a capital tea, the members left by the 5.40 p.m. train. Tow Law was reached about 9 o'clock, and all were loud in their expressions of having spent a really good time.—The members of the Wesleyan Choir also held their annual trip on Saturday, when they left Tow Law about 6 a.m. by an excursion train to Scarboro'. The Aquarium, the Spa, and the other attractions which Scarboro' affords were visited by most of the members, the trip being considered one of the most enjoyable they have ever held.

# CELEBRATED PRIZE FIGHTS.

Specially written for the "Consett Chronicle."

## JEM BURN AND NED BALDWIN.

This fight was fought near Twyford, in Berkshire, on July 3rd, 1827.

Round 1. Jem did not know, as on the former occasion, let fly the moment his man was placed before him, but, having the sun in his face, veered a little round, to get rid of that disadvantage. Bob soon showed that he had not come on a waiting job. He at once rushed to work, and hit out right and left at Jem's nob. Jem stopped him, and got away, but immediately returned, and caught Bob with his right on the left ogle. Bob pursued his quick system, and hit away with rapidity, but did not succeed in planting any important blow. Jem fought with him, and again jobbed him with his left, while he caught him on the body with his right. Bob stopped some well-intended compliments, and after a bustling rally, was forced against the ropes, where a long and severe struggle took place, equally exhausting to both, which ended in their going down, Jem uppermost. "That's the way," cried Bob's friends, "wear him out, he can't stand bustling."

2. Bob, true to his orders, lost not a moment in going to work, but commenced hitting right and left. Jem stopped him cleverly; some slight wild returns followed, and, in the close, Bob was thrown, scratching Jem's face with his nails as he went down, to the dissatisfaction of the spectators, who cried out against such practices.

3. The moment the men were at their posts, counter-hits were exchanged on their canisters, and Bob proceeded to pepper away as quickly as his power would permit. Jem was all alive, and hit with him, but science was laid aside, and nothing but downright rattling followed. In the end, Jem bored Bob to the ropes, and threw him. It was obvious, however, that these rapid movements set his bellows to work, and the judges exclaimed, "If Bob keeps to that, he'll win it."

4. Jem came up flushed, and Bob was at him. Jem was ready, and hit away, straight, but wild. Some hits were exchanged, when Jem, in hitting, went down.

5. Bob pursued the bustling game, and threw in a blow with his right on Jem's ribs. Jem returned on his face. A desperate rally followed, to the advantage of Jem in hitting, but the pace seemed too fast for him. At last, after a severe assault, both fell in different directions, from the force of their own blows, and, on rising, Bob showed first blood from the eye.

6. Bob again took the start, and hit Jem on the body. Jem returned on his canister, and both closed at the ropes, when another severe struggle took place; both down, Bob under. In this round, Jem made a right-handed up-hit, as Bob was following him, with great success.

7. Bob came up piping. Bob stopped Jem's right and left, but did not return. Jem was more successful in the next attempt, and touched him heavily on the ogle, drawing more blood. A spirited and rapid rally followed, hits trod on the heels of hits, and both received heavily. A close and violent struggle at the ropes followed. Both down, blowing.

8. Bob came up black in the peeper, but game. He hit out with his right, but the blow went over Jem's shoulder. He received a right-handed job in return, and Jem forced him back on the ropes, himself falling over him on his head, out of the ring.

9. Bob came up rather more cautious. Jem jobbed him right and left in the face. Bob fought wildly, and missed several blows. He fought round, and did not hit at points. Jem was more steady, and had him repeatedly. Bob, in boring in, was thrown.

10. Bob took the lead, but his right hand again went over Jem's shoulder. Jem closed, threw him, and fell heavily on him.

11. Jem put in two of his favourite nobbers, but received in return slightly on the head and body. The weaving system now commenced, and both men fought wildly, but interchanged several blows. A close at the ropes, and a struggle, in which both went down, Jem under.

12. Bob made some good stops, and again held off on the defensive. Jem rattled at him, and caught him for the fall, but Bob slipped through his arms, and went down.

13. Bob made a good stop, but had a jobber in the next trial. Wild weaving followed, Bob planting a few blows on Jem's ribs, which Jem returned on his head. In the bustle Jem went down on his knees.

14. Bob again stopped Jem's right and left, and then hit away, Jem retreating and jobbing. A close at the ropes, and Bob pulled Jem down.

15. Jem delivered right and left. Bob instantly closed, and both went down.

16. Jem popped in a good body blow with his left, and then retreated. Bob followed him wildly, and was hit up in good style on the mouth, from which more claret was drawn. In the close, Bob was thrown, Jem on him.

17. Bob rushed in on the bustling system, but Jem met him right and left on the canister. Jem then retreated, and Bob, in following, fell on his face.

18. Bob received a right-handed facer, and in attempting to close for the throw, fell on his knees.

19. Bob kept his hands well up, and stopped Jem's jobbers. He still preserved his strength, and went in to mill. Jem got away, hitting as he retreated. At last Bob, in a wild effort to punish, fell forward scrambling, down by Jem's legs.

20. Bob came up abroad, and rushed in to fight, open-handed. Jem caught him right and left. Bob, urged on by Dick Curtis, bored in with his right, but the blow passed over Jem's shoulder. In the close, Bob was thrown, Jem standing over him.

21. Jem, elated, went to work. Bob fell on his knees, and immediately jumped up to renew the round, but his seconds prevented this unnecessary display of game.

22. A scrambling round, hitting away without judgment on either side. Jem went down by the ropes, but no mischief done.

23. Bob came up as lively as a lark, although his left eye was completely closed, and he bore other marks of severe punishment. He delivered a right-hander on Jem's body. Jem countered on his nob. A spirited rally followed; both worked might and main, and at last Bob was thrown across the ropes, Jem upon him.

24. Jem became a greater favourite, and the moment Bob came up he rushed at him. Bob retreated, and they reached the corner of the ring. A violent struggle followed, Bob hanging on Jem, and attempting to fib. He did, in fact, catch Jem on the paunch, below the waistband. We thought the blow a foul one, but it was not seen by the umpires. Bob was at last thrown, and was weak. The fight had now lasted 30 minutes, and some bets were decided on Bob's being licked in half an hour.

25. Bob stopped well Jem's jobbing manœuvres. He then went to work. Jem was ready, stopped Bob's rush, and caught him right and left. In the close, both down.

26. Bob, still holding his hands well up, again stopped Jem's right, but did not return. Jem caught him on the nozzle. Bob bored in; both down, Bob uppermost.

27. Bob on the bustling system, but fought open-handed. Jem nobbed him, and closed. Bob showed great strength. He threw Jem over the ropes, and fell on him.

28. Bob, desperate, fought away without reflection. Jem was ready, and after a short rally, in a close, both went down.

29. Bob showed most physical strength. He rattled to Jem, and put in a blow on the ribs. Jem let fly right and left, but Bob stopped the favours, and bored in to a close. A long struggle followed at the ropes. Bob at last got the fall, and was loudly cheered. Jem piped woefully, and another change took place in the betting; Bob, from his lasting qualities, reducing the odds to even betting.

30. Jem distressed, and Bob not much better. Jem delivered right and left, and Bob fought wildly, missing his blows. In the close, both down.

31. Bob's face was now much punished; one eye shut, divers gashes on his phiz, his conk distilling gravy, and lips pouting. Jem also showed his marks, but nothing like so severe. His body was red and scarred from the ropes, his right hand puffed, and his bellows in full play, while his right eye was a little swollen. Jem occasionally popped his fives into Harry Harmer's jacket pocket, in which there was a supply of powdered resin, to assist him in keeping his hands tight. Jem made his left on Bob's right ogle, and closed, when both went down heavily. Bob very weak.

32. Jem came up as bold as brass, and made up his mouth for quick work. He rushed at Bob, caught him right and left, and Bob fell on his knees distressed. Another change for Jem, who was the favourite at 5 to 4.

33. Bob bored in wildly; Jem met him in the canister with his left, and Bob fell.

34. Jem now had recourse to the brandy bottle. Bob came up wild as a colt, and went sprawling down.

35. Jem missed a tremendous jobber with his right. Bob fought to a scrambling rally, and, in the close, was thrown on the ropes.

36. Bob, cheered on by Dick, bored in to bustle, and forced Jem down on the ropes.

37. Jem met Bob, as he rushed in, on the conk with his left, and, in the close, Bob was thrown.

38. Again was Bob hurried in, fighting open-handed, and was thrown.

39. Bob, game, followed Dick's orders, and rushed in, but Jem was ready, hit away, and, in the end, floored him.

40. Jem put in a jobber between Bob's guard with his left, and got away. Bob pursued him, and Jem fell in the retreat.

41. Good counter-hits, for Bob was still determined, though groggy. Jem jobbed him right and left, but as his left hand had now gone as well as his right, his blows wanted force. In the close, Bob was thrown across the ropes, Jem upon him. The latter fell out of the ring.

42. Bob was first to go to work, but Jem was awake, and, after a short and fruitless rally, threw him.

43. Bob, urged on, hit away, but Jem retreated, and met him as he advanced, right and left. Bob at last closed in, and Jem fell, Bob getting weaker.

(To be continued next Week).

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12 to 15 FAT CATTLE.
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VEAL and KEEPING CALVES.
DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
10 to 20 STORE CATTLE.
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MONDAY, July 12th, 1897.

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Sale at One o'clock.
Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it included in the above Sale, or sold at any time.

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## Public Announcements.

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A REALISTIC REPRESENTATION
OF

### SCENES IN COLONIAL LIFE

IN THE
LOW BROOMS DENE, LEADGATE,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st, and SATURDAY, JULY 24th.

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Show will close each night with a Torch-
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ld at Catchgate, belonging to G. R.
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*Leader of Orchestra:*
MR. G. A. WILLIAMS.
*Treasurer:*
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*JULY 24th and 25th.*

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REV. J. FERGUSON, D.D.,
From Church of the Saviour, Birmingham.

FOR PARTICULARS SEE BILLS.

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LEADGATE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

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Pont Head House, Leadgate.

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MR WILLIAM BUSHBY, of Birmingham, late Lay Agent of Wakefield Cathedral, hopes to visit the Counties of Northumberland and Durham in the latter part of July and beginning of August, to give his Lectures on "Birmingham: its People, Institutions and Trade, &c."; "The Life of Rev. Peter McKenzie"; and "My First Visit to the Keswick Religious Conventions."

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On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, JULY 14 & 15,
In aid of the Organ Fund, under distinguished patronage.

The Bazaar will be opened on Wednesday, at 3 p.m., by
JAMES JOICEY, Esq.,
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THE HON. MRS. VEREKER.

ADMISSION: Wednesday, 3 to 6, 6d.; after 6, 3d. Thursday, 3d. all day.

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LOST, between Consett Hall and Leadgate, on Monday night, a LETTER, containing a Bank of England £50-NOTE (Number known). Finder will be handsomely rewarded on returning the same to Mr T. L. GLEDSTONE, N.-E. Bank, Consett; or, Mr T. FOREMAN, East House, Leadgate.

LOST, on June 26th, near Consett, a Black and White SETTER DOG. Finder Rewarded.—G. G. ROBSON, Medomsley.

## Excursions.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON MONDAY, the 12th of July, an Excursion Train will leave BLACKHILL at 5-10 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE & SOUTH SHIELDS, returning from South Shields at 10-20, and Newcastle at 10-55 p.m., the same day.

For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, June, 1897. GENERAL MANAGER.

## Business Announcements.

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OFFICE FOR PATENTS.
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Mrs. Temperley, Commercial Hotel, Leadgate.
Mrs. Cawthorne, Colliery Hotel, Hobson Colliery.
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T. Gatiss, Earl Grey Inn, Kyo.
W. Oyston, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Esh.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

### MR HENRY PALMER.

Mr Henry Palmer has been the recipient of many honours since his advent into the district. He has been appointed Chairman of the Leadgate and Medomsley Councils, and a member of the Medomsley School Board, and succeeds the late Mr J. H. Morris upon the Lanchester Rural District Council. Truly the respected manager of the Consett Iron Company's Collieries in the Medomsley district must feel highly gratified at the many honours which have been showered upon him—honours such as many who have been "bred and born," and laboured long and honourably in the district, have never attained. Undoubtedly, Mr Palmer will be an acquisition to the various public bodies upon which he has been elected, but one cannot refrain from remarking the painfully evident deference that is on all hands paid to authority and officialism.

### MUGGLESWICK ASSERTS ITS DIGNITY.

At the meeting of the Lanchester District Council, held on Thursday in last week, a letter was read from the Muggleswick Parish Authority protesting against the manner in which a communication they had forwarded had been received by the members of the larger and more influential body. The Lanchester Council had laughed, declared the letter, when the first communication from Muggleswick was read to them. Such action was certainly somewhat disrespectful, but the risible faculties and keen sense of humour possessed by many of the members are evidently abnormally developed. We can only offer this explanation, as a sort of soothing balm to Muggleswick's outraged susceptibilities, and we highly commend the Council's determination not to be treated as though they were the members of a witch-scaring expedition in the wild west.

### A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

Dr. Bolton, in his report to the Lanchester Council, stated that, during the past month, he had not received any notification of infectious diseases either in the Ebchester or the Medomsley districts. Upon this, the residents are deserving of every congratulation, and it is to be hoped that King Pest will long be a stranger to these fortunaie villages.

### MEDOMSLEY COUNCIL IN A DILEMMA.

The members of the Medomsley Parish Council are in a dilemma, the difficulty being as to who is responsible for the breaking of a lamp on the highway. The article referred to has been smashed by one of Messrs Tucker's carts, but that firm assert that the occurrence was an accident, and was attributable to the slippery condition of the roads. The Council naturally wish to saddle someone with the liability, and in their dilemma, applied to the Lanchester District Council. The Chairman of that body, however, declined to accept the responsibility of giving a decision. "It is a legal matter," he declared, "and should be placed before a solicitor." So it seems that the Medomsley local authority will, after all, have to take legal advice, and disburse six-and-eightpence out of their exchequer. Personally, we do not see how, if, as Messrs Tucker allege, the breakage were the result of an accident, that firm can be held responsible. The final settlement of the question at issue will be anticipated with much interest.

### DAMAGE TO PUBLIC ROADS.

Mr Oliver's outspoken remarks at the meeting of the Lanchester District Council, held on Thursday, regarding the action of certain colliery companies in taking coals from underneath the highway, are certainly noteworthy. He asserts that the practice constitutes a theft, and ought to be rigidly put down. The highways, he very properly states, are the property of the public, and should not be undermined and wrecked for the sake of private gain. Mr Oliver is right in his contention. It is not reasonable that roads, which have cost thousands of pounds, should be at the mercy of the colliery proprietor. The present appears to be an age of ruthless money-grabbing, and now it would seem that the very roads, made and paid for out of the public exchequer, are to be sacrificed to swell the dividends of fortunate speculators. It is high time that prompt and decisive action was being taken in the interests of the general public, whose r[illegible] should be even more sacred than tho[illegible] capital. The motto of democratic go[illegible] ment should ever be, "The interest o[illegible] many, and not the few."

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE CO-OPERATORS.

Once again we have to thank the [illegible] mittee and members of the Shotley [illegible] Co-operators for their courtesy in [illegible] our representative an invitation to [illegible] their quarterly meeting. Whatev[illegible] views may be on the methods adopte[illegible] exponents of modern co-operation, [illegible] dent that the members of the Shotl[illegible] Society do not shrink from pu[illegible] criticism. At their meeting on Saturday, they evinced a commendably broad and liberal spirit, as is demonstrated by their grant of five guineas to the Technical Schools, and their ready response to the petition presented by a kindred society, which has been severely crippled by a combination of adverse circumstances. The President, Mr Milburn, is a man of intense sympathies, and his rule is invariably characterised by commendable tact and unfailing courtesy.

### THE HEIGHT OF BIGOTRY.

At a meeting of the "Hope of West Stanley" Lodge, held on Thursday evening in last week, a resolution was passed censuring Messrs Forster and Indian for voting in favour of the inmates of the Lanchester Union having a supply of beer on Jubilee day, and at the same time thanking Mr Green for opposing the proposed allowance. This is certainly one of the most extraordinary resolutions that has ever been passed by any organised society. What Messrs Forster and Indian have done to merit this outburst of wrath altogether passeth comprehension, and why Mr Green—for endeavouring to deprive the unfortunate poor of an inexpensive luxury on Jubilee-Day—should receive a tribute of praise is altogether beyond possible explanation. These coercive methods of enforcing teetotalism merit the utmost condemnation, and are utterly unworthy of nineteenth century enlightenment. It is the veriest bigotry, and as such ought to be relegated to the darkness of the middle ages, or the despotic government of some African chieftain. Teach men to think, but do not force them—even though they have the misfortune to be inmates of a workhouse—to practice what is altogether contrary to their principles.

### GROWTH OF STANLEY DISTRICT.

A comparison of the number of births registered in the Tanfield district during the quarter ending the 30th of June, 1897, and the number registered for the corresponding quarter in 1847, gives us an idea of the growth of the district during the past fifty years. Whilst in 1847, forty births were registered, the number recorded in 1897 was 224, or five-and-a-half times more than the record in 1847. Last quarter, twins were recorded in two instances—at Dipton and Stanley. There were ninety-eight deaths last quarter. In 1847, the number was twenty-eight. Thus the deaths have increased three-and-a-half times. In the quarter which has just ended, a dozen persons reached 71 years and upwards, their ages reaching a total of 871 years. Stanley contributed three (71, 74, and 80), Beamish Kennels one (85), Causey two (73 and 86), Tanfield Lea two (each 75), Lintz Hall one (77), Burnopfield one (83), Tantobie one (89), and Collierley one (78). During the same period fifty years ago, seven persons died with an aggregate total of 531 years, the places being Bushblades (74), Kip Hill (84), Rasenside (78), Beamish Red Row (70), Tanfield (80), Shield Row (71), and Clough Dene (74).

## STANLEY & DISTRICT GOSSIP.

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

### DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.

The death of Mrs Hannah J. Dixon, widow of the late Mr Joshua Stephenson Dixon, of the Beamish Forges, removes one of the oldest habitants of the village, and the last survivor of those connected with Messrs Hawkes and Cranshaw's forge works, which till about 15 years ago, did such a brisk trade, and were so justly celebrated. Mrs Dixon, along with her husband, who predeceased her by 11 years, came to Beamish on the 29th of October, 1836, and from that day to the day of her death, a period of

### OVER SIXTY YEARS,

she had resided in the same house. It may be of interest to state that at the famous forge works, the employes were confined to seven families, namely the Dixon's, Wood's, Hedworth's, Smith's, Watson's, Corker's, and Telford's. Mrs Dixon, who had attained the ripe old age of 82 years, was absolutely the last survivor of the old standards connected with the works. The forges in question were worked by water wheels, some of which still remain standing, and it used to be customary to lead the iron and metal out from Gateshead to Beamish, and cart the shovels, spades, files, etc., back to that town. Mrs Dixon was buried at Pelton, on Sunday last, in the presence of a very large company of relatives and friends. With her passes away one of the links with a long-past age.

### MR. WILLIAM BULMER.

Mr Bulmer was again to the front at Tuesday's meeting of the Tanfield School Board. His famous pipe of peace was missing, and in its absence, he puffed vigorously at a fragrant cigar. A jovial member of the Board protested that Mr Bulmer was not acting with his usual liberality in refraining from handing his case round, but "the people's William," who had been enjoying himself at the Queen of Watering Places on the preceding Saturday, responded that his stock of Scarborough cigars was rapidly diminishing, and that therefore he could not imitate the laudable example set by Mr Archdall at the previous meeting of the Smoking Board. The proceedings of the Board were of a more lively character than for some time past, quite a storm in a teacup being created by Mr Bulmer's onslaught on the clerk.

### MR BULMER'S COMPLAINT.

I understand that Mr Bulmer's reason for complaining of the conduct of the clerk to the Tanfield School Board arose through the delay in the presentation of the prizes to the children, which Mr Bulmer alleges was caused through the carelessness of the Clerk. Mr Ritson, on the other hand, it is but just to say, was not instructed by the Board to be present with the committee appointed to attend to the business in question. As a matter of fact, the prizes, which in former years have been sent to the Clerk's office, were on this occasion sent to Mr Green's residence. Mr Bulmer might have selected a more appropriate manner of ventilating the supposed grievance. To raise the question in the manner that he did, was neither proper nor dignified, and is likely to bring the Board into ridicule. The whole business was of a trivial character, and I may truly say that there was "much ado about nothing."

### LOCAL VOLUNTEERS.

At last week's important meeting of northern Volunteers, at Urpeth, our local representatives have been fairly conspicuous. Sergeant Hazon earned honours for himself and his corps by winning the third prize (£3), in the Lambton Cup Competition, besides minor prizes. Other representatives of the Stanley Corps present were Captain Crossling, Sergeant Hope, Corporal Roxby, and Private Brown. Quite a large array of representatives from the famous Beamish Corps attended, and carried off numerous prizes. Amongst the principal prizewinners were—Captain Humble, Sergeant Grundy, Corporal Aitken, Corporal Roscamp, Colour-Sergeant Mole, and Privates T. Clough, F. Stephenson, J. Eland, J. Pattinson, H. Willy, J. Martin, and W. Mews.

### THE TANFIELD DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The inspector's reports regarding the whole of the Board Schools in the Tanfield School Board area are of a highly satisfactory nature, and tend to show that the whole of the teaching staff under the Board are performing their arduous duties in an efficient manner. It may be asserted with perfect safety, that the teachers under the Tanfield Board are capable of holding their own with those of any similar Board throughout the country.

### SCHOOL STAFFING.

It is of the first importance that school staffing should be fully adequate to the requirements, but at the preseut time this scarcely appears to be the case in the Tanfield School Board area. Several of the headmasters have recently protested that they cannot get through their work in a satisfactory manner on account of the insufficiency of their staff. It is an obvious duty on the part of the Board to give these complaints prompt and sympathetic atten-

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### THE TRADESMEN'S TRIP.

Stanley and Annfield Plain presented an unwontedly quiet appearance on Wednesday, some 600 of the inhabitants of the two places having journeyed to Scarboro' with the tradesmen's trip. The weather was somewhat gusty for holiday-making, but doubtless the trippers enjoyed themselves heartily.

