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CRICKET MATCHES.

WHICKHAM v. BURNHOPE.

Much local interest was manifested in this North Durham League fixture, which took place at Whickham in fine weather. A strong sense of rivalry has always existed between these two clubs, and Saturday's visit was eagerly looked forward to, not only by the active members but likewise by the many well-wishers of the club, as was evidenced by the large concourse of spectators assembled at the picturesque enclosure at Whickham. The gathering included a fair following of the visitors' supporters. Burnhope have so far never suffered defeat this season, while the same words are applicable to the home club, who, it might be mentioned, fully recognised that they had a difficult task set before them in opposing Burnhope.

The homesters were favoured with the spin of the coin, and Wm. Cook and T. B. Mowbray were sent to oppose the deliveries of Heckels and Robinson. Both batsmen played with caution. At the outset the bowlers handled the ball well, and it was at once seen that caution was a necessary element in the game. At the opening of the second over Robinson brought about the downfall of Cook before the score had been opened. (1 for 0.) J. Mowbray partnered his brother. He opened the scoring with his first ball, but a minute or so later he lost his partner, who was cleverly bowled by Robinson, without any addition having been made to the score. (2 for 1.) T. M. Burn filled the vacancy, and, judging by the manner in which he negotiated his first few balls, it was thought that his stay would be a long one. Unfortunately, when he was just getting into capital form he was run out with three to his credit. (3 for 4.) A. Willis next partnered J. Mowbray, but he was not privileged to have the last-named long as his partner, for he was given out "leb before" after he had placed a couple of runs opposite his name. (4 for 6.) G. Cheeseman was the next comer, and after registering two he was cleverly caught by Summerbell. (5 for 9.) Wm. Thynn next joined Willis, and was the first to make a double run. The score was, however, slowly increased, and when five stood to the credit of Thynn he was bowled by Heckels. (6 for 15.) R. Thynn (his brother) next took up the willow. At the end of a couple of "maidens" Willis fell to a fine delivery from Heckels. (7 for 20.) T. Cheeseman next partnered R. Thynn, and drove a two from his first delivery, which was not increased. Thynn kept slowly adding runs with Cheeseman as his partner, and together the score was carried to 23, when Cheeseman was unfortunately run out. F. Mowbray joined Thynn, and twice had a narrow escape from being caught. His partner succeeded in adding nine runs—the highest score—to his credit when he was bowled by Robinson. (9 for 32.) R. Mordue was the last comer, but his stay was of short duration, as he was caught by Liddle from his first ball, and the innings closed for the small total of 32. F. Mowbray was not out with four to his account. The splendid bowling of Heckels and Robinson was a feature of the game, while the fielding was creditable.

Amongst the visitors J. Robinson was most conspicuous both with the bat and ball. He was top scorer with 19. J. Dyson, A. Heckels, and W. Summerbell each added 7, while J. Newton came next with 6. Wm. Liddle placed two to his name, while M. Heslop added a single. "Ducks" fell to the lot of Sugden, T. Dyson, J. Moffatt, and R. Wallace. The innings closed for 53, thus beating their opponents by 21 runs. Scores:—

WHICKHAM.

Wm. Cook b Robinson	0
T. B. Mowbray b Robinson	0
J. Mowbray lbw. b Heckels	2
T. M. Burn run out	3
A. Willis b Heckels	2
G. Cheeseman c Summerbell b Robinson	2
Wm. Thynn b Heckels	5
R. Thynn b Robinson	9
T. Cheeseman run out	2
F. Mowbray not out	4
R. Mordue c Liddle b Robinson	0
Extras	3
Total	32

BURNHOPE.

J. Newton b Cook	6
J. Dyson b G. Cheeseman	7
H. Sugden b G. Cheeseman	0
A. Heckels b Cook	7
J. Robinson lbw. b G. Cheeseman	19
T. Dyson c T. B. Mowbray b Cook	0
J. Moffatt b Cook	0
W. Summerbell c and b G. Cheeseman	7
W. Liddle st R. Thynn b F. Mowbray	2
R. Wallace b G. Chesman	0
M. Heslop not out	1
Extras	4
Total	53

DURHAM WEDNESDAY v. CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY.

A match was played between these teams at Durham last week. Durham batted first, and after two and a half hours' play declared the innings with total of 241 for nine wickets. Chester-le-Street followed, but could make no stand against the deliveries of Gregson and Fielden. They were all disposed of within half-an-hour for a toal of 26, leaving the home side winners by two wickets and 215 runs. Scores:—

Durham Wednesday.

T. Hutton c Tate b Robson	63
F. Scott run out	0
R. C. Cumberlege c Cowings b Coyle	31
T. Robinson c and b Robson	13
W. R. Wilson c Robson b Dennis	15
Gregson lbw b Robson	5
H. A. Pierson c Haddon b Robson	11
H. Hutton c Tate b Robson	11
J. Bell c Halliday b Robson	60
H. Fielden not out	23
Rev T. A. Wolferdale not out	4
Extras	5
Total (for nine wickets)	241

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A. Tate b Gregson	4
H. Dennis c Scott b Fielden	2
G. Robson c Scott b Gregson	0
Coyle b Fielden	3
J. Cowings b Gregson	1
A. Haddon run out	0
R. Halliday c and b Fielden	0
R. Hume c Bell b Fielden	4
J. Thompson c Pierson b Fielden	2
Substitute c and b Fielden	4
J. Wallace not out	6
Extras	0
Total	26

MEDOMSLEY v. OAKENSHAW.

At Medomsley. Scores:—

Medomsley.

M. Hedley not out	73
R. Charlton c Moore b Purvis	0
R. Cant lbw b Purvis	8
J. R. Lowes b Purvis	3
R. Campbell b Purvis	4
T. Walton c Stephenson b Walker	6
T. D. Dales not out	37
Extras	7
Total (for 5 wickets)	138

To bat—W. Cant, W. Lovat, Rev. A. C. Blunt, J. Thompson.

Innings declared closed.

Oakenshaw.

M. Ainsley run out	0
R. Moore c and b Dales	0
J. Reed c T. Walton b R. Cant	4
W. Mawson b Campbell	8
J. W. Walker c Campbell b R. Cant	5
T. Thompson b Campbell	6
H. Close not out	17
A. Robin not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 6 wickets)	40

To bat—A. Purvis, J. Bestford, R. Stephenson.

CRAGHEAD v. SOUTHILL.

Played at Southill. Scores:—

SOUTHILL.

Capt. H. Barnes run out	2
A. J. Cochrane b Moorhouse	29
Canon Firth c Snowdon b Moorhouse	10
C. Latimer b Faulkener	15
S. Richardson run out	16
W. Bowles c Sheraton b Snowden	0
W. Bamborough c Snowden b Faulkener	0
H. Dennis b Faulkener	6
W. Brown b Snowden	3
J. W. Stevens b Horne	0
C. J. Forster not out	2
Extras	23
Total	106

CRAGHEAD.

C. Snowden b Cochrane	8
G. Potts lbw. b Latimer	4
S. Evans c Bamborough b Latimer	21
F. Horne b Cochrane	0
H. Stephenson b Cochrane	3
H. Moorhouse b Cochrane	7
W. Faulkener c and b Latimer	6
R. Holmes b Stevens	12
N. Sheraton not out	30
Dr. S. J. B. Fox not out	29
J. Grafton did not bat	
Extras	8
Total	128

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH v. E. ELLISON'S XI.

Played at Templetown. Scores:—

E. ELLISON'S XI.

E. Ellison b Locherane	1
W. Tucker c Locherane b Tindale	0
O. Ayton b Tindale	1
S. Eltringham not out	6
J. Stoddart b Lawson	0
J. Thompson c Turley b Lawson	0
G. Eltringham b Tindale	0
W. Wardhaugh b Lawson	0
D. Williams c and b Tindale	0
G. Raw b Tindale	1
J. Marshall b Tindale	0
Extras	3
Total	12

CONSETT.

Tindale b Tucker	2
Hewitt b Ellison	0
Lawson c Tucker b Ellison	0
Locherane c Tucker b Ellison	2
Surtees c Eltringham b Tucker	0
Wake b Tucker	0
Thompson c Williams b Ellison	0
Morgan b Ellison	0
Perry c Marshall b Tucker	1
Turley b Ellison	0
Brown not out	0
Extras	0
Total	5

CHESTER-LE-STREET v. BENWELL.

At Chester-le-Street. Scores:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

J. K. Bewick run out	1
Jas. Bewick c Pattison b Robinson	2
G. Robson b Robinson	25
Coyle b Robinson	11
R. Bowery not out	0
W. R. Legge c G. Milne b Robinson	6
T. L. Gray b Robinson	4
T. Middleton b Robinson	0
J. Hand b Robinson	2
A. Tate b Robinson	0
F. Taylor b Robinson	0
Extras	7
Total	58

BENWELL.

T. Jameson b J. K. Bewick	29
T. Ullathorne b Robson	10
W. Milne b J. K. Bewick	39
T. Dodds lbw b J. K. Bewick	0
T. Pattison run out	6
W. Robinson b J. K. Bewick	1
H. Hartley c Robson b Coyle	0
W. Milburn c Bowery b Coyle	0
G. Milne c Gray b Coyle	22
J. Milne b J. K. Bewick	0
M. Millar not out	27
Extras	3
Total	137

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. GATESHEAD.

Played at Shotley Bridge. The visitors were very late in arriving. Scores:—

GATESHEAD.

W. Piffen b Robson	0
W. Guy c and b Seed	3
R. Swain b Seed	4
W. Thompson c and b Robson	10
R. Lambert b Robson	1
W. Duncan c and b Seed	0
E. Knowles c Postle b Robson	1
J. Guthrie b Robson	7
R. Laidlaw not out	4
E. Lambert run out	2
J. Donnison c Seed b Robson	0
Extras	5
Total	37

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

M. Williamson c Lambert b Thompson	3
T. Lynn lbw b Thompson	11
A. J. Smail c Swain b Thompson	5
J. R. Surtees b Lambert	4
J. K. Annandale c Laidlaw b Guy	8
D. J. Birt c and b Piffen	5
R. Robson not out	73
J. Postle b Donnison	4
J. Seed run out	2
S. C. Knott not out	2
W. R. Town did not bat	
Extras	16
Total	135

GREENSIDE v. NEWBROUGH.

Played at Greenside on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Greenside. C. Raisbeck, J. Fewster, and Brown batted well for their respective scores. Raisbeck also took seven wickets for 12 runs and Clark 3 for 6. Scores:—

GREENSIDE.

C. Raisbeck c Corbett b Hutchinson	41
J. Callender c and b H. Robley	2
R. W. Clark c Robson b N. Robley	1
G. C. Fewster c Wardle b H. Robley	3
T. Armstrong b H. Robley	23
G. Raisbeck c Robson b H. Robley	4
H. Brown c Corbett b Hutchinson	14
J. Fewster not out	15
J. Fellis st Johnson b Hutchinson	0
T. Fewster c Corbett b Hutchinson	0
T. Greener b H Robley	0
Extras	4
Total	109

NEWBROUGH.

G. Corbett c Brown b C. Raisbeck	9
G. Johnson b C. Raisbeck	3
J. Hunter b C. Raisbeck	7
J. Hutchinson b C. Raisbeck	0
J. Boyle c and b Clark	6
N. Robley c C. Fewster b Clark	1
W. Currie c J. Fewster b C. Raisbeck	6
H. Robley b C. Raisbeck	0
W. Robson b C. Raisbeck	0
J. Wardle b Clark	0
J. Barnes not out	0
Extra	1
Total	33

SWALWELL UNITED WEDNESDAY v. SUNDERLAND TRADESMEN.

This match was played at Swalwell in glorious weather. Sunderland winning the toss elected to bat, but none of the players were able to withstand the attack of Robson, who bowled splendidly, taking the last four wickets with four consecutive balls. The Swalwell captain was accompanied to the wickets by Dove, who, however, did not stay long, being succeeded by Patterson, who made a capital stand for his score. None of the other batsmen made much stand, the captain being last man out for an excellently played 35. Scores:—

SWALWELL UNITED.

E. Slater st Greenwood b Scott	35
T. Dove c Stace b Peacock	0
A. Patterson b Peacock	11
G. Greene b Peacock	0
J. Walton c and b Carney	0
J. Spencer c Stace b Peacock	4
V. Mothersill c and b Carney	0
R. Wishard st Greenwood b Peacock	4
J. Douglas lbw. b Scott	1
J. Robson b Scott	4
S. Lumley not out	4
Extras	15
Total	78

SUNDERLAND TRADESMEN.

F. Peacock c Walton b Robson	1
D. A. Keenan c Wishart b Walton	1
H. McMahon b Walton	2
A. Carney b Robson	11
D. Begg c and b Robson	7
G. Stace b Walton	2
E. Cherratt b Robson	1
S. Williamson b Robson	0
Rev. Greenwood b Robson	0
J. Mackenzie b Robson	0
A. Scott not out	5
Extras	4
Total	34

WINLATON v. P.S.A.

Thanks to the efforts of H. Tebb (17), T. Douglas (15), and P. G. Watson (12), the Winlaton team on their own ground gained a victory over P.S.A by 42 runs. For the winners Harry Tebb also gave a good bowling display, taking four wickets for 7. J. Blenkinsopp was likewise successful with the ball, his record reading four for 11. J. Skeldon, of the Newcastle side, took five wickets for 9 runs, and T. Riddle three for 5. Scores:—

P.S.A.

H. Williams b Blenkinsopp	1
A. Cook b H. Tebb	3
C. Dalton b Blenkinsopp	2
J. Lawson b H. Tebb	0
J. Bowran run out	0
T. Ridley c and b H. Tebb	1
G. Skelton b Blenkinsopp	6
T. Hall b H. Tebb	0
T. Whelan run out	2
W. Martindale not out	1
G. Barker b H. Tebb	2
Extras	2
Total	20

WINLATON.

J. H. Reed lbw b Dalton	6
H. Tebb lbw b Skeldon	17
P. G. Watson b Dalton	12
T. Douglass b Ridley	15
J. Blenkinsopp c Dalton b Ridley	3
T. M. Reed c Cook b Skeldon	0
D. Nicholson not out	2
H. Forster b Skeldon	0
W. Latimer lbw b Skeldon	0
B. Tebb b Skeldon	0
W. Bennett b Ridley	2
Extras	5
Total	62

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. NORTH DURHAM.

Played on the Blackfine ground, on a good wicket, there being a fairly large gathering of spectators. The Consettonians elected to bat first, but owing to the deadly trundling of the Brothers Shaw the innings did not last an hour, and consisted mainly of a procession to and from the wickets. Siddell, the home captain, was cleverly caught by Pawcett before he broke his "duck," and four wickets had been disposed of for a paltry two runs. Lindsay, who has been induced to return to the Consett ranks, was the only player to attain double figures. The fielding also of the Consett eleven was wretched in the extreme. Consett tried no less than seven different bowlers. Scores:—

CONSETT.

Hamilton c Armstrong b Shaw	2
Siddell c Fawcett b Shaw	0
Watson b E. Shaw	3
Lindsay c Sharp b Shaw	10
Charlton b E. Shaw	0
Gray b Shaw	5
Raw not out	8
Walton b E. Shaw	0
Hurst lbw. b J. Shaw	0
Davies run out	0
Leybourne b J. Shaw	0
Extra	1
Total	29

NORTH DURHAM.

E. G. Chatt run out	7
R. J. Fawcett lbw b Raw	4
A. E. Scott b Hamilton	33
F. Armitage b Raw	2
H. Thompson c Gray b Leybourne	22
C. Sharp c Lindsay b Leybourne	14
A. J. Robinson not out	59
E. Shaw c Hamilton b Lindsay	56
J. Shaw not out	3
Extras	10
Total (for 7 wickets)	210

Brown and Gibbon did not bat.

BURNOPFIELD v. SOUTH MOOR.

Played at Burnopfield on Saturday. South Moor batted first, but only Copeland, Bailes, and Welsh performed well with the willow, and the innings closed for 86. Burnopfield won easily by 64 runs. Southern and Brewis batted well. Scores:—

SOUTH MOOR.

J. E. W. Fairley c Southern b Bell	0
T. Tindall run out	1
A. W. Gowland b A. Wood	3
W. Copeland b Macintosh	34
W. Bailes b A. Wood	13
W. Raine lbw. b Bell	0
T. Welsh b Reay	15
W. R. Dodds c Liddle b Bell	2
Gallagher b Macintosh	0
G. Purdy not out	4
W. Brass b Macintosh	1
Extras	8
Total	86

BURNOPFIELD.

W. Reay run out	5
H. C. Wood c Brass b Copeland	4
R. Brewis b Copeland	20
J. Robson c Purdy b Gowland	14
G. Bell c Tindall b Gowland	0
T. Southern b Copeland	42
A. Wood run out	10
H. Lowe run out	14
H. Macintosh b Copeland	14
W. Liddle not out	12
Rev. G. Harris b Copeland	0
Extras	15
Total	150

DUNSTON CHURCH v. KIBBLESWORTH.

Played at Kibblesworth. Scores:—

KIBBLESWORTH.

D. Walker b Donnelly	1
D. Winship b Donnelly	7
R. Shields b Donnelly	1
W. Richardson lbw b Donnelly	0
H. Winship run out	8
J. Mossop not out	6
J. Clowes b Donnelly	0
S. Walker b Atkinson	1
A. Emmerson b Donnelly	2
A. Blyrey b Donnelly	0
W. Golding b Atkinson	0
Extras	3
Total	29

DUNSTON CHURCH.

R. Watson b Mossop	7
J. G. Donnelly b Mossop	2
J. Henderson lbw b Mossop	4
R. Atkinson b Mossop	0
C. Dyas c and b Winship	28
H. Keith b Mossop	3
T. Watson b Mossop	0
S. Poad b Mossop	0
W. Snowball b Mossop	4
R. Thompson b Grey	1
D. Watson not out	1
Extras	3
Total	53

NORTH DURHAM II v. CONSETT II.

Played at Gateshead. Scores:—

NORTH DURHAM.

Dowson c Brodie b Eltringham	16
Dalrymple b Eltringham	8
Hines c Eltringham b Brodie	17
Graham b Brodie	12
Garret lbw b Brodie	13
Young b Brodie	8
Sinclair b Brodie	9
Elliott b Eltringham	39
Bell b Pratt	1
Davidson b Etringham	1
Blake not out	7
Extras	2
Total	133

CONSETT.

Brodie b Sinclair	7
Patterson c and b Sinclair	0
Pratt b Sinclair	6
Eltringham b Dalrymple	1
Richards c Elliott b Dalrymple	0
C. Eltringham b Sinclair	2
Raw lbw b Dalrymple	0
Barrow c Sinclair b Dalrymple	0
Dent b Sinclair	13
Wilson c Elliott b Garett	10
Sub not out	0
Extras	4
Total	43

BENWELL II v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played at Benwell, and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET II.

W. Cowings b Harvey	3
J. W. Hand b Cunningham	6
J. Grieveson b Cunningham	2
C. Nicholson b Smith	28
T. H. Lodge b Cunningham	0
R. Robinson c Winter b Cunningham	5
G. Grieveson run out	0
E. Armstrong b Dunman	9
A. H. Gromley c Smith b Cunningham	3
T. Taylor not out	8
J. Lodge b Cunningham	2
Extras	7
Total	74

BENWELL.

W. E. Cunningham c Gromley b T. Lodge	39
F. Thompson b J. Grieveson	1
T. H. Shaw b W. Cowings	9
E. Manville b Cowings	0
D. Ross c Hand b Cowings	36
J. G. Smith b T. Lodge	5
J. C. Dunman c and b Cowings	7
J. C. Armstrong not out	31
C. H. Winter b Cowings	3
U. Pauls b Cowings	7
J. A. Harvey b Cowings	4
Extras	13
Total	156

STANLEY v. SHERBURN.

Played at Sherburn in connection with the Durham Cup competition. Thanks to indifferent fielding by the visitors, Sherburn won easily by 66 runs. Scores:—

SHERBURN.

M. Ford b J. Thompson	43
E. Banks b T. Shield	6
C. Banks c and b Ledger	4
N. Glendinning c Ledger b Thompson	52
G. Hunter b Knox	11
R. Simpson b Ledger	26
W. Clement b Thompson	0
R. Newby c Knox b Thompson	0
T. Burt b Ledger	0
H. Simpson b Ledger	12
P. Burt not out	3
Extras	17
Total	174

STANLEY.

J. Thompson c E. Banks b C. Banks	10
J. Dixon b T. Burt	13
M. Ledger b T. Burt	23
H. Curry not out	27
J. Liddle run out	0
J. Benfold b Simpson	3
G. Stewart b T. Burt	1
T. Shield b T. Burt	0
R. Palmer lbw. b C. Banks	9
R. Knox c H. Simpson b R. Simpson	2
G. Shield c Hunter b Simpson	2
Extras	18
Total	108

SWALWELL UNITED v. SEGHILL.

This match was played at Seghill, and resulted in a win for the visitors. The visitors batted first, but only Brownless (8) and Smith (16) made any stand against the fast deliveries of Smith and Hare's deadly "lobs," the whole side being out for thirty-six. On the home team going to the wickets they were confident of quickly wiping off the small score of the visitors, but they reckoned without Bruce and Robson, who both bowled up to their very best form, while the fielding was particularly smart, no less than seven catches being taken. The following analysis shows the strength of the attack:—Bruce—Overs, 10; maidens, 2; runs, 12; wickets, 7. Robson—Overs, 10.3; maidens, 8; runs, 3; wickets, 3. Scores:—

SWALWELL.

A. Brownless b Smith	8
T. Berry b Smith	1
R. C. Smith c and b Hare	16
H. Adamson b Smith	1
J. Bruce run out	3
J. R. Robson b Smith	0
T. Lumley b Hare	3
J. R. Curry b Smith	1
J. Robson b Hare	0
J. Hunter not out	0
W. Wood b Smith	2
Extra	1
Total	36

SEGHILL.

G. Hare b Robson	2
T. Lascelles c Adamson b Bruce	0
G. Taylor b Bruce	1
J. Landreth c Berry b Robson	4
W. P. Little c J. R. Robson b Bruce	2
R. Slater c Berry b Bruce	0
E. Lascelles b Bruce	2
A. J. Walton c J. Robson b Bruce	0
T. Humes not out	4
R. Wood c Hunter b Robson	0
M. Smith c Smith b Bruce	0
Extras	4
Total	19

LITTLETOWN v. BIRTLEY.

Played at Littletown, a good game ending in favour of the home team by 17 runs. Scores:—

LITTLETOWN.

H. Lloyd b Hedley	32
W. Neave b Hedley	6
R. Cowley run out	16
W. Furnivill b Stobbs	12
G. Urwin c Tulip b Stobbs	10
M. Nichol c Hedley b Tulip	11
J. Silcox b Hedley	3
E. Hunter b Poole	3
T. Fenwick b Poole	3
W. Errington not out	5
S. Robinson b Hedley	2
Extras	6
Total	109

BIRTLEY.

J. G. Ironsides c Neave b Nichol	9
W. Poole b Nichol	3
W. Potter c Lloyd b Cowley	23
H. Harbottle b Silcox	27
J. Tulip b Cowley	4
J. Basston c Furnivill b Silcox	13
J. Hedley b Cowley	4
J. Robson run out	1
W. Stobbs not out	0
Extras	7
Total	92

BURNHOPE II. v. WHICKHAM II.

Played at Burnhope, and resulted in a win for Whickham by 14 runs. Scores:—

BURNHOPE.

T. Smith b W. Mowbray	0
P. Cassidy c Mowbray b Booth	0
C. Cummings b Mowbray	1
G. Elliott lbw. b Mowbray	0
A. Flynn b Mowbray	11
W. Jacques b Thynn	15
A. Bird run out	21
W. Fraser b Mowbray	0
E. Jacques run out	0
W. Laycock c and b T. Archer	9
R. Wallace not out	1
Extras	4
Total	62

WHICKHAM.

W. Mowbray b R. Wallace	0
M. Ainsley b Wallace	0
T. Thynn b Cassidy	2
T. Archer run out	2
S. Burn b Wallace	0
Jas. Burn b Wallace	21
W. Cheeseman lbw. b Wallace	12
A. Henderson not out	24
Jos. Burn c Jacques b Elliott	7
G. Booth c Bird b Wallace	0
G. Jackson c Jacques b Wallace	0
Extras	8
Total	76

CORNSAY v. MEDOMSLEY II.

Played at Cornsay, and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores:—

CORNSAY.

J. Hodgson b Foster	2
R. Hope b W. Wheatley	32
H. Winter c W. Thompson b Foster	1
W. Dowson c Foster b Parker	2
S. Groucett b Foster	6
J. Milburn b Foster	2
G. Simpson c Foster b W. Wheatley	2
J. Jackson not out	38
J. Raw c Walton b Wilson	11
J. Boddiner b Walton	26
J. Daglish b Walton	2
Extras	6
Total	130

MEDOMSLEY.

Walter Thompson b Simpson	0
J. Marks b Simpson	1
W. T. Hunter c Winter b Groucett	16
W. Wheatley b Groucett	13
T. Parker b Simpson	0
W. Foster run out	0
S. Wheatley c Raw b Groucett	0
M. Walton c Simpson b Groucett	0
J. Hetherington b Groucett	2
E. Wilson b Groucett	1
A. Bramley b Simpson	1
Extras	3
Total	37

ST. GEORGE'S II v. CRAGHEAD II.

Played at St. George's. Scores:—

ST. GEORGE'S.

A. Aitken c Marshall b Hawgat	15
E. R. Mundle b Marshall	38
H. B. Thompson c Walker b Cummings	12
A. G. Every c Foster b Marshall	11
E. S. White b Marshall	3
J. R. Hedley b Marshall	63
T. E. Holland c White b Marshall	0
R. S. Renton c Marshall	23
G. Hall b Strain	3
M. Ismay not out	0
A. Vernon b Strain	0
Extras	0
Total	152

CRAGHEAD.

J. Hunter c Vernon b Every	2
E. Hawgat c Hall b Every	3
M. Dodds c Vernon b Renton	3
T. Strain b Renton	4
M. Marshall c and b Every	4
J. Cummings b Renton	10
H. Walker b Renton	0
A. Foster b Renton	10
W. Wilkinson c Mundle b Every	3
M. Howard c Holland b Every	6
S. Jenkins not out	0
Extras	4
Total	49

NORTH DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
SOUTH MOOR II. v. PELTON FELL.

Played at Pelton Fell. Scores:—

PELTON FELL.

A. Barrass c Morton b Wilson	11
J. Maddison b Liddle	12
A. Bloomfield c Elliott b Wilson	1
M. Wilkinson b Liddle	6
H. Winn c Nixon b Liddle	1
S. Kell b Smith	24
R. Lee c and b Smith	6
H. Barrass st Vivian b Smith	6
R. Stoker c Robinson b Smith	8
J. Emery b Smith	0
J. Morpeth not out	0
Extras	11
Total	86

SOUTH MOOR II.

W. Robinson c Wilkinson b A. Barrass	19
J. Morton lbw. b Bloomfield	0
J. Vivian b Bloomfield	9
T. Brass c Emery b Bloomfield	2
J. Elliott c A. Barrass b Bloomfield	0
J. Nixon c Wilkinson b A. Barrass	0
M. Liddle b Stoker	5
E. Smith c Stoker b Bloomfield	2
H. Joyce c Stoker b H. Barrass	2
M. Baker b H. Barrass	1
T. Wilson not out	1
Extras	2
Total	46

ROWLAND'S GILL v. LANCHESTER.

LANCHESTER.

Dunn c Sewell b Hetherington	21
H. Parker b Hetherington	1
J. March hit wicket	0
T. Taylor b Hetherington	0
J. Fenton c Robson b Sewell	16
T. Chemmery b Sewell	2
P. Pratt b Hetherington	2
J. Jackson b Sewell	0
Edgell not out	0
Fraser run out	2
W. Fellow b Sewell	1
Extras	9
Total	52

ROWLAND'S GILL.

J. Sewell b Taylor	5
W. Robson run out	8
J. Hetherington b Taylor	10
J. Brown c and b Taylor	1
J. Oliver run out	2
W. Goodfellow b Chemmery	11
R. Wilson run out	6
R. Sewell not out	0
J. Forster run out	1
J. Stuart b Chemmery	2
W. Robinson c and b Chemmery	0
Extras	13
Total	61

SWALWELL UNITED II v. BLAYDON ST. CUTHBERT'S.

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

SWALWELL II.

J. Lee b H. Ryding	0
F. Barron b H. Ryding	0
T. Ryding b H. Ryding	22
C. Holmes b W. Turnbull	20
E. Slater b W. Turnbull	29
W. Errington b H. Ryding	2
R. Benson b T. Hills	17
G. Bruce b T. Hills	1
E. Cornish c Fairhurst b J. Batson	7
J. Chapman b J. Batson	0
R. Banham not out	0
Extras	3
Total	91

BLAYDON.

J. Robinson b F. Barron	3
J. Jude b F. Barron	4
Wm. Graves b J. Lee	6
J. Batson b J. Lee	5
T. Hills b T. Ryding	21
W. Turnbull c Lee b F. Barron	7
F. Fairhurst b R. Benson	7
H. Ryding not out	3
J. Lowdon run out	0
R. Moffitt b R. Benson	2
J. Prudhoe run out	1
Extras	2
Total	60

STANLEY v. EDMONDSLEY.

Played at Stanley. Jim Shield bowled well for the homesters, who won by 20 runs. The fielding of both teams was very loose. Scores:—

STANLEY II.

J. Shield b T. Lamb	18
J. G. Sanderson c Leonard b Lynn	7
W. Christopher b Bushby	6
G. Clough c Mordue b Lynn	11
V. Summerbell b Lamb	2
W. Wrangham c Grieves b Mordue	12
W. Vickers c Andas b Walker	7
H. Christopher c Lamb b Walker	0
R. Henderson not out	13
W. Craigie c Mordue b Leonard	1
T. Robson c Lamb b Leonard	4
Extras	4
Total	82

EDMONDSLEY.

H. Grieves b Clough	1
J. Andas b Shield	17
W. Simpson c Christopher b Clough	10
W. Mordue run out	7
T. Lynn b Shield	0
J. Clayton b Shield	0
G. Cowly b Shield	6
T. R. Leonard run out	0
J. Walker not out	6
J. Lamb b Shield	8
J. Bushby b Shield	0
Extras	7
Total	62

WARDLEY v. BURNOPFIELD II.

Played on the ground of the former. Scores:—

WARDLEY.

J. Hoyle c Campbell	7
R. Brown c Campbell	0
George Preston b Sanders	0
C. Dixon c Allen b Potts	14
J. Henderson b Campbell	0
George Young c McQueen b Sanders	5
A. Thompson c Coulthard	24
J. Pease b Allen	4
J. Howelly c Simpson	0
W. Short b Allen	2
E. Houldsworth not out	0
Extras	2
Total	58

BURNOPFIELD.

Thos. Allen b Howelly	1
J. G. Simpson b Howelly	1
Geo. Sanders c Hoyle b Howelly	0
Thos. Dickinson b Howelly	1
Thos. Turnbull b Howelly	5
R. McQueen b Howelly	6
P. Elliott b Howelly	7
J. Coulthard c Henderson b Houldsworth	3
C. Potts not out	2
W. Douglas b Howelly	12
T. Campbell c Hoyle b Howelly	5
Extras	6
Total	49

NORTH DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
LEADGATE TEMPERANCE v. BEAMISH II.

Played at Leadgate. Scores:—

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE.

J. Monaghan run out	1
J. Birtley run out	19
T. Greener c Mason b Laverick	9
J. Kennedy b Fenwick	38
J. Newton b Fenwick	5
G. Milburn b Mills	5
T. Atkinson c and b Mills	9
J. Turnbull c and b Mills	3
W. Turnbull lbw. b Fenwick	0
T. Seymour b Fenwick	0
W. Brown not out	0
Extras	7
Total	91

BEAMISH II.

G. Fenwick c Turnbull b Kennedy	10
R. Carr b Kennedy	4
D. Laverick b Monaghan	1
J. Mason c Milburn b Kennedy	1
C. Laverick run out	4
R. Mills run out	0
J. Jackson c Turnbull b Kennedy	0
J. Wrangham b Kennedy	0
L. Mason b Kennedy	0
G. Parker b Monaghan	0
J. Brown not out	0
Extra	1
Total	22

DIPTON v. GATESHEAD ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Played at Dipton. Scores:—

DIPTON.

Jos. Bowes b Wilkinson	6
J. Cochrane c and b Wilkinson	6
N. Freek c Wilkinson b Sanderson	0
Jos. Allen b Wilkinson	1
Jas. Allen b Wilkinson	1
T. Simpson b Sanderson	1
P. Allen b Sanderson	6
J. Muse not out	5
J. Spinks b Sanderson	0
J. Adams c Nicholson b Sanderson	0
J. Pyle b Wilkinson	0
Extras	2
Total	28

GATESHEAD ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Rev R. Watson c Muse b Jas Allen	6
Wood b Jas. Allen	0
Sanderson b Jas. Allen	6
Wilkinson b J. Bowes	0
Graham b Jas Allen	0
McKew b Jas. Allen	0
Morris c Spinks b Jas. Allen	0
Nicholson run out	4
Phillips b Jas Allen	0
Jackson b Jas. Allen	0
Taylor not out	0
Extras	6
Total	21

LEADGATE PARK v. SUNNISIDE.

At Leadgate. Scores:—

SUNNISIDE.

J. Denton b Crowther	4
E. Hughes b Crowther	1
J. Close c Crowther b Snaith	0
J. Smith b Snaith	2
W. Carr b Snaith	0
T. Carr c Walton b Crowther	0
T. Millas c Robson b Snaith	0
Rev Rowlans c Walton b Snaith	2
J. Renwick b Jackson	17
R. Newton not out	9
J. Wordall c Bage b Snaith	6
Extras	4
Total	50

LEADGATE PARK.

J. Crowther b T. Carr	0
J. Snaith c Smith b T. Carr	30
J. Wilson b T. Carr	1
J. Kershaw run out	3
F. Jackson not out	2
W. G. Robson b T. Carr	0
J. Day b W. Carr	3
A. Crowther b T. Carr	1
W. Crowther b T. Carr	13
H. Makepeace run out	2
W. Thompson b T. Carr	0
Extras	21
Total	76

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

A ONE-SIDED GAME AT BLACKFINE.

