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WANTED TENDERS for BAND to play at the above Show and Ball on Saturday, August 18th, 1900. Band to find their own Refreshments.
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R. CHARLTON,
36i Secretary, Medomsley, R.S.O.

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THE above Society are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the ERECTION of Ten Five-roomed Houses at Tantobie.
Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender may be obtained at the Architect's Office, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.
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June 13th, 1900. 965h

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June, 1900. 31i

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CRICKET MATCHES.

BLAYDON ST. CUTHBERT'S v. SPEN AND TERRACE.

This match was played at Blaydon, the home side winning by 13 runs. Score:—

BLAYDON ST CUTHBERT'S.	
J. Lowdon st Armstrong b Birkett	1
H. Ryding b Birkett	11
T. Fairhurst b Birkett	0
J. Batson b Armstrong	0
W. Graves c and b Armstrong	15
W. Turnbull b Birkett	0
R. Moffatt run out	10
T. Hills not out	2
G. Spark b Armstrong	5
J. Jude c Lang b Armstrong	1
J. Prudhoe b Armstrong	0
Extras	0
Total	46

SPEN AND TERRACE.	
J. Laing b Ryding	0
G. Webster b Hills	1
R. Bitvingham b Hills	0
W. Harper b Ryding	0
J. Birkett b Ryding	10
T. Barker c Hills b Ryding	2
R. Webster b Ryding	12
J. Armstrong run out	0
E. Charlton c Fairhurst b Hills	0
J. Lowdon c Jude b Hills	1
W. Cox not out	2
Extras	5
Total	33

STANLEY II v. BURNOPFIELD II.

Played at Stanley. Score:—

STANLEY.	
J. E. Sanderson b Douglass	11
R. Henderson b Campbell	15
J. Shield lbw b Douglass	8
G. Shield b Douglass	25
L. Errington b Campbell	1
W. Christopher b Harris	17
N. Summerbell c Truwick b Harris	9
G. Clough lbw b Douglass	0
J. Hutchinson b Harris	10
J. Harkness b Allen	0
T. Robson not out	0
Extras	3
Total	91

BURNOPFIELD II.	
T. Campbell b Clough	6
W. Douglass run out	9
T. Allan b Clough	0
G. Simpson b Shield	8
W. Handcock not out	20
T. Turnbull b Shield	8
P. Elliott b Clough	0
G. Harris c Christopher b Shield	2
T. Truwick c Robson b Clough	1
G. E. Potts b Clough	6
W. Pyle b Shield	0
Extras	4
Total	50

GREENSIDE v. RIDING MILL.

Played at Greenside, an interesting game ending in favour of the home team by seven runs. Score:—

GREENSIDE.	
C. Raisbeck b J. Sisterson	0
J. Callender b J Sisterson	0
R. W. Clark c Veitch b J Sisterson	26
C. Fewster c McBean b J Sisterson	2
J. Fewster not out	14
T. Armstrong b J. Sisterson	6
G. Raisbeck c Bewick b Dixon	6
H. Brown b Dixon	0
W. Nesbit b Dixon	0
J. Robinson lbw b Dixon	0
G. Forster b Dixon	9
Extras	5
Total	68

RIDING MILL.	
J. Sisterson c G Raisbeck b C Raisbeck	1
R. Sisterson b Clark	8
N. Bewick b Clark	5
L. S. McBean b Clark	0
W. G. Jones c J Fewster b Clark	[illegible]
J. Marron c J Fewster b C Raisbeck	15
W. Veitch c and b Clark	5
T. Davison c Brow nb Fewster	13
T. Dixon c C. Raisbeck b J Fewster	8
D. W. Fitzgerald run out	1
R. Ridley not out	0
Extras	4
Total	61

BEAMISH v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

Played at Beamish. Score:—

SOUTH TANFIELD.	
G. Collins c and b Ledger	2
J Middlemast c G Laverick b Brayson	11
J. Ledger b Ledger	3
H. Middlemast b Ledger	8
T. Irwin b Brayson	4
R. Palmer c J. B. Sample b Laverick	13
J. Kent b Brayson	1
J. G. Irwin c Finlay b G. Laverick	0
W. Hunter not out	10
Dixon b Finlay	1
Smiles b G Laverick	0
Extras	2
Total	45

BEAMISH.	
M. Ledger c and b T. Irwin	4
R. Turnbull c Palmer b Middlemast	5
G. Laverick c T Irwin b Middlemast	7
J. B. Sample b Kent	13
D. Laverick run out	2
J. Brayson run out	2
G. Finlay c Palmer b Kent	13
J. Quinn c T Irwin b Middlemast	3
G. Roland c J G Irwin b Kent	2
W. Hewison not out	6
G. Parker b Kent	0
Extras	9
Total	57

SOUTHILL v. LANGLEY PARK.

Played on the ground of the former and ended in a draw. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.	
G. Lowes b Latimer	5
L. Rutter b Cochrane	32
R. Peel b Cochrane	0
T. Morland c McKenzie b Cochrane	9
J. M. Hunter b Cochrane	13
M. Crawford b Cochrane	1
H. Ardely b Cochrane	17
A. Rutter c Wood b Harrison	12
E. Eccleston b Latimer	25
J. Rutter b Latimer	11
J. Lowes not out	5
Extras	13
Total	143

SOUTHILL.	
H. McNaughton b Ardley	14
H. Harrison b J Lowes	2
W. Cochrane b J Lowes	2
A. H. J. Cochrane not out	60
C. Latimer b J Lowes	16
L. E. Woods c Morland b Peel	15
Capt. McKenzie not out	16
H. Dennis did not bat	
O. Brown did not bat	
Stevens did not bat	
C. F. Forster did not bat	
Extras	0
Total (for 5 wickets	134

DILSTON v. ROWLAND'S GILL.

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

DILSTON.	
A. McLeod c Wilson b J Sewell	1
J. Curley b J Sewell	7
E. W. Crow b J. Sewell	2
E. Lofthouse b Hetherington	3
F. A. Radcliffe c Dixon b J Sewell	0
A. Adams c Dixon b Hetherington	1
H. A. Raine b Hetherington	1
W. G. Armstrong b Hetherington	0
A. H. Garside b Hetherington	0
T. Courtney not out	2
T. Wilson b J Sewell	1
Extras	1
Total	19

ROWLAND'S GILL.	
H. Dixon b Raine	6
J. Sewell b Curley	0
W. Robson b Raine	0
J. Hetherington c and b Curley	4
R. Wilson c Adams b Raine	4
J. Oliver c Wilson b Curley	4
R. Sewell not out	7
J. Stewart b Raine	0
W. Goodfellow b Raine	2
G. Goodall run out	2
M. Norman b Lofthouse	6
Extras	1
Total	28

SOUTH MOOR v. STANLEY.

Played at South Moor, and ended in a draw. Scores:—

SOUTH MOOR.	
Jos. Finlay c Vickers b Smith	46
T. Welsh b Vickers	24
W. Copland c Curry b Jewitt	5
A. Gowland c Siddle b Jewitt	6
H. Gallagher b Jewitt	0
W. Bailes lbw b Jewitt	6
W. Robinson c Benfold b Jewitt	3
G. Purdy not out	23
J. Gowland c Thompson b Jewitt	2
J. Vivian c Benfold b Jewitt	1
R. Tindall b Smith	4
Extras	5
Total	125

STANLEY.	
G. Stewart c and b Copland	3
J. Thompson b Copland	3
H. Curry b Gowland	1
J. Benfold b Copland	16
J. Dixon run out	2
R. Knox c and b Copland	9
J. Siddle c Welsh b Gowland	8
T. Jewitt c Fairley b Copland	6
T. Siddle not out	1
M. Smith not out	2
W. Vickers c Robinson b Gowland	6
Extras	12
Total (for 9 wkts)...	64

DIPTON v. SOUTH MOOR II.

Played at Dipton the home team winning. Score:—

DIPTON.	
J. Spinks b Fawcett	1
R. Coates b T Wilson	27
Jas. Allen b W. Raine	1
J. Wilson c Brass b Raine	0
W Thompson b T Wilson	20
A. Blakey c Murton b Wilson	0
T. Simpson b Wilson	1
F. Wilson c Raine b Fawcett	0
F. Allen b Wilson	1
W. Ellis not out	5
J. Muse c Tindale b Fawcett	0
Extras	7
Total	63

SOUTH MOOR.	
Murton run out	3
Tindale c Thompson b Coates	1
W. Raine b Coates	14
T. Brass b Coates	6
M. Liddle c Coates b Thompson	0
W. Fawcett b Coates	4
J. Elliott c Thompson b Coates	3
J. Nixon b Jas. Allen	1
Wilson b Coates	[illegible]
G. Liddle not out	2
Extras	7
Total	41

WHICKHAM v. BURNOPFIELD.

Beautiful weather favoured this North Durham League fixture, which was decided before a large concourse of spectators, on the ground of the first named. None of the visitors could do much with the bowling of the home men, the innings closing for the small aggregate of 42. Whickham had pretty much their own way, and succeeded in compiling the handsome total of 134. W. Thynn gave a creditable display with the willow compiling 59 runs, before he was caught by Wilkinson. His brother, R. Thynn, and T. B. Mowbray, came next with 24 runs each. Scores:—

BURNOPFIELD.	
H. C. Wood b J. Mowbray	5
W Reay b W. Cook	1
R. Brewis c J. Mowbray b G. Cheeseman	3
T. Southern b W. Cook	5
T. Robson c and b W. Cook	0
H. Lowe hit wkt b G. Cheeseman	1
G. Bell c Mordue b J. Mowbray	7
W. McIntosh c W. Cook b G. Cheeseman	8
W. Liddle c R. Cook b J. Mowbray	4
A. Wood not out	6
G. Wilkinson c and b J. Mowbray	4
Extras	2
Total	42

WHICKHAM.	
R. Thynn c Robson b G. Bell	24
T. Cheesman c Brewis b Reay	3
J. Mowbray b Wilkinson	24
W. Cook c McIntosh b G. Bell	0
W. Thynn c Wilkinson b McIntosh	59
T. M. Burn c Reay b Wilkinson	2
R. Mordue c Bell b Wilkinson	0
G. Cheesman not out	10
R. Cook c H. C. Wood b Wilkinson	2
M. Ainsley c A. Wood b Wilkinson	0
Extras	4
Total	134

MEDOMSLEY II. CRAGHEAD II.

At Medomsley. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD II.	
W. Wilkinson lbw b Parker	12
A. Howgate c Wheatley b Parker	2
J. Strain b Parker	4
M. Marshall c Marks b Lovat	3
Cummings b E. Wilson	25
J. Johnson b Thompson	4
J. Hunter not out	32
J. Forster b Thompson	0
T. Strain c Moon b Thompson	0
H. Walker b Thompson	4
M. Howard b Parker	17
Extras	12
Total	118

MEDOMSLEY II.	
J. Hetherington c and b Thos. Strain	5
W. Lovat b T. Strain	8
W. G. F. Thompson c Johnson b Marshall	2
S. Wheatley b T. Strain	0
W. T. Hunter c and b Marshall	6
I. Marks b Marshall	9
M. Walton m T. Strain	4
M. Walton b T. Strain	4
E. Wilson b Marshall	0
G. Moon not out	0
J. Pattison b T. Strain	0
Extras	8
Total	42

ANNFIELD PLAIN v. BURNHOPE.

Played at Burnhope on Wednesday, June 13th. Score:—

BURNHOPE.	
C. Cummings b Wilson	36
H. Knowles b Smith	0
W. Summerbell b Walker	0
Robinson c Buckton b Robinson	59
R. Wallace b Smith	0
G. Anderson b Smith	0
J. McHatton b Walker	2
J. Dixon b Walker	2
Dr. Gardner b Walker	2
W. Dawson b Wilson	1
P.C. Haw not out	1
Extras	3
Total	106

ANNFIELD PLAIN.	
R. Smith run out	3
Jas. Robinson c Summerbell b Robinson	41
M. Walker b Robinson	1
C. Atkin c Robinson b Knowles	11
W. Wilson c Wallace b Robinson	15
J. Tindale b Knowles	8
G. Parker b Robinson	0
W. J. Buckton b Robinson	0
T. Simpson b Robinson	3
B. Sheldon run out	3
J. Russell not out	12
Extras	12
Total	88

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. HEATON.

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

HEATON.	
C. O. Hall b Robson	1
W. Nevin c Williamson b Seed	11
W. Penn b Robson	0
A. McBryde c Raisbeck b Robson	1
W. Molyneaux b Robson	5
A. Livingstone c Annandale b Robson	5
W. Thompson b Robson	0
E. Kitchen b Robson	0
E. Foreman b Robson	9
W. Wilson b Robson	4
J. Fish not out	0
Extras	5
Total	41

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
M. Williamson b Nevin	12
J. R. Surtees b Foreman	0
T. Gorman c Wilson b Foreman	1
T. Lynn c Hall b Pope	15
T. Raisbeck b Foreman	5
J. K. Annandale c Livingstone b Foreman	4
R. Robson not out	23
J. Postle c Hall b Pope	0
S. C. Knott not out	1
J. Seed c Wilson b Pope	1
W. R. Town to bat	
Extras	3
Total (for 8 wickets	65

SWALWELL v. WHITLEY BAY.

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

WHITLEY BAY.	
Hewitt c and b J Bruce	2
Sparks b T Ryding	0
Stones b T Ryding	0
Bell c Smith b T. Ryding	3
Smith c J. B. Robson b J. Bruce	3
Coverdale b T Ryding	0
Pickering b T Ryding	0
Tatham c and b J Bruce	6
Simpson c and b J Bruce	0
Bailey c and b J Bruce	1
Horday not out	3
Extras	1
Total	19

SWALWELL.	
T. Ryding c and b Bell	10
J. Bruce c Simpson b Bell	2
R. C. Smith b Smith	0
J. B. Robson run out	10
A. A. Fletcher c Tatham b Smith	3
A. Brownless b Bell	3
T. Lumley b Smith	2
J. R. Curry b Bell	8
H. Adamson not out	11
Robson b Bell	0
J. Hunter did not bat	
Extras	9
Total	58

CRAGHEAD v. MEDOMSLEY.

Played at Craghead, and ended in a win for the home team. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.	
M. Hedley b Faulkner	22
R. Campbell c Evans b Snowdon	6
T. Walton c Sheraton b Snowdon	10
J. R. Lowes b Faulkner	0
J. Newton b Faulkner	11
J. Dyson b Faulkner	0
R. Charlton c Faulkner b Stephenson	11
W. Cant b Faulkner	2
M. Charlton not out	3
A. T. Whiteley b Faulkner	4
H. Burnip c Snowdon b Faulkner	0
Extras	16
Total	85

CRAGHEAD.	
J. Peele c Campbell b Hedley	4
H. Stephenson b Lowes	16
C. Snowdon b Hedley	0
S. Evans run out	2
Horn lbw b Hedley	6
G. Potts b Hedley	41
W. Railton b Hedley	0
W. Faulkner b Hedley	3
M. Moorhouse b Hedley	3
Dr S. J. B. Fox b Lowes	.
Sheraton not out	0
Extras	6
Total	89

WINLATON v. ST. PHILIP'S (NEWCASTLE.)

Winlaton on their own ground on Saturday gained an easy victory over St. Philip's by 41 runs. Score:—

WINLATON.	
J. H Reed c Davison b Riley	0
S. Bowman lbw b Riley	5
J Blenkinsop b Clarkson	7
H. Forster b Low	12
J. Pearson b Atkinson	3
F. Oliver b Low	3
J M Reed b Atkinson	1
W. Brooks b Low	3
B. Tebb not out	19
R. Pearson b Coulson	4
T. Fenwick b Coulson	0
Extras	6
Total	63

ST. PHILIP'S	
E. Coulson c Forster b J M Reed	1
G. Lambert b Blenkinsop	3
A. G. Low c J M Reed b Blenkinsop	2
G. Atkinson b Blenkinsop	4
W. Weatherston c and b Blenkinsop	1
G. McNeill b J M Reed	0
R. W. Riley b J M Reed	0
R. Clarkson b J M Reed	1
W. Southron lbw b Blenkinsop	5
J. Davidson c J M Reed b Blenkinsop	0
A. Ferguson not out	0
Extras	0
Total	22

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE II v. SWALWELL UNITED II.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by 10 runs. T. Walton performed the "hat trick" for the College. Scores:—

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.	
R. Reed b Lee	3
H. Atkinson b Lee	0
H. Hincliffe b Benson	26
T. Walton run out	0
J. Lang b Barron	[illegible]
T. Dickinson lbw b Lee	16
T. Eyton not out	11
F. Cusworth b Lee	7
A. Sutherland c and b Shield	0
J. Barratt c Jones b Shield	0
J. Spouse b Shield	2
Extras	4
Total	63

SWALWELL UNITED.	
A. Shield c Spouse b Lang	10
E. Jones b Lang	9
L. Sutherland b Lang	5
J. Lee lbw b Walton	6
F. Barron b Lang	4
A. Thompson b Walton	0
R. Benson b Atkinson	7
W. Errington c Cusworth b Atkinson	3
J. Chapman b Walton	0
Turner not out	2
J. Laybourne b Atkinson	0
Extras	7
Total	53

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

A CLOSE GAME AT CRAGHEAD.

Notwithstanding the fact that they were only moderately represented at Craghead on Saturday, Medomsley gave an excellent account of themselves, and only suffered defeat by the narrow margin of five runs after an exciting finish. I notice that two players named Newton and Dyson were assisting the visitors, and I take these to be the two Burnhope players bearing those names. Medomsley were short of Dales, R. Cant, M. Milburn, Blunt, and others. Appropriately the visitors' captain (Morton Hedley) played the best innings on his side, compiling an excellent 22. Newton and Bob Charlton each made 11, whilst Thompson Walton was only one behind this score. With the useful addition of 16 extras, Medomsley managed to register the respectable total of 85. Faulkner was by far the most successful trundler on the home side, and accounted for seven victims at a reasonable cost. Snowdon was not so effective as usual, only securing a couple of wickets.

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The Craghead supporters were pretty confident that their men would rub off the necessary runs, but the start was not of an encouraging character. Only Stephenson (15) of the earlier batsmen did anything of note, but with the advent of Potts the prospects of the home team improved considerably. Hedley was bowling in splendid style, and only Potts showed any ability to cope with his deliveries. It was a notable fact that the Medomsley skipper clean bowled Snowdon for a "duck"—about the first, I believe, that "Cud" has had chalked up against him this season. Towards the finish the game became very exciting, but Moorhouse and Dr. Fox chipped in with a few valuable runs, and ultimately Craghead just got home by five runs. It was a finely-contested game. Potts easily bore off the principal honours, playing excellent cricket for his 41, and the home club have him to thank for saving them from defeat. The visitors made an unexpectedly good show, and came near bringing off a big surprise. Hedley had seven wickets for 32 runs.

SHOTLEY STILL UNDEFEATED.

Shotley Bridge can still make the proud boast that their colours have never been lowered this season, everyone of their eight matches having been won. This is a splendid record, and one of which the Spa men have every reason to be proud. How much of their success has been due to the phenomenal work of Robson I would not like to say, but this player's performances since the campaign opened have undoubtedly been one of the features of the season, so far as local cricket is concerned. Heaton supplied the opposition at the Spa grounds on Saturday, and, although they made a brave show, they had to go the same way as all the opponents of Shotley have done this season. The visitors batted first and knocked up 41, towards which Nevin (11) and Foreman (9) were the chief contributors. Robson the demon was once more in irresistable form (he is seldom anything else), and had a "day out." The appended figures detailing his work speak more eloquently than I can do:—

	O.	M.O	R.	W.
R. Robson	12	5	17	9
J. Seed	9	2	14	1
M. Williamson	2	0	5	0

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Not content with what he had done in the bowling department, Robson, to complete the discomfiture of the visitors, must needs go and knock up the highest score of the match. His 23 (not out) went a long way towards winning the game for Shotley. Lynn weighed in with a capital 15, whilst Mat Williamson managed just a dozen. When the stumps were finally pulled up the home men had registered 63 for the loss of eight wickets, so that their victory was of a pretty substantial character. I should not forget to mention that both Williamson and Annandale took magnificent catches, for which they were deservedly applauded. Pope and Foreman did the best work for Heaton in the attacking line.

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CRAGHEAD 2ND VICTORIOUS.

The Craghead second eleven are unquestionably one of the strongest second strings in the district. Whilst their seniors were entertaining Medomsley, they journeyed to the latter village to antagonise the Medomsley 2nd team. The visitors proved their superiority at all points, and secured a very easy win. The bowling of Medomsley did not present many terrors to the Cragheadites, as they compiled 118. J. Hunter was top-sawyer with 32 (not out), whilst Cummings was a good second with 25. Howard (the last man) put on 17—making a long stand for the tenth wicket with Hunter—and Wilkinson had a dozen to his credit. T. Strain and Marshall dismissed their opponents for 42, only Marks, Lovat, and Hunter making anything of a stand.

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BEAMISH BEAT TANFIELD.

Beamish have not been able to boast of many victories this season, but they managed on Saturday to account for South Tanfield in a low scoring game. The visitors were not at full strength, but still Beamish deserve credit for their win. South Tanfield were all sent back for 45, most of which came from the bats of Palmer (13), J. Middlemast (11), and Hunter (10 not out.) Mat Ledger bowled very well against his old comrades. Beamish had to fight hard for victory, and they only headed the visitors' total by a dozen. G. Finlay (13) was the only double-figurist on the side, but several others contributed useful scores, and "extras came in handy with nine. Kent was the most successful bowler on the losing side, and captured four wickets cheaply.

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DIPTON IN FORM.

Dipton seem to have got over their ill-luck at last, with their last three games being all won. R. Coates and W. Thompson put up a good score on Saturday against South Moor 2nd, the former running up 27, and Thompson 20. Jas. Allen was also in form against South Moor 2nd the previous Saturday, running up 29, which consisted of five threes and four twos, and singles. If Dipton can keep up this form they will still have a chance of giving the present league-toppers some anxiety. Appended are the bowling analysis of Dipton against South Moor 2nd:—

	O.	M.O	R.	W.
R. Coates	11	4	17	6
W. Thompson	9	3	16	1
Jas. Allen	2	1	1	1

MEMS.

Consett had a vacant date last Saturday. They will also be resting this week-end. On account of the sports to be held in the cricket field.

Whickham gained an unexpectedly easy victory over Burnopfield.

W. Thynn was in great form for the winners.

And hit up 59.

H. C. Wood was at the crease over an hour for five runs.

Shades of Scotton and Hall!

The Burnopfield crack bat (Southern) did not come off.

However, it is but seldom that he will be as easily got rid of as he was on Saturday.

It took Craghead all their time to beat Medomsley on Saturday.

Although the visitors were only poorly represented.

The batting of Dales would have come in useful.

Morton Hedley greatly distinguished himself.

The cares of captaincy did not prevent him from doing a fine all-round performance.

He first made 22, and then took seven wickets at a reasonable outlay.

Potts played a fine innings for Craghead.

And had more than anyone to do with the win obtained.

Faulkner also bowled effectively.

But Snowdon was singularly unsuccessful with both bat and ball.

A good ball from Hedley beat the old Tudhoe man ere he had scored.

Shotley the unbeatable!

I salute you.

Eight games played, and eight wins, is a very nice record.

Can you keep it up till the end of the season?

I find it quite impossible to discover adjectives to do honour to the merits of Robson.

The redoubtable Rob is about as good as six men.

An all-round achievement like the following will take some beating:—

Nine wickets for 17 runs, and 23 (not out.)

Robson had hard lines in not getting the whole ten.

Annandale and Williamson brought off grand catches for Shotley.

A team of Robsons would take some whacking.

Swalwell easily accounted for Whitley Bay.

Ryding and Bruce put in some remarkable bowling for the winners.

The former is a very promising player.

Joe Robson (of Leadgate football fame) batted capitally for Swalwell.

He had the misfortune to be run out when well set.

Jack Curry (the old Dipton Wanderers' secretary) likewise shaped well.

Tommy Walton, of Medomsley, performed the "hat trick" for Rutherford College on Saturday.

Well done! Tommy.

Langley Park made a good show at Southill.

The brothers Rutter batted admirably for the Parkites.

Milburn Hunter (formerly of Medomsley) also displayed good form.

A. H. J. Cochrane (an old Oxford University captain) saved the game for Mr. Foster's team.

The fielding of Langley Park was very smart.

Neither of the Leadgate teams was engaged last week-end.

But both will be at home on Saturday.

What with the Brooms Sports and two cricket matches on Saturday, Leadgate will be well off for amusement.

The Park entertain Tow Law, and hope to avenge their previous defeat.

AUCTION MARTS

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART.—On Monday, Mr Jackson Green had forward 9 fat beasts, 6 milch cows, 150 fat sheep and lambs, 4 black-faced ewes and lambs, 6 Cheviot ewes and lambs 5 pigs, 5 calves, 1 pony, poultry, &c. There was a good attendance. Fat cattle and milch cows were rather a short supply, and trade was only moderate. Sheep and lambs sold particularly well. Prices:—Fat beasts up to £17 10s, top Mr Cowan, Pea Farm, Springing; heifers to £10 2s 6d, top Mr R. Oliver, Hurbuck; sheep to 60s, top Mr. Wm. Johnson, Unthank; lambs to 43s, top Mr J. Pattinson, High Waskerley; young shearlings to 50s, top Mr W. Potts, Shotley Field; calves, from 30s to 52s, top Mr. Suddes, Butsfield; store pigs to 25 18s; young pigs to 24s 6d; black-faced ewes and lambs to 20s; and a pony £4 10s.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 25 new and in-calving cows, 35 fat cattle, 150 fat sheep and lambs, 4 pork and 16 young pigs, rolley, harness, &c. Trade for cows was only slow, and several passed the ring unsold. Fat cattle and sheep all made market prices. Cows to £23, for a grand cow from Dolphin, Darlington; bullocks made up to £25, top Morgan, Houghall; heifers to £20 2s 6d, top Joicey and Co., Pelton. Other prices:—Hedley Bros., B to £16 12s 6d; Joicey and Co., heifers from £15 17s 6d to £19 15s; H from £20 2s 6d to £22; Morgan, B from £22 2s 6d to £25; Brown, Edmondsley, heifers from £15 15s to £18 5s; Bell Bros., B to £21, heifers £17; Thornton, Tribley, heifer £16 15s, B £16 5s; Salvin, Burn Hall heifer £20, B £17 7s 6d; Bates, Lumley Riding, B £21, bull £19 5s; fat cows to £20 2s 6d, Taylor, Chester Moor; Harrison, Red Rose Hill, cow, £16; calves to 38s from Sir L. Wood Bart., Hermitage. Sheep, south country hoggs from 39s 6d to 54s 6d; Hedley Bros. Holmside, hoggs to 55s; lambs 42s, Thornton, Tribley. Pork pigs to 55s, young pigs to 24s. It is to be regretted that people requiring cows do not patronise this mart, as there were a lot of grand cows passed unsold, as good as are to be found in any mart owing to the absence of Mr. Turnbull his place was kindly taken by Mr T. Murray, Haswell.