### REST FOR THE WEARY.

The District Council have earned the gratitude of all who travel between Shield Row Station and Stanley by placing a substantial seat about half-way up Shield Row bank. The boon will be especially welcome to aged people, and courting couples.

## LANCHESTER NOTES.

[BY THE BOSS].

Lanchester has a Petty Sessions, a Board of Guardians, a District Council, a Parish Council, a Village Green, and three public wells, but it has nobody to chronicle its doings. The other day a friend said to me, "Boss, why don't you send a few jottings to the *Chronicle*, just to let the outside world know that we are alive?" I at once took the hint, and now send you a budget of little items that have been picked up during the past few few days.

We have survived the Diamond Jubilee dissipations, and everybody hopes that the Queen will live other ten years. Somebody wants to know what the next Jubilee will be called. Everything passed off pleasantly, the bonfire making a grand flare-up, and the fire-works astonishing and delighting the youngsters. There was some talk a fortnight ago of building a Parish Hall to commemorate the event, and I hope that the project will not be lost sight of. I believe that Mr Cochrane, Mr Taylor-Smith, the Squire of Burnhopeside, and others are prepared to subscribe handsomely.

There was a remarkable acrobatic display the other evening. All of a sudden two long posts were stuck in the ground, and when a rope was stretched across them it was thought that somebody was about to give an exhibition on the tight rope. In a few minutes Davy Champney was seen approaching with a clothes prop. He explained that there was a bet on, and if we waited a minute we would see a man jump twelve feet. Everybody held their breath as the man sprang forward with the pole, but somehow or other he flew under instead of over the hurdle, and landed on his back. The performance was repeated half-a-dozen times at least, with the same result. But Davy was determined that his man should win, and a ladder having been brought, the performer mounted it, and was just on the point of letting himself down on the other side when the whole fabric fell, and Davy lost his bet. This is how we amuse ourselves at Lanchester after the Jubilee.

By the way, is there any reliable record of the number of bonfires that were seen on Jubilee night? Somebody on Pontop Pike counted ninety-four, and half that number were seen from Peth House. The Boss thinks that some of the observers saw double that night.

Nothing has been said in the papers about the new flag-staff on the tower of the Church. It is forty feet high, so that the member for North-West Durham will have no difficulty in seeing the Union Jack when he passes this way.

What's the matter with the Church bells? There are six up in the tower, but only two or three of them wag their tongues. If there is a scarcity of bellringers, the Boss is willing.

It is rumoured that the Board of Guardians contemplate buying up all the houses in the place, and allowing the inhabitants to live in them rent-free. This is the latest piece of information, and you may take it for what it is worth.

Willie Bowman is said to have been in grand fighting form at the Parish Council meeting on Monday night. Willie stuck to his guns like an old veteran, and discharged one shot after another with telling effect. "What," he said, "is the good of a Parish Council without bye-laws?" That is a question which a great many people have asked. The Council formulated a scale of charges for the depasturing of cattle, sheep, pigs, and goats on the Village Green, but this has not yet been confirmed by the Local Government Board, and without this, the Council have presumably no right to collect tolls. People are asking, who belongs to the Village Green? Circus proprietors and squatters take possession of it periodically, ploughing up the turf and eating the herbage without let, payment, or hindrance, while the villagers are forbidden to touch it. Surely, if the herbage has to be eaten, those who pay the rates and live in the place have the best right to it.

We are quite queer people down at Lanchester, as you will see. At the high end of the village, water flows out of a pipe. This is called Kit's Well. There is a well at the other end of the village, near the Railway Station, where the water flows out of a pipe after you turn a wheel. The water here was analysed some time ago, and was said to be impure. Somebody had the curiosity to examine the place, and found a dead crow and other savoury morsels blocking the way. Since then, there have been no complaints. The third well is near the Lodge. This, fortunately, is under the eye of Mr Parker, who keeps the place clean and wholesome. But I am wandering away from Kit's Well. From this point, as everybody knows, there is a road leading up to Dorman's Cottages. The latter were built some quarter of a century ago for the accommodation of the workmen employed at the pit a little higher up. The road to the Cottages is a public road, but it was never properly made, and on this account both the District Council and the Parish Council decline to do anything to it. The people up there say they pay rates, and are consequently entitled to some consideration, but they are told that this does not matter. We are also told that it is a privilege to pay rates, and no doubt the people up there are thankful for the privilege. Indeed, they ought to feel thankful for being allowed to live and to pay rates. If the folks up at the Cottages don't like to pledge through the mud in wet weather, they ought to go and live elsewhere. At least that is what the County Council say. Well, let me tell you about this public road. The Parish Council won't repair it, as they think that the District Council ought to do so. The latter in turn will not accept the responsibility, and the result is that in slushy weather the road is knee deep. The poor children wade through it as best as they can. When they fail to do this, they mount the wall at Kit's Well and walk along the field on the other side of the hedge. There is said to be a public footpath here. If that be so, the public are entitled to use it. So they are entitled to use the road adjoining it. At Monday's Mr Bowman meeting proposed that the Council should make a footpath by the side of the cart road, but the Council decided that if they were to do anything at all they would put the field footpath in order, and leave the road as it is. So far, so good. But if the field footpath is a public footpath, the Boss would like to know why the Council have instructed their Clerk to ask permission to repair it. As I have said, we are queer people down at Lanchester. We won't make a footpath by the side of a road, but we are prepared to go into a field and make a footpath through it, after we have asked permission to do so. This is Parish Council logic.

## CATCHGATE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.—The local committee of the Technical evening classes, held under the Durham County Council at this centre, assembled in the Greencroft Board School on Thursday evening last for the purpose of distributing the certificates to the students who were successful at the recent shorthand examination. Mr Rutherford, colliery manager, in presenting the certificates, said that the County Council Inspector's report on the classes was a very good one, and reflected every credit upon the teacher and the students. The report had been verified by the number of certificates awarded. Speaking at some length on the advantages of Phonetic Shorthand, he said that it was a very important and a very useful study. They would find it of considerable advantage to them in their class work, in the taking of notes on lectures, &c. In conclusion, he briefly urged upon the students to continue their practice and strive to attain still further proficiency. (Applause).—Mr Cockburn, on behalf of the students, thanked Mr Rutherford for his very kind and encouraging remarks. The following were the recipients of certificates—Speed, W. Barron and E. Stoker; theory, W. Horswill, A. Cockburn and Jas. Goodrum: Elementary, J. Stamper, J. Rammage, J. Horswill, Albert Richardson, and W. Brown.

## DIPTON.

ILLNESS OF MR HINCKLEY.—We regret to announce that Mr Hinckley, headmaster of the Flint Hill School, and organist at St. Margaret's Church, Tanfield, is seriously indisposed.

## HAMSTERLEY.

CHURCH BAZAAR.—It will be seen from our advertising columns that a public bazaar is to be held in the School rooms at Croniwellon Wednesday and Thursday next, when it is hoped that all who can will avail themselves of the conveyances which are to leave Shotley Bridge and Ebchester as stated.

## CONSETT.

SALE OF NEWSPAPERS.—Mr John Crawford held a very successful sale of newspapers for the Co-operative Society's Reading Room, good prices being realised.

JUBILEE HONOURS.—Messrs T. Heslop and R. English have been appointed additional managers of the Wesleyan Day Schools, both appointments being made in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

A SOLITARY APPLICANT.—The managers of the Wesleyan Schools recently advertised for a female teacher, when only one reply was received. It is evident that there is a dearth of teachers in the North of England.

NEW WESLEYAN CHURCH.—A meeting of the members and congregation connected with this Church was held on Tuesday evening last, in the tea-room, the Rev. J. Bacon presiding, when it was decided to hold a bazaar in aid of the building fund in June, 1898.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—An open-air temperance meeting was held on Thursday evening in last week near the new Wesleyan Schools, Mr G. D. Powell presiding. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs T. Hardy and G. Tomlinson. There was only a moderate attendance.

SALVATION ARMY.—Special services were held on Sunday at the Barracks, when "Ensign" Hindmarsh—a lady officer from India—gave an account of her experiences in that country. Public parades, headed by females, shrouded in coloured muslin, took place during the day.

GENEROUS ACTION OF THE WESLEYAN TRUSTEES.—At an informal meeting of the trustees of the new Wesleyan Church, it was decided to contribute a certain sum annually for four years. The amount thus raised will be about £90, which will be devoted towards the liquidation of the sum of £4000, which is still required to clear the new premises from debt.

SEWING MEETING TEA.—The most successful tea ever held in connection with the Wesleyans of Consett was given on Tuesday evening last, by Mrs C. Davison, when £6 1s was raised. It was reported that £26 19s in club money had been realised. A gipsy entertainment at the Sneap, to be conducted by Mr J. Whitehead, has been arranged.

COLLIERY CHANGES.—The following changes have been made in connection with local collieries:—Mr Joseph Todd, back-overman at the Delves Pit, has been appointed fore-overman in the place of Mr James Christie, deceased; Mr Rogerson, back-overman of the Eden Pit, succeeds Mr Todd, and Mr J. Davison, master shifter, has been promoted to the vacancy thus caused. Mr E. Jewitt takes the place of Mr Davison.

STRAWBERRY AND CREAM PIC-NIC.—On Wednesday evening, the teachers of the Consett Wesleyan Sunday School held a strawberry and cream pic-nic, in a field at Hownes Gill. There were about 200 people present, who thoroughly appreciated the fare provided. The Consett Temperance Silver Band was in attendance, and, under the leadership of Mr J. W. Heslop, performed several pleasing selections. The Consett Wesleyan Church Orchestra was also present, and, conducted by Mr C. Stelling, played a number of excellent pieces. The refreshments were provided by Mesdames Milburn and Pescod, Misses Dunn, Lowes, and Whitehead, and Messrs J. Lowes, E. Grant, and Farnsworth. To Mr E. Grant, who carried out the scheme, great credit is due.

DEATH OF MRS MOSS.—It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mrs Lydia Ann Moss, the wife of Mr W. S. Moss, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett. The deceased, who was only 41 years of age, had been ill for about eighteen months. The end came on Saturday night, the cause of death being certified as pneumonia. The interment took place in the Benfieldside cemetery, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. T. Durant performed the ceremony. The mourners present were—Mr W. S. Moss (husband), Master Arnold Moss, (son), Mr J. Swan, Mr R. Rutherford, and Mr R. C. Rutherford (Ravensworth); Mr E. Swan and Mr W. Riddle (Kibblesworth); Mrs Cumberlodge (Stanley), Mr Rutherford (Tanfield), and Mr J. Swan (Muggleswick). Some lovely floral tributes were sent from the friends of the deceased.

WEDDING.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning a very interesting ceremony took place in the Lanchester Wesleyan Church, when the marriage was celebrated of Mr Jasper H. Cockburn, second son of Mr Jasper Cockburn, newsagent, of Consett, and Miss Sarah A. Peacock. The Rev. J. Bacon was the officiating minister. The bride wore a dress of light blue satin cloth, trimmed with white silk and passamentrie, and a white fancy straw hat, trimmed with white ribbon, tips, and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid was Miss J. Elliott, who was attired in brown cashmere, trimmed with cream brocaded silk, silk lace and passamentine. She wore a cream fancy straw hat, trimmed with cream ribbon, tips and flowers. Both bride and bridesmaid carried exquisite boquets of flowers, the gifts of the bridesgroom. Mr F. Gascoigne was the best man.

PRESENTATION TO MRS HANLEY.—The teachers and scholars attending the Consett Primitive Methodist Sunday School having subscribed towards a presentation for Mrs Hanley, on the occasion of her impending departure to Amble, assembled in the schoolroom on Sunday afternoon to ask Mrs Hanley to accept the token of their esteem and regard. The gift, which consisted of a lady's working table, was suitably inscribed. Mr Richardson occupied the chair, and was supported by Messrs W. Thompson (school superintendent), James Williams, W. Borrow, and J. Summerbell. Mr Thompson, in making the presentation, said that his duty was, on behalf of the scholars and teachers, to ask Mrs Hanley's acceptance of the gift. There were feelings of both pleasure and sorrow connected with the event. Mrs Hanley had laboured long and devotedly in the interests of the School, and they were all glad to mark the respect in which she was held. Her departure, however, was a source of regret to them all, as Mrs Hanley and her husband had endeared themselves to the hearts of the young people associated with the Church. They rejoiced that their separation was only for a time, and that eventually there would be a glorious reunion. The effects of Mrs Hanley's holy toil would not soon pass away, for she had been instrumental in accomplishing the salvation of many souls, who would shine as the stars for ever. Messrs James Williams, W. Borrow, and J. Summerbell also spoke, after which Mrs Hanley suitably acknowledged the presentation.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The 136th quarterly meeting of the members of the above Society was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Saturday evening. Mr George Lowes, president, occupied the chair, and, after remarking upon the progress the Society had made, called upon the Secretary (Mr Huntley) to read the minutes of the last meeting, which, together with the committee's minutes for the past quarter, were confirmed. The balance-sheet was then considered. It showed a general dividend of 3s 6d, and a butchering dividend of 2s 4d in the £, and after a few questions had been asked and answered, it was unanimously adopted. The election of three committeemen then took place, which resulted as follows:—Mr G. T. Hyden, 68; Mr Andrew Stoddart, 63; Mr Wilson Clayton, 65; Mr J. J. Carrick, 33. The Chairman declared the retiring members, Messrs Hyden, Clayton, and Stoddart duly elected. Mr Thomas Harrison moved, and Mr Edward Whittaker seconded, that Mr Alex Russell be re-elected auditor for the ensuing twelve months; carried unanimously. Mr W. Clayton moved that a special meeting be held, at an early date, to take into consideration the question of interest, *re* Mr J. J. Carrick's notice of motion. This was seconded by Mr J. J. Carrick, and carried. Mr G. T. Hyden proposed, and Mr W. McIvor seconded, that the Society grant a donation of £25 towards the Consett Technical Institute Fund; carried. It was moved by Mr W. S. Davies, seconded by Mr Wm. Barron, and carried, that rooms for Science classes be granted as usual.—It was resolved that arrangements be made to receive the reports of delegates on the same night as the special general meeting.

## STANLEY.

MARRIAGE.—A wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, last Wednesday morning, between Mr Albert Meggison, of West Stanley, barman at the Stanley Inn, and Miss Mary Jane Parkins. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. H. Fleetwood.

DEATH OF MISS MOODY.—We are sorry to announce the death of Miss Isabella Moody, of Towneley Street, Stanley, which event occurred on Monday, after a long illness. Deceased, who was 31 years of age, was formerly employed as a schoolmistress at East Stanley. The remains were interred at Tanfield Churchyard, on Wednesday, in the presence of a very large company of relatives and friends. Messrs J. Glendinning and Jos. Robson were the bidders, and the underbearers were Messrs J. Grundy, G. Whaley, W. B. Wood, and F. Hardy.

DEATH OF MR WINSHIP.—We regret to have to record the death of Mr Robert Winship, of John Street, West Stanley, which occurred on Monday, at the Newcastle Infirmary, about a couple of hours after he had undergone a serious operation for jaundice. Mr Winship, who had resided in Stanley for many years, was employed as an engineman at the West Stanley Colliery. He was 57 years of age, and was a member of the Primitive Methodist Church. He leaves a widow and one child. The funeral took place at St Andrew's Cemetery, on Thursday.

STANLEY WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL CLUB.—The annual meeting of the above Club was held on Tuesday evening, in the Co-operative Refreshment Room, when the following officials were appointed for next season:—Captain, Mr Gilbert Whaley; Vice-Captain, Mr Thomas Masterman; Secretary, Mr Ben. Johnson; Match Committee, Messrs E. Herdman, Wm. Morpeth, John Darney, George Sanderson, Wm. Ridley, Robert Whitfield, and Joseph Bell. It was decided to ask permission from the management committee of the Stanley Club to join the Northumberland and Durham Wednesday Football Association, and in the event of such permission being granted, the Club will enter for the Sinclair Cup competition and the Sambotee League.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.—The usual weekly session of the Hope of West Stanley Lodge was held on Thursday night in the Free Methodist Schoolroom, Bro. William Wadge, Chief Templar, presiding. He was supported by the officers, and a good attendance of members. Brothers Baker and Pearson were chosen to represent the Lodge at the sub-District Conference at Birtley. It was further resolved to have a week's open-air mission. A very encouraging letter was read from a soldier brother in India. The same was ordered to be acknowledged. The following resolution was unanimously carried:—"That this Lodge condemn the action of Messrs G. Forster and W. Indian, Guardians, who supported the motion in favour of intoxicating drink being given to the inmates of the Lanchester Workhouse on Jubilee Day, at the same time thanking Mr Jonathan Green for voting against it."

WEDDING.—On Saturday last, a marriage was solemnized at St. Margaret's Church, Tanfield, between Mr Hugh Harrison, of Oakeys Cottages, West Stanley, and Miss Mary Ann Hudson, of Hobson Colliery. A breakfast party was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and, subsequently, a large number of guests partook of dinner at the bridegroom's residence. The bride was given away by her father, Mr J. Hudson, and Mr A. Leslie Harrison acted as best man. The bride wore a dress of heliotrope corded silk, with white picture hat, and the bridesmaid, Miss M. Watson, was similarly attired. There were four other bridesmaids, namely, Miss A Preston, Miss E. Nevens, Miss N. Stephenson, and Miss D. Dodds, all of whom were dressed in white. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Mattinson, curate of Tanfield, in the presence of a very large company of well-wishers. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The eighty-fifth quarterly report of the above Society shows that the sales for the quarter were £38,469 18s 8d, being an increase of £4955 over the corresponding period of last year. During the quarter, 93 members were admitted, and 78 withdrew, the total now on the books amounting to 2290. The share capital was £55,670 17s 7d, being an average of £24 6s 5d per member. The average purchases per member amounted to £1 4s per week. The net profit for the quarter reached a total of £6786 9s 5d, and it was proposed to grant a dividend of 3s 6d in the £. Twenty committee meetings were held during the quarter, at which the attendances were as follows:—W. Hewison (president) 20, T. W. W. Ritson (secretary) 20, Edward Hughes 20, William Maddison 20, Nicholas Yarrow 20, Thomas Armstrong (treasurer) 19, William Simpson 18, Hendry Hardy 16, Joseph Snow 14, Robert Reed 14, Thos. Middlemast 6, and John Buglass 6. The retiring members are Messrs W. Maddison and H. Hardy. Mr W. Bulmer is the retiring auditor, and he is eligible for re-election.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The quarterly session of of the North Durham District Council of Juvenile Workers was held on Saturday, Brother John Carr (District Superintendent) presiding. There was a good muster of officers, representatives, and members. The D. and J.T's. report showed the present membership to be 1998, and the various temples were reported to be in a flourishing condition. The following motion was unanimously carried—"That we, as a district, commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by endeavouring to double our membership, and to encourage the same." It was decided to give a book prize to the member who proposes the highest number of members during the quarter, and also that a special prize be given to the temple showing the greatest increase for the year. Brother George Whitfield, agent to the Newcastle, Gateshead, and District Band of Hope Union, was present, and gave a very encouraging address on "The great importance of our work." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Whitfield for his address. A vote of sympathy was passed to Sister M. B. Hall, P.D.S.J.T., Sunderland, in her sickness. South Shields was chosen as the next place of meeting, after which the company dispersed.

FUNERAL OF MRS FORSTER.—The remains of Mrs Thomas Forster were laid to rest at Hare Law cemetary last Friday, in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Mr Henderson, curate of Hare Law. Amongst those present at the grave-side were Mr Thomas Forster (husband), Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs Sarah Handy, and Mrs French (sisters); Mr Thomas Moore, Iveston, and Mr W. Moore, Catchgate, (brothers); Mr Robert Moore, Glowerholme Farm; Mr and Mrs John Moore, Annfield Plain; Mrs Moore, Clifford Road; Mr Robinson Moore, Mr and Mrs George Forster, Mr Joseph Forster, Mr Wm. Forster, Mr Thomas Forster, junr., (nephew); Miss E. Forster and Miss Isabella Forster, Chester-le-Street; Mr and Mrs J. Green, Mr George Hobson, Harperley Mills; Mr John Errington, Oxhill; Mr Charles Mole, Mr John Bates, Mr Robert Eltringham, Mr John Oliver, Mr James Oliver, Mr and Mrs Joseph Watson, Mrs Barbara Moore, Dipton; Mr and Mrs W. Johnson, Flint Hill; Mr Thomas Welsh, Catchgate; Mr and Mrs James Henderson, Mr James Forster, Mr J. Oxley, Craghead; Mrs Swinburn, Mr and Mrs Ramshaw, Mr Charles Mole, Mr T. Turnbull, Mr T. Oxley, South Moor; Mr W. Welsh, Holly Terrace; and others.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The annual special services in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School were held last Sunday, in the Co-operative Hall, under the presidency of Mr W. Thompson, Newcastle, and in the presence of very large audiences. The afternoon programme consisted of a Scriptural recitation by Miss Minnie Roxby, so admirably rendered as to draw from the chairman the remark "Very good, indeed," and a service of song by the choir at which the connective readings were given by the chairman. Miss Govett presided at the organ, and the solos, quartettes, etc., were given by Messrs Robt. Lewes, Wm. Long, H. Bloomfield, Seatry, Miss Welch, the Misses Simpson, Miss Brown and Miss Rose. Mr Hartley acted as conductor. At the morning service, the recitations included:—The 96th Psalm by Dora L. Rutherford; "The stranger to his friend" by Hannah L. Telford; the 63rd Psalm by Emma Parry; 7th Revelations by Jas. Lowery; "His mother's song" by John Rowe; 25th of Matthew by John Todd; 4th of Proverbs by John Hall; and "The secret of rest" by Allison Hogarth. In the evening, Mr Thompson delivered a powerful address appealing to all to embrace salvation. The recitations included—6th of Romans by Sarah E. Brown; "The maiden's prayer" by Kate Roxby; Psalm 145 by Jane A. Lowery; 25th of Matthew by A. B. Hall; "Days of Heaven" by Jenny Parry; 3rd of Daniel by E. Nicholson; collection piece by Jenny Whitfield.