The cricket fever at Blackhill this season is not of a very alarming character, and judging from present appearances it is not likely to be. No matter how staunch a supporter of a club a man may be, he does not care to go week after week and see his favourites outclassed. It is quite evident that Consett are out of their class in the Senior League, and, knowing the team they had at command, it seems a pity that the club did not drop out of the competition for a season. However, having embarked upon the fixtures I suppose that they will have to carry them through. It is a trying ordeal for both the committee and the many young players in the team, but every club has its bad day, and all we can do is to hope for better things—if not this season then next. Lindsay was induced to turn out for the return game on Saturday against North Durham, and although he did fairly well his presence did not affect the result. The Gateshead club are very strong this year—having got men from all arts and parts—and their ambition is to capture the championship of the Senior League. This they will find is not to be accomplished without a hard struggle.

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In view of what has taken place since the campaign commenced, no one dreamt for a moment that Consett had the remotest chance of turning the tables on North Durham. The visitors were strongly represented, and they did not forget to rub it in to the unfortunate homesters. At the same time Consett have in a large measure to thank their indifferent fielding for the severe reverse meted out to them. Any number of catches were dropped and many runs thrown away. The home men batted first on what appeared to be a good wicket, but their display was very disappointing. The Consett captain (Siddell) failed to open his account, a clever catch on the part of Fawcett effecting his downfall. With four men out the total was only two, and the result was a foregone conclusion. Lindsay put a little more life into the game, and reached double figures ere he was sent back. Raw carried out his bat for eight, and this pair scored 18 runs out of the meagre total of 29. The brothers Shaw were once more the cause of the mischief, and they had a high old time of it. The minds of many of the spectators must have travelled back with regret to the palmy days of the club—to the time when Godfrey, Richards, the late Billy Turnbull, and Tom Jameson were at their best—as they sadly watched the batsmen coming and going for such paltry scores. However, indulging in reflections of this kind will do no good, as the present time is what we have to deal with.

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Of course, 29 was a mere fleabite for a team so strong in batting as North Durham. Recognising this the visiting captain considerably altered the usual order of going in, but the first did not fare too well. Scott (formerly of Redcar) was lucky in compiling 33, as he should have been caught with a couple of dozen less to his credit. Thompson made 22 and Sharp 14, but the best work was done by Robinson, who carried out his bat for 59. E. Shaw then knocked up only three less, but he was favoured by fortune. At the finish the Gateshead men had compiled the big score of 210 for seven wickets, but with decent fielding this total should have been reduced by a hundred. Of course, the visitors were unquestionably the superior side by a long way, but they certainly were lucky in bringing off such a very one-sided victory. Whilst six "ducks" were registered on the Consett side, not one of the visitors who went in failed to score.

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A MORAL VICTORY FOR MEDOMSLEY.

Had time permitted Medomsley would have undoubtedly gained an easy win at the expense of Oakenshaw. The visitors were completely outplayed, and may count themselves lucky in getting off with a draw. The home team started the run-getting, but the opening was not very promising. Charlton only got partially hold of the first delivery (a leg ball) from Purvis, and was caught. Barring Hedley, the other batsmen did not do anything startling, although the bowling did not appear to be difficult. Half the side were out for 56, and then came a rare stand between Morton Hedley and Dales. Both men were in fine form, and they treated the bowling with scant respect. Changes in the attack made no difference to the pair, who caused the century to be hoisted without being separated, and they seemed likely to play out time had not the home skipper "declared" when the total read 138 for five wickets. Hedley and Dales thus put on no fewer than 82 runs, and from the manner in which they were shaped they appeared good for another 82. Hedley had 73 to his credit, and played splendid cricket. He would probably have reached his century had the closure not been enforced. He hit 13 threes and nine twos. Dales was responsible for a capital 37, which included five threes and three twos. "T.D." seems to be playing as well as ever, and has already an excellent total of runs to his credit.

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The time remaining for play proved too short to dispose of the Oakenshaw men, who therefore escaped defeat. Had the home captain closed his innings somewhat sooner Medomsley might have won. As it was, when the match was abandoned the visitors had only scored 40 runs for the loss of six men, and thus had all the worst of the draw. Close (who carried out his bat for 17) displayed the best form, the remainder not doing much. Five bowlers were tried on the Medomsley side, and how they fared the following figures will amply demonstrate:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
T. D. Dales	10	2	12	1
R. Cant	9	3	12	2
W. Lovat	4	1	3	0
J. R. Lowes	5	0	8	0
R. Campbell	2	1	1	2

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LOW SCORING AT WHICKHAM.

Burnhope, who have been startling the local cricket world of late with some wonderful batting, visited Whickham on Saturday, and naturally the game aroused a good deal of interest. Both clubs possess some capital bats, but on Saturday the ball had the best of the argument. During the afternoon 20 wickets fell for only 85 runs, and this only works out at the low rate of a trifle over four runs per wicket. This is in striking contrast to what Burnhope have been accomplishing lately, but perhaps they did not find the wicket so much to their liking as they do at home. Or was it that the bowling of G. Cheeseman and Cook was a cut above what they have had to contend with recently? Whickham first appeared on the defensive, and their supporters hoped to see them put on a decent score, but their performance was extremely moderate in the way of run-getting. The home players could make nothing of the bowling of Robinson and Heckels, who were in great form. Not a single man on the home side attained double figures—R. Thynn coming very near with nine—and the whole team could only muster 32 between them. The breakdown of the Whickhamites came as a great surprise to their adherents. Robinson claimed five wickets and Heckels three, two men being run out, the visitors exhibiting smart form in the field.

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The task set Burnhope was naturally looked upon as a very easy one, and it was expected that they would rub off the required number pretty sharply. However, things did not pan out this way, and Joe Robinson and his merry men found that runs took a wonderful lot of getting. Cook and G. Cheeseman both bowled well, and the visitors soon discovered that they would have to throw nothing away in their efforts to secure a win. It was Robinson who again came to the rescue, and his 19 went a long way towards winning the game for Burnhope. What a splendid all-round player the Burnhope skipper is! J. Dyson, Heckels, and Summerbell made seven apiece, and Newton one less, and in the light of after events they were all valuable contributions. Sugden, who had displayed such fine form the previous week, fell a victim to George Cheeseman before he had opened his account, and three of his companions also bagged the dreaded "duck." As the visitors put together 53 they won fairly comfortably, but still they had nothing like a "cheap thing" on. It was a case of the attack beating the defence all through. I am strongly of the opinion that the bowlers will not have such a gay time in the return engagement—that is—if the wicket is in anything like decent condition.

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A GOOD WIN FOR CRAGHEAD.

Craghead have not evidently let their defeat at the hands of Burnmoor dishearten them, as they came out in fine form on Saturday. It falls to the lot of but few teams to overcome Southill at Mr. C. F. Forster's charming ground, but the Craghead men accomplished this unusual feat, and are to be congratulated, as they had to face a pretty strong team. Cochrane proved to be top scorer on the home side, putting together a creditable 29 before Moorhouse disturbed his sticks. Others who reached double figures were Richardson (16), Latimer (15), and Canon Firth (10). The visitors gave away the large number of 23 extras, and this caused the Southill total to exceed the century by six. On Craghead taking up the batting they fared badly for a time, only Evans (21) making much of a show against the attack of Cochrane and Latimer, and it seemed pretty certain that the visitors would be beaten. Then Holmes (12) and Sheraton made a useful stand, and when the former was dismissed, Sheraton found an excellent partner in Dr. Fox. The pair played capital cricket, and passed the home aggregate without being separated. Sheraton had 30 to his credit, and the doctor one less, and they are worthy of all praise for the pluck and determination they showed at a critical period. As Craghead put on 123 and had still two wickets to fall, their win was fairly decisive, but of course the chief honours were borne off by Sheraton and Fox. Faulkner, Snowdon, and Moorhouse bowled effectively.

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SHOTLEY SHINE.

The Shotley men can still boast that they are undefeated, and on present form it will be a good team that takes down their number. Robson himself is worth three or four men, and his form up-to-date is simply marvellous. Gateshead supplied the opposition at Shotley Spa on Saturday, but they were badly worsted. Two or three of them—notably Thompson and Guthrie—displayed fair form, but the others were all abroad with the deliveries of Robson and Seed, the former being particularly deadly. All the visitors could muster was 37, made up off the following bowling.

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
R. Robson	11	5	15	6
J. Seed	11	4	17	3

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As in bowling so in batting Robson bore off the chief honours. He punished the Gateshead bowlers unmercifully, and had a sort of beanfeast. Naturally he ran some risks and took some liberties, but as they all came off there is nothing to grumble at. At the finish he was still not out with 73 to his credit, and thus only missed a run of doubling the visitors' total himself. Lynn made a useful 11, whilst Annandale also did fairly well. Shotley totalled 135 and had still two wickets to fall, so that their win was decisive enough in all conscience. It is not often that Shotley go in for such heavy scoring, but with Robson in a hitting humour the score is pretty sure to mount rapidly. The joint sec., Messrs A. J. Smail and S. C. Knott, have every reason to feel satisfied at the work their men are accomplishing.

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BURNOPFIELD SUCCESSFUL.

South Moor are scarcely performing so well this season as expected, and the inclusion of Gowland in their ranks has not yet led to the sanguine expectation caused by his appearance being realised. Burnopfield entertained the Moorites on Saturday, and gained an unexpectedly easy victory. The visitors took first knock, and put together the respectable total of 86, which, however, was almost entirely the work of three men. Copeland played well for 34, whilst Bailes and Welsh batted creditably for 13 and 15 respectively. It was anticipated that Burnopfield would experience considerable difficulty in knocking off the runs, but as a matter of fact they were left with an easy win. After Reay and H. C. Wood had been cheaply dismissed, most of the remainder scored freely, and only Copeland of the South Moor bowlers seemed to cause them much uneasiness. Southern was top-sawyer with a capital 42, and was ably supported by Brewis (20), Robson, Lowe, and Macintosh (14 each), Liddle (12 not out), and A. Wood (10). With extras (15) the aggregate amounted to no fewer than 150. It was a good victory for Burnopfield, who appear to possess some very promising recruits. Lowe and Liddle are the two well-known Byer Moor footballers.

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LEADGATE TEMPERANCE STILL WINNING.

The invincible Temperance men added another victory to their credit on Saturday, and thus gained their fifth successive success, which looks very much like championship honours for them. It was not thought that Beamish 2nd would have any chance with Coun. Winter's boys, and the sequel proved that these anticipations were perfectly correct. The home men took first innings, and were not disposed of until they had totalled the capital score of 91. Kennedy who is playing in splendid style this season, was the chief performer, and his 38 was an admirable effort. Birtley batted very patiently for 19, and I think this young player would do better if he laid on a bit more. I would not advise him to be reckless, but caution can be carried to extremes. Greener just missed double figures, but the rest did nothing startling. Kennedy followed up his excellent batting by some splendid bowling, his six wickets only costing 11 runs, so that the popular old Birtleyite may be fairly said to have been the hero of the day. Fenwick showed the best form on behalf of Beamish, who were outclassed.

A WIN FOR LEADGATE PARK.

The Park played their first fixture of the season on Saturday, when they entertained Sunniside, and commenced well by obtaining a win. Joe Snaith was in grand trim for the winners, knocking up 30 in good style, and taking six wickets for 16 runs. W. Crowther also batted creditably, and altogether the Park made a promising start. The team visit Tow Law on Saturday first, and will have to play up, as the Tow Lawites are in good form, and beat Malton on the latter's ground last week.

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SWALWELL UNITED II. V. BLAYDON ST. CUTHBERT'S II.

This match was played on the Swalwell ground in fine weather. The Blaydon captain winning the toss, elected to send in the homesters, Lee and Barron facing the bowling of H. Ryding (late of Swalwell 11.) and Jude, both batsmen falling to Ryding in the first over. On T. Ryding and Homes being associated Jude was severely punished, and with the score at 22, Turnbull took over the attack, taking Holmes with his first ball. P.C. Slater now joined Ryding, the newcomer playing carefully, whilst Ryding was laying about him in his usual style. The score was quickly taken to fifty before Ryding was bowled by his brother. Errington was next comer, but did not stay long, only bagging a couple of singles. Benson signalled his arrival at the wicket by despatching Turnbull to the boundary, both he and Slater punishing the bowling to a lively tune until the latter was beaten by a good delivery of Turnbull's, having compiled a useful 29. The remaining batsmen did not make much stand, and Benson remained till the last man came in, when Haile beat him, the innings terminating for the respectable total of 91. On Blaydon going to the wicket J. Lee and F. Barron took up the attack, and although both appeared very nervous none of the batsmen took much advantage of them, until the arrival of Hills, who showed a liking for despatching them to the boundary. However, a change of bowling (Ryding vice Lee) quickly sent him back to the pavilion for a soundly played 21. Turnbull and Fairhurst also played well, but on Benson taking the ball the innings was quickly at an end. One rather bad feature of the game was the bad feeling displayed by one of the Blaydon players, who hooted one of the Swalwell men when he went on to bowl.

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MEMS.

The game between Whickham and Burnhope was remarkable for low scoring.
Only one man amongst the twenty-two made double figures.
And this was the popular Burnhope captain.
Robinson also did good execution in the bowling department.
And was ably backed up by Heckles and the other members of the team.
Fifty-three was a moderate total for Burnhope.
Considering what they have been doing lately.
Sugden was out for a "duck."
It was a good performance to dismiss Whickham on their own pitch for 32.
G. Cheeseman had five wickets for 19 runs.
And took four for 27.
Burnhope should finish up in a prominent position in the league.
Craghead did well to beat Southill away.
A fine stand by Sheraton and Dr. Fox saved the game.
It looked all over bar shouting until this pair became associated.
Cochrane and Latimer had been doing well up to this point.
But the two players named completely spoiled their average.
It was an exceedingly plucky display on the part of Sheraton and Fox.
Southill would hardly expect to get beaten.
Robson, of Shotley Bridge, was at it again on Saturday.
He first took six wickets for 15 runs.
And followed this up by making 73 not out.
Gateshead were the sufferers.
Robson is a splendid all-round man.
And his value to Shotley Bridge cannot be adequately estimated.
Shotley are having a splendid season.
They have not yet tasted defeat.
Keep it up, boys!
Consett are in a hopeless state.
And can hardly hope for better things until next season.
They are completely outclassed in the Senior League.
And would have done better to have confined their efforts to friendlies this season.
They have a number of promising youngsters, but they need confidence.
Which will come through experience.
North Durham were altogether too strong for the local men.
It was like pitting a Flying Fox against a dray-horse.
I was pleased to see that Lindsay once more turned out for Consett.
Oakenshaw may thank their lucky stars that they escaped defeat at Medomsley.
The home side were much the superior team.
Morton Hedley played beautiful cricket.
And would probably have reached his hundred.
Had the closure not been applied.
Dales also exhibited fine form.
And looks like having a very successful season.
They will be highly tried at Eachwick Hall this week-end.
Burnopfield gained a capital win over South Moor.
Several members of the winning side batted well.
Copeland was a long way the best man on the losing side.
Swalwell beat Seghill away in a low scoring game.
Smith batted well for the visitors.
Whist Bruce and Robson were in great form with the ball.
I would like to impress upon correspondents to let me have their reports on Tuesday mornings.
It is impossible for me to deal with them if they arrive later.

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OFF TO THE FETE

During the months of May, and June the time-honoured custom of holding Festivals in connection with Rural Sick Benefit Societies still prevails in many parts of this country. The event of the annual fete is awaited with considerable interest by the villagers, and small wonder that this is marked as a red-letter day in the annals of an uneventful Arcadian life. Last year a reporter of the "Dorset Standard" was deputed to attend the fete at Bradford Abbas, a Dorsetshire village near Sherborne, and in the course of his peregrinations among the holiday makers he had occasion to seek out a young lady, Miss Bessie Tuck by name, residing near the Manor Farm. He found her, a girl of seventeen, with glowing cheeks and dancing eyes, preparing to proceed to the fete field, but, as he put a leading question, a momentary cloud passed o'er her bright face.

"Yes," she remarked, "for two or three years I have suffered greatly from deficiency of blood and heart complaint. In February I felt very ill, and as I had not the opportunity of rest to enable me to battle against the affliction, I got rapidly worse and unable to fulfil my household duties. My heart got so weak that I could hear it thump day and night; my appetite left me, and, besides that, a dreadful sore appeared on my leg. A doctor attended me, but I did not recover. I was in a wretched state, and kept my bed for weeks. I lost the use of my leg, then, and when I got downstairs, by an effort, I had to use a stick to cross the room. I was helpless, and so distressed that I lay by the fireplace, and said many a time I wished I could die."

"That's quite true," said Mrs. Tuck. "I have been mother of thirteen, and she is the youngest, but her father and I thought we should lose her."

Miss Tuck then continued in a more cheerful vein; "I had been told a great deal about Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people by a friend in Yeovil, and at last I made up my mind to give the pills a trial. I commenced by taking one after each meal, and, as I felt they were doing me good, I gradually increased the number, feeling still better by doing so. When I had taken the first box, I was astonished at the improvement, and so was mother. I took two more boxes, and, besides my leg being quite healed and strong, I am able to eat and enjoy my food, and feel better than I have ever been before."

"Oh, yes, she's quite cured," said Mrs. Tuck. "Really it's wonderful. Why, she's quite a different girl. She'll join in a game or a romp with any of us."

The above is no unusual experience. Such cases as this—cases where sickly, languid girls without colour or energy, and weak, nervous men looking as if they would never be very strong, have been transformed by Dr. Williams' pink pills—may be heard of in every neighbourhood. New blood in every dose—that is what they give; and, with this new blood, which is new life, coursing through the veins, influenza and coughs, which might have been the beginning of consumption disappear; the fortified system throws off rheumatism, sciatica, St. Vitus' dance, fits, and other nervous diseases; threatened paralysis is kept at bay; and the system learns to utilise its food so that liver sluggishness, indigestion, backache, and the ailments of ladies vanish. To avoid substitutes, which can do no good, bear in mind that it is Dr. Williams' pink pills you want; and if dishonest people try to push substitutes upon you, send direct, enclosing price, two shillings and ninepence a box, or thirteen and ninepence for six boxes, to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London. These pills are a tonic, the only tonic that does not derange digestion.

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART.—On Monday, Mr Jackson Green had forward 21 fat beasts, 18 sheep, 42 fat lambs, 7 veal calves, 2 pigs, 2 horses, and a miscellaneous collection. The ring was largely patronised, and trade generally was satisfactory, sheep being perhaps a little slack. Prices:—Fat cattle: Bullocks to £20 5s top Mr Thos. Keenleyside, Ramsteels; heifers to £20 2s 6d, top Mr W. G. Taylor, Summerfield. Fat sheep up to 49s, top Mr W. Potts, Shotley Field; fat lambs to 43s 6d, top Mr J. Davison, Ryerside. Veal calves to £3 5s, top, Mr Geo. Walton, Rockwoodside; and horses to £12.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 50 dairy cows and heifers, 22 fat cattle, 12 calves, 64 fat sheep and hoggs, and 35 fat lambs. Calved heifers, £11 10s to £18; calved cows, £15 2s 6d to £20 5s; incalving heifers, £13 to £15 17s 6d; incalving cows, £11 10s to £17 10s; fat cattle to £22 10s, from Mr J. Disberry, Satley; £22 7s 6d, from the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Limited, Spennymoor; £17, from Mr J. G. Bainbridge, Stanhope; £15 5s, from Mr J. T. Morton, Tow Law; £14 12s 6d, from Mr G. Sanderson, Sowen Burn. Calves, 31s to 59s each. Fat sheep, 53s, from Messrs Pease and Partners, Limited, North Roddymoor; 55s 6d, from Mr J. T. Morton; 52s, from Mr J. Hall, Harperley; 63s, from Mr G. Bainbridge, Parson Byers; 55s, from Mr J. Harrison, Earn Well. Fat hoggs to 49s, from the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Limited, Spennymoor; 56s, from Mr G. Raine, Golden Land. Fat lambs to 28s 6d, from Colonel Blenkinsopp, Hoppyland Park; 30s, from Mr R. Hall, Old Park; 27s 6d, from Mr F. Holmes, New House; 35s 3d, from Messrs Pease and Partners, North Roddymoor; 36s, from Mr J. Ridley, Low Row; 31s 6d, from Mr G. Raine, Golden Land; 29s, from Mr J. Harrison, Earn Well; 26s 6d, from Mr J. Rueeroft, South Park. Young pigs to 23s. Sharp trade all round. Beef to 40s per cwt. live weight; lamb, 10d to 11d; and mutton to 10d per lb.

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GREAT LOCAL REJOICINGS.

IMMENSE ENTHUSIASM IN CONSETT

Queen's Day in the year 1900 will long live in memory and in history. Doubtless the brilliant deeds of British Arms in South Africa has given the incentive for a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm on the 81st anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, throughout the provinces, but whether this is so or not the demonstrations of loyalty, the spontaneity of these demonstrations, and the unbounded enthusiasm shown on all hands must not only be gratifying to the Queen and Royal Family, but cannot fail to be an object lesson to a few people on the Continent. There is everything that is enthusiastic but nothing that is hysterical about an English demonstration of loyalty. Political partisanship has not only been sunk to the lowest level, but almost obliterated, and men of all parties have vied with each other in their loyalty to Queen and country.

CONSETT.

From small beginnings great events accrue. Messrs T. D. Dryden, C. W. Almond, and F. A. Coltman put their heads together, so to speak, and determined that Consett should come into line with other towns in celebrating Her Majesty's birthday. With the fever of enthusiasm strong upon them the trio were joined by Messrs Hardcastle, Shaw, W. Davison, F. Nutt, T. Longworth, W. Lee, E. Lockey, Thompson, G. T. Hyden, C. Prior and Mills, and these fourteen gentlemen were the originators of a jubilation unequalled in effect and brilliance so far as Consett is concerned. They were before long reinforced by Messrs Stephen Aynsley, H. Wood, Thos. Forster, L. Matthews, T. C. Rawes, H. Cornforth, T. Beattie, Coun. J. Eltringham, W. Macfeggan, F. Dodd, Geo. Dryden, and W. A. Robson. There was little time at the disposal of the promoters, but a remarkable amount of energy was displayed, and the townspeople generally falling in with the movement success was assured almost from the outset. The first consideration was the closing of the shops and the decoration of the town, and these were effected without difficulty. There was hardly a street without some sort of decoration, and Middle Street especially presented a gay appearance. Flags, bannerettes, and streamers were to be found in almost every direction, and Consett fairly excelled itself in putting on a holiday appearance. The programme which had been arranged consisted of a cycle parade, and a torchlight procession, simplicity itself in conception, but magnificent in the way in which it was carried out. The cycle parade was at seven o'clock, and with punctuality seldom met with in events of the kind the wheels were in motion when the hour was chiming. The parade headed by an elaborately decorated fat drawn by an obedient pony despite the fact that the occupants of the vehicle were torturing the animal, themselves, and everyone else by a vile attempt to play the "Cock o' the North" on instruments of the Tom-and-jerry order. About 70 cyclists joined in the parade, the majority of whom had absolutely hidden their identity in costumes, paint, and false whiskers, which would have done credit to any of the best professional pantomime costumiers. It would be idle to attempt to describe the comic costumes; more than that it would be an utter impossibility. Some of them were fearfully and wonderfully designed, and created the utmost merriment among the thousands of people who already lined the streets. To the terrible strains of the Tom-and-jerry band the wheelists wended their way along Middle Street, Front Street, Medomsley Road, Green Street, and back into Middle Street and Front Street. Laughter at the comic costumes, and delight at the charming nature of several of the turn-outs greeted the processionists en route. On reaching Front Street for the second time they proceeded straight ahead, and passing along Sherburn Terrace, they ran into Leadgate, where their unexpected visit was highly appreciated. Returning by Number One they gave Blackhill residents a treat, and wound up by an arduous climb up Park Road. Altogether the cyclists parade was a great success, and everyone who took part in it deserves the utmost credit for the unflinching manner in which he or she afforded enjoyment to multitudes of people throughout a long and trying procession. While the cyclists were visiting Leadgate and Blackhill the crowds in Consett were entertained by the Mission Band, who, seated in a brake, paraded the streets playing "The girl I left behind me" and other old fashioned though still popular airs. The brake was followed by a donkey drawing something like an ice cream van, in which was placed the big drum. This interlude was very acceptable to the spectators, who were gradually swelling in numbers.

A correspondent, who took a leading part in the promotion and carrying out of the Cyclists' Parade, has kindly furnished us with the following particulars:—The cycle parade left Consett Church at 7 o'clock headed by Messrs. J. W. Davison and Sons Band on a most elaborate car driven by Mr. Ralph Thompson in the Davison livery. The Cosmopolitan Band or "The Band" as one was informed by the standard at the back of the band carriage was amongst the many that helped to swell the mighty procession. This band was composed of musicians, "from all over the world, who were specially engaged for the occasion." Amongst the many performers were:—Solo foghorn, Mr. Davison; bass foghorn, Mr. Wren; foghorn, Mr. Collinson; tenor foghorn, Mr. Heslop; solo drum-major, Mr. Rutherford; mouth-organ, Mr. Roberts; tenor buzzer, Mr. Cummings; soprano buzzer, Mr. Cuthbertson; Jews harp, Mr. Bell; clappers, Mr. Hickford and conductor "Signor Heslopio." There was also engaged at enormous expense" the noted mouthorgan player Mr. Anthony Dodd. The whole band was adorned with their various native garbs, making an artistic combination. Side by side sat Englishmen, Scotchmen blackmen, whitemen, little men, and big men, all combining to set forth the stirring and enchanting tune of the "Cock o' the north." The band played all along the route, also visiting Leadgate and Blackhill, the inhabitants turning out and giving them a right royal welcome. Among the cyclists, the ladies coming first I noticed Miss L. Davison, Miss Harris, the Misses Matthews, Miss Williams, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Waites, Miss Dunn, and Miss Hutchinson, all in neat cycling costume on machines decorated with flowers and the Union Jack. Little Miss Davison and little Miss Rawes rode with the parade on nicely decorated machines. Then came the gentlemen of the parade. Mr. Jos. Murray, jun., as an officer of the Lancers looked the picture of a noble recruit for the Consett force. He must have looked well indeed from the remarks made by the ladies of the crowd. Mr. Geo. A. Williams, Frenchman; I wonder if he arrived safely home for he looked like a native of Gay Paris, and we all know wht the feeling towards Frenchmen has been lately. T. Pallister as a gentleman at the court of George III., looked well in a dress of light blue silk with knee breeches. T. Hull set the crowd into roars of laughter as "I'm a respectable married woman." J. Day, in a dress wonderfully and fearfully made, was got up as an Indian Chief. E. Robinson looked quite fetching as a "shy young thing," a nice paint adorning his cheeks and it was just as well the wet kept off. W. Robinson appeared as a country gentleman; Will Rapier as a Spanird, in a very nice dress of red silk, with silver braided sash; T. Murray as a Swiss Piper, with a jacket and hat of skin; W. Macfeggan as one of the "Fighting Fifth; J. Crawford and Miss Sessford, on a tandem, both in hunting costume, Miss Sessford looking charming in a hood made of the Union Jack; J. Hamblin in Sunday best dressed as an ancient dame in a black satin gown; Sam Mcdenel made a capital jester in full rig of cap and bells; R. Buddle, as a clown, made one think that Lord George had left some of his troupe behind; H. Lowes as one of our Colonials looked well dressed in khaki; H. Bates from the Wild West made a good cowboy; D. Williams, one of Capt. Lambton's boys, made a good sailor; Mr Matthews, as heir to the British Throne, seemed as though he owned Sandringham Estate; J. Suckling, A. Hogg, R. Robson, and Ed. Cockburn rode decorated machines; J. North appeared as President Kruger; J. Morgan as President Steyn; Mr. Foster as one of the Royal Irish Rifles; J. Brown one of the Prince of Wales' Own; and Wm. McIntyre took well as a lady in evening dress; A. Crawford, as the fat man should have been looked after by some enterprising showman; also Mr. C. Davison, Mr. C. Allison, Mr. Jos. Dent, Mr. Wm. Lowrie, Mr. A. Lowrie, and many others, both ladies and gentlemen, who I did not know took part The rear was brought up by smart little pony car driven by Mr. C. Lumley in khaki, containing the Misses Lumley and Miss Coltman decorated with the national colours. Next came a coster barrow drawn by a donkey, and containing Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Phil. Malone as the coster and his donah. The "Barney" Club also had a procession consisting of about a dozen donkeys ridden by the "Barneys" in costume. The cycle parade was in the hands of Messrs. Geo. A. Williams, Joe Murray, and Tom Pallister. The Band was got up by Messrs. John Davison and Arthur Heslop, and great credit is due to these gentlemen for the manner in which they got up the parade which entertained thousands of Consett townspeople on Thursday night.

As the evening wore on dense masses of people assembled throughout the thoroughfares in anticipation of the great torchlight procession which had been arranged by the gentlemen already named. Those who were to take part in the procession assembled in Aynsley Terrace and soon after nine o'clock that commanding thoroughfare presented an animated appearance which probably has never been its lot to experience before. The houses in the Terrace were brilliantly illuminated, several being decorated with Chinese lanterns as well as bunting. In addition to several bands playing popular airs the procession consisted of upwards of 200 torchbearers, together with a large number of coloured and Chinese lantern bearers, comprising ladies, gentlemen, and juveniles. These lanterns were all fixed to wands and when held up had a capital effect. In a prominent position was a car (kindly supplied by Messrs. Rawes & Co.) representative of Britannia and the soldiers and sailors of the Empire. Madame Bella Dryden represented Britannia and though her part was a silent one it was no less effective than when she appeared in the same role in the New Town Hall. As a body guard, in addition to soldiers representing all parts of the Empire, and sailors, Britannia had on either side Mr. John Sloane, and Mr. J. M. Aynsley who were hunting costume and were splendidly mounted. Mr. Willie Ward attended in the capacity of bugler. Another delightful feature was an Ambulance Car upon which lay a wounded soldier (Mr. T. Foster) surrounded by nurses, the ladies who devoted themselves to this duty being Miss Coltman, the Misses Lumley, the Misses Matthews, and Miss Grainger. The driver of the car, Mr. Herby Rawes, represented Lord Dundonald. In the procession was a brake containing the members of the Consett Urban District Council. The leader of the procession was Mr. Almond who represented General Baden-Powell. Mr. Coltman, as General French, was director of the ceremonies, and Mr. T. D. Dryden, as Lord Roberts, was in command generally—a very fitting character for the duties he had to perform. Among other military representatives taking part were:—Mr. Steve Aynsley, as General Buller; Mr. Joe Murray, as a 17th Lancer (a very smart turn-out); Mr. Harry Wood, as a Colonial; Mr. W. Robson, 5th Fusiliers (Fighting Fifth), Mr. McFeggan, sergeant of the Durhams; Mr. Isaac Williamson, as General Macdonald (Fighting Mac); together with Mr. Robinson representing one of the crew of H.M.S. Powerful. There were of course a number of gentlemen in khaki together with a very large sprinkling of comic costumes. A good many horsemen took part in the procession several appearing in handsome hunting dress, and it ought also to be mentioned that the Tom and Jerry Car, most egotistically labelled "The Band"—under the able (?) leadership of Mr. A. H. Heslop—was a participator in the revels. As a large number of the general public joined in the procession its real length was difficult to estimate, but in effectiveness, and in enthusiasm it has not been surpassed, if it has ever been equalled, in any town in England of similar size.

Prior to the signal to start being given, Mr. W. Aynsley, J.P., delivered a short address from an upper room of Hill Crest, his residence in the Terrace bearing his name. It was not an easy matter to catch all that was said as each sentence was punctuated by a loud outburst of cheering. He said he was surprised, but highly gratified to see such a number of people in Consett showing their loyalty on the occasion of the Queen's 81st birthday. He trusted, and he was sure they all trusted, that Her Majesty might long be spared to reign over the British Empire. (Great cheering.) They had already celebrated the relief of Mafeking. The next step would be to Johannesburg, and then to Pretoria. He would suggest that they at once commence to make preparations for that great day. (Loud cheers.) Before they started he asked them to join him in singing the National Anthem, and after that to give three hearty cheers for the Queen. The bands struck up the anthem and right lustily did the vast assemblage join in. Then came three hearty British cheers, after which Mr. Dryden lost no time in giving orders for the procession to begin. In addition to Coun. Aynsley, remarks of a patriotic nature were made by Councillors G. T. Hyden, T. Dunne, and R. C. Foster. Mr. Almond took his place at the head of affairs, and Mr. Coltman was here, there, and everwhere giving directions. It was not surprising therefore to find easy movement from the outset worked with clocklike regularity, and had Lord Roberts himself been present he must have been delighted to see how an untrained crowd of English people can with almost natural instinct fall into the way of loyally responding to orders. The route taken was from Aynsley Terrace, along by Newmarket Street, Church Street, Middle Street, down Front Street, along Albert Row, again along Middle Street, up Front Street by Medomsley Road, and by Barr House Avenue back to Aynsley Terrace. Needless to say that en route all the popular and patriotic airs were played by the bands, and that every now and then stentorian cheers were raised for the Queen, and for the popular leaders of the army in South Africa. The official bonfires were built up under the superintendance of Mr John Merritt and Mr John Sheffield, but in addition to these there were many others, the outcome of private enterprise and loyalty, but none the less acceptable, and certainly a great addition to the largeness of the demonstration. About eleven o'clock there was a great gathering near the Fountain, when votes of thanks were accorded to Mr Dryden and the other gentlemen, who had done so much to organise so memorable a procession. After that hour the streets became gradually deserted and the greatest demonstration ever held in Consett passed off without a hitch.

LANCHESTER.