TOW LAW.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday, 43 dairy cows and heifers, 20 fat cattle, 9 calves, 80 fat sheep and hoggs, and 24 fat lambs. Calved heifers, £13 to £15 2s 6d; calved cows £14 to £20 5s; in-calving heifers, £13 2s 6d to £15 10s; in-calving cows, £15 7s 6d to £21 5s; fat cattle to £19 17s 6d, from Mr J. Hall Harperley; £18 15s from Mr J. Disberry, Satley; £17 15s from Mr. J. T. Morton, Tow Law; £16 2s 6d from Colonel Blenkinsopp, Hoppyland Park; £16 10s from Mr J. Hall, Tow Law; £15 17s 6d from Mr J. Robinson, Stanhope; £15 10s from Mr W. C. Smith, Tow Law. Calves, 25s to 47s each. Fat sheep, 33s, from Mr R. Vart, Toft Hill; 33s 6d from Mr J. Emmerson, Willow Green; 35s 6d, from Mr J. Joplnig, Frosterley; 39s, from Mr. J. Hirst, Drover House; 45s from Mr A. Bramley, Brancepeth; 51s 6d from Mr G. Stephenson, Swinhope; 52s from Mr G. Tomlinson, Park Wall; fat hoggs to 42s, from Mr T. M. Reed, Princt's House; 28s 3d from Mr R. Wheatley, Gray Well; 37s 6d from Mr J. Hall, Harperley; 43s 6d from A. Bramley. Fat lambs to 38s, from Mr A. Bramley; 27s 6d from Colonel Blenkinsopp; 28s 3d from Mr F. Holmes, New House; 30s from Mr J Hall; 24s 6d from Mr N. Smailes, West Carr; 33s frm Mr J. Richardson, Shipley. Cows were a considerably better trade. Fat cattle and sheep were a shade easier than last week.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

A sale for store cattle was held at the mart on Thursday, when about 500 head of cattle were presented for competition. There was a good attendance of farmers, dealers, and graziers, and most of the large colliery companies' representatives in the county of Durham were present, and made extensive purchases, and several wagons were sent south, also into Northumberland. For the best class of cattle trade was very animated, while a few inferior lots only met a cool reception. Geld cows made from £10 10s to £15 10s, geld heifers £12 10s to £15 2s 6d, steers £11 5s to £14, stirks £6 10s to £11 5s, blue-grey stirks to £9 10s, Kyloe heifers to 14 7s 6d.

On Friday a sale of store sheep was held, when 2,220 black-faced wethers were on offer, and also a few small lots of ewes and lambs and mule and black-faced hoggs. Buyers were not so numerous, and a considerable reduction of prices resulted upon the corresponding sale here last year. At last year's sale the top price for black-faced wethers was 34s 6d, but on this occasion 27s was the top figure, which was realised by a crack lot from Mr T. Hall, Greenridge, Hexhamshire. A choice lot from Mr R. Pickering, Stobby Lee, made 26s 6d, and a grand lot of two year old wethers from Mr Vipond, Tyne Head, Alston, made 25s 3d. The Birk Hott lot were sold at 25s to, Belle Vue 25s, Lamb Shield 25s, Hill End 24s, Sandyford 25s 9d, Hanging Wells 25s 3d, Cushet Leazes 24s 9d, Bridge End 25s, Prosterley 25s 6d, and a very level lot of 150 from Mr L. Robson, Peadom's Oak, were sold cheap at 24s and 24s 3d. Others lots made from 20s to 22s 9d each. Cheviot ewes and lambs from 34s 6d, black-faced ditto to 24s per couple, mule hoggs to 24s 6d, and black-faced ewe hoggs to 25s 3d each. A few lots of sheep passed the ring unsold, but most of the lots were sold at prices in favour of the buyers.

WESLEYAN MEHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT CIRCUIT.

The yearly meeting of the above Union was held at Leadgate on Saturday, June 16th, the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne (President) occupying the chair. There was only a moderate attendance of visitors and representatives. The first item on the agenda was the reading of the minutes of the march quarterly meeting, which were confirmed, and several questions arising out of the minutes were successfully dealt with. Representatives from Leadgate, Blackhall Mill, Stanley, and Derwent Cottages Schools, and several visitors gave their reports, which were on the whole satisfactory. It was decided that Newlands should come into the Union. The election of officers came next, when all those who had any official part in the Union were re-elected as follows:—The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, Consett, President; vice-president, Mr. G. A. Moore, Stanley; treasurer, Mr. W. Anderson, Shotley Bridge; secretary, Mr. S. L. Brasley, Consett; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. R. Johnson, Consett. The meeting then adjourned for tea, which was provided by the teachers and friends of Leadgate. After tea the President moved a vote of thanks to friends at Leadgate for their excellent tea, which was heartily agreed to.—Mr. Lammonby, on behalf of the Leadgate friends, said that they were glad to entertain the Union, but he wished that there had been a larger company present.—Business was resumed shortly after tea, when it was proposed and seconded, "that local preachers who are on the Union plan should not be planned by it, but go to Sunday Schools where planned on preachers' plan." It was proposed and seconded that Castleside School be asked to take the Union in September, and also that at the next meeting steps should be taken to try and enlarge the usefulness of the Union. All those who take an interest in Sunday School work are requested to try and get to the next meeting. The Chairman then closed the meeting by prayer, and hoped that they would have a better gathering next quarter day.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CONSETT IRON WORKS.

Shortly after mid-day on Monday, Wm. Hetherington, 60 years of age, and who resided at 7, Ledger Terrace, Blackhill, was admitted into the Consett Infirmary suffering from terrible internal injuries which he had sustained while following his employment as a millwright at the Consett Iron Works. He had been sent to No. 4 Plate Mill during the dinner hour for the purpose of drilling a hole. Whilst looking at the place beforehand, a travelling cradle caught him on the lower part of the back crushing him in a dreadful manner. As soon as his condition was realised he was removed to the Infirmary and there attended to by Dr. Bratton, who, however, found the case to be a hopeless one, the unfortunate man dying about an hour after admission. Deceased leaves a widow and grown up family.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Consett Police Station on Tuesday afternoon before Mr. Deputy-Coroner A. T. Shepherd. Mr Johnson, Government Inspector of Factories, and Mr. C. Parnaby, representing the Company, were present at the inquiry.

John Thomas Hetherington, said he was a son of the deceased, and was a millwright, residing at 7, Ledger Terrace, Blackhill. His father was 60 years of age last birthday and he was also a millwright employed by the Consett Iron Company. The accident happened on Monday, but witness did not see it. His father was not killed outright. He died in the Infirmary the same day. Witness saw him before he died and he was able to speak. He did not tell witness anything about the accident. All he asked for was something to make him sleep.

Douglass Marshall, foreman millwright at the Consett Works, said he resided at 10, Albert Row, Consett. Deceased was under his orders, and witness saw him last before the accident about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Witness gave him orders to go to No. 4 Plate Mill at 12 o'clock and drill a hole and witness would be there at the time and bring a man with him to assist. Witness did not see him again before the accident. He was on his way to the Mill about five minutes to 12 when they were carrying deceased away. Witness did not go to the place until they had carried deceased away. There was nothing to be seen; nothing wrong. He made inquiries but no one could tell him anything. The deceased's tools were lying outside the mill. He had not commenced to drill the hole. Deceased was in the square where the traverse platform runs between the rolls. He should not have been there until witness came. Witness would not have set him on to do it until the mill had stopped. Witness believed that deceased had been anxious to see the place first. He was an old workman and witness had known him for 30 years.

Mr. Johnson: Is it a common thing for men to go down in that place for any other purpose than getting scale out during the day?—I don't know how they get their scale out of the hole. I have generally seen them in during the dinner time.

Is it a common occurrence to go in at other times; you have been there for 30 years?—It is not a common occurrence.

Do you think it possible he might have slipped off the gangway when going to the place?—It is possible he might have done so.

Was there any guard to prevent him?—Not when the cradle was away. There was nothing in front near where he was injured.

I suppose it was against your will for him to go down there whilst the tables were in operation?—Yes.

The Coroner: Was it against your orders?—Yes.

I understand you get this scale out at dinner times and when the mill is not working?—Yes.

Have you seen them getting out when the mill was working?—Yes.

What have you done; have you stopped them?—I have nothing to do with that.

Mr. Johnson: It is quite open for anyone to see?—Oh, yes.

Wm. Turner, engine-lad, residing at 34, Durham Road, Blackhill, said the cradle was right on to Hetherington when witness saw him at about 20 minutes to 12. Witness was driving the winch at the time. As soon as Hetherington got hurt he put his head and arms up and shouted and so drew witness's attention. Witness would be about ten yards' away and he stopped the engine at once. Deceased got out of the hole himself after witness had reversed the engine. He was caught half-way up the back. He did not say anything when he got out. Witness saw him come into the mill but did not see him get into the hole. Before he was hurt he laid his tools down and that was the last witness saw of him until he shouted.

Mr. Johnson: Have you known other people injured there?—Yes, two this year, one got his leg broke.

The Foreman of the Jury: What rate was the cradle going at?—I could not say.

Mr. Johnson: How far off did you begin to check it?—About three feet.

Had you a brake?—No; if it came too full I could reverse it. The scales are frequently taken out while the cradle is working. They are cleared at any time daily.

The Coroner: Well, that is rather a dangerous thing I should say. Is anyone looking after the men when they are doing that?—I have to watch they don't get lamed.

Mr. Johnson: You can see them plainly at work?—Yes; they generally look over to me to indicate they are going in.

Did not deceased do so on this occasion?—No, not at all. There are men on purpose to clean the scale out.

A Juryman said according to the last witness deceased was there at 20 minutes to 12. He must have left his work before his time, and he would like to ask if he would have been fined for that?

Mr. Marshall said he would not.

The Coroner said where deceased did wrong was in starting work at the place before the foreman got there. They now had before them the whole of the evidence and there was nothing to show why deceased went to the place at the time he did. It was probable, as the foreman had suggested, that he might have gone in order to look at the place, but so far as his duty went it seemed clear that he ought not to have gone in until the foreman arrived. Deceased had specific orders to be there at 12 o'clock, and to wait the foreman's arrival with assistance. The deceased man was an old and experienced workman and apparently, like many good workmen he was looking about to see what should be done. Unfortunately he got there when the platform was away at the other end and had either forgotten about it or did not hear it coming. Consequently he was crushed as they had heard. The occurrence seemed to have been, as far as he saw, entirely accidental. There was nothing wrong about the travelling way.

A Juryman asked if there were no other men working at the back of the hole independent of the engine lad?

Mr. Parnaby said there were two others but neither of them saw the accident. At that particular moment no one seemed to think it was so serious as it afterwards turned out to be. The deceased got out of the hole himself, and sat down for a while.

A Juryman said there had been two accidents previous to this.

Mr. Parnaby said that was scarcely relevant to the present case.

The Coroner said they must take each case on its merits.

The Juryman said in a Police Court the Magistrates considered previous convictions against them.

The Coroner said fortunately they were not dealing with a Police Court case. They had to consider the evidence, and the evidence showed that the man was told to wait a certain time and his foreman would be there with help to do the work. In defiance of that order he had done something before the foreman arrived. He did not see there was any blame to be attached to anyone.

A Juryman suggested that it might have been a scaleman who got injured.

The Coroner said in that case they would have had to inquire into it, but deceased was a millwright.

A Juryman said there was a scaleman off at present owing to an injury.

The Coroner said he was afraid they could not go into that.

The Foreman of the Jury said if the deceased had obeyed the order of his foreman, the Jury would not have been called there that day.

The Coroner said on the evidence the thing was very clear. There seemed to be no fault on the part of the poor man himself.

A juryman asked if there should not be someone there to give a signal?

Mr. Johnson said there ought to be some provision of the kind.

The Coroner agreed and said the lad had quite sufficient to do in attending to his engine.

Mr. Parnaby said he was afraid it could not be done. The thing did not go at any speed.

The Coroner said it was not the speed. The man was there and was killed.

Mr. Parnaby said a second man would have been there to watch had deceased waited for the second man's assistance. When the scale work was going on there were three men there.

The Coroner said it all came back to this point that the deceased should not have been there.

A verdict to the effect that deceased was accidentally killed was then returned.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

THE PRETORIA REJOICINGS.

Owing to space being at a premium last week my notes had perforce, for the time being, to go by the board. I was sorry at this, as I wished to congratulate the people of our town on the excellent display they made on the 9th inst. in celebration of the fall of Pretoria. There was a splendid show of flags, bunting, etc., householders seeming to vie one with another as to who should make the most attractive exhibition. Then the illuminations at night were very good, and called forth general admiration.

THE CYCLE PARADE.

I have heard many people declare—and the majority of them outsiders—that they have never witnessed a better cycle parade. Certainly most of the costumes worn were out of the common, and in the comical department there were some remarkable make-ups. I did not envy the task of the judges, who had a more than usually severe ordeal in awarding the prizes. In fact, the adjudicators in the gentlemen's department found so much to commend that they generously gave three extra prizes themselves, this making a total of 18 prizes awarded. In some quarters the decisions of the judges have been called into question—as was only to be expected—but in my humble opinion they did their work admirably. You will always find some grumblers. Some would hardly be content if they were permitted to judge themselves.

THE PROCESSION.

The torch-light procession at night was a great success, and attracted huge crowds of people. There were a large number of horsemen, and there would have been more had it not been a "pay" Saturday night. Altogether the turn-out was a splendid one, and passed off without an accident of any kind. During the week there was a rumour afloat that the Council—or, to be more correct, a very small minority of that body—were going to object to the committee using the Park for the bonfire. But it fortunately proved to be only a rumour. Had it been correct, I understand that some of the committee were prepared to go through to Darlington and see Sir David Dale sooner than have their plans upset. However, the bonfire came off all right, and the crowd in the Park reminded one of jubilee night, only I think it was more dense on this occasion. The committee and all concerned are to be congratulated upon a signal success. No one worked harder than Mr. Geo. Cooke, whose enthusiasm was infectious. On the whole, Leadgate acquitted itself in a right worthy manner.

ADVICE GRATIS.

It was simply wonderful the amount of advice the committee received. One would have thought that they had £200 or £300 at their disposal to judge by the many suggestions made by people who were very ready to advise this or that, but had not the slightest intention of doing anything towards carrying it out. If these would-be Solomons are anxious to put their views into practical shape, a chance will offer when peace is declared. I feel certain that the committee who managed the Pretoria demonstration will willingly stand back in favour of these Heaven-sent organisers. Now, then, gentlemen, in the words of the poet, let us see you "get in your boats."

COUN. LUKE NICHOLSON.

Coun. Luke Nicholson has been passing through a very serious illness, but I am pleased to hear that he is now on the road to recovery. This will also be glad news to his many friends. At the usual meeting of the District Council last week, a vote of sympathy was appropriately passed to Mr. Nicholson, on the motion of Coun. Foreman, seconded by Coun. Keenleyside. His colleagues on the Council hope that he will soon be able to come amongst them again.

A POPULAR EVENT.

The Brooms Sports come off this week-end, and my friend, Mr. J. E. Kinleside, assures me that only fine weather is required to make the fixture a record success. I understand that there is a splendid entry for the foot handicap, for which the liberal sum of £20 is offered. The other events are also expected to produce large entries. The track has been got into excellent condition, and runners will find it much improved. Mr Kinleside is working hard for the affair, and the Brooms people could not have a better secretary.

LIFE IN INDIA.

Last week I received a very welcome letter from my friend, Mr. Charles Foreman, who, as most of my readers will be aware, is now resident at Jamalpur, in the Bengal Presidency. In the course of his remarks Mr. Foreman says:—"The works here are equal in size to those of Consett, but of course the production is different—these being railway works, and employing 8,000 hands. The population of Jamalpur is about 9,000, with 200 Europeans, so you will see it is quite native. They are a peculiar people, and very strange sights we see at times. They are great people for ornaments, some people being unable to move their arms for them. Others have rings on their fingers and toes, and through their ears, these being frequently so heavy as to put that part considerably out of shape. The town is decidedly pretty, standing at the foot of the hills amongst various palms and other trees, two or three miles from the Ganges, which the natives worship. Snakes crawl about at night, and no one goes out without a man carrying a lamp. Jackals roam round through the night, and make an awful row at times. Tigers have come down from the hills; the last one killed a European who had put two bullets into it. Other kinds of beasts and reptiles are constantly about, so that I am not so safe here as when I lived in Leadgate. There is a club for the officials, with two tennis and racquets courts, swimming bath and billiard table. Here we meet at night until dinner time, which is at eight o'clock."

NOT TOO SAFE.

From the above extract it will be gathered that Mr. Foreman has many dangers to face that did not crop up at Leadgate. At the same time he appears to be enjoying the life immensely. His work is naturally of a responsible character, but this was a fact that he fully recognised ere he left the shores of old England. It will doubtless be a source of extreme gratification to his many friends to hear that he is going on so well.

LEADGATE TO THE FRONT.

We are generally recognised as being behindhand our neighbours at Consett and Blackhill, but it would appear that we are not so in all cases. At the discussion re the workmen's wages at Consett, it was stated that only one place paid higher wages than Consett, and that was Leadgate. Whereat I feel tempted to exclaim, "Good old Leadgate!" It may perhaps not a question of great importance, but to me it appears a matter for congratulation that we know how to treat our workmen. The labourer is worthy of his hire, and our Council have evidently grasped this potent truth. However, the Consett Council is a long way behind the times. I know that they consider themselves much superior to Leadgate, but in the light of recent events they must take a back seat.

NO GAS.

During several nights last week there was no gas, and those who use this luxury had to go in for oil. There are complaints both loud and deep as to the increase in the price of gas. However, consumers will probably have to put up with it, as there is but little chance of the electric light being introduced.

POPULAR MONTHLIES.

"THE STRAND MAGAZINE."—The number for this month is an especially good one. The continued story, "The Brass Bottle" retains its interest, and it can be truthfully called an original story. The short stories are all of a first-class order, and the special articles are up-to-date. To a large circle of readers, Mr. H. W. Lucy's article on the personal incidents in connection with the House of Commons must be a budget of good things to look forward to.

"THE WIDE WORLD MAGAZINE."—Those who desire variety in reading matter cannot do better than get this popular monthly. The number for June contains—"A young Turk's escape from Tripoli," "How the rabbits were fought in California," "The only girl cow-boys in the world," "In the mammoth Cave of Kentucky," etc., etc.

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MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Monday evening, the workmen employed at South Derwent Willie Colliery, Annfield Plain, held a public meeting in Mr. Miles Handy's Hotel, Catchgate, to give the public of the district the opportunity of subscribing to the Eltringham testimonial Fund promoted by them. Mr. W. Donaldson was voted to the chair, and asked Mr. Robson, in the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Mr. J. Mason, to read the minutes of the last lodge meeting relative to the subject.

Mr. Robson read the minutes, which were in effect that the lodge, in appreciation of Mr. Wm. Eltringham's long term as overman, the necessary steps be taken to present him with a testimonial, and, further, that the public be given an opportunity to participate in the movement.

The Chairman said the meeting had been called for the purpose stated in the minutes, and they would like it to be conversational, and to devise the best means for carrying out the arrangements.

Mr. John Robson suggested the appointment of a committee to solicit subscriptions, not only from the workmen, but from outsiders, so that the presentation might be as representative as possible.

Mr. Ed. Robson thought the best course would be to have a meeting in the Co-operative Hall, although they might not get a much larger gathering than there was at that meeting.

Mr. Collicott concurred, and said half the people did not know where the meeting was to be held.

Mr. Ed. Robson moved that a committee be appointed to carry out the arrangements for the promotion of a testimonial, with power to add to their number.

Mr. J. French seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The committee selected was as follows:—Messrs. W. Donaldson, W. Vickers, J. W. Robson, Ed. Robson, N. Collicott, John Wilson, Jas. Mason, Wm. Cockburn, Thos. Parkin, Wm. Reed, J. French, Geo. Jobling, and W. Collicott. It was also resolved that the subscription list remain open for a month, and that there be a subsequent meeting to make final arrangements as to the nature and form the presentation should take.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—(Ed. "C. G.")

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

PAINFUL PROSPECTS FOR THE ANIMALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—In an article written in a tone of moral superiority, under the title of "Vivisection and the Hospitals" the "Hospital" of June 9th, attempts to dispose with cavalierly brevity of the vivsection question. The writer asserts with reiterative insistence that their first duty is to man; to cure disease; the first duty of the hospital is to cure its patients. Certainly! But why asseverate about a duty which everyone regards as a matter of course. Lord Chesterfield advises us always to suspect those who affirm upon some simple matter the mere statement of which should be enough. "Depend upon it" he says, "they are telling a falsehood and are interested in making you believe them." The consciousness of this supreme duty to man makes them "in honour bound to bring all knowledge, from whatever source it may be collected, to bear upon the task entrusted to us, to help in curing man's diseases." "Whatever source." That is just the fatal admission; the end is so lofty that it justifies all means used for its attainment. And one source, as we have lately had painful evidence, is experimentation on the hospital patients themselves, as witness the proposal to experiment on the cancer patients in the Middlesex Hospital. "The hospital's first duty is to cure its patients," says this writer. Can this really be the aim of those who practise and defend experiments on patients? Are not actions more insuperable evidence than statements? "If this involves hurting an animal now and again, we are sorry, but it cannot be helped" continues this special pleader. But the researches which vivisectors record have involved hurting animals by the million, and at the present rate of increment, acquisition of knowledge from this source will involve the torture of millions more for indefinite ages. It is medication based upon knowledge derived from animal experimentation, which has caused thousands of our soldiers to be inoculated with typhoid virus, and an unknown number have fallen victims to the disease, notwithstanding the proportion of inoculated being suppressed It is absorption in studying this source of curative knowledge, which has compelled the "Medical Annual" to state that a race of medical men is growing up who know nothing about drugs, or their actions, and who are often incapable of prescribing the simplest mixture. Unbiassed minds naturally wonder where this method of obtaining knowledge from "whatever source" will ultimately land the medical profession and the public which is dependent upon it. I am, sir, yours truly.

ATHELSTANE S. BISHOP.

36, Berkeley Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

P. M. SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the anniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, Annfield Plain, were conducted by Messrs Geo. and Jos. Bainbridge, the supts. of the school. At each service the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, dialogues, etc., and sang special music, assisted by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Herdman, while Mr. J. Robinson accompanied on the organ. There were large audiences, and the collections were highly satisfactory.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

TO BE SOLVED.

The Primitive Methodists of Whickham have for a considerable number of years been privileged to revel in the beauties of nature that are to be found in what is known as Marshall Lands, a pleasantly situated spot located a little to the south of their pretty village. At this particular place they have held their annual pic-nic from time immemorial, but this year they will have to forego the pleasure. The land has "changed hands" and for some reason or other negotiations have failed to acquire for them the past scene of recreations.

"HEAVEN'S ARTILLERY."

During the past few days we have too frequently heard the sound of "Heaven's Artillery," and the little village of Whickham has not escaped from the effects of the storm. Our news columns contain a report of the disastrous results to a house near Whickham occasioned by lightning, and I do not here purpose detailing the same, but to extend sympathy to Mrs. Handy, who has suffered considerably in consequence. Perhaps she will find consolation in the thought that two of her nieces had a most miraculous escape from death, and that she has the entire sympathy of the parishioners.

WANTED, A MORTUARY.

The publicans of Dunston, as a rule, are ever ready to welcome your presence, providing that you are supplied with the necessary £.s.d., but they have a decided objection to accommodate anyone who is presented to them in the shape of a corpse. This reluctance is warranted. All who were acquainted with the densely-populated village know the unenviable reputation that clings to it as a repository for dead bodies which are deposited by the tide from the river. Certain landlords have had just cause to raise their voice upon having to turn their hostelry into a mortuary, and this is not to be wondered at when one learns of the number of dead bodies that are placed in their keeping. Only last week-end a terribly decomposed corpse was taken from the river and housed for a couple of days at the Rowers' Arms Hotel. Upon such being pointed out to Deputy-Coroner Shepherd he characterised it as most unsatisfactory, and his sentiments found a responsive echo from the jury. He expressed the hope that the local authority would give their attention to the matter, and I trust that they will see their way clear to fall in with the suggestion by establishing a mortuary for this largely-populated village.

PRESENTATION AT CONSETT

On Thursday night last, Mr. J. T. Pescod, late librarian and caretaker of the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms, and now landlord of the Freemason's Arms Hotel, Consett, was made the recipient of a gold albert and medal in recognition of his services as librarian. The medal bore the inscription:—"Presented to J. T. Pescod by the members of the Consett Reading and Recreation Rooms. June 14th, 1900." Mr. J. Oliver presided over a large company, and Mr. Walter Shaw occupied the vice-chair.—The Chairman having submitted the loyal toasts proposed "The Army and Navy." He referred to the way in which the troops had conducted themselves, and said there was never a time when they were more deserving of praise. They had gone forth at a moment's notice to put down oppression and uphold the honour of the old flag.—The Vice-chairman proposed "The trade of the district," and said he had been connected with that district for about half-a-century, and had watched the progress of trade during that time. There had been bad times as well as good times, and they ought not to run away with the idea that the present state of prosperity would last. Consett had become a big place since he first knew it, and he hoped it would not be long before they were governed by a Corporation. Several years ago, when the old Leadgate Local Board was in existence, and of which he had the honour of being chairman on several occasions, he had some conversation with Mr. Jenkins, the late manager at the Works, and his advice was that the three Local Boards—Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate—should amalgamate and apply for Parliamentary powers. He believed it would have been an advantage to the whole of the district.—Mr. J. Merritt responded to the toast, after which Mr. J. R. Brodie proposed "Success to the Reading and Recreation Rooms," and Mr. W. Eales responded.—The Chairman then made the presentation, and said he was one of those who supported the election of Mr. Pescod, and he had never regretted the choice then made. Mr. Pescod had always given satisfaction to the committee and members, and there had never been a wrong word passed between them. Mr. Pescod had done much to make the institution a success, and he trusted the new librarian, Mr. G. W. Freek, would follow in his footsteps.—Mr. Pescod briefly but suitably acknowledged the gifts, and said he had always been kindly treated by the members. He did not at first think he would stay long, but he got on so well with the officials that he had remained for 15 years.—During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs J. Sloane, G. T. Wilson, Harry Wood, J. Wood, G. W. Freek, A. Burnhope and others, Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., officiating at the piano.—The articles were obtained from the establishment of Mr. H. Wood, Newmarket Street, Consett.