# OBITUARY ANNALS
OF
# NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

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In these papers it is proposed to give some account of the most remarkable occurrences in the whole area of the Lanchester Union during a period of sixty years. It is believed that they will be of interest to the readers of the *Chronicle*, and their co-operation is solicited in making the record as complete as possible. The utmost care has been taken to give nothing that would be likely to cause offence or give pain. Many of the events chronicled will be within the recollection of some of our older readers, and we shall be glad to receive additional facts relative to any of the events or people mentioned. The record has been compiled with great care, and the names and dates may be accepted as absolutely correct. With a view to making this department of the *Chronicle* interesting, the Editor will be glad to answer, free of charge, inquiries respecting the date of the death of any person in North-West Durham during the period covered by the record.

## 1856.

4 Jan., Elizabeth, wife of John Graham, horse driver, High Brooms, aged 73.

5 Jan., Catherine, widow of George Oates, Corving House, Tanfield, aged 79.

9 Jan., Esther, daughter of Robert Urwin, grocer, Dipton, aged 20.

11 Jan., Mary Ann, widow of George Bell, Dipton, aged 63.

12 Jan., Mary, wife of Robert Myers, Hill Top, Esh, aged 66.

14 Jan., Joseph Fairless, Leadgate, aged 52.

18 Jan., Ann, widow of George Atkinson, Annfield Plain, aged 76.

20 Jan., John Suddes, farmer, Clifford's House, Esh, aged 81.

22 Jan., Annie, wife of Peter Simpson, Kyo, aged 84.

22 Jan., William Brown, 23, killed in the Hobson Pit.

25 Jan., Ralph Davison, Lark House, Cornsay, aged 82.

28 Jan., Mary Ann, wife of James Vasey, master tailor, Ebchester, aged 33.

28 Jan., Elizabeth, wife of John Milburn, coke-burner, High Conside, aged 45.

28 Jan., John Haggerston, coachdriver, High Conside, aged 44.

29 Jan., Peter Simpson, Kyo, aged 75.

29 Jan., Elizabeth, widow of Robert Scurfield, Shield Row, aged 80.

2 Feb., Ann, wife of Thomas Hope, engineman, Eden Hill, Tanfield, aged 34.

7 Feb., Thomas Willoughby, son of the Rev. William Simpson, curate of Tanfield, aged 21.

12 Feb., William Turner, South Aunfield, aged 55.

12 Feb., John Swalwell, master blacksmith, Bargate, aged 44.

13 Feb., Margaret, wife of Francis Armstrong, groom, Shotley Grove, aged 35.

14 Feb., Isabella, daughter of Joseph Rodham, Tantobie, aged 50.

21 Feb., Isabella, widow of Joseph Nattress, farmer, Stone Foot Hill, Cornsay, aged 83.

26 Feb., James Batie, Beamish Red Row, aged 66.

23 Feb., Eliza Elizabeth, daughter of John Hopper, Deans, Muggleswick, aged 27.

28 Feb., Joseph Storey, farmer, Lanchester, aged 81.

3 March, Mary, aged 78, widow of William Proud, cartwright, Lanchester, died of influenza.

4 March, William Carroll, Annfield Plain, aged 74.

6 March, Robert Gills, joiner, Blackhill, aged 31.

12 March, James Burns, aged 50, labourer, Blackhill, killed at Conside Iron Works.

12 March, Eleanor, wife of John Sampson, master mason, Conside Iron Works, aged 37.

20 March, Patrick McTeague, aged 23, mason, Conside, killed at Conside Iron Works.

21 March, at Cornsay Almshouses, Mary, wife of Thomas Welford, formerly a teacher, aged 73.

26 March, Wilson Urwin, grocer, Dipton, aged 30.

26 March, Miss Grace Humble, daughter of Richard Humble, Ford Hall, Lanchester, aged 82.

27 March, Mary, widow of Thomas Fenwick, colliery viewer, Dipton, aged 90.

1 April, Sarah, wife of James Waldon, Leadgate, aged 49.

2 April, Robert Lisle, farmer, Shotley Bridge, aged 63.

3 April, Elizabeth, wife of Paul Watson Holmes, South Annfield, aged 43.

8 April, Miss Ann Atkinson, Shotley Park Lodge, aged 59.

8 April, Miss Elizabeth Bewicke, farmer, Derwent Cottages, aged 53.

9 April, John Robinson, Tanfield, aged 40.

13 April, Charles Bowser, Chelsea pensioner, Carr House Cottage, aged 80.

13 April, Elizabeth, wife of John Thompson, Annfield Plain, aged 34.

19 April, Elizabeth, wife of William Thompson, publican, Burnopfield, aged 53.

20 April, Mary, wife of Thomas Pattison, farmer, High Conside, aged 73.

21 April, John Leybourne, Lanchester, aged 80.

24 April, Margaret, wife of Forster Dowse, painter, Carey Cottage, Benfieldside, aged 38.

28 April, Jane, wife of Robert Oldfield, agent, High Conside, aged 45.

28 April, Eliza, wife of William Madgshon, master mason, Burnopfield, aged 46.

4 May, Mary, wife of Henry White, Leadgate, aged 53.

4 May, Miss Elizabeth Wilkinson, Blackhill, Tanfield, aged 41.

10 May, John Oxley, publican, Dipton, aged 50.

12 May, Hannah Allaburton, annuitant, Stoney Heap, aged 67.

14 May, John Pickering, colliery viewer, Tantobie, aged 38.

15 May, John Innes, annuitant, formerly a gardener, New Houses, Greencroft, aged 72.

15 May, John Crook, Ebchester, aged 76.

17 May, George Watson, farmer and butcher, Tanfield, aged 50.

19 May, Matthew Fairlamb, 24, wagon-rider, Causey, killed on the railway.

20 May, Margaret, wife of Archibald Scott, master blacksmith, Leadgate, aged 56.

21 May, Catherine, widow of John Meaghan, Leadgate, aged 59.

21 May, Mary, widow of Samuel Taylor, Shield Row, aged 75.

24 May, James Bowes, 21, killed in the Hobson Pit.

25 May, William Boys, farmer, Maiden Hall, Greencroft, aged 69.

26 May, John Barron, Lodge House, Cornsay, aged 85.

28 May, Ann, widow of Timothy Hall, Iveston, aged 72.

2 June, Matthew Gardner, boiler inspector, Blackhill, aged 46.

3 June, Dorothy, wife of John Cuthbert, Craghead, aged 44.

8 June, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Oswald, breaksman, Clough Dene, aged 45.

13 June, Mary Ann Thompson, straw bonnet maker, Hill Top, Esh, aged 63.

14 June, James Armstrong, aged 13, Annfield Plain, killed on the railway.

16 June, Nicholas Thompson, farmer, Oxen-Law, Ebchester, aged 77.

17 June, Jane, daughter of George White, woodman, Medomsley, aged 56.

17 June, George Harrison, Clough Dene, aged 81.

19 June, James Loughran, High Conside, aged 64.

20 June, Nicholas Potts, publican, Castleside, aged 40.

23 June, Patrick Grant, High Conside, aged 52.

24 June, Margaret, widow of Haswell Hunter, Lanchester, aged 88.

29 June, Margaret, widow of Duncan Stuart, Stuart Field Lodge, aged 93.

### NOTES.

The Annals for the first half of 1856 present the usual crop of fatal accidents. In June and May, there were two casualities in the Hobson Pit; in March, two men were killed at the Iron Works; and there were two fatalities on the railway. Twenty-seven persons died, whose united ages reached a total of 2,145 years, being an average of nearly 79½. Thirteen were 70 years and upwards, twelve were 80 and upwards, and two were 90 and 93 respectively. One was the widow of Mr Thomas Fenwick, the well-known colliery viewer at Dipton, and the other was the widow of Mr Duncan Stuart, of Stuart Field Lodge. A few weeks ago, we believe, a correspondent asked how this place got its name. Probably the name is an answer to the query. We possess no information respecting Charles Bowser, the Chelsea pensioner, who died at Carr House Cottage, beyond the record of his death. A few particulars about him might have interested our readers. Mr John Innes, who died on the 15th of May, was a gardener at Greencroft, and received a life annuity on Sir Thomas Clavering's death. If we mistake not, his father was gardener at the same place. The family is of Scottish origin, the first Innes having come from Scotland at the time of the Rebellion in 1745.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Inquirer, Blackhill.—Henry Scott died at Blackfine on the 7th of August, 1891.

Mary Hall, East Kyo.—6 November, 1874.

Mark Johnson.—The death occurred at Cornsay on tht 12th May, 1878.

Uncertain, Tanfield.—George Herron died at Tanfield Moor, on the 5th January, 1880. He was 76 years old.

Inquirer, Stanley.—The date of William Robson's death was 28 December, 1884.

J. L. Leadgate.—William Thirlwell died on the 18th July, 1879.

Biggin Drift.—The accident to Mrs Newton took place on the 25th of October 1879.

# LETTERS to the EDITOR.

As it is desired to make the *Consett Chronicle* a medium for intelligent discussion to its readers, Corrrespondence is invited from all who have useful information to communicate. But contributors must distinctly understand that all communications sent will be subject to the Editor's revision, and that all statements of a personal, offensive, or impolite character will be unhesitatingly expunged. Correspondents should always criticise the action or the practice complained of, and not the person whom they consider to be at fault. Communications from working men on matters of public interest are frequently the most valuable, and Correspondence of this class is especially invited. The Editor will most willingly revise the letters of those who favour him with their contributions.

The name and address of the writer must accompany all communications. These will not be given where the writer does not wish his identity to be known; nor will they, in any case, or under any circumstances whatever, be given to inquirers. Correspondents replying to letters which have appeared in the *Chronicle*, bearing the names and addresses of the writers, are expected to do so over their *bona-fide* names.

Letters ought to be forwarded as early in the week as possible. Communications of this description will be received up to nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, but on no account can they be inserted if sent after this hour.

## CONSETT MISSION BAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—In your issue for June 25th, I notice a letter from the Secretary of the above Band, drawing the attention of the public to the way in which the Jubilee Committee dealt with the tenders for a band to play at the festivities. As you are already aware, the Secretary of the Committee wrote to the Temperance Band for a tender for a nine hours' engagement, on Jubilee Day—from one to ten p.m. The Temperance Band sent in their tender for £6 and refreshments, and it was reported in some quarters that refreshments supplied by the Jubilee Committee would amount to 4d per head, so that the cost of supplying the twenty-four members of the Temperance Band would amount to 8s, bringing up their total to £6 for nine hours' engagement, or at the rate of 14s 2-2-7d per hour. The Blackhill Band's tender was, I am informed, £3, and they were engaged from one to eight o'clock, or seven hours, which was at the rate of 14-3-7d per hour. Now, the explanation the supporters of the Temperance Band require is, "Why did the Jubilee Committee pass over the Consett Temperance Band, and give the engagement to a foreign band, or a band from another district, as the Consett Temperance Band does not give place to any band either in point of smartnesss or in musical ability?"

In your issue for July 2nd, is a letter from Mr Weaver, the Secretary of the Jubilee Committee, attempting to give some explanation, but I fail to see any explanation in his communication. I have submitted the contents of his letter to a jury of twelve men, and they have dispersed without coming to any verdict, or arriving at any general understanding as to what he means.

My own impression is that the reason why the Temperance Band did not get the engagement was because they were teetotallers. Mr Weaver reminds me of Rip Van Winkle, just wakened up after a long sleep, as from his letter of July 2nd, he appears to be quite confused.—Yours truly,

OBSERVER.

Consett, July 3rd, 1897.

## CO-OPERATIVE STORES WAGES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—Seeing that co-operative shopmen's wages are published every quarter, I think that something ought to be done to prevent people from taunting those who do not receive a very high rate of salary. I have heard thoughtless folks shout after some of the men and boys, "There goes — who lives on eighteen shillings a week." This is monstrously unfair, and I would suggest that the Co-operative Society should take some steps to prevent it.—I am, yours truly,

MEMBER.

South Moor, July 5th, 1897.

## COURTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—Knowing that your columns are always open to receive communications on matters affecting public interest, I venture to write concerning the conduct of young men and boys towards those of us who have the happiness to be engaged. I myself have suffered in this respect, and must protest against the thoughtless and insane conduct of those who seem to be on the continual outlook for some act at which they can laugh and jeer. Once I took my sweetheart for a stroll in the Park, and presently sat down upon the grass. Happening to glance up, I saw two lads concealed behind the trees, eagerly watching our every movement. This is intolerable, and should be stopped. It is with this object in view that I venture to address this communication to you.—I am, yours truly,

DECENT CONDUCT.

Thomas Street, Blackhill, July 3rd, 1897.

## EXTRAVAGANCE AT LANCHESTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

DEAR SIR,—It is usually understood among "common people," that Guardians are the guardians of the ratepayers, as well as the guardians of the poor, the officers, and officials, of the Board; but some, if not most of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, seem to think, and have held for years past, that they exist for the latter alone, and that the small property owners and ratepayers are to stand aside and look on as silent spectators, as if they were a horde of poor slaves, to be sold, or bought in the market of the Lanchester Guardians, without their will or consent.

Now, people who have no interest, and not a bit of property in the Union, and others who pay no *direct rent* and no *direct rates*, can well afford to be silent onlookers, for no amount of extravagance, or waste of ratepayers' money, affects them. Others who have a big income, and others who have a deep and almost inexhaustible purse, may also quietly pass on and say nothing; but there is another class—they are by far the largest number—who are sadly oppressed as per last week's letters in your valuable paper, by those miserable and *useless* outlays in the Lanchester Union. Block after block of most expensive buildings are constantly putting up their huge heads, and what are they for? They cost thousands and thousands of pounds!! Shall we remove the railway and swallow up the village, and all that is in it for the sake of the Workhouse? If you keep going on as you have done, this will be the end of it. Is there no way of putting a speedy end to this mania and craze for new buildings? The best plan would be to put a new wing on the County Asylum, and make that do.

Your able paper, Sir, for the last few weeks has done great and invaluable service to the people on this question. As to the value of this block of old property, which ought to stand.—1 The houses in question for the most part, it is said, were a pure gift by will of a late Guardian to another. Is this correct? 2 The other portion of the block recently held by the executor of a late citizen of Lanchester was disposed of for about £300, or £400! Is this correct? And now after a short period the ratepayers are asked, or rather not asked, to lay down the handsome sum of £1,600 for the said property. We cannot look upon this project but as an outrage upon the liberties and common sense of the people. All that the ratepayers wish is fairness, and an open market for their needs, and they cannot—and I think they will not—without a strong protest, have this property thrust upon them. As for the delusive dream of prospective provision, it is not worth one moment's consideration. There are a great many "Monuments of folly" already in the country which were raised up on this principle. Let us ask the Guardians to pause, and give the people time to think and speak before they make such ruinous speculation. —I am, yours very truly,

VERBUM SAP.

July 6th, 1897.

## TOW LAW AND THE JUBILEE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

DEAR SIR,—In your last week's issue there appeared another letter from Mr J. Davidson, of Tow Law, seemingly in reply to mine.

In my previous letter, I contented myself with noticing and replying to two things, very evident and palpable in Mr Davidson's communication, namely, his references intended for me, and secondly, the spirit manifested through his letter—a spirit so very much at variance with the joyous Jubilee time. He then complains that I "have not refuted any of his arguments." Verily, that may be so. Does he in the same letter, deny me "the right" to take part in a town's meeting, as "though I lived a thousand miles away," and yet expect me to discuss the pros and cons of a ratepayers' association with him? This profitless discussion is not of my seeking, and I would not have replied before if his references had not so obviously been meant for me. Why could he not, like the rest of people, manfully accept the decision of the majorities as recorded in the Jubilee Committee, the Urban Council and the ratepayers' meetings? What is he going to gain by prolonging this discussion? He is apparently not going to receive a deal of support for his projected "defence" Association, with its carefully coined, but mystical *watchword*, "Resist, reduce, redistribute." There is nothing new in his letter except the references to the Indian famine—this prediction relating to my eternal destiny.

I am afraid I cannot accept, nor yet allow his explanation *re* the unfortunate title of his first letter, "Tow Law and the Jubilee Craze," to pass without remark. He disclaims any local reference, but says, "I was thinking of the four millions of the Queen's subjects in India who are on relief works owing to a record famine in that country, whilst our upper classes and millionaires are squandering hundreds of thousands of pounds in mere pomp and show in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the Empress of Famine Stricken India." In his next sentence he says, "We cannot but admit that it is only right that Tow Law should join heartily in sending congratulations to the august lady, who has so long and so well ruled over the United Kingdom." There may be no contradiction in the above sentiments, and I am glad to hear that he thought of the famine-stricken with such commendable solicitude, and I hope that he remembered to send them something. I do not quite like the ring of his sentences, respecting our connection with India. The famine would have occurred in any case if the Queen had not been Empress, "for the sky has been as brass for months, and the needful rain has been denied." The suffering and loss of life to human beings and animals alike has been very great, but Mr Davidson's words about the "four millions employed on relief works" shows in a very useful way the great advantage of India's connection with England. English money, ingenuity, and enterprise, may do much to minimise any future similar evil. It is easy, *very*, to talk as he does, about squandering hundreds of thousands upon pomp and show, but what would he suggest should be done, to permit him and me for instance, to have a say as to how they, and others, of course, should spend their money? The very spending of it puts it into circulation, which is a benefit. He, of course, means that this money should not have been so spent whilst the famine was going on. It sounds very well, *but* I am a practical man, and fail to see how this can be remedied.

There is quite a humorous touch in Mr Davidson's letter when he refers to my alleged "gross violation of the eighth commandment." I would advise him in any future attempts not to trifle with sacred Scripture. If he really be serious, let him remember to "Judge not." It is a precarious pastime—such stone-throwing. By the way, does he know that in the numbering of the commandments our Roman Catholic friends say that No. eight refers to "bearing false witness against thy neighbour?" Let me advise Mr Davidson to drop this correspondence. No one in the meeting, or in the town, really can say anything in favour of taking money from the rates, except this, that the voluntary subscriptions had proved insufficient, and we thought this a better way than charging at the gates, which would not have realised enough. It will not amount to more than ½d in the £, and all of it spent upon the children and the old folks, nothing being sent or given to Royalty.—Yours sincerely,

J. E. DIXON.

Tow Law, July 6th, 1897.

## BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—The Benfieldside School Board Election takes place in a few weeks. Up to the present time none of the members of the old Board have shown any inclination to give a public account of their stewardship, although they must be aware that there is a feeling abroad that they have not managed the Schools with economy, or made any progress with regard to the higher education of the children.

The old idea was that piety and learning were the two essentials for a School Board member, but that idea is now entirely exploded. The members are sent to manage the schools—not to teach them—and people are beginning to see that what is required is not so much learning as "management."

Hitherto, the elections have gone very easy, and members have had little difficulty in "walking in," as the public to a large extent have been under the impression that the cumulative vote gave each church or chapel the power to return whom they pleased. I have a notion that this idea is wrong, and that the present members have not obtained their seats by the voting power of their friends, but by the indifference of the general public who have allowed them to walk in.

I think also that if a party were formed, composed of men willing to represent the community as a whole, and not to represent sects, pledged to economy, to lower rates and to higher education, and capable of avoiding bungling, the general community would support them. I should like to hear the views of your Benfieldside readers on this point.—I am, yours truly,

RATEPAYER.

July 6th, 1897.

# CONSETT TRADESMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Consett and District Tradesmen's Association was held on Tuesday night, in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, Mr William Aynsley, J.P., in the chair. Amongst others in attendance were—Messrs Luke Nicholson (Leadgate), Geo. Patrick, T. Crick, I'Anson, W. Harrison, Ed. Wylam, R. Hart, Chas. Smailes (Blackhill), J. Lee, Rowe, Ed. Lamb, E. Milner, V. Rowe, Ed. Lockey, J. Dowson, Geo. J. Robinson (Blackhill), F. A. Coltman, James Hardy, C. Lumley, Harry Cornforth, H. Davison (treasurer), J. E. English (hon. secretary), and Charles Weaver (secretary).

### THE ANNUAL TRIP.

The SECRETARY read communications from the N.E.R. Company, intimating that the fares for excursions, where 300 passengers were guaranteed, would be—Richmond, 2s 6d; Alnwick, 2s 6d; Scarborough, 4s; and Keswick, 4s.

After some discussion, Mr LAMB proposed, and Mr ENGLISH seconded, that the trip be to Keswick.

Amendments were made in favour of Alnwick and Scarborough.

Mr WYLAM was afraid that the Association was not in a position to guarantee either 300 4s tickets, or even the same number of 2s 6d tickets; but the CHAIRMAN pointed out that last year, when their first excursion went to Rothbury, the fare was 3s 6d, and they had 305 passengers.

Mr LOCKEY said that if they intended making a 4s journey of it, then let the trip be to Scarborough. He knew several ladies who preferred to go there.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that the railway journey to Scarborough would occupy nearly an hour longer either way than it would to Keswick.

Mr LUMLEY remarked that so far as his opinion went, he preferred Scarborough, but at Keswick there was every accommodation, whether it was wet or dry, and they could enjoy themselves thoroughly. The same remark applied to Scarborough. However, at Alnwick there was not much provision in the event of the day being unfavourable.

Mr DOWSON (who has recently been sojourning at Keswick) spoke highly of the beautiful scenery surrounding that part of the Lake district.

Mr ROBINSON said that he had noticed that the Railway Company had advertised excursions on their own responsibility from Newcastle to Keswick for 2s 6d, and he considered that the Company might be asked to reduce their fare from 4s.

The SECRETARY thought it would be worth while for the meeting to appoint a deputation to wait upon Mr Godfrey Smith, or the Stationmaster at Newcastle, with a view of getting the fare reduced.

Mr LAMB: Or limiting the number of passengers.

Mr ENGLISH: The Company will not do that; 300 is their fixed number.

On a vote being taken, 10 each voted for Keswick and Scarborough, the Chairman giving his casting vote in favour of Keswick. An expression of feeling was afterwards taken between the claims of Keswick and Alnwick, when an overwhelming majority decided for the Lake scenery.

The date of the trip provoked a long conversation, and it was ultimately moved by Mr ENGLISH, and seconded by Mr WYLAM, that the excursion take place on Wednesday, 28th July.

An amendment by Mr PATTRICK, and seconded by Mr HARRISON, was that the trip be held on the first Wednesday in August, and that a requisition be forwarded to the Consett Urban District Council, asking to adjourn their ordinary meeting.

The amendment was passed by a large majority.

Mr DAVISON proposed that the Railway Company be requested to start the train so that it should call at Leadgate, Consett, and Blackhill, to depart not later than six a.m., the arrangements to be left in the hands of the General Secretary and the Committee. The dining question at the destination was left to the option of the individual excursionists.