Extensive preparations were made at Lanchester for the celebration of the Queen's birthday, and the continuation of the Mafeking rejoicings. A committee met on Saturday night last and decided to hold a demonstration. Within a few days the sum of £21 had been subscribed. It was resolved to hold a procession to be headed by the Cornsay Band, the procession to start from the Green at three o'clock, and march through the village to Fen Hall and back. Then a tea had to follow, and in the evening there were to be fireworks. The weather during the morning was in every respect favourable, and there seemed to be every prospect of a highly successful demonstration. The children of the village assembled in the schoolroom at the usual time, and soon after the school managers attended, and each boy and girl was presented with a Baden-Powell medal. His Honour, Judge Greenwell, addressing the children, said the medal was to remind them of the relief of Mafeking, and also as a memento of their celebration that day of the Queen's birthday. He hoped the events would remain in their minds as long as they lived. The managers now had pleasure in giving them a day's holiday. The children then gave ringing cheers and passed out of the school to prepare themselves for the afternoon's proceedings. Mr Brodie-Cochrane's dinner to the inmates of the Workhouse was most opportune as it afforded the juveniles of that institution a treat which seldom falls to their lot. Considerably before three o'clock the children, all neatly dressed and all, or nearly all, carrying banners began to assemble on the Green. Horsemen and cyclists in a variety of costumes also gathered up and it seemed that only the band was wanting to get a start made. Unfortunately a change took place in the weather, rain began to fall, and the children had just been got under shelter at the Assembly Hall, and the police station, when a violent thunderstorm broke over the district. Lightning flashed, thunder roared, and rain came down in torrents for upwards of an hour. It was clear the procession would have to be put off to a later hour, or abandoned altogether. In the meantime the children were being treated to a sumptuous tea in the Assembly Hall. There were several sittings, and altogether nearly 500 children were regaled. There were many ladies and gentlemen present to see after the wants of the juveniles, among those present being Miss Scott, Miss Walton, Miss Aynsley, Miss Hooper, the Misses Nicholson, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Snowdon, Mrs. Bowe, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Halkier, Miss Burton, Miss Marshall, Miss Birkett, Miss Workington, the Misses Buckham, Miss Snaith, Miss Hall, Miss Urwin, Miss Reed, the Rev. G. Jepson (vicar), Mr T. Bowes (schoolmaster), Inspector Waller, P.C. Smith, Mr G. W. Wilson, Mr J. Swain, Mr J. J. Smith, Mr F. Blackmore, Mr Burleigh, Mr G. Peacock, Mr T. Wilkinson, Mr John Buckham, Mr R. Walton, and Mr W. W. Thompson. By the time the tea was over the weather had brightened up, and the children assembled in Front Street and sang the National Anthem, "Rule Britannia," "Hearts of Oak," and "Soldiers of Queen," having been trained in their vocal preparations by the schoolmaster. The Cornsay band also played a number of popular tunes. At twenty minutes to six the boom of a big gun announced that the procession was about to start. Led by the able band they were followed by the horsemen, amongst whom were "General Buller" (Mr R. Walton), "Capt. Lambton," "General Cronje," and a number of nondescripts. Then came the cyclists, several of the machines being most ornately decorated, and then the long line of children. Following the procession there was an interval, and later on there was a grand display of fireworks under the management of Inspector Waller.

DIPTON.

The Queen's birthday celebrations were held in a variety of ways. On the suggestion of Coun. T. Clark, the Collierley School Board gave the children attending their schools a whole day's holiday, and as soon as the resolution was known to the teaching staff Mr. W. McQuillen, the head master of the boy's school determined to give the children a free tea and have a procession of the children through the village. With the hearty co-operation of the teachers of all the three departments and the members of the Board, he was able within twelve hours to boast of having received almost as much as would cover the expense attending so bold a venture. Material assisitanse was given by the chairman of the Board, Mr. J. T. Robinson, who in addition to giving a substantial donation, collected a good sum from several villagers. For the hearty and generous response to the sudden call for help the teachers and scholars, who received a nice tea in their respective schools on Thursday afternoon, which had been catered for by Mr. Geo. Murray, of Dipton, are devoutly thankful to all who in any way contributed to their enjoyment and enabled them to do credit to the auspicious occasion. Owing to the heavy rains which fell during the afternoon the children were prevented from processioning the streets before tea, but after they had all done justice to an excellent repast a procession was formed, and headed by the School Flute Band. The children, each of whom carried a bannerette and a motto seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves as they marched from the schools to South Medomsley and back again to the bottom end of the village, singing as they went that time-honoured prayer and song "God Save the Queen," being materially assisted and inspired by the enlivening strains of the band. In the evening another programme of the Queen's birthday and the relief of Mafeking, arranged by the vicar, the Rev. R. Tuson, was brought off in a most successful and enthusiastic manner. About 6.30 p.m. a procession was formed at the vicarage, and marched up to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, where a short thanksgivinig service was conducted by the vicar and his son, the Rev. A. Tuson. After suitable prayers had been said, and the National Anthem sung the vicar based a few appropriate remarks on the words "Let us come boldly unto the throne of Grace," in the course of which he said that on Saturday night just before bed time there were marching up and down the village men, women, and children, carrying flags, and firing off fireworks and singing songs so common and popular at the present moment, all intended to be in honour of the relief of Mafeking. While standing outside his own door and listening to those things the thought came into his mind "Is this the only way to celebrate the relief of Mafeking," "Is there no other way than this," and then the farther thought came "Yes, there was something deeper than mere outward manifestations of joy and happiness." If they went into the sick houses of Dipton that night where perhaps some of their neighbours were breathing their last, there they would see life in its reality, there they would see perchance men, women, and children rejoicing in the deepest and best sense. "And what was that?" It was that they had been relieved, that the great Captain from the Homeland Heaven, came down from Heaven, came in all His heavenly power to relieve all those present in the city that they had been shut up in, the city of destruction. In that far off town of Mafeking men women and children had been shut up since October, the first of our people to be surrounded, the last to be relieved, and they never lost heart, and why, because they believed in their country and their country's statesmen and generals and therefore in patience, in waiting, they went on doing the best they could through those long weary days and months. And had not their hearts gone out to them? Had they not many a time looked into the papers with fear and trembling when the days were dark? Yet the faith of those people in Mafeking had never wavered, they told them of their hardships and trials, but they never failed. Now, thanks be to God, they were relieved. They had prayed that night that everybody in trouble might be comforted and relieved according to their several necessities. How should they keep that memorable occasion but by going to the throne of Grace and seeking for guidance there. How it rejoiced him to see them all so loyal, so united, so happy and cheerful that day. All their differences sunk in the great flood of human sympathy and fellowship that was running over the whole length and breadth of the land; how it braced their ideas of what human nature could be if they only went to the throne of grace. What did they want, what did their soldiers want who were fighting their country's battles? He would not say anything about the policy of the battles, but after all their feelings were that it should be brought to an end as soon as possible, and the first thing they wanted was wisdom; wisdom in their members of Parliament; wisdom in their statesmen, and if they wanted wisdom in them they should exercise it when they gave their votes. Then they should remember that their statesmend should be guided wisely. They were human and made mistakes, but he believed that their own British statesmen were as honest, as straightforward, as truthful, as any statesman in the world. They should go to the throne of grace that night, thanking God for giving what wisdom they possessed, and asking him for more. There was more needed. The Generals needed wisdom; they made mistakes because they were human, but how thankful they must all be that since the last two or three months so few lives had been lost and that the end of the war seemed to be drawing near. And they wanted wisdom to know how to conduct themselves when the war was over. Surely the way for them to show their thanksgiving to God was not to lose their senses and spend the gifts He had given them in waste and want. No doubt God intended them to enjoy themselves as human beings, and had given them things, which if used rightly would make them enjoy life better, but if they lost their senses either by intoxicating liquors or by too much excitement then they were using them according to man's ideas and not according to God's. Let them thank God that He had put it into their hearts to gather together and acknowledge his goodness to them. He believed God was at the head of things, and to Him belonged the praise and the glory of the Empire's greatness and power. There were many present who were not Churchpeople whom he was delighted to see there, but with church people that was Ascension Day, the day they kept in memory of our Lord Jesus Christ going up into heaven. After he had left the homeland and come down and fought the great enemy of our souls; Jesus Christ, who had fought him had been wounded, crucified on Calvary, but had returned home. The generals some day, aye and the neighbours the private "Tommy Atkins" the "Absent-minded beggar" would be home some day to the home-land. And what a coming home there would be, wounded, sunburnt, half-starved, tattered, and torn, not half the men they were when they went out, but they would forget all as soon as they landed in the homeland. When their great warfare against sin and against evil was over they would enter the homeland. They many a time stumbled, and were caught in an ambush, many a time the devil hoisted the white flag of deceit and tried to allure them from the path of rectitude into the snares, but let them go boldly to the throne of grace to seek for guidance and help, not only that day but in all their conditions whatever they might be, and in all their rejoicings let them go to God in prayer. The procession was reformed, and proceeded to the low end of the village. On returning to the vicarage green the bonfire which had been prepared by Mr. Albert Murray and his comrades was lighted by Mr. Murray, and so well was it built together that it burned for a considerable time. By this time darkness had set in and torches were lighted, the company marched up to South Medomsley, where Mr. and Mrs. Kruger, who in effigy were stuffed with gunpowder and crackers and suspended at the entrance of the two high rows of houses, were set on fire. During the time they burned the crowd sang the patriotic airs and were diverted as the several crackers exploded. Having witnessed the destruction of "Their Highnesses" the procession wended its way to Mr. Geo. Brown's field where another huge bonfire with an effigy of Oom Paul on the summit had been ignited. The merry crew after having sung "The Soldiers of the Queen," "Rule Britannia," and "God save the Queen" paid a final visit to the bottom end of the village, and after having again visited the vicarage green and the Delight Bank, broke up, each going to their respective homes very tired but very happy and satisfied with the day's programme of celebrations. The vicar, in addressing the company on the village green, just before the dispersal hinted that a public meeting would be held to try and arrange a big "do" for the taking of Pretoria and it is to be hoped the scheme will be taken up enthusiastically by all classes and creeds. Judging by the lively feeling of loyalty which has been demonstrated during the last week or so through the success of the British troops perhaps it would not be a very difficult matter as has already been suggested in this journal to form a volunteer corps for Dipton and district. If the feeling is still in favour of such a scheme it would be a good plan to have a public meeting at an early date in order to get the necessary arrangements made. The collections made at the thanksgiving service and at the bonfire were in aid of the heroes of Mafeking fund. During the day the village was a veritable "Gaiety Theatre" flags, bunting, and streamers being hung and suspended from different points in the village. At the high end the photo of "B.P." was in a prominent position in front of the School House, while on the Green a large banner bearing a coloured photo of Her Majesty the Queen as a centre-piece with the words "Collierley B.S. Dipton, May, 1900," showed clearly that the master Mr. McQuillen, who with his amiable better-half and a host of willing workers had been bent on making the Queen's Birthday a Red Letter day in the history of the village and one which would make an indelible impression upon the mind of the scholars.

WITTON GILBERT.

Although the village of Witton Gilbert had already celebrated the relief of Mafeking with much enthusiasm, the efforts had been spontaneous and without organisation, and it was therefore resolved, at a hastily convened meeting, to give a final celebration on the Queen's birthday. Accordingly a committee, under the presidency of the Rector (the Rev A. Watts), took the matter in hand. On Thursday a tea was given to all the children in the village and to the widows and old folk. This took place most successfully in the National Schoolroom. After tea the Sarciston Brass Band led the way to the flower show field, where sports were held and prizes distributed. A capital effigy of Mr Kruger was burned, and then a move was made to the Dene. Here a splendid display of fireworks took place, to the delight of assembled crowds, for over an hour, when the singing of the National Anthem brought a most successful day's celebration to a close.

BIRTLEY.

The village of Birtley was not behind with its decorations on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, and one residence which stood out more conspicuous than the rest was that occupied by Mr. Thomas Blythe, of the firm of Messrs. T. Blythe and Sons, brick manufacturers. Birtley, which was literally ensconsed behind a gay and attractive mass of bunting and flags, while the entrance to the grounds was bedecked in a like manner. An admirable photo of the Queen rested upon the entrance gate, while the name of the gallant defender of Mafeking—Major-General Baden-Powell—appeared in conspicuous letters beneath the same. It was a scene symbolical of patriotism, and one which attracted hundreds of people, many of whom were heard to express their admiration of the action of Mr. Blythe, who, one might mention, is a truly loyal and patriotic gentleman, and much esteemed by the residents of Birtley and district.

STANLEY.

Evidences of loyalty on the occasion of the Queen's birthday were quickly forthcoming in Stanley and district. Practically the whole of the shops were closed from mid-day, while flags floated from almost every establishment. In the evening a couple of processions took place, one consisting of horsemen and cyclists, and the other members of the K Company of the 4th B.D.L.I., under the command of Cap. Crossling. A number of volleys were fired, while three cheers were given for the Queen. A ball was afterwards held in the Drill Hall, at which a large company was present. A bonfire was lighted near the Royal Hotel, at which an effigy of President Kruger was burnt. The proceedings were taken part in by a good number of people, and for some time the main thoroughfare wore a most animated appearance.

BRIEF ANNALS OF SOUTH AFRICA

(By J. W. Fawcett.)

1879. In November, 1879, Mr Gladstone went down to Midlothian, and in this his first "pilgrimage of passion" against Lord Beaconsfield, he made the annexation of the Transvaal one of the counts in his indictment, although neither he nor any other leading liberal made any distinct public complaint before. In his speech at Dalkeith on November 25th, he said:—"In the Transvaal we had chosen most unwisely—I am tempted to say insanity—to put ourselves in this strange predicament of the free subjects of a monarchy going to coerce the free subjects of a Republic, and compel them to accept a citizenship which they decline and refuse."

In another speech in the same campaign he also said:—"What is the meaning of adding places like Cyprus and places like the country of the Boers in South Africa to the British Empire? And, moreover, I would say this: that if those acquisitions were as valuable as they are valueless, I would repudiate them, because they are obtained by means dishonourable to the character of our country."

Why such a statesman should make such a statement which was in direct opposition to his immediate future policy seems a mystery. It showed the Boers that Britain was not undivided on her African policy, and after the emphatic, formal, precise and stern refusals of Sir Garnet Wolseley, these speeches were appalling incitements to revolt. British politicians do not always remember that words spoken at home, without much premeditation, for the purpose of winning votes at a General Election are occasionally echoed by rifle shots in remote corners of the Empire. 'Twas so on this occasion. Mr. Gladstone's speeches were received with enthusiasm by the Boers, and were distributed throughout the Transvaal by the Dutch newspapers on small slips. After such outbursts all the Transvaal burghers adverse to British rule looked to the return of the Liberals to power as the signal for the abandonment of Great Britain.

1879. Sir Garnet Wolseley, finding the Zulu campaign finished, moved his forces against Sekukuni, who was defying the British, as he had defied the Boers. He had no quarrel against the British, but, extraordinary as it may seem, there is no doubt that he was encouraged by message from the malcontent Boers. After a very brief campaign his stronghold was reduced, his men scattered, and himself captured (November 28th.)

How's your Liver? Why I never know I have one now, as I always keep a bottle of Pattrick's Medicine by me, and if I feel a little "off," I take a dose, and am soon myself again. Everyone who is ill goes to Pattrick, Chemist, 5, Front Street, Consett, who can cure almost any complaint. 3Ma.

Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club.

Visit to Witton Gilbert and Bearpark.

A number of members of the above society had a most enjoyable outing to Witton Gilbert and Bearpark on Saturday. The party were met at Witton Gilbert Station by the Rev. A. Watts, who pointed out and explained the various objects of interest on the way to the village. A visit was paid to the Rectory grounds and the Church, which was much enjoyed. A move was then made to the Bearpark Priory ruins, which were graphically described by Mr. Watts, and this tended to make the paper afterwards read more interesting. The company then returned to the National Schools at Witton Gilbert (kindly granted by the Rector for the occasion), where an excellent knife-and-fork tea was provided by Mrs. Farrow, of Sacriston, to whom the society feel much indebted. Amongst those present were:—Mr. Milburn, Blackhill; Mr. Caygill, Consett; Mr. Colpitts, Blackhill; Mr. Carrick, Blackhill; Mr. Clayton, Consett; Mr. Samuel Leybourne, Blackhill; Master Sydney Leybourne, Blackhill; Mr. Lovat, Blackhill; Mr. Sanderson, Blackhill; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Oliver, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Gaughan, Blackhill; Miss Kinnear, Blackhill; Rev. Arthur Watts, Witton Gilbert; Miss Watts, Witton Gilbert; Mr. Hetherington, Blackhill; Mr. Nicholson, Blackhill; Mr. Foster, Consett; Mr. Charlton, Consett; Mr. Whitworth, Consett; Mr. Wallace, Blackhill; Mr. Henderson, Consett; Mr. Goudie, Consett; Mr. Whitehead, Consett; Mr. R. J. Brodie, Consett; Mr. Moore, Witton Gilbert; Mr. Holmes, Witton Gilbert; and Mr. Brewis, Witton Gilbert.

At the evening meeting in the National School-room, Mr Wilson Clayton (Consett), Chairman of the Council, presided, and in the course of his opening remarks referred to the kindness of the rector in acting as their guide in their afternoon ramble. He was sure they all had enjoyed themselves, and profited a great deal from the description, historical and otherwise, that the reverend gentleman had fully given them of Bearpark ruins, and the other places of interest which they had visited. Mr Watts was as well-known to all of them, as he was to him (the speaker), and his great kindness in so willingly putting at the disposal of their Society, and other institutions as well, his great fund of knowledge and research, which must have cost much labour and time, was known and appreciated all through the district. His (the speaker's) first interest in chemistry and mineralogy was awakened as the result of a course of lectures given by the rev. gentleman in connection with the Co-operative Society at Consett, on "Coal," and any knowledge which he had since acquired in this connection might be traced to Mr Watts. This gentleman was again to favour them that evening with another paper, and before calling upon him to deliver it, Mr Leyborne would submit a list of names for membership.

The following is a list of proposals for membership:—Mr. C. F. Scott, Newbell; Mr. T. D. Dales, Medomsley; Mr. W. J. Foreman, Leadgate; Mr. J. O. Todd, Leadgate; Miss M. Williams, Consett; Mr. John Aynsley, Consett; Miss Cissie Robson, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. T. Forkin, Blackhill; Mrs. F. Armstrong, Blackhill; Mr. Lloyd Clarance, Consett; Mr. E. J. Lamb, Consett; Mr. T. Dover, Crook; Mr. A. Walton, Blackhill; Mr. J. W. Fawcett, Satley (patron); Mr. and Mrs. J. Hetherington, Blackhill; Miss M. E. Trotter, Blackhill; Mr. George. J. Christopher, Blackhill; Mr. W. T. Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. John Carrick, Blackhill; Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, J.P., Consett Hall (patron); Mrs. W. Pollock, Blackhill; Mr. Jas. Patrick, Blackhill; Mr. Geo. Wilkinson, Blackhill; Mr. Robt. Clark, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Ward Davison, Blackhill; Mr. E. E. Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. George Lister, Leadgate; Mr. C. V. Todd, Leadgate; Mr. H. Spence, Blackhill; Mr. Jas. Lovett, Blackhill; Mr. John Mathieson, Blackhill; Mr. R. Teasdale, Templetown; Mr. John Wharton, Blackhill; Mr. S. Charlton, Consett. In all 38 new members—36 secured by the Secretary, two by Mr. Caygill.

The Rector then delivered his paper, and in the course of his remarks said he was very glad to see that their society was so very much alive. Thirty-eight new members was an increase in family which would alarm most heads of families; he would have rather great cause for congratulation. Nature had smiled upon them in the beginning of their for the summer. They had had a troubled and disturbed week with sudden changes of temperature, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning, and at 12 o'clock that day it looked as though they were going to have a repetition of the day before, but it had altered its mind and given them a hearty welcome, which he trusted would be the beginning of a second good season for them. (Applause.)

VILLAGE.

Witton is younger than its neighbours, Lanchester and Chester-le-Street, but older than Durham and Finchale. The oldest mention of Witton is connected with Finchale, but the record belongs only to mediaeval times, so is not fully trustworthy. It is in connection with St. Goderic, and before the Priory was built, for it was in 1110 when the hermit's fame was widespread. Of his miracles two were wrought on Witton people. The first on Robt., son of Uctred, William de Laton's man (which raises the first doubt), and the second on the half dead child of a nameless woman of Witton. The earliest trustworthy record is in a charter (still existing) of a Norman baron, Gilbert de la Leia, to Witton Leper Hospital, 1154. Here and in the Northern Domesday Book, the "Boldon Buke," 1183, it is spelt as now, Witton, but without Gilbert. That is a later addition. The local traditional pronunciation Jilbert is historic, strictly correct, and therefore worthy of preservation (spite of railway porters.) The earliest recorded double name is in "Bishop Hatfield's book," 1382. In a charter to the Monks of Durham Abbey, relative to Bearpark estate, of Gilbert de Laton, his son William is styled "Dominus de Wittone" (Lord of Witton.) From 1268 hence forward the place has been known as Witton Gilbert. Of course, Witton means "white town." The wide-towns are always spelt with one T, Wyton, and besides, where is our village green? Its name proclaims it Saxon, and it still has its "Pinfold or Pound," though dilapidated; but its "stocks" are gone, fortunately for many people now-a-days, for drunkenness is still existant, alas! In later times the village became a fashionable resort of the Waltons, Hoppers, and other wealthy burgesses of Durham, perhaps following the lead of the priors of the great abbey, who found Bearpark mansion, truly a pleasant resort. Indications still exist in a few old stone houses, with very thick walls. In times of outbreaks of black-death, sweating sickness, plague, &c., Witton was used by the Monks as a health-resort. Its reputation for healthiness is being lost only since "sanitary rates" and elaborate "drainage schemes" were invented. The earliest benefactors of the village were of the old baronical family of the De la Leys or Leias. Gilbert was of St. Goderic's age, for he was born about 1126 and died 1180. His son Philip followed in his footsteps, and to the two we owe church, cemetery, and hospital. By failure of male heirs the estates passed with Lady Horden, after 1351, to the De Latons, Gilbert and William, who did much for Bearpark (Beaurepaire) estate, and from the first of whom the village gets its second name. Other benefactors have been Cuthbert Watson and his two sons, William and Richard, to whom we owe a small charity, from 1626. Another, this time a clerical family, the Finneys, gave us the first village school. You can see the old one as well as the new, and the contrast is very significant. The last new school, the Infants, I have had the honour and pleasure to raise, in 1895. The first of these two charities is full of romance, as the second is of usefulness. The first is worthy a moment's attention. The villagers of Witton in 1594 gave Richard Watson a whole noble (6/8) on his going to Cambridge. He was evidently a clever lad of whom the little town was proud. He and his brother William prospered in life, in the great City of London, and never forgot the love-gift, good fellows as they were. Thirty-two years after, his brother William dying, left in his will £10 to "the little town of Witton Gilbert, the place of myne own nativitye," to which Richard added "the lent noble, and 32 nobles more, a return of thankfulness both to God and you," in all £22. With this, and their father Cuthbert's house, Dene Burn House and garden were secured to the village for ever, half for the use of the deserving poor, half towards maintaining the church. There, you see the house and plot picturesquely sheltered in the pretty dene. It lets for £6 a year.

HOSPITAL.

The hospital of St. Mary Magdalene was founded by Gilbert de la Ley, and enlarged by his son Philip. Their charter of gift still exist in the Dean and Chapter Library, Durham. The hospital is said to have been built in 1164, but the oldest charter is about 1175, for the third signature among the witnesses is Richard de Collingham, Vicar of St. Oswald's in which parish Witton then was. He was vicar from 1175 to 1198, so the earliest date possible is 1175. This falls within the time of St. Goderic. It was built for five lepers, then for eight (Sherburn Hospital was for 65.) The "ills that flesh is heir to," appealed then as now to the charitable. It fell at the Reformation, like so many other institutions (good as well as bad), and the sick poor were left to the tender mercies of Queen Elizabeth's New Poor Law, which then as now were cruel. This very year (1900) in this very parish a poor woman by that Poor Law has had 3s 9d per week allowed her to feed, clothe and house five young children on (9d per week per child), and that was stopped as soon as a charitable fund stepped in to ligthen the poor deserted mother's burden. A XV. Cent list of the brethren of the hospital is preserved, and seems to show that the appetites of the four sisters beat those of the four brothers in the year, by "four oxen and 800 red herrings." Their names were:—Sisters Jane Partike, Jane Wharram, Alice Waynflute, and Margaret Lessmaker. The brethren were all Johns;—Steele. Binchester, Marshall, and Shortt. Several of these names appear in our eldest church register, which you shall see. Since the Reformation it has been a farmhouse, Witton Hall. A fine floriated window-head is still to be seen, and the chief doorway entrance. The chapel has gone (save a few worked stones), since a fire in the first half of this century.

CHURCH.

First in Saxon and Norman times, a chapeiry of St. Oswald's, Durham. But there certainly was an earlier building some of whose stones were used up in the present church. See, for example, the two in the north aisle, and the carved stone in the porch. The present building was erected about 1175 in the time of Gilbert de la Ley. Two original windows and a trefoil-headed piscina are to be yet seen in the south wall, which is original. The east and west ends have been re-built, and the north wall has given place to the north aisle in this century. Hugh Pudsey's architect, who built St. Giles', Durham, and St. Margaret's had a hand in it. Hugh Pudsey was bishop 1153 to 1196, and was girt with a sword by the crusading King Richard Coeur de Lion. It was greatly restored XIV. cent. when the present east window was inserted, and the square-headed one in the south wall, which is about to receive coloured glass from Mr. Wood and his sister, formerly of Kimblesworth Farm and Potter House. The west gable was taken down and re-built in 1741. The last restoration was in 1859-60, by Mr. T. Austin, at a cost of £800. That restoration changed the original plain rectangular building by giving us the north arcade and aisle. This was done by my predecessor, the Rev. Cuthbert Carr. Sacriston was separated from Witton and St. Peter's built in 1863. Witton is a perpetual curacy, and was served from St. Oswald's, Durham, till 1423, when on petition of Wm. Batmanson and Jno. Sheppardson, on behalf of the inhabitants, the prior of Durham and the Vicar of St. Oswald's, granted it a separate existence. Probably it was then attached to the Rectory of Kimblesworth, the rectors of which date back to 1255, whilst the earliest known incumbent of Witton is 1561. In 1570, on petition of the inhabitants of Kimblesworth, the two parishes became one. Kimblesworth Church was then falling into ruins. The oldest church register is 1570, although there is an entry 1568 of the marriage of the rector, Richard Pilkington to Olive Holliwell on Nov. 16th, 1568, possibly a bit of vanity. This register is beautifully written and is well preserved. The Communion cup and cover are of the same Elizabethan age. The circular font is in the rectory grounds, though its pedestal carries yet the octagonal font in the church. The pulpit is Jacobean, and came from Durham Cathedral. The churchyard was all south of the church, and is first mentioned in Gilbert de Laton's charters 1243 and 1275, but is probably centuries older. Within this churchyard lie descendants of that John Coupland, who is said to have captured the Scotch King David, after the battle of Neville's Cross, under the Browney Bridge along yonder. I have a copy of the will of a later John Copeland of Witton Gilbert, dated Feb. 22nd, 1564, which was witnessed by John Brown, the first curate of Witton Gilbert known to us by name. An old churchwarden's book, 1739 to 1768, is interesting in many ways. To naturalists because in these 30 years, £5 10s 2d was paid by the parish, for the heads of 49 foxes, 160 foulmarts or fulmire, 8 badgers, 5 otters, and 2 ravens, in all 224 animals. Mr Foster, Lord Durham's keeper at Langley Old Hall has seen foulmarts (fumards) occasionally, and we know otters are not yet quite unknown here, nor even badgers. The price paid is a measure of the mischief done by these so-called vermin; for a fox's head 1s, badger or otter 6d, foulmart 4d, raven 2d. The value of money, and price of labour appear thus in 1739:—A load of lime cost 10d, and of sand 4d (carting and all); in 1743 a joiner for 7½ days' work gets 11s 3d (1s 6d per day); in 1747 a mason for 9 days' work gets 12s (1s 4d per day); his labourer gets 8d a day; in 1751 the pay had risen to 10d a day. Poor relief varied from 3d or 4d a week to 1s 6d (the highest); in 1743 white-washing the church cost 18s, but in 1755 (when I suppose there was competition) it only cost 15s. Fancy, ye miners, only 350 years ago "Thos. Batmanson and four helpers received 1s 4d for five days work in making a drift for coal at Bearpark." I am glad I had not the dividing of that 1s 4d.

BEAUREPAIRE.

Beaurepaire (Bearpark) mansion and chapel of St. Edmund owe their existence to Prior Bartram, who built the mansion about 1248, and called it "Beau repaire" (beautiful resort) anglicised Bear. In 1258 he resigned his Priory of Durham and retired to his beautiful resting-place. Bearpark Estate is older than the mansion. The estate is coeval with Witton Church and Hospital, for Gilbert de la Ley gave the "Vaccarium of Milneside" (dairy-farm of Milneside) to the Prior and Monastery of Durham. Other lands were got by exchange with Gilbert de Laton, and by gift, as when Bishop Nicholas gave 100 acres, and still later when Bishop Stitchill gave 1,300 acres. The first charter is that of Bishop Nicholas of Farnham, 1243, which is signed by Gilbert de Laton. There are two others by William de Laton in 1268 and 1273. It is in these "the cemetery of Witton is first mentioned, and William is styled, 'Dominus de Wyttone.'" Another benefactor was Prior Hugh, of Darlington, who enclosed the deer-park and stocked it. The ultimate limits of the park are shown in the modern names, Broompark, Bearpark, and Langley Park. When the bishop and prior quarrelled (as alas they often did) the imperious Bishop Bec broke down the fences and destroyed the game, but his successor Bishop Kellow gave Prior Tanfield licence to enlarge the park and build a wall around it. Part of this wall yet exists. Many times Bearpark fell into the hands of Scotch raiders during the troublous times of the Scottish wars, and was looted and then burned, as in 1312; after the defeat of Bannockburn, in 1315, and again in 1318. When Neville's Cross was fought Bearpark was David's headquarters 1346, and again suffered much. Prior Fossour rebuilt it 1348, and the mansion and estate now entered on their prime. Here the Prior entertained Edward II. before his victory of Halidon Hill, and there the good Prior died. English and Scotch kings have slept within these walls, the Bruce, Edward II., Edward III. and his Queen Philippa. Their owners found steady employment for many persons. In the XV. cent. I find a list of workmen. Forty-six families got regular or occasional work, of whom 27 at least lived in Witton. Eight were probably small tenant farmers with right of feeding pigs in the park, of which they had 42, so they were not short of bacon. In 1530 the Prior owned 2,113 sheep. Among these names I find many still with us in the parish—Hall, Wearmouth, Pearson, Cumming, Lawson, Robinson, Faucus, Bailey, Dixon, Hunter, and Martin. These were then made happy (we hope so at least), if skilled workmen, with 4d to 6d a day; if labourers and miners, with 2d to 4d a day; if women, boys, or girls, with 2d to 1d (quite scriptural pay.) Dinner was often given them at mid-day, and people then only ate twice a day—dinner and supper. It was considered a gluttony to eat before dinner. Yet they worked 12 hours a day. Besides this the owners of Bearpark found the people amusement. The Priors of Durham four times a year held Ludi—at the Feast of Purification, Easter, John Baptist's Day, and All Saints' Day. They held them alternately at Byewelley (near Stockton), Pittington, Wardley, and Beaurepaire, with an occasional one at Muggleswick or elsewhere. These Ludi were a compound of the Bank Holidays of to-day, and the Miracle Plays or Passion Plays of Oberammergau. They ate and drank, laughed and sang, and had a general romp and feast and had a real good time. The last of these feasts was at Bearpark 1538. We know of others here in 1530, 1531, and 1534. They generally lasted three days, the last day being the people's day. At one of these people's days, besides other provisions, three oxen were consumed, 34 sheep, three loads of ale, and 898 loaves. During this entire ludus or feast, 2,148 loaves were eaten. On another occasion 2,000 red herrings, 40 dogdrave (large salt cod-fish), 24 salt salmon, 40 lambs and nine pigs were washed down with abundant draughts of home-brewed, and accompanied by cakes made from meal, butter and honey (sugar was not yet), with 16 lbs. rice, 24 lbs. figs, 16 lbs. raisins, 8 lbs. currants, 4 lbs. dates, 24 lbs. almonds, 6 lbs. cloves and other spices, with 1 lb. crocus (saffron) to colour the cakes. The Reformation snuffed all this out, and put nothing in its place, as is the case with many reforms, carried out and projected. Whitehead, the last abbot and first dean, repaired the ruined buildings, and the early deans often lived here. In the great Rebellion the Scotch rebels again destroyed Bearpark 1640 (they hated it for Neville's Cross) and again in 1644. Oliver Cromwell gave it to Sir A. Hazelrigge (he pretended to sell it), but at the Restoration the estate came back to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, whose it is now. Besides the private home-chapel of St. Edmund, there were two other chapels on the estate, St. John's, part of which yet remains at St. John's Green, and St. Catherine's, whose name alone is preserved at Broompark and Sleetburn. The mansion and chapel have never been restored since, and what little now remains you see. The great window is Whitehead's (part of great dining hall), the walls are probably Fossour's, and the foundations may, at least some of them, be Bertram's. I can show you some early photographs which show how rapidly the whole ruins are disappearing.

At the conclusion of the paper the old parish registers (containing births, marriages, and deaths, all in the one book) were handed round to the company for inspection, and proved a very interesting feature, many of the entries being in Latin, and some of them in the most beautiful writing, the book being of parchment.

The Chairman said that they had all listened with interest to the remarks of Mr Watts with respect to the interesting features of the surrounding district, and they were very much obliged to him for his services, and before parting he wished them to give him a very hearty vote of thanks, which Mr Oliver would move.

Mr C. E. Oliver said he had very great pleasure in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Watts for the very kind and capable way in which he had acted as cicerone that day in visiting Witton Gilbert and Bearpark. They had presented to them very charming pictures of medieval times. There was no one now, thanks to the Reformation, to give them a ludi or ludis, but he thought they had a very fair one that day. He had frequently passed through this neighbourhood, but had no idea there were so many things of interest surrounding them on all sides, and no doubt more awaited them. He was sure they would pass through this district with fresh interest in the future. He had pleasure in moving a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Watts for his services that day.

Mr. Colpitts said it afforded him much pleasure to second this vote of thanks to Mr. Watts, not only for the very pleasant and profitable afternoon, but also for his instructive lecture on Witton Gilbert and Bearpark.

Mr. Leybourne had very great pleasure in supporting this vote of thanks to their worthy friend, the Rector of Witton Gilbert. He was sure the Rector's kindness to their Society had been (both last year this) of a most marked character and his services to the Society would long be remembered. His ready and most willing attitude in assisting them when asked was very much appreciated. He had very great pleasure therefore in supporting this vote of thanks to the worthy rector. (Applause.)

The Rev Mr Watts then claimed the privilege of proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was briefly responded to by Mr Clayton, a most successful meeting concluding with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for Baden-Powell.

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PUBLIC APOLOGY.

I, the undersigned, herewith withdraw every statement or assertion I have made which in any way reflects on the character and honesty of Mr. THOS. WM. WM. RITSON, the Secretary of the West Stanley Co-operative Society, and hereby PUBLICLY APOLOGISE for any injustice done, and sincerely regret my action. Mr. George Maines wishes it to be stated he has investigated the case and thoroughly endorses the action of the Committee in respect to my dismissal.