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Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club.

Visit to Grey Mare Hill and Ministeracres..

On Saturday afternoon last there was a splendid beat up of members of the Blackhill Naturalists' Field Club, for the programmed visit to Grey Mare Hill and the beautiful seat of the Silvertops, Minsteracres. The party left the Blackhill library about half-past one, in two brakes, and were joined by another brake at Highgate. Proceeding through Shotley Bridge and on to Snods, a halt was made to view the pretty little church of St. John's. The halt was of very short duration, and the brakes were soon proceeding at a good pace towards Grey Mare Hill. Passing along the road, Weather Hill, which is some 660 feet higher than Pontop Pike, could be seen in the distance. Owing to the hilly state of the road those in the brakes occasionally had to alight and walk for a distance, while a large number of cyclists who accompanied the party were apparently doing more walking than riding.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On arriving at Grey Mare Hill a move was at once made to St. Andrew's Church, where the following paper was read by the Rev. R. W. Wilson:—

My mind not having run much in an antiquarian groove I trust that you will pardon my presumption, in acceding to your request that I should write for you, and read to-day, a paper on St. Andrew's Church, on the ground that the promise was made unthinkingly. However, I know that I was asked because I am on the spot, and have the registers in my keeping, and church in my charge, and I beg that you will overlook on the one hand the paper's many omissions on the other its diffusive discursiveness and want of method, and the many tokens that appear throughout of its being the production of a 'prentice hand.

The church of St. Andrew, Shotley, as it now stands, was restored from the foundations in 1892, and was re-opened on the 1st of January, 1893, by Bishop Wilberforce. The stones of the groined arch, some of which had fallen down, were all carefully marked, and were placed again in their old positions; so that the church retains the form which it took in 1769, which year saw the addition of the north and south transepts to the church, with its new feature of the intersections of the two arches. Previous to that date it was rectangular in form, "being about 16 yards in length and four or five in breadth within the walls, the chancel being one foot, or more, narrower than the body of the chapel." Hutchinson, writing to this effect in 1776, tells us further what necessitated this extension. He says: "The increase of the parishioners in number and the crowds of people coming from the adjoining parishes made the presence of so many devout strangers troublesome to the congregation; hereupon Humphrey Hopper, a freeholder and constant inhabitant within the said chapelry, prevailed with Dr. Thos. Eden, one of the Bishop Crewe's trustees, to give him £20 to be employed in defraying the charge of an enlargement of the said chapel, when a considerable enlargement was made under the care and inspection of Mr. Hopper." From this we may assume that the Rev. William Dalston, who was curate at this time, was a man, devout, able, and energetic. It was during his charge that, in 1775, the value of the benefice was increased by 20 nobles per annum, the certified value previously having been £11 4s 10d, with a legacy added, only a short time before, of £10, under Lord Crewe's will, the date of which was 1720. How long a time the church had existed, in this simple rectangular form, consisting of nave and chancel only, we cannot tell; but during the restorations in 1892, two stones, with a Maltese cross sculptured on each, were found embedded and hidden in the old walls; which stones, in the opinion of Canon Greenwell, had occupied a more conspicuous position in and older building, of date not later than the eleventh or twelfth century. The small windows with single semi-circular arch-stones betoken a like early date. Now, as Walter de Bolbeck in 1165 founded the abbey of Blanchland, and gave the tithes and advowson of the mother parish of Bywell St. Andrew to the abbey and convent of Blanchland, the church then existing at Shotley must have been under the jurisdiction of the then abbot, as Shotley was annexed to Blanchland by the foundation charter. The names of the vicars of Bywell St. Andrew are not known previous to 1300. Wm de Norton held the living in 1315, and was in June of that year made Canon of Blanchland. Four years before this, in 1311, the Scots under Robt. Bruce plundered Bywell, and destroyed the churches. In 1315, September 13th, Robert de Werkworth, Canon of Blanchland, became vicar of Bywell St. Andrew. During his incumbency, in 1346, "the Scots, under David Bruce, destroyed Slaley, Styford, Broomhaugh, Riding, Merchenley, Shildford, Newbiggen, and Shotley." It is not at all improbable that the church of Shotley shared the fate that befell the Bywell churches 35 years before. Gilbert de Mynstanacres succeeded in 1352. He was followed by William de Stockton; and he again, on his resignation in 1403, by Hugh de Dorem. John de Heildon followed in 1431, on the death of Dorem. When Heildon died in 1448, John de Derlington was appointed, and on Derlington's death in 1469, John de Hertilpool succeeded him. Then came John Stamp, Canon of Blanchland; and, Stamp resigning in 1533, Henry Spragen, Canon of Blanchland, was his successor on August 11th.

In 1536 Blanchland Abbey was dissolved, but refounded by Henry VIII. In 1539 the Abbey was finally dissolved. Henry Spragen continued vicar of Bywell St. Andrew until 1561, so furnishing us with proof of the continuity of the English church in our own locality, he retaining the living from the year before the dissolution of the monasteries eleven years before the death of Henry VIII, right through the reigns of Edward VI. and Mary, and up to his death in the sixth year of Queen Elizabeth. Thomas Brown followed him. Then came Edm. Robinson in 1571 and William Ashton in 1575.

During Ashton's incumbency we come upon William Strother Scotus, in 1577, the first curate of Shotley with whose name we are made acquainted, he being the first on Randal's list of curates of Shotley, given in his "State of the Churches." In the Surtees records some information is given of a trial in which Humphrey Hopper, of Black Hedley, charged Wm. Strother with unduly influencing a sick man at Shotley in the making of his will, but the issue of the trial is not given.

William Ashton was followed in 1611 by John Hutton; Thomas Carter came in 1618; Ralph Carr in 1637; Andrew Hall in 1610; Robert Simpson in 1667; George Ritschell in 1668; John Fawcett in 1686; John Ritschell in 1690; John Stewart in 1705; William Dunn in 1711; Jos. Carr in 1713; Matthew Robinson in 1729.

We need carry this list no further; as in Carr's time, in 1724, Shotley (including Blanchland) became a separate incumbency and, in Robinson's (6), Blanchland was separated from Shotley. I have carried you thus far, because, if we compare the dates of the appointments of the different curates of Shotley from 1577 to 1724 with the dates of the different vicars of Bywell St. Andrew during the same period we can determine pretty conclusively under what vicars of Bywell the different curates served. Randall's list of these latter is as follows:—William Strother Scotus in 1577; John Smithe in 1586; Chr. Pinkney in 1611; Thos. Beatye in 1617; Jacobus Haytley in 1634; Halele Scotus in 1661; Matthias Wrightson Cl. in 1671; Reginald Stedman Cl. p. mort. Wrightson; Chr. Smith A.M. in 1703 p.m. Stedman; Francis Hunter, A.M. in 1725 p.m. Smith; Matthew Whitaker A.B. in 1743, 8 July p.m. Hunter; Will. Dalston Cl. in 1755, 21 March p.m. Whitaker;

Blanchland was in 1752 separated from Shotley. Thos. Hudson was its first curate 25th January, 1753.

Wm. Dalston was buried at St. Andrew's on May 18th, 1775. Geo. Emerson came post mort. Dalston in 1775, but he must have been sub-curate, as John Ellison, curate of St. Nicholas, Newcastle, was appointed perpetual curate in the same year. Simpson Brown became sub-curate in 1786. He signs himself curate up to December, 1800; afterwards sub-curate; James Green came in 1813; John Forster in 1823; he served from November 1823 to November 1825; T. Dixon followed in 1826; he signs himself assistant curate, March 3rd; Richard Marchall was assistant curate from May, 1826, to May, 1829; J. Messenger was incumbent curate from October, 1829, till December 1841, when he died. Robt. Maughan was sub curate from September, 1841 to June, 1842. Robt. Thompson, B.A., succeeded as incumbent curate in June, 1842; he died in June, 1880. From 1875 to 1880 R. G. Willis, B.A., Oxford, was curate-in-charge during Thompson's old age. R. W. Wilson, B.A., Durham, succeeded Thompson as incumbent curate, and has held the living since.

So it would almost appear as if the resident clergy who served Shotley from the time of Dalston to Messenger were all of them sub-curates only, appointed by non-resident curates, who themselves served other cures. For example:—From Bishop Barrington's returns to visitation questions issued in 1814 it appears that the vicar of Shotley lived at Bamburgh Castle, and also held Beadnell and Whittonstall. His assistant curate (S. Brown) lived at Shotley, and served that place and Whittonstall. The vicar himself records that he served Beadnell. He says that, "there used only to be prayers and a sermon every Lord's day in the afternoon." But he adds: "As I serve no other cure, and at the solicitation of my parishioners, I have, for some years past, indulged them with a forenoon service, at pleasure." To illustrate the difficulty of deciding who were curates and who were subcurates only it will suffice to say that in 1754 "Banns of marriage were published between James Forster and Mary Walker, both of this parish on April 21st by Thos. Hudson, curate, April 28th, by Jonah Jefferson, curate, and May 5th by William Wharton, curate;" and the marriage "was solemnized on the third day of June A.D., 1754, by me, Thos. Coulthard, curate;" and in the same year died Thompson Simpson, to whose memory a tablet was placed on the east wall of the south transept, on which appear the words: "qui Nujus ecclisce curam Nabuit." The last-named could only have been subcurate, for Matthew Whitaker's name appears on Randal's list from 1743 to 1755. Thos. Simpson's name appears only on the tablet and in the record of his burial in the register. There are twelve registers. The earliest of them contains baptisms from 1675 to 1740; marriages from 1670 to 1721; burials from 1690 to 1724. The first marriage is entered as follows:—

"Thos Richardson and Jane, his wife, married November 24th, 1670." The first baptism is that of "Sarah, Daughter of Thos. Richardson. May 2nd, 1675." The first burial: "1690, the wife of George Swinburne buried March 8th."

Many of the entries are even more imperfect than these three, as, for instance, in the case of the marriage of "John Addison and his wife July 2nd, 1701," and in "1705, Thos. Marshall Nov. 12th," in which neither the wife's Christian name nor maiden name appears in the one, and no mention at all is made of the wife in the other. There are both variety and quaintness in many of the entries, as in the following:—

"Mary, daughter of Godfrey Steavenson, of Crook't Oak, born before Xtmas ye third day of December 16 years since 1710."

"James born on St. James day 1719."

"1739. August 12th Edward Kirkley's Daughter Eliz."

"1795. Dec. 26th Ann and Joseph Daughter and Son of Jno. and Mary Hopper of Arihom being born in separate years and ye Dr first."

"Ellinner Tayler's mother was buried Nov. 18, 1724."

"John Sibbel pauper buried at Blanchland March ye 11th 1725."

"Old Thomas Teasdell of Emly buried at Slaly sometime in 1725."

"Robert Maughan of Snoos buried on Whitsunday Monday the 26 of May 1729."

"1723. The mother of John Hazen buried January 23rd."

Among marriage entries not yet mentioned are:—

"1698. Mr. John Elrington and Jane Watson, Sep. 4."

"1714. Mr. Legg and Mary Haswell April 1st."

"1719. John Ridley and Mrs. Jane Elrington June 5th."

Among burials:—

"1690. Widow Maughan May 4th."

"1695. Frances Daugt. of Mr. Clark, April 18th."

"1711. John Son of Mr. John Andrew July 14th."

"1720. Gabriel Reed Esq buried Feb. 22nd."

"Feb. 2. 1777. Robson Wilkinson, a Batchelor."

"1778. Dec. 8. William White a stranger."

"1739. July 23rd. Thomas Forrester of Sunnyside—waggon-man."

"1794. March 1st Mary Ward of Little Black Hedley being in the 91 year of her age." In this case it is interesting to note that ages are not usually given until 1798.

There are eleven entries of briefs. The first of these contains the following:—

Collected upon briefs at Shotley.

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1742. May 23.	For Loss by Fire at Shap	0	10
June 23.	To repairing much Wenlock Ch.	0	6
July 11.	To rebuilding Polesworth Church	0	4½
Aug. 1	Towards Oyster Dredger	1	11
Sept. 3.	To Loss by Fire at Marsh Gibbon	0	7
Oct. 10.	To Rebuilding Holy Trinity Church	0	4
	In all	4	6½

There are two visitation entries:—

I.

"July 8th, 1793. The Archdeacon visited this chapel and directed as follows—

1st—That the roof at the south entrance into the chapel be repaired, and the walls of the chapel adjoining to the south porch be rough-cast.

2ndly—That the three sash windows be hung, so as to open for the admission of air.

3rdly—That the stones and building rubbish be removed from the walls and foundation of the chapel.

That the above be executed as soon as possible, and certified at the visitation in October next.

Robt. Thorp, Archdeacon,
Simpson Brown, Minister,
Michael Wardale, Churchwarden,
Thos. Arkay, Churchwarden."

II.

"Memorandum of a Parochial Visitation of the Parish of Shotley held by the Archdeacon of Northumberland in the Church there this 3rd of October—1828. Present—Rev. Richard Marshall curate. The Church upon the whole is in good condition, but the spouts demand reparation, the window sashes should be painted, and the defective places in the roof or walls through which the wet penetrates into the angles from which the groinings spring, require immediate attention.

In fact it would appear that leaden gutters (sic) are desirable in several of the joinings of the roof.—Signed,

THOS. SINGLETON,
Archdeacon of Northumberland.

In one of the registers occurs the following entry:—

"As the registering of the Date of the Birth of Dissenters from the Church of England was strongly recommended in a charge to the clergy by the Rev. Dr. Thos. Sharp, late Archdeacon of Northumberland. In pursuance to the said recommendation, and at the particular request of Joseph March of Cowbires in the Parish of Blanchlend (who is of that profession of Religion called Anabaptists) the birth of his sons and Daughters are here inserted:—

Hannah March born May 16th 1740.
Joseph March born Dec. 25th 1742.
Sarah March born May 16th 1746.
John March born June 19th 1749."

"Elizabeth Daugtr of Jonathan Leighton of Grey-mare Hill new house born Jan. 17th 1786.

Edward Leighton son of Jonathan Leighton of Airy Holme born 27th January 1787.

Mary Daughter of John March of Pedom's Oak Parish of Edmondbyers 28th Jan. 1787.

Ann Daughter of Jonathan and Barbara Leighton of Fortherly P. Bywell born 29th Oct. 1788.

The Registers of Joseph and Barbara Soppit's children, who are of ye above profession, and inhabitants chiefly at Whittonstall are as follows:—

Joseph Soppit, son of Jos. and Barbara Soppit, born 22nd January 1783.

Edward son of Jos. and Barbara Soppit, born 5th August, 1787.

John, son of Jos. and Barbara Soppit, born 25th April, 1790.

Jonathan, son of Jos. and Barbara Soppit, born 11th December, 1793."

The first mention of banns occurs in the following entry:—"Thomas Liddle and Mary Ward of Coathouse, married the fourth day of June, 1730, ye banns three times published before."

The following entry is interesting:—

"Memorandam of Frank Armstrong, son of Elizabeth Armstrong, of Newbiggen, died betwixt May day and Whitsuntide in ye year 1727, worth by report £60, dispersed in several hands as in Grace Oliver 501."

Here is a case of the forbidding of banns in 1758:—

"The banns of marriage between John Kitchen of the Parish of Stannerton and Ann Henderson of this parish were legally published in ye Church on Sunday, April 9th, 16th, and 23rd and objection made by her brother."

There are some interesting memorandas made by the Rev. John Ellison in 1775 on the subject of the payment of nag-tithe and other payments in lieu thereof—also, a record by him of the payment of duty on burials marriages, and baptisms in 1786. Also an entry on Easter Monday, 1780, of a refusal by one Joseph Maughan, of Newthank, to pay the modus. Also on April 21st 1883, there is a written and signed undertaking on the part of Andrew Dodd, Parish Clerk of Shotley and Whittonstall, "to keep free from intoxication," and a "promise not to remain on any Sabbath evening at the Inn at Whittonstall unless for any reason which shall appear satisfactory to the minister and churchwardens"; that if he "depart from these promises he will consider himself no longer clerk of Shotley or Whittonstall."

The name of Hopper occurs so frequently in most of the registers that it would have required much more time than I had at my disposal for a careful and exhaustive examination of the entries.

An instance of excommunication appears in the following, extracted from 22 Surtees Society, p. 122:—

William Armstrong on 15th May, 1579, for not having "received the communion according to the laws is excommunicated."

From Hodgson's M.S., materials V., p. 242, it appears that in 1601, Margaret Radcliffe, wife of Cuthbert Radcliffe, of Blachland, was charged at Corbridge with being a recusant. Also that Christopher Readshawe was charged in "that he hath been very negligent in coming to church, and that he received not the communion at Easter last, and is suspected a recusant."

From York Records we learn that "in 1417 there was a suit in the Ecclesiastic Court at York between the parishioners of Shotley and the monastery of Blanchland"; and later on that Francis Bonney, formerly Archdeacon of Northumberland, afterwards Rector of Ryton, Prebendary of the 8th stall, preached in Shotley Church between Michaelmas, 1578, and Michaelmas, 1579—ordered by Right Rev. Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham.

Against the west wall there is a stone to the memory of Christopher Hunter, the antiquary, with the following inscription:—

Here lye the remains of
Christopher Hunter, M.B.
a learned and judicious Antiquary
and Physician.
He was the only child of Thomas
Hunter, of Medomsley,
Gentleman by Margaret,
his second wife.
He married Elizabeth, one of the
Daughter and Coheiresses of
John Ellerington,
of Aspershields, Esq.,
by whom he had two sons and a
daughter.
He died 13th of July, An. Dom. 1757,
in the 83rd year of his age.

It is singular that the register contains no record of his burial. On the east wall of the south transept there is the tablet already mentioned, with a Latin inscription, in memory of Thomas Simpson, who died in 1754.

In the churchyard there is a huge mausoleum with inscriptions to the memory of several members of the Hopper family, of Black Hedley, one of whom died in A.D. 1575. Within a recep are two recumbent figures in stone. There is also a stone in memory of the Rev. John Messenger, already mentioned as having died in Dec., 1841.

John Lough, the celebrated sculptor, was baptized in this church. From the register it appears that he was born on the 8th of January, 1798, and baptized on the 31st of December, and that he was the 3rd son of William Lough, blacksmith, of Black Hedley Port, and native of Ackliff, Durham, by his wife, Barbara Clemitson, native of Dawton in Hexhamshire. Some say that some of his early genius appears on two of the stones in the churchyard.

There are a few quaint inscriptions upon some of the tomb-stones. The earliest stone in the yard before the restoration of the church bore date 1711, but very little of it appeared above the surface of the ground. It seemed to have been destroyed when what remained standing of the church was taken down previous to the cementing of the foundations for the rebuilding.

St. John's Church, originally built as a chapel of ease in 1835 and opened for worship on January 1st, 1837, became the parish church when St. Andrew's partly collapsed, owing to a subsidence due to some coal-workings underneath. St. Andrew's church is now used as a chapel of ease; but baptisms, marriages, and burials are occasionally performed there.

The Communion plate consists of:—

i. Silver egg-shaped cup, 6¼ inches high, 3¼ inches in diameter at mouth, 3¼ inches at base. Bowl with moulded edge 3¼ inches deep. Stem curves from bottom of bowl without knop to base. Four hall-marks:—1. Maker's initials, T.W. 2. Lion p.g. 3. Small leopard. 4. Sovereign's head. (Somewhere between 1780 and 1820.)

ii. Plated Paten, 6¼ inches in diameter, with rim 1¼ inches wide, gadrooned round, engraved pattern of leaves and flowers round.

iii. Plated straight-sided Flagon, 7¾ inches high, 9¼ inches to knop on lid. 3¾ inches in diameter at mouth, 4¾ inches at base. Inscription on bottom:—James Dixon and Sons, Sheffield.

iv. Pewter bowl-shaped Font, moulded edge, 10¼ inches diameter, 2¼ inches high.

The party then walked down to the village of Kilnpit Hill, where tea was provided. Owing to the large number to be catered for, ninety-seven, the stay was lengthy, but after all had sat down no time was lost in getting under weigh again. While proceeding up the avenue to Minsteracres, the rhododendrons, which grew in great profusion, were much admired. Minsteracres was reached about half-past six, and the company at once proceeded to inspect the beautiful grounds and vineries. After this, the Rev. R. Wilson read the following paper, written by Mr. J. W. Fawcett, of Satley:—

MINSTERACRES ILLUSTRATED. COMBINED WITH A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SILVERTOP FAMILY.

(By J. W. Fawcett, Esq., Satley.)

MINSTERACRES.

Minsteracres Hall is a fine, stately, substantial stone building, improved and enlarged in 1867 by the addition of a north wing. It is surrounded by extensive pleasure grounds and plantations, which give variety to the landscape. From an aboriculturist's point of view these pleasure grounds are remarkable for their extent of wealth of diversified foliage. In the gardens are many fine and rare trees brought from foreign lands, and include probably more varieties of comferæ than are to be found in any other part of the country. One of the trees is a remarkably fine specimen of the silver fir ("Pinus amibitis") from California. In the vicinity of the hall is a fine lake covering an area of four acres. In the hall are numerous works of art collected by George Silvertop, Esq. (Born 1774 died 1849.) The drawing-room contains many fine family portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds, Sir Thomas Lawrence, and Pond. The walls of the dining-room are adorned with tapestry brought from Rome, representing scenes in the lives of Antony and Cleopatra. Against the south wall, and reaching from the ceiling to the floor, is an exquisite piece of carving, by the celebrated Italian sculptor Signor Balleti. Another work of art, in another room, no less interesting from its excellence than from the strange vicissitudes through which it has passed and the history of its many narrow escapes from destruction at remarkable historical periods is the painting of a nun. It has four perforations in it three of which were caused by shot from the guns of Cromwell's soldiers, and the other by a cannon ball during the French siege of Rome in 1849. Among the splendid statuary at Minsteracres is a copy of Lough, the sculptor's masterpiece, "The Mourners." In the grounds are three Roman altars and other objects of antiquarian interest. The altars were obtained from the Roman Camp at Ebchester. One—measuring 3 feet, 10¼ inches high, 1 feet 7¾ inches in breadth at top, and 1 foot 4¾ inches in depth—is remarkably perfect, except the inscription, which is nearly obliterated. The mouldings, of which there are many, both at the top and bottom, are continued all round the four sides. On the right side is sculptured an elegant praefericulum, or jug, with a garland enclosing it on all sides but the lowest. A peculiarity in this sculpture is that both the bottom and top of the jug are shown in perspective. On the left side is a patera, or dish, also surrounded on all sides but the lowest, with a garland. On the back is a quatrefoil in the angle of the pediment. Only the first two lines of the inscription are traceable:—

NVMINIBVS
AVGVSTORVM,

which translated is, "To the Deities of the Augusti." Another—measuring 4 feet 2 inches in height, 1 feet 8 inches in breadth, and 1 foot 4 inches in depth—is also remarkably perfect in all respects, except the inscription. Mouldings on the top and bottom are continued all round the four sides. The right side and the back of the altar are plain. On the left side is sculptured a Roman soldier, in full armour, limbs, and accoutrements. He wears a helmet on his head, having a crest above and a strap fastening it beneath the chin, and also a coat of mail, or several coats one above another, the lowermost of which reaches to the middle of the thighs. His thighs and legs appear to be clothed in long buckskins or hose. He holds a spear in his right hand, whilst his left rests upon a shield. Under the shield is a bird, having the appearance of a swan. The inscription, which appears to have been a long one, in small letters and close lines, commencing at the pediment and extending to the bottom of the front of the altar, is partially obliterated. The first three lines only are discernable:—

I O M.
ET GENIO
EQVITVM,

or in full—

IOVI OPTIMO MAXIMO
ET GENIO
EQVITVM,

which translated, "To Jupiter, the Best and Greatest, and to the Genius of the Cavalry."

A handsome Roman Catholic Church adjoins the Hall. It was built in 1852-54 at the sole expense of Henry Charles Silvertop. The foundation stone was laid on the 13th September, 1852, by the Hon. Mrs. Silvertop. It is dedicated to St. Elizabeth, and was opened on the 24th August, 1854, on which occasion the Bishop of Hexham officiated. The building is a Gothic structure with decorated style of architecture, consisting of a nave, from which the sanctuary is railed off, and is lighted by six windows filled with excellent specimens of stained glass, representing the patron saints of the various members of the Silvertop family. In the sanctuary is an exquisitively carved Madonna, in white marble, executed in Rome at a cost of £500. On the right of the altar is the sacristy, and over it, forming a kind of tribune, the organ and choir gallery. A cloister, or triforium, opens to the church, running along the north side, and connecting the private gallery at the west end with the house. The church, which is adorned with a clock turret and spire, will accommodate 200 persons. In a large vault underneath the church are buried many members of the Silvertop family.

THE SILVERTOPS.

The Silvertops are a highly respectable Roman Catholic family long resident at Minsteracres, many of whom attained more than local fame.

GEORGE SILVERTOP.