Mr LUMLEY seconded, and the proposition was passed.

### THE POST OFFICE AND A SUNDAY DESPATCH.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr S. Walpole, the Secretary of the General Post Office, London, to the effect that the communication from the Tradesmen's Association, in reference to the Post Office at Consett being placed in a central position, and, furthermore, asking for a Sunday evening despatch of letters, would receive attention.

Mr ROBINSON said that he had had some correspondence with the postal authorities relative to a Sunday despatch of letters from Blackhill, with the result that he had received a reply, to the effect that they could not grant such a request until they were in receipt of a requisition signed by at least two-thirds of the business done. He thought that the Association might accept that answer, and deal with the subject that night. His own idea was that they should ask for a Sunday despatch by clearing the letter box at Blackhill Station in the same way as it was done at the Ebchester Railway Station.

The CHAIRMAN: Did you write on your own responsibility?

Mr ROBINSON: Yes; on my own responsibility, but the letter was signed by four or five other persons. I believe there is a general desire in the town for a Sunday despatch.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that their memorial might carry more weight, because it emanated from the whole district, and not from particular individuals.

Mr ROBINSON considered that now was the best chance for getting up such a requisition.

The Secretary said if that was deemed worth while, he would be willing to get up such a requisition.

Mr PATTRICK explained that he was talking to the temporary Postmaster, at Consett, and that official told him that although they objected to the extension of Sunday labour, whenever there was a general desire expressed on the part of the inhabitants of a certain district for a Sunday despatch, the request was invariably acceded to.

Mr ROBINSON said he was informed that the resident at Ebchester Hall was instrumental in getting a Sunday despatch from that Station.

Mr HARDY contended that it would carry a great deal more weight if concurrent action was taken by the Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate Urban Councils, and backed up by the Tradesmen's Association.

The CHAIRMAN: But the District Councils might not be all agreed on the point.

Mr ROBINSON suggested that the whole question might be left in the hands of the Committee, and, in the event of nothing being done prior to the next general meeting of the Association, the Committee might be empowered to get up the necessary requisition to the postal authorities.

The CHAIRMAN thought that no harm would ensue if they waited a little longer. In the meanwhile, a new Postmaster might be appointed, and then they would be able to ascertain whether any of the concessions had been granted, or otherwise.

Mr PATTRICK stated that he was informed that Consett was the only place within the Newcastle postal district where there was no Sunday despatch.

The Chairman's recommendation was acted upon, the Secretary stating that the Postmaster at present in charge of the Office had promised to let him know officially that afternoon whether or not there was going to be a Sunday morning delivery of letters in Consett. He had, however, failed to furnish the necessary information, but it was apparent that the postal authorites were moving in the matter.

Mr ROBINSON: What has been done with regard to a later despatch during the week?

The CHAIRMAN: Nothing, that I'm aware of.

Mr CRICK: The question was brought forward some months since.

The SECRETARY: There is nothing on the minutes. If you wait until after the new Postmaster is appointed, then we will be able to embody all these grievances in a memorial to the headquarters.

Mr DAVISON stated that this question was broached when the letters were forwarded from Blackhill Station. Now he understood that the mails were despatched from Consett Station. He moved that the Postmaster General should be asked to extend the time for closing the despatch from 8-15 to 8-30 p.m.

Mr COLLINSON seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

### THE LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE.

Mr CRICK urged that the Railway Company should be asked to run an earlier train from Consett to Newcastle, either one, two, or three mornings in the week.

Mr LOCKEY: Make it on Tuesday mornings. (Laughter).

Mr DAVISON argued that the trains from Newcastle should make the circuit to and from Consett, and that more trains should be put on so that the people of Consett, Leadgate, Annfield Plain, and Stanley should enjoy the same advantages and facilities as those resident contiguous to the Derwent Valley line, and further that a uniform rate of 2s 6d return fare be charged either way. He moved to the foregoing effect.

Mr COLLINSON seconded.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose if you get an extra train or so on the new line that will be sufficient?

Mr DAVISON: No. I want the trains to take a circular route in the same way as the 4-5 p.m. from Newcastle, and let Durham be worked from Blackhill.

The resolution was passed *nem con.*

### A COVERED-IN MARKET FOR CONSETT.

Mr ENGLISH gave notice that the subject of providing a covered-in market for Consett be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next general meeting.

### REVISION OF THE RULES.

Mr PATTRICK also tendered notice of motion for the ensuing meeting for a revision of the rules of the Association, particularly the clause restricting the committee-men to seven, and enlarging the number to 12.

Mr WYLAM: I think there ought to be 12 for an important centre like this.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman ended the proceedings.

# WOLSINGHAM POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, July 6th, 1897.—Before C. J. Backhouse, Esq., (Chairman), J. Graham, Esq., Rev. T. H. E. Espin, T. Fenwick, Esq., J. Rogerson, Esq., and Dr. Livingstone.

## ALLEGED ASSAULT AT TOW LAW.

Richard Little, 8, Bridge Street, Tow Law, was charged by Sarah Pattrick, a servant in the employ of Miss Teasdale, of Thornley Grove, Tow Law, with assaulting her on Whit-Monday, the 7th of June. Mr Devey, of Wolsingham, appeared for the complainant, whilst the defendant was represented by Mr Edward Clark, of Newcastle.

Mr Devey, in opening, said that the case was one of simple assault, but was of a serious nature. At a Primitive Methodist Field Day, in the Tow Law Football Field, which was held on the 7th June, the complainant was present, together with a companion. It was about 8.50 p.m., when the complainant went home, going by way of Bridge Street. When she arrived at a certain place she was accosted by the defendant who said that he was going to set her home. He took her by the arms, and attempted to take certain liberties with her. When she told him that some one was coming, he went away. Mr Devey said that they had no witnesses to bring as to seeing the assault, and he would in consequence, ask the Bench to be very careful in regard to the times mentioned. He had a sketch plan of the place where the assault took place. With Mr Clarke's permission, he would submit the plan.

Mr Clarke: I do not object.

Mr Devy, (continuing), said that it appeared that whilst in the field, defendant had attempted to push the girl through a hedge. The complainant left the field at about 8-50 p.m., and reached home between 9-25 and 9-30.

Sarah Pattrick, replying to Mr Devey, said that on the date referred to, Margaret Caygill was with her at the festival. Coming out of the field, she went by way of the Foundry. In High Street, she saw the defendant, who "passed the time of night" with her. He came into a field which was close to the Presbyterian Church. It would then be about ten minutes past nine. She had since walked the same ground over again, to be certain of the time that it took her to cover the distance. When half way across the first field, defendant came up, and said that he was going home with her. He came with her through the gate, and then took her round the arms, t[illegible] to put her down. He acted indecently [illegible] then shouted "Heseltine," but no one c[illegible] walked a certain distance further wi[illegible] She told him that Wm Teasdale w[illegible] he then went away. She then we[illegible] Teasdale's where she was living. [illegible] in the cellar, and upon his comin[illegible] told him what had occurred. Sh[illegible] fendant well by sight, for she wa[illegible] seeing him pass two or thre[illegible] There was no mistake as to th[illegible] never walked with him befo[illegible] the habit of exchanging g[illegible] more.

Mr Devey then consulted with the Bench relative to the sketch plan.

Mr Clarke: Mr Devey, you have your witnesses, and you have got your plan; now I see you are having a little tea-party. I think that I ought to be invited. (Laughter).

Complainant, in answer to Mr Clarke, stated that she had been with Mrs Teasdale for six months. She left the field on the night in question at about 8-50.

Mr Clarke: Did you not meet a man named Carr that night?

Complainant: Yes, through the Foundry gates, and he asked me for a "bob."

Mr Clarke: That is money, I believe. (Laughter).

Complainant in answer to further questions, said that Carr met her on the road home. She had a conversation with him, and he asked for the money, but she gave him none.

Mr Clarke: This man walked a little way with you, I believe?

Complainant: Yes.

Mr Clarke: And I should suppose that the conversation would be upon the subject of the "bob." (Laughter).

Complainant said that she knew Heseltine's Houses. She was close to this place when the assault occurred, and would not be far from the door of one of the houses. There were four dwelling-houses in this row.

Mr Clarke: And you say that you shouted very loudly?

Complainant: Yes, and no one came to me.

Mr Clarke: You made a remark to Mr Devey to the effect that you walked further on with this man. You say he got hold of both your arms, and your were very much frightened. Why did you not run away?

Complainant: I never got away. He acted indecently.

Mr Clarke: But he had got hold of you with both arms, you say. He would have to loose you to do as you say. (Laughter).

Complainant said that before defendant tried to put her down, he acted indecently.

Mr Clarke: You were later in getting home than is usually the case on this occasion, were you not?

Complainant: Yes; I did not get in until 9-30, and I am supposed to be in at 9 o'clock.

Mr Clarke: This was on the Monday night. Why did you not go to the police at once, and give information?

Complainant: I wanted to see my brother first.

Continuing, complainant said that her brother went to see defendant on the Tuesday evening. She had put off until the Thursday before definite action was taken. She knew that there was some trouble with Mr Teasdale and defendant and his brothers with regard to trespassing on Mr Teasdale's land.

Wm. Teasdale, of Tow Law, said he remembered the night of the 7th of June. The girl Pattrick was at the Primitive Methodist field day gathering.

Mr Clarke: Did you see her?

Witness: No, sir.

Mr Clarke: Well, you cannot tell us anything then. (Laughter).

Witness, continuing, said that he was going down the cellar at home, when the complainant came in. She was greatly agitated, her clothes appearing to be disarranged. It was about 9-30 when she came in. Hall came by his house end at about ten minutes past ten. The morning following, he saw the defendant, who said that he had been in the "Black Horse" all night.

Mr Clarke: How do you connect this Hall with this case? Have you heard that he is a companion of the defendant's? The young men annoy you, I believe, by going on your land?

Witness: Yes.

Jacob Pattrick, brother of the complainant, in reply to Mr Clarke, said that he went to see the defendant, and he asked him what he had been doing. Defendant told him that he had never been out of the "Black Horse" that night.

Mr Clarke: What did defendant reply to your question?

Witness: He said, "What did I do, anyhow?"

Mr Clarke: He never admitted doing anything to her?

Witness: No, sir.

Mr Clarke: I should think not, indeed. (Laughter).

Margaret Caygill, Tow Law, said that she was with the complainant on the night in question. She was in her company until half-past eight.

Mr Clarke said that he had sometimes to defend cases which were situated at long distances from Newcastle—cases which were worth defending. He ventured to submit that in this instance this hardly could be said. He ventured to assert that the case was not established. The evidence of the woman was in no wise corroborated. They had not the courage to bring on a charge of indecent assault. They knew better than to do that. They brought the defendant up on a charge of common assault. They threw dirt at his client. They would not have hung a dog up on such evidence. The master of this girl, the Wm. Teasdale, who had appeared to give evidence, was evidently a bad tempered man. The brother interviewed his client. They hoped to get an admission from him by putting defendant off his guard. His friend, Mr Devey, would admit that this was an old trick in affiliation cases. He (Mr Clarke) was there to vindicate this young man's character, and to tell them that if this girl had been interfered with, she was not interfered with by his client. Far be it from him to suggest that Carr was guilty. But, however, they knew that boys and girls would play. (Laughter). The bearings of the case did not show that his client performed the action. This young man, his client, was said to have been fool enough to have walked with complainant until they were within ten yards of the houses, and close to the road. If defendant were an absolute lunatic, he might have done it. The funny part of the witnesses' evidence was that Mr Teasdale anticipated Hall. He (Mr Clarke) might have taken objection to the conversation of Teasdale.

John Hall, putter, Thornley, said that on Whit-Monday evening, he called for the defendant about seven o'clock, and they went together down Thornley Road and Bridge End. They went away altogether from the field referred to. They went into the "Bridge Inn," at about nine o'clock, when they saw Fred. Johnson. The defendant was never out of witness's company from seven to nine. Defendant was no nearer to Bob Hall's on Whit-Monday night, than his own house.

By Mr Devey: He (witness) took the time of the day when they went in and came out, which was 9 and 9-20, respectively. He did not think it a singular proceeding to note the times. He just happened to look at his watch.

Mr Clarke: You know that you were there. Fred Johnson and other three men were present. You know that if you made a false statement on this question, this man could prosecute you?

Witness: Yes sir.

Mr Clarke: You are on your oath, and, consequently, you will tell Mr Devey and the Court "nothing but the truth."

Witness: Yes, sir, "nothing but the truth."

Fred. Johnson, miner, Campbell Street, Tow Law, in reply to Mr Devey, said that the "Bridge Inn" was little more than half-way between Wolsingham and Tow Law. Between seven and eight o'clock, he was in the Inn, leaving about five minutes to ten. He saw Hall and the defendant come in about a quarter to nine. They left about twenty past nine. During that time several men went in and out. The "Bridge Inn" was considerably over a mile from Thornley Villa.

Mr Devey: How are you sure as to the time?

Witness: I looked at my watch previous to these two men coming in.

Mr Devey: Are you in the habit of timing men as the enter and leave the house?

Witness said that he looked at his watch first as the two men were leaving, and it was twenty past nine.

Mr Devey: Who asked you to come and give evidence in this case?

Witness: Little did.

By Mr Devey: He was just about going home himself when defendant and his companion left.

The Chairman: There is no need to call any other witnesses, Mr Clarke, we have decided to dismiss the case.

This announcement was received with loud applause, which, however, was promptly suppressed.

Mr Clarke said that the Bench had full power to grant costs. He asked that a certificate of dismissal might be given with costs.

The Chairman: We do not generally do so.

Mr Clarke said that his reason for asking for a certificate of dismissal was that in view of other proceedings being taken, he could then counterclaim.

The Bench granted a certificate of dismissal, but could not see their way to impose all the costs of the case upon the girl.

A certificate of dismissal was then ordered to be made out.

### DRUNKENNESS.

The following were charged with drunkenness —Joseph Coulson, on the 15th June.—P.C. Sutherland gave evidence.—Fined 15s, including costs. ——John Cair was proceeded against by P.C. Banks for being drunk at Tow Law, on the 12th June.—Fined 15s, including costs.——Charles Caygill, Tow Law, was fined a similar amount, for being drunk on the 7th of June.—P.C. Banks proved.——Edward Smiles was fined 7s 6d, which included costs, for being drunk, on the 7th June. —P.C. Banks gave evidence in support of the charge.——Thomas Comaskey, Tow Law, was ordered to pay 12s 6d, for being drunk, on the 6th ult.—Evidence was given by P.C. Banks——Matthew Wilson, Tow Law, was charged with being drunk upon licensed premises, to wit, The Miners' Arms, Tow Law, on the 12th June.—[illegible]ant Taylor proved.—Fined 17s 6d.——Wil[illegible] Morgan was charged by Sergeant Taylor [illegible]ing drunk, on the 26th ult.—Fined 10s, [illegible] included costs.——Jonathan Longstaff [illegible]unk, on the 17th June, and, Sergeant [illegible] proving the case, defendant was ordered [illegible] 7s 6d.——Thomas Heseltine, Tow Law, [illegible]ceeded against by P.C. Sutherland, for [illegible]runk, on the 27th June.—Fined 15s.—— [illegible] Henry Crossley was charged with being [illegible]whilst in charge of a horse, at Tow Law, [illegible]th June.—P.C. Sutherland stated that [illegible]e defendant galloping about the streets. [illegible]dently a bad mare to handle, but de[illegible]was drunk.—Fined 7s 6d.——George Close was drunk, on the 26th June, at Wolsingham, and was fined 7s 6d and costs.—Sergeant Bryans proved.——Ann Stoney was charged with being drunk, at Wolsingham, on the 5th June.—Sergeant Bryans stated that he saw the defendant several times between six and eight o'clock at night, and she was certainly under the influence of drink. He also saw her come out of several public-houses.—Edward Storey said that he saw the defendant at about nine o'clock on the night in question. She did not appear to him to have tasted.—Fined 7s 6d, which included the costs.

### OFFENCES UNDER THE HIGHWAY ACT.

William Hope was charged with driving a conveyance, at eleven o'clock at night, without a light.—Sergeant Taylor said that when he met the defendant, he had no light of any description. —Defendant said that he was guilty, but he was not aware that the lamp was out.—The Chairman said that, as a caution to others, defendant would be fined 6s and costs.——John Scott was charged with allowing horses to stray on the public highway, at Wolsingham, on the 8th June.—P.C. Sutherland stated that on the morning in question, he was on duty at about seven o'clock, when he saw the horses straying on the road.—Defendant, in answer to the charge, said that people were in the habit of going into his field and leaving the gate open. He could not stop up all night to watch his horses.—The Chairman said that he should put a lock on the gate. He had been summoned for a like offence before, and he would be fined 5s and costs.——William Ord, a travelling hawker, was charged with driving a horse and spring cart, at Tow Law, without a light, and at a furious rate, on the 16th June.—P.C. Banks said that at about a quarter-past one in the morning, on the date referred to, the defendant was driving through Tow Law at a furious rate, without showing any lights. It was some little time before defendant would pull up. —Defendant said that he was walking. He left Stagshaw Bank at five o'clock, so that there could be little trotting.—The Chairman said that he had been dealt with before for a similar offence, and he would be fined 10s, including the costs.

### GAME TRESPASS.

William Hall was charged by Christopher Allsopp with trespassing on land belonging to Mr Joseph Walton, at Thornley, on the 16th May, in pursuit of conies.—Complainant stated that on the date in question, he was on the land owned by Mr Walton, at about twelve o'clock in the forenoon, when he saw William Hall with a dog. He asked him what he was doing there, and told him that he would hear further about it. Defendant would be from 500 to 600 yards from the road, his dog running among the whins.—Defendant: Did I not tell you that the dog was between three and six months' old?—Complainant: No.—Defendant stated that it was a short way home for him to go across Mr Walton's land. —Joseph Richardson said that he knew the defendant's dog. It was a fox-terrier, between three and four months' old. He knew the father of the dog. He was with the defendant all the morning, and they saw Mr Allsopp at Elm Park Hall. He left defendant just afterwards.—The Chairman said that it was proved to them that defendant was trespassing. He had no right to be on the land. He would be fined 5s and costs. ——Christopher Moore was charged by Mr Allsopp with a similar offence, on the 16th May.—Complainant said that he saw Moore with a dog. He (defendant) was kneeling down when he saw him. In three or four places, stones were taken away. A moment later, he saw a rabbit jump out of his hand, to which defendant's dog gave chase. He would be 100 yards from the road.—Defendant said that he was not in search of game, nor had he got a rabbit.—Mr Allsopp said he must also prefer a charge against defendant for wilful damage.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 10s and costs for the game trespass, and 6d damages on the second charge.

### CHARGE OF LARCENY.

John Joseph Robinson charged Nicholas Watson and Thomas Emmerson with taking from his trap, on the 4th July, an umbrella and macintosh topcoat. Mr Devey appeared for the defendants. —Complainant stated that he was driving from Allendale on the date in question. He put his horse and trap up at Mr Joseph Keep's house, at Westgate. He left the articles mentioned in the trap in the yard. When he came back, the topcoat and umbrella had gone, but the shawl was left. He valued the topcoat and umbrella (produced) at 35s and 6s, respectively.—Jane Hannah Parlour, housekeeper to Mr Keep, stated that the complainant told her that he had put his trap in the yard, and she told him that it was alright. The defendants also came in, and had some beer, and they, too, had a conveyance with them.—William Nicholson gave evidence to show that the defendant Watson came to his house and left the articles, saying that they did not belong to him, but that he would call later for them. Subsequently, Sergeant Foreman called for the umbrella and coat.—Sergeant Foreman stated that he was on duty at Westgate, and upon information received, searched the conveyance referred to.—Mr Devey, for the defence, said that Emmerson apparently had not taken the slightest part in the affair. The law on this point was very clear. There must not be the taking away temporarily. There must be deliberate intention. There might easily have been a mistake in the articles, his clients taking them in mistake for their own.—The Magistrates agreed to dismiss the case.

# LOCAL MUSICAL COMPOSITION

We have been favoured with the manuscript of an anthem, composed by Mr Fred. Stokoe, musical director of the Victoria Theatre, Stanley. The work consists of a harvest anthem, entitled "That they may plant vineyards," and is well adapted to the requirements of country choirs. It opens with a bold chorus for four voices, which is followed by an *andante* movement, which forms a very pretty and effective change. Then comes a duet—treble and alto—of eight bars, leading to another passage for four voices, which is very bold, striking and decisive. Next is a bass solo, after which follows another brilliant chorus part. The harmony throughout is agreeable, and, with the exception of one consecutive eighth correct, though one or two passages might have been differently arranged from a harmony point of view. The chords are of a simple character, but highly effective and pleasing in their general effect. The composer has kept well within the range of the different voices—a fact which all practical musicians will not fail to appreciate. The main fault of the piece is a lack of variety of idea, though the treatment of the whole ensures a very rich and charming effect. We congratulate Mr Stokoe upon his work, and look forward to his next composition—which will probably be of greater depth—with much interest. It is evident that he has a brilliant career before him.

# PROPERTY SALE IN CONSETT.

At the Alexandra Hotel, Consett, on Friday evening, Mr John Crawford conducted an important sale of property and shares. There was a good attendance of buyers, and the proceedings were of a highly interesting character.

Lot 1 comprised all those two freehold dwelling-houses, stable, and other buildings, situate in Delves Lane, Consett, now in the several occupations of Messrs Kay, Hall, Cockburn, and Wilkinson, at the gross yearly rental of £39 4s 0d. In submitting the lot, the auctioneer said that the property had come to be one of the most valuable in Consett, being in close proximity to the New Station. The site would be a good one for a temperance hotel—which was very much needed in the town. He thought that no place could hold its own like Consett (Laughter and applause). When he came to it about thirty years ago, there were hardly any houses in the town, and now it was a large and growing centre. (Applause). Mr J. Oliver started operations with an offer of £300. Mr Bolam followed with an advance of £50 and successive bids of £400, £420, £440, and £460 were offered by Messrs Gascoigne, aud Oliver, Mrs Elliott, and Mr Oliver, respectively. Mrs Elliott then bid £470, at which price the property was withdrawn.