Witness, GEORGE MAINES.
866h Signed, BEN JOHNSON.

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GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, May, 1900. General Manager.

Public Notices.

THE Officials and Workmen of the BYER MOOR COLLIERY have Subscribed since December 9th the sum of £36 19s to the Durham County Reserve Fund.

872h JAMES COOPER, Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

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

573e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES INSTITUTE SPORTS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th, 1900.

120 Yards Foot Handicap, £20.—Mr. JOHN CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Handicapper. Quoiting, £3 17s 6d; Wrestling, £6; also other events.

529h GEO. SCOTT, Secretary.

CONSETT CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE COMMITTEE of the TWENTY-FOUR beg to thank very cordially all who in any way assisted in the recent Queen's Birthday Celebrations.

893h T. D. DRYDEN, Chairman.

NOTICE.

VISITORS TO SOUTH SHIELDS for Holidays or Week-end, will find Home Comforts, at reasonable charges, at

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TANTOBIE SPORTS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th.

£15 For 120 YDS. FOOT HANDICAP.

Entries close Monday, June 11th, Tuesday's Post in time, to Mr. J. Charlton, Handicapper, Victoria Garesfield, or to the Secretary; also, £4 for Quoiting.

Tenders wanted for Swings.

822h J. GREY, Secretary.

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SAT., JUNE 9th, 1900.

£20 120 yds. Foot Handicap, Entrance Fee 1s. 1d., to be sent to Handicapper, John Charlton, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green. Entries close Wednesday's morning Post, June 6th. No entry without fee accepted. Quoiting, £4, Wrestling, £6; also other Games.

811h GEO. SCOTT, Secretary.

DIPTON DIAMOND JUBILEE SPORTS,

JULY 7th, 1900.

£30 120 YARDS HANDICAP, Entrance 1s 1d, to MR. J. CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Lintz Green, Handicapper. Entries close July 2nd. £5 Quoit Handicap; £7 10s Wrestling; £2 10s Footballing, and other Games.

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The following information should be supplied with each Application:—*Name of Parish, Full Name of Soldier, Age, Married or Single, No. of Children, Wife, Mother, or Relatives, Dependent, Regiment, Regimental No., whether in Receipt of any, and if so what Relief or Government Allowance.* 446g

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Please to accept our thanks for letter received enclosing cheque value £7 (Seven Pounds) in settlement of our claim for foal, as insured with your Company, (the Horse, Carriage, and General Insurance Company), and I am instructed by our Committee to tender you their sincere thanks for the manner in which you have carried out the same, and the prompt settlement of the Claim.

Yours faithfully,
Per pro the Committee,
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CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

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Morning, 10.30 } Mr. J. E. RAINE.
Evening, 6 } Mr. T. HULL.

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On SUNDAY FIRST, June 3rd, Two SPECIAL SERMONS will be preached in the Afternoon at Two, and Evening at Six o'clock, by

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Of the New Chapel will be laid on WHIT-MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 1900, at Two o'clock by WILLIAM LOGAN, Esq., J.P.; J. R. GILCHRIST, Esq., J.P.; and others. When Addresses will be delivered by the Revs. T. Elliot, H. Pratt, Matthew Johnson, and other Friends.

At Four p.m. a MONSTER TEA will be held, to be followed by a PUBLIC MEETING, at which the Revs H. Pratt, Matthew Johnson, Mr. J. Johnson of the D.M.A., Durham, will will speak. Chair to be taken by William Logan, Esq., J.P.

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For particulars and date see next week's issue. 888h

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Lanchester Parish Council.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Parish Council was held on Tuesday evening in the Schools, Lanchester. Mr. U. A. Ritson, jun. (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Councillors A. Hartley, G. W. Wilson, G. Neasham, G. Thornton, R. Summerbell, J. Chapman, W. Jewitt, W. C. Bowman, and the Clerk (Mr. H. Knowles).

THE WILKINSON CHARITY.

A letter was read from Mr. Brotherhood in answer to a request from the Council asking him to submit a statement of accounts respecting the Rowland Wilkinson Charity, and to attend the next meeting of the Council. Mr. Brotherhood said he would comply with the first request by sending in a statement to the trustees. As to the second request he regretted he could not comply with it.

The Chairman said he did not think they could do anything in the matter until after the next meeting of the Trustees.

BYE-LAWS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to the bye-laws for the regulation of the Village Green at Lanchester.

The Chairman said they had returned the bye-laws and had struck out one of the clauses.

Mr. Chapman: Is it one they themselves inserted?

The Chairman: I believe it is; it is the sections under the Public Health Act.

Mr. Chapman proposed that the bye-laws be sent back for confirmation without this clause. They would very likely come back again with something else wrong.

The Chairman thought the best thing to do would be to have the bye-laws printed and circulated among the members before the next meeting. If they were found to be satisfactory then they could be advertised.

Mr. Neasham moved that they adopt the bye-laws, and have them printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council.

Mr. Thornton seconded the latter motion, which was agreed to.

THE VILLAGE GREEN SEATS.

Mr. G. W. Wilson drew attention to the condition of the seats on the Village Green. He thought they ought to take steps to have them painted.

After a short discussion it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Lanchester members, with power to obtain tenders and decide upon them.

The meeting then terminated.

CYCLING NOTES.

(By "Wheeler.")

I must say a word in praise of the cycle parade at Consett last week. Some seventy riders took part, and there were some fearful and wonderful costumes worn. There were also not a few remarkably neat ones, whilst in a number of instances the machines had also come in for attention. It was a capital idea, and those responsible for it, and those who took part in it, are alike to be congratulated. It was one of the features of a memorable evening.

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There was a good muster of the members of the Medomsley and District Club on Saturday for the run to Corbridge. As the weather was delightful the excursion was a truly enjoyable one. The journey was made via Whittonstall, and the return by way of the old Roman Wall. On Whit-Monday the run arranged is to Stanhope, and only fine weather is needed to make this a memorable outing. The pretty Weardale town is just now looking at its best, and visitors always receive a cordial welcome. I have lively recollections of Stanhope during the existence of the "Charlie" Club. The camps there will long live in my memory. We had a rare old time and no mistake. The jolly crew forming the "Charlies" are now scattered all over the country, and one or two have gone to their last long rest. To get back from this digression I may say that the Medomsley boys will leave at 10 pm. There should be a large muster.

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On Saturday first, the Diptonites will journey to that pretty little village in Northumberland known as Ponteland, which supplies the Newcastle Green Market with a vast quantity of vegetables and fruits, which are retailed to the thousands of consumers in the metropolis of the north. Given fine weather—and fortune almost always favours the brave—a treat is in store for those who wish to enjoy an afternoon excursion. On Saturday, June 9th, our friends will hold their picnic to Shotley Bridge, for which a brake has been procured for those who have not become "efficients," as the army folks say, on the wheel. All who intend going and require a seat should send their names to the secretary, Mr. F. Hodgson, Post Office, Dipton, with as little delay as possible.

Business Announcements.

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Public Notices.

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DAY OF MARCH, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances in hand at commencement of year ..		1050 2 3½
Private Street Improvement Works ..	516 4 5	
Market Tolls ..	29 3 9	
Moieties of Salaries ..	64 8 2	
Sewage Farm ..	489 11 6	
Fire Brigade ..	7 17 6	
Penalties ..	1 0 9	
Shale Sold ..	17 4	
Rent of Offices and Gas	10 16 0	
Towards maintenance of Blind Child ..	5 5 0	
Rent of Telephone Poles	4 6 0	
Rents of Hatchways ..	0 5 2	
Sale of Byelaws ..	0 15 6	
Half-costs of Footpaths	80 11 4	
General District Rates	5449 8 2½	6660 10 7½
		£7719 12 11

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewerage Works ..	233 4 2	
Sewage Disposal Works	39 11 5	
Street Improvements ..	275 6 0	
Repairs of Highways ..	641 7 4	
Watering Streets ..	73 9 1	
Scavenging ..	281 16 11½	
Removal of House Refuse ..	679 12 11½	
Removal of Snow & Ice	116 10 8½	
Public Lighting ..	686 12 1	
Recreation Ground ..	23 17 6	
Fire Brigade ..	33 12 6	
Public Offices, (including New Foreman's House &c.) ..	671 15 7½	
Hospital ..	0 16 0	
Infectious Diseases, (Notification Act, 1889) ..	28 7 5	
Elementary Education, (Blind and Deaf Childrens' Act, 1893) ..	21 0 0	
The Technical Instruction Act, 1889 ..	168 17 10	
The Allotments Act, 1887	58 1 2	
Public Conveniences ..	48 5 10	
Private Street Improvement Works ..	190 11 2	
Election Expenses ..	30 8 9	
Legal Charges ..	16 5 6	
Salaries ..	509 9 5	
Establishment Charges	190 3 5	
In Respect of Loans:—		
Repayments £484 0 0		
Interest 472 15 7	956 15 7	
Lanchester Joint Hospital Board ..	370 0 0	
Joint Burials Committee for Benfieldside, Consett and Knitsley Parishes ..	53 2 0	
Sewage Farm ..	363 16 5	6762 16 10
Balances in hand at end of year ..		956 16 1
		£7719 12 11

(Signed) THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Clerk.

Seventeenth Day of May, 1900.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the entries in the above Statement, with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement, have been duly complied with.

(Signed) SAMUEL J. McBRIDE, Assistant District Auditor.

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Business Announcement.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, June 1st, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

The New Vicar of Greenside. A very interesting service took place at Greenside last Saturday afternoon, when the Rev. Geo. D'Eath was inducted to the Vicarage of Greenside. The Rev. Canon Baily acted as inductor, and the service was attended by a large number of people. In the address before the actual induction Canon Baily spoke most highly of the late Vicar (Mr. Nason), and then proceeded to say in what great esteem the new Vicar (Mr. D'Eath) was held at the Spen. He asked all the people present to assist the new incumbent in his work, and to pray that he might have grace to do his duty as their pastor. Several clergy were present, and took part in the service, among whom we noticed the Rev. A. Jones, Rector of Winlaton; the Rev. M. Greene, Rector of Blaydon; the Rev. T. H. Morris, Vicar of St. Alban's, Heworth; and the Revs. E. Picton, E. Bolland, J. H. Clarkson, and W. R. Dawson. Mr. D'Eath will spend his last Sunday at St. Patrick's, Spen, on Whit-Sunday, and will preach there both morning and evening. On Trinity Sunday (June 10th), he will commence duty at Greenside, and will "read himself in" at the morning service. Mr. D'Eath leaves the Spen with the heartiest good wishes of his parishioners, who feel sure that he will soon become a favourite amongst his new friends at Greenside.

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A Pleasant Outing. The first excursion in connection with the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club took place last Saturday, and it must be said that those members who availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting Witton Gilbert and Bearpark thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The party were met at Witton Gilbert Station by that ardent naturalist and learned scholar, the Rev. Arthur Watts, who acted as cicerone to the company, and under his able guidance every object of interest "en route" to the village was pointed out and fully explained. Arrived at Witton Gilbert the Rectory grounds and Church were visited, many entertaining incidents relating thereto being told by Mr. Watts. Afterwards the party moved off to the Priory ruins at Bearpark, which were graphically described by the popular Rector of Witton Gilbert. The appetites of the company had now been considerably sharpened, and on returning to the village they were gratified by finding a sumptuous repast laid out for them in the National Schools. This disposed of, a meeting was held in the school-room under the presidency of Mr. W. Clayton, when no fewer than thirty-eight ladies and gentlemen were proposed for membership. This large accession to the ranks of the society is principally due to the efforts of the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Samuel Leybourne. Later on Mr. Watts read a most able and interesting paper dealing with Witton Gilbert and Bearpark. In speaking of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalene the rev. gentleman referred to the Poor Laws of Queen Elizabeth, which, he said, were then as now very cruel. He instanced a case of a poor woman in that parish who, during the present year, had the magnificent allowance of 3s 9d per week under the Poor Law to feed, clothe, and house five children on, and which was stopped as soon as a charitable fund stepped in to lighten the poor deserted mother's burden. Well might Mr. Watts describe such a law as cruel. It is worse—it is monstrous and disgraceful. A reform in the Poor Law system is urgently needed, but, alas! there seems to be but little hope of our legislators tackling this important question. They would sooner fritter their time away over some comparatively trifling matter.

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Otters at Shotley Bridge. A correspondent writes us:—"An interesting capture was effected a few days ago by Mr. J. G. Pearson, gamekeeper on the Shotley Hall Estate. He was going his customary rounds, and while by the side of the River Derwent, opposite Mr. L. Priestman's residence, and just below the Spa Grounds, he discovered a otter—a fairly good specimen—caught in a rabbit trap. The writer having heard this commented upon, waited upon Mr. Pearson at his home, and the latter verified the report. Mr. Pearson considers it a good specimen, although young. Its length is about four feet, and it weighed seventeen pounds and a half. Mr. Pearson also informed me that last season, while in the company of Mr. Summers Johnson, a keeper in the neighbourhood, they found three young otters about a month old. After keeping them a short time they were liberated. Mr. G. Grossick, groom at Shotley Hall, who is an amateur taxidermist of considerable skill, has the animal stuffed, although not enclosed in its case as yet. This capture of an otter is very interesting, as few expected they were to be found in the vicinity."

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Presentation to Canon Firth. Canon Firth, of Durham Cathedral, the honorary conductor of the Chester-le-Street Choral Society, has just been presented by the members of that body, at the conclusion of the successful season, 1899-1900, with a very handsome ivory baton, with chased silver-gilt mountings, bearing the following inscription:—"To Canon Firth, from the Chester-le-Street Choral Society, 1900." The worthy Canon has acted in the capacity of honorary conductor to the Society for four seasons, and being most painstaking in his efforts to cultivate the taste for classic music, he is deservedly very popular with the members. In making the presentation, the committee expressed the hope that Canon Firth might be spared many years to wield the baton, and continue his good work, which wish will be heartily reiterated by the reverend gentleman's many friends in Durham and Chester-le-Street. The baton, which is an exquisite model of its kind, was supplied by Messrs Curry Bros., of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Chester-le-Street.

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South Medomsley Colliery. The management of this colliery are having the heapstead, which was destroyed by fire some four years ago, re-erected. When this work has been completed it is expected that the output will amount to between sixty and seventy scores a day. To the indefatigable exertions of the managing director, Mr. J. T. Robinson, along with a staff of energetic officials, much of the success of finding new seams of coal which are yielding a good quantity of coal of excellent quality, is due. It is satisfactory to know that South Medomsley Colliery is in such a flourishing condition, as, after the disastrous fire referred to, it was feared that the colliery would be laid in. However, the able management of Mr Robinson and his staff has fortunately prevented such a calamity, and it seems in every way probable that the concern will go on and prosper for many years to come.

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"Tory John." At Usworth Churchyard, on Wednesday afternoon, there were interred the remains of a remarkable man—John Pyle, of Pelton Fell; or "Tory John" as he delighted to call himself. Mr. Pyle was a native of the Forest-of-Dean, where his father was a smith, a craft of which Mr. Pyle himself had more than an elementary knowledge. He, however, devoted himself to mining, and to the end of his working days he laboured in the mines. In early life he attached himself to that body of Methodists of whom the Countess of Huntingdon was the chief patron, and became an acceptable preacher among them, ultimately being appointed one of the society's missioners. Coming to Durham in the late sixties, he devoted all his leisure and his unbounded energies to the study of politics, and soon became a well-known expounder of Toryism and Imperialism. He never would admit the term Conservatism. He was, he said, an uncompromising Tory. At one time or other he lectured in every colliery village in the two northern counties, besides engaging in innumerable debates on all sorts of subjects, and with all sorts of opponents. He will perhaps be best remembered by his mission to London to advocate the abolition of the London coal dues. He stayed a fortnight in London, and addressed meetings in almost every part of it, carrying conviction wherever he went with his forcible arguments and rugged eloquence. On his return to the North, he continued the campaign with unabated vigour, until he saw the object of his desire accomplished. Two years since he went to Gloucestershire where he had a small freehold in the parish of Horsley. Here he hoped to demonstrate the existence of a workable seam of coal. Failing health and a lack of capital compelled him to abandon the enterprise, and he returned to his son at Usworth, where he died in his 74th year. The late Mr. Pyle was at one time a frequent contributor to the pages of the "Guardian," and what he wrote invariably possessed the merit of being worth reading.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

CONSETT LAGGING.

After the extraordinary enthusiasm shown in Consett last Thursday night there seems a sudden change to have set in—a reaction. Mr. Aynsley advised them to begin at once and prepare to celebrate the capture of Pretoria, [illegible] while other places in the district have been holding meetings and making preparations not a move appears to have been made in Consett. Unless something is done speedily the people of Consett will have to join in and assist their friends at Blackhill, Benfieldside, and Shotley Bridge where rejoicings on a larger scale are being organised. According to the latest reports from Lord Roberts the day does not seem to be far distant when Pretoria will fall into our hands and the Union Jack will wave over the Transvaal Capital. Has it to silently wave from a few windows in Consett, or has there to be a strong Committee formed to draw up a programme which could be printed and sold at a penny each, the money thus raised to go towards the costs of the rejoicings. By taking immediate steps these programmes could be put into circulation beforehand and a decent sum raised. Consett has already shown what it can do in the way of demonstrating and only a start is wanted to worthily celebrate the crowning act of the War.

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EMPIRE DAY AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

That the inhabitants of Shotley Bridge are exceptionally patriotic, was proved by the outburst on Mafeking day, reported in the "Guardian" of last week, but the full expression of their loyalty has demanded something more tangible than the spontaneous fervour they then gave evidence of. Therefore a meeting of those likely to be interested was held on May 21st. Messrs T. H. Surtees and Wilkinson Foster were appointed secretaries, Mr. W. Wilson treasurer, and the following gentlemen collectors of donations for a fund to celebrate the hoisting of the flag at Pretoria:—Messrs. L. Urwin, Surtees Leslie, J. Henry, W. Wilson, T. H. Surtees, and J. W. Foster. It was suggested the rejoicing should consist of as good a display of fireworks as possible, a bonfire, and if funds would allow a treat for the children and old people of the village. Another meeting was held in the Reading Room on May 24th, and the enthusiasm with which this scheme was taken up was far beyond the most sanguine hopes of the originators.

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HAPPY ROWLEY!

A few days ago my contemporary "Whist," in the "Newcastle Journal," gave prominence to the following among his many interesting paragraphs:—"If you would be where things are well forward, go to Rowley, beyond Consett, on the brink of the wild moors—"Cold Rowley." I have a letter from that place, signed "Rowley," telling that, on Sunday night, the corncrake was heard there, being fourteen days earlier than last year. Also, there are mushrooms to be gathered near Rowley." Happy Rowley! Kindly go on "Rowley" sending your letters to "Whist" but label your baskets of mushrooms to "Wanderer," "Guardian" Office, Consett.

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A SUSPICIOUS CASE.

It was a very suspicious case which the police laid before the Consett Bench on Monday respecting a charge of selling liquor without a license at Hisehope. The facts of the case will be found in another column and I fancy that the conclusions most readers will come to will be that either the occupants of the huts are an unusually nervous set of people or that the real truth has not come out. The Court was asked to believe that the approach of two or three policemen led to a panic and a number of hut-holders who had nine gallon casks of beer, some full, some partly full, rushed them out of their dwellings and allowed them to take their chance on the open Fell or in a public wash-house. Is it likely? P.C. Wall was very emphatic in his evidence and was not shaken in his cross-examination, even by Mr. Edward Clark, but he lacked corroboration. The evidence was very conflicting, and if one side was telling the truth, then the other side was telling a deliberate lie. Perjury in Courts of law grows amain, and it seems to be high time that some steps were taken to put a stop to it.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[By "Geordie."]

THE LATE MR. N. PARKER.

It was with extreme regret that I heard of the death of Mr. Nicholas Parker, although it cannot be said that the event was altogether unexpected. The late Mr. Parker was a singularly quiet and unobtrusive gentleman, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. By his death the Wesleyan body and the Liberal Association have lost a staunch adherent whilst the "Guardian" has also lost in him a good friend. There was a large gathering at the funeral last Saturday, despite the fact that the day was an inconvenient one for tradespeople.

A FORMER CURATE.

I notice that the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, formerly curate of Leadgate, is leaving Sacriston. At a gathering held recently Mr. Shrewsbury was presented by his parishoners with a purse of gold, whilst Mrs. Shrewsbury was also the recipient of a handsome present. Many nice things were said concerning the worthy pair—who appear to have been very popular in Sacriston—and they leave with the best wishes of their many friends.

THE SAXHORN BAND.

I am pleased to hear that there is every prospect of the old Saxhorn Band being as strong as ever. I understand that there are more bandsmen than there are instruments for. It is intended to make an appeal for subscriptions to purchase new instruments, as many of those now in use have seen their best days. I trust that the appeal will be liberally responded to, as anything of this kind is worthy of support. Mr. R. Death has been appointed conductor, Mr. Jont. Eddy secretary, and Mr. Thos. Walton treasurer, with a strong committee. Thanks to the kindness of the Rev. T. Varley, the use of the Infants' School has been granted for practice, and the members are now practising regularly.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

The birthday of Her Majesty was celebrated in a quiet way in Leadgate. There was a good display of flags, banners, and bunting, but nothing in the shape of a demonstration. The Saxhorn Band played along the Front Street in the evening, and the visit of the cyclists from Consett caused some stir.

WHEN PRETORIA IS TAKEN.

On Tuesday evening, there was a capital gathering at the house of Mr. T. S. Longstaff, to consider what means should be adopted to celebrate the hoisting of the British flag at Pretoria. Mr. Longstaff presided in the absence of Mr. C. F. Scott, who was unable to be present, but who wrote explaining his warm approval of the scheme, and kindly promising all the assistance in his power. It was decided to have a bicycle parade at six o'clock in the evening of the first Saturday after the event happens, and a number of prizes (open to all) will be offered for the most comical costume, neatest costume, prizes for ladies, etc. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs G. W. Goulden, J. O. Todd, J. Kershaw, and J. Day, will have charge of the arrangements for the parade.

AFTER THE PARADE.

At half-past eight o'clock there will be a short concert in the Co-operative Hall, and an hour later a torchlight procession will start from the Store premises. This will be headed by a number of horsemen in charge of Coun. W. Foreman, and it is expected to obtain the services of three bands. There will be characters in all sorts of costumes, and also rolleys representing various incidents. The procession will proceed by way of Church Square, North Cross Street, Watling Street, Front Street, [illegible] Row, Plantation Street, to Durham Road, then on to Iveston, and back again to the park, where a huge bonfire will be lighted, and dancing, etc., will be indulged in. Mr. C. F. Scott is to be asked to preside at the gathering in the hall, and Miss Scott will be invited to light the fire. Coun. Foreman was empowered to order 250 torches—a sample of which he kindly brought to the meeting. Messrs. J. Atkinson and Kershaw have generously promised the loan of rolleys and horses. The committee trust to have the cordial co-operation of all the inhabitants in their efforts to fittingly celebrate this important occasion, and it is hoped that as many as possible will appear in comical and fancy costume, and thus make the procession worthy of the event. It is also anticipated that everybody will display flags, banners, or bunting from their windows, etc. Mr. C. F. Scott was appointed chairman, Mr. Longstaff treasurer, and Messrs. Geo. Cooke and J. Ross secretaries. Mr. Goulden was appointed band marshal, and the other marshals will be arranged for by Mr. Cooke.

STANLEY.

FORMATION OF A CYCLING CLUB.—On Tuesday evening a Cycle Club was formed for Stanley, consisting of about 50 members.

Local and District News.

Consett.

STAGSHAWBANK WHITSUN FAIR.—For this time honoured fair a brake will be run by way of Allansford and Manor House, on Saturday, leaving Mr. G. J. Christopher's establishment at six o'clock in the morning prompt.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—Mr. Dryden and others who took a leading part in the celebration of the Queen's Birthday in Consett, desire to thank all who so kindly joined in and rendered so much assistance towards making it the success it was. Some inquiries were made as to Mr. McNair, and several of his friends were of opinion that he was "non est." That was not so, however, for he took a prominent part in the parade, and added more than his quota towards the general enjoyment.

THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.—On Saturday night, a gathering organised by Mr. Ralph Walton (secretary to the Bricklayers' Society) was held at the house of Mr. W. Coulson, Commercial Hotel, Consett, to celebrate the relief of Mafeking. There were between 30 and 40 present, who first partook of an excellent cold collation, which was ably superintended by Mr. Martin. Afterwards, Mr. Wm. Johnson was voted to the chair, and Mr. John Massey to the vice-chair.—Mr. Jervis proposed "The Queen," and said they would all drink the toast heartily, seeing that Her Majesty had just completed her 81st birthday. (Cheers.)—The Chairman said the next toast was one that would be honoured most enthusiastically, and that was "The health of Baden-Powell, and the men under him." (Cheers.) He knew they would drink the toast with gusto. The toast was warmly pledged with musical honours.—The Vice-chairman, in proffering the next toast, said they had found the campaign they had entered upon a big one. Before the beginning of the year they were in Queer Street, but since then they had assembled themselves and won victory upon victory. (Cheers.) He proposed "Success to Tommy Atkins," and his quick return from South Africa. (Cheers.)—The Chairman, in giving "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," said they must not forget the relief of Ladysmith, and those who saved it, amongst whom was a Durham county man, Captain Lambton. (Cheers.)—The other toasts included "Flumer and Mahon," "The Trade of the District," "The Host and Hostess." "The Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Secretary." Excellent songs were rendered by Messrs Jervis, Bowen, Borrow, Pearson, Crawford, Dorman, Mason, Parker, and Danger, whilst splendid music was provided by Messrs Marrs (piano) and A. Parker (violin.) The enjoyable proceedings terminated by the company singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

Annfield Plain.

Immense bargains at THE CASTLE WATCH WORKS during the Removal Sale.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.—The Queen's birthday at Annfield Plain was celebrated in a modest way, the South Derwent Band parading the streets and playing well-known airs and national songs.

DEATH OF MRS. T. BOWES.—We sincerely regret to have to announce the sad death of Lucy, the beloved wife of Mr. Thos. Bowes, under-manager, of Pontop House, Annfield Plain, which took place early on Friday morning, after a long and wearisome illness. It was thought by her friends the day previous to her death that she was a little better, as she partook of a hearty meal just before retiring to rest, while during the day she chatted cheerfully to an old and intimate friend, who in her school days had been one of her playmates. During the evening Mrs. Bowes had either got out of bed or fallen out, and when found by Mr. Bowes early on in the morning of Friday there was a wound on the side of her head, which was bleeding. With assistance Mr. Bowes placed Mrs. Bowes in a chair near the bed until her head and face had been bathed, and while Mr. Bowes was in the act of dressing himself Mrs. Bowes suddenly fell from the chair, hitting her nose against the bed which caused her great pain. When Mr. Bowes picked her up he found life extinct. Her remains were interred at Hare Law on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a very large company of mourners and friends. Deceased was forty years of age and leaves a husband and young family to mourn their loss. Wreathes were sent by Mrs. John Cranston, Annfield Plain; Mr. Wm. Darling, Tynemouth; and Mr. Wm. Lamb, Hexham. The chief mouners were Mr. Thomas Bowes, husband; Mr. Joseph Bowes (son), and Mrs. Bowes, Birmingham; Mr. Jas. Henderson, Ryton (brother), Mrs. Oliver (sister), Burnhill; Messrs Wm. and Robert Darling, Tynemouth; Mr. John and Mrs. Errington, Sunderland; Mr. George and Mrs. Mills, Sunderland; Mr. Harry Errington, Oxhill; Mr. Robert Freick, Hill Top; Mr. John Bowes, Dipton; Mr. John Bowes, Tanfield; Mr. E. Bowes, Tanfield; Mr. Joseph Bowes, Tanfield; and a very large following of the employees of Pontop Colliery.

Blaydon.

PRESENTATION TO THE RECTOR, MRS. GREENE, AND MR. R. D. R. GREENE.—On Sunday afternoon, the members of the adult classes, children, and teachers of St. Cuthbert's Sunday Schools, Blaydon, made the Rector, Mrs. Greene, and Mr. R. D. R. Greene the recipients of handsome presents on the occasion of their leaving for Norham. The curate, the Rev. Ernest Picton, on behalf of the scholars of Mrs. Greene's Bible class, and of the teachers, presented the Rector and Mrs. Greene with a pair of beautiful silver candlesticks, and Mr. R. D. R. Greene, on behalf of the Young Men's Bible Class, with a handsome wrought iron and copper "five o'clock tea kettle."

Bonfires were lighted in the Blaydon district on Thursday night in celebration of the Queen's Birthday, whilst fireworks, crackers, and the like were set off. Groups of people congregated around the bonfires, and sang the National Anthem. Flags that were hoisted on the relief of Mafeking were in many cases allowed to remain. Effigies of Kruger were still to be seen in many parts. Mr. Wm. Paxton, of Northumberland House, Church Street, Blaydon, promoted a fund, out of which a treat might be provided for the school children of Blaydon, in honour of the Queen's birthday. The treat duly came off on Thursday, and the affair was a thorough success. Some hundred of little ones of the district were feted in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blaydon Haughs, tea being provided in the afternoon, whilst in the evening a series of entertainments, including field sports, were provided.

Birtley.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The Primitive Methodists at Birtley made a special effort on Sunday to raise money in aid of their new church, which was opened for divine worship in October last, having been erected at a cost of nearly £3,000. A well-known local gentleman has kindly offered to give £20 towards the new church if the members can raise £80 by the middle of next month. The proceedings commenced with a sale of useful and fancy goods, and ended with a supper in the evening.

Castleside.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—The good people of Castleside are to be favoured with a visit from Prof. Betts, B.Sc., who will preach in the Wesleyan Chapel, Castleside, on Sunday afternoon and evening. All who wish to have a treat should not fail to attend this place of worship.

PROPERTY IN THE MARKET.—On Monday evening Mr. A. Phillipson, auctioneer, Dipton, offered for sale by public auction, at the Smelters' Arms, a valuable dwelling-house of five rooms, with useful cellar, large garden, and every necessary convenience. There was a good attendance, and after the bidding nearly reached the reserve, the property was withdrawn.

SPECIAL SERVICES.—Sunday last was quite a busy day at the Primitive Methodist Church. Special services were conducted in the morning by Miss Keilor, of Whitelee-Head; in the afternoon by Miss McRostie, of Wallsend, assisted by Miss Keilor; and in the evening by Miss Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea. The last named lady has been honoured by the District Meeting recently held at Blyth in the first week in May, appointing her as delegate to the conference in Hull in June. No doubt her services will be highly appreciated during the conference sitting. Both the other young ladies are becoming popular as speakers and evangelists. The choir rendered some choice selections of music under the baton of Mr. T. Raine. The organist was Mr. J. E. Palliser, Blackhill. Collections were were taken up in aid of the Trust Funds.

Chopwell.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL.—The foundation stones of the new chapel to be erected by the Chopwell Primitive Methodists will be laid on Whit-Monday by Mr. W. Logan, J.P., Mr. J. R. Gilchrist, J.P., and others, the ceremony to commence at at two o'clock. At four o'clock there will be a monstre tea, and in the evening a public meeting will be held at which Mr. Logan will preside, and addresses will be delivered by several ministers, and by Mr. J. Johnson, of the Durham Miners' Association.

Chester-le-Street

SUNDAY CLOSING.—A canvass of Chester-le-Street, under the auspices of the local abstinence society, has just been concluded on the question of the Sunday closing of public houses, the result being as under:—In favour of Sunday closing 684; against, 272; neutral, 83; total poll, 1,039; majority in favour, 412.

THE PRICE OF GAS.—The Parish Lighting Company have given notice that owing to the exceptional rise in the price of coal, the price of gas supplied by them will, at the August quarterly readings, be charged at the rate of 3/6 per 1,000 cubic feet. This is an advance of 6d per 1,000 cubic feet.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.—It will be remembered that during the celebrations in connection with the relief of Mafeking, a youth named Martin was injured through some pallisading and stone-work falling upon him, owing to the pressure of the crowd. Since the sad occurrence much sympathy has been expressed for the family, and it was pleasing to find that Mr. Thomas R. Hall, the genial and most energetic secretary of the Chester-le-Street Cricket Club, along with Mr. Deighton Reed—two gentlemen who are ever ready to lend their services to a good cause—at once commenced to focus the sympathy and set it into a tangible form. They waited upon the Town Band, the members of which readily offered their services. The committee of the Cricket Club were next waited upon, and they kindly granted the use of their field gratuitously, in which to hold a concert. Further arrangements were effected, with the result that on Sunday afternoon a successful sacred concert took place. The band played selections of music from the bridge to the cricket field, where a large concourse of people soon congregated. A first-class programme of music was rendered in a highly-creditable manner by the band, under the able leadership of Mr. J. Hughes. A collection was taken, when the handsome sum of £7 15s was realised.

Dipton

QUOIT HANDICAP.—The following are results in the handicap promoted by Mr. R. Rutherford, of the Fox Inn, Dipton, to which the promoter adds 30s to the entrance fees. The conditions are 10 yards, clay ends, and 31 points game. Mr. Wm. Dodds, of Dipton, is the handicapper:—Heat 1—Rutherford, scratch, beat Murray, scratch, by 3 points.—Heat 2—Black, 3 start, beat Robt. Evans, 6 by 4.—Heat 3—Gardiner, 3, beat Sanderson, 3, by 7.—Heat 4—Jackson, 3, beat Wallace, 4, by 2.

FREE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the anniversary services of the Sunday School in connection with the Dipton Free Church were conducted by the Rev. A. Crego, of Blackhill. At each service the children recited portions of Scripture, poetry, etc., and sang a choice selection of hymns, assisted by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. Burton, Mr. Callaway presiding at the organ. The services, which were well attended, will be continued on Sunday.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Wednesday evening of last week the members of the Dipton Primitive Methodist Choir rendered the sacred cantata "A Daughter of Moab" in the above place of worship in aid of the new organ fund. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. Harris, of Burnopfield, who made some very appropriate and humorous remarks. The soloists were Miss M. A. Crosby, Miss H. Ledger, Miss M. E. Williams, Miss M. Johnson, Mr. E. Herdman, and Mr. J. Beatham. Mr. E. Herdman wielded the baton and Mr. W. D. Lawson presided at the organ. There was a fairly good company present. The cantata was well rendered, and great credit is due to the unremitting energies of the conductor.