Born in 1774, was, like most Roman Catholic gentlemen of the last century, educated at the Roman Catholic College of Douay in France, but returned to this country at the outbreak of the French Revolution. Soon after succeeding to his paternal estates he became Chaplain of the Bywell Volunteers, by whom, in 1814, he was presented with a sword, valued at 100 guineas. In the same year he visited Napoleon, then at Elba, and printed an account of his interview with the Emperor, which was received with great approbation. This visit is said to have led to the now famous Battle of Waterloo. O'Meara in his "Voice from St. Helena," tells us that when Mr. Silvertop visited Napoleon, he, in the course of conversation, related to the exiled warrior that he had dined a few weeks before, with the Duke de Fleury, with whom he had a conversation relative to the sum of money to be allowed by France annually to the exile, according to the agreement that had been signed by the Allied Powers. The Duke laughed at him for supposing for a moment that it would be complied with, and said that they were not such fools. "This," said Napoleon, "was one of the reasons that induced me to leave Elba." Mr. Silvertop was subsequently selected by Lord Liverpool's Cabinet as the medium of private communication between Great Britain and the Holy See, in which capacity he acquitted himself with much address. In 1830 he was appointed High Sheriff of Northumberland, and was the first Roman Catholic Sheriff of that county since the reign of James II. Besides being a traveller of some note he possessed great literary ability, and was a great patron of the fine arts. In the course of his travels he collected many rare and beautiful specimens of painting and sculpture, as well as many foreign plants, with which to beautify his home and grounds at Minsteracres. His refined taste and correct knowledge of art has made the mansion and extensive park one of the most delightful seats in the North of England. The local association of Mr. George Silvertop with the well-known north-country sculptor, John Lough will ever cause the name to be cherished in the history of art; for it was Mr. Silvertop who first discovered and encouraged the young genius. As he was one day returning from hunting he saw in a garden attached to the cottage of Lough's parents at Greenhead, numerous models of legs and arms lying about in all directions. He alighted, walked in and found the ceiling of the cottage covered with drawings, and models lying about the floor of the room. The future sculptor was sent for, and invited by Mr. Silvertop to his house, where he was shown the several works of art by Michael Angelo and Canova. This was the first glimpse Lough had of the beautiful art which he himself had to enrich so much. Mr. Silvertop fostered his genius, and his purse was ever open to merit struggling with difficulty. He died at Minsteracres on the 19th Feb., 1849, aged 75, and was succeeded by his sister's grandson.

HENRY CHARLES SILVERTOP.

The eldest son of Mr. H. Englefield, by Catherine, daughter of Henry Wetham, of Lartington Hall, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, who assumed the name of Silvertop on succeeding to the estates. He married the Hon. Eliza, daughter of the third Baron Camoys. He was succeeded by his eldest son.

HENRY THOMAS SILVERTOP.

Born in 1853, who married in 1882, Rachael M. J., eldest daughter of Alexander MacDonnell, Esq. He lived a retired life, taking no part in public affairs. He was a J.P. for the counties of Antrim and Northumberland, and died suddenly at Minsteracres, on Sunday, December 17th, 1893, aged 40 years, leaving, with other issue, Francis Somerted Silvertop, born in 1883.

Mr. F. W. Brodie, Blackhill, then read a paper on Dr. Christopher Hunter, also by Mr. Fawcett, who was mentioned in the Rev. R. W. Wilson's paper on "St. Andrew's Church."

Before the votes of thanks were given, at the close of the outing, Mr. Samuel Leybourne, the Secretary of the Society, made a few observations. He said:—We are all happy to have the company of our esteemed President, Mr. Henry Holliday, of Beechgrove, with us to-day, but, owing to previous business arrangements, and a little delay in carrying out to-day's programme, we regret to find he has had to retire before the close of this most enjoyable outing. I can assure you that his sympathy for the welfare of the Society is of an active character, and that whenever his assistance in the future may be required, we can depend upon our President cheerfully responding to the call. (Applause.) I have pleasure in calling upon Mr. F. W. Brodie to propose a vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas Atkinson, of Newcastle, and to the esteemed Silvertop Family for the kind permission granted to the society to visit these beautiful grounds, and to the Rev. R. W. Wilson, of Shotley Vicarage, for his presence with us to-day and for the admirable paper he has given us on "The History of the Mother Church of St. Andrew's, Grey Mare Hill," and to Mr. J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, for the carefully prepared papers on "Christopher Hunter, M.D., the Eminent Antiquary and Physician," and "Minsteracres Illustrated, combined with a short History of the Silvertop Family."

Mr. Brodie said he did not think it called for any remarks from him in reference to the proprietor of that place, as they would all agree with him that it was a most beautiful place. Mr. Wilson had taken a very great interest in them, and had shown his sympathy by preparing a paper for them. With regard to Mr. Fawcett's papers he was sure they fully appreciated and valued them. He had great pleasure in moving that a vote of thanks be accorded to these gentlemen.

Mr. Harlow seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

The Rev. R. W. Wilson said that it had given him very great pleasure to prepare the paper for them. He regretted he was not an antiquarian, and he was very much obliged to them.

The National Anthem was then sung, and the party started on the homeward journey, reaching Blackhill about 9.30.

The ladies and gentlemen present included Rev. R. W. Wilson, Shotley; Mr. Hy. Holliday, Beechgrove; Mr. Hubert Holliday, Beechgrove; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Oliver, Selby Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth, Castleside; Mr. Samuel Leybourne, Blackhill; Mr. W. Leybourne, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wylie, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pollock, Blackhill; Miss Trotter, Blackhill; Mr. W. Summerville, Blackhill; Mr. Ward Davison, Blackhill; Mrs. Lax, Blackhill; Miss McKeith, Blackhill; Miss C. Robson, Blackhill; Mr. J. Lubbock, Blackhill; Mr. F. W. Brodie, Blackhill; Mr. T. Cuthbertson, Blackhill; Mr. J. H. Ayton, Blackhill; Miss Davison, Blackhill; Mr. A. Ayton, Blackhill; Miss Ayton, Blackhill; Mrs. Mitchell, Blackhill; Miss Kinnear, Blackhill; Mrs. Wood, Blackhill; Mrs. Marshall, Blackhill; Miss Westgarth, Blackhill; Mr. Davis, Blackhill; Mrs. Gaughan, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. G. Swales, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harlow, Blackhill; Miss Flossie Harlow, Miss Maud Harlow, Miss Lilian Harlow, Blackhill; Mrs. Inglis, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilkinson, Blackhill; Mr. John Carrick, Blackhill; Mr. John Milurn, Blackhill, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Petrie, Blackhill; Miss E. Palliser, Blackhill; Mrs. F. Armstrong, Blackhill; Mr. E. Wilson, Blackhill; Mrs. E. Richardson, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Eltringham, Blackhill; Miss Lily Eltringham, Miss Polly Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. A. Wallace, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Sept. Brodie, Consett; Miss Mary Brodie, Mr. John Brodie, Consett; Mr. F. Vickers, Consett; Mr. J. M. Nicholson, Consett; Mrs. Best, Mr. Robt. Goudie, Consett; Mr. R. J. Brodie Consett; Mr. W. Henderson, Consett; Mr. W. Foster, Consett; Mr. A. Robertson, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh, Consett; Mr. W. Harker, Blackhill; Mr. Robt. Hyden, Consett; Mr. Surtees Leslie, Shotley Bridge; Mr. B. Thompson, Shotley Bridge; Mrs. and Miss Garbutt, Shotley Bridge; Mr. J. G. Redshaw, Shotley Bridge; Mrs. F. Richardson, Shotley Bridge; Miss Dixon, Ebchester; Miss Hannah Dixon, Ebchester; Miss Annie Gibson, Ebchester; Mrs. and Miss Dixon, Leadgate; Mr. J. O. Todd, Leadgate; Mr. Whitworth, Leadgate; Mr. Albert Little, Leadgate; Mr. R. Teasdale, Templetown; Mr. Adam Walton, Blackhill; Mr. Wm. Russell, Blue Houses.

The three brakes were supplied from the Posting Establishment of Mr. George J. Christopher, Blackhill. Their neat turn-out and smart appearance gave the party every satisfaction.

WHICKHAM.

U.D. COUNCIL.—An adjourned monthly meeting of this authority was fixed to take place on Thursday evening last, but as only five members put in an appearance, it was decided on the motion of Coun. Swinburn, seconded by Coun. Blackbird, to further adjourn the meeting until the following Thursday evening.

A FREE EXCURSION TO THE COAST at this time of the year would be an acceptable boon to many a hard-working man, but as such an instance is hardly likely to occur in these dull times, the next best thing a poor man can do, instead of getting change of air and scene is to purify his blood and cleanse his system with a few doses of Holloway's Pills. This wonderful medicine for many years has been a blessing to the commercial world, it gives tone to the system and purifies the blood and rapidly increases the strength of the brain. It also cures indigestion in its most advanced form and in cases of nervous debility it is without a rival.

WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD.

THE LAMESLEY QUESTION: MR SWINBURN REPLIES TO MR WALLACE.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held in the Board Room, Whickham, Mr R. T. Swinburn presiding. The other members present were—Messrs Wm. Walls, R. Rutherford, W. Neesam, Sept. Wright, E. Taylor, and the Clerk (Mr. W. Willis.)

THE LAMESLEY QUESTION.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Chairman said that before they proceeded with the next business on the agenda he should like to ask the Board's indulgence in making a statement in regard to one matter on the minutes, and which was a matter of great importance, viz., the Lamesley question. They would, no doubt, all have read in the press the report of a meeting held at Lamesley. The object of that meeting, he said, seemed to have been to endeavour to ignore, or set aside, if possible, the order issued by the Education Department in March last. As most of them knew—at least the old members knew very well—under that order Lamesley had to pay a certain sum of money representing arrears of contribution for 21 years (i.e., from the date the claim was lodged), and in future, one-third of the repayment of loan and interest on the new schools at Marley Hill, and the actual cost of maintenance according to the number of children using the school from Lamesley parish. So far as this order was concerned they were compelled to carry out the instructions, or the order, which had been issued by the Department. That was the Board's position at the present time. He thought that those who were really conversant with the facts would agree with him that the report in the newspapers, as it appeared, did not give a fair statement of the case in all its bearings; nor was that report a correct version of the case. The principal speaker at that meeting made what he (the chairman) considered a very strong and fierce attack upon the old members of the Whickham School Board, as regards incapacity, and, he believed, the speaker said "wilful extravagance." These charges might possibly be justified, but only to a certain extent. Undoubtedly a serious omission was made some five or six years ago by the Whickham School Board allowing the parish of Whickham to be saddled with the entire responsibility of educating the whole of the Lamesley children, and in not making Lamesley a contributory district to Whickham in respect of——

Mr Walls rose to a point of order. He wanted to know if there had been anything further from the Education Department? In his opinion they were simply dealing with a newspaper report.

The Chairman: I claim a right to make a statement upon a matter arising in the minutes, and I do so entirely in the public interest, in order that the public may have a correct version of the facts of the case.

Mr Walls: I shall accede, but I beg to differ.

Mr. Taylor: I think it is perfectly justified.

The Chairman: As chairman of this Board I shall not exercise any strong will of my own in this matter; but I am entirely in the hands of the Board.

Mr Walls said the matter certainly did not arise out of the minutes.

Mr Taylor: We want a true statement of the facts.

Mr Wall: It has been stated in the newspapers.

Mr Taylor: It has not been truthfully stated.

Mr Neesam said it would not take the chairman long to explain the facts, and he would like to hear the same.

The Chairman remarked that they had some new members of the Board amongst them who would perhaps like to know the full facts of the case.

Mr Walls: To put your views, Mr Swinburn?

The Chairman: To put my views.

Mr Walls: That's it.

The Chairman, continuing, said that five or six years ago a blunder was made, in his opinion, by the old members of the Whickham School Board allowing the parish of Whickham to be saddled with the entire responsibility of educating the whole of the Lamesley children, and in not making Lamesley a contributory district. There was a blunder made, but neither the last nor the present Board were in any way responsible for the blunder. (Mr Walls: No.) The point he wished to bring before the meeting, and the public, was this: That the ratepayers of Whickham have had to bear the entire responsibility and burden of these blunders, and that in consequence of that omission Lamesley had not been made to bear any burden whatever in respect of that omission, but, on the other hand, Lamesley had benefitted, and benefitted very considerably, by that omission. Even at the rate of 12s per head, which Lamesley were quite prepared to pay, they (Lamesley) had saved between £300 and £400 in consequence of the blunder, and this only represented something like one-half of what it had actually cost the parish of Whickham; and, as he said before, he did not know why that should have been made so much of at Lamesley, unless it was done to give a false impression of the case. Again, under the contribution order he failed to see how Lamesley was going to be called upon to bear any share of over-provision made at Marley Hill, for this reason: The new schools at Marley Hill already provided accommodation for 297 children. Lamesley required accommodation for 100 children, and had been ordered to pay one-third of the cost—in other words, although Lamesley were using the school almost to the same extent as Whickham, Lamesley was only required to pay one-third, whilst Whickham was saddled with two-thirds of the cost, so that Whickham was really paying for the surplus accommodation provided at the school even under the order as it stood. The very same arguments and objections raised at the Lamesley meeting had already been raised, answered, and over-ruled by the Department prior to the issue of the order. He did not want to weary them, but he would like to refer them to a letter dated 29th January, 1900, from the Education Department, which read as follows:—"My Lords have fully considered the objections brought forward by Mr Fenton, but do not consider that the draft order requires any further modification. As regards his contention that Lamesley should not be made to pay for the excessive size of Marley Hill School, I am directed to point out that it makes little difference whether it pays half the sum, which would have been required for providing a school for 200 children, or a third of the sum which would have been spent on a school for 300. As regards maintenance, if the amount to be paid be calculated on the basis of the number of children from each district on the books, my Lords consider that Lamesley will have no ground of complaint under that head. Finally, with reference to Lamesley's scheme for building a school of its own, I have to refer to my Lords' letter of the 27th November, 1899, to Mr Fenton." The speaker, continuing, said that in the letter named to Mr Fenton, dated 29th November, the Department wrote, "My Lords never stated, or implied, that the contribution from Lamesley should be at the rate of 12s per child. When the Rev George Croft wrote on June 9th, 1899, proposing to build a school, if the contribution should exceed 12s per head, my Lords informed him in a letter dated June 16th that they could not consider another school in that district necessary, and that the better course was for Lamesley to become contributory to Whickham. The reply referred merely to the provision in the Code (see article 80) that a school must not be unnecessary if it is to be placed on the list of schools in receipt of Parliamentary grant." The chairman said that these communications covered the whole ground of the objection which had again been raised, and did not appear to have been put before the meeting at Lamesley. He submitted that this ought to have been done, and, if such was not done, it was because they entirely upset the arguments that were used the other night at Lamesley. He mentioned this matter, as he said before, in order that the ratepayers of Lamesley in particular might know the true facts of the case, and he trusted that the representative of the press present would assist him in every possible way in making these statements as public as possible. All that the Whickham School Board required was what the speaker at the Lamesley meeting said he was prepared to pay "a fair and just sum." He (Mr Swinburn) submitted that 12s per head—£60 a year—for the education of 100 children in a properly equipped school—a sum equal to one-half the actual cost—could not be considered either fair or reasonable. The Education Department were evidently of the same opinion when they ordered—after having all the facts fully and fairly put before them—that so far as maintenance was concerned, that Lamesley should pay actual cost. The Whickham School Board were now simply carrying out the Education Department's order. As a School Board they had no other course open but to carry out the instructions of a higher department. If that order had been issued under any misapprehension, the only course would have been for Lamesley to have pointed out where it was wrong—he did not admit that it was wrong—rather than advocate the building of a school, which was admitted to be unnecessary, with the object of causing the school at Marley Hill to be a "white elephant"; but it might be that the other school would become a "white elephant." The building of another school could only increase, and unnecessarily, the burden of one or both parishes. The principle of the claim had been admitted by Lamesley, the only difference being as to the question of amount. He could scarcely have believed it possible that any person having great interests in both parishes, and representing both parishes on public bodies, would have been found advocating such an absurd proposal, or such a suicidal policy, as the building of an unnecessary school. He could not help saying that, and it seemed to him that this policy, or this proposal, was simply because this one person could not dictate his own terms. If the thing was wrong, where was it wrong? and let them endeavour to put it right. They as a Board were compelled to abide by the ruling of the Education Department. In regard to the large cost, he thought that the statements made must have been exaggerated. He (the chairman) had no official figures before him as to the rateable value of Lamesley, but if his information was correct, the contribution would probably only mean about 1½d or 2d in the £, which, he thought, no reasonable person would object to pay, and if they, or the Lamesley people, found themselves the possessors of a "white elephant" in the shape of an unnecessary school the fact would require to be emphasised that it was the creation of a suggestion emanating from someone in Lamesley, and not the creation of the Education Department in London; nor was it the creation of the Whickham School Board, or any individual member. His idea in making these statements was with a view to protecting the parish of Whickham, and he thought it was desirable that the attention of the Education Department should be drawn to the matter, seeing that the meeting at Lamesley was the outcome of the order issued, and to ask the Education Department to see that so far as they were concerned, that the interests of the parish of Whickham were fully protected. That was his object in making these statements.

Mr. Walls thought that the best thing the Board could have done would have been to have sent the previous letter to the Department, with their comments, and thus been fully protected before the meeting was held at Lamesley. He did not want to be the loser in the end by the transaction. According to the letter read by Mr. Swinburn the gate was open for Lamesley to build a school, but it would not be placed upon the Parliamentary List grant. Lamesley could build a school and the only restriction would be that the Education Department could withold the grant. (The Chairman: Quite so.) By the building of that school were the Whickham School Board going to lose annually £160, and other things added to it?

The Chairman: I cannot answer the question.

Mr. Walls: But we will in my opinion. Continuing, he said it was quite possible that the proposed new school might be built in the vicinity of Sunniside, which might interfere very materially with the scholars in their own district. He thought that they might communicate with the Department, and ask their opinion upon the report of the Lamesley meeting which had appeared in the Press; or, if they choose, they could ask the Department's opinion upon the letter which the Board received a month ago.

The Chairman: At the present time we are bound to carry out the order of the Department.

Mr. Taylor: Quite so.

The Chairman thought it was only right that the Board should point out to the Education Department the action contemplated by Lamesley, in order that the Board might protect the interests of the Parish of Whickham.

Mr. Taylor said he felt inclined to move a resolution to the effect that the Board should send the speech of Mr. Wallace to the Education Department, and to ask their protection; and to point out, as had been suggested, that the proposed school was not necessary. The Lamesley children had used the school at Marley Hill for some years past, rightly or wrongly—he said rightly—but at the same time unjustly to the parish of Whickham, as they (Lamesley) had a right to pay for their children's education. By adopting the resolution they were protecting the Board, and in protecting the Board they were protecting the ratepayers of Whickham.

Mr. Walls: We shall have to be careful in putting our case before the Department.

Mr. Neesam said that Lamesley could not build unless plans were passed by the Education Department.

Mr. Walls said that so far as the present requirements were concerned they were over-built at Marley Hill. Neither the present nor the late Board were responsible at all. (Mr. Taylor: No, no.) The danger was this: Were the Board going to stand the chance of losing what he considered would not be less than £160 a year if Lamesley withdrew their scholars from the Whickham Board, to say nothing about withdrawing and getting some of the Whickham scholars from the district?

The Chairman: It is just as possible if they built a school to-morrow that they would not take any of our children. Neither you nor I can foretell what the effects of the school would be.

Mr. Walls: Whether the children go or not they provide the accommodation, and we lose the money from that.

The Chairman: I maintain we are bound to carry out the Education Department's order.

Mr. Taylor: Certainly, to the very letter.

The Chairman: The Education Department know what has taken place as an outcome of their order.

Mr. Wright said in regard to the question he had an opinion of his own, but he did not think the time had arrived when he could express it to the best advantage, and he would therefore reserve it. A month ago he suggested in a quiet way that the Clerk should send a copy of the letter received to the Department, asking for the truthfulness of it or otherwise.

The Chairman remarked that the speech at Lamesley gave a false impression to the public.

Mr. Wright subsequently moved "That a copy of the letter received from Mr. Wallace a month ago should be sent to the Education Department for their observation."

Mr. Taylor: I will move an amendment.

Mr. Walls said he would second the motion. He would like to ask if the question as to whether Lamesley could build a school had been doubted?

The Chairman: I have never heard it doubted—their power to build a school.

Mr. Walls: Either your memory or mine is at fault. The impression was that Lamesley could not build a school. I have my own opinion about it.

The Chairman: Your opinion is very different to mine; I have never questioned the right, or any man's right.

Mr. Wright then moved his resolution, which he asked should read:—"That a copy of this letter only be sent to the Education Department which the Board received from Mr. Wallace on the 14th May, and ask their observations thereon."

Mr. Walls seconded the proposal.

Mr. Taylor moved as an amendment:—"That a copy of the letter be sent to the Education Department, together with a copy of the speech delivered at the meeting at Lamesley some short time ago asking the Department to protect our interests on behalf of the Board and the ratepayers of Whickham."

Mr. Neesam seconded the amendment.

Mr. Walls: Why should we lose confidence in the Department?

Mr. Wright: I don't like the word "protection."

Mr. Walls: It is a step down from the last meeting.

Mr. Neesam: Put it to the meeting, please.

The Chairman: I will put it to the meeting.

The amendment was now put to the meeting and carried, only Messrs. Wright and Walls voting against it.

Mr. Wright (to Mr. Walls): What are you looking at me for? (Laughter.)

Mr. Walls: We are waiting for you to get through these documents as fast as you can. (Laughter.)

Mr. Taylor: It's like being in a greenhouse. (Laughter.)

Mr. Walls: It's no ——; you will have to have these offices at the four-lane-ends. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Neesam: We will consider that after we get through the business. (Laughter.)

ACCOMMODATION AT DUNSTON.

Mr. Wright, speaking in regard to a visit by some of the members to Dunston school was said it was the opinion that the [illegible] had got full up, and for the future they [pra]ctically no room. Take the matter theo[retically] as regards figures, they might get something like forty more children in; but for practical purposes he maintained that the school was full for working purposes. The work could not be carried out with that standard of efficiency that every gentleman would like to prevail. The speaker added that one of the standards had to go into the lobby.

Mr. Taylor: Into the lobby!

Mr. Wright: Yes; into the lobby. Continuing, he said that they all were cognisant of the fact that Dunston was extending at an alarming rate, and what he would like the Board to do was to make provision for the children. He thought it would be better to extend the school than to build a new one at some other place. The school yard, he said, was too small, and when the children went in the same they were practically "sardines in a tin." (Laughter.)

Mr. Rutherford said he had been through Dunston Schools along with the master. He thought the school should be extended, as this would be more economical, and certainly the extra accommodation could be provided at half the cost. (Hear, hear.) He did not think that the matter should be definitely settled at once, but he thought it was time the Board were considering the same, and not to let the matter die. Before twelve months were over he believed the present accommodation would be exceeded, and this, he thought, should be provided by the enlargment of the present school. (Hear, hear.)

The Chairman remarked that before the discussion proceeded any further he might mention that a letter had been received which had reference to the matter. The communication was from Mr. James W. Frazer, and read as follows:—"Dunston Land Syndicate—As we are about to build the houses on the north-west corner of our land, and opposite to your Dunston School, we wish to know if you desire to treat for the portion of our land necessary to increase the area of your school site? If you are desirous of treating we wish to point out that negotiations should be opened, if possible, before the 18th inst., because if we have commenced our building operations at this point by that date we will be unable to meet you, unless at a figure which may possibly preclude you from considering the matter." (Signed), James W. Frazer.

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Walls, that the Board should form itself into a committee to meet Mr. Frazer to go into the question of procuring a portion of land.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Chairman said he had to report that a committee meeting had been held at which rules were drawn up for the visitation of the various schools. Three committees were appointed for the diifferent schools. The letting of the schools was left in the hand of one member of each committee—Wright, Neesam, and Fenton. Forms, etc., had also been drawn up for the head teachers to report thereon, and these only needed the approval of the Board.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Neesam, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, that the forms, as submitted, be approved and should be introduced into the various schools.

STAFFING AT SWALWELL.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Walls seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Swalwell committee should go into the question of staffing at Swalwell.

APPLICATIONS.

Applications were received for the post of architect to the Board.

These were referred to a committee.

FINANCE.

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Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, the 19th inst.

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"For three years and two months I did duty at Malta and Crete. A fine time did we have in Malta, and a busy, eventful time in Crete. I was sent to the latter island with the Army Medical Corps during the international occupation. We had the Seaforth Highlanders and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers to look after, and the enervating, fever-infecting climate made the sick list a tremendous one, particularly among the Welshmen. I had not been there long before I myself began to get rather 'dickey,' and was sent back to Malta, where I remained in hospital for three months. I began to feel there was something very wrong with me, and when I saw from the visiting medical man's ticket that Consumption was my enemy, I did not feel very hopeful for the future. It was with no surprise, therefore, that I received the news that I was to be transferred to Netley Hospital. It was early in Jan. 1899, that I arrived at Netley, and on the last day of that month I received the melancholy notification that I was discharged, 'unfit for service,' on a pension of sixpence per day."

"And you again entered upon a civil life?"

"Yes; but I looked a pitiable object. I was thoroughly broken down, with fever lurking in my system and a persistent cough night and day. I was as weak as a rat, and my condition was made worse by heavy perspirations that constantly worried me at night. I would wake up simply drenched. Everybody looked at me with pity, and I fully believed my days were numbered—at any rate, that I should be of very little use in civil life. One day, however, I met a friend whom I had not seen for six years. He was quite upset at the change in my appearance. I told him all about my troubles. He said, 'Look here, Harry, I have found something which has had a wonderful effect upon me;' and he mentioned the name of Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. I listened in a half-hearted sort of way, for, having been mixed up with the Medical Corps so much, I had not much faith in anything not prescribed by the doctors. Anyhow, my friend was a man in whom I had great confidence; I knew that he was not the man to speak at random. To tell you the truth, I went right away and bought some of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and commenced to take them.

"What was the effect?"

"For fourteen days or so I did not notice much improvement, but then I began to feel a decrease in the irritating, racking cough. Sleep also came to me more readily at night, and in the morning I awoke refreshed and ready for work. It began to dawn upon me that it was the pills that were doing me so much good. I had great hopes; I continued to take them, and by degrees my strength returned, my nerves grew steadier, and the distressing perspiration which so often overtook me entirely disappeared. Then I went out in the open air, took long walks, and began to experience the real delights of revived strength and buoyant spirits to which I had so long been a stranger.

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May 24th, 1900.

Received from Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., Piano, number 16383 (£040), as a Free Gift in accordance with the terms of the Archibald Ramsden Free Life Agreement Scheme, in full discharge of all Claims and Liabilities on Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., on account of the death of Mr. John Wilson, 4, Spencer Street, Consett.

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Morning, 10·30 } Mr. T. WILLIAMS.
Evening, 6 } Mr. J. F. LONGSTAFFE.

ALL SEATS FREE.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1900.

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REV. A. CRAGO.

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Evening, 6, "Signs of the Times."