Lot 2 consisted of that five-roomed dwelling house, No. 13, Ark Street, Consett, yearly rental £16 18s 0d. Mr Crawford pointed out that the occupier paid all rates and taxes, and that the house could always demand a good tenant. Mr H. Oliver started the bidding at £150, increased to £170 by Mr Bolam. Mr H. Oliver again came in with £180, and was promptly followed by Mr Bolam with a £10 advance. Mr J Ashridge eventually became the purchaser at £200.

Lot 3 was that beautiful building, known as Rose Cottage, Shotley Bridge, together with land, stabling, coach-house, harness room, cow byre, &c., occupied for many years by the late Mr John Smith, architect. The auctioneer remarked that the house was the prettiest in the North of England. Mr Thompson offered £500, the succeeding bids being as follows—Mr Bolam £550, Dr. Allen £560, Mr Bolam £570, Dr. Allen £580, Mr Bolam £590, Mr Barclay £600, Mr Bolam £610, Mr Barclay £620, Mr Bolam £630, and Mr Wilkinson £640—at which price the property was withdrawn.

Fifteen shares in the Consett Water Company were then put up, but as the first five elicited no offer beyond £8 10s, these were also withdrawn.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the auctioneer for the manner in which he had conducted the sale. The solicitors present were Mr John McCartan (Lot 1), Mr Robson, for Mr Weltord (Lot 2), and Mr Henderson, for Messrs Clayton & Gibson (Lot 3).

## LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday, the Rev. P. C. Fortin presiding. There were also present—Messrs T. C. Muse, James Oliver, P. Kirkup, J. E. Wardle, R. Burleigh, J. Hunter, W. Robinson, W. Collier, T. Lowdon, W. Gray, T. Wilkinson, and W. H. Ritson (clerk).

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR MEDOMSLEY.

The Clerk announced that Mr H. Palmer had been elected in succession to Mr Morris.

The Chairman: We shall be glad to welcome Mr Palmer.

MEDICAL OFFICERS RE-APPOINTED.

Dr. Bolton was re-appointed medical officer for the Medomsley district at a salary of £50 per year, and Dr. Wilson medical officer for the Lanchester district at a salary of £100 a year.

CLERK OF WORKS.

Mr Philip Reay was appointed clerk of works at Cornsay at 15s a week, and assistant inspector at £1 a week, the first engagement to be of one month's duration.

PRECEPT.

It was decided to issue a special precept for £50 upon Healeyfield parish on account of the laying of a sewer at Maudville.

BREAKAGE OF A LAMP.—WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

A letter was received from the Medomsley Parish Council, asking the advice of the District Council with reference to the liability for a lamp which had been completely smashed by one of Messrs Tucker's carts some months ago. The damage was estimated at £3, but Messrs Tucker had written to the Parish Council, stating that they were advised that they were not liable, as the accident was caused owing to the slippery state of the road at the time. The driver was just proceeding at a walking pace, and no blame could be attached to him.

Mr Robinson said that the Medomsley Parish Council wanted advice as to how they should proceed.

The Chairman: We are not responsible for the frost. The Parish Council ought to apply to their solicitor. They ask us what to do. It is a legal question, and ought to be laid before a solicitor.

Mr Robinson: Is this Council not involved at all?

The Chairman: No.

Mr Wilkinson said that the man who broke the lamp was liable.

The Chairman: We have nothing to do with it.

Mr Wilkinson: No.

Mr Robinson said that the Parish Council had nothing to do with the bank. It belonged to the Rural District Council.

Mr Muse said that nobody could be held responsible. Wind and frost were the acts of God.

The Clerk was instructed to write, stating that the Council had no authority in the matter, and that the Parish Council had better consult a solicitor.

INDIGNANT MUGGLESWICK.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Muggleswick Parish Council, with reference to the recent demand by that body for a complete inspection of Muggleswick village, stating that from the press reports, he observed that the application of the Council had been received with laughter. The Parish Council were sorry to see that a communication on such an important subject should have been received with laughter, especially seeing that there were places in the parish which were in a very insanitary condition. The Clerk stated that Mr Lupton had recently inspected the village.

HAMSTEELS HUTS.

Dr. John Wilson reported that the owner of the Hamsteels Colliery still persisted in allowing his workmen to occupy the huts at that place. Eighteen months ago, it was agreed upon that these houses should be closed until they were put into a habitable condition. No attention had been paid to the arrangement, and he therefore recommended the District Council to issue a closing order at once.

Mr Lowdon said that six of the old houses were now empty, and there were three more new houses almost ready for occupation.

It was decided to let the matter stand over for one month.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Wilson reported that 52 cases of infectious diseases had been notified to him during the month, the majority of the cases being due to diarrhœa.—Dr. Bolton reported that since his last report, he had not received any notification of infectious diseases, either in the Ebchester or Medomsley districts. (Hear, hear).

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF WAGES.

Mr W. Robinson, roadman, applied to have his wages increased, but the application was refused.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr J. R. Lupton reported that during the past month, he had inspected the district, and had called attention to various nuisances which required immediate abatement. A number of these had already received attention, and several others would be remedied in the course of a few days. The scavenging of the district had been fairly satisfactory during the month, but where the occupiers had to do the work, it appeared to have been neglected. A number of notices had been served, and the work was being carried out. He had to place before the Council a number of nuisances, particulars of which appeared in the Inspector's report book. He had had occasion to re-lay a portion of the sewer at Lanchester Police Station, and it was now working satisfactorily. He had examined the flushing cart, and suggested that it should be overhauled, painted, and put under cover. John Johnson had completed his house at Langley Park, and required a habitation certificate. The two houses and shop, at Esh Winning, for Mr Jos. Fenwick and Mr Taylor, were nearing completion. He noticed that the footpath in front of these houses was considerably higher than the level of the highway. At the end of Fenwick's house, it was about 2 feet 6 inches above the road.

SEWER OUTLET.

A letter was read from the Brandon and Byshottles Urban District Council, regarding a sewer outlet, which had been placed in their district.

The Chairman said that the Council had nothing to do with the matter. It had been put in by Mr Cave.

Mr Muse: They seem to have put the saddle on the wrong horse.

The Chairman repeated that the work had been done by Mr Cave, Sir Frederic Smythe's agent.

WORKMEN'S HOURS.

A deputation of workmen waited upon the Council with reference to the hours of labour. The Council decided that the hours should remain as at present, the men to leave their houses at six a.m., in summer, and 7.30 in winter, finishing their work at 5 o'clock p.m., in summer, and 4.30 p.m., in winter.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Mr Parker submitted a plan for sewerage and sewage disposal works at East Hedley Hope, at an estimated cost of £750.

The Council approved of the plan, and decided to advertise for tenders, subject to the approval of the Hedley Hope Parish Council.

A plan for the extension of the Esh Winning Sewage Disposal Works was approved, and ordered to be sent to the Brandon and Byshottles District Council and the Esh Parish Council. The estimated cost is £315.

HOLMSIDE BRIDGE.

The following tenders were sent in for the erection of a bridge at Holmside—Mr Champney, Lanchester, £219 3s 4d; Mr Lodge, Durham, £240 10s 10d; and Mr Goldsborough, £825 3s 3d.

Mr Holmes said that he was not at the meeting when Mr Parker submitted his estimate of the cost of the bridge, but he learned from Mr Ritson that the estimate was for £175. He certainly thought then, as he thought now, that it was far too much money to spend at the place.

Mr Oliver said that professional gentlemen, especially Mr Goldsborough, disagreed with Mr Wardle. (Laughter).

Mr Wardle: Professional gentlemen are not infallible.

Mr Wilkinson said that £100 was quite sufficient to spend over the place.

Mr Muse moved, and Mr Wardle seconded, that the matter be adjourned for one month.

The resolution was agreed to.

REPAIRS AT FORD BRIDGE.

The tender of Mr David Champney, Lanchester (£116 17s 10d), was accepted for repairing Ford Bridge, in accordance with the requirements of the Council.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Cummings reported that he had drawn the attention of the County Surveyor to the manner in which several of the county bridges had been posted with placards, and that officer had advised him to have "Stick no bills" stencilled on the walls. The Stobley Hill main road at Malden Law showed cracks across the road, caused by the workings of adjoining collieries. The road appeared to have settled down very little up to the present. To get material to fill an old pitfall, partly by the side of the above road, and partly in the adjoining field, the quarry at Maiden Law had been worked to within about 15 feet off the road. He suggested that the existing fence should be continued for 15 yards, so as to protect the public. Mr Scott was now repairing the road at Smiddy Shaw much quicker. The bridge at the bottom of the Sawmill Bank, West Butsfield, was in very bad condition, the crown of the arch giving way. It required early attention. In the meantime, he suggested that bills should be posted up, notifying that the bridge was not strong enough to carry weights beyond the ordinary traffic of the district. During the month he had found it necessary to give several roadmen their notice for not commencing work at the time fixed by the Council.

The report was adopted.

PITFALLS ON THE HIGHWAY.

Referring to Mr Cummings's complaint regarding pitfalls,

Mr Oliver said that the colliery owners had no right to work under the public roads. They had taken thousands of tons of coal from underneath the highways, and, in his opinion, the coal had been stolen.

Mr Wardle said that the colliery owners paid nine-tenths of the rates.

Mr Oliver said that it did not matter if they did. The roads were the property of the district, and the colliery owners had no right to take the coals from underneath the road.

The Surveyor was instructed to report the matter to the Durham County Council.

AN ESH ROAD.

A letter was received from the Esh Parish Council asking if the Council were prepared to "take over" the road near Esh Hall, in the event of it being placed in a proper condition by the Parish Council.

Mr Kirkup said that it was a tenants' road, and it would be no benefit to the public to take it over.

The Chairman: It is a blind alley.

The Surveyor was instructed to examine the road, and report thereon.

ALLEGED ENCROACHMENT.

Mr Oliver stated that in conjunction with Messrs Logan, Mitchinson, and Wilkinson, he attended on June 3rd to enquire into a complaint from the Greencroft Parish Council, regarding the obstruction on the road leading from Esp Green to Lands' House. The Committee examined the road in the presence of Mr Balleny, who showed them his estate plan, and an old plan, older than the Lanchester Common Act. The Committee came to the following conclusions:—(1) "That the road in question is an ancient road, existing before the division of Lanchester Common, and is consequently not an awarded road at all." (2) "That the obstruction alleged to exist is not an encroachment on the road, as it has never at any time formed a portion of the road." (3) "That the land within the last thirty years has been planted with trees." (4) "In the opinion of the Committee there is ample width of road for all public requirements, and they therefore recommend that the Council advise the Greencroft Parish Council to take no action in the matter." (5) "The Committee were also informed by the owner of the land, that he had advised the Greencroft Parish Council that he was willing to give up part of the land should it ever be required for public road purposes."

The Council approved of the Committee's report.

MR WESLEY'S COMPLAINT.

Father Fortin, speaking on behalf of the members of the Committee appointed to examine into the complaint of the Rev. F. G. Wesley, about the damaging of his property, owing to water flowing thereon, stated that the Committee had inspected the premises, and they came to the conclusion that there had been a certain amount of damage caused to Mr Wesley's field by water from Wilks Hill, and they recommended that Mr Wesley be asked to allow the Council to convey water through sanitary pipes to the bottom of his field. The cost would be about £17, and the result would be entirely to the advantage of the Council. The Committee thought that a small annual acknowledgment should be paid to Mr Wesley. Some damage might have been done to the school yard, but the damage was not so great as Mr Wesley claimed. Providing that Mr Wesley objected to the pipes passing through his field, there was an alternative scheme to have the water brought to a drain on the opposite side of the road. He suggested that the Clerk write to Mr Wesley, stating the conclusions arrived at by the Committee.

Mr Muse moved that the report be adopted except where it is recommended that compensation be allowed.

Mr Gray seconded.

Father Fortin: There is no compensation mentioned. The report simply states that some damage may have been caused to the school yard.

The report was adopted.

A COMPLAINT FROM CRAGHEAD.

Mr Wardle said that part of the road from the bridge at Craghead, which passed his (Mr Wardle's) house, had been repaired and rolled, but for about sixty yards, the road had been left in a very bad state, nothing at all having been done to it. He asked one of the roadmen privately, why the road had not received attention, and he replied that the colliery owners had to attend to it. There was no understanding to the effect that the colliery owners should do the work, and he would like to know by whose authority it had been left undone.

The Clerk said that the bridge would have been made by the colliery owners for their own benefit, and it would be their duty to keep the approaches to the bridge in proper repair.

Mr Wardle said that when the bridge was constructed, it was agreed by Mr McGregor, who constituted himself an authority on the subject, that if the company raised the bridge, and formed the road, the Chester-le-Street Highway Board would take it over, and keep it in repair. Nothing had been done to the road since, except at the expense of the colliery.

The Chairman: Did the Chester-le-Street authority take the road over?

Mr Wardle: That was my understanding. My object in mentioning the matter here is simply to ascertain who is responsible.

Mr Muse proposed that Mr Cummings examine the road, and report thereon, and the resolution was carried.

Mr Cummings, replying to a question from a member, said that he had treated the road as an approach to the bridge.

Mr Wardle said that he had a few other matters to raise, but he would explain them to Mr Cummings, when that gentleman inspected the road.

This concluded the business, and the Council rose.

## SOUTH MOOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

Mr W. O. E. Meade-King, inspector to the Local Government Board, held a public inquiry at the offices of the Stanley Urban District Council, on Friday last, relative to the application by that Council for the sanction of the Local Government Board to borrow £2,350 for sewerage and sewage disposal works for the village of South Moor.

Amongst those present at the Inquiry were Dr T. E. Hill (County Medical Officer), Dr Thos. Benson, Mr James Robinson (County Inspector), Mr Johnson, Mr J. Green (Chairman of Stanley Urban Council), Mr J. E. Parker, Leadgate, Mr J. G. Ridley (clerk), Mr J. Routledge, Mr T. W. W. Ritson, Mr J. Smith, Mr Jas. Fairley, and Mr W. Hewison.

The Inspector said that the estimated population was 2,190, and he would like to know what the population was at the last census.

Mr Green: 1,415.

The Inspector: The assessable value is £55,196 17s 6d, and the rateable value £31,831. The outstanding loans are £1,075 for 20 years at 3 per cent., obtained in 1894; for street improvements—£977 14s 10d of which is still owing, and £3,000 for Burial Board purposes, borrowed in December, 1899—£2,627 14s 7d of which is still due. The amount the Council now wished to borrow is £2,350. For how long is it wanted?

The Clerk: Twenty-five years.

The Inspector: Are there any gentlemen here to oppose the application?

There being no response,

The Inspector (resuming) said that Stanley was a colliery district, and difficulty was found in obtaining suitable land on account of the subsidences. The coal under the land it was proposed to purchase had actually been worked out some years ago, and the land now showed no signs of subsidence.

Mr Green: The coal has not been worked.

The Clerk: The depth of the working is 240 feet.

The Inspector said that there were existing outfall works, but these did not, when erected, form the subject of a loan. They were made by the Lanchester Sanitary Authority, and handed over to the Stanley Urban Council. They were said to be quite inadequate for present needs. What did they consist of?

Mr Green: Simply a tank, and several detached plots.

The Inspector: What is the size of the tank?

Mr Routledge: Twenty feet by sixteen. About five feet deep.

The Inspector: Is there any artificial filtrator?

Mr Routledge: No.

The Inspector: What is the extent of the land?

Mr Routledge: One acre, one rood, and eleven perches.

The Inspector: Is the whole of that available for sewage purposes?

Mr Routledge: Yes.

The Inspector: The land is used for the treatment of sewage in plots, and is said to be sewage sick?

Mr Green: Yes.

The Inspector: The effluent from the land passes into the Stanley Burn?

Mr Green: Yes.

The Inspector: And is causing pollution?

Mr Green: Yes, I think so; at any rate, it is the alleged cause.

The Inspector: You propose to take s[illegible] more land adjoining the present site?

Mr Green: One acre, two roods, and 23 p[illegible]

The Inspector: And to remove the exi[illegible] tank, and to build new tanks?

The Clerk: Yes.

The Inspector: Of what capacity? W[illegible] the construction?

Mr Routledge: Plans have been prepar[illegible] Mr Johnson. We propose to have thre[illegible] tanks, 25 feet by 18 feet in size. Two tank[illegible] be used at a time, the other standing for cle[illegible]

The Inspector: There are three filteri[illegible] each 12 feet by 10 feet 6 inches. The slu[illegible] pass up by gravitation into a sludge tan[illegible] by 15 feet. Is the sludge to be pressed?

Mr Routledge: We allow it to dry.

The Inspector: Have you had any trial holes put down on this land?

Mr Routledge: None.

The Inspector: Do you know what the land is?

Mr Parker: Gravel lying upon boulder clay. The gravel is of varying depth.

Mr Routledge: In some cases, about six feet.

The Inspector: You will probably have to put some trial holes down. Are you going to use the existing land in conjunction with the new?

Mr Routledge: Yes.

The Inspector: What is the total area that will be available for sewage treatment after deducting the area for tanks, &c.?

Dr. Benson: Two and three-quarter acres.

The Inspector: Has the land been paid for?

Mr Green: No. The original plot of land obtained by the Lanchester Sanitary Authority has not been paid for—not even a penny piece. It is all included in the present application. Messrs Towneley have been very generous to us.

The Inspector: How long have you had the land?

Mr Green: About six years.

Mr Parker: It was first obtained in 1890.

The Inspector: Does all the land belong to the same owner?

Mr Green: Yes. All to Messrs Towneley.

The Inspector: Have you made any provisional agreement with them?

The Clerk: The Lanchester Sanitary Authority did, and were agreed to the same terms of purchase.

The Inspector: What is the price?

The Clerk: £150 per acre.

The Inspector: The whole of this sum for the old and the new land is included in the £2,350?

The Clerk: Yes.

The Inspector: What population contributes to the sewer?

The Clerk: The whole population.

Mr Routledge: The total flow is fifteen gallons per minute.

Mr Parker: There are no water-closets; at any rate, very few.

The Inspector: Is it proposed to under-drain the new part?

Mr Routledge: Yes.

The Inspector: The sewers have been laid, and are now to be deducted from the total sum applied for?

Mr Green: Yes.

The Inspector: What is the lowest gradient in these sewers?

Mr Routledge: One in 101 in 9in. pipes. The pipes vary from 6in. to 12in.

The Inspector: There will be manholes and lampholes in all changes of direction and gradient?

Mr Routledge: Yes. Only the ordinary cemented pipes are used.

The Inspector: What is the normal level of water in the stream where the effluent is received?

Mr Parker: The effluent is discharged in several places, and the stream is rapid flowing.

Mr Johnson: There will be very little difference between it and the old land.

Mr Johnson promised to forward particulars to the Inspector.

The Inspector: What portion of the land will be used for irrigation purposes?

Mr Johnson: I cannot say.

The Inspector: I must know the exact area that can be used. Send me particulars by post.

Dr. Hill said that he would just like to say, on behalf of the Durham County Council, that the Council considered the scheme to be a very urgent necessity, on account of the continual pollution of a portion of the water supply of Chester-le-Street. He would not give any opinion either for or against the plans. He had been urging the matter forward for some time, and wanted as little delay as possible.

Mr Green said that he would very much have liked for Dr. Hill to have examined the plans, because they very much desired to satisfy their County Medical Officer on that point, as it would be he whom they would afterwards have to deal with.

Dr Hill: I am quite certain that anything which will satisfy the Local Government Board will satisfy the County Council. If the Local Government Board approve of the plans, it will simply be a matter of working.

The Inspector then declared the inquiry closed, and the party proceeded to view the site.

## SHOTLEY BRIDGE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, the Shotley Bridge Co-operators assembled in the Temperance Hall to hold their 110th quarterly meeting. There was a large attendance, presided over by Mr R. Milburn.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that it would, doubtless, be noticed from the balance sheet, that there was a reduction in the receipts for the quarter when compared with those of the preceeding three months. This could be accounted for upon two grounds; first, the past was a twelve weeks quarter, and, second, several of the articles upon which there was the greatest run had been reduced in price. When the loss resulting from these causes had been added to the takings, they would find that their trade had suffered no diminution. (Applause). There had been meetings held throughout the district during the past few years, for the purpose of endeavouring to secure a uniform dividend, and this object the Shotley Bridge co-operators warmly espoused. (Hear, hear). That was the reason why they had reduced the prices of many of their most important commodities. About three or four years ago, a meeting was held, and a uniform dividend would have then been adopted had it not been for the opposition of one Society. He deeply regretted that their attempts in that direction had not been accomplished, but they intended, as a Society, to do their utmost to bring about such a highly desirable and advantageous reform. (Applause). He urged all the members to be loyal to their Society, so that without adding to their expenses, they might increase the amount of business they were doing. Only by the staunch and earnest support of the members could they attain the success which they all desired. He was glad, however, to be able to report that their Society was in a flourishing condition, and trusted that the future would prove still more encouraging than the past had been. (Applause).

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE-MEN.

The Secretary (Mr J. H. Mackey) annnounced that the following committee-men retired, but were eligible for re-election, namely, Messrs Jas. Scott, J. Leadbitter, Robt. Chisholm, G. Swailes, J. Hopper, and R. Harlow.—All were again nominated, with the addition of Messrs Steff and Rippon. The vote was taken by ballot, with the following result:—Chisholm 19, Harlow 18, Hopper 17, Fox 17, Leadbitter 15, Swailes 15, Rippon 11, and Steff 5. The retiring members were, therefore, re-appointed.

CONSETT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

The Chairman announced that the Committee had recommended that a donation of five guineas should be given towards the Consett Technical Institute. As co-operators, they considered that they ought to do their share towards the establishment of such a desirable institute in their midst. A technical school had long been needed in the district. Hitherto, those who wished to ensure for their children the advantages of higher education had been compelled to send them away to Newcastle, and this obviously prevented working people from giving their children the best possible preparation for the future. He himself had had to send his boys to the city, and that had entailed much expense, such as the building of a technical school would do away with. They thought that they ought to do something to help the scheme, and with that object in view, the Committee had recommended that a subscription of five guineas should be handed over to the Treasurer of the fund. (Applause).

Mr Thompson moved that the Committee's recommendation be adopted.

Mr Campbell seconded, remarking that he quite agreed with the suggestion that had been made. They now had a chance of assisting the promoters in their efforts to build a higher grade school in the immediate locality, by which generations yet unborn would undoubtedly be greatly benefited.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

A DISTRESSED SOCIETY SEEKS RELIEF.