Dunston

M.N.C. RAMBLING CLUB.—The members of the newly-formed rambling club in connection with the Methodist New Connexion Chapel, Dunston, held their first ramble on Saturday afternoon, when the picturesque locality of Lintz Green was visited. The Derwent Valley, rich in sylvan beauty, was much admired, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Edmundbyers

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services of the above school were held on Saturday and Sunday. The children partook of their annual feast, and there was a public tea for the adults. The evening meeting was very well attended by people from neighbouring villages. Mr. T. C. Elliot, of Castleside, occupied the chair. Mr Thomas Moore, of Newcastle, gave a splendid address on "Sunday School work," which was much appreciated. Mr. J. Nixon, of Shotley Bridge, gave a paper on "Reading and mental culture." The choir rendered several old favourites of Methodism in capital style. On the Sunday, Mr. Moore preached two powerful sermons. The Blackhill Wesleyan choir was in attendance, and rendered a choice selection of music at intervals. The children recited at each service. The anniversary services proved a financial success.

Leadgate.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—A new Cadet Section in connection with the "Endeavour" Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance was instituted at Leadgate on Saturday by Bro. C. W. Davenport, Grand Patron, of Heaton, Newcastle, assisted by Bros. Jas. Gibson, G.S., and Hy. W. Stokoe, P.G.P., of Byker, Newcastle. After the Section was opened, Bro. James Barron, Front Street, Leadgate, was appointed Patron, and the following Assistant-Patrons were elected:—Bros. Robt. Pull, W. Hedley, and H. Miller. The Section opened with 140 members, all under 15 years of age. Bros. Davenport, Stokoe, Jopling, Gibson, Barron, and Pull addressed the cadets present. After a hearty vote of thanks to the Grand Division officers a successful meeting ended.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The anniversary services in connection with the Sunday School of the Leadgate Wesleyan Church were held last week-end. On Saturday the children, preceded by the Mission Band, marched to a field in Iveston Road, kindly granted by Coun. G. Nicholson, where games, etc., were indulged in, and the youngsters were entertained to tea. The preacher on Sunday was Mr. Wm. Hogg, of Westwood, whose services were much appreciated. Mr. Hogg preached in the morning, and in the afternoon addressed the parents, teachers, and scholars. Mr. Hogg also officiated in the evening, when, previous to the service commencing, the congregation rose and sang the National Anthem. There were large companies at each service. The children recited portions of scripture, and dialogues—which were of quite a high-class order—in an excellent manner, whilst the singing of choice selections of music, assisted by the choir, reflected great credit on the choirmaster, Mr. Joseph Davison, along with Mr. Fred Harrison the organist. The collections for the day were very good.

Lintz Green

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH COMMITTEE.—The members of this committee had a most enjoyable excursion to the Roman Wall on Saturday, the 18th inst. Those who possessed cycles rode them to Corbridge, whilst the remainder went by train. Here the forces were united for an attack on Stagshaw Bank, which, being successfully overcome, the goal was obtained, and a thorough scrutiny of it made under the able direction of the Rev. E. Rust. The party then set out to walk to Chollerford, all the Mile Castles, Oswald's Kirk, and the various other points of interest being pointed out and duly noted by the way. After having refreshed the "inner man" by a good substantial tea, the remains of the Roman Bridge were inspected, a vote of thanks to the cicerone, was proposed and heartily-acclaimed, and then the return journey was begun and safely accomplished. It is proposed to have an excursion to the wall near Bardon Mill on Whit-Monday. Any members who would like to join this are requested to give in their names to the secretary (Mr. Randle) as soon as possible.

Medomsley.

THE RELIEF OF MAFEKING.—In our report last week of the rejoicings at Medomsley over the relief of Mafeking, we omitted to mention that the bonfire—an excellent one, by the way—was erected by Messrs J. Ross and W. Hunter, of Medomsley, and Mr. Ratcliffe, of Lanchester. The bird and nest found by Messrs Traynor and Jos. Bramley—and referred to in our last issue—have been sent away to be cured.

Shotley Bridge

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.—For the Whitsuntide holidays special attractions have been arranged for the delectation of the thousands who patronise these popular grounds at holiday times. Arrangements have been made for a foot handicap, bicycle and pony racing, and a variety of other sports. Given fine weather there ought to be a record attendance.

Whickham

HOPPING.—An article upon Whickham "hopping" will appear in our next issue.

AN EARLY SWARM OF BEES.—On Sunday morning Mr Wm. Turnbull, of Whickham, secured a swarm of bees at his garden, situated near the village green. This is considered one of the earliest in the district.

Pelton

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD.—There has just passed away at Pelton, at an advanced age, Mr. John Pyle, who for years has been a well-known exponent of Conservatism in the district.

FARM FIRE NEAR OLD PELTON.—Early on Sunday afternoon, a fire was discovered to have broken out in the barn at Moss Close Farm, near Old Pelton, occupied by Mr. S. T. Kirkup. Sergt. Winn and a staff of constables were quickly on the scene, and, together with Captain Humble, West Pelton, Mr. Wm. Storey, engineer to Messrs Joicey, Mr. James Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, the agent for the property, and a large force of helpers, rendered every assistance in the endeavour to quench the flames. Many of the miners in their eagerness to assist had their best clothing completely spoiled. Unfortunately, no water was obtainable nearer than the West Pelton Co-operative Society's hydrant, some three or four hundred yards distant. Piping had to be requisioned from the surrounding collieries, and fitted together, this causing a delay of more than two hours before efficient help could be rendered. The west range of the farm buildings, consisting of a barn, granary, cart shed, etc., was entirely destroyed. The adjoining building escaped a similar fate only by miners climbing on the roof, and severing the timbers. Damage resulted to the extent of about £350. We understand the buildings were partially insured.

On Tuesday evening week the ninetieth quarterly meeting of the Pelton Fell Equitable Industrial Society was held in the Wesleyan School-room. The chairman, Mr. John W. Hewitson, presided, and in his customary address, indicated the satisfactory state of each branch of the Society, and complimented the various employees, officers, and members on the substantial and continued progress made during the past quarter, the profits enabling the committee to propose a dividend of 3/10 in the pound. The printed agenda of business having been discussed and passed, the meeting took an enthusiastic interest in the presentation of a gold watch in morocco case to the chairman. The secretary called upon Mr. Wm. Lowther, who is, besides being one of the oldest members of the Society, also one of the pioneers of co-operation in this district, to formally make the presentation. Mr. Lowther said he felt honoured in being chosen to perform that pleasing duty on behalf of the members, and he should always regard the occasion with great pride, not only as pertaining to himself but as being the channel through which the meeting recognised the value they had that evening placed on their chairman's devotion to the welfare of the Pelton Fell Co-operative Society. He then briefly related how the Society had commenced among some nine or ten working men—viz., the late venerable Robert Maddison, father of Robert Maddison, sen., who was now, and had been for more than twenty years their treasurer, John Young, and himself, who were still with them and "to the front," John Douglass, John Pace, and a few others who had now joined the majority—these men had, each fortnight, clubbed together a few shillings, and began by trading with Mr. Silas Kent, wholesale merchant; thus the Society had sprung and grown from so humble a beginning to its present proportions. He also pointed out how, during his forty years' experience as a co-operator, the system, as introduced by Robert Owen and others, had produced such beneficial results directly to the working classes, and indirectly to others outside its pale. He, the speaker, could well remember the time when sixpence a score tubs was paid to miners and fivepence a score to putters, when provisions and even the common necessaries of life were scarcely obtainable by any but the well-to-do, and he had a clear recollection of the years 1846 to 1849 when such heroes as Cobden and Bright agitated and struggled hard both in and out of Parliament to obtain cheap bread by the Repeal of the Corn Laws, and now that workmen had better houses and improved times he strongly advocated thrift and frugality among those who had so hardly to earn their livelihood—to provide for coming sickness and old age, and he emphasised his remarks by stating that all through his long life, he had certainly practised what he had now and always preached. In conclusion, on behalf of the members of their Society he had the greatest possible pleasure in handing to Mr. Hewitson that very useful, ornamental, and valuable gold watch, and he hoped the recipient might be permitted to enjoy its use for many years to come. (Applause.) In accepting the gift Mr. Hewitson first expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to receive that token of their appreciation of what small services he had rendered to the Society, from the hands of Mr. William Lowther, who was, if not the oldest member of the Society, one of its originators, a man with whom for many years he had worked on the committee of management, who through adverse as well as prosperous days had never left the ship (applause) and always worked as if he had the ultimate success of the store at heart. He then, in feeling terms, alluded to himself as being unworthy to receive so valuable a present, and though he highly prized it not merely so much for its intrinsic worth as on account of the spontaneous unanimity with which it was proposed by the members, yet at the same time he felt he had done nothing to merit such a present from them, and would always feel he owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Society generally, which he was utterly incompetent to redeem. He sincerely thanked all who had had any part in the matter, and he entirely failed to find words which would at all convey to them the state of his feelings. (Applause.)—The inscription on the dome of the watch is as follows:—"Presented to Mr. J. W. Hewitson by the members of the Pelton Fell Equitable Society for services rendered. April 1900." After a hearty vote of thanks had been given to Mr. Lowther, and congratulations offered to Mr. Hewitson, the meeting terminated.

Swalwell.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The anniversary services in connection with the Swalwell Primitive Methodist Chapel were held on Sunday in the old Presbyterian Church. In the morning and afternoon the children recited portions of scripture and sang select hymns, while in evening a service of song, entitled "Fighting for the Queen," was rendered by the choir. The services are to be continued on June 17th.

SMOKING CONCERT.—On Saturday evening a most successful smoking concert was held at the house of Mr. James Smiles, Elephant Inn, Swalwell, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Dixon. A most enjoyable evening was spent, songs, etc., being rendered by the chairman, Mr. D. Murray, Mr. C. Higgins, Mr. J. Smiles, Mr. J. Newton, Mr. T. Greensitt (Blaydon), Mr. J. Newton, Mr. Wm. Hepple, Mr. Wm. Hood, Mr. Charles Dixon, and others. A silver collection was made in aid of the Reservists, when the sum of 22/6 was realised.

SENT TO PRISON.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Joshua Turner, sen., and Matthew Storey were summoned by P.C. Slater for being drunk and disorderly at Swalwell.—The defendants were fined 1/- and costs each, but failed to pay the same, and were each sent to prison for seven days.

PITCH AND TOSS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Andrew Harris, Andrew Webb, George Grigg, and Thomas Long were proceeded against by P.C. Kindred for playing at pitch and toss at Swalwell, on the 12th inst.—The defendants were fined 1/- and costs—6/6 each.

Sacriston

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.—A public tea was held in the National School, Sacriston, on Wednesday week, and in the evening an interesting gathering of the parishioners took place for the two-fold purpose of according a welcome to the new vicar, and making a presentation to the late curate. Mr. Noble, churchwarden, presided, and requested Mr. Blackett, on behalf of the parishioners, to address a few words of welcome to the Rev. G. H. C. Bartley (the new vicar) and Mrs. Bartley. Mr. Blackett mentioned that although it was not a long time since they met to take leave of their late vicar, there was no reason why they should not give a right hearty welcome to the new vicar. He hoped that he and Mrs. Bartley would have a happy stay amongst them and a long one.—Mr. Bartley, in reply, said he would do his best to try and work so that he and his parishioners might mutually agree on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the parish. He did not purpose making any changes which need give them alarm. He desired if possible in the course of time to make the churchyard beautiful, and also to purchase a new organ.—Mr. Noble then presented the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, the late curate, with a purse of gold, and trusted he would ever cherish pleasant memories of his Sacriston friends.—Mrs. Moore, of Nettlesworth, presented Mrs. Shrewsbury with a silver tea service, subscribed for by the Nettlesworth mothers.—The Rev. C. Shrewsbury, in reply, spoke in glowing terms of the kindness he had received on all sides during his curacy in the parish. The Sacriston Church String Band played selections during the evening, and also played the National Anthem, which brought the proceedings to a close.

A CONSETT FATALITY.

On the 14th of February an accident occurred at the Consett Iron Works by which a young man named Albert Sydney Ackerman sustained an injury to his foot, which led to complications necessitating amputation, from the effects of which he never recovered. It seems that the deceased had jumped off an engine to go and work the points in order to turn the engine in its journey from the Cogging Mill to the Smelting Shop. In doing so he seems to have slipped and fallen underneath a bogey attached to the engine. He cried out, and the engine-driver at once pulled up and got assistance, and had Ackerman removed to the Infirmary, where he became afflicted with abscesses, and although everything was done for him, he succumbed on Monday morning. Much sympathy was expressed with the father of deceased, who lost his wife not long ago, and an infant child, and is himself in an unfavourable state of health.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Police Station, Consett, on Wednesday afternoon, before Mr. A. T. Shepherd, Deputy-Coroner.

John Henry Ackerman, father of the deceased, said he was a steel-worker, and resided at 7, Spencer Street. His son was in his 19th year, and was a locomotive crane fireman, employed at the Consett Iron Company's Works. He was injured on the 14th of February, and was taken to the Infirmary, where he remained until his death, which took place on Monday morning. He told witness that there was a bit of snow on his boot, and in crossing a pair of points he slipped. A bogey ran over his foot. It was a rough night. So far as witness knew the occurrence was a pure accident.

John T. Whaley, train brakesman, said he was driving the engine on the 14th of February at about six o'clock in the morning. There was one bogey attached to the engine, and he was going from the Cogging Mill into the Smelting Shop. The deceased got off the engine to go to the points. Witness stopped the engine. Deceased got the points turned and witness proceeded and then heard him cry out. The engine was stopped at once and witness got down and found Ackerman crawling out from underneath the bogey. He said "Oh, my leg." Witness ran to the test-house for the manager, and deceased was taken into the office, and from there to the Infirmary. It was a very dirty morning, and there was snow on the ground. It was evident that deceased had slipped, because they found the heel of his boot fast in the check rail. Witness saw the boot afterwards, and found that the heel was off.

Dr. W. Bratton said the deceased was admitted into the Infirmary suffering from an injury to the left leg. On examination he found a lacerated wound extending the whole length of the sole of the foot, and penetrating as deep as the ankle joint. There was also an extensive contusion of the leg and outer side of the thigh and hip. Witness removed the leg between the upper and middle third. Five days afterwards abscesses began to make appearance over the outer part of the thigh and hip, and were opened, but the abscesses continued to discharge quantities of "puss." About a fortnight after an abscess formed on the left elbow joint which was incised. The patient got gradually weaker, losing flesh very rapidly until Monday morning, when he succumbed, death being due to exhaustion following pyæmia, which was the result of the injuries.

The Deputy-Coroner said it was tolerably clear that it was an accident. The lad seemed to have got off the engine for the purpose of turning the points, and in doing so had got his foot in the check rail, causing him to fall under the bogey. It was a wet night and the rails appeared to have been greasy. His condition was such that he seemed to have been growing worse from the time he went into the Infirmary.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was then returned.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CASTLESIDE.

DEDICATION OF A CHANCEL SCREEN.

On Wednesday afternoon a special service was held in St. John's Church, Castleside, the occasion being the dedication of a beautiful oak chancel screen, erected at a cost of about £50. The screen was designed by Messrs Hicks and Charlewood, Diocesan Architects, and was erected by Messrs. Stoker and Robinson, Gibson Street, Consett, successors to Mr. John Routledge, who executed the contract for building the church. The screen consists of carved spandrils, and carved bosses, made out of four-inch by three-inch square with wainscot panels. The work has been carried out in an elegant and chaste manner, and is a distinct improvement to the Church. The dedication service was conducted by the Rev. E. Sidney Savage, M.A., Rector of Hexham, and among the clergy present were the Rev. J. Wallis, Vicar of Castleside; the Rev. A. Watts, Rector of Witton Gilbert; the Rev. W. Cockin, Vicar of Medomsley; and the Rev. J. Ingham, Vicar of Muggleswick. Among the large congregation were Messrs. W. J. Scott and Hedley Nicholson, Churchwardens; Mr. T. L. Gledstone, Mr. A. Russell, and others. A shortened evening service was held, the choir being in attendance, with Mr. Geo. A. Williams at the organ. The Vicar conducted the service, the Rev. A. Watts read the lesson, and after the singing of the hymn, "Pleasant are Thy courts above," the Rector of Hexham, in the name of the Trinity, dedicated the screen. He said he felt that although coming from another diocese he could not do otherwise than respond to the kind invitation of the Vicar of Castleside. When he saw the tablet to the memory of the Rev. H. Farrar he felt more at home, for he was a curate at Barrow-in-Furness, which was his (the speaker's) first incumbency. When he was in Barrow they were greatly troubled with strikes and other matters which affected the prosperity of the district, but during those troublous times they were constantly told of the prosperity of Consett. He felt glad, as he was driving from Hexham that morning, to find himself near Consett, and he was also glad to know that great prosperity was now being experienced in Barrow. He understood that the screen was the spontaneous gift of the laity of the parish, in co-operation with their Vicar. He trusted that many would pass it to the Holy Table.—The service shortly after concluded, and was followed by a public tea, at which there was a good attendance, the tables being presided over by Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Nicholson, and Mrs. Richardson, assisted by a number of young ladies. In the evening a social was held in the School-room, and the proceeds of the day were for further improvements in the Church.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Nearly everyone we should imagine, will be familiar with the story of Lady Godiva, who, to save the shedding of blood and to lift an unjust tax, rode naked through the streets of Coventry. Of course, the events of the story are not strictly adhered to in Mr. Max Goldberg's drama, but the result is to make the play all the more interesting. The composition is not altogether new to a Consett audience, but nevertheless Mr. J. F. Preston's company are drawing good audiences, as they fully deserve to do. The heroine is finely played by Miss Lilian Dundas, whose performance is a splendid one. Miss Maud Rigden renders admirable service as "Lady Aidyth," and Miss Lilian A'Dell is all that could be desired as "Elfrida." As "Leofric," Mr. S. N. Hallowes does every justice to the part, whilst Mr. Walter Beaumont Mr. Leonard Montgomery, Mr. Willie H. Vernon, and Mr. F. C. Fenn are all admirable in their representative characters as "Algar," "Unwolf Unwolfson," "Robert Shacklebolt" and "Edgar." An extra word of praise is due to Mr. Clifford Rean, who performs superbly as the notorious "Tom" and altogether worthy of a visit.

STANLEY.

SAD COLLIERY FATALITY.—On Tuesday afternoon a sad fatality occurred at West Stanley Colliery, whereby a deputy named John Legg lost his life. The deceased was last seen alive by a hewer named Bartram at 2.30 p.m., who was working in the Shield Row seam near to where the accident took place. About fifteen minutes later Bartram heard a noise, and upon going towards where the deceased had been working it was seen that a fall of stone had occurred, part of which caught the deceased. Assistance was soon at hand, but the body of the deceased could not be extricated until 7.30 p.m., life being extinct. Deceased, who resided at 48 High Street, Stanley, was much respected. His wife predeceased him a few months ago.

Leadgate Park Football Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above club was held on Monday night, at the headquarters, Mr. Ralph Calvert's, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. Mr. W. Goody (vice-chairman of committee) presided, and there were also present—Coun. W. J. Foreman, Dr. Henley, Messrs G. W. Goulden, J. Kershaw, J. P. Kinleside, J. Teasdale, Jos. Wilson, T. R. Wilson, G. Temple, F. Lockey, A. Burnhope, J. Laidler, W. Crowther, J. Bowes, A. Goody, J. Haggerston, S. Coombe, R. Dawson, J. Calvert, A. Graham, E. Birtley, C. Walton, C. V. Todd, J. Day, W. Shield, W. Johns, jun., W. Graham, Geo. Forster, W. Walton, T. Reed, L. Davison, G. Black, J. Johns, J. Ross, etc.

SECRETARIES' REPORT.

The report of the secretaries (Messrs Graham and Ross) was read as follows:—

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—It is again our duty to submit our annual report to you, and we are pleased to be able to say that the club—from a playing point of view at any rate—has had a most successful season. As you are aware, we were last year admitted to the Northern Alliance—after many unsuccessful attempts—and speculation was rife as to how we should figure in that competition. We don't think we are exaggerating when we say that the team exceeded anticipations, and their record is ample proof that the inclusion of the Park in the Northern Alliance was fully justified. (Applause.) Amongst the best performances of the team was to beat Sunderland A four to one, Stanley seven to none, Birtley six to nil, and to play drawn games at St. James' Park, Jarrow, and Hebburn. As Jarrow, we notice, have had two points deducted, this means that there are no less than six clubs below us in the competition. Our Alliance record is:—Matches played, 25; won, 9; lost, 10; drawn, 6; goals for, 50; against, 33; points, 24. (Applause.) The club, for the second year in succession, came safely through the Qualifying Competition for the Durham Senior Cup, and after easily disposing of Stockton in the first round of the competition proper, had once more to visit Roker Park, where we were thrown out of the cup, the team altogether failing to show their true form. In cup-ties our record is:—Played, 8; won, 4; lost, 3; drawn, 1; goals for, 16; against, 23. Owing to having so many engagements to fulfil in the last month of the season, we were compelled to withdraw from the North-West Durham Alliance. Those games played in that competition we have reckoned as friendlies, and what we have done in this direction the following figures show:—Matches played, 8; won, 2; lost, 2; drawn 4; goals for, 9; against, 10. The full record of the first team for the season therefore reads:—Played, 41; won, 15; lost 15; drawn, 11; goals for, 75; against, 66. (Applause.) Considering the calibre of the teams we have met we consider this an excellent performance. With respect to the goal scorers we find that Forster, Grant, and Cook have each registered a dozen, Thompson has 10 to his credit, Tommy Wilson and W. Crowther six each, Birtley five, Layton and Bowes four each. The second team, owing to losing a number of good men, has not had such a successful season as the previous one. Nevertheless they finished up the season in such good fashion that it is a matter for regret that they fell off somewhat in their play during a month or two of the campaign, or else they would have stood a good chance of retaining possession of the Derwent Valley League trophy. Altogether the reserve have played 26 matches, winning 13, losing 8, and drawing 5; goals for, 53; against, 33. With the many capital players we have coming on the reserve should next season improve upon this record. We have nothing but praise for the junior team, who have shown splendid form throughout the season. Not only have they played their own games, but it is principally due to their assistance that we were able to complete our reserve team fixtures. They have carried off the Consett and District Junior League cup, and we think that even their opponents will admit that they have done this in an honourable manner. (Applause.) They are a team we have every reason to feel proud of. The junior team record for the season is—Played, 20; won, 16; lost, 3; drawn, 1; goals for 76; against, 28. (Applause.) The chief goal scorers have been—E. Birtley, 24; C. Walton, 13; T. Walker, 8; J. Kelly, 8; L. Davison, 6; W. Graham, 5. We regret that the games have not been as well patronised as they should have been, considering the class of many of the teams that have visited Leadgate. We thing we can say without egotism that we have provided splendid football, but the support forthcoming has not been what we might reasonably have expected. (Hear, hear.) We cheerfully acknowledge that we have many staunch supporters, and we can only hope that their number will increase considerably. In conclusion, we sincerely trust that the Park will continue for many years to come to occupy that prominent position which it has always held in the local football world. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman said they had heard a very excellently compiled report, and their thanks were due to the secretaries. (Applause.)

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Burnhope.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr. Foreman then submitted his financial statement, which showed that the gate receipts had been £111 14s 9½d, and the subscriptions £23 3s 0½d. This, with other sums, brought the total up to £164 1[illegible]s 0½d. On the expenditure side travelling expenses amounted to £112 13s 11d, and the total was £166 19s 1d. The subscriptions for the previous year were £15 3s 6d, and the gate-money £77 0s 4d, but the travelling expenses were only £66 3s 0½d. The increase in the latter was accounted for by the greatly increased number of matches they had played. There were only 16 in the Northern League, and 26 in the Northern Alliance.

On the motion of Mr. Lockey, seconded by Dr. Henley, the report was adopted.

ALLIANCES, CUPS, ETC.

It was agreed to remain in the Northern Alliance, and enter for the English Cups and the Durham Senior Cup.

It was resolved that the reserve team should continue their membership of the Derwent Valley League, and that, in the event of the first team reaching the competition proper for the Senior Cup, the reserve take part in the Amateur Cup.

THE GROUND.

Dr. Henley proposed that at the end of the football season the keys of the ground or any of the gear should not be allowed out without the consent of the committee.

This was seconded by Mr. Goulden, and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Thos. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S.; it was agreed that subscribers of 5/- and upwards become vice-presidents; captain, first team, Mr. Jos. Wilson; vice-captain, Mr. J. Bowes; captain 2nd team, Mr. W. Walton; vice-captain, Mr. J. Calvert; captain, junior team, Mr. E. Birtley; vice-captain, Mr. D. Overall; treasurer, Coun. Foreman; financial secretary, Mr. J. Kershaw; corresponding secretaries, Messrs J. Ross and J. E. Kinleside; committee, Dr. Henley, Messrs J. E. Parker, W. Goody, A. Little, A. Graham, J. Haggerston, J. Crowther, and F. Lockey; auditors, Messrs Goulden and Graham; trainers, Messrs J. Haggerston and S. Coombe (1st team), W. Johns, jun. (reserve team.)

TRAINING PRIZES.

The four prizes kindly presented by members and friends for the best attendance at training were awarded as follows:—J. Bowes (22), J. Wilson (17), G. Temple (17), W. Crowther (16).

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

CRICKET

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB.

For their matches on Saturday June 2, with Eachwick Hall, and on Whit Monday, June [illegible] Crook—both games away—Medomsley will be chosen from the following:—M. Hedley (capt.), T. Walton, R. Charlton, W. Lovat, T. D. Dales, R. Cant, W. Cant, J. Robinson, R. Campbell, A. Whiteley, J. R. Lowes, and M. T. Milburn.

MEDOMSLEY II. v. CROOK II.

On Saturday, June 2, at Medomsley. Home team chosen from the following:—M. Walton, S. Wheatley, J. Hetherington, T. Parker, W. G. Thompson, W. T. Hunter, Jos. Walton, J. Wood, W. Wood, E. Wilson, Jos. Marks, and T. Embleton. Wickets pitched at 2.30.

Brackhill Mill Cricket Club have all dates vacant. Write Secretary, G. Mordue, Low Westwood, Ebchester.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council was held on Thursday afternoon last in the Council Offices, Chester-le-Street, Coun. C. J. Bank presiding. The other members present were Councillors Smith, Arnell, Renwick, Sharp, Todd, Mitchell, Purvis, J. W. Bolam, Clark, Harle, Richardson, Wilson, Lonsdale, Brass, Norman, Harris, English, R. Bolam, Watson, Garson, Hedley, Hornsby; and the Clerk (Mr. Dickinson.)

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr. Taylor) reported that during the month 193 births had been registered, giving a birth-rate of 41.5 per 1,000 per annum, and 86 deaths, which was equal to a death-rate of 18.4 per 1,000 per annum. During the same period 8 deaths from zymotic disease had been registered, viz., 3 deaths from whooping cough, 2 deaths from diarrhœa, and one death each from scarlet fever, enteric fever, and diphtheria, giving a zymotic death-rate of 1.72 per 1,000 per annum. Thirty-seven children had died under one year old, giving an infantile death-rate of 191.0 per annum. During the month 59 notifications of infectious disease had been received as compared with 39 notifications last month, and 37 during the corresponding month of last year. The diseases notified were 47 cases of scarlet fever, 5 cases of enteric fever, one case of puerperal fever, 2 cases of diphtheria, and four cases of erysipelas. The Medical Officer reported that measles were very prevalent at Perkinsville, and advised that the elementary schools be closed for one calendar month, from the 22nd inst. During the month the patients suffering from scarlet fever had been admitted to the hospital, while the patients who had recovered from scarlet fever had been discharged. The number under treatment at the present time were 12, and the average daily number received during the month had been 14.0 per 1,000.

The report was adopted.

SEWERAGE WORKS.

A communication was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the borrowing of £4,400 for works of sewerage for the township of Lamesley.

SHARE OF GRANT.

The Local Government Board wrote stating that the sum of £199 12s 8d had been paid to the treasurer, being the Council's share of grant under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, for half-year ended 30th September 1900.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr. Mole) reported that the scavenging in several parts of the district was not yet what could be desired at Harlow Green and Lamesley. The houses were much in need of drainage, and as there was no available sewer it was difficult to know how to deal with it at Birtley.

FIRE BRIGADE HOUSE.

The Inspector reported that the enlargement of the fire brigade-house was in progress, but the Water Company, although willing to sell the water for street watering, declined to allow their fire-hydrants to be used for obtaining the supply. The Inspector asked the Council to put in all the hydrants they required.

It was decided on the motion of Coun. Hedley that the Council should fix hydrants for the purpose of street watering.

ALLEGED NUISANCE.

At New Washington Mr. D. Downing had not complied with the notice to abate the nuisance caused by his back-yard not being rendered impervious. The Inspector now asked whether legal proceedings should be taken. It was stated that the yard had not been cemented, and it was alleged that water issued from the yard into adjoining building sites.

The Council decided to institute legal proceedings.

CLAIM FOR LAMBS.

The Inspector reported that Mr. McLaren, of Usworth House Farm had sent in a claim for £2 for two lambs drowned in a ditch running through the field.

It was resolved on the motion of Coun. Richardson, seconded by Coun. Mitchell that the matter should be referred to the local committee.

PELTON GRANGE WATER SUPPLY.

As to Pelton Grange water supply the Inspector reported that he had met the Consett Water Company's engineer, and the Company agreed to put in the supply for £70, and offered to contribute £20 of that amount. It had been suggested that the owners of the property to be supplied should give £30, which would leave only £20 for the Council to pay. The owners had not agreed as yet, and the Inspector asked whether the Council would go on with the work before getting their promise.

It was decided that the work should stand over until a settlement had been arrived at with the property owners.

SCAVENGING.

It was reported that notices had been served where the scavenging had not been properly carried out at Pelton, Pelton Fell, Beamish, No Place, etc.

SCAVENGING AT USWORTH.

Coun. J. W. Bolam enquired if there was any word from Usworth in regard to the scavenging of the ashpits?

The Inspector replied that he had asked those responsible to have the same better cleaned out. The Inspector added that a great nuisance was caused by the people putting their ashes outside before the ashpits were full.

Coun. Bolam thought that it would be more on account of the ashpits being full that the people deposited their ashes outside, than otherwise.

The Inspector stated that the Colliery manager had promised to have the ashpits better attended to. The manager said that he had been busy lately— that was his general excuse.

Coun. Richardson thought that there were some grounds for complaint as far as some of the tenants were concerned, from the fact that the County Medical Officer had called attention to the same. He thought that the Council ought to more rigidly enforce their powers that the Public Health Act gave them. He was more than satisfied that the ashpits at Usworth were badly scavenged out, and the Council were not doing their duty as they ought to. He thought Mr. Bolam's complaint ought to receive attention.

The Inspector said it had been admitted that some of the ashpits had not been properly cleaned out.

The Chairman: If the Colliery Company admitted to Mr. Mole that there has been laxity it would be quite right for the Clerk to write them.

Coun. Richardson said he would move "That the Clerk write to the owners of Usworth Colliery asking them to see in future that the ashpits are cleaned out better, and to call attention to the objections made against taking a load off the top and leaving the remainder month after month."

Coun. Renwick seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Coun. Richardson thought the Council should give their officers instructions to take action against some of the tenants who repeatedly violated the by-laws of the Council by placing their ashes outside of the ashpits. He would like to move that.

Coun. Mitchell said he would second the motion.

Coun. Richardson's suggestion was agreed to.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

The Chester-le-Street Local Committee recommended that the sum of £40 1s 7d be paid to the managers of the Chester-le-Street National Schools, which was equivalent to a rate of 1/- in the £ as rateable value of the Union property within the township of Chester-le-Street, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained to such payment.

Coun. Richardson asked if this would be a direct charge to the township of Chester-le-Street, alone, or a common charge.

Coun. Harle said that the application was made purely upon economical grounds, and would save the Union from a permanent annual charge by the donation.

The recommendation was agreed to, only Coun. Richardson voting against the same.

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning for twelve months the appointment of Mr. J. H. Mole as Inspector of Nuisances for the Harraton division of the district.

FATFIELD SEWERAGE.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Peace drawing the Council's attention to the fact that nothing had been done towards the completion of the sewerage of Fatfield since autumn, 1897.

The matter was referred to the local committee.

PRIVATE STREETS WORKS ACT.

Coun. J. W. Bolam moved "(a) That the sum of £932, necessary for work of private street improvement in the township of Chester-le-Street, which is included in the district of the said Council (being part of the amount of the loan for the aforesaid purposes sanctioned by the Local Government Board on the 9th day of January, 1900), be borrowed from the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, upon the security of the separate rate in the township of Chester-le-Street. (b) That the seal of the Council be affixed to a mortgage (now before the meeting) of the said separate rate for securing to the said Company the said sum of £932 with interest at £3 10s per cent per annum, the same to be paid by seven equal yearly instalments of Principal and Interest combined. (c) That the seal of the Council be affixed to an authority (also before the meeting), whereby the Council do authorize Mr. C. J. Spence, their treasurer, to give and receive a discharge for the said sum of £932 to be advanced by the said Company."

Coun. Mitchell seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

This was all the business of note, and the meeting then terminated.

Presentation to Mr. J. B. Johnson

Of Hamsteels

An interesting presentation has just been made to Mr J. B. Johnson, owner of Hamsteels Colliery, at the hands of the members of the Hamsteels Football Club and other friends, in recognition of the support which Mr Johnson has for many years given to and the active interest he has taken in football and other recreative sports. Mr Johnson was for some years a well-known athlete, and besides regularly playing for Durham City, in its more palmy days, was also in the county fifteen. The gathering, which was largely attended, was presided over by Mr Lowdon, president of the Hamsteels Football Club, and amongst others present were Coun. James Todd, Durham; Dr Kirkland, Mr J. L. Parkinson (hon. secretary to the Durham County Rugby Union), Mr W. James (secretary to the presentation movement), and others. Congratulatory and eulogistic speeches were made by these gentlemen, all of whom referred to Mr Johnson's many good qualities and the hearty and ready support he at all times gave to football and other forms of athletic exercises. The presentation was made in a happy speech by Mr Lowdon. The gift consisted of a handsome silver cup, whilst Mrs Johnson, who at all times heartily seconded Mr Johnson in his efforts, was presented with a gold and diamond bangle. —Mr Johnson made an appropriate reply in acknowledging the gifts, and during the evening an excellent musical programme was carried out, and the loyal and patriotic toasts, with special reference to the relief of Mafeking, were duly and enthusiastically honoured.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

HARDSHIPS ON THE MARCH.