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ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24th, 1900, the

REV. THOS. CHAMPNESS

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Collections for Trust Funds. Special Solos will be sung. 995h

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Sunday, June 24th.—Rev. JOS. BACON. 10·30 and 6.
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Sunday, July 1st.—Rev. W. WAKINSHAW. 10·30 and 6.
Wednesday, July 4th.—Rev. JOHN S. PAWLYN, of York. Sermon, 3-15; Lecture, 6-30.
Sunday, July 8th.—Rev. J. W. DENHAM, Resident Minister. 10·30 and 6.
Sunday, July 15th.—Rev. WM. GOUDIE, from India. 10·30 and 6.
Sunday, July 22nd.—Rev. Dr. MARSHALL RANDLES. 10·30 and 6.
Thursday, August 2nd.—Rev. MARK GUY PEARSE. Sermon, 3-15; Lecture, 6·30

Public Notices.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

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

572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

NOTICE.

VISITORS TO SOUTH SHIELDS for Holidays or Week-end, will find Home Comforts, at reasonable charges, at F. A. MACDONALD'S BOARDING HOUSE, OCEAN ROAD,

between Pollard and Baring Streets; Five minutes' walk to Public Parks, Baths, Pier and Sands. References: Messrs. J. and G. Gair, Annfield Plain; Levi Whitfield, Leadgate; and Geo. Toward, Castleside. 897g

SONS OF TEMPERANCE, BLACKHILL.

"STAR OF HOPE DIVISION" FRIENDLY BENEFIT SOCIETY

THE QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Friday, June 22nd, at 7-30 p.m. Our Representative will give his report of the proceedings of the National Divisional Session held at Lincoln in Whit-week; also, other business. A good attendance is desired.

EBCHESTER ROWING CLUB PRIZE DRAWING. WINNING NUMBERS.—1, 914; 2, 1639; 3, 793; 4, 761; 5, 1494; 6, 264; 7, 1891; 8, 1640; 9, 732; 10, 702; 11, 420; 12, 1016; 13, 942; 14, 646; 15, 1381; 16, 1797; 17, 377; 18, 1257; 19, 938; 20, 1186; 21, 639; 22, 1928; 23, 1172; 24, 912; 25, 186.—All Prizes to be claimed within 21 days, from J. G. BROWN, Tailor, Ebchester. JOHN CHARLTON, Secretary. 17i

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By Order,

M. RICHLEY, Secretary.

June 12th, 1900. 947h

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KYO AND ANNFIELD PLAIN FLOWER SHOW & SPORTS,

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£20 FOOT HANDICAP, QUOITING, &c.

MESSRS BULLERWELL AND PACE, Secretaries 806h

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£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.

For Stalls, &c., apply, T. LAVERICK, Dipton, R.S.O. 869h

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111 JOHN MOORE, Secretary, Blackhill.

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SPORTS,

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SPECIAL PRIZES are offered for Amateurs' and Cottagers' Gardens, which will be judged on the 21st July.

Full particulars given in Schedule which will be forwarded on application to

J. BEDWORTH COUPLAND, Secretary.

Shotley Bridge. 491

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1900.

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For Bands that did not win a Cash Prize above £10 in 1899.

1st, £10; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £2; 4th, £1. QUICK STEP, £1 and 2nd, 10s. Entries close July 30th.

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ALL APPLICATIONS for Temporary Relief by the dependents of Soldiers (where the breadwinners are serving with the Colours) not already receiving Grants from Local Funds, should be made personally or by letter to Mr. J. B. Lazenby, Hon. Secretary, for the Petty Sessional Division of Lanchester, at his Office, Bank Chambers, Shotley Bridge.

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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TANFIELD.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to the Indian Famine Fund have been collected by Mr. R. Agar: From Beckley and Causey, £2 1s. 6d., and from Tanfield Lea, £3 4s. 1½d. The total amount thus forwarded from residents of Tanfield Parish is £15 17s. 1½d. 20i

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J. D. PIERCY TAYLOR-SMITH, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 19i

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

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	£	s.	d.
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Consett Iron Co.'s Workmen (11th Contribution)	33	9	11
	£876	8	9

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Legal Notice.

Re WILLIAM BROWN, DECEASED.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the late Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, of Redwell Hills, Leadgate, are requested to send them in on or before Monday, the 9th July, 1900, to me the undersigned.

JAMES BROWN,

945h Redwell Hills, Leadgate, R.S.O.

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EXCURSION TRAINS FROM BLACKHILL. TUESDAY, JUNE 26, at 9·21 p.m., for LONDON, 4 and 7 days, and the CONTINENT. MONDAY, JULY 2 at 9·5 a.m. for LONDON, 2 and 7 days, and the CONTINENT.

For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,

York, June, 1900. General Manager.

Sales by Auction

By Mr T. D. Dryden

5, Allison Street, Medomsley Road, Consett, Monday, June 25th, 1900.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, favoured with instructions from Mr. John Andrew Moor, who is leaving for South Africa, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday First, June 25th, at 1.30 o'clock, all the Valuable Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising:—WALNUT PIANO, full trichord, iron frame; American Organ, 13 Stops; Dining Table, Sofa in Leather, 3 Chairs in Leather, Armchair, Tall Chest of Drawers, Splendid Steel Fender and Fire-irons, Large Hanging Lamp, Singer Sewing Machine, 2 Small Tables, Painted Bedroom Suite, with Wardrobe, 2 Iron and Brass Bedsteads with Spring and Wool Mattresses, Chamber Set, Brass railed Curb, Brass Tongs and Fire Brasses, Brass Cornice, 12 Yds. Oilcloth and Carpet, Painted Washstand and Dressing Table, 3 Cane-backed Chairs, large Oilcloth, with all the Pictures, Ornaments, &c., 2 Kitchen Tables, 8-day Grandfathers' Clock, Timepiece, Photo. Frames, Quilting Frame, Clothes Horse, Hall Stand, 9 yards Stair Carpet, Brass Rods, Wringing Machine, Posstub and Staff, 2 Hearthrugs, Cocoa Matting, Tidy, large Rocking Horse, large Bird Cage, 2 Breeding Cages, Child's Crib, Plants, Books, with all the Crockery, Cutlery, Pots, Pans, Kitchen and other Utensils, too numerous to detail.

Persons having goods for sale can have them included by applying to the Auctioneer.

Sale at 1.30 o'clock prompt.

T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett.

T. D. DRYDEN,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, 56, FRONT STREET, CONSETT.

By Mr. Jackson Green.

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART CO., LTD. MONDAY, JUNE 25th, 1900.

MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER. 25 Fat Cattle, 100 Sheep and Lambs, 1 Polled Half-bred Galloway Heifer, one week calved, an extra good one, 1 well-bred Boar, 9 months old, Pigs, Calves, Poultry.

Ladders, Shovels, Gripes, &c.

Ballot at 12·30. Sale to commence at One o'clock.

J. W. OSBORNE, Secretary,

63i 10a, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester.

MR. JACKSON GREEN, acting upon the esteemed instructions of Mr. John Smith, who is retiring, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, June 27th, 1900, the capital and very extensive collection of FURNISHINGS, &c., comprising:

COMMERCIAL ROOM.—Walnut Suite in Leather, comprising Ladies' and Gents' Chairs, Couch, and Six Small Chairs; Work Table, Whatnot, Gipsy Table, 2 Square Tables, Splendid Walnut Sideboard, Mantel Mirror, (with Brackets), Stuffed Fox, a large quantity of Pictures and Ornaments.

The Contents of FIVE BEDROOMS comprising:—French Bedstead, Three Brass-mounted Iron Bedsteads, Five Iron Bedsteads, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Mirrors, Chairs, Pictures, Three-quarter Chests of Mahogany Drawers, Round Tables, Mahogany Centre Table, Screen, Frame, &c.

HALL:—Square Table, Clocks, Lamps, Stuffed Goat, Ram's Head, and other Curiosities.

KITCHEN:—Tables, Longsettles, Smoking Chairs, 6 Kitchen Chairs, Rocking Chair, Child's Chair, Sewing Machine, Meat Safe, Dish Covers, Mirror, 2 Lamps, (200 candle power) 2 Long Table Tops, Wringer, Flour Bins, 3 Poss-tubs, 2 Poss-sticks, Fire Shovels, Brushes, Mugs, 2 Sets of Steps, Stove, (new), Chest and Cupboard, and sundry other articles, too numerous to mention, Lady's Cycle, little worse than new.

HORSES, TRAPS, AND HAY.

Grey Mare, 15·2 h.h., 5 yrs. old, quiet, and good worker; Bay Horse, (half bred), aged; Whitechapel Trap, in good order; Splendid Whitechapel Trap and Lamps, no worse than new; Spring Trap, suitable for Tradesman; Flat to carry half Ton; Silver-mounted Harness, new; Brass-mounted Harness, Heavy Brass-mounted Harness, Coup Cart Shelvings, Long Ladder, Greenhouse on Brick Frame, 50 gallon Paraffin Tank, 2 Pigs, three months old.

HAY:—Stack of Old Land Hay, growth of 1898, about 14 tons, do. of 1899, about 20 tons.

Sale at 11 o'clock with Hay, Horses, Traps, and Harness, and Furniture about 12·30.

Sale Office: Satley, Tow Law 16i

MR. JACKSON GREEN

AUCTIONEER, VALUER, & COMMISSION AGENT.

Agricultural and Probate Valuations carefully made.

All Classes of Sales conducted on Reasonable Terms.

SALE OFFICE—

SATLEY, TOW LAW, R.S.O. 87a

By Mr John Crawford

Under Distress for Rent

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, will SELL BY AUCTION on Monday first, June 25th, at the Victoria Street Salerooms, Consett, Press, Longsettle, Chairs, Table, Bedstead, &c., removed to above Salerooms for convenience of Sale; also at same time, the Contents of a well-furnished House; 4 Sets Mahogany Drawers, Press, Sitting-room Suite, other Lots too numerous to mention.

Sale at One o'clock.

Anyone wishing to Sell their Furniture can have it sold, or bought outright for Cash.

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL, to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 75, Victoria Street Consett.

By Mr Wm. Robinson

Preliminary Notice.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, 48, High Street, Stanley, July 7th. 98h

Annfield Plain.

MRS. TAIT'S STOCK OF JEWELLERY, &c., July 20th and 23rd. 100h

WILLIAM ROBINSON,

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT

NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.

Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr. M. Thompson.

Lanchester.

Sale of Copyhold Property.

MR. MATTHEW THOMPSON, is instructed to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester, on Wednesday, July 4th, 1900, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, all that DWELLING HOUSE and PREMISES, situate in Victoria Terrace, Lanchester, containing Sitting-room, 3 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Front Garden, and usual Outoffices, and at present in the occupation of Thomas Brown. The Property is Copyhold of the Manor of Lanchester.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. ROBERT BROWN AND SON, Solicitors, County Chambers, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Messrs. WAWN AND SMITH, Solicitors, South Shields; MR. GEORGE SALKELD, Solicitor, Durham, or to the Auctioneer, Meal Market, Hexham.

By Mr John S. Murray.

Benfieldside.

THE SALE of the Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Beds, Bedding, Bed and Table Linen, &c., belonging the late Mrs. Geo. Cancick, will be SOLD BY AUCTION next week. See Bills.

60i J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT. BLACKHILL.

Being done with the Auction Mart, is at liberty to take Sales of every description on any day of the week.

Appointed by his Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

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

WHITEHALL LODGE, BLACKHILL.

J. T. Castle, Front St., Stanley, is not excelled in the district for Wedding Presents in Sterling and Electro-Silver.

Business Announcements.

UNITED PROVIDENT ASSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL - - - £100,000.

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

DIRECTORS:

W. Blantyre Thornton, Esq., D.L., J.P. London, (Chairman).

W. R. Bootland, Esq., Manchester. / John F. Haworth, Esq., Manchester.
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Josiah Goodman, Esq., London. / Ald. Jonathan Samuel, M.P. Stockton-on-Tees.
J. Crabb Watt, Esq., Advocate, Edinburgh.

GENERAL MANAGER: S. J. EYRE HARTLEY.

Branch Office:—1, St. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

District Office:—GEORGE STREET, CONSETT.

E. TELFORD, SUPERINTENDENT.

AGENCIES:—Good openings for reliable men. CLAIMS PAID PROMPTLY.

Public Notices.

LEADGATE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1900.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General District Rate		1209 16 6
Private Improvement Works		13 19 0
County Council:—		
Moieties of Salaries	65 3 9	
Main Roads	125 0 0	
		190 3 9
Other Receipts:—		
Half Cost of Sunniside Bridge	2 12 2	
Fire Extinguishing Expenses	1 15 6	
Telephone Pole Wayleave	1 6 0	
Grass	1 17 6	
Old Flags and Metal	2 0 4	
		9 11 6
Total Receipts		1423 10 9
Total Balances in hand at commencement of year		364 12 4½
Balances due at end of year		0 19 11
		£1789 3 0½

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sewerage Works		11 0 6
Street Improvements		351 10 6
Maintenance of Main Roads		153 8 11
Repair of other Roads		142 14 4
Other Payments in respect of Roads:—		
Scavenging	£78 1 6	
Watering	29 5 4	
		107 6 10
Public Lighting		205 14 0
Park or Pleasure Ground		15 2 4
Hospital (conveyance hire)		1 4 0
Fire Brigade		27 13 7
Public Offices		20 6 11
Urinals		61 10 0
Salaries		180 0 0
Establishment Charges		42 5 11½
Joint Hospital		120 0 0
Disinfectants		12 12 0
Notification Fees		7 2 6
Technical Education		23 6 1
Total Expenditure		1482 18 5½
Total Balances at commencement of year		0 0 1
Balances at end of year		306 4 6
		£1789 3 0½
Total Expenditure as shown above		1482 18 5½
Deduct Contribution Joint Hospital Board		120 0 0
Net Expenditure on which Stamp Duty is payable		£1362 18 5½

J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND,
Clerk to the District Council.

9th 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.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the Expenditure of the District Council during the year ended the 31st day of March, 1900, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit is One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, and Fivepence Halfpenny.

As witness my hand this 23rd day of May, 1900.

(Signed), SAM. G. McBRIDE,
Assistant District Auditor.

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Legal Notices.

PARISH OF LANCHESTER.

CONFIRMATION OF BYE-LAWS (OR REGULATIONS.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Council of the Parish of Lanchester, intend to apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation of Bye-laws (or Regulations) made by the Parish Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894.

VILLAGE GREENS.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 8 (1) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1894, that a Parish Council may make bye-laws in pursuance of Section 164 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the regulation of Village Greens.

Now, therefore, we, the Parish Council for the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, acting in pursuance of the said enactments and of every other power enabling us in that behalf, hereby make the following bye-laws for the regulation of the Village Green in the said Parish.

1.—Throughout these bye-laws the expression "the Parish Council" means the Parish Council for the Parish of Lanchester in the County of Durham, and the expression "the Village Green" means the Village Green in the said Parish commonly known as Lanchester Village Green.

2.—No person shall drive or wheel or cause or suffer to be driven or wheeled upon or over the Village Green except upon a track made or set apart by the Parish Council as a cart-way, any carts, truck, barrow, or other vehicle other than a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand, or a perambulator, or a chaise drawn or propelled by hand, and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

3.—No person shall set fire to or otherwise carelessly or negligently injure or destroy any Tree, Bush, Shrub, Treeguard, Seat or Notice Board on the Village Green.

4.—No person shall dig, cut, or remove any Sod, Turf, Loam, Sand, or Gravel in, on, or from the Village Green.

5.—No person shall throw or discharge any stone or other missile on the Village Green to the danger or damage of any person.

6.—No person shall frequent and use the Village Green for the purpose of betting or wagering or of agreeing to make any bet or wager.

7.—No person shall improperly interfere with or interrupt any religious, political, or other meeting or with any procession on the Village Green.

8.—Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of Forty Shillings, provided nevertheless that the Justice or Court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this bye-law.

9.—Every person who shall infringe any bye-law for the regulation of the Village Green may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Parish Council or by any constable in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified, that is to say—

(i) When the infraction of the bye-law is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the bye-law are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable.

(ii) When the infraction of the bye-law is committed within the view of such officer or constable and from the nature of such infraction or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge or of which he may be credibly informed there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance on the Village Green of the person infringing the bye-law may result in another infraction of a bye-law, or that the removal of such person from the Village Green is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.

10.—Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of the foregoing bye-laws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any right power or privilege legally exercisable by any person in, over, or in respect of the Village Green.

Copies of the said bye-laws (or regulations) will be kept at the office of the Parish Council at Burnhope, and will be open to the inspection of the ratepayers without fee or reward on any week day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., during the period of one calendar month from and after the date of the publication of this notice.

June 21st, 1900.

(Signed) H. KNOWLES.
Clerk to the Council.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

NATHAN ELSDON, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER. OFFICES AND SALE ROOMS, DELVES LANE, CONSETT.

Sales undertaken on Commission according to arrangement.

All Classes of Furniture or Property purchased outright for Cash, or Sold by Auction.

Legal Notices.

REGULATIONS
Made By The
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
For the Urban District of
ANNFIELD PLAIN
ANNFIELD PLAIN,
With Respect to
DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, & MILK-SHOPS,
In the Urban District of Annfield Plain.

INTERPRETATION.

1. Throughout these regulations the expression "The Council" means the Urban District Council of Annfield Plain; the expression "The District" means the Urban District of Annfield Plain; the expression "Cowshed," includes any dairy in which milking cows may be kept, and the expression "Cowkeeper" means any person following the trade of a cowkeeper or dairyman, who is, or is required to be registered under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order of 1885.

FOR THE INSPECTION OF CATTLE IN DAIRIES.

2. Every occupier of a dairy wherein any cattle may be kept, and which the Medical Officer of Health, or the Inspector of Nuisances, or any other Officer of the Council specially authorised by them in that behalf, may visit for the purpose of inspecting cattle, and every person for the time being having the care or control of any such dairy, or of any cattle therein, shall afford such Medical Officer of Health, Inspector of Nuisances, or Officer, all reasonable assistance that may, for the purpose of the inspection, be required by him.

For prescribing and regulating the lighting, ventilation, cleansing, drainage, and water supply of cowsheds and dairies in the occupation of Persons following the trade of Cowkeepers or Dairymen.

PART I.

The regulations in this Part shall apply to Cowsheds, the cows from which are habitually grazed on grass land during the greater part of the year, and, when not so grazed, are habitually turned out during a portion of each day.

LIGHTING.

3. Every cowkeeper shall provide that every cowshed in his occupation shall be sufficiently lighted with windows, whether in the sides or roof thereof.

VENTILATION.

4. Every cowkeeper shall cause every cowshed in his occupation to be sufficiently ventilated, and for this purpose to be provided with a sufficient number of openings into the external air to keep the air in the cowshed in a wholesome condition.

CLEANSING.

5. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall cause every part of the interior of every cowshed in his occupation to be thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be necessary to secure that such cowshed shall be at all times reasonably clean and sweet.

(2.) Such person shall cause the ceiling or interior of the roof, and the walls of every cowshed in his occupation to be properly limewashed TWICE at least in every year, that is to say, once during the month of May and once during the month of October, and at such other times as may be necessary.

Provided that this requirement shall not apply to any part of such ceiling, roof or walls, that may be properly painted, or varnished, or constructed of or covered with any material such as to render the limewashing unsuitable or inexpedient, and that may be otherwise properly cleansed.

(3.) He shall cause the floor of every such cowshed to be thoroughly swept, and all dung and other offensive matter to be removed from such cowshed as often as may be necessary, and not less than ONCE in every day.

DRAINAGE.

6. (1) Every cowkeeper shall cause the drainage of every cowshed in his occupation to be so arranged that all liquid matter which may fall or be cast upon the floor may be conveyed by a suitable open channel to a drain inlet situate in the open air at a proper distance from any door or window of such cowshed, or to some other suitable place of disposal which is so situate.

(2.) He shall not cause or suffer any inlet to any drain of such cowshed to be within such cowshed.

WATER SUPPLY.

7. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall keep in or in connection with, every cowshed in his occupation a supply of water suitable and sufficient for all such purposes as may from time to time be reasonably necessary.

(2.) He shall cause any receptacle which may be provided for such water to be emptied and thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be necessary to prevent the pollution of any water that may be stored therein, and where such receptacle is used for the storage only of water he shall cause it to be properly covered and ventilated, and so placed as to be at all times readily accessible.

PART II.

The regulations in Part I., and also the following regulation, shall apply to all Cowsheds other than those the cows from which are habitually grazed on grass land during the greater part of the year, and, when not so grazed, are habitually turned out during a portion of each day.

8. A cowkeeper shall not cause or allow any cowshed in his occupation to be occupied by a larger number of cows than will leave not less than EIGHT HUNDRED FEET of air space for each cow.

Provided as follows:—

(a.) In calculating the air space for the purposes of this regulation, no space shall be reckoned which is more than SIXTEEN FEET above the floor; but if the roof or ceiling is inclined, then the mean height of the same above the floor may be taken as the height thereof for the purposes of this regulation.

(b.) This regulation shall not apply to any cowshed constructed and used before the date of these regulations coming into effect, until two years after that date.

PART III.

9. In this Part, the expression "Dairy" means a dairy in which cattle are not kept.

LIGHTING.

10. Every cowkeeper shall provide that every dairy in his occupation shall be sufficiently lighted with windows, whether in the sides or roof thereof.

VENTILATION.

11. Every Cowkeeper shall cause every dairy in his occupation to be provided with a sufficient number of openings into the external air to keep the air in the dairy in a wholesome condition.

CLEANSING.

12. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall cause every part of the interior of every dairy in his occupation to be thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be necessary to secure that such dairy shall be at all times reasonably clean and sweet.

(2.) He shall cause the floor of every such dairy to be thoroughly cleansed with water at least ONCE in every day.

DRAINAGE.

13. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall cause the drainage of every dairy in his occupation to be so arranged that all liquid matter which may fall or be cast upon the floor may be conveyed by a suitable open channel to the outside of such dairy, and may there be received in a suitable gulley communicating with a proper and sufficient drain.

(2.) He shall not cause or suffer any inlet to any drain of such dairy to be within such dairy.

WATER SUPPLY.

14. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall cause every dairy in his occupation to be provided with an adequate supply of good and wholesome water for the cleansing of such dairy and of any vessels that may be used therein for containing milk, and for all other reasonable and necessary purposes in connection with the use thereof.

(2.) He shall cause every cistern or other receptacle in which any such water may be stored to be properly covered and ventilated, and so placed as to be at all times readily accessible.

(3.) He shall cause every such cistern or receptacle to be emptied and thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be necessary to prevent the pollution of any water that may be stored therein.

For Securing the Cleanliness of Milk-Stores Milk-Shops, and of Milk-Vessels used for containing Milk for Sale by Persons following the trade of Cowkeepers or Dairymen.

CLEANLINESS OF MILK-STORES AND MILK-SHOPS.

15. Every occupier of a milk-store or milk-shop shall cause every part of the interior of such milk-store or milk-shop to be thoroughly cleansed from time to time as often as may be necessary to maintain such milk-store or milk-shop in a thorough state of cleanliness.

CLEANLINESS OF MILK VESSELS.

16. (1.) Every cowkeeper shall from time to time as often as may be necessary cause every milk-vessel that may be used by him for containing milk for sale to be thoroughly cleansed with steam or clean boiling water, and shall otherwise take all proper precautions for the maintenance of such milk-vessel in a constant state of cleanliness.

(2) He shall on every occasion when any such vessel shall have been used to contain milk or shall have been returned to him after having been out of his possession, cause such vessel to be forthwith so cleansed.

For prescribing precautions to be taken by Purveyors of milk and Persons selling milk by retail against infection or contamination.

17. (1.) Every purveyor of milk or person selling milk by retail shall take all reasonable and proper precautions, in and in connection with the storage and distribution of the milk, and otherwise, to prevent the exposure of the milk to any infection or contamination.

(2.) He shall not deposit or keep any milk intended for sale—

(a.) in any room or place where it would be liable to become infected or contaminated by impure air, or by any offensive, noxious, or deleterious gas or substance, or by any noxious or injurious emanation, exhalation, or effluvium; or

(b.) in any room used as a kitchen or as a living room; or

(c.) in any room or building, or part of a building communicating directly by door, window, or otherwise with any room used as a sleeping room, or in which there may be any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, or which may have been used by any person suffering from any such disease and may not have been properly disinfected; or

(d.) in any room or building or part of a building in which there may be any direct inlet to any drain.

(3.) He shall not keep milk for sale, or cause or suffer any such milk to be placed in any vessel, receptacle or utensil which is not thoroughly clean.

(4.) He shall cause every vessel, receptacle or utensil used by him for containing milk for sale to be thoroughly cleansed with steam of clean boiling water after it shall have been used, and to be maintained in a constant state of cleanliness.

(5.) He shall not cause or suffer any cow belonging to him or under his care or control to be milked for the purpose of obtaining milk for sale—

(a.) Unless, at the time of milking, the udder and teats of such cow are thoroughly clean; and

(b.) Unless the hands of the person milking such cow, also, are thoroughly clean and free from all infection and contamination.

PENALTIES.

18. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of FIVE POUNDS, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of FORTY SHILLINGS for each day after written notice of the offence from the Council.

Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any procedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this regulation.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS.

19. These regulations shall come into force on and after the first day of August, 1900.

REVOCATION OF REGULATIONS.

20. From and after the date on which these regulations shall come into force, all regulations heretofore made under, or having effect in pursuance of the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order of 1885, shall, so far as the same are now in force in the district, be revoked.

The foregoing Regulations were adopted at a meeting of the Urban District Council of ANNFIELD PLAIN held on the fifteenth day of May, 1900, in testimony whereof the Common seal of the said Council was affixed in the presence of

J. W. TAYLOR, Chairman.
T. L. WATCHMAN, Clerk.

June 22nd, 1900

"CONSETT GUARDIAN" FREE INSURANCE. £100.

WILL BE PAID to the legal representative of any man or woman (railway servants on duty excepted) who shall happen to meet with his or her death by an accident to the railway train in which he or she was travelling in any part of the United Kingdom on following conditions:—

1. That at the time of the accident the passenger in question had upon his or her person this coupon.
2. That prior to the accident the passenger in question had affixed his or her usual signature in the space provided below.
3. That notice of the accident be given to the Corporation guaranteeing this insurance within seven days of its occurrence.
4. That death result within one month from the date of the accident.
5. That no person can claim in respect of more than one of these coupons.
6. The insurance under this coupon holds good from Thursday 6 a.m., date of publication, to 6 a.m. of the following Thursday.