A circular letter was read from Messrs Joseph Warwick and W. Crooks, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Rainton Gate Co-operative Society, now in liquidation, appealing for assistance. The circular stated that the Society—which was a small one—had for many years been struggling under very great difficulties, and had been severely crippled by the closing and dismantling of Lord Londonderry's collieries, the membership thereby having been reduced to 31. The majority of these were far advanced in years, their ages ranging from fifty to eighty. The share capital amounted to £784 18s 5½d, and the liquidator estimated that the loss was a little over £600, which meant that the savings of the investors were suddenly destroyed, without blame being attached to anyone interested in the management.

The Chairman pointed out that the amount was comparitively small when spread over 140 societies. It was only right that they should help one another, and he hoped that the members would vote something towards these un[illegible]te co-operators.

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[illegible] that they would find that [illegible] ea, and other societies gave anything like in proportion to their strength, the loss would speedily be wiped out. Some societies might refuse, but he hoped that such would not be the case.

Mr Chisholm's motion was eventually carried by fifteen votes to five.

The customary votes of thanks then brought the meeting to a close.

## CONSETT POLICE COURT.

MONDAY, July 5th, 1897.—Before J. T. Potts, Esq., and W. Aynsley, Esq.

REPENTANCE COMES TOO LATE.

Thomas Pickard was charged by P.C. Pringle with being drunk on the 3rd inst.—The officer stated that on Saturday night, at about 8.15, he saw Pickard in Green Street. The man was so helplessly inebriated that there was no alternative but to convey him to the Police Station.—A fine of 5s and costs, or 7 days' imprisonment, was inflicted.

HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THE LOCK-UP.

William Nelson, summoned on a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Thomas Street, on Sunday, pleaded for leniency on the ground that that was the first time he had been locked-up. He had nothing to say beyond that.—Replying to Mr Potts, defendant said that he was employed at the new reservoir.—The officer stated that he found Nelson on the date and in the placed stated in a condition of total collapse.—This defendant was also fined 5s and costs, or 7 days.

AN IMPUDENT VAGRANT.

James Burns, outcast, was proceeded against by P.C. Johnson on a charge of sleeping out in a hay shed at Stanniforđam.—The officer deposed that on Sunday, at about 4 p.m., he found the defendant sleeping in a thatched shed belonging to the Consett Sewage Farm. Witness drew the manager's attention to the matter, and that gentleman affirmed that he had previously warned the defendant, who, however, threatened to kill him.—Superintendent Benzies: The practice is a very dangerous one. These men smoke in the sheds, and a fire might very easily be caused.—The officer further stated that the man had had some drink, but was not actually intoxicated.—Defendant said that he had been working for Mr Maxwell, the builder, and wanted to go to Auckland, but was taken ill on the road.—In reply to Mr Potts, P.C. Johnson stated that Burns was the second man who had been found in that place. There had been numerous complaints.—Defendant was sent to Durham for 7 days.

NOT DRUNK, BUT BEGGING.

John Wilson, charged by P.C. Pringle with begging on Sunday, said that he had walked from Hexham, and could not have been very drunk.—Mr Potts: You are not charged with being drunk, but only with begging.—The officer said that he followed him into the Edinburgh House, and there heard him ask alms off the barmaid. He further saw him call at a house in George Street, and request assistance. When searched, defendant had 8½d in his possession.—Wilson was sent to prison for 7 days.

## TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held at Tanfield, on Tuesday evening, Mr J. Green presiding. There were also present:—The Rev. T. H. Archdall, the Rev. Jas. Thompson, Messrs M. G. Armstrong, W. Severs, B. Mason, W. Bulmer, W. H. Ritson (Clerk), and S. Meddick (Attendance Officer).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr Meddick reported that the attendance during the past month had been fairly satisfactory. Several cases of whooping cough had occurred in the Burnopfield district, and one case of scarlatina at Lintz. During the month he had made 34 visits to schools, 378 absentee visits, had served four bye-law notices, and reported 22 cases to other officers.

MR BULMER AGAIN TO THE FORE.

At the commencement of the proceedings,

Mr Bulmer said: I have something to say before the minutes are read.

The Chairman: The minutes come first.

Mr Bulmer: No; not the minutes first. I have just as much right to speak as the Clerk has to read the minutes. It is most ridiculous that the Clerk should come here, and do just as he likes. He has been paid many hundreds of pounds in this district for doing just what he likes.

The Chairman: Order, order.

Mr Bulmer: I will bring it up again. It is a practical farce, and nothing else, letting him and us meet here just to please him.

The Chairman: If you cannot keep order, Mr Bulmer, you had better leave the room.

The Clerk proceeded to read the minutes, and in doing so, made reference to the suspension of the standing orders at the last meeting.

Mr Bulmer: I would suspend the standing orders, by Jove, I would.

At the conclusion of the reading of the minutes,

The Chairman asked that the minutes should be formally adopted if they were correct.

Mr Bulmer: I move that they be not adopted. We want to know what the clerk's duties are.

The Chairman: We cannot have any discussion.

Mr Bulmer: It is no use coming here to waste our time at every meeting.

The Chairman: No, no; Mr Bulmer, we cannot discuss that.

Mr Bulmer: I will bring the case on again.

The Chairman: There is a proper course to take.

Mr Bulmer: He is not taking a proper course. Let him do his work properly.

The Chairman: That has to be proved.

Mr Bulmer: It has been proved many a time, and you know that as well as I do.

Father Thompson moved, and Mr Armstrong seconded, the adoption of the minutes.—Carried.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr J. A. Anderson reported that the average daily attendance at East Stanley mixed during the month had been 238·4. The attendance at the Infants' Department averaged 81·3, this being an improvement.—Miss Burnip called attention to the fact that nothing had been done to improve the school work, which was greatly hindered owing to the pupil teachers attending the Central Class together.

Mr R. W. Little (West Stanley) reported that H.M. Inspector had reported on the year's work that "excellent order prevails; the School is thoroughly well taught, and the progress of the children highly satisfactory." He pointed out that the additional accommodation expected after the Infants' Department was vacated, was not available. Progress under the present conditions was well-nigh impossible. He urged that the Board should make special efforts to provide additional working space at an early date.

Miss Storey presented the following copy of the Inspector's report on the year's work at West Stanley Infants'—"The School is efficiently conducted; the organisation has improved; the children are interested in the teaching; and the lost ground of last year has almost been recovered."

Mr E. S. Dawson reported that the annual report had arrived, and was eminently satisfactory. In it, attention was drawn to the overcrowding of the School. He trusted that the Board would give early attention to the staff of his School.

Miss Middleton reported that the attendance at Tanfield Lea Infants' had been unusually good during the last week. At several meetings of the School, 132 children had been present out of 139 on the register. There was not sufficient room for all the children.

Mr R. Abbott (Leazes Mixed) reported that the annual report had arrived, and he was pleased to report that the highest possible grants had once more been awarded. The Inspector's report stated that—"The School continues to be judiciously managed, and very well taught." During the past year, the School had, for the first time, attempted a special subject—mensuration—and the highest grant was awarded, namely, 3s for each child who took the subject. The grants earned by Leazes Mixed and Infant Schools averaged £1 0s 1½d for the past year per head, as against an average of 19s 1½d for English Board Schools and 19s 9d for the London School Board, and 18s 2½d for English Voluntary Schools. He asked that an assistant be appointed. The grant per head for the Board School equalled £1 1s 6d, as against £1 0s 10½d for the London School Board.

Mr Agar (Tanfield Mixed) quoted the following from the report of Mr Ward, H.M. Inspector:—Mixed School—"The numbers are diminishing, and, in consequence, changes of staff have been made, and the arrangements of the School have been necessarily altered several times. On the whole, no deterioration is evident in the quality of the work in spite of the many changes. The English is improving. The Master faces his many difficulties with the greatest spirit." Infants' Class—"The Infant Class has also suffered from changes of teachers. At the end of the year, it shows a fair degree of proficiency. Care must be taken not to spoil sound methods by noisy simultaneous work, which is, for the most part, unnecessary." The drawing report was "Good."

Miss Hogarth (Leazes Infants') reported that the Government reports for the year ending April 30th were highly satisfactory, the highest grants awarded by the Education Department having been gained. The attendances had improved, but there were still a large number of irregular attenders.

Mr Darney (Stanley Central Mixed) stated that the Inspector's report had been received, and entered in the logbook.

Mr J. A. Hodgson (Causey Mixed) reported that seven new pupils had been admitted, bringing the total on the register up to 152. The new School was a delightful change from the old, being both light and pleasant. The chief drawback was the lack of seating accommodation.

CLEANERS' WAGES.

Mrs Sharp, cleaner at the Causey School, applied for an increase of wages, and it was decided that in future she should be paid 8s per week in summer and 10s in winter, subject to revision, when the whole matter of cleaners' wages comes up for consideration.

THE COOKERY CLASSES.

With reference to the establishment of a cookery class at the Leazes,

The Clerk stated that the Clerk of the Gateshead School Board had written to him, recommending a teacher, named Miss Clarkson, who had just left the Northumberland School of Cookery. The young lady's father had seen Mr Wood, the chairman of the Board, on the subject.

The Chairman said that he had received a letter from Mr Wood, in which he stated that Mr Clarkson (father of the young lady) asked that his daughter should be paid £25 for conducting a course of lessons, two lessons to be given per week.

Mr Archdall: What does the course consist of?

Mr Thompson: Forty hours' tuition for each pupil.

Mr Archdall: Has she gained a certificate?

The Clerk: She has a first-class certificate from the Northumberland School of Cookery.

Mr Thompson: I consider that we could get a teacher who is conducting a similar class in the locality. Is there not one at Oxhill?

The Chairman: We have been in communication with her, but the negotiations have fallen through.

Mr Archdall: I move that a committee consisting of Messrs Wood, Green, and Mason, be formed to consider the subject, and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr Bulmer: I second that.

The motion was adopted.

Mr Bulmer: Can we not form a class at some suitable place in the parish, so that anybody can attend, not merely those from the Leazes and Pickering Nook?

The Chairman: My idea was to have two teachers, the classes to be held at places suitable to the various parts of the district.

Mr Bulmer suggested that Tanfield Lea should be the centre.

Father Thompson thought that one teacher was quite sufficient.

The Chairman: It will only take 125 scholars to pay the £25.

Mr Bulmer: Can anybody attend?

The Chairman: All the girls above Standard IV. Not boys, of course.

Mr Bulmer: I do not see why the boys should not attend.

The matter then dropped.

HOLIDAYS.

Mr Archdall moved that the mid-summer holidays commence from the first week in August. A great many of the teachers were in favour of having the holidays at that time. There had been a good deal of holiday recently, and it would be better to commence them later than usual, say the last week in July or the first in August.

Mr Mason: Many of the children are leaving for their holidays next week.

Mr Bulmer thought that the last fortnight in July, and the first fortnight in August would be suitable. That was the usual custom.

Mr Mason moved, and Mr Severs seconded, that the holidays commence on July 16th.

The Chairman said that they were in a somewhat critical position at West Stanley School. They wanted as much time as possible, and he therefore proposed that the holidays commence on July 23rd.

Mr Thompson seconded.

Mr Mason said that they ought to look after the interests of the children as well as the teachers.

Mr Severs said that by the time the children came home from the holidays, the teachers would be away. Parents took their children for holidays in July, not in August.

Mr Thompson suggested that the holidays should commence on Thursday the 22nd, instead of Friday.

Mr Armstrong said that there had been far too much holiday lately. He felt quite astounded when he heard that they had been given holiday for Jubilee week as well as Whit-week.

Mr Severs: You ought to have been at the meeting.

Mr Archdall: We had not the advantage of your presence.

Mr Armstrong: I was strongly opposed to granting holiday for the whole of Jubilee-week.

Mr Archdall: The schools have had no more holiday this year than they had last year.

Mr Armstrong: It is not so much the amount of holiday they have had as the frequency of them. They no sooner start work at school after one holiday than they are getting another.

Mr Severs suggested that only three weeks' holiday should be allowed instead of a month as was usual.

Mr Thompson: We shall be having a deputation of teachers to protest against that.

Mr Severs: I do not mind if we have two deputations.

The Chairman's proposition was carried by four votes to three.

THE CONDUCTING OF EXAMINATIONS.

MR BULMER AGAIN ROUSED.

Some discussion arose regarding the recent examination of children desirous of becoming pupil teachers, when

Mr Bulmer remarked that he did not think the examinations were conducted on proper lines. Mr Bolam presided at the examination, and the papers were subsequently looked over by an Inspector who was not present at the examination, and did not see the candidates personally. Mr Bolam had asked his opinion, and he said that it was wrong of any person to conduct the examination who did not see the children. Teachers needed the ability to convey to the children the knowledge that they themselves possessed, and when the Inspector did not see the candidates who were to become the teachers, he could not do justice to them, nor find out who were really the most suited for the work. He thought that nobody ought to interfere in the matter who was not present at the examination to see the candidates.

The Chairman: As a matter of fact, Mr Bolam conducted the examination. It is just similar to the other examinations that they will have to go through. Whether the candidates are sharp or slow does not affect the question. The papers are laid out by Mr Bolam on the ordinary lines, and supervised by another Inspector.

Mr Bulmer: Has that been done in the past?

The Chairman: It has been done by Mr Bolam, but not the Inspector.

Mr Bulmer: That is what I object to—the Inspector taking the thing into his hands without seeing the candidates.

Mr Armstrong: There was a resolution passed by this Board to the effect that the Inspector be asked to conduct the examination entirely.

Mr Bulmer: Yes; and I was agreeable to it.

Mr Armstrong: The objection to the Inspector comes a little too late. The examination has been conducted in the only possible way in written examinations.

Mr Bulmer: It was a theoretical examination.

Mr Armstrong: You seem to think that they ought to be examined as to their teaching capacities. That is not the thing at all.

Mr Mason: I wanted the examination conducted entirely by Mr Bolam.

Mr Archdall: How many teachers are required?

The Clerk: We have not yet decided.

Mr Archdall: I intend to move that the candidates appear before the Board prior to the selections being made. We could form a good judgment as to their physical strength by seeing them.

The Chairman was proceeding to read the names of the candidates, when

Mr Armstrong said that it was not a question of names at all. It was a question of principle. They should draw the line at a certain number of marks, and stick to it. They ought not to consider the names at all.

Mr Bulmer: It has been repeatedly stated that the marks alone do not decide the point. Has it not been repeatedly stated that there are other points which ought to be considered as well as the names?

The Chairman: That has been stated.

Mr Bulmer: It has been stated very frequently.

The Chairman: I freely admit that we have not always decided simply by the number of marks, the question of location having had consideration. In that matter I have been as much to blame as anybody.

Mr Archdall: I move that those candidates who have received half the number of marks in this examination be requested to attend our next meeting.

The Chairman: Half? That is too few.

Mr Archdall: It leaves a large margin.

Mr Mason: I would like to know if they are all of age?

The Chairman: There are only two or three of age, and these unfortunately are the very lowest.

Mr Armstrong: Age is their look-out. If we are prepared to wait till they are of age it is alright. I move that those who have received two-thirds of the possible marks be asked to attend our next meeting.

Mr Severs seconded.

Mr Archdall: It might leave us without candidates next year.

Mr Armstrong: Better that than having duffers.

The Chairman: We are going to have very few if you only take those who have obtained two-thirds of the possible marks.

Mr Archdall: We ought to have an opportunity of seeing them all. Some might sit as candidates next year.

Mr Armstrong: It will be soon enough to see them then.

The Chairman stated that there would only be eight candidates if Mr Armstrong's proposal were carried.

Mr Archdall: Are these eight all eligible as regards age?

The Chairman: Only four.

Mr Bulmer: This is very few. I will second Mr Archdall's proposition.

On a division, Mr Armstrong's proposal was adopted by four votes to three.

EXTRA HOLIDAY FOR TEACHERS.

A letter was received from Miss Ethel Brown, assistant mistress, East Stanley, asking that she should be allowed a holiday on Wednesday, July 7th.

The Chairman stated that he believed Miss Brown's reason for making the request was that she could go with a choir trip to Scarborough. Two other teachers had asked him if they could have holiday on Wednesday, and he had told them that he could not grant it.

Mr Mason said that two girls had been at him on the subject. Turning to the member for Tanfield Lea, he enquired "Have you had any girls, Mr Bulmer?"

Mr Bulmer: Yes, I have had two to-day. I told them that they could have a holiday so far as I was concerned. One told me that she had seen Mr Mason, and he did not object. I told them that they would have to be very careful as it was necessary that they should attend to their duties, but in respect to their particular cases, I saw no objection to their having a holiday.

Mr Thompson: It only leads the way to further cases.

Mr Severs said that he certainly thought that all applications should be made to the Board. If anybody came to him, he would tell them at once to make their application to the Board or the clerk.

The Chairman: I recommended them to do that.

Mr Thompson pointed out that Miss Brown's letter gave no reason for her request.

The Chairman: I have told you the reason.

Mr Thompson: Considering the large number of simultaneous applications, I don't see that we can grant them.

Mr Severs: There is only one *bona-fide* application.

Mr Archdall: I move that it be granted.

Mr Severs: I second that. It will teach the others to come to the Board in future. (Laughter).

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr Armstrong: We grant it as a warning for all future requests to be made to the Board.

Mr Bulmer: In future all applications for holidays or anything else have to come to the Board.

Mr Thompson: And the reason for the requests, too.

Mr Bulmer: We have studied the question before. Cases might arise where it might be of urgent importance for a teacher to get away, and the matter might come up just after a Board meeting.

Mr Green: In cases of that kind, my advice to a teacher would be "Take a holiday on your own responsibility if you think the circumstances warrant it." In an important case, the Board would certainly condone the offence.

Mr Mason: If Mr Bolam sends the teachers to members of the Board?

Mr Severs: He has no business.

Mr Armstrong: I move that he have instructions that he must not do it again.

Mr Mason: One girl who came to me, told me that Mr Bolam said to her that if she applied to two Board members, and they gave her permission to have holiday it would be alright.

Mr Severs seconded Mr Armstrong's motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

This concluded the business.

## AUCTION MART SALES.

Tow Law, July 5.—Mr Vickers had forward 38 dairy cows and heifers, 8 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 12 calves, and 120 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £18 10s; fat cattle to £16 5s; fat hoggs to 44s, from Mr B Hodgson, Etherley; to 43s 6d, from Mr W Walburn, Witton-le-Wear; to 38s, from Mr J Hall, Harperley; to 36s 3d, from Mr T English, West Brandon. Fat lambs to 31s, from Mr S Fearon, Witton Park; to 27s 9d, from Mr J Erickson, Willow Green; to 27s, from Mr G Parker, New Row, and Mr James Hall; fat mule ewes to 41s, from Mr R Brown, South Park; to 39s, from Mr S Fearon; fat black-faced ewes to 27s, from Mr M Simpson, Rookhope.

Benfieldside, July 5.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart on Monday 11 fat cattle, 160 sheep and lambs, 3 calves, 8 stirks, and miscellaneous lots. Fat heifers, £17s 2s 6d to £17 10s, Messrs J and A Anderson, Black Hedley; do, from the North, £11 15s to £14; fat cows to £14 7s 6d, from Mr J Charlton, Pear Tree; stirks, £4 16s to £6 8s each; lambs from Derwent Flour Mill, to 29s 6d; sheep from Derwent Flour Mill, to 36s; lambs from Messrs Graham, Whittenstall Hall Farm, to 33s; sheep, 41s 6d, from J and A Anderson, Black Hedley, to 36s; sheep to 47s; sheep from Mr Willey 39s, from Mr Walker 42s; R Murray 43s 6d; lambs from Mr John Ridley, Minster Acres, to 40s; Mr Deuchar to 31s; sheep, Mr T White, 46s 6d; lambs, Mr James Ridley, 2[illegible]s 6d; Mr R Anderson, 28s; Mr L Thompson, 29s 6d; Mr N Thompson, 26s; Mr T Copeland, 22s; Mr D Hudspeth, 35s; Mr T Hetherington, 28s; Mr W Ridley, 33s 6d; Consett Company of Store Farm, 31s; Mr A Femister, 23s; calves, 13s to 30s; poultry, 9d to 1s 9d; ladders, 3s 6d to 5s 6d each; cob bid to 11gs and withdrawn. The midsummer fair being on, there was not so good an attendance of farmers as usual, but a capital sale resulted—beef making 8s per stone; mutton, 8d per lb; lamb, 9d to 10d.

Chester-le-Street, July 5.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday last, and had forward 32 fat cattle, 68 grazing cattle, 23 milch cows, 120 fat sheep and lambs, 3 veal calves, 10 Welsh and Shetland pony mares and foals, 3 cobs, a pair of grey ponies, a large quantity of new forks, rakes, ladders, harness, &c. There was a capital attendance of buyers for all classes of stock, and trade was brisk. The milk cows were not quite all cleared out, but found customers later on. Grazing cattle were dear and all found buyers except one lot of ten. Milch cows to £19 5s for new-calved cows, top Mr Walker, High Grange; incalvers to £19 5s, top Mr Ritson, Washington Hall. Fat cattle: Heifers to £18 5s, top Mr J Coward, Nafferton; bullocks to £19 10s, top Mr J Thornton, Tribley; fat cows to £17 15s, top Mr Isaac Shepherd, Arbour House; sucklers to £3 15s, Mr J Thornton; veal calves to 61s, top Mr Qain, Neville's Cross. Grazing cattle: Heifers to £11 10s; bullocks to £10. Fat lambs to 38s, top Earl's House Industrial Schools; shearlings to 56s, top Mr Thornton, Tribley; ewes to 49s, top Earl of Durham, Picktree Farm; tups to 50s. Pony mares with foals at foot to £10 5s each; cobs to £19; mare and foal, £11 15s; a pair of grey match ponies, four and five years old, from Mr Wakefield, Embleton, realised £23 10s for the pair.

## NEWLANDS.

Sunday School Anniversary.—On Sunday last, the Wesleyan Methodists of this place celebrated their Sunday School anniversary. The weather was bitterly cold, and in spite of this, a fair number attended. Mr W. Hogg, Westwood, conducted the services. At each service, the children gave recitations, poetry, dialogues, and sang a choice selection of hymns.

## WATERHOUSES.

Special Services.—During this week, special services have been conducted in the Waterhouses Theatre, by Mr H. Cooper, a converted Jew. There have been fairly large audiences.