Private John Garland (8014), 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, son of Mr John Garland, formerly of Consett, and brother of Mrs M. Murphy, Park Hotel, Consett, has written a letter to his sister from Bloemfontein, dated April 30th. In the course of his letter he says, "We have been scouring the hills for the Boers for miles into the borders of Basutoland. We have had a hard time of it; I could put up with the marching if we got good grub. We march all day on five biscuits, and get the meat where we are going to stop for the night, and then it is not half-cooked. When we came from Modder River towards here we had only 2½ biscuits. It killed a lot of our men, for since then we have been burying six and seven a day. We commence on a general advance to-morrow for Pretoria. That will be a hard march—about 300 miles, and our way to fight through. When all divisions meet we ought to be able to shift something with the help of Jimmy Hills and Joe Dixon, "England's last hope." I don't think I am very fat. You could not get as much off me as would grease a cobbler's gimlet. I am better than men who came out here fat. But a lean dog for a hard road. Smith (Blackhill) was lucky to get home, but I would not like to go home until it is all over. We expect the Boers will make one big stand, and that will be at the Vaal River. I don't think it will last long with such a strong force as we have. I hope my next letter will be from Pretoria."

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY May 24th.—Before Mr. W. B. Van Haanbergen (presiding), Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford, Mr. W. Holmes, and Dr. Wilson.

LICENSING APPLICATIONS.

An application was made by a license-holder for a special license to sell intoxicating liquor at Hamsteels Sports between the hours of 2 and 10.—The Chairman thought from 2 to 9 would be long enough. There would be plenty of time to get sufficient in that time, and perhaps more than sufficient.—The license was granted from 2 to 9.

Four license-holders in Lanchester were granted an hour's extension for that night in connection with the celebration of the Queen's birthday and the relief of Mafeking.

A representative of the Newcastle Breweries' Company applied for the transfer of the license of the Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, lately occupied by Mr. Morgan. Asked if he was going to reside on the premises he said he was not.—The travelling superintendent of the company said the licensee would be there three or four times a week, and he himself would regularly visit the house.—The Chairman said they were not prepared to grant a transfer unless the licensee was resident on the premises. The license must be held by the person in charge of the house. Another Bench might decide differently, but that was their decision.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with:—Patrick O'Donnell, 2s 6d and costs; John Barnes, 2s 6d and costs; Septimus Bland, 5s and costs; Martin Hutchinson, 2s 6d and costs; Thomas Pears, 2s 6d and costs; Patrick Carroll, 5s and costs; Edward Liddell, 5s and costs; Jonathan Vasey, 2s 6d and costs; Henry Mitchell, 2s 6d and costs; Llewellyn Jones, 2s 6d and costs; Charles Weeks 2s 6d and costs; Hugh Meegan, 2s 6d and costs; John Murphy, 2s 6d and costs; Thomas Johnson, 2s 6d and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Rowen and John Laycock, for fighting at Burnhope on the 12th of May, were bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs.

COUNTY BYE-LAWS.

Wm. Cockburn was charged with an infringement of the County Bye-laws by furiously driving on the 9th of May.—P.C. Jackson said he saw defendant driving at a hard gallop down Hare Law bank, at about a quarter to ten o'clock on the night of the 9th of May. He was driving a pony and trap at a furious rate and without a light. When witness shouted to him to stop he turned round and laughed at him. Later on witness met him coming back and he charged him.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

Frederick Armstrong was also summoned under the Act charged with driving without lights at Annfield Plain, on the night of the 12th of May.—P.C. Pemberton said that at about 10.15 he saw defendant driving two horses attached to a waggon along Durham Road at a full trot. Witness stopped him and asked him where his lights were. He said he had left them behind.—Defendant said when the policeman asked him where his lights were he told him. He had been delayed owing to a horse dying. When the policeman saw him he was standing, and not going at a trot. He led the horses from Annfield Plain to Dipton.—A fine of 1s and costs was inflicted.

ASSAULT BY A COWKEEPER.

Thomas Mason, cowkeeper, Greencroft, was charged with having assaulted a girl named Margaret Ridley.—Prosecutrix said defendant struck her on the brow with a stick. She and other girls were climbing over a stile at the time. Defendant lived near and she thought it was his land. He came round because he found them playing at ball.—Cross-examined by the defendant, prosecutrix said she was in his field. She did not hear him tell her to go out. She ran away because she saw the other girls running. Defendant had never before chased her out of the field.—Mrs. Ridley, mother of the prosecutrix, said she went over to the defendant and asked whether he tossed a stick at the girls. He said he did, and he did not care who was hit. Witness said she would make him pay for it. She gave him time to apologise, but he did not do so. He admitted to P.C. Pemberton that he threw the stick. There was a lump on the girl's brow.—Cross-examined, witness said when she got to defendant she called him a "great, soft, cowardly cur." She did not say she would split his face.—Defendant said he had never been in a police court before. The field in question was situated at the west side of Greencroft Cottages. There was a terrible amount of damage done by children playing, and even setting fire to the dykes. On this day he had set three cows into the field, and he shouted to the girls to get out, but they took no notice. He ran towards them, and they then ran away. He was annoyed at the time, and picked up a bit of stick and "fired" it at them. Then Mrs Ridley came and shouted, "Hi, Mason, you great big thickhead; what have you hitten the girl for?" When she came over the stile she said she would split his face for him. She called him all the filthy names she could mention.—The Chairman said that defendant on his own showing threw the stick. He would know that he had his proper remedy by taking out a summons against the girls. He advised him on another occasion not to take the law into his own hands. He must pay a fine of 1s and costs. Addressing Mrs Ridley, he cautioned her against allowing her girl to go into the field.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

George Graham, miner, Causey, was summoned for using persistent cruelty to his wife, Margaret Graham. Mr T. M. Ridley, Stanley, prosecuted.—Mrs Graham said they were married about 18 months ago. She had four children, two before the marriage and two after. She did not want to say very much, but she wanted a separation order. He had always badly used her; he was jealous-minded.

The Chairman: If you cannot tell us something he did to you we cannot grant you a separation order.

In reply to Mr Ridley, she said he had struck her and blackened her eyes. He knocked her down at Low Fell, and at other places. She left him because he chased her out with a poker. He had also ill-used the children. She brought a charge of assault against him at Stanley Court, and he was fined 5s and costs. She had had to travel to Dunston during the night with her four little children. She dare not go and live with him another night. Three days after her confinement she had to go out of the house with the child to save their lives.

Cross-examined by defendant: She had to run away because he took up the poker.

Wm. Craigs said he had heard defendant threaten to give his wife a good hiding. He had had to put her up over-night.

In reply to defendant he said he had never seen him behave badly to his wife.

Mrs Brown said she once saw defendant knock his wife down with the flat of his hand on Beamish Burn bank. It was about a year since. She had not seen anything since that.

The witness Craigs, re-called, said it was about 14 months since Mrs Graham stayed at his house.

Defendant said she was bringing witnesses who were speaking of what took place more than twelve months ago. On one occasion his wife and others went to Low Fell to get their fortunes told. He himself went to Low Fell, and he found his wife in a house lying drunk on a bed. He then went into a public-house and had three or four gills of beer. As his wife was a long time in coming he went to the house to inquire. He was told that she had left and had gone in the direction of Sheriff Hill. He followed and came up to her. He was so annoyed that he did take his hand and strike her. They had lost the last train to Shield Row, and there was all the "bits of bairns." On several occasions, when he was going to work, he was told to fill his own bottle and put up his own "bait." She ran away every now and then, and caused him to have to prepare his own meals after a hard day's hewing. If he had done anything to her he would have thought she was justified in bringing him there. She had a good home, and had no call to go away, and he thought it was a scandalous shame the way in which she had behaved.

The Chairman said the Bench hardly thought there was sufficient evidence to convict in that case. It would have to be dismissed. The costs would be remitted.

A MAINTENANCE CASE.

Francis McKenna, of Blackhill, was summoned for being in arrears of maintenance of his mother. He did not appear.—Mr R. Walton, relieving officer, said an order was made for 1s a week on the 21st December, in addition to a previous sum of 1s. Defendant had been summoned since then, but had made no payment. His last fortnight's earnings were £2 5s 9d, and he was £1 10s 6d in arrears.—The Bench made a commitment order.

A CYCLIST'S OMISSION.

Charles Hartley was charged with not having rung his bell when riding his bicycle along Front Street, Lanchester, on the 12th of May. He ran against a woman and knocked her down. He was also thrown from his machine.—He was fined 1s and costs.

A DANGEROUS DOG.

James Innes was charged with keeping a dangerous dog at Lanchester on the 21st April. As Inspector Waller was riding past Fen Hall on his bicycle the dog rushed out at him.—The Bench ordered the defendant to keep his dog under proper control.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Francis Gillespie was charged with assaulting Blanche Coates and also with doing wilful damage. There had been a money question between the parties, and defendant went to prosecutrix's house and knocked her down. He also broke a window.—He was ordered to pay the damage, and a fine of 2s 6d and costs, on each charge.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, May 28th.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (chairman,) Mr. J. Walton-Wilson, Mr. W. B. Van Haansergen and Mr. W. Aynsley.

A SHOTLEY BRIDGE LICENSE.

Mr. T. W. Welford, on behalf of the Newcastle Breweries, made application for the transfer of the license of the Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, lately occupied by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Welford said an application was made at Lanchester last Thursday, but as it was not made in the name of the tenant the magistrates thought they would rather not grant it. The present applicant was Herman Peter Jasinski, who would manage the house and live on the premises. He was a German, but had been 18 years in England.—Supt. Benzies: Made in Germany. (Laughter.)—Mr. E. Fairlamb, Newcastle, having spoken as to the applicant's character, the Bench granted the transfer.

AN UNLICENSED PISTOL.

George Herdman, clerk at Annfield Plain Railway Station, was charged under the Excise Act with having in his possession a pistol for which he held no license.—Mr. E. J. Colmar explained the section of the Act under which the charge was laid.—Sergt. Macdonald said at eight o'clock on the night of the 1st of May he visited a square at Annfield Plain where there was a show. There were 300 or 400 persons assembled. He heard a shot, and from the attitude of the defendant he asked him for the revolver he was carrying, and he handed him the weapon produced. He asked him if he had a license, and he replied that he had not. He next asked him to hand over all the bullets he had in his possession, and he gave him over 60. Defendant volunteered the statement that he had bought the weapon in Newcastle for 4/6 on the Saturday night previous.

Mr. Van Haansbergen: It is not a revolver.

Witness: It is a pistol.

Mr. Colmar: It is a firearm.

Mr. Van Haansbergen: Oh Yes.

Witness, continuing, said on the Saturday defendant referred to as having purchased the pistol he heard a shot in Annfield Plain and saw the defendant at the spot where it was fired. On the Sunday he heard another shot in Front Street and again saw the defendant.

The Chairman: He handed you the weapon with his own hand.

Witness: Yes.

Defendant said that when he got the pistol he was told he would not require a license for it. He bought it in Grainger Street.

The Chairman told him he was liable to a penalty of £10. It was clearly against the law, but as that was his first offence they would only fine him 10/- and costs, 17/- in all.

ALLEGED ILLICIT SALE OF LIQUOR.

Wm. Bassett, residing in a hut near Hisehope Waterworks, was charged with selling beer without a license.—Mr. E. Clark, Newcastle, defended.

P.C. Wall said on Saturday night the 2 of April he was on duty at Hisehope Waterworks. Shortly before 10 o'clock he concealed himself near the hut kept by the defendant. He looked through the window and he saw a man named Furness sitting on a seat right opposite. He had a pot in his hand. Baskett was sitting on the opposite side of the room against another man. Witness stood a few minutes, and he heard Furness ask Baskett for another pint of beer.

The Chairman: Do you know the name of the customer?

Mr. Clark: Oh no, not a customer.

Witness: Furness was a lodger.

Mr. Clark: That is better.

Witness proceeding said Baskett got up from his seat and walked across the room, took the pot, and went into the pantry. When he came out into the kitchen he went right up to Furness and said "there's your beer." Furness put his hand into his pocket and said "there's pay for it—sixpence that is the last sixpence I have got." Witness stood until about 10.30 and heard the conversation they were having. Furness asked Baskett where he got the beer, and Baskett said that it was Mackenzie's and had just come in that day. Shortly after that Furness drank his pint off and got up and said "look here, that's a drop of good beer, and you might as well have this last threepence and bring me another pint before I go to bed." Baskett got up from his seat again and went into the pantry and brought another pint, and witness saw Furness pay the threepence for it. About eleven o'clock he heard a footstep and went away from the window. It was a man who went up to Baskett's door and knocked. Defendant called out "Who's there." He opened the door and let the man in and then locked the door again. About 20 minutes past 11 witness went back to the window and remained there until 12 o'clock. The window blind had been properly drawn down, and he could not see anything inside. He, however, heard them asking for beer, and he could hear the jingling of money.

The Chairman: You have not told us the name of the house.

Witness: It is a hut sir, at Hisehope.

The Chairman: Has it no particular name?

Witness: No, sir.

Supt. Benzies said a lot of temporary huts had been erected for the use of the workmen employed at Hisehope Waterworks.

The Chairman: What is this man Baskett?

Witness: He is a hut keeper and a timber man.

Cross-examined by Mr. Clark witness said he was close up against the window. It was an ordinary window about three feet square, and there was a space where the blind had been put down. His eyesight was good; he had passed a doctor.

What was the matter with you that you had to go to a doctor?—I had to pass for the force.

Do you seriously mean you could hear the jingling of money?—Nicely, it was a quiet night and the money was on the table.

Was it put on the table?—Yes.

You did not see it?—No, but I heard.

Could you have heard it if it had been on the floor?—Yes.

Could you have heard it if it was not there?—Not very well.

Then did you hear it?—Yes.

I put it that your story is untrue, and I think I will prove it. Were you sent for the purpose of watch?—I have been watching for some time.

You have been in a public house?—I have often been in.

Were you in a raffle the other day?—I was about six weeks ago.

Do you seriously tell the Bench that you could hear the jingling of money from outside?—Nicely.

You are sure the man you say was supplied was named Furness?—Yes.

Who was the other man you alleged ordered beer?—I did not see him, but by his voice I concluded he was a quarryman named "Bill." I don't know his other name.

Will you swear it was Bill?—No, I won't swear.

You don't know who he was or how much money he put down or how much beer he got?—No.

Could you swear he ever got any?—No, but I heard him ask for it.

Furness you know is a lodger at Baskett's?—Yes.

He has stayed there since November?—I don't know.

Were you there when this place was searched?—Yes, I found a nine gallon cask of beer.

Anything else, any spirit?—No.

And it had Mackenzie's name on it?—No it had no name on at all.

And that was all that was found?—Yes.

Was it a dark night?—Yes

And you were immediately near the window?—Yes.

Listening?—Yes.

If they had looked through the window your face would have been seen?—Yes.

Sergt. Dryden said on the 2nd of May about nine o'clock in the morning, he, with Wall and another constable, went to Baskett's hut with a search warrant to search his house for beer or spirit. In the pantry they found a nine gallon cask, and judging from the weight of it, it would not be quite half-full. There were three empty whiskey bottles, and there were some big mugs and pots in the pantry such as might be used for drinking purposes. They brought the beer away. While they were in the house someone came to the door and tried to open it. Finding it was locked they rapped, and a woman shouted "Are you in, Mrs. Baskett; look out here's three policemen."

Mr. Clark: Was Baskett there?

Sergt. Dryden: No.

Mr. Clark: Then this won't do. It is not evidence if he was not there.

Witness, proceeding, said at the end of the house they found another nine gallon cask full. In the washhouse adjoining the hut they found three full casks.

Mr. Clark: Is this used by more than Baskett?—Yes.

The Chairman: It is a common washhouse?—Yes.

Witness, continuing, said there were also five empty barrels. On the fell in front of the huts they found other two barrels, one full and the other partly full. There were also two empty ones on the fell. In front of the house there was a number of broken whiskey bottles, some quarts and some three gills. All the other householders said it was not their beer and they were not responsible.

Mr. Clark: That is not evidence. It is very unfair and very unjust. I have such confidence, however, that it won't matter; you can say what you like. How many men went to this house to search it?—Three.

Did you hear the last officer say that he could convict anyone on the fell?—No, I did not.

Did you hear him say it went on in nearly every house on the fell?—I did not hear him.

When you got there do you suggest that you were so lax in your duty as to allow anything to go out?—I did not see anything.

Did anything go out when you were there?—Certainly not.

Then this nine gallon cask was about a third full?—Yes.

The Chairman: How many huts are there in this place?—Four I think in that block, and there is another block in front and another about 50 yards behind.

They are built in rows?—This one is. There was another about 50 yards behind.

They are built in rows?—This one is. There was another block about a quarter of a mile away.

Was it between these blocks that you found the empty bottles?—Yes.

Mr. Clark said with regard to the evidence given by the last witness he would really pay very little attention to it for the sole reason that there was no evidence to trace the barrels of beer or whiskey bottles to Baskett. On the contrary the evidence was totally the other way. They might take it that the Sergt. and two constables who went to search the house would have it so covered that nothing could be taken out. Nothing was found in Baskett's house except that which he was entitled to have, namely, a nine gallon cask of beer. Nearly everybody there had their own beer in their huts, and in some cases whiskey. Since the police appeared on the scene they got a scare and they turned the barrels out. The only serious part of the case was the first officer's evidence, and he felt it was a great pity that that officer had gone as far as he had, because either his (Mr. Clark's) instructions were absolutely untrue, and there was no reason for them being so, or the officer had done what a certain statesman did many years ago—he had relied on his imagination for his facts. The officer might have good ears and hear through the glass. It would have been easier through a keyhole, but there was no suggestion of that means being adopted. With his vision obscured he represented that he heard money jingling on the table, yet he would not swear any money was on the table. He (Mr. Clark) would call the defendant, Mrs. Baskett, and Furness. The latter would not deny that he had had beer in the house, but it was given to him by Mrs. Baskett for odd jobs performed. In the last case of that kind which he heard there was evidence of shebeening, but they could not carry on a shebeen on a half-empty nine gallon cask of this case there was no evidence whatever of beer, and three empty whiskey bottles. In shebeening. He submitted that the policeman never saw beer supplied for money. Was it likely if people were shebeening that they would leave their blind at such a beautiful angle as to enable a policeman to look in and see what was going on? He thought that when they had heard his evidence they would come to the conclusion that the officer's zeal had run away with his discretion. It was getting on at night and they did not know what he had been doing. Perhaps the raffle or something else had got into his head and made him imagine things.

Daniel Furness said he lived at Hisehope and lodged with Mr. and Mrs. Baskett. He had lodged with them for six months. He was working at the waterworks. There had been as far as six lodgers at a time, but that was the most there had been. He was there when the search was made for the beer. On the Saturday night before that he was up at the "public" and stayed there until 8.30. He then went back to the lodgings, reaching there about 9 o'clock. He had no beer in the lodging that night, and therefore he did not pay for any. He did not get any free; he had none at all in the house. He went to bed before 10 o'clock. He did not pay sixpence to Mr. Baskett. He did not pay threepence or say "I might as well spend my last threepence." Baskett was not in the room at all. The landlady was in. She did not supply him with any beer that night. During the six months he had been in the lodgings he had never paid for any beer or whiskey in the house. He had never seen anyone else buy or pay for any liquor whatever. Mrs. Baskett sometimes got a nine-gallon cask in the house. She had from time to time given him some beer for carrying coals and water. He swore that on no occasion had he ever bought any beer in that house. The only beer he had ever had there was what was given to him.

In answer to P.C. Wall witness said there was a clock in the room, and that was how he knew what time it was when he went to bed.

Harriet Baskett, wife of the defendant, said from time to time she took in lodgers. Sometimes she had had six, sometimes less. When the police came to search the house they found a nine gallon cask with some beer in it. They did not find any empty whiskey bottles. On the Saturday night she had three lodgers besides her two brothers. Furness was one of the lodgers. She remembered Furness coming in on the Saturday night. He went to bed before 10 o'clock. He had no beer that night. She had never sold beer to Furness. She had many a time given him beer. She got the beer in for her husband because he went nowhere else. They did not put any beer out before the officers came. She had none to put out. When they came they looked the door and they could not get out; neither could the beer get out. (Laughter.) Furness did not ask her to sell him any beer.

By P.C. Wall: Her husband did not drink all the beer she got in. She had given part away. She swore that she had never sold any.

Re-examined: She had never had more than a nine gallon cask at a time. Sometimes she got 4½ gallons. A nine gallon cask would last sometimes a week, sometimes a fortnight, and sometimes a month.

Mr. Clark: Well then you have done very well.

The defendant then went into the witness-box, and said he was at work when the raid was made. He did not buy any beer himself. His wife got it for him. On Saturday night before the raid he did not sell or supply any beer whatever to Furness. Furness did not pay him a sixpence or a threepence. He did not see Furness. Witness was asleep when Furness came in and went to bed before he awoke, so that he never saw him. He had never sold beer to anybody. What the officer said occurred on the Saturday night was not a fact. It was very untrue.

By P.C. Wall: He remembered a knock at about 11 o'clock. It was "old Bill" who came in. The other man was his wife's brother.

This concluded the evidence, and after consideration

The Chairman said the magistrates had come to the conclusion that the circumstances were extremely suspicious, but in view of the conflicting nature of the evidence they were not in a position to do more than dismiss the charge. They gave defendant the benefit of the doubt.

A MAFEKING SEQUEL.

Joseph Johnson and Wm. Richardson, of Milkwell Burn, were charged with having assaulted Charles Brown at that place on the 19th of May. Mr. T. W. Welford prosecuted, and Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

Mr. Welford said the facts were that on the 19th of May about one o'clock in the morning the prosecutor was going to work, and after knocking at the door of his "marrow" and going away a few yards he turned back to see if he was coming. At that moment one of the defendants threw a stick at him, hitting him on the forehead, and knocking him down. Prosecutor was a stranger to them, and did not know them at all. He was carrying a lamp. He met either one or two men, and asked them if they knew who it was. He also met Johnson that night, and spoke to him and asked if he knew who it was. John on admitted afterwards that he was the man who did it. On Sunday night the two defendants went to Brown's house, and said they were sorry and would rather pay him than go to Consett.

Charles Brown, miner, Milkwell Burn, said that on Saturday about one o'clock in the morning, he was going to work, and went to knock his "marrow" up. After doing so he walked three yards away from the door. Two men came up, and one flung a stick at him and felled him to the ground. He could not see which one flung the stick. He went further along and saw a man standing, and he asked who were the two chaps who had gone past. He replied "go and see." He went further long and saw another man, and asked him if anyone had passed. Witness was carrying the lamp produced, and it was lighted. On the Sunday night about 10 o'clock he went into the house and found the defendants there. Johnson said "Is this the young fellow?" Witness said "Yes." Johnson then said "I am very sorry for it; it might simply have been your eyes." Witness answered "It would have been the same thing if it had been my eyes. Johnson then said "I have come to see if you will make it up. I would rather make it up here than at Consett." Witness replied, "If you had been a man you would have come and apologised that morning. Johnson again asked if he would make it up, and witness replied that he would not as it had gone to Consett. Johnson said he was just throwing the stick away, and five minutes afterwards he said he threw the stick at the lamp which witness was carrying. Witness had only been at the place a week and gave no provocation.

Cross-examined he said there was a huge bonfire going on at the bottom of the street and the defendants came from that direction. He had never seen these men before and they had never seen him. It was so dark he could not recognise them. He was three yards off them when the stick hit him. No one came up to put their hands upon him. He saw a man named Ramsay that night and accused him. Ramsay told him that the two defendants had passed him. On the Sunday evening the defendants came to see him. He did not think it was very good on their part to come then. He passed Richardson twice, and he saw that his face was bandaged up. Johnson offered to pay him all expenses. Prosecutor went to the manager of the Colliery, and he told him to prosecute.

Re-examined: After the stick was thrown and he was knocked down the defendants ran away.

The Chairman at this point said there was no evidence against Richardson and he would be dismissed.

Mrs. Phake said the prosecutor lodged with her. When he came in on the Sunday night the defendants were there.

Mr. Aynsley, for the defence, submitted that there was not such a case against his client as would justify that prosecution. On Friday night they had a huge bonfire, and Johnson and Richardson had been down seeing it. On their way home they met the caller and began calling all the men they knew. They used a stick for the purpose. After they had finished Johnson threw the stick away. There was no criminal case against him. As soon as he heard what he had done he got rather into a fright, and went and saw Brown, and expressed his sorrow. He also offered to pay the expenses that had been incurred. Prosecutor replied that he had put the case into the hands of the police and thought he could not stop it. Under the circumstances he submitted that Johnson had done all he could.

Johnson was then called, and bore out Mr. Aynsley's statement, after which he suggested a compromise, and it was ultimately agreed that defendant should pay prosecutor 20/-, and also pay the costs of the Court.

EDUCATION CASES.

Patrick McBride was summoned for neglecting to send his daughter regularly to school.—Defendant put in two certificates showing that the child was in ill-health.—Mr. Gibson, school attendance officer, said he had been in the house every week for the last two months, and he had seen the girl doing household work on account of the illness of her mother. As far as he could see there was nothing the matter with the child. He did not know that there was a doctor's certificate.—The Chairman said the doctor's certificate showed that the child was suffering from anæmia, and was unable to attend school. They could not go beyond that, and the case would be dismissed.

John Hornsby was summoned respecting his daughter's irregular attendance.—Mr. Gibson said the child was from school on the 14th of May, and during six weeks preceding that date the school was open 56 times and she attended 26 times. The attendances had been intermittent. He believed there had only been one clear week of absence.—Mrs. Hornsby said that two or three of her children had been suffering from whooping cough, and she was afraid of the infection. —Mr. Gibson said he had had a lot of trouble with this case, and various excuses had been advanced.—The Bench adjourned the case for a fortnight in order that Mrs. Hornsby might get a medical certificate.

Robert Cane was summoned for neglecting to send his son to school.—Mrs. Cane said the boy had been delicate from his birth. He was always breaking out in sores. She expected to have had a certificate from Dr. Mason, but it had not arrived.—Mr. Gibson said that the plea offered in that case was that she could not get the boy to attend school. On the previous Friday she told witness that she had taken him several times during the week. The boy was absent on the 18th and during six weeks preceding that date he made 37 out of a possible 56 attendances.—The Bench inflicted a fine of 5/-, and made the usual order.

Robert Nimmons was summoned in respect of his son. Mrs. Nimmons said the boy had had a sore throat.—Mr. Gibson said the boy was absent on the 22nd of May, and during six weeks preceding that date he made 34 attendances out of 45. It was a case of playing truant; so the mother told him.—Mrs. Nimmons denied that that was so.—A fine of 5/- was imposed with an order for attendance.

Peter King was also fined 5/-, and had an order made against him respecting his daughter, who had made eight attendances out of 52.

RIVAL ASSURANCE AGENTS.

Patrick Tumilty, insurance agent, was charged with having assaulted Thomas Bolton, another insurance agent, at Annfield Plain, on the 22nd of May.

Mr. McCartan said he appeared for the defendant.

The Chairman: You will have to be quick as the eclipse of the sun is coming on. (Laughter.)

The prosecutor said that on the date named he was in company with Messrs Forsyth, Metcalf, and Pearce. They got down to the north end of Durham Road, when defendant, with Mr. Telford and others came along. While they were discussing which way to go on their calls the defendant made a noise and witness looked round. Defendant made a rush at him and "squared up" and said, "Come on here I'll make you fight." Mr. Telford called out "Put down your stick, why don't you fight like a man?" At last defendant got hold of prosecutor's collar and struck him in the eye.

Cross-examined: He was standing about five yards away. He did not make any insulting remark. They had not met before. He did not know any reason why Mr. Tumilty should "go for him." He accused witness of taking away business, and said he had been looking for him and "squared up." He (prosecutor) was not a fighting man. He was bound over to keep the peace about ten years ago. He had been with the Pearl Company close on twenty years, and was never in a police court before. Defendant hurt him, and he bled at the nose.

Wm. Forsyth, insurance agent, said they were standing near the Co-operative Store at Annfield Plain, when they heard someone shout out. Bolton turned round and asked "What's that?" and then the defendant in an excited state began sparring round Bolton, and forced him backwards. At last he took hold of him by the collar and shook the stick out of his hand. Bolton's face was discoloured.

Cross-examined: He did not see Bolton made a grimace at the defendant. He did not hear Tumilty say "What do you mean?" Bolton had a stick in his hand, but did not raise it in an attitude to strike. He did not know why defendant should have selected Bolton more than any of the others.

Messrs Metcalf described Bolton's condition as being "like a sheep just before receiving its doom." (Laughter.) The action of the "crowd" was cowardly. Witness' own action was to keep the peace.

Geo. Richardson, Annfield Plain, John Pearce, insurance agent; Jacob Mcrae, Annfield Plain, Jane Rebecca Todd, employed in the stores at Annfield Plain, and Wm. Parker, miner, having given evidence,

Sergt. Macdonald said he heard a disturbance and on crossing the road he saw Tumilty and his friends making towards the station. Bolton and his friends came to him and made a complaint. Bolton's face was red across the nostrils and eyes. On using his handkerchief blood oozed from his nose.

Mr. McCartan, for the defence, said he thought that was a very trivial case, and he did not think the time of the Court should be wasted over such a matter.—Defendant was formerly an agent for the Pearl Company, but was now an agent for the United Provident. While he and his friends were standing on the pavement at Annfield Plain they saw Bolton and his friends. Bolton was smoking a cigar, and while Tumilty was looking in his direction Bolton took the cigar out of his mouth and made an insulting grimace, which he repeated soon after. Defendant went down and asked him what he meant by doing it. Bolton raised his stick as though to strike, and then it was that Tumilty pushed Bolton on the nose. The whole thing did not last more than a minute.

Edwin Richards, insurance agent, Catchgate, said he saw Bolton take the cigar out of his mouth and "make a face" at Tumilty. Immediately afterwards he repeated the offence and then Tumilty went to him. Bolton raised his stick, and swinging it nearly caught witness on the face. Bolton was going to strike Tumilty with the stick. Tumilty told him to put his stick down and put up his fists like a man.

John Aldridge, miner; Wm. Stobbs, miner, and Thomas Reed, Catchgate, all gave evidence as to seeing Bolton raise his stick to Tumilty.

At the conclusion of the evidence the Chairman said the magistrates were sorry that rival agents should take this course, but in view of the whole evidence they had come to the conclusion that defendant was most to blame, and they would inflict a fine of 2/6 and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. J. Walton-Wilson and Mr. Wm. Aynsley.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—Joseph Foster, at Consett, 2/6 and costs; John Smith, at Consett, 2/6 and costs; I. [illegible], at Blackhill, 2/6 and costs; John Cranney, at Blackhill, 2/6 and costs; Phillip Collins, at Blackhill, 2/6 and costs; Patk. Cohen, at Blackhill, 2/6 and costs; Frank Johnson, at Shotley Bridge, 5/- and costs; Michael Harron, at Low Westwood, 10/- and costs; Thos. Bradford, at Leadgate, 5/- and costs; Hy. Carr, 1/- and costs; Thos. Wood, 5/- and costs; Michael Wearmouth, at Hill Top, Dipton, 5/- and costs; Eliz. Stephenson, 1/- and costs; John Pearce, 2/6 and costs.

A Bad Character.

Robt. Reed, Dipton, was summoned by P.C. Dobinson, of Hill Top, for being drunk and disorderly at Hill Top.—The officer stated that when the defendant left Hill Top, he went on to Mounsett Fell, where he set fire to some whins. On chasing him off the fell he went on to the railway and threw a stone at him. He was a proper bad character, and when in drink was full of mischief.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

GATHERING PRIMROSES.

Adam Henderson, Bernard Wynn, and John Wm. James, boys, were summoned by P.C. Wilkinson, of Lintz Colliery, for having trespassing in a meadow field gathering primroses, on May 12th.—Mr. Henderson, farmer, of Lintz Hall, said he suffered a lot of damage through boys knocking about, and wanted it stopped. The damage was assessed at 1d.—Defendants were ordered to pay the damage of 1d each, and a fine of 1/- and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

P.C. Simpson summoned Thos. Lodge, John Pringe, Robt. Moore, John Lodge, Geo. Moore, and Wm. Anderson, for playing pitch and toss in Ritson's Road, Blackhill, on May 13th.—The officer said while on duty in Ritson's Road, Backhill, he saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss. He watched them for about a quarter-of-an-hour, and saw them exchange money. They afterwards ran away, but he knew them.—A fine of 7/6 and costs each was imposed.

P.C. Magee summoned Owen Boyle, Alf. Hawthorne, Walter Robson, John Cranney, Joseph Freek, Jos. Hawthorne, and Robt. Hobday for playing pitch and toss in Back William Street, Blackhill, on May 13th.—The officer stated that while on duty in Back William Street, Blackhill, he saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss, from his place of concealment behind a wall, and saw them exchange money. He had had numerous complaints about that sort of thing.—Defendants were fined 5/- and costs.

CROSSING A GRASS FIELD.

P.C. Dobinson summoned Wm. Weightman and Wm. Askew, boys, for trespassing over a grass field belonging to Messrs Joicey, at Bushblades, on May 16th.—The officer stated that while on duty on the date in question he saw the boys trespass across the field. They took it for a short cut.—Mr. Jameson, land agent to Messrs Joicey, assessed the damage at 1d each.—A fine of 1/- and costs, and 1d damage was imposed.

P.C. Tomlinson summoned Wm. Martin Johnson, Fred Beckham, and Wm. Johnson, lads, for committing a similar offence at the same time and place.—The officer stated that while on duty near the field he saw the three lads cross the field on their way home from work.—Mr. Jameson assessed the damage at 1d each, and a fine of 1/- and costs, together with the damage, was imposed.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Isaiah Pratt and John Higgins were summoned by P.C. Fraser for having committed a breach of the peace by fighting near the Black Horse Hotel, Consett, on Saturday night.—Pratt, who appeared, pleaded guilty in self-defence.—The officer stated that about 11.5 p.m. on the date in question he saw the defendants fighting. When Pratt saw him he made off. Both defendants had their coats off.—Pratt said he left Leadgate at about 10 o'clock at night, and went to Consett. On passing a public-house Higgins took him for another man, and forced him to fight. He hadn't his coat off, and was never in a public-house. The policeman never saw him, nor he the policeman.—The case was adjourned for half-an-hour to allow defendant time to secure a witness. At the expiration of the time allowed defendant re-appeared with Benjamin Bell, who said on the night in question defendant went to his house, and when they were passing the Black Horse Inn a man rushed out and struck defendant. Defendant had one or two "bats," and on somebody shouting that the policeman was coming Pratt rode away to Leadgate on his bicycle.—Pratt was bound over to keep the peace for three months, while a warrant was issued for the arrest of Higgins.