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Address ....

The due fulfilment of this insurance is guaranteed by THE CREDIT ASSURANCE AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LIMITED, 10, King William Street, London, E.C., to whom all communications should be made.

Musical Tuition.

MISS JACKS, GIVES LESSONS on the PIANOFORTE and in THEORY of MUSIC. Terms on application, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill.

LESSONS given on the Pianoforte and Organ. Pupils prepared for Incorporated Society of Musicians Examination. Terms on application.—JAS. H. COCKBURN, 51, Park Road, Consett. 983c.

MUSICAL TUITION.

LESSONS on Organ, Piano, and Theory of Music given by JOHN SURTEES, Organist, Consett Parish Church. Pupils may be prepared for examinations held by the Royal Academy, Royal College, and Incorporated Society of Musicians. Pianos thoroughly tuned post cards attended to.—Address, 2, Cemetery Road, Blackhill. 921c

ELM PARK, SHOTLEY BRIDGE. DAY & BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS. A THOROUGH MODERN EDUCATION. On reasonable terms in most healthy situation. Successful preparation for all preliminary Examinations.

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Instruction includes Book-keeping, Land Surveying, Science, Shorthand, Drawing and Music.

A Field for Cricket, Tennis and Football.
MONTAGU V. STRUGGALL, M.A., Head-master.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

WILLIAM ATKINSON, 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 22nd, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Not Inclined for Work. The members of the Whickham Urban District Council—to give them their full title—are a peculiar set of individuals, and have a method of their own of transacting business. Invariably, when once seated around the Council table, they absolutely refuse to budge until the parish clock threatens to strike the hour of midnight. But, alas! it was decreed on Thursday evening that the usual programme should undergo a drastic alteration. In fact, business was entirely suspended for the time being. Whether this "modus operandi" was adopted owing to an item upon the agenda which notified that the price of gas had been increased, or whether the members had become inoculated with the holiday fever, deponent sayeth not. Suffice it to remark that although five Councillors put in an appearance—four form a quorum—it was decided to adjourn the whole business for one week. Commenting upon this incident, a Whickham correspondent writing to us says:—"Who was the writer that said: 'Wise men debate, but fools decide?' Let me advise him, if he values his life, not to favour Whickham with his presence." Perhaps it was the heat that affected the members, or possibly they thought the questions down for consideration of too weighty a nature for only five Councillors to dispose of.

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A Serious Nuisance. At the last meeting of the Benfieldside District Council Coun. Sloane very properly called attention to the condition of certain ashpits at Bottle Bank, Blackhill. It appears that these outbuildings stand within ten or twelve feet of the front doors of the houses, and they form a very serious nuisance. So many tenants use these ashpits that Coun. Sloane gave it as his opinion that it would take a contractor to be there with a cart every day in the week in order to keep them properly cleaned out. It is stated that the stench is so strong that the tenants cannot get their upstair rooms ventilated. Such a condition of things should be attended to at once, or else, with the warm weather upon us, the Council might find themselves in the unpleasant position of having to face an epidemic of some kind or another. Coun. Sloane alluded to the place as the "only black spot they now had in the township," and pointed out that a similar state of affairs at Consett had been remedied by adopting the flush system, and he thought it might be adopted with advantage at Bottle Bank. The question was eventually referred to the Sanitary Committee, and this body should lose no time in attending to the matter, as it has been plainly shown that an intolerable nuisance exists at this particular spot.

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Our Indian Famine Fund. We are pleased to announce that our Indian Famine Fund is meeting with a fairly liberal amount of success. It would have been well had the various committees who managed the several Pretoria demonstrations in the district followed the example of the good people of Blackhill. At this place the committee arranged for a collection to be made on behalf of the fund at both the afternoon and evening processions, and the result has been that Mr. Wm. Ramsay (the treasurer) has handed over to us the handsome sum of £5 19s 2d. The need for help is as great as ever, and we trust that those able to subscribe will forward on their contributions without delay. On all sides we hear of the terrible distress existing in our great dependency, but the war news has probably prevented many people from reading the dreadful details connected with the famine in India. They are of a harrowing character.

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A Shocking Picture. A lady named Miss Katherine Dixon, who has been for several years in India and located in the famine district, has been relating a few of her experiences. She says that each of the seven previous famines occurring during the Queen's reign had resulted in losses of life from one million to five and-a-quarter millions. The last famine had cost £90,000,000 to keep many more millions alive. Those millions had just begun to get back some of their clothing when this famine came upon them. During the last famine, which was not so bad as the present, corn, etc., had risen 300 or 400 per cent. in price, and thus the ordinary native could only get half a meal in two days. Describing the cause of the famine—the failure of the rains—she remarked that after a few weeks' rain, instead of several months, a year ago, there had not been a drop of rain in the district from July, 1899, to the present day. All the well were soon dried up, the rivers were sand heaps—the river she lived near, ordinarily a half to three-quarters of a mile broad, was a tiny streamlet—and the land was so cracked and hard that many weeks' rain would be necessary to soften it. Parents brought their children to her to sell or to give. One father fell dead between the garden gate and the door. The fierce heat, the want of water, and of food prevented them moving well about, and they dropped dead by scores on the waysides. A letter received told her of 3,000 in one district dying in four days. The authorities could not either bury or burn the bodies fast enough. Jackals began to devour them before they were dead, and the vultures swooped down as soon as they were still. The relief works in her district gave employment to 20,000, the men receiving 1½d per day, while children under 12 got a free meal—their only meal—per day. Everything had been sold—clothing, household utensils, ploughs—and the people ate grass and earth to stay the gnawings of hunger. The rains were due the middle of this month, but should they come millions would be found without shelter or clothing, not to say ploughs to till the land, and she feared a large proportion of those still alive would die of exposure, ague, etc. The quality of the dampness when it did rain she illustrated by the statement that the wet boots she put off at night were green the next morning.

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Gratitude Begets Generosity. Last week we commented upon a letter received from Private Gordon, acknowledging the receipt of a muffler sent to the front by Mrs. Hodgson, of the Dipton Post-office. As a result another epistle has been sent by a lady in Stirling, in which she says:—"I would be very pleased if you would forward to me the regimental number, and the name of the regiment that Private A. F. Gordon is in, who received the muffler you so kindly sent out to the front. I have sent socks for some of the Highland Brigade, and I would like to send a small parcel to poor Pte. Gordon. I am a soldier's daughter, and have a great interest in our brave soldiers at the front, many of whom I know. I hope you will pardon me for writing." If up to the present Pte. Goron has been without friends in the world, his heart will be very much gladdened to find that friends from the most unexpected quarters are manifesting a great interest in his welfare, and if he should—as all will hope—emerge safely from one of the present campaign, the good people of Dipton—who may fairly claim him for their adopted son—will be glad to see him pay them a visit, and hear him tell of his experiences in South Africa. If, as we suspect from his letter, he is a single man, it would fittingly complete the romance were he to lead to the altar some fair Dipton maiden.

A Signal Honour. We warmly congratulate that talented musician, Mr. E. J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., Blackhill, upon the rare distinction that he has recently gained. As most of our readers will be aware, the degree of Mus. Doc. is a very high honour, and one that only few musicians aspire to successfully. Therefore it speaks eloquently for Mr. Sloane's abilities that he has succeeded in passing the severe examination, and been honoured by having the Mus. Doc. degree conferred upon him at the May Convocation held at Trinity University, Toronto. Of course, this rare distinction has not been won without a very large amount of diligent study and perseverance, added to a natural aptitude for matters musical. Not only is it an honour to Mr Sloane, but the district generally has a right to feel proud that it has produced a gentleman who has so signally distinguished himself in the honourable profession of which he is such a prominent member. Mr. Sloane's friends—and they are legion—will, we feel sure, rejoice at his success, which is the outcome of many years of hard work. We might observe that a few years ago, Dr. Sloane—to give him his proper title—won the National Gold Medal awarded by Trinity College, London, having emerged triumphantly at the top of the list of over nine hundred senior candidates—three hundred of whom worked "honours" papers—throughout the United Kingdom. This was the first occasion upon which this notable distinction came to the north. Dr. Sloane is the author of a number of musical compositions which have testified to his skill and ability, his University exercise in connection with the Mus. Doc. degree being entitled "De Missa in honorem Sancti Cuthberti," which is pronounced by experts to be a very fine work. Dr. Sloane has now reached the top of the tree, and has every reason to feel proud of his well-won laurels.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

WOULD THEY AGREE?

Mr. Walter Shaw, at a social gathering in Consett a few nights ago, said that the late Mr. Jenkins had in conversation expressed an opinion in favour of the amalgamation of the then three Local Boards—Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate—into one compact Corporation, and further expressed an opinion that it would be to the advantage of the whole district. I presume Mr. Shaw would not have referred to the matter if there was not passing through his mind at the time the possibility of amalgamation of the three Urban areas as at present constituted, with the object of applying to Parliament for a charter of incorporation. My impression is that if a movement were set afloat next week towards this end the discussion would either be quickly nipped in the bud, or it would go on from month to month and year to year until it became nauseous, and began to stink in the nostrils. There are so many difficlties in the way, and petty jealousies would be found to be well on top. There are, however, apart from absolute amalgamation, several questions which could be discussed jointly, and probably brought to a consummation to the great convenience and ultimate profit of the three areas. A round-about tram system, for instance, would be a boon. The initial cost would no doubt be weighty, but municipalisation schemes seem to be finding favour, and if corporate profits can be made elsewhere why not in this district?

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THE COMING ELECTION.

The two parties in North-West Durham are buckling on their armour, and while Mr. Atherley-Jones is ready "to meet the enemy at the gate" the enemy is showing his teeth and giving indications of picking up the glove thrown down to him. When the election may take place is at the present time a mystery. Mr. Balfour has no information to impart, but from the answer he gave to Mr. Pickersgill in the House of Commons on Monday night, many will come to the conclusion that the struggle will take place on the present register, and, therefore, if it is not announced in July, it will probably be taken in October. Whichever party is returned to power important matters will have to be decided affecting the welfare of the Empire, and electors should not wait for agents to find them out, but should see that they are justly entitled to exercise the franchise, and being assured should take care to present themselves at the polling-booths.

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BAXTON BURN.

The members of the Benfieldside District Council are exercising their minds over two schemes of sewerage disposal submitted by Mr. Parker. The scheme favoured is that on the bacterial treatment system at Baxton Burn, a system which is finding favour in various parts of the country, and has the support of Dr. Hill, the County Medical Officer. Mr. Carss, who seems to be in a very small minority, is emphatically opposed to it, and advocates the older, and, as he thinks, the cheaper method of treatment by chemical process. I am afraid since Mr. Carss took to moving votes of congratulation to Lord Salisbury he has dropped his Radical go-aheadedness, and fallen into the bye-paths of Conservatism.

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CYCLING ACCIDENTS.

In view of the many accidents which have been recorded during the last few days one cannot be blamed for drawing attention to the gradually increasing license many cyclists are taking both in towns and in country lanes and highways. With many the brake is a thing of the past and all they think about is scorching along the level and coasting at a great speed down one bank after another. These individuals are the black sheep of a big family. They pass along at such a pace that it is next to impossible to make a full and sufficient case out against them for want of identification. They are, however doing all they can to bring about that which they themselves will be the first to resent—a law which will get at their pockets. In cases where conclusive evidence of dangerous riding can be produced the punishment to meet the crime ought to be that which is known as "without the option of a fine." All respectable cyclists will be glad when the scorcher has ceased from troubling and his bicycle is at rest.

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THE LATE MR. GEORGE RIDLEY.

A good man has been called to his last long rest. Mr. George Ridley was one of nature's gentlemen, a man who knew not bitterness but who knew the art of doing kind things in a kind way, and of being courteous under all conditions of life. Never a very robust man he yet got through more work than many with much stronger constitutions. He was equally genial and diligent in his public as in his private engagements, always making friends, never an enemy. His life work will remain behind him as a monument of his zeal, his intelligence, and his benevolent consideration for others.

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SERVING CHILDREN.

The question of serving children with intoxicating liquor at what are known as Bottle and Jug departments was discussed by the Lanchester Guardians last Thursday on the invitation of the Richmond (Surrey) Board. The Southern Board desired to make it illegal to serve any child under 16 years, and asked the co-operation of the Lanchester Board. After discussing the matter the request was acceded to. Many publicans are anxious to be rid of the responsibility of serving beer or other liquor out to very young children, but if the age of 16 were to be definitely fixed it would become a matter of extreme difficulty to decide whether a boy was telling the truth or not. If a publican believed a boy on the ground that he looked 16, and a certificate could be produced showing he was under that age then the law would be broken. On the other hand if he refused a boy on the ground that he did not look the age, and evidence could be produced to show that the age limit had been passed, then what position would the publican occupy? The age of 16 is a deceptive one. Some lads at that age retain their treble whilst others have assumed the bass before attaining it. In height and build also there are contrasts. That something should be done is agreed upon, and the question is one well worthy of the fullest consideration.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

THE LATE MR. GEO. RIDLEY.

Mr. George Ridley, of Stanley House, is dead. The sad event took place at his residence on Sunday evening, after a long and weary illness. Most people who were intimately acquainted with him found him genial, straightforward, and courteous. As a public man his opinions were respected by his colleagues and his advice on important matters worth seeking. As chairman of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians and Rural District Council he discharged his duties in a capable manner. His presence at the Kyo School Board meetings was always welcome, and the amount of respect in which he was held by that body may be gauged to some degree by the fact that he was, for many years, vice-chairman. Indeed he was a member of that body from its formation in 1877 until 1899, when ill-health compelled him to relinquish his public offices, much to his regret, for he loved to serve in any good cause. He was a prominent figure in the town, and was closely associated with both its civic and religious life, being the first chairman of the Stanley Urban Council and a churchwarden of St. Andrew's Church from the time of its erection till the day of his death. In politics he was a true Liberal, and did much good work for the cause of Liberalism. His death removes from the ranks of Liberalism a loyal-hearted son. He was a prime mover in the local volunteer cause, and was an officer of the 4th Durham V.B.D.L.I. Young men with abilities for usefulness might with profit to themselves, and benefit to the town in which they live, copy his example in striving to make themselves useful, and endeavouring to make the world around them better than they found it. My deepest sympathies are with the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

A CURIOUS FIND.

A most unusual incident occurred at Annfield Plain on Thursday. It seems that Mr. Norman, the head butcher at the Annfield Plain Co-operative Stores, bought a three-year-old bullock at Newcastle. Nothing unusual in that. Certainly not. But on killing the beast, which was some 45 stones in weight, about a yard of bicycle tubing was extracted from the stomach. However the stuff got there can never be discovered, and it must be left to conjecture to say that it had swallowed it. But again the wonder is that the tube did not choke the beast, for it is a well-known fact amongst butchers and cattle dealers that bullocks have only very narrow "swallows." Yet there it was, with one or two large patches on it, and in a good state of preservation. The beast, I am informed, was in the pink of condition when killed, and the most remarkable part of the affair seems to be that the obstruction had not apparently interfered with the health of the beast. Mr. Norman might soon have a veritable "curio" shop were he inclined to take care of all the funny things he and his men meet with in the discharge of their duties, as on a previous occasion a Roman coin was taken from the inside of a member of the bovine kind.

FIT FOR ACTION.

Private James Gallagher, of Dipton, has I understand, rejoined his regiment, the Second Coldstream Guards, after a furlough of some four months. Private Gallagher was amongst the first of our local "Tommys" called out to South Africa on the outbreak of hostilities between the late South African Republics and Great Britain and was under fire in the Modder River engagements. He was not wounded by the Boers, but by a more fell adversary, dysentery, and while "doing his bit" for Queen and country was taken ill in the ranks and had to be carried off the field of action along with the wounded men of his own and other regiments engaged in the encounter. However, all will be glad to learn that after a rest he has recovered his health, and is again "fit for service." May he have a prosperous journey out and return home crowned with glory and honour.

NEVER SAY "DIE."

The Stanley Volunteer Corps have returned to home and hearth and friends. And none of them are sorry, I suppose. During the time they have been in camp they have not had very pleasant experiences so much indeed to the contrary that several have decided to hand in their rifles in disgust. If they have had a "hard time of it" what about the poor "Tommy Atkins" and "Jack Tars," who are out on the dreary veldt, battling against danger, disease, and death? Though their visit may not have come up to their expectations they should learn to endure hardness as good soldiers.

METHODIST ENTERPRISE.

There seems to be a sort of rivalry between the Stanley and Annfield Plain Wesleyan Churches. The members of the former are making desperate efforts to so reduce the debt upon their new and magnificent edifice as to claim certain grants from several connexional funds, while the latter are making a "big pull" to raise £1,000 from their opening services. Popular preachers will occupy the pulpits of both these churches on Sunday first, the Annfield Plain friends having secured their former supt., the Rev. J. Bacon, of Durham City, and the Stanley folks will be favoured with a visit from that popular divine, the Rev. Thos. Champness, of Rochdale. It is a miserable thing to be in debt, they think, hence the great exertions.

A POPULAR COLLIERY OFFICIAL.

Nowhere in the coal trade of the County of Durham is there a colliery official held in such high esteem by his workmen as is Mr. William Eltringham of the South Derwent "Willie" Colliery. For many years Mr. Eltringham was overman of the above colliery, and the men, as an evidence of their goodwill towards him, have launched a scheme to present him with a testimonial. In order to give the general public an opportunity to join them in the affair—for the South Derwent men are not nonopolists—a public meeting was held the other night in their lodge-room. Unfortunately the meeting was composed almost entirely of workmen, and could hardly be called a representative one, due, in a measure, to the want of proper advertisement. But the wheel was set agoing. A committee was appointed with power to add to their number, and it may be relied upon to do its work efficiently and well. The subscription list is now open, and will remain so for a month, and all who wish to bear their testimony to the worth of a good master in a practical way may leave their gifts with the secretary, Mr. James Mason, or any of the committee, a list of whom will be found in another column of this journal.

LONG SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

The members of the "Rose of Annfield Plain" Lodge of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds have recently made fitting acknowledgment of the services rendered by three of their officials by presenting them with an illuminated address and "emblems of merit." Mr. Robt. Tindall, the late secretary to the lodge, held that responsible position for twenty-six long years, during which he discharged the duties appertaining to the office in a capable and efficient manner, and to whom a great deal of the success of the local lodge is due. Mr. James Mason was also the recipient of an "emblem of merit" from the members of the lodge as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of self-sacrificing and persistent efforts so cheerfully exerted in the interests of the society. Mr. Francis Armour, the old and trusted treasurer, was also the recipient of a similar present for his valuable services. Such functions as that to which I refer are incontestable proofs of the sincerity of the spirit of brotherhood amongst the members of the Annfield Plain Lodge, and I trust that it will in the future, as in the past, be kept well to the front.

A SERIOUS STATE OF THINGS.

The result of the recent labour examination held at Tanfield Lea makes some startling revelations of the defects either in the system of education or in the manner in which education is imparted in our public schools; or, again, in the system of examination adopted in late years by the Education Department at Whitehall. The system of "cramming" is an intolerable nuisance, and never has beneficial or lasting results. A child is sent to school for a few years of its life, and during that period a continual cram, cram, cram is kept up, with the result that the child, instead of becoming interested in its studies, almost invariably cultivates a positive dislike and distaste for anything pertaining to its school life; whereas, if a child of average ability was given a reasonable amount of time to study each subject, so as to gain an intelligent grasp of them, the great probability is that there would not be half the failures at public examinations as is now the case. The teachers of the schools are not to blame, but the system under which they are compelled to labour, often to such great disadvantage. Then again the present system of collective examination is by no means a test of the knowledge possessed by the individual scholar. Each scholar should be thrown upon his or her own resources, and made to feel that its success or failure in the examination room depends upon himself or herself. It is very illogical to conclude that because, say, half-a-dozen scholars in a class possess a good knowledge of a given subject, that the whole of the class is up to that standard, and, therefore, it may be safely concluded, the system of individual examination was preferable to that which is now in vogue, and was better calculated to produce a higher quality of work.

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Local and District News.

Consett.

The Banks at Shotley Bridge, Consett, Blackhill, Annfield Plain, and Leadgate will close at 12 o'clock on Wednesday next, on account of the holidays in connection with Newcastle Race week.

A DESERTER.—On Friday last Mr. J. T. Potts had before him at the Consett Police Station, James McManus, charged with having deserted from the Antrim Militia.—Sergt. Dryden said he arrested the man when in bed at a house in Blackhill.—He was sent to Durham to await an escort.

CONSETT SWIFTS A.F.C.—At a meeting of this club held at headquarters on Monday night—Mr. T. Henderson presiding—it was resolved to hold athletic sports on the Vicarage field on Aug. 18th. It was decided to give the sum of £12 10s for a 120 yards handicap, and other events will also take place, for which substantial prizes will be offered.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the members of the North-West Durham Conservative and Unionist Association was held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, on Saturday afternoon, Ald. U. A. Ritson (president) in the chair. There was a large and representative gathering. The members of the Executive Council were appointed, one gentleman being chosen from each polling centre. They were instructed to ascertain the feelings of the electors on the subject, and to come prepared at a subsequent meeting to support the nomination of a Unionist candidate for the division. It was announced that the next quarterly meeting of the Northern Union would take place at Consett. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the Railway Hotel, when Mr. J. D. Piercey Taylor-Smith, of Colepike Hall, presided. Addresses on the political situation were given by the chairman, Mr. R. L. Appleford (Unionist agent), and others.

WATER COMPANY'S EMPLOYES' EXCURSION.—The Consett Water Company's employes and their wives, to the number of 40, had their annual outing on Saturday, and, being favoured by delightful weather, the trip proved an exceptionally enjoyable one. The party journeyed by train to Chester-le-Street, and on their arrival at the ancient city they proceeded in brakes to Lord Durham's charming seat, Lambton Castle, where they had the privilege of being shown round the gardens and grounds by one of the head gardeners. The inspection was naturally a treat to all present, and the many beautiful flowers, plants, etc., came in for much admiration. On returning to Chester-le-Street the company were photographed in the Vicarage grounds by Mr. Wilkinson. This important matter concluded, the party sat down to a very substantial tea in the Church Institute, which was ably catered for by Mr. Chas. Dingwall. At the conclusion of the repast a resort to the soothing weed was the order amongst the gentlemen, after which the annual meeting took place, presided over by Mr. J. E. Askwith. The company returned to Consett by the 9.15 train, having spent a thoroughly pleasant day. Mr. Albert Wilson acted as secretary to the Trip Committee, and, thanks to his admirable arrangements, everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

Burnopfield

CHURCH ARMY MISSION VAN.—A special lantern mission service in connection with the visit of the above was held in the Temperence Hotel, Burnopfield, on Tuesday evening, the subject being "The Life of Christ," which was ably dealt with.

Blaydon

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—It has been decided to renovate and re-glaze the Blaydon P.M. Chapel, and tenders are now asked for the carrying out of the work.

A SHRAPNEL SHELL EXPLODES.—On Friday some excitement was occasioned amongst the workmen employed at Messrs Smith, Patterson and Co's Pioneer Foundry, Blaydon, by the exploding of a shrapnell shell. It would appear that it is customary at the works to purchase old shells for smelting purposes, and it was whilst a quantity of scrap material was being smelted in a cupola that a loud explosion took place. It then transpired that a loaded shrapnel shell had been included amongst the scrap, and hence the detonation. Some of the projectiles penetrated the roof, while certain workmen had narrow escapes, one of whom was caught upon the face by some flying material.

Castleside

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—As members of the Dipton Cycling Club were passing through the vicinity of Castleside on Sunday night about 10 o'clock without lights, a dog crossed the road, and the leading wheelman was dislodged from his seat with some force. Although he himself escaped injury his machine was badly damaged.

A SERIOUS CYCLING ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon a very serious cycling accident occurred at Stanniforđam to a young man who was riding into Consett from Castleside. His name was John Lee, 23 years of age, a resident of Westgate, but employed as a joiner at Lambton's New Bank, and lodging in Ark Street, Consett. At Stannifordam there is a short bank, at the foot of which is a sharp curve round a dwelling-house, and great care is necessary on the part of cyclists and drivers of vehicles in negotiating the turn, as anyone approaching in the opposite direction cannot be seen. As Lee was descending the bank a cart belonging to Mrs. Almond, grocer, Consett, approached, and although both Lee and the driver made every effort to steer clear the wheelman caught the step, and was violently thrown off his machine. It was at once seen that he had sustained very serious injuries, and without delay he was removed to his lodgings, No. 4, Ark Street, where he was attended to by Dr. Grainger, who found him suffering from a badly fractured thigh, fractured jaw, and injuries to other parts of the body. Dr. Grainger deemed it desirable to have the injured man removed to the Newcastle Royal Infirmary, and this was effected by the 5.45 p.m. train from Consett. On Sunday afternoon the operation of resetting the fractures was successfully performed, and, the grievous nature of the injuries notwithstanding, Lee was fairly cheerful in the evening, when he was seen by his father and mother, and friends from Consett.

Catchgate

DEATH OF MISS MABEL GRACE DOWN.—The death of Miss Mabel Grace Down, aged 24 years, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Down, of Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, took place at her home, after a short illness. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. Crago, of Blackhill, in the Catchgate Free Church, during which Mr. Tom Holland sang the solo, "He wipes the tear from every eye." Mr. Tindall presided at the organ and played the "Dead March" as the procession left the church for Harelaw Cemetery, where the remains were interred. The chief mourners were Mrs. Pike (mother), Mr. W. T. Down (uncle), Coun. W. and Mrs. Down, Catchgate; Mr. Jas. and Mrs. Down, Catchgate; Mr. W. and Mrs. Kelly, Stanley; Mr. Fred and Mrs. Kelly, Stanley; Mr. Thos. and Mrs. Kelly, Stanley; Mr. Sam. and Mrs. Kelly, Stanley; Mrs. Seymour, Stanley; Miss Eva Kelly, Stanley; and others.

Dunston

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary services in connection with this place of worship were held on Sunday, and were conducted by Mr. R. Jefferson, Bewick Main. There were large congregations and the services were most successful.

BETHANY INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHAPEL.—The anniversary services in connection with this place of worship were concluded on Sunday. The special preacher was Mr. B. Austin Laws, of Darlington. The services were highly successful.