Sunday School Trip.—A Sunday School trip to Sunderland, initiated by the teachers of the Baptist Sunday School, took place on Saturday last, when a large number of scholars belonging to the Nonconformist Sunday Schools in Cornsay and Waterhouses availed themselves of the opportunity of a trip to Sunderland and Roker.

## CATCHGATE.

Christian Lay Church. — The above church has recently been decorated, repainted, and generally renewed under the supervision of Mr D. M. Spence, architect, Hare Law, and special re-opening services were held last week-end, when the inside improvement was greatly admired. A grand concert was given in the church on Saturday night, the artistes including Miss Robson, and Master Robson, Spen; Miss J. O. Carr, Miss Pearson, Mr W. Johnson, Mr E. Reay, Mr W. Herdman, Mr H. Herdman, and Mr W. Liddle, Annfield Plain. Mr J. Humble presided, and the proceedings passed off most successfully. A knife-and-fork supper was held after the conclusion of the concert. Mr A. Phillipson, of Dipton, preached twice on Sunday, and in the afternoon a cantata entitled, "The new Eden" was rendered by the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist choir. Mr H. Herdman conducted, and Mr J. Robinson officiated at the organ. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the renovation fund.

## ESH.

Parish Council.—At a special meeting of the above Council, held on Tuesday night, it was decided to light the village of Langley Park by electricity, the Consett Iron Company offering to erect plant sufficient for 25 twenty-five candle-power incandescent lamps at a cost of £110, and to maintain them in proper repair for a further sum of £50 per annum. It was also decided to light Hill Top and Esh village by oil lamps.

Co-operative Society.—The quarterly meeting of this Society was held on Saturday evening, the President, Mr William Collier, occupying the chair. There was a large attendance of members. The report showed that the sales in the grocery department had increased £585 3s 10d, whilst those in the butchering department had increased £33 19s 5d over those of the preceding half-year. The announcement of these figures was received with considerable applause, and the balance sheet was adopted by acclamation. The Esh Co-operative Society is in a very flourishing condition, and reflects the greatest credit upon the committee, salesmen, and members, all of whom have been intensely interested in the Society's prosperity and progress.

## CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held in the Board Room, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman, Mr W. Aynsley, presiding. There were also present:—Messrs G. D. Powell, J. Kempson, J. Daly, N. Elsdon, G. T. Hyden, T. Dunne, J. Scott, and Dr. Macintyre, Messrs T. W. Welford (Clerk), H. Foggan (Deputy Clerk), and W. Rippon (Surveyor).

### ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee reported that they had proceeded, in company with Messrs Harrison, Bengough, and others representing the North-Eastern Railway Company, over the new road leading from Sherurn Terrace to Leadgate. The members of the Committee pointed out the various defects at different points on the route. Mr Harrison still contended that the road might be taken over in its present state, and the Committee and Surveyor maintained that they considered it very unsatisfactory. Ultimately, Mr Harrison came to the conclusion that it would be better for the Council to undertake the proper finishing of the road, with a view to taking the same over, and made a verbal offer to recommend the Company to pay £60 for the purpose. The amount not being considered sufficient, the offer was eventually increased to £100, which the Committee agreed to recommend to the Council for acceptance. The Committee had also examined the improvement being made at the corner of Harvey Street, leading into Sherburn Terrace, and considered it would be a great improvement when finished, but thought it would be desirable to continue the kerb and channel along the front of Sherburn Terrace, in order to wide the macadamised portion of the road, and instructed the Surveyor to prepare a plan and sections, showing how he would propose to carry out the work.

### THE LEADGATE ROAD.

Mr Hyden said that when the Committee appointed to meet the representatives of the North-Eastern Railway Company, with regard to the condition of the above road, inspected the same, they roughly calculated what they considered would be a reasonable amount for putting the road in order. They considered that £100 would be satisfactory.

The Chairman: The Committee evidently are satisfied that the amount stated would cover the expense necessary to put the road in good condition.

Mr Dunne said that the Council should be very thankful to the Committee for the manner in which they had met the representatives of the North-Eastern Railway Company, and brought the matter to a successful issue. £100 would put the road into a good condition. He proposed that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr Elsdon seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

### THE STEAM ROLLER.

The Surveyor suggested that the steam roller should be engaged for the Leadgate Road. At present its condition was very unsatisfactory, especially for cyclists.

It was agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of the Roads Committee.

Mr Elsdon observed that he would like the Roads Committee to take into consideration the widening of Front Street, but the question was ruled to be out of order, and Mr Elsdon said that he would bring the matter up at a later stage of the proceedings.

The report of the Roads Committee was then adopted.

### TENDER ACCEPTED.

On the motion of Dr. Macintyre, seconded by Mr Kempson, it was decided to accept Mr Boaz Whitfield's tender (£210 11s 0½d) for the kerbing, channelling, and cementing on Medomsley Road.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee reported that they had inspected the treasurer's books, which showed a balance of £1278 7s 6d in favour of the Council. Cheques amounting to £582 10s 5d were ordered for signature. Telegrams and a letter were read from Mr Harrison, confirming his offer of £100 to the Council for taking over the diverted road between Carr House and Bradley Bridge approach, and the Committee again recommended that the offer be accepted. It was recommended that one month's notice be served upon the owners of property abutting Tin Mill Place, Blackhill, to kerb, channel, and cement the footpath in front of the same.

### THE CEMENTING OF TIN MILL PLACE.

Mr Hyden, referring to the above, said that whilst not altogether disagreeing with the recommendations made by the Committee, he thought it was not advisable for them to enter into litigation on the subject. He thought that they might give way in some details. Many of the property owners believed that they were right.

The Chairman: Are we satisfied that we are right?

The Clerk: Yes; at least we have been advised so.

Dr. Macintyre: If the owners have any objection, they will approach the Board, and say that they are willing to pay one-half, one-quarter, or whatever proportion they think that they are required to pay by law.

Mr Hyden: I am anxious to prevent litigation.

The Chairman: Do you think it is wise to raise that point?

It was ultimately decided, on the motion of Dr. Macintyre, seconded by Mr Daly, that the action suggested by the Committee be carried out, and the customary notices served.

### RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE.

The above Committee reported that they had interviewed Mr Simon Rowe regarding the conditions upon which he had agreed to accept £15, when he stated (1) that the whole of the persons who had wooden erections upon the site of the New Recreation Ground had been yearly tenants of his, and had paid their rents annually until May, 1897, when he did not take any rent for the current year, telling the afore-mentioned tenants that the ground would be required; (2) that he offered to accept £15 as compensation for unexhausted improvements, he on his part undertaking to give up possession forthwith.

### MR SIMON ROWE'S CHEQUE.

The Chairman enquired if the cheque (£15) would be handed over to Mr Rowe before or after the piggeries had been removed?

Mr Dunne said that the Committee came to the conclusion that £15 was a reasonable amount to pay to Mr Rowe as compensation for unexhausted manure, and they thought it ought to be paid.

Mr Hyden said that the Committee were convinced that Mr Rowe had done all that was in his power to get rid of the tenants. Mr Rowe declared that the men in possession were merely "squatters," and had no right on the ground.

Mr Kempson remarked that he had been informed by one of the tenants that he had received no notice from Mr Rowe.

The Chairman said it was very clear that the Council were the owners of the ground. They had already entered upon their occupation of it.

Dr Macintyre: The Surveyor should go round, and collect the rents on our behalf. (Laughter). They are at present holding possession rent free.

Mr Dunne pointed out that there was a difficulty in obtaining suitable places, to which the piggeries might be removed. He hoped that when the Allotments Act was practically in force that difficulty might be removed.

Mr Elsdon suggested that the tenants should have six months' notice given to them. That would allow ample time for the removal of the piggeries.

The matter was ultimately left over for further consideration.

Subsequently, a letter came from the owners of the piggeries asking the Council to proceed as rapidly as possible with the allotments and gardens for the working-men, so that they would be able to remove the piggeries. The communication was signed by Messrs P. Shields, P. Foy, M. McSheen, W. O'Hanlon, T. Foster, P. McGurk, J. Hart, and W. Rilley.

### THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GROUND.

Mr Hyden said that a committee ought to be appointed to manage the new Recreation Ground.

Mr Scott proposed, Mr Powell seconded, and it was agreed that the present Committee should act in that capacity.

### A WARNING TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

Mr Elsdon drew attention to the fact that he had received complaints concerning boys who trespassed upon other people's property. He thought that some steps should be taken to give young people to understand that they were trespassing in other fields except the Recreation Ground.

The Chairman: Do you think that it is the duty of the Council to interfere?

Mr Elsdon: No, but it would be better to let them know that they are in danger of being prosecuted for trespass.

The Chairman: Perhaps the local newspapers will take notice of the matter, but I do not think that we have anything to do with it.

Mr Dunne said that it was not schoolboys, but boys between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years, who were responsible. Some of these actually took the ground from those for whom it was intended.—The matter then dropped.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The above Committee recommended that plans be dealt with as follows:—Mr J. T. Potts's plan of proposed buildings and business premises to be erected in Middle Street, Consett, be recommended to be passed, subject to his procuring from the Consett Iron Company, and himself giving, undertakings that in the event of the said Company making any alterations in their adjoining property requiring such they would both of them provide for an eighteen feet back street, and further subject to the drain being shown to the satisfaction of the Surveyor, and duplicates being produced; Mr Emmerson Robson's plan for two dwelling-houses in a street behind Sherburn Terrace be stamped and passed; the plan of the London and Newcastle Tea Company for alteration from dwelling-rooms to business premises in connection with their property in Newmarket Street be passed; Mr Wm. Thompson's plan for a dwelling-house and premises in Medomsley Road be passed; Mr John Lowes's for four tenemented, and two five-roomed houses in Livingstone Street be passed; the Master and Brethren of Sherburn Hospital's plan for shop at Barr House be passed.

### ALLOTMENTS ACT.

Dr. Macintyre reported that an informal meeting of the committee appointed to consider the above had been held, when it was considered that in the near future, suitable land would be obtained.

Mr Dunne said that it would be allowed that they were all anxious for the matter to be brought to a successful issue.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

Mr Aynsley moved, Mr Scott seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Dr Renton should be re-appointed Medical Officer, subject to the assent of the County Council, at a salary of £30 a year.

### THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

The Surveyor was granted his usual fortnight's holiday, the date to be arranged subsequently.

### ANOTHER WATER CART COMING.

Mr Dunne drew attention to the manner in which Park Road had been neglected by the water cart. He drew a striking contrast between the attention paid to that road and to Aynsley Terrace.

Mr Elsdon pointed out that the neighbourhood of Delves Lane was as much neglected as Park Road.

Mr Powell then moved, and Mr Dunne seconded, that a new water cart be obtained.

This was agreed to, the selection being left in the hands of the Roads Committee.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN ROADS.

Mr Elsdon drew attention to the state of many of the main roads. He thought that Front Street should be widened, and moved that plans be prepared, with estimates, for the same.

Mr Hyden seconded, and the proposal was agreed to.

### THE TRADESMEN'S TRIP.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the next meeting would fall upon the same day as the Tradesmen's Trip. It was thought that, as the majority of the members would like to attend, the Council might possibly adjourn to another date.

This was tacitly agreed to, after which the Council rose.

## ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday evening last in the Board Room, Hare Law, the Vice-Chairman, Mr W. Fitzpatrick, presiding. There were also present Messrs W. Eltringham, W. Young, J. Mason, Hall, Johnson, W. Down, T. Clark, J. G. Taylor, T. L. Watchman (Clerk), and T. J. Townsdale (Surveyor).

### BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee recommended that plans be dealt with as follows:—That the plan for erection of water closet in the house belonging to Mr Mitcheson, Catchgate, be approved; that the estate plan, submitted by Mr Murray, Dipton, be passed, and that Mr Murray be asked to provide an entrance at each end of the street; that the plan for three houses in Croft Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Messrs Parkinson, Daglish, and Spears, be approved; that the plan for alteration to premises at Annfield Place for Mr Weston be rejected, and that the Surveyor be instructed to inform Mr Weston to cease building until a plan has been passed; that the plan for road formation, &c., at Curry's Square, Dipton, be approved, and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications, estimates, and details that the plan for alteration to out-building of Mr Kay's property at Catchgate be approved; that the plan for dwelling-house in Victoria Terrace, Catchgate, for Mr Thornsby be approved; that the plan of dwelling-house at Catchgate for Mr Handy be approved, subject to the scullery being at least ten feet from the ashpit, and that the w.c. and coal-house be placed against the back wall; that the plan for lodging house at Catchgate for Mr Oxley be passed. It was further agreed with reference to the site for a public urinal at Annfield Plain, that the surveyor be instructed to write to the North-Eastern Railway Company, and see Mr Bolam on this matter, and that the arrangement for a valve for the overflow at Kyo Sewage Works be carried out; that the owners of property at Queen's Parade, Annfield Plain, be allowed to construct palisading in a uniform line in front of their houses, on the condition that they maintain a road width of 62 feet, submit a plan of their proposals to the Council, and pay an acknowledgement of threepence a year; that an ordnance map of the district, mounted, be obtained.

### QUEEN'S PARADE.

Mr Eltringham said he had been informed that the road at Queen's Parade was only 61 feet wide. He thought that in erecting their palisading, the owners of property should be required to maintain that distance only.

Mr Johnson: I suppose you are frightened lest those who have already erected pallings should have to take them down.

Mr Eltringham: My object is to prevent that having to be done. Sixty feet is the proper width of the road.

Mr Johnson moved that the report be adopted, except that part which referred to Queen's Parade, so that they might write to the County Council, inquiring if the road was under their control.

Mr Young remarked that he did not think the Council had the power to charge even threepence a year for the privilege it was proposed to grant.

The Chairman: That will have to be brought before the County Council.

Mr Eltringham moved that if the road were 61 feet, the limitation should be placed at that figure.

Mr Down: Would it not be better to say that it should be maintained at the road width?

Mr Young: I do not think it is right to allow land to be taken from the public road. We might want it to put seats on. I am totally against the proposal.

The Chairman pointed out that they had no plans before them, so that they could not tell what was the exact width of the road.

Mr Young: I do not think that we have a right to do away with public property like this.

It was eventually agreed that the owners should have the required permission granted to them, subject to the road being maintained at its present width.

Messrs Young, and J. G. Taylor voted against the motion.

### MR WESTON AND THE COUNCIL.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Weston, replying to a communication from the Council, which gave him notice to stop making additions to a house at Catchgate until he had submitted a plan of the same. Mr Weston's letter stated that he was sorry to find that he had erred in commencing to construct a roof before he had received the permission of the Council. He would be obliged—as he had acted in ignorance—if the Council would allow him to complete the roofing as it was in a dangerous condition. He would be about three weeks before he would be able to submit a plan.

Mr Hall: said that the roof was really dangerous, as it was merely resting upon four jacks.

Mr Young remarked that he had heard that plans were not necessary for raising a building if the foundations were not interfered with.

The Surveyor said that when additional rooms were being constructed they had the power to stop the building.

Mr Taylor: He admits that he is wrong, and I move that the Clerk write to him, stating that we adhere to our previous decision, and require him to submit plans in the ordinary course.

Mr Young: It is a long time to keep a man waiting.

Mr Taylor: He ought to have taken precautions.

Mr Johnson: It would be a far greater wrong to let him go on building, and then condemn the work.

Mr Taylor: He has entirely denied the authority of the Council. He informed me that he had taken the plan to Lanchester.

Mr Young pointed out that Mr Weston probably referred to the old plans.

Mr Hall repeated that the place was at present in a very dangerous state.

Mr Johnson suggested that the Surveyor should look over the building, and give his advice, using his own judgment as to what would meet the requirements of the Council.

The Chairman said that the Council should not condemn the mistake which Mr Weston had made. They could only suggest that Mr Weston should get out of his difficulty in the same way as he got into it.

The Surveyor stated that he desired to accept no responsibility in the matter.

Mr Clark seconded Mr Taylor's proposition, which was agreed to.

The Building Committee's report was then adopted.

### TENDER ACCEPTED.

On the motion of Messrs Young and Eltringham, it was decided to accept the tender of Mr Fawcett. Annfield Plain (£60 1s 3d), for the erection of public urinals.

### HIGHWAY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee recommended that notice be served upon the South Pontop Colliery Company to raise the road where subsidences had occurred, and make it good to the Surveyor's satisfaction; that notice be served on the Consett Iron Company to carry out the necessary works to put the Hangingstone Road in repair; that the plan submitted for the Kyo Road improvement be approved, and that the Surveyor be instructed to take steps to have the work carried out, with as little delay as possible; that application be made to the County Council for a grant for the kerbing of the footpath from Shield Row Lane End to the three lane ends at Annfield Plain, and that the Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan, showing a footpath of ashphalte nine feet wide. The Committee further recommended, with reference to the lighting of the main road from Hare Law Bank top to Flint Hill, that the Surveyor be instructed to make arrangements to submit specimens of lanterns to the next ordinary meeting of the Highway Committee.

### COPYHOLD PROPERTY AT KYO.

The Clerk read letters from Mr W. Walles, Darlington, and Messrs Johnson and L. Armstrong, Kyo, stating that as their property was copyhold, they denied the right of the Council to compel them to remove a wall further back so as to widen the road.

Mr Taylor moved, Mr Down seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the Surveyor ask to see the documents relating to the property, and take the necessary steps to enforce the rights of the Council.

The Highway Committee's report was then adopted.

Mr Young enquired if the Surveyor was ready to commence the main road improvement.

The Surveyor: The matter will have to go before the County Council.

### MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

The tender of Messrs T. Gatiss and A. Goldsborough (£259 0s 4d) for the above was accepted.

### THE OVERSEERS AND ASSISTANT OVERSEERS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Council had no power to revoke the appointment of the present overseers and assistant overseers, but the subsequent appointments would be in the hands of the Council.

### THE CONDITION OF THE MAIN ROAD.

A letter was read from the Surveyor to the County Council, stating that he had inspected the road between Lanchester and Burnopfield, and found it to be disgracefully uneven and broken up. There were loose stones which required carting off, and of all the main roads in the Council's area, this one was decidedly the worst. If it was not better in the future, it would be his duty to refuse a certificate.

The Surveyor pointed out that the Council had only had control of the road since April, and therefore no responsibility rested upon them.

Mr Eltringham said that if the road had been left in good order, they would not have received the present complaint. The stones were only laid upon each other to the depth of about three inches.

Mr Mason thought that the Council ought to attend to the matter, and moved that the road be repaired.

Mr Young: No loose stones ought to be allowed to lie about. It does not take two or three mouths to remove them.

The Surveyor replied that if the stones were gathered up one day, they were scattered about the next.

Mr Young: Why is that?

The Surveyor: Because they have been badly rolled and laid.

It was eventually decided that the Clerk should reply to the letter, pointing out that the road had only recently come under the Council's control, and that it would be repaired as soon as possible.

### ROADMEN'S WAGES.

Mr Hall moved, in accordance with notice previously given, that the roadmen's wages be fixed at 4s per day. He considered that little enough, and had noticed that two out of the six men received 3s 7d per day, the other four had 3s 10d per day.

Mr Down seconded the motion with the greatest pleasure.

Mr Taylor then moved, Mr Young seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to pay the gangmen 25s per week, and the other men 24s per week each.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee reported that they had examined and passed the accounts amounting to £202 3s 11d, and it was agreed to recommend to the Council the payment of the same. It was further agreed to recommend that an account for £3 1s 3d from the South Medomsley Colliery Company for 1895 be not paid.

The report was adopted.

### PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr Eltringham moved, the Chairman seconded, and it was agreed that the following members constitute a committee to have full power to deal with the question of public lighting—Messrs J. G. Taylor, Wailes, Johnson, Young, Eltringham, and Down.

### WATER CARTS.

It was agreed that the Surveyor and Mr Johnson should be empowered to make the best terms for the purchase of a water cart.

The meeting then terminated.

## CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, July 7th.—Before His Honour E. J. Meynell (Judge).

### THE TOW LAW COW CASE.

Vickers v. Burrell.—This action was adjourned for evidence from the April Court. Joseph Vickers, cattle salesman, Tow Law, preferred a claim against Samuel Burrell, farmer, of Broomhill, near Ebchester Station, for the recovery of £20 16s 8d due in respect of two cows, bought at the Tow Law Auction Mart, on September 17th, 1894. Mr J. McCartan (Consett) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr S. G. Ward (Newcastle) for the defendant.—At the outset, Mr McCartan said that he tried to prove on the last occasion that the defendant's son purchased two cows, at Tow Law Mart.—Mr Ward (interposing): You did not prove anything of the kind. You only proved that a man, named Ridley, bid for cows at the Mart. The case was adjourned to prove the defendant's handwriting.—Mr McCartan: His Honour had a sample of the defendant's handwriting in large characters at the previous Court. Defendant also denied the authenticity of certain letters, which contained a promise to pay, absolutely denying that the epistles were in his writing.—Mr Ward stated that they had given no notice to produce those letters.—His Honour: They were shown to him, and he affirmed that they were not in his handwriting.—Mr Ward: But I had had no opportunity of inspecting those letters.—His Honour: But why should you?—Mr Nathaniel Clark, of Beamish Park, land agent to the Consett Iron Company, was called, and produced an agreement between the Consett Company and the defendant, the document being signed in witness's presence. Mr Clark also proved another previous agreement, dated 1884, which was not executed, however, in witness's presence.—Mr McCartan drew His Honour's attention to the resemblance between the signatures of the spelling of "Samuel" in the agreement, and the letters purporting to emanate from the defendant.—The Judge pointed out that the man "Samuel" was spelt right on the agreement and wrong on the bill.—Plaintiff spoke to receiving several letters through the post, signed "Samuel Burrell," and he also sent bills of exchange for signature.—His Honour: That doesn't prove that the letters were written by the defendant.—Plaintiff said that Burrell was not indebted to him for anything, except what was on the promissory note for the two cows bought.—Mr Ward again declared that Mr McCartan's conduct of the case was irregular.—His Honour: I wish you would not interrupt at every sentence. You cannot say whether this witness's evidence is correct or not.—Mr Ward: But he says that his clerk sent the letters to the defendant. It is most irregular.—His Honour: You will have an opportunity of cross-examining him afterwards.—Plaintiff added that he received the bill, with a letter purporting to come from Samuel Burrell.—His Honour: There were two bills of exchange.—One signed and the other unsigned.—Plaintiff: I refer to the unsigned bill.—I did not post either of the letters, but they were written according to my instructions.—Wm. Anderson, a clerk employed by the plaintiff, spoke to preparing the bills of exchange, which he duly posted. He pencilled the name of "Samuel Burrell" across the face of both.—Cross-questioned: He only pencilled the signatures on the face of these documents in the cases of persons who were not accustomed to receive bills of acceptances, because in some instances the bills had been returned with the signatures written on the wrong place.—Mr Ward: There are no traces of a pencil mark on this bill?—Witness: It has evidently been rubbed out.—Further questioned: Mr Vickers was doing a large business. Witness could not remember whether the letters were addressed "Samuel Burrell" or "S. Burrell," nor could he tell who received them.—Mr Ward said that the plaintiffs had not yet proved any case against his client. They only produced certain letters which were alleged to be written by the defendant.—His Honour: They are in your client's name, and are in answer to letters addressed to the defendant. They moreover produced an agreement signed by Burrell.—Mr Ward stated that it was alleged that the son Septimus was acting as the agent for his father. Even if that were the case, he contended that the son had no right to delegate that agency to a third party in the person of Ridley.—Defendant was now sworn, and deposed that he was 75 years of age. He had a son named Septimus who started business as a cattle dealer on his own account at that time. He never gave his son authority to buy cattle for him on credit. He (the defendant) had never had any dealings personally with the defendant in his life. He recollected the bill of exchange being sent, with a request that he should sign it. He kept the bill, but did not answer the letter.—The Judge: Why did you not return the bill?—Defendant: I never wrote to Mr Vickers at all. I wrote to Mr McCartan.—The letter dated November, 1896, was handed to His Honour, and in it Burrell emphatically denied that he had anything to do with the transaction. Defendant added that his son was now in South Shields. He sometimes forgot to insert the "e" when signing his name. The signature on the bill of exchange was not in his writing. The capital "S" was a different character to his own. When Mr Anderson called, he asked defendant's daughter for his son Joseph. Mr Vickers visited his place about three weeks after the cows had been bought. The plaintiff asked him if he had a son named "Sep," and he answered in the affirmative. Plaintiff thereupon told him that "Sep" had bought two cows at the mart and had taken them away. Defendant replied, "Yes, and he put them in the fields. I have nothing to do with them." His son "Sep" was ill in bed at the time, and Mr Vickers went upstairs and saw him. There were no cows in the byre at the time. Mr Vickers never asked him (Burrell) to give a three months' bill of acceptance, nor had he ever paid £4 on account.—By Mr McCartan: His son was living with him at that period, and paid for his board by working upon the farm. Defendant had just finished clearing the byre out when the plaintiff called. He never saw the beasts purchased at the mart. One was taken away to be re-sold the next morning, and the other was put into the fields. He did not owe his son any money. The letter produced was in "Sep's." handwriting.—At Mr McCartan's instigation, defendant wrote the words, "I know nothing about it, because it is a forgery," and his Honour pointed out that the only resemblance to the letter he compared the caligraphy with was in the word "forgery."—Replying to the Judge, defendant could not say what his son was doing at South Shields. They had not been on good terms for many a year. Some time ago, he paid some money to a Newcastle firm to screen his son.—Joseph Burrell, another son of the defendant, gave evidence to the effect that in May, 1896, when Mr Anderson interrogated him, he (witness) advised him to go to his brother "Sep.," who contracted the debt. Mr Anderson wished to know why he (Joseph) had signed a letter stating that he would be responsible for "Sep's." debts. Witness asked him to produce the original document, but Mr Anderson retorted that he had only got a copy with him. Mr Anderson came back again in December, 1896, but never spoke to his father about the debt. Witness denied ever writing a letter that he would be answerable for his brother's debts.—Mr R. C. Butterfield, a teacher of handwriting at Messrs Smart's Academy, Newcastle, said that he had studied handwriting for the past 30 years, and previously resided in Manchester. He had frequently tendered evidence in arbitration cases, but never in a court of law. Witness asserted that the signature affixed to the deeds was not the same as that across the face of the bills or the letters produced. Although there might be a similarity in some respects, the characters (especially the capitals) were different, one having apparently been written by an aged person not accustomed to writing, whilst the other signatures seemed to have been written with fluency and ease.—His Honour said that on the whole, the evidence appeared to be in favour of Burrell, and he gave a verdict for the defendant.

### ANOTHER CATTLE TRANSACTION.

Brown v. Smith.—Peter Brown, farmer, of Broomhill, sued John Smith, belonging to the same place, for £1 10s. 8s being the difference in the transaction or the sale of a cow, and 22s money lent. Mr J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate) represented the plaintiff.—Brown gave his evidence in a voluble manner, and would not answer the questions pointedly put to him, thereby provoking a remonstrance from the judge that he should refuse to hear the case. In his evidence, Brown stated that Smith sold him a cow, but he did not re-sell defendant the animal.—His Honour said that that statement disposed of the case so far as the cow transaction was concerned.—Plaintiff, speaking with regard to the loan, said that defendant borrowed 22s from him, wherewith to purchase another cow, on October 6th, 1895.—Mary Ann Cant, housekeeper to the plaintiff, corroborated.—Defendant emphatically swore that he never borrowed any money from Brown.—Judgment was delivered for the plaintiff for the full amount.

## TANFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held at Tanfield, on Wednesday evening, Mr H. C. Wood presiding. There were also present—Messrs A. Davis, T. Pringle, J. Rodham, E. Wigham, W. G. Turnbull, W. Holmes, J. W. Anderson, W. Harrison, W. Bulmer, J. Warwick, Rev. T. H. Archdall, R. Heslop (Surveyor), and T. Armstrong (Clerk).

### A WARLIKE EPISTLE.

At a meeting of the Building Committee, the following letter was read from Mr Armstrong, carrier, Tantobie:—"Gentlemen,—Seeing in your Surveyor's report that the two carts belonging to me were obstructing the public highway, I write to tell you that it is a private road, and the part adjoining my property the Council have nothing to do with, as I am not willing for it to be turned over to them. Your roadmen have put in a channel of about 30 feet, and are running the day water into a private sink belonging to me. If you do not remove the same within seven days, I will remove them for you. Another sink was put in at my house end, which, instead of containing the water, runs it into my house. Is that the only way of taking sewage? It is a moderate one. You will have a plan before you to-night for alterations to a house belonging to me. It must be passed on the condition that Mr Heslop is not allowed on the job. If you will not pass it, kindly return the plan, as I can get the house built before you get your bye-laws."—It was agreed tha. the letter should be laid upon the table.

### PLANS COMMITTEE.

This Committee recommended that the plan for alterations for to Mr T. Armstrong's premises at Tanfield be approved, subject to bye-law 54 being complied with; that consideration of plan for Mr Armstrong, Gateshead, of tenement cottages at Clough Dene be deferred; that plan for cottages at Burnopfield for the United Methodist Free Church be deferred the trustees, to provide a proper plan of the drainage.

The Committee's report was unanimously adopted.

### URINALS.

The Surveyor was instructed to examine the district with a view to placing urinals where needed.

### MR WIGHAM AND THE BOUNDARY

Mr Wigham proposed that the Surveyor be instructed to report to the Council where the road boundary is, from the late Grapes Inn to Cuthbertson's wall.

The Chairman said that the motion was distinctly out of order, and were he (Chairman) not connected with the Burnopfield Co-operative Society, who were concerned in the matter, he would have had no hesitation in moving that the motion was out of order.

Mr Archdall said that if the motion was actually in order, he would propose that the matter be referred to the Highway's Committee.

Mr Archdall said that his motion had reference to new encroachments.

The Chairman: It is no use discussing the matter until we can find the former resolution bearing upon the subject.

Mr Archdall: I move that the matter be referred to the Highway's Committee.

The Clerk, being unable to find the minutes with reference to the former resolution, the matter was adjourned for a month.

### COTTAGES AT TANTOBIE.

Mr George Hobson, of Harperley Mill, wrote, stating that he had instructed Messrs Johnson and Mordue to repair his cottages at Tantobie, as requested by the Council.

This concluded the business.

## CASTLESIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Schools, Mr J. W. Golightly presiding. There were also present Messrs J. Wallis, Muse, Elliott, Pattinson, and the Clerk (Mr J. Proud).

### CORRESPONDENCE.

After the minutes had been signed, the Clerk read letters from Miss Edith Muse and Miss Dorothy Pattinson stating, in answer to the Board's letter, they would remain at the school until the result of the Queen's Scholarship examination was made known, and would leave the question of salary in the hands of the Board.

The Chairman said that at present they could dispense with the consideration of the augmentation of the school staff.

Mr Elliott moved, and Mr Wallis seconded, that the question of improving the school staff be dispensed with at present.—Carried.

### THE MUSEUM.

The Chairman informed the members that the cupboard for the new museum had come, and the next thing to consider was, how was it going to be filled.

Mr Elliott: Have you heard anything from the master?

The Chairman: Perhaps he will mention it in his report. He (the speaker) thought the best things to put in were those on which object lessons were taught.

Mr Muse: If every member will do his best, the cupboard will soon be filled.

The Chairman concurred, remarking that the matter should be left in the hands of the schoolmaster.—The matter then dropped.

### DANCING IN THE SCHOOLS.

Mr Elliott drew attention to the fact that the Schools were let for socials. They had a minute to the effect that the Schools should not be allowed for balls and dancing.

Mr Muse: When I was chairman of the Board, it was decided not to allow the Schools for balls.

Mr Elliott said that so far as he knew, the matter had only came up of late. It appe[illegible] be a burning question.

The Clerk: There will be no mor[illegible] next winter.

The Chairman said that ther[illegible] socials which had been attende[illegible] their own people applied for [illegible] School, he would not like to [illegible] having it.

Mr Pattinson said that [illegible] hired for a social or suppe[illegible] company started dancing, h[illegible] they should be very hard [illegible] that a lot of socials were [illegible] reality were balls.

Mr Elliott: It will have to be permitted, or not permitted. Neither the Clerk nor anybody else can draw the line for us. It is not a question of whether dancing is right or wrong.

Mr Pattinson: If any denomination held a supper for the purpose of wiping out some debt, or for any other purpose, and the company started dancing during the evening, I do not think it very harmful to allow these people the loan of the Schools.

Mr Elliott said that they could not tell what was going to take place before the socials, &c., came off.

Mr Pattinson moved that they abide by their former resolutions.

Mr Elliott: There is no need for such a motion.

The Chairman: We shall therefore have to stand by the old resolution.

Mr Muse: I think our clerk will know who are likely persons for the loan of the school.

Mr Wallis: I do not think that the Clerk should bear all the responsibility.

Mr Elliott agreed with Mr Wallis, remarking that the Clerk should have brought the matter up when the old Board was in power.

Mr Pattinson: I think that, Mr Elliott, is out of order.

The Chairman: The matter will have to lie over.

### THE RECENT FIRE.

After some discussion, it was resolved that 6s be paid to the cleaner for extra work involved by the fire.

### REPORTS.

Favourable reports were read from the Headmaster and the Attendance Officer. The average attendance for the year was nine less than in the previous year.

### HOLIDAYS.

Mr Elliott said that as the drawing examination was not held until August, the holidays could not be given after that date. He moved that the schools break up as soon as possible after the examination.

Mr Pattinson: That is rather late.

Mr Muse: But it cannot be any sooner.

Mr Pattinson seconded Mr Elliott's resolution, which was carried.

Mr Elliott: It is understood that the schools will break up on the Wednesday or Thursday if possible.

Mr Pattinson: Am I to understand that the holidays will be granted on the same lines as formerly?

The Chairman: Yes.

### CLEANING OF THE SCHOOLS.

After some discussion, it was decided to defer the cleaning of the School until they had viewed it after the meeting.

### INCREASE OF SALARY.

A letter was read from Mrs Pattinson, asking for an increase of salary.

It was ultimately decided that the Clerk should write to the teacher in question, asking her to wait until next March, when her application would receive their careful attention.

### STANDING ORDERS.

Mr Elliott moved that they have standing orders to guide them. He would like to know if the Clerk knew of any Board in the district which had standing orders.

Mr Muse did not think it necessary to have standing orders. The code would act for that purpose. Only one Board in North-West Durham had standing orders, and he was informed by one of the members that they were very seldom used.

Mr Elliott: Has the Clerk written to any of the Boards?

The Clerk: Yes. I have have had replies from Tanfield and Medomsley, and I have also written to the Benfieldside School Board.

Mr Elliott moved, and Mr Pattinson seconded, that the Chairman, Rev. J. Wallis, and Mr Muse be elected as a Committee to look after the matter.

### CHEQUES.

Cheques were signed to the amount of £33 11s 8d, after which the meeting terminated.

## CONSETT PROPERTY MARKET.

On Wednesday night, at the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, Consett, Mr Nathan Elsdon, auctioneer, conducted a sale of property, there being a large attendance of prospective buyers.

The first lot submitted comprised the dwelling-house of four rooms, in Ridley Street, Blackhill, with out-buildings, garden, and stables in yard, and yielding a rental of £22 2s per annum. Appended are the offers:—Mr J. Moore, Blackhill, £190, £205, £215, £225, and £235; Mr Ed. Dent, Blackhill, £195, £200, £210, £220, £230, and £240. At the latter figure the property was withdrawn.

Lot two consisted of six dwelling-houses (not yet finished) situate in Elsdon Terrace, Number One, near Consett. The houses were put up separately. Biddings:—Mr R. Stevenson, £150, £170, and £205; Mr Stoker, £160, £180, and £200; Mr G. Teasdale, £190 and £210. The last figure being the highest offer, the lot was likewise withdrawn.

Lot three was a four-roomed house with spacious garden, located at South View, Templetown, belonging to Mr Thos. Charlton. The offers were:—Mr Knox £100, Mr Stevenson £110, Mr Ed. Dent £130 and £150, Mr Robt. Charlton, £120, £140, £160, and £170. This was withdrawn.

The last lot was a house of five rooms in Seymour Street, Consett, occupied by the Rev. R. B. Hanley, and bringing in a yearly rental of £20. The biddings were:—Mr E. Dent, £150, £210, and £230; Mr Stevenson, £200; Mr G. Teasdale, £220; Mr Wright, £240; and Mr Suddes, £250. There were no further offers, and this was withdrawn.

Although none of the lots were actually sold, there is every possibility of some of the properties being disposed of privately. Mr J. G. Murray, Consett, acted as solicitor for the vendor in lot 1, while Mr T. W. Welford was the solicitor in the remaining lots. Subsequently, Mr Edward Dent, Templetown, by private treaty with the auctioneer, became the purchaser of lot 3 for £205.

## TANFIELD LEA.

The Colliery Trip.—There were 471 passengers by the Tanfield Lea Colliery trip, to Scarborough, on Saturday.

## KNITSLEY.

Sunday School Anniversary.—The anniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Chapel were held on Saturday and Sunday last. On the former day, the children were all provided with tea, a public tea being held during the afternoon. On Sunday, Mr R. C. Foster conducted services in a field near Knitsley Mill (kindly granted for the occasion by Mr G. Hardy). At each service, the children recited poetry, passages of Scripture, and dialogues, and sang a choice selection of special hymns, assisted by the choir. Mr H. V. Thompson was the conductor, and Mr W. Thompson, the accompanist. To Mr Hall, the School superintendent, and all who took part in the training of the children, great credit is due, and we must congratulate the Primitive Methodists of Knitsley upon the successful termination of this year's anniversary.

## CASTLESIDE.

Jubilee Committee.—A meeting of this committee was held on Saturday evening, Mr T. J Muse presiding. Amongst those present were Messrs Scott, Duckworth, Jewitt, Golightly, Leybourne, Milner, Byers, Pattinson, Weatherall and others. Cheques were signed, and after all expenses were cleared, it was found that a sum of £2 10s remained. It was unanimously decided to hand over that amount to the Brass Band, who had played on Jubilee Day free of charge.

Parish Hearse.—A public meeting was held in the Board Schools, on Saturday night, to consider the advisability of purchasing a hearse, and erecting a building for it, the district to extend to Stannifordam. Mr T. J. Muse presided, and there was a large attendance of parishioners. It was ultimately decided to erect the building on the free quarry near the churchyard.

## LEADGATE.

Death of an Old Resident.—We regret to record the death of Mr J. Hughes, which took place at the residence of his brother in Plantation Street. Deceased, who had lived in Leadgate nearly the whole of his life, was very highly respected. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended.

Cycling Club.—A "Smoker" was held at the headquarters of the above club (Mr Calvert's Coach and Horses) on Saturday night last. Mr W. Tinkler in the chair. Songs were sung by Messrs W. Hagon, G. Temple, R Walton, J. Day, J. Haggerson, and W. Black. A very pleasant night ended with a vote of thanks to the chairman. It is intended to hold a church parade to St. Ives Church, on Sunday July 18th, and to hold sports at an early date. The club run for Sunday first is to Sunderland, when the cyclists will be accompanied by the non-cycling members in a brake.

Presentation.—An interesting gathering [illegible]k place at the Masons' Arms, on Saturday [illegible]ning, presided over by Mr T. S. Longstaff, [illegible] object being to present Mr W. Foreman [illegible] a hunting whip in recognition of his [illegible]ices in connection with the local Cow [illegible]b. Messrs Gibson, Urwin, and J. Todd [illegible] present, and bore testimony to the work [illegible] had been accomplished by the guest of [illegible] evening. The whip, which bore the [illegible]iption, "W. J. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S.; [illegible]ted by a few friends, Leadgate, July [illegible]was handed to Mr Foreman by the [illegible]man, and suitably acknowledged.

Death of Mr Paton.—Mr John Paton, journalist, died at Jarrow on Tuesday last. Mr Paton's was a well-known figure in the Consett district twenty-five years ago, and his many friends will hear of his death with deep regret.

## TANFIELD.

Ratepayers' Association.—The monthly meeting of this Association was held on Tuesday, Mr Rogerson occupying the chair. There were also present Messrs Beck, W. Wigham, R. Lait, E. Ridley, and G. Cawthorne. Important business was transacted.

## BURNOPFIELD.

Jubilee Seats.—On Thursday evening a largely attended meeting was held at Burnopfield to consider the advisability of erecting two seats in the parish with the surplus money from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was decided that this should be done, and votes of thanks were accorded to all who had taken part in the recent celebrations.

## IN MEMORIAM NOTICES.

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## Births, Marriages, & Deaths.

### Marriages.

THOMPSON and GATISS.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 5th inst., Joseph Bainbridge Thompson to Elizabeth Gatiss, both of Greencroft Cottages.

MILLHOUSE and FOREMAN.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 5th inst., John George Millhouse, of Blackhill, to Rose Foreman, of Crookhall.

BAINBRIDGE and HANNON.—At Esh Laude Roman Catholic Church, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. S. Harris, Alex. Bainbridge, of Old Esh, to Catherine Hannon, of Cornsay Colliery.

POOLEY and RICHARDSON.—At the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Lanchester, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. J. Irwin, John Thomas Pooley to Catherine Richardson, both of West Kyo.

EVANS and WILKINSON.—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Shotley Bridge, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. W. Raistrick, Thomas Evans to Jessie Isabella Wilkinson, both of Blackfine.

COCKBURN and PEACOCK.—At the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Lanchester, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. J. Bacon, James Jasper Cockburn to Sarah Ann Peacock, both of Consett.

### Deaths.

At Annfield Plain, on the 7th inst., aged 58 years, Anne, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Robson, carrier. To be interred to-day (Friday), at Collierley Church. Lift at 3. Friends please accept this intimation.

At Craghead, on the 30th ult., aged 76 years, Margaret Wappett.

At Lanchester, on the 1st inst., aged 70 years, Luke Cheeseman.

At Cornsay Colliery, on the 2nd inst., aged 76 years, Thomas Henry Emerson.

At 18, Derwent Street, Blackhill, on the 3rd inst., aged 51 years, Rose Ann, wife of Henry Nelson.

At Hamsterley Colliery, on the 2nd inst., aged 23 years, Elizabeth Ann, wife of Joseph Tratham.

At Hamsterley Colliery, on the 3rd inst., Susannah, infant daughter of Danby Kirtley.

At 53, Sherburn Terrace, Consett, on the 3rd inst., aged 41 years, Lydia Ann, wife of W. S. Moss.

At 464, Bradley Square, Leadgate, on the 4th inst., Isaac, infant son of J. G. Turnbull.

At South Moor, on the 1st inst., aged 6 years, Robert, son of Richard Defty, miner.

At Church Terrace, Lanchester, on the 1st inst., aged 4 months, Thomas, son of William Snaith, miner.

At Langley Park, on the 4th inst., aged 4 months, Norman, son of Frederick Lawson, lamplighter.

At Burnhope, on the 5th inst., aged 9 months, Margaret, daughter of Matthew Heslop, miner.

At Cornsay Colliery, on the 6th inst., aged 4 years, John Christopher, son of John Storey, assistant overseer.

At Catherine Terrace, Kyo, on the 30th ult., aged 62 years, William Oxley.

At Chopwell View, Collierley, on the 30th ult., age 73 years, Joseph Nicholson.

At Havannah, on the 29th ult., aged 39 years, Isabella, wife of Thomas Forster.

At 85, Hobson Colliery, on the 4th inst., aged 49 years, Mary Ann, widow of Henry Middleton.

At 47, Towneley Street, Stanley, on the 3rd inst., aged 34 years, Isabella Moody.

At Dick's Houses, Collierley, on the 6th inst., aged 66 years, John Nowley.

At 95, Clayton Street, Jarrow, on the 6th inst., aged 72 years, John Wright Paton.

## IN MEMORIAM.

In Loving Memory of MARY ANN GARDNER, beloved wife of Thomas Gardner, junr., who died at Tanfield Lea on July 7th, 1896.

Farewell, dear husband and children dear,
I am not dead but sleeping here;
In love we lived, in peace I die,
You asked my life, it was denied.

By her loving husband, Thos. Gardner, Junr.

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In Loving Remembrance of our darling GERTY, the beloved daughter of Joseph and Annie Simpson, who died at Busy Cottages, West Stanley, July 5th, 1896, aged 4 years.

We did grieve to see her suffer,
All was done to soothe her pain;
But, with Jesus on her waiting,
All our efforts were in vain.

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

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