DISGRACED THE TOWN.

Alfred Balsiger, a labourer, was summoned by P.C. Waites for having been drunk at Consett on Saturday night.—The officer said the defendant was so drunk that he was obliged to lock him up.—Defendant said he did not live in Consett, but had only come there in search of work.—Mr. Aynsley said a good many of such like men came into the town, and instead of improving its condition only disgraced it.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

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SAD FATALITY AT EAST PONTOP

On Thursday morning a painfully sad fatality occurred at East Pontop Colliery. It appears that a deputy named Matthew Wm. Lightburn was following his employment, and was in the act of drawing timber when a large stone fell from the roof and almost buried the deceased. When found by Mr. Bainbridge he was dead.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Saturday morning, Deputy-Coroner A. T. Shepherd held an inquest at the Crown and Thistle Inn, Catchgate, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Matthew Wm. Lightburn. Mr. John Martin was foreman of the jury. Mr. Swallow, manager, and Mr. J. Bainbridge, under-manager, represented the East Pontop Coal Co., and Mr. Bell, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines attended. The first witness called was

Mary Hannah Gailes, a married woman, wife of Christopher Gailes, deputy, sister of the deceased, who said he was 23 years of age, and was a deputy at East Pontop Colliery. Deceased lodged with her and was unmarried, and was killed at his work on Thursday. He was in the best of health when he went to his work.

In answer to the foreman, Mrs. Gailes said her brother was in the fore-shift.

James Crawford, miner, living at South View, Annfield Plain, said he was working with the deceased, who went into the broken flat of the Shield Row Seam. Deceased went to him at 7.30 in the morning and commenced to draw the "jud." He was drawing the east "jud" and left two pair of gears in and a good deal of back timber. He then went over the headways and drew a head-tree out, and was knocked into the "goaf" by a stone. At that time witness was standing about a yard away, and the stone which killed Lightburn fell without warning. The stone almost covered deceased, but witness was not struck at all. He immediately got help, and deceased was got out in about an hour. The stone was a post-stone. Deceased had been working at his place from 7.30 to 8.10 a.m. Witness was helping at the time.

In answer to the Foreman, witness said he was taking timber away from deceased.

James Bainbridge, under-manager, residing at East Pontop House, deposed that he was in the Hutton Seam when the fatality occurred. He got to the place at 8.50 a.m. and found deceased had not been got out then. It was a large fall on the west side. He was not of the opinion that deceased had been knocked back. He thought deceased had seen the stone coming, and stepped back into the open space. He thought the stone he had drawn had loosened the other one. Deceased was got out in about an hour, and was quite dead. Everything, as far as he could see, had been done in the ordinary way. Deceased had been in the seam since he was a boy, and had done all classes of work.

Crawford said they were both agreed that the place was safe.

A Juryman: Does the witness consider the man qualified for a deputy's place?

Mr. Bainbridge: Yes, he was a very sensible fellow.

The men's inspectors, John Temperley and Richard Harvey, in their report stated that after having examined the place in which the deceased had been killed they were of the opinion that, after having knocked out a prop, he had stepped back into a place where a stone had fallen from, and were of the opinion that it had been a pure accident.

A juryman: If a man steps into the wrong place it suggests inexperience, I think.

The Coroner: Even an experienced man might do that.

Crawford said he had assisted to draw timber since he was 13 years of age. Deceased had drawn timber for six or seven weeks.

The Coroner: The deceased had done all sorts of work. In all matters of life one found that the most experienced men sometimes incautiously did the wrong thing.

The Foreman: The evidence is very satisfactory.

Crawford: The deceased could not have drawn the timber in a better way, and the first fall had caused the second.

A juryman: The manager and the report seems to suggest that he had done the wrong thing. If the man had been experienced he would not have gone into the "jud" which had been standing a week, but would have come out the same way as he went in.

The Coroner thought Crawford had given his evidence in a very satisfactory way, and that if he had had to give his evidence in a court of law the jury could not fail to be impressed with his evidence.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

THE FUNERAL.

On Saturday afternoon the funeral of the deceased took place at the Hare Law Cemetery. The local Shepherds' Lodge was represented, the deceased having been a member of that society. Wreaths were sent by the officials and workmen of East Pontop Colliery, the members of the Dipton and Catchgate Workmen's Clubs, Mrs Gailes, and Miss Cranston. The bidders were Mr Wm. Ridley and Mr R. Welford, and the underbearers were Messrs. J. Pattison, J. Bowstead, Dawson, Pattison, Burton, and Arkless. The services in church and at the graveside were conducted by the Revs J. Gornall and J. C. Douglas. The chief mourners were Mr Wm. Lightburn, father; Mr J. G. Lightburn and Mr Atherley Lightburn, brothers; Mr. C. Gailes and Mrs. Gailes, Mr. John and Jas. Lightburn, uncles; Mr W. Lightburn, grandfather; Mr W. Lightburn, jun., and the Misses Lightburn, cousins; Mr J. Bainbridge, Mr Wm. Dawson, and Mrs Wilson, Mr W. Cape, and Mr R. Rumney, together with a large number of the workmen of East Castle Colliery.

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THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT MEDOMSLEY.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Thursday evening an inquest was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, by Deputy-Coroner A. T. Shepherd, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Chatt, of Medomsley Edge, who was killed on Tuesday afternoon in the Medomsley Colliery by a fall of stone, as reported in our last issue. Mr R. Moffitt was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr H. Palmer, J.P., Mr J. W. Jamieson, and Mr Jacob Walton represented the Consett Iron Company.

Mr Jamieson produced plans of the place where the accident occurred, and fully explained them to the jury. A piece of the stone that caused the fatality was also shown by Mr Walton.

The first witness called was Thomas Foster, a step-son of deceased, who said he resided at Medomsley Edge, and was a miner. Deceased was 49 years of age. He was a miner, and was employed at Medomsley Colliery. Witness was working with his step-father in the No. 2 gateway, in the three-quarter seam, in the colliery, on the day of the accident, May 22nd. He was filling tubs from his father, who was working on the in-bye side. Deceased asked him to throw him two props and two head-trees. Witness did so, and then started to fill his tub, which was on the tramway. When he had put in two or three shovelfuls he heard a fall of stone. This was about a quarter to four. His father had begun to set the prop then. It was the first prop. He was six or seven yards from his father when he heard the fall. He went to his father at once, but could not see him. He was quite covered up. Witness went for help. Joshua Oliver came and helped him, and about a quarter-of-an-hour after deceased was got out. His father was then dead. They started work at 10 o'clock in the morning. They had had no trouble with the place before that, nor had they noticed any signs of danger. The deputy had been in once, about a quarter to one. He examined the place and "jowled" the roof. The props and head-trees were put in in the ordinary course of their work. There was plenty of timber about. Witness thought the place quite safe, and believed his father thought the same. Deceased never complained of it. The place was well timbered where they were working. Witness thought it was a pure accident.

Joshua Oliver, a coal-hewer, living at Benfieldside, said he was employed at Medomsley Colliery. On the previous Tuesday afternoon he was at work, his marrow being Aaron Haywood. He was working in No. 3 gateway. He remembered that about four o'clock he had finished his shift at the face, and was coming outbye. He was bringing a tub out, and saw Chatt working in No. 2 gateway. His step-son was with him. He heard Foster call to him, and went to him. They found there had been a fall of stone. They could not see deceased, and began to clear the stone off him. The first thing they saw was his foot. The body was under the stone. They called for assistance, and the deputy came, and it took them all to "pinch" the stone up. Chatt was quite dead.

The Coroner: What weight was the stone?

Mr Palmer: We estimate it to be a ton and-a-half in weight.

Witness (continuing) said he had not heard deceased speak of any danger. He (Oliver) saw the deputy in his place. Witness noticed plenty of timber about. He saw a prop lying close to Chatt.

Jonathan Stoddart, living at Medomsley Edge, deposed that he had been a deputy-overman at Medomsley Colliery for over 10 years, and was at present in charge of the shaft district of the three-quarter seam. He visited No. 2 gateway about a quarter to one. He examined the face of the coal and "jowled" the roof, and looked to see if there was anything likely to lead to an accident. It sounded well, and he noticed no slip. Chatt made no complaint, neither did Foster. There was sufficient timber set, and there was plenty more if it was wanted. Witness spoke to deceased, who, in reply to a question, said that he was well. He (Stoddart) was sent for about five minutes to four, and found there had been a fall of stone. Deceased was covered all over except his foot. The stone would be fully a ton and-a-half in weight. It was 7 feet 11 inches long by 10½ inches thick. It had come off at a slip next the coal head.

In reply to the Foreman, witness said there was a row of props (three or four) about half-a-yard from the walling—between the walling and the face.

Jos. Armstrong, Medomsley Edge, and Fred. Patten, Bradley Cottages, said they were inspectors appointed by the men. They made an examination of the place on the Tuesday evening, and found sufficient timber in the place, and as far as could be ascertained it appeared safe. They thought it was a pure accident. There was plenty of timber about, and no want of care.

The Mine's Inspector had also examined that was all the evidence. Were they satisfied? He thought the evidence appeared to show that it was a pure accident—entirely unforeseen. As they saw from the sample of stone, it was of a very treacherous nature. The place had been examined about three hours previously, and there was nothing to indicate danger. The Miners' Inspector had also examined the place, and said as far as he could see there was no blame attached to anyone connected with the colliery.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

DEATH OF MISS BRODIE, OF BLACKHILL.

After a long illness Miss Jane Brodie, youngest daughter of the late Mr Joseph Brodie, died at the age of 37 years at the residence of her brother-in-law, 5, Buckham Street, Blackfine, Blackhill, on Tuesday week. The interment took place on Friday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends at Benfieldside Cemetery, the officiating minister being the Rev J. S. Nightingale, the deceased and the members of her family having been associated with the Primitive Methodist body. The coffin, which was of pitch pine with brass mountings, was conveyed to the Cemetery Chapel at about four o'clock in the afternoon, the bearers being Messrs Frank Jackson, John Jackson, David Routledge, and John Geo. Lumley. The first portion of the service was conducted in the chapel by Mr Nightingale, and among the mourners and friends present were Mr Wm. Jackson, brother-in-law, Mrs A. M. Jackson, Mrs M. A. Jackson, and her three daughters, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Swinscoe, Mrs Lumley, Mrs Watt, Miss Maddison, Mr Forster, Mrs Summerson, Mrs Henderson, Mr and Mrs Dyson, Mrs Robson, Mrs Jenkins, Mr J. Carr, Mr Wm. Johnson, Mr Robt. Laing, and others. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Mr J. Eltringham, of Blackhill.

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FUNERALS AT LEADGATE.

MR N. PARKER.

On Saturday afternoon the remains of Mr Nicholas Parker, stationer and newsagent, of Leadgate, were interred in St. Ives Churchyard. His regrettable death we briefly referred to in last week's "Guardian," and his many friends outside the district would read the announcement with feelings of sympathy and sorrow. For 18 years he had been a resident of Leadgate, and for 12 years he had carried on the newsagency business. His death occurred in the 63rd year of his age, the immediate cause being cerebral hemorrhage. There was a very large gathering of relatives and friends at the funeral, the cortege being preceded by a procession of Wesleyan Sunday School children, the deceased gentleman having been a prominent member of that denomination. The principal mourners were the widow, three sons and five daughters, and friends from Allendale Town, of which Mr Parker was a native, Allenheads, West Allendale, Haydon Bridge, Hartlepool, Corbridge, Newcastle, and Chester-le-Street. In addition to these there was a local gathering of representatives of all classes, showing the high respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by all. The coffin was conveyed from the residence to the Wesleyan Chapel, where a service was held, conducted by the Rev J. W. Denham, who also officiated at the graveside. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, and every token of sorrow was shown on all hands. Mr Jos. Slater, of Leadgate, was the undertaker.

MR JOSEPH CHATT.

Immediately following the interment of the late Mr Parker the body of Mr Joseph Chatt, who met with such a sad end in the Busty Pit, was brought from his residence at Medomsley Edge. Prior to leaving Templar Terrace a short service was conducted by Coun. Robinson, and then the procession, a very lengthy one, wended its way to the churchyard at Leadgate. The chief mourners were the widow, Mr Thomas Chatt, son; Miss L. Chatt, Miss F. Chatt, and Miss M. J. Chatt, daughters; Mr Thomas Chatt, brother; and Mr Nicholas Walton, brother-in-law. The bearers were Mr D. Turner, Mr J. Bowman, Mr T. Bowman, and Mr Geo. Palmer. The first portion of the burial service was held in the church, and was conducted by the vicar, the Rev T. Varley, who also officiated at the graveside. Mr R. Moffitt was the undertaker.

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SAD DEATH OF A LOCAL MAN

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE ROOK SHOOTING.

On Saturday evening, Mr H. T. Rutherford, deputy-coroner for South Northumberland, held an inquest at Swinburn Castle, the residence of Dr Murray, touching the death of Joseph Wharton, aged 21, who died on Friday as the result of being shot on the previous Wednesday. Deceased was the son of Mr and Mrs W. Wharton, of Tanfield, for whom much sympathy is felt. Superintendent Robson, of Hexham, watched the case on behalf of the police, while Dr Murray was also present. The body was identified by Cuthbert Wharton, brother of the deceased.—Frederick George Maddock, butler at Swinburn Castle, said that on Wednesday afternoon week, about a quarter past five, he and the deceased left the gun room for the purpose of going to shoot rooks. He had a rifle and the deceased had a double-barrelled gun. They went to the rookery. He fired two shots, but the bird he aimed at did not fall. Deceased then fired and the bird then fell. Deceased then shouted to him that he saw another bird, and beckoned him to come round the tree to get into a better position. He followed the deceased round, and, whilst in the act of following him round, his rifle went off, and the bullet went through deceased's back. Deceased would be, perhaps, six yards in front of him at the time. The rifle was at full cock. Asked by the Coroner to describe how he was carrying the rifle, witness held it in the position commonly known as the trail. He said he had his hand in front of the trigger. When deceased fell he asked him to go and seek help, which he did. He had never used a rifle under similar circumstances before.—John Dickinson, gamekeeper at Swinburn Castle, said he had examined the place where the accident occurred, and there were a lot of dead branches about likely to catch a trigger at full cock.—P.C. Scott, of Barrasford, said that he saw Wharton on Thursday, who said the occurrence was a pure accident.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

THE FUNERAL.

On Tuesday afternoon, the remains were interred in their last resting-place at Tanfield, in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends. The bidders were Messrs Fred. Parkin and Wm. Cox; the underbearers, Messrs John Burdon, Wm. Blaylock, Martin Greaves, and Daniel Blaylock; the undertaker was Mr. Geo. Foster, Stanley. The services in church and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev P. Duckworth, curate of Tanfield. The chief mourners were Mr Wm. Wharton, father; Mr Cuthbert and Mr John Wharton, brothers; Miss S. Gorringe, Mr and Mrs Stamper, brother-in-law and sister; Mr and Mrs Davison, brother-in-law and sister; Mr Thos. Bates, Stanley; Mr Geo. Telford, Stanley; and Mr Jos. Ridley. Among the general public were Mr Chas. Scott, Oakeys; P.C. Cox, Tanfield Lea; P.C. Tomlinson, Tantobie; P.C. Reeve, Kyo; Mr Geo. French, Mr Geo. Bullerwell, Mr Wm. Scorer, West Kyo; Mr John Riley, West Kyo; Mr John Gailes, Tanfield Lea; Mr Ralph Johnson, Blue Bell Inn, Kip Hill; Mr J. Saunders, Tanfield Lea; Mr Hutchinson and Mr Stott, Station Town; Mr Wm. Braidford, sen., Lintz Colliery; Miss Bullerwell, East Kyo; Mr John Settrey, sen., and Mrs Settrey, Oxhill; Mr John Settrey, jun., and Mrs Settrey, Oxhill; Mr Geo. Pace, Oxhill; Mr Wm. Pace, Annfield Plain; Mr Robt. Hunter, Annfield Place; Mr. Harry Errington, Oxhill; Mr. John Shield Oxhill; Mr. Wm. Whitfield, Oxhill; Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Cross Lanes, Stanley; Mr. E. Vipond, Peter's Bank; Mr. F. McKie, Mr. Ralph Palmer, Kyo; Miss French, East Kyo; Mr. Wilkinson, Annfield Place; Mr. Geo. Robinson, Annfield Plain; and others. Several beautiful wreaths were sent by Mr. John Wharton, brother; Miss Susie Gorringe; Mr. and Mrs. Stamper, Mr. and Mrs. Davison, brothers-in-law and sisters; Miss Mary Ann Eltringham, cousin; Mr. and Mrs. J. Tait, The Allotment Earsdon; Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Miss Waggott and Miss Gardner, and the underbearers.

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THE FREE CHURCHES

DR. McLAREN IN LONDON.

The famous Manchester preacher has been on a visit to the Metropolis. It is very difficult to get Dr. McLaren to take any outside engagements, and many a pastor and senior deacon would like to know how the Baptists at Earlsfield managed to get him. Dr. McLaren conducted the whole service himself. He looked in good health and his voice rang full and true. He pleaded for the cultivation of the Christian emotions. A representative of the "Baptist Times and Freeman" tried to interview Dr. McLaren, but it was no good. He said, smilingly, that he had no compassion for interviewers. He considers interviewing a noisome pestilence. However, many illustrious men have been interviewed and have lived on to a ripe age, none the worse for it.

EMPTYING THE PARISH CHURCH!

The June "Free Church Chronicle" contains an interesting sketch of Mr. Carvell Williams, M.P., the Chairman of the Congregational Union. Mr. Williams is not a stranger to the pulpit. He preached his first sermon at a little chapel in a north Devonshire village. His fame as the champion of Liberation had penetrated even to that remote corner. The result was curious. The squire of the parish, a stiff Churchman, and most of the inhabitants came to listen to Mr. Williams. The parish church was almost empty! Mr. Williams receives occasional visits from both High Church clergymen and Low Church clergymen who are feeling the yoke of the Establishment to be galling and would like to be free from it. He calls these anxious inquirers his Nicodemuses, and there is an article of furniture in Mr. Williams's room known as the Nicodemus Chair.

THE AUTHOR OF A FAMOUS BIOGRAPHY.

The Rev. F. W. Bourne, the well-known minister of the Bible Christian Methodist Connexion, is going to retire from active work at the next Conference. Nearly thirty years ago Mr. Bourne published "The King's Son," a memoir of Billy Bray. Billy Bray was a Cornish miner and a local preacher. Without any unusual advertisement, this volume has sold steadily at the rate of a thousand a month from the time of its first publication, and there is no sign as yet of a decreased demand. Altogether it has had a circulation of 350,000 copies. Several American papers published it as a serial. It has been translated into several European languages, and into at least one of the dialects of India.

A "VOLUNTARY" RATE AND THE QUEEN'S TAXES.

Is it not open to serious doubt whether a collector of Queen's Taxes should be allowed to collect a voluntary rate for the repair of the parish church? It is estimated that £350 will be needed during the coming year for maintenance of the fabric of St. Barnabas Parish Church, Kensington, "its warming and lighting, and other expenses needful for the decent performance of Divine worship." The Vestry has been good enough to pass a resolution "that the parishioners submit to a voluntary assessment of 3d in the £" to help the church-wardens to raise the money. The rate may be paid to the collector when he calls, or at his offices. Is it right that a Vestry should meddle in a matter of this kind at all? It is only just to add that it is made quite clear on the demand note that the rate is purely voluntary.

THE SIMULTANEOUS MISSION.

The National Free Church Council is busy with its preparations for this great effort, which will extend over the whole of England and Wales. We hear that nearly 200 missioners, including the best-known men in the Free Churches, have already consented to take part in the campaign. One hundred thousand copies of the excellent paper read by the Rev. J. Tolefree Parr at the Sheffield meetings are being distributed broadcast. The County and District Federations of Free Church Councils are preparing to do their part well. The Sussex Federation, for example, has appointed a committee to secure missioners for every town and village in the county. Mr. Compton Rickett, M.P., the President, is working with might and main, spending time, thought, and money freely, in the determination to deserve success.

THE OLDEST FREE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

A writer in the June "Free Churchman" claims that the Congregational Chapel at Horningsham, Wilts, is the oldest Free Church in England. It bears the date 1566. It was first used for worship by some Scottish workmen who had been brought from over the Border by Sir John Thynne, in order to build a mansion for him on the Longleat estate. These Scots were strongly imbued with the spirit of John Knox, and with his abhorrence of Popery and Prelacy. Hence the services in the Episcopal Church did not please them. The article is illustrated with an excellent picture of the quaint old meeting-house which is still used for public worship.

A NEW APPLICATION OF AN OLD PARABLE.

The Presbyterian missionary meeting is always one of the most successful of the May gatherings in London. This year "Ian Maclaren" added distinction to the crowded assembly by his presence in the chair. Many good speeches were made. The raciest was by the Rev. T. T. Matthews, of Madagascar, delivered with a generous Scotch accent and full of Scotch stories. Mr. Matthews, who is in the service of the London Missionary Society, does not relish the presence of the French and the Jesuits in the country. "Of late," he said, "Madagascar has been like the man who went from Jerusalem to Jericho. You know what happened to him. But there would have been this difference in the case of Madagascar: The priests and the Levites did not pass him by. They jumped upon him."

BISHOP RYLE AND METHODISM.

The relations between the two Liverpool veterans—Dr. Ryle, who has resigned the Bishopric, and the Rev. Charles Garrett, who is retiring from the head of the Wesleyan Mission—have always been very cordial. When the Bishop first came to Liverpool, Mr. Garrett gave him a personal welcome. In that first interview the Bishop assured him that, though he was a divine of the Church of England, he was a Methodist, that his grandfather and father were Methodists, and that he was full of Methodist theology and principles. In fact, the Bishop was proud of, and never tired of avowing his relationship to Methodism.

LANCHESTER.

DINNER TO THE INMATES OF THE WORKHOUSE.—On Thursday last Mr Brodie-Cochrane, Greencroft Hall, entertained the whole of the inmates of Lanchester Workhouse to a substantial dinner of roast beef and plum pudding. It is understood that the donor' son had come of age, and being Queen's Day the entertainment was most appropriate. Dinner was served to the bulk of the inmates in the Dining Hall. Mr and Mrs Brotherhood, the popular master and matron, were assisted in attending to the wants of the inmates by Mr W. Ramsay, Blackhill, Mr G. T. Wilson, [illegible]hill, Mr R. Milburn, Consett, Mr Thos. Sadlar, station-master, Lanchester, Mr T. Wilson, Ornsby Hill, and the member of the staff. Those in the Infirmary were ably looked after by Superintendent Nurse Watson, Nurse Dean, and Nurse Parkes. For the purposes of the dinner the Master was supplied with 17st of beef, 20st of potatoes, and materials for making 2¼ cwt of plum pudding. The smokers among the inmates were also supplied with an ounce of tobacco and a new pipe each. At the close of the dinner hearty cheers were given for the Queen, the donor and his family, the Board of Guardians, the gentlemen who had assisted that day, and the Master and Matron.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA IN THE EARLY DAYS.

THE REV. THOMAS HASSAL.

The next clergyman of whom I must speak is the Rev. Thomas Hassall. His father was one of the missionaries who went out in the ship "Duff" in 1879 to the South Seas, but owing to the savage nature of the natives some of them were obliged to return to Sydney in 1798. Of these were Mr. Hassall's father and mother and himself, then between four and five years of age. He had been born at Coventry in Warwickshire, but in his childhood and early manhood there is one subject which ought not to be forgotten in Australia, and that through his exertions the first Sunday School in Parramatta, and consequently in Australia, was opened in 1815—the year of the battle of Waterloo. It may be said to have owed its foundation to a fly. It appears that one day as Mr. Hassall was walking through the streets of Parramatta he saw a convict busily engaged in killing flies for pastime. Of a humane character, the goodly youth reproved the convict, and told him that he ought to use his time to better purpose. The convict told him that he could not. Mr. Hassall thereupon asked him to come to his father's house on the following Sunday, and he would see if he could assist him in making better use of his Sabbaths. When the day came round, the convict put in his appearance, and Mr. Hassall, taking him into the house, read to him out of some goodly book, and explained what had been read. When the convict took his leave he asked permission to come again on the following Sunday and bring a friend with him. Mr. Hassall agreed to this, and on the third Sunday others attended. Thus it came to pass that soon Mr. Hassall had quite a large class of adult scholars. He drew up certain rules, regulations, and requirements for the use of his pupils, and finally became Superintendent of the Sunday School.

He had always made up his mind to become a Minister of the Gospel, and two years later—in 1817—he embarked for England in a vessel named the "Kangaroo" in order to study for the Church. He was thus the first young man whoever left Australia to be prepared for the ministry. On his arrival in London he presented himself to Wilberforce, the great philanthropist, to whom he had letters of introduction. When that great and good man knew what Mr. Hassal's business in England was, he said to him—"Young man, I wish I could lay my hands on you, and send you straight back again." He studied at Lampeter College, in Wales, and after having been admitted to Deacon's and Priest's Orders, he returned to Australia, landing in Sydney in 1822. It is related that the Bishop of London (Dr. Howley) hesitated to ordain Mr. Hassall for foreign service, and that a letter written to the young man by Lady Macquarie, wife of the Governor of New South Wales—Major-General Lachlan Macquarie (who did much to promote the interests of religion in Australia) showing her kindly interest in him, decided the question. Soon after his arrival in New South Wales he was appointed assistant to the Rev. Samuel Marsden, whose eldest daughter he eventually married. He was thence appointed Chaplain at Port Macquarie, and eventually at O'Connell's Plains, (from whence he visited Bathurst for service on Sunday). He finally settled at Cobbity, where his parish was "All Australia beyond Liverpool." In this place he laboured for nearly forty years, much of which time was spent in the saddle—called by one of his friends his easy chair. Mr. Hassall, who died in 1868, was a most earnest, very faithful and simple minded servant of God. There are few clergymen who have been more diligent in the discharge of their ministerial duty than this good Christian Minister of Christ.

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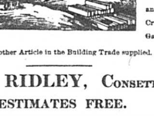
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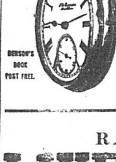
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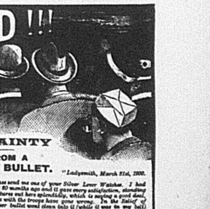
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ROBERT ENGLISH.

DEATH OF MRS. LOWES, TEMPLETOWN

We regret to have to chronicle the death of one of the oldest standards of Templetown in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowes, wife of Mr. Robt. Lowes, blacksmith, which took place at her residence on Monday rather suddenly. It appears that for some considerable time Mrs. Lowes had been troubled with bile on the stomach, but had been able to do her work until Monday when inflammation set in which proved fatal. Mrs. Lowes having lived at Templetown for some 35 years with her husband, who has been, and still is employed as a blacksmith under the Consett Iron Company for 39 years, she was well-known and her sudden demise is much regretted by a large circle of her neighbours by whom she was highly respected. The deceased lady, who leaves a husband and grown-up family to mourn her loss, was 66 years of age, and although not a member of the Consett Baptist Society was a generous supporter of that cause, some of her children being amongst the first scholars to form the Sunday School when that church was established in the town. Dr Macintyre, of Consett, attended the deceased lady until the time of her death. The funeral took place at the Benfieldside Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large assemblage of mourners and friends, so large indeed, that it was said to have been one of the largest funerals from that part of the town. The Rev T. Durant, Baptist minister, Consett, conducted the services. The bidders were Messrs Robt. Bird and Ed. Telford, of Templetown; the underbearers, Messrs T. Harrison, John Smith, S. Farnsworth, and W. Wilkinson; Mr W. Suddes, of Consett, made the coffin, which was of pitch pine with brass mountings, and Messrs T. C. Rawes and Sons supplied the mourning coaches. Wreaths were sent by Mrs Moore, Lancashire; Mr John Milburn, Leadgate; Mr Robt. Moore, and others. The chief mourners were Mr Robt. Lowes, husband; Mr John Lowes, Mr R. Lowes, sons; Mrs Moss, daughter, and family; Mrs Parker, daughter; Mr Wm. Lee, nephew, Beamish; and others, followed by a large company of the general public.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

CONCERT.—On Monday night, the ladies connected with the Primitive Methodist Church gave a concert, when Mrs. J. S. Nightingale, of Consett, ably presided over a good attendance. Every part of the programme was carried out admirably, and the pieces rendered by Miss Dawson, Westwood; Miss Dora Cooke, Leadgate; Miss Urwin, Westwood; Miss Davison, Allendale; and Miss Cawthorn, of Allendale, were greatly appreciated. The piano was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. T. Jones, Church Street, Consett. At the conclusion of the concert a public supper was provided in the schoolroom and a large number of people were present. The effort altogether realised £10 profit, which has been handed over to the Trust Fund.

GREENSIDE.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—In connection with this church opening services for a new organ were held on Sunday last. Two excellent programmes of music, both vocal and instrumental, were given by the Consett Amateur Orchestral Concert Party, before large audiences, who fully appreciated the music, which was really a treat. Mr. Pattison conducted, and Mr. Williams presided at the organ, and gave a good account of himself. Mr. J. Lamb's cornet solos were rendered in beautiful style, and the impression was that he is a master of his instrument. Mr. J. W. Heslop's tenor solos were also excellently given, and had it been on any other occasion he would probably not have got off so easily. Even as it was faint murmurs of applause went around the building as he finished his last solo ("Lead, kindly light.") Mr. A. Heslop also gave some splendid 'cello solos. Altogether the whole band merited warm praise.

BIRTLEY.

HORSE PROCESSION.—The committee of the Birtley Co-operative Society held a horse show and procession of the society's horses at Birtley on Saturday. The weather was very fine, and there was a very large gathering of people at the show, which was held in the society's field, Station Lane. Mr. Peter Oswald, Harraton Hall, and Mr. T. R. Jarvie, M.R.C.V.S., Gateshead, officiated as judges. After the awards were given, a procession was formed, and the horses paraded the villages of Birtley, Ouston, Perkinsville, Ouston Pit, and Brown's Buildings. On their return to Birtley the men were served with tea in the Co-operative Hall. The judges complimented the committee on their splendid collection of horses.

LAMESLEY AND WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD QUESTION.

A public meeting of the parish of Lamesley was held in the School on Monday night. The Rev J. Croft B.A., presided, and said the meeting was called to consider a very serious question for the ratepayers of Lamesley parish, namely, the question of making Lamesley contribute to Whickham School Board for the education of about 100 of Lamesley children attending the Whickham Board School at Marley Hill. He called upon Mr. Hy. Wallace to address the meeting.

Mr Wallace said the question was serious, inasmuch as it was an attempt to make the parish of Lamesley contribute for the 100 children attending Whickham Board School at Marley Hill, and, of course, if that was submitted to, the same course would follow to the 50 children from Lamesley parish who now attend the Tanfield Board Schools. They in Lamesley parish were willing to pay for the education of their children, either by providing their own school, or by a fair and just sum per head for each child attending school in another parish; but they offered the strongest objection to be compelled to contribute to Whickham a proportionate part of the cost of a most extravagant school, built at Marley Hill, with an accommodation far beyond what was necessary for the present requirements of both Whickham and Lamesley. And over and above the contribution to this costly and over-built school, they were required to contribute a sum per head, many times over what it cost them to educate our children in Lamesley parish. For years past their children had been welcomed to Marley Hill School, free of any charge to this parish, and wisely so, because it was discovered by the Whickham School Board that they had committed a serious blunder in the cost of a school, which provided accommodation for hundreds of children in excess of the requirements of both Whickham and Lamesley either then or now, and it was of immense advantage to them to have their children go to them so that they could get the Government grant, which was was practically "found money" for them. Why in their parish (Lamesley) they ran a school of 200 children at a cost last year of only 3s and the Government grant. The old Whickham School Board knew this, and were pleased to have their children. New members of the Whickham School Board were in course of time elected who did not know the history of the Marley Hill Schools. He did not know that their school rate was an excessively high one, and promulgated the idea of dragging in the parish of Lamesley to help them to bear the burdens of Whickham brought about entirely by their own extravagance. They then applied to the Education Department to help them in their difficulties, and a notice was served upon that parish by the Education Board to provide a school for their children or arrange with Whickham. A ratepayers' meeting was held in that school, and it was unanimously agreed to build a school for their 150 children attending Whickham and Tanfield schools; at the same time Whickham Board had approached Lamesley with a view of trying to come to an amicable arrangement, and they selected a committee to wait on the Whickham Board, when the subject was fully gone into, and it was agreed that Lamesley parish should contribute 12s per child per year for the education of their Lamesley children by Whickham, and that both sides should convey this agreement to the Education Board. This was done by Lamesley, but he supposed Whickham did not write to the Education Board as it undertook to do. Before their meeting it had been conveyed to the Education Board that it was decided to build a school for their children attending the Whickham School, and they replied they would not advise them to build a school, and when they were informed of the fact that they had arranged with Whickham for 12s a head, they naturally thought they would endorse that arrangement. Imagine their astonishment when the notice to build had expired, for Lamesley to receive notice from the Education Board making Lamesley contributory to Whickham on terms most unfair and unjust. They held another meeting to protest against the terms which were imposed upon them. This protest resulted in a meeting between himself and an official of the Education Board in London. They thoroughly discussed the whole question, and he must say he was most kind and considerate, and made him to understand this was the first time the matter had been before him, and that the gentleman who had previously dealt with the matter was not then at the Education Board. He pointed out to him that the Board could not deal with the question until their three months' notice had expired; they could not take cognisance of any arrangement come to before that; they should have filled up a form which was sent to them (and which he never saw) saying they based their decision on the report in those forms, and as the Whickham School Board filled up the form showing what each child cost them, and they never returned their form, the Education Board took it for granted they raised no objection to the Whickham figures, and the order was made accordingly. They both agreed it would be better for both parishes not to build a school in Lamesley if Whickham would agree to the 12s per head, and he undertook to try them; this he had done and they refused. He informed the Education Board official that they in Lamesley would build a school, even if they never got a penny grant; that they could run the school cheaper, even without a grant, rather than become contributory to Whickham on the extortionate terms proposed. The official agreed with him, and did not bind him to secrecy in his reply, which was, "If you build the school you will not get the grant for the first year, but you will not be punished beyond that." He seemed to regret what had taken place, and he was sure it never would have happened if the matter had been referred to him in the first instance. It was a most serious matter for Lamesley parish, and equally serious for Whickham, for that parish would lose about £160 a year if they in Lamesley were driven by the caprice of one man in Whickham, to build a school at Marley Hill. The Whickham School there would become a "white elephant" to them. There were representatives in that room that night of very nearly the whole rateable value of the parish of Lamesley, and they knew they had successfully carried on the education of their children in the parish without a penny from the rates, and they would show with no uncertain voice that they did not mean to be rated to reduce the burdens on a neighbouring parish, entirely brought about by their own incapacity and wilful extravagance.