A RIVER MYSTERY.—On Friday afternoon, while a couple of lads were playing in the vicinity of the Dunston Saw-mills, they observed the dead body of a man floating amongst some timber in the Tyne. They at once apprised the police authorities of their discovery, and Sergt. J. Reynolds subsequently had the body removed to the Rowers' Arms Inn. The body appeared to have been in the water for some time, and through having come into contact with the timber the face was much disfigured.—An inquest was held at the Dunston Police-station, on Saturday, before Deputy-Coroner A. T. Shepherd, into the circumstances attending the finding of the body. The only witness called was Sergt Reynolds, who spoke as to the finding of the body, which he had removed to the Rowers' Arms Inn, and which had not been identified. Deceased appeared to be a respectably attired artisan, about 60 years of age. In one of the pockets was found an empty purse, together with a metal albert and also a pocket knife.—The Deputy-Coroner, upon being informed where the body was lying, said it was very unsatisfactory to find that in such a largely populated place like Dunston there was no proper place to which a dead body could be conveyed. He strongly urged that some sort of mortuary should be provided, and hoped that the local authority would give their attention to the matter.—The jury concurred with these remarks.—A verdict of "Found drowned" was returned. The dead body which was found in the river Tyne on Friday near the Dunston saw-mills has since been identified as that of Thomas McCormack, labourer, who resided at 29, Thomas Terrace, Blaydon. Deceased, who has been missing from his home since Sunday, the 3rd inst., leaves a widow and one son.

Dipton

A PROLIFIC SHALLOT.—The other day Mr. Samuel Boswell, of Hare Law, took from his bed of shallots one root which had twenty-four healthy young shallots attached to it, and is an item of rare occurrence, as most practical gardeners know.

Leadgate.

SAXHORN BAND.—As the result of a canvass for contributions on behalf of the above band, made by Messrs E. Wanless, R. Coombe, and W. Johns, jun., on the day of the Pretoria celebrations at Leadgate, together with some subscriptions given during the course of the procession, the handsome sum of £5 10s 6d has been handed over to the treasurer to the band, for which the latter body feel extremely grateful. The Saxhorn Band, we may mention, took part in the Pretoria demonstration at Medomsley last week, and their services were much appreciated.

Medomsley.

CYCLING CLUB.—Twenty-seven members of the Medomsley club attended the Church Parade at Consett on Sunday, whilst the previous week 25 visited Hexham. On Saturday first the club run is to Blyth, leaving headquarters at 1.30.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The usual monthly meeting of this body was held at the Board Room, Medomsley, on Tuesday night. In the absence of Coun. Palmer, J.P. (chairman), Coun. W. Robinson (vice-chairman) presided.—It was resolved that the various Health Committees should pay attention to the condition of the channels.—With reference to the letter forwarded to the Blaydon District Council, asking them to buy the lamps on the ground which they will take over as a result of the new boundary line, a reply was received stating that the matter had not yet been definitely concluded, but that when the Local Government Board made the order the Council would communicate with the Medomsley authority again.

Pelton Fell

The annual Floral, Horticultural, Industrial, and Live Stock Show, and Brass Band Contest for bands that did not win a cash prize above £10 in 1899, will be held at Pelton Fell on August 4th. There will also be a quoit handicap and bowling at the wicket, for which valuable prizes are offered. Particulars may be obtained of Mr. J. A. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec., 183, Front Street, Chester-le-Street.

SPECIAL WEEK-END SERVICE.—In the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Saturday evening, Mr. Thos. Campbell, of Sunderland, delivered an excellent lecture entitled "Adaption of the Bible to all men." Mr. Jas. Wilson, of Boldon Colliery, made a good chairman. This was followed by a ham-and-coffee supper, under the care of Mesdames Hair and Miller, and the supper tables were in charge of the Misses Dixon, B. Hepple, D. Nicholson, and A. Powell. A good company was present. On Sunday Mr. Campbell preached morning and evening. His subjects were good—"The Testing of Abraham," and "I shall be satisfied when I awake in God's Likeness." In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "The Pioneer of Methodism," was rendered by the married members, and Mr. Campbell gave the reading. On Monday evening, on account of the Rev. A. J. Campbell being unwell, Mr. W. Miller preached his subject being "He is risen." The proceeds were in aid of the Trust Fund.

DEATH OF MRS. WM. WILSON.—It is with deep regret we record the death of Sarah Ann Wilson, daughter of the late Mr. Richard Curry, and wife of Mr. Wm. Wilson, overman of the Busty Pit, Pelton Fell. About three weeks previously she was confined, and made fair progress the first week, but a change took place, and she passed away at the age of 36 years. The baby is doing well. Deceased was buried at Pelton Cemetery. The services in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and also at the grave-side, were conducted by the Rev. George Fawcett, of Birtley, who delivered a very impressive and suitable address in the chapel. A very large company of relatives and friends attended the funeral. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Wilson and the large family of little ones in this their sad trouble. Mrs. Wilson having lived at Pelton all her life was well known and respected. Among the many beautiful wreaths we noticed one from her P.M. class-mates. She took a great interest in the P.M. new organ just opened this summer, and the "Dead March" was played for the first time on it at her funeral.

Swalwell.

CO-OPERATION.—A dividend of 3/6 in the £ will be recommended for acceptance at the forthcoming quarterly meeting of the Swalwell Co-operative Society.

South Moor

WESLEYAN ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—On Sunday the anniversary services in connection with the South Moor Wesleyan Sunday School were conducted by Mr. R. Biggs, of Dipton. In the morning and evening the children recited their pieces of scripture, poetry, etc., and sang special music, under the leadership of Mr. B. Robinson, Mr. T. Kellett accompanying on the harmonium. In the afternoon the sacred cantata, entitled "The Fountain of Life," was rendered by the choir. There were good congregations present. The collections taken were in aid of the Sunday School funds.

Shotley Bridge

FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, this society is offering prizes for amateurs and cottagers' gardens. There will also be classes for dogs, poultry, and pigeons at the annual exhibition, and these new features should tend to make the show a very successful one. Any information can be obtained on application to the secretary, Mr. J. Hedworth Coupland, Shotley Bridge.

White-le-Head

PRIMITIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the teachers of the above school held their anniversary services, which were conducted by Mr. J. Dixon, of White-le-Head. In the morning and evening the children recited their pieces, while in the afternoon a grand musical service was rendered, Mr. J. Dixon being reader.

Weardale.

A STUDENT'S SUCCESS.—At the convocation held at Durham on Tuesday, Mr. Thomas E. Peart was amongst the successful students upon whom were conferred degrees. Formerly he was a pupil teacher in the Wearhead Board School, where under the skilful tuition of Mr. Joseph Coulthard he received the educational foundation upon which he has built his later successes. The degree conferred upon him is Bachelor of Letters (B.L.)

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Board of Guardians was held on Thursday last in the Board Room at the Workhouse. Mr W. Logan, J.P., presided, and there were also present—Miss Helen Peile, the Rev T. H. Archdall, Messrs E. J. Wardle, E. Sloane, W. Gray, J. Davison, G. D. Powell, P. Kirkup, J. Green, J.P., U. A. Ritson, jun., V. Dunn, W. Robinson, J. Oliver, R. Mitchinson, J. B. Armstrong, W. Bulmer, J. Reece, W. Down, J. Hunter, W. H. Telford, G. Ritchie, T. S. Longstaff, R. Kay, G. Forster, W. Aynsley, J.P., G. J. Robinson, H. C. Wood, W. Nichol, the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr W. Brotherhood.)

PAUPER STATISTICS.

The Master reported that the number of inmates in the House was 194 as against 222 in the corresponding period of last year. The out-relief cases in the Eastern District numbered 361 against 439, and in the Western District 407 against 510.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Messrs J. Gibson and R. Burleigh were re-appointed as School Attendance Officers, and Dr Wm. Benson was appointed deputy Public Vaccinator for the Tanfield District.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE.

Mr Oliver said the Finance Committee had had Mr W. F. Dobson's (Boys' Warden) application for an advance of salary before them, and they had decided to adjourn the matter for a month for further information.

INFIRMARY AND NEW LAUNDRY.

Mr Wood submitted a report of the Building Committee as to the Infirmary hot water supply and as to the new laundry buildings. With respect to the laundry the committee were not quite satisfied that the coigns at the front of the building should only be hammer dressed. They thought they ought to be chisselled in conformity with the adjacent buildings. That would require an extra outlay of £3 and they recommend d it should be done. With respect to the hot-water supply they had given instructions that a steam pipe be carried from the boys' corridor into the cellar where the heating apparatus was, and that a coil be placed there in the cistern to heat the water for the Infirmary. They hoped when it was done it would be satisfactory.

The Chairman moved, and Mr Aynsley seconded, the adoption of the report.

Mr Bulmer moved that the Committee consider the question of a copper boiler that afternoon.

The Chairman said the Building Committee reported that they were carrying out certain alterations, the effect of which they did not know at present.

Mr Wood said there seemed to be a doubt as to whether the water was really not full of sediment before it came to their pipes.

Mr Aynsley asked if it was for the purpose of purifying the water that this experiment was being carried out?

Mr Wood said it was for the purpose of heating without contaminating the water in the boiler.

Mr Kirkup said he should like to know whether the matter discussed some months ago with regard to flushing had been carried out?

The Chairman said it had been tried with no good result.

Mr Wood said they hoped that they would not merely get rid of the metal boiler but save the Guardians the cost of fuel, which, he understood ,came to about £1 a week.

Mr Oliver certainly thought the committee's recommendation ought to have a fair trial before they went further.

The Rev T. H. Archdall asked what the cost would be?

Mr Kay said it would be about £32.

Mr Bulmer said if the experiment failed it would result in getting a copper boiler.

The Chairman said not necessarily. If it failed they only went back to where they were before, but if it succeeded they not only saved the cost of the copper boiler, but also the cost of the fuel.

Mr Powell: In summer months only.

The Chairman said if they wanted boiling water it did not matter whether it was summer or winter.

Mr Bulmer asked when the experiments were to be carried out?

The Chairman said they would ask the Building Committee to submit another report next month.

Mr Wood said they had asked the contractor to do the work, but when it would be carried out he could not say.

Attention was drawn to the want of continual pressure of water and on the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to instruct the Clerk to write to the Waterworks Company's engineer.

The report was then adopted.

SERVING LIQUOR TO CHILDREN.

The Clerk read a letter from the Richmond (Surrey) Union in which it was stated that a large proportion of the pauperism and crime of the country was due to drink. They asked the Lanchester Board to join them in recommending Her Majesty's Government to pass a measure making it illegal to supply drink to children under 16 years of age.

The Chairman objected to the preamble of the letter stating that a large proportion of pauperism and crime was due to drink. On that point a good deal might be said on both sides. He thought they ought to agree that it was undesirable to supply children but he did not think they were justified in saying that crime and pauperism were due to it.

Mr. Oliver said 16 years was considerably further than he would go. They were quite young men at that age.

Mr. Powell said if it was 66 it would be no worse. (Laughter.)

Mr. Gray said it might be fair to urge the matter so far as supplying liquor to be consumed on the premises was concerned, but he certainly objected to refuse them when it was to be carried away. He regarded it as a business which did not concern the Board.

Miss Peile moved the Chairman's suggestion be adopted.

Mr Gray moved as an amendment that the letter be allowed to lie on the table.

Mr Kirkup seconded Miss Peile's motion.

The Chairman said he thought something should be done to check young children going to public houses to get drink. It was a great temptation to the children.

Mr Kirkup: And to take a drink out of the can as they were carrying it home.

The Chairman said as to the question of age he had no opinion at all.

Mr Oliver said he was of Mr Gray's opinion, and that they had no right to deal with the matter. He seconded the amendment.

Mr Wood thought their right was unquestionable.

Mr Oliver said he did not think they were sent there to discuss the question of teetotalism.

Mr Longtaff said if they closed all the public houses in the country they would not effect a remedy.

Mr Gray said people had a right to suit themselves, and it was not for that Board to say to them "do this or do the other," but they must let them suit themselves.

Mr Dunn said if they saw a man doing wrong to his child they had a right to interfere. He had seen a man driving his two year child to seek beer.

The Chairman asked them not to get into a heated discussion over a very small matter. His suggestion was that that Board should join in asking the Government to promote legislation to render illegal the sale of intoxicating liquor for use either on or off the premises to children under 16. Miss Peile had moved that that suggestion be agreed to.

Mr Oliver asked what the Act said as to age.

The Chairman said at the present time there was no age stated.

Mr Oliver then asked what the County Council recommended?

The Chairman said they recommended 16.

The amendment was then put and defeated by 23 votes to 4, and a second amendment to reduce the age to 14 was rejected by 16 votes to 10.

The motion was then agreed to.

POOR LAW CONFERENCE.

Messrs. Dunn, Archdall, G. J. Robinson, and the Clerk were appointed to represent the Board at the Poor Law Conference to be held at Keswick on July 17th and 18th.

TUDHOE HOME AND ASYLUM.

Messrs Davison, W. Robinson, Down, and Ritchie were appointed a committee to pay the annual visit to Tudhoe Home and Asylum.

GENEROSITY.

The Visiting Committee recommended, and it was agreed to pay one shilling extra to adults and sixpence extra to children in connection with the Pretoria rejoicings.

The Board consented to the children being permitted to attend Brooms' sports.

The Master in his report stated that on the Queen's Birthday Mr Brodie Cochrane, of Greencroft Hall, gave a substantial dinner to the whole of the inmates.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Gray, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Brodie Cochrane.

After dealing with the relief cases the meeting terminated.

Lanchester Joint Hospital Board.

A meeting of the members of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board was held on Thursday last in the Board Room, Lanchester. Mr W. Logan, J.P., presided.

The auditor's report was read, and considered very satisfactory.

Dr Allen reported that there had been no admissions into the Leadgate Infectious Hospital since the last meeting. At that meeting he reported one case of scarlet fever as having been admitted. The case was still in the Hospital, but was convalescent.

Dr. Wilson reported that 26 children suffering from scarlet fever had been discharged convalescent from the Langley Park infectious hospital during the month, and one boy had died therein. Eleven fresh cases had been admitted, and now there were 18 patients in the intitution.

The reports were accepted, and the meeting terminated.

WHICKHAM HOPPINGS.

This time-honoured festival, which is always looked forward to with the deepest interest by the villagers duly took place on Monday and Tuesday week. It is almost superfluous to state that with the advent of the "hopping" a universal renovation of the village takes place. Denizens endeavour to make their abodes as attractive and pleasing to the eye as possible. Whole streets are whitewashed, while doors and windows are accorded a liberal supply of paint, to say nothing of the commotion that is occasioned inside through the efforts of the busy housewife. Spring cleaning is relegated to the "hopping," and one is almost led to believe that this indispensable factor cannot be carried out except during the festival. Another necessary item in the programme is the ham and veal which invariably decorates the table upon "hopping" Sunday, likewise the special (?) blends of ale that the publicans serve out. This latter item is not neglected. As to the composition of the "hopping" a great welcome departure has been made during the last decade or two, and the chief characteristics of the festival a century and a half ago—ass races, dancing, feasting, cracked heads, feuds, etc.—are no more. More up-to-date forms of amusement have superseded them, and the merry-go-rounds are looked forward to, to provide the necessary delectation. In this respect they are not lacking. A ride on the switch-back or the gondolas makes old hearts feel rejuvenated, while young men take advantage of the same to treat some fair damsel with a few circular journeys upon the gilded machinery. Other forms of amusement are to be found, which invariably come in for a fair share of patronage. The meteorological conditions which dominated on Monday and Tuesday week had a deterrent effect upon the attendance, and the crowd was not of such bulky proportions as it would have otherwise obtained. Notwithstanding the fact that finance was curtailed owing to the recent holidays, the villagers accorded the "hopping" liberal support. Universal bonhomie prevailed, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, while no accidents took place to mar the proceedings.

LANCHESTER.

FUNERAL OF MR. R. BURDON.—The funeral of Mr. Robert Burdon, of Branch Villa, near Lanchester, took place at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Esh Laude, on Friday afternoon, and was largely attended. Deceased was 64 years of age, and leaves a widow and family. He was well-known as one of the most prominent and active members of the Conservative party in North-West Durham.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

LETTER FROM MR ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P.

On Saturday night, the annual meeting of the members of the North-West Durham Liberal Association was held in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett. Mr J. Wharton presided over a large and representative gathering, the proceedings throughout being of a cordial and unanimous character. After committee business had been transacted the general meeting was held.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr J. W. Winter read the annual report as follows:—In presenting this my fourth annual report to your Association I take this opportunity of thanking the Liberal workers and local secretaries in every part of the division for the cordial and warm sympathy and hearty co-operation which has been extended to me in my work during the past year.

I do not intend to occupy much of your time in reviewing what has been the political situation during the past year further than to say that up to the time of the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa her Majesty's Government did not occupy a very prominent position in the country. This was very clearly demonstrated at the bye-elections which took place in various parts of the United Kingdom, where in every case the Liberal candidates either materially reduced Tory majorities or won the seats outright, as in the case of Oldham, where Mr Emmott and Mr Walter Runciman, jun., a young man of great promise, fought a splendid fight and achieved a brilliant victory for Liberalism.

In the autumn came the breakdown of the negotiations between representatives of her Majesty's Government and the Transvaal Government. This was followed by what is now generally known as the South African War. Parliament was hurriedly summoned, the Government asked for and was granted large sums of money, and every facility was afforded them by the Liberal party in Parliament and in the country for the carrying out of their programme in South Africa. It is to be hoped that with the occupation of the Transvaal capital by her Majesty's forces the end of this terrible war is in view. Before closing this reference to the war I feel bound to add my mead of praise to the brilliant way in which our troops and their Generals have acquitted themselves on the field of battle, and when the roll of this world's warriors has been written not the least amongst them will be the brave men who have borne our arms and laid down their lives on the silent veldt and on the kopjes of South Africa.

I have been much concerned and have devoted much attention to the work of thoroughly organising the Liberal forces in the division, and I am pleased to say in many instances with very gratifying results. Here and there things have not all gone as I would wish, but in every part of the division there are men, and women too, who have formed a grim determination to fight the fight of Liberalism whatever may seem to be the odds against them. During the summer of last year I held a number of open-air meetings which were well attended, and in the autumn your member, Mr Atherley-Jones, undertook his annual campaign through the division, and besides attending a few social functions he addressed meetings at Stanley, Burnhope, Langley Park, Annfield Plain, Dipton, Tantobie, Burnopfield, Allendale Cottages, Esh Winning, Cornsay Colliery, East Hedleyhope, and Consett, at each of which he received unanimous votes of confidence, and in every case there was the strongest evidence that he yet retained the enthusiastic support of the democracy in the division. He received valuable assistance in this campaign from the president, secretaries; and members of the various polling districts, and from Mr Frank Newnes, who spoke at four meetings with great acceptance, and from Mr J. A. Pease, M.P. for Tyneside, who addressed the great gathering at Consett. Five thousand copies of "The Elector," a valuable little paper sent out by the Eighty Club, have been distributed along with other literature in the division. During the year I have attended 65 meetings of the polling district associations, and given whatever information and assistance I could to the local officials. In December, I attended a meeting of the executive of the N.L.F. at Manchester, and in March I had the honour, along with Mr Frank Priestman, Mr C. P. Douglass, and Mr F. C. Fenwick, of representing the division at the annual meeting of the N.L.F. held at Nottingham. These meetings are a source of great help to me in my work, as they bring me in touch with the cream of the Liberal party in every part of the country, and I am certain that no one attending the great meeting addressed by Sir E. Grey, M.P., in the absence through illness of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, will ever forget the unbounded enthusiasm and the great stimulus given to the party by that speech. There were no signs whatever in that meeting that Liberalism was the spent force it is represented by our foes. I cannot omit from my review of the general work the excursion to Naworth Castle in the month of August last, which was held under the joint auspices of the N.W.D. Liberal Association and of the Women's Liberal Association. From start to finish everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of the promoters. From Lord and Lady Carlisle and the members of this noble family to the humblest servant on the estate everything was done that could possibly contribute to our enjoyment, and from every part of the division there has been expressed a unanimous desire that we should have an excursion there this year again. Such gatherings certainly do afford an opportunity for Liberals in every part of the division to become better acquainted with each other, and thus the bonds of friendship and fellowship are more closely cemented.

This (registration) part of my work I paid special attention to at the proper time, and, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, I claim to have met with a fair amount of success at the Revision Courts. Figures by the skilled hand may be made to represent anything, and especially when there is no reasonable Court of Enquiry to test them. Through a technical mistake, as has been admitted, several of my new lodger claims were not put in, although in every case they were admitted to be bona-fide claims, and will yet be added to the list of Liberal voters in N.W.D. Without further detail I will submit to you the following statement:—

LIBERAL CLAIMS.		
New Owners	56	54
Occupiers	14	13
Old Lodgers	58	58
New Lodgers	63	21
Total	191	146
CONSERVATIVE CLAIMS.		
New Owners	29	29
Occupiers	6	4
Old Lodgers	49	49
New Lodgers	34	21
Total	118	103
Net Liberal Gain		43

As the General Election, if not fought on the present register, is certain to be fought on the register that will be compiled on the 15th July this year, it behoves all Liberals to zealously be on the look-out during the next two months and leave no stone unturned to have every Liberal who is entitled to a vote to have his name upon the register, and also to pay special attention to the case of removals. I am thankful to say there is an increasing disposition on the part of assistant overseers to put all on the register that has the least claim to be there, and I am pleased to add that with one or two exceptions I have received the greatest and most courteous assistance—a spirit which I always endeavour to reciprocate whether the overseer be Liberal or Tory.

In closing my report I feel bound to refer to the loss which Liberalism in the division has sustained by the death of Mr Elliott Leybourne, of Castleside. He was always faithful to the party, and remained one of its stalwarts to the end. His noble life was a living exposition of the highest and most sacred principles of Liberalism. He was the Grand Old Man of North-West Durham. By the removal of Mr. A. Broadbent Liberalism in Consett, and also in the division, has lost one of its most enthusiastic workers, but mingled with regret because of our loss is a feeling of satisfaction that he has been called to fill a very important agency in the Richmond Division, where his many talents and unbounded enthusiasm for Liberalism will have splendid opportunities for greater services to the party. Our well wishes go with him.

The report concluded with a touching reference to the late Mrs Gladstone.

Mr R. G. Barclay, J.P., moved that Mr Winter's report be received. From his observations he thought it was a very fair summary of what had been done.

Mr Ralph Walton seconded the motion. He thought Mr Winter had done his work remarkably well.

The motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Chairman said he understood Mr Kennedy, the financial secretary, had been called away owing to a domestic affliction.

Mr Winter said he was sorry Mr Kennedy was not present, and that a hurried statement had had to be made. They began the year with a balance of £16 11s 19d. and their total income, inclusive of the balance amounted to £121 17s 8d. The expenditure amounted to £131 15s 3d, leaving a balance due to the treasurer of £9 17s 7d.

Mr Walton asked how many polling districts there were in North-West Durham?

Mr Winter said according to the register there were 23, but, as they knew, for the purpose of that Association the number was only 15.

Mr Ritson moved that the consideration of the financial statement be adjourned.

Mr Kirkup seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

Mr Winter remarked that they had received more this year from the polling districts than they had ever before received.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr Winter read a letter from Ald. J. A. Curry, president, declining renomination, but expressing a desire to remain a subscribing member of the Association.

Mr M. G. Armstrong (Stanley) moved that that meeting place on record its high appreciation of Ald. Curry's past services and appreciation of the latter clause of his letter.

Mr. Palliser (Blackhill) seconded the motion which was agreed to unanimously.

After a short discussion Mr. Jonathan Green, J.P., Stanley was elected president of the Association, and took the chair amid loud applause.

The President thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon him. He looked upon it from one side in that light but no place of honour ought to be occupied without a due sense of the responsibilities and duties to be undertaken. He knew that the year in which they had elected him to that past would in all likelihood be a hard year of fighting. They were almost certain to have an election before the next annual meeting. If they did not have it in July they would have it in October, and if not then they would have it in the early part of next year. What they knew as certain was that the present Government would not face another budget. In the last year articles likely to be taxed were taken out of bond in huge quantities and the Chancellor of the Exchequer could not possibly have the same revenue next year that he had last from the same same sources. Therefore if they wanted to get shot of a difficult budget they would have to have an election before next March. That meant that they would all have a lot of work not only financially, but also in down-right hard canvassing and pushing the chariot along. He hoped they would each try to enlist others to help them in the coming conflict. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Muir, Mr. Winter was re-elected Secretary and Registration Agent and Mr. Kennedy was re-elected financial secretary.

Messrs. S. Leybourne, S. Brodie, M. Keenleyside, and the treasurer were re-elected as the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr. T. W. Ritson (Stanley), seconded by Mr. J. Calvert (Stanley), Mr. Barclay was re-appointed treasurer, and Messrs. Palliser and Wildsmith were re-elected auditors.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

It was agreed to hold the annual excursion on a Saturday, and to further consider the desirability of holding a mid-week excursion in addition.

SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE.

The Chairman said the selection of a candidate was the most important part of the business for which they were met that night. Speaking for himself he did not think they could get a stronger than Mr. Atherley-Jones. At the same time they had all this war fever to contend with, and it was better tht they should ventilate their opinions on the question. But in spite of anything that might have arisen in the past or the present trend of public opinion he still believed that Mr. Jones was the strongest candidate they could get.

Mr. J. Carr (Stanley) thought Mr. Jones would have been present. He would like to know if any word had been received from him.

Mr. Winter said that up to eight o'clock on the previous night he received a telegram from Mr. Jones intimating his intention of being present if possible. He had received another telegram that night and also a letter but he thought it would be wise to leave the reading of the letter over until they had decided upon a candidate. The telegram said "Impossible to leave London through part heard case. Much regret. Best wishes to all friends."

Mr. Palliser took it that if Mr. Jones had been there that night they would have asked him to have spoken and then they would have asked him to retire until a vote was taken. He thought it would be in proper order to take the letter first.

Mr. Calvert took the same view. Mr. Jones sent the letter knowing he would not be there.

Mr. Carr moved that the letter be read. He had a question to ask Mr. Jones, but perhaps there might be something in the letter regarding it.

Mr. Ritson said they all knew Mr. Jones, and he thought they ought to take the vote first.