Mr D. Robson, agent to the Birtley Iron Co., moved that a voluntary school be erected for the Lamesley children attending Marley Hill School.

Mr. Smith seconded, and Mr. W. S. Harris, agent to John Bowes and Partners, supported; and it was carried unanimously.

IMPORTANT SALE OF SHARES AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. John S. Murray, auctioneer, Blackhill, offered for sale at the New Town Hall, Consett, £5,000 of new ordinary stock in the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Company. There was a large company present, and each lot consisted of £10 ordinary stock. The first 30 lots went to Mr. R. G. Barclay at £10 5s per lot, and the same gentleman purchased the next 30 at £10 5s 6d per lot. Lots 61 to 90 went to Mr. Wm. Aynsley at £10 7s per lot, whilst Mr. Barclay took the succeeding 30 at £10 6s each. The other lots went as follows:—121 to 150, Mr. W. Aynsley, £10 7s; 151 to 180, Mr. Barclay, £10 9s 6d; 181 to 210, Mr. W. Aynsley, £10 7s; 211 to 220, Mr. Aynsley, £10 10; 221 to 250, Mr. Barclay, £10 8s 6d; 251 to 280, Mr. Barclay, £10 7s; 281 to 310, Mr. Geo. Ainsworth, £10 6s; 311 to 330, Mr. Barclay, £10 7s; 331 to 360, Mr. Ainsworth, £10 5s; 351 to 385, Mr. J. Scott, £10 5s 6d; 386 to 415, Mr. W. Aynsley, £10 4s; 416 to 455, Mr. M. Richley, £10 5s; 446 to 475, Mr. Barclay, £10 5s; 476 to 485, Mr. W. Urwin, £10 5s; 486 to 505, Mr. Jas. Parker, £10 5s; 506 to 535, Mr. Barclay, £10 4s 6d; 536 to 555, Mr. W. Aynsley, £10 4s 6d; 556 to 585, Mr. Ed. Todd, £10 4s; 586 to 600, Mr. W. Aynsley, £10 4s 6d.—Afterwards, at the Free Masons' Arms Hotel, Consett, Mr. Murray offered for sale 100 North-Eastern Breweries ordinary shares, and 100 5 per cent. preference shares, as well as 50 Consett Waterworks Company shares, the two latter of which were not sold. Thirty of the ordinary brewery shares went to Mr. James Eltringham at £8 per share; 20 to Mr. G. Bolam, and the same number to Mr. E. Lockey, at £8 per share. Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, Consett and Newcastle, acted as solicitors for the vendors.

WHEN PRETORIA IS TAKEN.

PROPOSED REJOICINGS AT BLACKHILL.

On Monday evening, Coun. J. Heymer presided over a large meeting, held in St. Aidan's Church Hall, Blackhill, called for the purpose of considering the holding of a demonstration to celebrate the fall of Pretoria. Coun. Heymer was supported on the platform by Couns. J. G. Robinson, J. Eltringham, E. Sloane, H. Carss, and Messrs Jas. Palliser, Edwards, D. Ormerod, W. Ramsay, J. E. Parker, and Messrs F. W. Brodie and J. Sheffield (secretaries pro. tem.) Among those in the audience were Messrs. Moralee, W. Oliver, J. Siddell, W. Davison, H. Douse, J. E. Thorpe, J. Harker, T. Siddell, W. Charlton, T. Whinney, C. Herbert, T. C. Charlton, Edwards, Trotter, Wigham, Hall, Walker, Davis, Taylor, Mackay, J. Thompson, H. Wood, R. Heymer, J. Wedgewood, R. H. Watson, J. Askew, W. Foggon, J. Lovat, W. Watson, H. Shaw, Coun. Kempson, W. Atkinson, J. Freck, P. White, R. Wilson, J. Dixon, Jos. Ayton, A. Ayton, C. Speed, J. Greenwood, R. Frankland, J. T. Turner, J. Gibson, Coxon, W. Richardson, S. Leybourne, Jas. Eltringham, J. J. Raw, A. Wood, M. Bell, G. Dales, R. Walton, F. McDonald, W. Palliser, J. Jack, J. S. Murray, A. E. Turner, and Coun. Dowson.

At the outset the Chairman called upon Mr. Brodie to read the circular convening the meeting. This having been done, letters were read from the Revs. Canon Ross-Lewin, E. W. Jenkins, and Father Kelly, regretting that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

The Chairman then called upon Coun. Carss to move a resolution.

Coun. Carss rose and moved, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to hold a demonstration by the inhabitants of Benfieldside to celebrate the capture of Pretoria." Coun. Carss said they should not forget the men who were doing the fighting and he was sure that as patriotic Englishmen their hearts were with them in the great work in which they were engaged. The freedom of the people in South Africa depended upon our beating the Boers. As a great many people had been racking their brains as to what would be done with South Africa after the war, Coun. Carss suggested that the whole of South Africa should be turned into one vast republic, and that the Duke of Connaught should be sent out as President for the first seven years, to get things into order. After the first seven years he would give the people the power of electing their own president. It would then be one grand united people, a people devoted to the Mother Country, and in case of complications arising between the Mother Country and any other power, there would be a fine body of men, and the Australians and Canadians. (Applause.) Speaking of the defence of Mafeking, Coun. Carss said it was to the honour of the garrison that they had held out. They were undisciplined troops, officered by English officers, and had endured marvellous hardships, and they knew how they had kept their flag flying. They had done their work gallantly and patriotically. (Applause.) He had great pleasure in moving that resolution, and he hoped that they would let the people of Great Britain know that the pulses of the people of Benfieldside beat strongly in defence of their country. (Applause.)

Coun. Eltringham seconded the resolution, and said that after Coun. Carss' speech there was nothing more for him to add, and seeing there was a lot of business to be got through he would simply second the motion.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that they had hardly ever opened their mouths, but who, after reading of the glorious work which had been done, could keep their tongues quiet? When the troops reached Pretoria they would not be found wanting at Benfieldside. It appeared to him a pity that they were not joined more together. He referred to the arrangements which were being made at Shotley Bridge. He thought they ought to approach the Shotley Bridge committee and see if they could not amalgamate.

The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Coun. J. Heymer; vice-chairman, Coun. G. J. Robinson; secretaries, Messrs. F. W. Brodie and J. Sheffield; treasurer, Mr. W. Ramsay. A large and influential committee was also appointed.

The proposed programme was then submitted for the approval of the meeting. It was as follows:—Treat for school children, cycle parade, torchlight procession, fireworks and bonfire, speeches, and an open-air concert.

The Chairman asked if anyone would like to suggest any improvement?

A gentleman suggested that all the public-houses should be closed and the places of worship kept open all day; but he met with little support.

Another gentlemen said that there were several old people from Benfieldside in the Workhouse at Lanchester, and he suggested they should be given a treat.

The Chairman said that the people in the Workhouse would all be provided for.

The programme was agreed to.

The Chairman moved that a deputation wait upon the Shotley Bridge committee with a view to amalgamation.

The motion, on being seconded, was put to the meeting and carried unanimously, and the deputation was appointed, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-chairman, and the Secretaries.

The Chairman then recited a short poem entitled "In our joy, let us not forget our sorrow."

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rev. T. J. Storey for his kindness in lending the hall free of charge, and the meeting concluded by the assembly rising and singing the National Anthem.

At the close of the meeting a committee meeting was held at which a subscription list was opened and about £15 was taken.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of the members of the Kyo School Board was held in the Annfield Plain new Board Schools on Monday evening, under the presidency of Mr. R. Kay (chairman). There were also present—Messrs J. Reece, J. Bainbridge, W. Eltringham; Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk), Mr. R. Jackson (Deputy Clerk), and Mr. T. Robson (Attendance Officer).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. T. Robson, Attendance Officer, reported that he had made 11 visits to schools, 107 absentee visits, reported one child to other officers, and served two bye-law notices. A good many children were still absent through sickness, mostly whooping cough.

The report was adopted.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

Messrs Reece and Bainbridge were appointed representatives of the Board on the local technical committee.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Bainbridge moved that the schools be closed for a week at Whitsuntide.

Mr. Reece seconded the motion.

After discussion, Mr. Bainbridge withdrew his motion, and Mr. Reece moved that a week's holiday be given.

Mr. Eltringham seconded the motion, and the same was carried.

ALTERATIONS TO ANNFIELD PLAIN SCHOOL HOUSE.

Mr. G. T. Wilson, architect, Blackhill, laid plans of the proposed alterations to Mr. Sterling's house at Annfield Plain before the Board, together witih two tenders. The tender of Mr. R. T. Johnson of £33 10s was accepted, on the motion of Mr Bainbridge, seconded by Mr. Kay.

TEACHER'S REPORTS.

Mr. G. Sterling, Annfield Plain Mixed, reported that the children very much appreciated the gift sent by the Chairman on the occasion of the Queen's birth-day.—Mrs. Green, Annfield Plain Infants, reported a large influx of children during the month.—Miss Kidd, Oxhill Infants, reported that 43 children had been drafted to the mixed school.

Mr. Bainbridge said the reports were not satisfactory to him.

The Chairman: Which reports?

Mr. Bainbridge: All of them who gave holiday without the leave of the Board.

The Chairman: That has been rectified by the resolution that each head teacher be informed that they must not give holiday without first receiving the sanction of the two members of the Board nearest their School.

TOW LAW.

HOMING.—The Tow Law Heming Society held their third old bird race from Nottingham (127 miles), in connection with the North-Eastern Counties Federation. Result —G. Hindemoor, 976.921 yards velocity; G. Charlton, 922; T. Armstrong, 835; G. Burdon, 793, J. Hall, 781; C. W. Hall (3 birds), 674.

WHICKHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr R. Cairns, of Cowgate Mill, Manor Chare, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has requested us to publish the following letter which was read at a recent meeting of the Whickham Urban District Council.

The Inspector of Nuisance,
Whickham U.D.C.

Sir,—I have once more a notice from you, and I accept it as evidence that even in your ashes lives your wonted fire. The [illegible] your notice in this case was ordered to be deposited on land in my occupation, to be in readiness to be used for the foundation of a road, as soon as the weather is dry enough to permit a deviation for the traffic. At present it is not yet in that condition, and I do not design to make the road impassable for the local traffic, and it would be so during the time the improved road is being made. In the meantime I deny absolutely that there is anything whatever either noxious or offensive to the sense of smell in the district. If any bones or manure is there, neither have been deposited there by my orders, but exactly contrary thereto. I have, however, failed to find even a specimen bone in the lot, and I shall be glad to pay you 6d per stone for all you can find there, which price is about double what is paid to collectors of such articles. If anyone can prove that they have been injured by the deposit in question, I should be quite willing to pay double their damage, but such claim must be founded on material damage, and not on sentimental grounds. Tastes of course varied in this instance. The complainant appears to prefer stagnant water and mud for six months of the year, to a deposit being laid for a few weeks, which will put an end to such a state of matters. I am quite willing that such a case as this should be tried, but if material such as this should be declared a nuisance, what about the heaps of raw ashes (which contained all the articles named in your notice) being allowed to be laid all the year round at the side of the public road, about 100 yards north of Norwood? and what about the deposit of articles similar to what I have placed, as alleged, and which are to be found in "Nannie's Wood," within a foot of the pathway. The only difference is that in the one case the articles have been carted direct from the manure heap, whilst in my case the manure has been spread on the land, and the land ploughed, and then harrowed, and the said articles brought to the surface. Soil is generally said to be the best deodorizer, but in this case your contention must be opposite. If you require a complaint before taking action then I now make a complaint in each intance I have named, and demand that you shall no longer continue to strain at gnats and swallow camels at the same time. Years ago the Whickham U.D.C. did their best to prevent me carrying out a great improvement. In the making of that improvement did I injure a single man, woman, or child? If any, let them come forward, or let the Council produce them, and I will pay them double. I say the same in this instance. The articles have been where they are for some weeks. If they are injurious to anyone, let the injured come forward. In conclusion, I give you notice of a question that you will have to answer when the case comes to Court. You saw the material very soon after it was deposited; did you think it was injurious to health at that time? If you did think so, why did you delay your action for a month? If there was anything injurious it must now be less than it was at first. The only conclusion I can come to is that you did not see cause to interfere, and that someone has influenced your action now. I shall await your explanation with interest, and the W.U.D.C. can do what they like in this matter.

ASSURANCE AGENTS' GATHERING IN CONSETT

The Consett staff of the United Provident Assurance Company held their first annual meeting on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the Temperance Rooms of Mr. Robson. That caterer provided a substantial meat tea. The General Manager of the Company, Mr. S. J. Eyre Hartley, presided over the gathering, and was splendidly supported by Mr. E. Telford, the local superintendent; Mr. George Shivers, Northern Branch Manager; Mr. Jas. Pringle, also of the Newcastle Office; Mr. A. Galloway, Blyth Superintendent; Mr. M. Mulcahy, and others. Councillor R. Eccles, of Blackhill, was also present.

After a hearty repast, the business of the evening was proceeded with. Mr. Hartley rising to address the meeting, was enthusiastically received. Before proceeding to the business of the evening, he referred to the wave of patriotic enthusiasm which was sweeping over their vast Empire, and he asked the company to rise with him and drink the health of their aged Sovereign and the continued success of their arms in South Africa, until peace, with freedom, should be declared in that large Continent. This toast was drunk enthusiastically.

The General Manager then called upon Mr. Telford, the local superintendent, who proposed "Success to the United Provident Assurance Company." He spoke very feelingly of the courteous and kindly manner with which the Directors and General Manager had met him, and he had no hesitancy in saying that they, as a staff, had made the best move in their lives in attaching themselves to the Company, one of whose objects was to make every worker in its service comfortable and happy, whatever his position with the Company might be. (Applause.) He urged every agent of his staff to consider the interests of the company in accepting or refusing business, and by so acting they would be doing well for the policy-holders and for themselves. (Applause.)

Mr. Hartley, in replying to the toast, after referring to some noteworthy facts in connection with the formation of the Company, said it would interest local people to know that they had many well-known gentlemen as shareholders in the north of England, including among others Sir Christopher Furness, whose name was associated with the best undertakings in the district. He, with other shareholders, would watch with interest the growth of the business locally. The Company had firmly cemented the principles of trade unionism in its very foundations, thus recognising, at the outset of its career, that those who loyally supported the Company should have equitable recompense. (Applause.)

Mr. George Shivers, the northern manager, at this stage proposed "The success of the Consett District," coupling the names of Mr. E. Telford and Mr. Casey, the oldest agent.

Mr. Casey stated that he and his fellow-agents were more than satisfied with the manner in which the Company recognised their services, his confidence being, that so long as the agent would look after the best interests of the policy-holders, so long would the trade unionists in Consett and district continue to support the Company in the manner which they had already done.

Mr. Tumilty also spoke, endorsing the remarks of Mr. Casey, and stated that the success of the Consett section was due to a genuine feeling of brotherhood which existed between them all. (Applause.)

Mr. Richards, Mr. McCabe, Mr. Reid, Mr. Eddy, Mr. Forster, Mr. Yates, and others also endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, Mr. Reid adding his testimony to the qualities of Mr. Mulcahy, the assistant-superintendent, testifying to the great help that he, and the other agents, had received in their efforts.

Mr. Mulcahy suitably responded, and Coun. Eccles gave an interesting speech.

The general manager then gave a most interesting description of the manner in which he had been supported in bringing into existence the "United Provident." Its business was being well established, and he felt confident that it had a most brilliant future before it. He also stated that the Company had not been formed by the methods of the speculating company promoter. No promotion money had been paid, nor any questionable practice resorted to in obtaining capital or influence. The gentlemen they were proud to have as directors were men of the highest commercial standing, who had joined him in establishing the Company because of their interest in the welfare of the working-classes. (Applause.)

Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Shivers, Mr. Pringle, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, and it was at a late hour when, with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting concluded the unanimous impression being that though the United Provident had entered the field for business in no boastful spirit, the principles on which it was founded would ensure more than ordinary success.

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD

On Thursday evening the monthly meeting of the Greencroft School Board was held in the Greencroft Board Schools, Mr. H. Greener, (Chairman) presiding. There were also present Messrs R. Mitchinson, J. Mason, R. Hall, T. U. Ord, and Mr. R. Jackson, (Deputy Clerk.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. R. Tindale reported that the attendance during the past month was fairly good with the exception of a few cases.

RESIGNATION OF MISS MOORE.

Miss Moore, assistant mistress in the infant school, tendered her resignation, having secured an appointment at her home in Carlisle.

Mr. R. Hall moved that the clerk insert an advertisement in the two local papers for an assistant mistress.

Mr. Ord seconded the motion, which was carried. Miss Moore to be liberated at once.

Mr. Hall thought it would be unfair not to try to secure a local mistress.

Mr. Mitchinson: If we can get a local who is suitable let's have one.

Mr. Mason: Yes, let us keep them at home if possible.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Ord moved that the schools be closed a week at Whitsuntide.

Mr. Mason seconded the motion, which was carried.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. I. Mackay, head master of the mixed school reported that the avtrage attendance was 342. School work was progressing satisfactorfly. He was glad the Board had decided to appoint Miss Mackay and Miss Tindale as assistants. Miss C. Knifton, head mistress of the infant school reported that the average attendance was 135.5. The children were coming in fairly well and the numbers were going steadily up.

PRIZES.

Prizes to the amount of £13 7s 6d had been purchased, and it was decided to distribute them on Tuesday, May 29th.

The Board then rose.

DERWENT VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday afternoon the annual meeting of the Derwent Valley League was held at Mrs. Snowdon's, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, the headquarters of the league. Mr. W. Hodgson (chairman) presided, and representatives were present from Annfield Plain Celtic, Lintz Rovers, Marley Hill, Blackhill, Consett Swifts, Byer Moor, Tantobie, and Hamsterley; and Mr. W. Payne, secretary.

A QUESTION OF GATE-MONEY.

After the minutes had been read the Blackhill representatives said witih respect to the claim for brake expenses against Hamsterley he thought the latter club never tried to take the gate-money. People entered the field on all sides, and as far as seven people were admitted for twopence.

Mr. Taylor thought the matter was out of order, as the Blackhill people were not at the meeting when their claim was discussed.

It was stated that some clubs were notified of the meeting, while others were not.

Mr. Payne, in reply, said he expected he had sent a notice to all the clubs, but if he had not, the Blackhill representatives were at the meeting when it was decided to hold the meeting which was held a fortnight ago, and should have been there.

Mr. Taylor corroborated Mr. Payne's remarks.

The Chairman ruled that if Blackhill had been represented they could still bring the matter on again if they wished.

Mr. Taylor: I can tell you no more than I told you at the last meeting about the gate-money, which amounted to 4/9.

It was decided to stand to the minute of the previous meeting, and the question was moved off the board.

A CLAIM UPHELD.

Lintz Rovers claimed 5/6 from Tanfield Lea for expenses incurred in a match between the two clubs.

The Chairman said according to rule they were entitled to their expenses, and the claim was upheld.

ANOTHER CLAIM SUSTAINED.

Blackhill claimed expenses in a league fixture against Tanfield Lea, and the claim was allowed according to rule.

NO APPEARANCE.

The claim of Leadgate against Blackhill was ordered to lie over through the non-appearance of the former club's representatives.

THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Mr. Taylor said in regard to the charge made by Mr. Bennett, of Byer Moor, against the club or clubs who had conspired to do them (the Byer Moor club) out of the cup, it was a very well-known fact amongst the representatives who were ment.

Mr. Bennett said he did not intend to withdraw it. The thing had been current amongst the Byer Moor players through the week, and they knew that Tanfield were not going to Byer Moor.

Mr. Taylor: Who do you blame?

Mr. Bennett: Who do you blame? The fact of the matter is they intended to keep Tantobie up and Byer Moor back.

The Chairman said he was referee for that match, and if Tanfield Lea had not intended to play it they would have sent him word.

Mr. Bennett was of the opinion that Mr. Hodgson did know.

The Chairman: You will have to prove that or I will take the matter before the Referees' Association.

Mr. Payne: The impression was given that Tantobie and Tanfield Lea had arranged matters amongst themselves.

Mr. Bennett: I am exonerating Tantobie from any blame, and blame Tanfield Lea entirely for it.

Mr. Taylor said he was not satisfied with the way in which the thing had gone on. When an accusation was brought against clubs there should be proof given in support of the accusation.

Mr. Bennett refused to apologise.

Mr. Taylor said there were accusations made against other clubs, although the hint was given of Tantobie, and it was not good enough for a man to go to a meeting and make an accusation against any club unless he could prove it.

Mr. Bennett said Tanfield Lea had proved it themselves by their actions.

The matter then dropped.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Wm. Hodgson; vice-president, Mr. J. Bennett; treasurer, Mr. G. Gray, Marley Hill; secretary, Mr. W. Payne, Burnhope; auditors, Messrs Sinclair and Little.

REMUNERATING THE SECRETARY.

Mr. Bennett raised the question of paying the secretary a salary. In support of his views he said the secretary's work was rather an arduous task, and occupied a good deal of time and trouble. Up to the present he had got labour for his pains, but he thought the league ought to consider his position and reward him in some way or other. He moved that every club in the league pay 2/6 towards the secretary's salary, adding that he would not be half-paid at that price.

Mr. Payne said it was not necessary, as far as he was concerned, that any salary should be paid. He was always willing to do whatever he could for the league.

Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

After other proposals had been made it was resolved to let the matter lie over until a full meeting was held.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

As the league fixtures had not been all fulfilled, Mr. Gray moved that the cup be held by the league until September, and order all the clubs who had not fulfilled their fixtures to play them out in the beginning of September, failing which they should not be considered members of the league.

Mr. Tayler said that Mr. Gray in the opening sentences of his motion was breaking the league rule, which stated that the club gaining the largest number of points should be considered champions. He thought Hamsterley, accordinig to that rule, was entitled to the cup.

Mr. Urwin seconded the motion.

It was also moved that the league be neutral for that season. A rider was added that the whole question be referred to the committee at Durham.

On a vote being taken, the rider secured four supporters, the amendment two, and the motion four. The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was carried.

A MONTH EACH.

It was afterwards resolved that the three clubs standing first on the league table have the cup a month each in turn, to be decided by ballot. On a ballot being taken Annfield Plain Celtic secured it for the first month, Byer Moor the second, and Hamsterley the third.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MR. SINCLAIR.

The Chairman said the charge which Mr. Sinclair had made against him was a little too hard for him to bear. According to the newspaper report Mr. Sinclair considered the meeting at which the cup was presented a disgraceful affair, and put all the blame upon his (the chairman's) shoulders. He would like to ask Mr. Sinclair if the meeting was such a disgraceful affair for men to be present at was it not worse for women?

Mr. Bennett said he understood that that remark only applied to the men who were at the meeting, and did not in the slightest way cast any reflection upon the [illegible].

After Mr. Sinclair had spoken the Chairman considered Mr. Bennett's explanation satisfactory, and the matter dropped.

SAD MINING FATALITY AT EAST CASTLE.

On Monday afternoon a sad fatality occurred at East Castle Colliery to an elderly man named Wm. Westlake. It would appear that the deceased, who had been employed as a shifter, was drawing a prop from under one of a pair of railway plates which were propped up to support the roof, together with a balk which was placed midway and parallel between the rails for additional safety and support. The balk or plank was a little shorter than the rails, and deceased whilst drawing the prop from under one end of one of the rails was caught with an angular stone, 3ft. 6in. long, 14 inches at one end, and tapering to a point at the other, which fell between the rails, causing instantaneous death. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, was a member of the East Castle Wesleyan Society, and had worked for 62 years. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Wednesday afternoon, Deputy-coroner A. T. Shepherd held an inquest at the East Castle Colliery Office to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of deceased. Mr. R. Calvert was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. J. Swallow, manager, and Mr. T. Johnson, under-manager, watched the case for the owners, and Mr. Bell, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, also attended.

Wm. Westlake, miner, living at East Castle, said the deceased was his father, who was 68 years of age last birthday, and was a shifter at East Castle Colliery. He last saw the deceased about 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 27th, at the chapel, who appeared to be in good health. The accident occurred on Monday. As far as he knew the occurrence was an accident.

Wm. Hockaday, a shifter, living at Happy Land, said he was working with the deceased at the time of the accident, at No. 5 flat of the Shield Row Seam. When Westlake was just preparing to set a prop, and a head-tree to protect himself, the stone came away. He had his back to him at the time, and was busy cutting the head-tree. Deceased shouted to him to come and lift the stone off. Witness tried to lift it, but was unable. He then went and shouted of Thomas Gowland and Isaac Herdman to assist him in getting the stone removed. The accident happened about mid-day. Witness was two or three yards from deceased when the stone fell. The fall did not cover him up. Deceased was got out in about a quarter-of-an-hour. The stone fell without giving any warning. They had been working at the place from about eleven o'clock. Westlake examined the place and witness also thought it was quite safe. The stone which fell was a sort of sandstone. It looked like a slip.

Mr. Bell: Did you examine the place at all before beginning to work? Did you know there was such a thing as a slip?

Witness: No, the slip was on the right-hand side in going in.

Mr. Bell: Who examined the place before you went to work in it?

Witness: Westlake.

Mr. Bell: Yes, but what official?

Witness: I think Mr. Johnson would.

Mr. Bell: How did the deceased examine the place?

Witness: I could not see that.

Mr. Bell: Then how do you know he examined it?

Witness: I went in with deceased and saw him examine it.

Mr. Bell: What did he examine it with?

Witness: With his axe.

Mr. Bell: Did you carry a candle or a lamp?

Witness: A candle, and looked at the roof at the same time as he was "jowling" it.

The Foreman: What was the deceased drawing timber for? Is it the duty of a shifter to draw timber?

Mr. Swallow: Yes, it was his work; he was a chargeman and had had many years' experience.

Thos. Gowland, miner, Happyland, a hewer, said he was working near where the accident took place in the Shield Row Seam. The first he heard of the accident was that Hockaday called to deceased and asked witness to help to get Westlake out. Witness called to two other men, Herdman and James Warren, who were also working near, and they all went and assisted in getting out the deceased. Witness was convinced Westlake was dead, as he made no movement. They put a plank under the stone and raised it from his body. Deceased was not covered, the stuff being of a greasy nature. He had not seen any official examine the place.

Thos. Johnson, under-manager at East Castle Colliery, deposed that he was in the place at 7.15 on Monday morning, and took Westlake in to let him see what was required to be done. He fully examined the place and found it quite sound. There were no indications of any slip at the place which could not have been seen until the fall happened. He warned him to be careful, as in drawing timber there was more danger. Deceased was a careful man and had been deputy for many years.

Mr. Bell: After the fall you would have opportunities of examining the place where the accident happened?

Witness: Not till after the fall.

Mr. Bell: What sort of a slip was it?

Witness: You have it described on the plan, sir.

Mr. Bell: Yes, but was it a greasy or dry slip?

Witness: It was dry.

Wm. Thirlwell and John Wilson, men's inspectors, in accordance with the provisions of the Mines' Regulation Act, stated in their report that they made their examination of the place in which Westlake was killed on Tuesday after the accident, and found that death had been caused by a fall of stone of the dimensions given above. They were satisfied that the deceased was in the act of putting in more timber at the time of the accident, and the only things they could see were two "jacks" or "slips," and that had deceased had time the timber he had intended putting in would have been set under the stone which fell away. They were of the opinion that it was a pure accident.

The Coroner, in addressing the jury, said that was the whole of the evidence and it occurred to him that it was an accident. Deceased had apparently made an examination of the place, which had also been examined by the under-manager, who found it to be quite safe. There were no indications of any slips likely to take place, and it was one of those things which did constantly happen.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

LATE CORRESPONDENCE.

DURHAM MINERS ASSOCIATION AND ITS LODGER MEMBERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In your last issue there appeared a letter from the secretary of South Pelaw Lodge of the D.M.A. about bona-fide lodgers not receiving lodging money from the collieries where they work. This is a question I have often asked, "Why don't they receive lodging money," or why don't they receive something more than lodging money, seeing that they work for it every day they go to the pit, for it is a well-known fact that one shilling per day is kept off every workman for house and coals. Where do all the shillings go the bachelors work for? It is also well-known that a man must be married in order to qualify for house and coals, and, you may be keeping a house for your mother and sister, and yet have to pay for your own house and coals, while your married neighbour gets both free, and your shillings go to swell the owner's dividend. Now, sir, the reason, I think, that the E.C. have refused to let South Pelaw's motion appear on the agenda is because they know it would be useless, for the owners would straightway move it off the board, and the county has not yet awakened to the importance of it to press it to a crucial point. At present the married man can look on and smile, but has he never realised that when trade is dull and the manager finds he has too many men, he generally manages to do away with the married man who is receiving rent, and the first question put to him when he goes in search of work elsewhere is "Are you married?" and when he answers "Yes," he is generally told that he (the manager) has no houses, or he is not allowed to pay any rent, and the married man may travel miles before he gets a day's work, while the bachelor gets work straightway, where if the manager had to give the bachelor his just due, the married man and bachelor (whether he be housekeeper or lodger) would be placed on more equal terms. Trusting that the men of North-West Durham and throughout the county will take this matter up in the right spirit,—I remain, yours sincerely,

JOHN MULCAHY.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

FRASER.—Beamish, Co-operative Villa, 29th ult., the wife of William George Fraser of a daughter.

PEARSON.—Coachroad, Lumley Castle, 28th ult., the wife of William Pearson of a daughter.

TURNBULL.—May 12th, at Delight Bank, Dipton, the wife of F. Turnbull of a daughter.

WHITFIELD.—Dunston, Rothesay House, 25th ult., the wife of Tom Whitfield, of a son.

Deaths.

BOWES.—Annfield Plain, Pontop House, on the 25th May, Lucy, wife of Thomas Bowes.

CARNAN.—Consett, 15, West Victoria Street, 29th ult., aged 6 years, Susannah Elsie Freda, dearly beloved daughter of Thomas and Susan Carnan.

FOTHERGILL.—High Spen, on 28th ult., aged 1 month, Leopold Sydenham, infant twin son of Dr. Leopold and Margaret Fothergill.

FINLEY.—Stanley, 39, Joicey Terrace, on the 25th ult., aged 21, Mary Finley.

HULL.—Consett, 22, Puddlers' Row, on the 27th ult., aged 77, Job Hull.

JEFFERSON.—Wrekenton, on the 23rd ult., in his 22nd year, Mr. Henry Jefferson.

JEFFERSON.—Ryton, 12, Dean Terrace, on 28th May, age 42 years, Elizabeth Jefferson, wife of F. W. Jefferson.

LOWES.—Templetown, Consett, May 28th, aged 66 years, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Robert Lowes. Interred at Benfieldside Cemetery.

LIGHTBURN.—At East Pontop, Thursday, May 24th 1900, aged 23 years, accidentally killed, Matthew William Lightburn.

MADDEN.—Chester-le-Street, on the 28th ult., Eliza, relict of the late Wm. Madden, of Gateshead.

MOORE.—Mickley Square, on the 27th ult., aged 80, John Moore.

McKENZIE.—Dipton, 25th inst., aged 25, Ada McKenzie, youngest sister of Thomas McKenzie, 28, North View, Heaton.

OLIVER.—Chester-le-Street, Belle Vue House, on the 28th ult., Rosina Emily, wife of John R. Oliver, 8, Richard Street, West Hartlepool.

PYLE.—Died 26th May, John Pyle, late of Pelton Fell, at the residence of his son, Geo. Pyle, Railway Terrace, Usworth Colliery.

RICHARDSON.—Blaydon-on-Tyne, 9, [illegible] Green, on the 22nd ult., Ann Richardson, widow of the late John Richardson, Newcastle.

STOKOE.—Stella, May 28th, John W., husband of Mary Ann Stokoe.

SMITH.—At the residence of her son, Henry, Bridge End, Chester-le-Street, Elizabeth, widow of the late Henry Smith, 27th ult., aged 73 years.

SWINDLE.—South Moor, 14, John Street, on the 28th ult., in his 75th year, John Swindle, late of West Stanley.

SMALES.—Blackhill, 2, John Street, on the 27th ult., aged 34, Robert William Smales.

STATT.—West Stanley, 1, Murray Street, on the 29th ult., aged 81 years, John Statt, late of Greencroft. Interment at West Stanley, on Saturday first. All friends kindly invited.

WOODS.—At High Street, Langley Moor, 23rd ult., aged 67, John Woods, late of Brancepeth Castle Hotel, Meadowfield.

WOODHOUSE.—Kibblesworth, 25th ult., aged 18 years, Annie, daughter of William and Jane Woodhouse.

WHARTON.—Swinburne Castle, on 25th ult., aged 21 years, Joseph, son of William and Mary Wharton, Tanfield Lea.

In loving memory of our dear father and mother, Jonathan and Jane Robinson, who died at Flint Hill, Dipton.

We did grieve to see them suffer,
All was done to soothe their pain,
But with Jesus on them waiting
All our efforts were in vain.

Ever remembered
By their loving son and daughter.

In loving memory of George, beloved son of Elizabeth and the late Samuel Siddle, who died at South Moor, May 29th, 1898, aged 21 years.

Weep not for me my mother dear,
Shed not for me one single tear;
For all was done that could be done,
You plainly saw my time had come.

Ever remembered
By his mother, sisters, and brother.

In loving memory of the beloved son of Elizabeth and the late Samuel Siddle, who died at South Moor, June 1st, 1899, aged 15 years.

Short was my race, long is my rest,
God took me when He thought best;
My time was come, I in a moment fell,
I had not time to bid you all farewell.

Ever remembered
By his mother, sisters and brother.

In loving memory of Sarah, the beloved wife of G. R. Appleby, Hare Law, and second daughter of John and Mary Ann [illegible], Annfield Plain. Born, June 8th, [illegible], died, June 4th, 1899.

Yes, the Christian's course is run,
Ended is the glorious strife;
Fought the fight, the work is done,
Death is swallowed up of life!
Borne by angels on their wings,
Far from earth the spirit flies,
Finds her God, and sits and sings
Triumphing in Paradise.

Mrs. Chatt and family, Medomsley Edge, beg to return their sincere thanks to their numerous friends for their deepest sympathy and letters of condolence towards them in their recent sad bereavement.

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