Dr. Morison (Catchgate) thought it was right that the letter should be left to a later stage. He had come purposely that night because he had heard that Mr. Jones had been invited to stand for another constituency. From what he knew of Mr. Jones' public career he thought it was impossible to get a better man to represent them. Mr. Jones knew the constituency and the electors knew him. Although Mr. Jones was a busy man no other member took more interest in his constituency than he did. There was a spirit of militarism abroad just now, and who could fight it better than Mr. Jones? He thought they could not get an abler man or a more consistent man, and he therefore proposed that Mr. Jones be invited to stand again.

Mr. Barclay seconded the motion. He said they need not then question Mr. Atherley-Jones' character; they had known him so long. He was a man of independent opinions, and was not afraid to assert himself when occasion required. He was a man whose independence should command the respect of all the constituency. He (Mr. Barclay) would very much prefer a man like Mr. Jones to a mere party tool. He had, therefore, great pleasure in seconding the nomination.

Mr. Calvert thought the two previous speakers had taken a wrong view. He did not think anyone wanted to question Mr. Jones. It was a matter of principle. If Mr. Jones had been there they would have heard his speech before being asked to vote.

Mr. Armstrong said if Mr. Jones had been at that meeting and had simply said "If you want me I am your candidate; if you don't I will seek a fresh seat," they would have unanimously asked him to stand. They might take it that Mr. Jones was willing to stand. Many a time he had disagreed with Mr. Jones, but he recognised that he could carry that seat for Liberalism at the next election if anyone could. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Palliser said the reason he wished to have the letter read first was to avoid the possibility of there being a dissentient voice in the room. He thought every gentleman present would agree that they could not get a stronger, better, or abler man.

Mr. Carr said the question he had intended asking Mr. Jones was as to his opinion respecting Working Men's Clubs. He understood some time ago Mr. Jones opened one.

Mr. Winter said if Mr. Carr would read Mr. Jones' speech on the occasion he would get a very fair indication as to what his views were.

The motion was then put and carried amid applause, and without dissent.

The Vice-Presidents and Executive Committee were elected and Mr. Winter read a letter of regret at being unable to attend from Mr. Wm. Logan, J.P.

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES' LETTER.

Mr. Winter then read the following letter dated "House of Commons, 15th June, 1900. My Dear Mr. Winter,—I should have much liked to have met the Liberal Association of North-West Durham tomorrow, but I find it quite impossible for me to leave town. In addition to very urgent engagements I regret to say my boy is ill, and I have to be in Yorkshire early next week.

I sincerely trust that there will be a full and representative meeting of your Council and that there will be that spirit of unanimity and concord animating its proceedings which has happily hitherto been characteristic of its deliberations.

I think it extremely doubtful whether there will be a General Election this year, but I think your Council is well advised in taking all necessary steps so that there may be no lack of organisation and hearty cooperation whenever an electoral contest arises.

I wish to convey to the members of the Council my deep gratitude for the kindly consideration which they have extended towards me during the now somewhat prolonged period I have enjoyed the high privilege of representing their division in Parliament. I regret that the position of our Party has reduced the services that a Liberal Member can afford less contributory to the many useful legislative projects which evoke the sympathy and interest of my constituents. More especially do I deplore that during three long years nothing effective has been done in order to abate the deplorable evil of intemperance, nor again to further the great cause of religious equality in our churches and schools.

I cannot omit some reference to the lamentable loss of life and expenditure of money which is entailed by the sanguinary conflict that has for some months past been pending in South Africa. Some consolation for the human suffering involved is to be found in the devotion and gallantry of our soldiers and the spirit of patriotism which has been manifested throughout Great Britain and our Colonial Empire.

My own views on this war have been fully expressed throughout the constituency and I do not propose reiterating them in this letter further than to say that while I hold that by prudent statesmanship this war might have been avoided, yet having once entered upon it we were and are bound to persevere in its prosecution until we vindicate the power and authority of our Empire. I am sure I shall awaken a responsive chord in the heart of every true Liberal when I say that I trust that when the final settlement of the affairs of South Africa be formulated by the Government we shall take care that in no narrow and vindictive spirit we fix the basis upon which the future government of the conquered republics shall rest.

I understand that the business of your meeting may include that of the future representation of the division. If that be so let me say I shall regard the action of your Council as indicative in a full degree of the sentiment of the constituency at large—for happily it is a truly representative body. If they add to my many obligations of gratitude the further one of again asking me to represent this division in Parliament, I shall without fear or faltering undertake the honourable duty of again submitting myself to the suffrages of the electors of North-West Durham in the full consciousness that with their support and sympathy I have no fear of meeting the enemy at the gate.—Believe me, with my respectful regards to the members of the Council, yours very faithfully

L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES."

The reading of the letter elicited loud applause, and a vote of thanks to the chairman having been passed the proceedings terminated.

GARDEN PARTY AT SHOTLEY PARK

By the kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Priestman, of Shotley Park, the maids invited several friends and the principal tradesmen to a garden party on Wednesday, June 13th. A good number of people availed themselves of the opportunity, and wandered at leisure through the extensive pleasure grounds and gardens, which were thrown open to the visitors. The grounds were much appreciated. The woodland paths which cross and re-cross a stream by rustic bridges, are of a sylvan beauty. The stream flows through deep ravines, which show great rugged crags in the subdued light of the park to great advantage. Altogether the grounds are as enchanting as the most romantic lover of nature could desire. The gardens contain several fine glass houses, among which is a really fine rockery laid out in natural style. Exotic ferns and plants are seen here to splendid advantage. The gardens and grounds bespeak great care, and credit of the gardner, Mr. Thomas Clarke. Out-door games were enjoyed and parties were conducted through the house by Mrs. and Miss Priestman. Master Jonathan Priestman in the costume of "A Gentleman in Khaki," on horseback, made a collection for the "Indian Famine Fund," and realised £1 10s. The guests thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and the party passed off satisfactory to all concerned.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

Interesting Descriptions of the Battles of Magersfontein and Modder River.

By a Northumberland Fusilier.

Private J. Reay, of the D. Company, Northumberland Fusiliers, writes home to his mother as follows:—

South Africa.

Dear Mother,—Just a few lines in answer to your welcome letter. I am sending you two accounts of the battles of Magersfontein and Modder River. You can send the letters to the "Consett Guardian" if you wish, and if you do kindly forward the paper on to me.

THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

We, the Northumberland Fusiliers moved out of camp about 3 p.m. on the afternoon of Dec. 10th, 1899, as escort for the naval guns, which consisted of one 45-pounder and two 12-pounder quickfirers. They took up a position on a ridge about 7,300 yards from the kopje of Magersfontein, from which they opened fire as soon as they got into position, getting the range almost the first shot. Meanwhile the Highland Brigade, consisting of the H.L.I., Black Watch, Seaforth H., and A. and S. Highlanders, and the Guards, with three batteries of Field Artillery, one Howitzer battery (lyddite 56-pounders), 12th and 9th Lancers, and K.O.Y.L.I., moved towards the spur of the kopje, the extreme right of the Boers' position, where they laid down for the night, all except the artillery, which gave the Boers two or three hours good shelling; in fact, keeping it up some time after dark. It was raining the whole time. The Boers made a very feeble reply to our cannonade, sending a shell now and then in the Field Artillery direction, and never once replying to the naval guns; whether they had their long-range gun in position at the time or not it is hard to say, but they made good use of it before the battle was over. After night-fall our regiment was ordered on outpost 400 yards in advance of the naval guns. Nothing of any note occurred during the night, our pickets keeping up a sharp look out and the Boers the same. I expect, and so it proved afterwards. About 4 p.m. on the morning of the 11th we were aroused by a very heavy rifle fire, the hills being fairly lit up, showing their position up well. At the time we did not know the cause of all this firing, nor did we find out till noon, when we saw about 20 ambulance waggons, filled with dead and wounded, making towards camp. We then learnt that the Highlanders had suffered very heavily during the early morning's firing, being, as it were, led into a trap owing to darkness, and to make it worse they were fired into whilst in close formation. The Boers seemed to be fully prepared for them; something or someone had warned them beforehand. Let's go back a bit. The guns opened fire as soon as it was light enough. We advanced up to within a mile of the enemy's trenches in very open formation, probably to deceive them, and draw their fire, as I don't think our General ever meant such a small force to attack so strong a position. We kept this deception all day long, although we failed to draw their fire. Night came on, and our duty was the same as before, (outpost). The Highlander's made two or three attacks on the hill during the day, but failed to dislodge the enemy, although some of them were found not 10 yards away—dead of course. The artillery searched the position from right to left with shrapnel, and the execution must have been great. That night two prisoners surrendered to us, both wounded. They said they were Scandinavians and all that remained of the commando of that name, they being wiped out by the naval guns. The next morning the guns started again. There was nothing done by the infantry as regards attacking. The cavalry scouted about the enemy's position, assisted by the mounted infantry and Remington Guides. Lord Methuen called all his senior officers, and they went round the position. Afterwards they had a council of war, and it was decided to discontinue the attack. A retirement was ordered about 2 p.m., the 37th Howitzer Battery and two companies of the 5th Fusiliers (C. A. D.) covering the retirement. The Boer gunners opened a heavy fire from all their available guns on the retiring army, not doing much damage, however. The Howitzer Battery sent some fine shots into their position, and must have done considerable damage, silencing them in good time. After the field was clear we took up a line of outpost on the ridge occupied by the naval guns where we were relieved by the Northampton Regiment later on. The troops marched into camp, greatly dissatisfied with the turn of affairs. It was quite uncommon to see three or four funeral parties in one day burying a great many at a time. The next morning the Boers gave us permission to go and bury our dead that were near their position, where we found a great many, mostly Highlanders. We heard from a Boer prisoner later on that they were about to evacuate their position when they saw us retire. The Boers admitted their losses to be between 900 and 1,000. Our total losses, including killed, wounded and missing, were over 800—a rather sad ending to what we took to be a certain victory.

THE MODDER RIVER BATTLE.

We rested at a place called Klockfontein, eight or nine miles from Modder River, on the night of the 27th Nov. We got orders from the General that we should rest the next day. We were aroused at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 28th, and received orders to pack up and prepare for the march at once. It was reported by the scouts that the enemy were holding the banks of the Modder in force. This greatly altered Methuen's plans, as he thought they were only fighting a retiring action, and that we should only meet a very small force at the river. This accounts for our unexpected move. We set off on the march at 6 a.m., the artillery, cavalry, and mounted infantry a mile in advance. They got into action about 7.30 a.m. The Boers opened fire with their big guns from two or three positions along the north bank of the river. They also had several smaller guns, including two Vickers-Maxims on the South bank. We advanced under cover of our artillery to within 4,000 yards of the banks of the river, where we made a complete turn to the right, which brought the Guards Brigade on the right side of the railway line, and the 9th Brigade, with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders in support on the left. At this place we came in for a good deal of attention from the Boer gunners, who placed shells with wonderful precision about our lines, most of them bursting, but, strange to say, doing very little damage. We advanced to within 1,500 yards, where we lay down and commenced firing for all we were worth. Our Maxim gun came in for it a bit rough, having the mules shot, and, running short of water, had to retire out of action. One of the Guards' Maxims was less fortunate. Whilst they were firing a shell burst right over them, killing and wounding all the men, and disabling the gun entirely. We lay like this the whole day, under a terrific fire, and very little cover, replying to their fire whenever a favourable opportunity showed itself. At about 10 a.m. that day our Brigadier-General succeeded in getting a small force across the river, thus turning the enemy's right flank. His party consisted of men of all regiments, assisted by two companies of Engineers, who were brought from the train owing to our total force being engaged on the front of the Boers' position. The Boers stuck to their trenches well. Our artillery poured in a hot fire of shrapnel the whole day, doing considerable damage. The Boers' Vickers-Maxims did great execution amongst our men, especially the Highlanders. The 62nd Battery Field Artillery came into action about 5.40 p.m. This was the only battery that possessed ammunition at the time. They came from the Orange River, and rendered a very good account of themselves. The battle subsided about eight o'clock that night. Our artillery set one or two places on fire during the day. The night was extremely cold, which was very trying to the men after the burning hot day. The men that crossed the river felt it the most, because they had to wade the river up to the waist, and laid down wet. The majority of us could not sleep—the cold was that intense. We had no covering of any kind, except one or two that had been lucky enough to secure a blanket that the Boers had left in Rosemead village. Next morning we were aroused before dawn, and ready for the attack. The guns opened fire as soon as it was light enough into the enemy's trenches. They sent two shells into the trenches, but could get no response. It was then found that the Boers had evacuated Modder River during the night. It seems they had had enough of it the day before. With this we all crossed the river and entered the village very carefully. When we got there we found the line pulled up and the telegraph wires cut. The houses of Europeans had been ransacked beyond description, and everything in general was upset. We found that the Boers had retired on to Magersfontein, about eight miles off. We were very much worn out by our day's fighting. We had nothing to eat or drink the whole of that day, and when we did get it the next day it was bully beef and biscuits. (I forgot to mention the emergency rations which we were allowed to open on the 28th.) As for water, all we had to drink was the small drop we carried in our water-bottles. Everybody engaged earned the praise which Lord Methuen gave them, as we worked hard the whole day, as well as part of the night. The Boer losses were said to be 600 killed, wounded, and prisoners, but the right number will never be known. All we know is that we buried a good many besides what they took away themselves. Our total casualities were over 400. Our regiment lost 13 killed and 40 wounded.

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10,402. June 7th 1900. Seth. Stott, Wallsend. Improvements in rotary engines, applicable also for rotary pumps and the like.

10,406. June 7th, 1900. H. J. Cowan and J. Green, Stockton. A novel or improved fountain pen.

10,538. June 9th, 1900. J. McLachlan, Jarrow. Improvements in coalhouse, ashpit, and other doors and fastening devices thereto.

House Struck by Lighting at Whickham.

Narrow Escape of the Inmates.

During the prevalence of a thunderstorm which passed over Whickham and district on Wednesday morning week, a house occupied by Mrs. Handy and family, located at The Whaggs, near Whickham, was struck by lightning, and considerable damage done. The electric fluid entered by way of the roof, doing much destruction to the same, and likewise wrecking the chimney. Two young girls named Proudlock and Hall—nieces of Mrs. Handy—who were in bed at the time, had a most miraculous escape. A portion of the roof fell upon the bed, but they escaped practically uninjured, albeit they had a somewhat severe fright. Mrs. Handy was away from home at the time of the occurrence. Damage to the extent of about £50 was done.

CONSETT.

William Robinson, labourer, on tramp, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment at the Consett Police Court on Friday, for sleeping in a hayshed belonging to Mrs. Davison, innkeeper, Four Lane Ends, Castleside.

WEARDALE.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over the fortnightly meeting on Friday. A resolution in favour of preventing the sale of intoxicating drink to children under 16 years of age was carried, on the proposition of Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Mainprize. The resolution was one originally carried by the Richmond Guardians.

WOLSINGHAM.

SAD DROWNING FATALITY.—A most distressing occurrence took place in the River Wear, west of the steelworks, Wolsingham, on Thursday. It appears that Chester Steel (youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Steel) left his home ostensibly to fish, when having reached the "slag tip" he was ... to fall headlong into the water, which is nearly 20 feet deep at that particular spot. An alarm was raised, and people hastened to the spot, but help was unavailing. Early on Friday morning the work of grappling was recommenced but it was not until near mid-day when Sergeant Simpson, P. C. Lindsey, and other helpers succeeded in finding the body of the unfortunate lad. The event has cast quite a gloom over the town, where the family are held in great respect.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS' A.F.C.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Tantobie Co-operators Association Football Club was held at the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, on Saturday week. The Chairman (Mr. Hodgson) complimented the club upon its successful career, and expressed the wish that the club supporters and players alike would rally up at the beginning of next season, and do all they could to bring the Durham Amateur Cup along with the Derwent Valley League Cup to Tantobie. He further stated that it had always been his ambition to get a good team together at Tantobie, and he assured the company that his efforts in the future would be no disparagment of the past. He next expressed great pleasure in calling upon the secretary, Mr. J. Gray, to submit his report of the doings of the club during the season of 1899-1900.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Gray, on rising, said it afforded him much pleasure to submit to them his first yearly report. They had played 23 Derwent Valley League matches, won 11, lost 5, and drawn 4; scoring 51 goals for and 29 against. Owing to South Tanfield having withdrawn there were four points deducted, leaving 22 points to their credit. There were yet two games to play, viz., Burnhope and Hamsterley, which would be played at the beginning of next season. They had also played six Durham Senior Charities, scoring 13 goals against 9. In the Derwent Valley Charity Cup they had played three games, scoring 5 goals against 5. They had played 4 friendlies, won 2, drawn 1, scoring 8 goals against 4. The total number of matches played being 33, won 18, drawn 8, lost 7, scoring 77 goals against 47.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer reported that the income for the past season had been £36 15s 3½d, the expenditure £34 15s 5d, leaving a balance of £1 19s 10½d to the credit of the club.

The reports were unanimously adopted as satisfactory.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Presidents, Mr. W. Holmes, J.P., and Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., Tanfield; vice-presidents, Coun. T. Pringle, Rev. P. Duckworth, Messrs Wm. Johnson, R. J. McPherson, E. Johnson, R. Gladders, Thos Robinson, Wm. R. Bell, W. B. Armstrong, J. Watson, W. Atkinson, G. Hunter, S. Bidgood, W. Clark, T. Adamson, E. Fawcett, R. Smailes, C. Eliott, Jos. Robinson, Dr. Anderson, Jas. Ferguson, and Jas. Harm; chairman of committee, Mr. W. Hodgson; vice-chairman, Mr. Thos. Sharp; corresponding secretary, Mr. John Gray; financial secretary, Mr. John Tyson, treasurer, Mr. Jos. Beck; committee of management, Messrs H. Tyson, Wm. Bell, Wm. Fletcher, Jos. Brown, T. Shepherd, T. Beker, and J. Harrison; captain, Mr. J. McKever; vice-captain, Mr. I. Adamson.

During the evening the players and officials were entertained to supper by the hostess, Mrs. Snowdon, after which a "smoker" was held, the chair being occupied by Mr. Wm. Hodgson and the vice-chair by Mr. Jas. Ferguson. The chairman proposed the first toast, "The Tantobie Co-operators," which was responded to in a right hearty manner by the company.

The next toast submitted was "The British and Colonial Forces in South Africa," by the vice-chairman, who, in his remarks, congratulated the British Army in a very loyal and patriotic manner.

Mr. Gray then proposed "The Visitors," which was responded to in very enthusiastic terms.

Then came the three most important events of the evening, the first being the presentation of a handsome silver-mounted pipe to Mr. Robert Smailes, the "Father" of the club. Mr. Jas. Ferguson, who made the presentation on behalf of the club, spoke in a most kindly way of the services rendered by Mr. Smailes in past years, and ventured the remark that he was the best member the Tantobie Club had ever possessed.

Mr. Smailes suitably responded.

Mr. Ferguson then presented Mr. W. Hodgson with a silver medal, in recognition of his services to the club, and in a neat little speech expressed the hope that Mr. Hodgson might be long spared to wear it.

The next item on the programme was the presentation of a beautiful tea set to the hostess, Mrs. Snowdon.

The Chairman said it afforded him very great pleasure to hand over the present to Mrs. Snowdon, whom he hoped would cherish it so long as her time on this earth would permit it, and when the time for her departure came it would be kept by the family as a memento of the esteem and regard in which she was held by the Tantobie club.

Mrs. Snowdon having feelingly responded, her health was drunk with musical honours, and the rest of the evening spent in harmony, songs being contributed by Messrs Jos. Beck, R. Atkinson, T. Sheffield, and W. Hall, the meeting concluding with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

TOW LAW.

BUILDING SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting on Thursday, Messrs Watkinson, Henry Hodgson, C. Roberts, Geo. Watson, and M. Barron were placed on the directorate. A sale of four balloted shares took place. Two were sold for £25 each and two for £26. The total shares represented £400.

A Miner's Message.

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(Extract from the "Durham County Advertiser.")



Mr. Thomas Gritton, a miner, who is employed at the Harraton Colliery, and who lives at 5, Pine Street, Chester-le-Street, had what he terms a "double dose" of influenza. In his case, as in numerous others, it left him with a number of ailments each calculated to wreck happiness if left to run out its course; and which for a long time he was unable to get rid of. At last Bile Beans were tried, and to-day he is free from all the troubles which previously held him in bondage. To a reporter of the "Durham County Advertiser" he told the story of his recovery with a view to its publication, and in the hope that other sufferers might be benefitted by his experience. Mr. Gritton, describing his symptoms after the influenza attack, said, "I suffered from headache, depression, frequent sickness, indigestion, and complete loss of appetite. I could get nothing to remain on my stomach. In addition I had long periods of sleeplessness; and after having slept upon awakening, I felt heavy, unrefreshed, and so drowsy, that it required a great effort to move."

"I suppose you sought medical advice?" asked the reporter. "Yes, I did, and had some medicine from the doctor; but it did me no good. Everything I ate caused me great pain and sickness. In fact, sometimes before I had finished a meal I would be quite ill with vomiting."

"How came you to try Bile Beans?" queried the reporter.—"I picked up a booklet one day in which I saw a testimonial from some one who had been cured of symptoms quite similar to my own, and I thought I would give them a trial. After taking the first dose I went to bed, and for the first time for a long while I enjoyed a calm and refreshing sleep. Next day I felt a great deal better in consequence. I went on taking the Beans, and as I did so grew gradually better. The feeling of depression left me, I ceased to be sick; indeed, from beginning to take the Beans I have never once vomited. The indigestion also disappeared, and by degrees my appetite returned. After that of course I soon began to get stronger, and now not only have the evil effects of influenza completely gone, but my general health has been greatly improved. To all who are afflicted as I was I shall recommend Bile Beans with confidence. My mother at one time seemed inclined towards the ailments from which I had suffered. I induced her to take some of the Beans, and in her case, too, they effected a cure."

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TANTOBIE INSTITUTE SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon the annual sports in connection with the Tantobie Literary Institute were held in a field on Mrs. Robinson's farm, near Tantobie. It will be remembered that last year's event was not blessed with favourable weather, but that of Saturday was brought off in most propitious weather, in consequence of which there was a much larger attendance of supporters. The chief attraction was the 120 yards handicap footrace for £15, which was divided into four prizes as follows:—First prize, £10; second, £3; third, £1; fourth, £1. Besides this there was skipping, quoiting, foot-racing for boys, bowling at the wicket, tug-of-war, etc., each of which secured a good number of competitors. The officials on the committee of management were Mr. John Tyson, Tantobie, president; Mr. Henry Scott, Tantobie, treasurer; Mr. John Gray, secretary; Mr. John Charlton, Victoria Garesfield, handicapper and referee. During the afternoon the large company was entertained by the Earl's House Industrial School Band, Durham, under the conductorship of Mr. R. Yule, which at several stages of the performance of the programme received the applause of the interested crowd which gathered around them. The first part of the programme was opened with one of the celebrated Wagner's marches, entitled "Under the Double Eagle." This was followed by Lee's selection "England," after which a selection of W. Williams' war songs, in which was introduced "Soldiers of the Queen," was ably rendered. The next item was a selection entitled "Coon land," introducing "An old-fashioned cottage," a composition of Thos. Bidgood. Then came J. Brough's barn dance, "Flowery Dell," following which the first part closed with a selection, "Gems of Scotia," in which were introduced "Johnny Cope," "Within a mile of Edinboro' Toon," "Auld Robin Gray," etc. The second part opened with Geo. Nuller's soldier's march, "One more ribber," being succeeded with the selection, "Harry Darre's Song," introducing "Never say die," "Give him the moon to play with," "As your hair grows whiter," etc. J. M. Turner's negro dance, "The darkies jubilee," was well played, as was also H. Round's nautical fantasia, "Trafalgar," in which was introduced "Peacefully slumbering on the ocean," "True courage," etc. J. Strauss's waltz, "The blue Danube," was next, and was followed by Lee's selection, "Ireland," both of which were executed with rare skill by the junior musicians. L. Mason and H. Lee's grand military fantasia, "Charge of the Gordon Highlanders," introducing "General salute," "Going abroad," "Advance," "Battle's victory," etc., received well-merited applause, and the difficult programme concluded with that song which will live for ever in the hearts of all true Britons, "God Save the Queen." The following is a list of the winners of the several heats in the £15 handicap:—First round—Heat 1—Wm. Hudson, Elswick, 23. Heat 2—M. Waugh, Haltwhistle, 23. Heat 3—T. Robson, Sunderland, 20. Heat 4—G. Nevins, Lintz, 24. Heat 5—Wm. Hutton, Pelton Fell, 22. Heat 6—J. Maughan, Beamish, 22. Heat 7—Wm. Beedle, Blaydon, 24. Heat 8—J. Bell Dipton, 24. Heat 9—J. H. Hood, Gateshead 23. Heat 10—J. E. Thompson, Percy Main, 20½. Heat 11—J. Johnstone, Blackhill, 21. Heat 12—G. Nicholson, Marley Hill, 24. Heat 13—Wm. Tate, Stanley, 19½. Heat 14—J. Beck, Gateshead, 22. Heat 15—T. Hurst, Tyne Dock, 20½. Heat 16—Wm. Robinson, Tudhoe, 22½. Heat 17—G. Hope, Ushaw Moor, 23. Heat 18—G. Hudsmith, Byermoor, 24. Heat 19—J. Blaylock, Newcastle, 22½. Heat 20—Wm. Wright, Gosforth, 23.

Second round—Heat 1—Hutton. Heat 2—Hood. Heat 3—Hurst. Heat 4—J. Blaylock. Final—1, Hutton; 2, Blaylock; 3, Hurst; 4, Hood.

The 100 yards race for boys under 16 received a good number of entrants, and resulted as follows—1, G. Gray, Flint Hill; 2, J. Innes, Tantobie; 3, R. Amos, Tantobie.

Bowling at the wicket—For this event there were 68 entries, and Mr. T. Shepherd was judge. Result—Robson, 1, 7/6; Jos. Walton, Medomsley, 2, 2/6.

Tug-of-war—3 entries—Hobson team, 1; Tantobie team, 2; Dipton team, 3.

Skipping for girls—17 entries.—Miss McGuire, Tanfield Lea, 1, pair of slippers of the value of 3/-, given by Mr. Watson, saddler, Tantobie; Miss Jennie Bowes, Tanfield, 2, pair of slippers valued at 2/6; Kate Sanderson, 3, 1/-; May Watson, 4, 1/-.

Quoit handicap—74 entries.—Martin Evans, 1, 50/-; McVity, Oxhill, 2, £1; Gordon, Stanley, 3, 10/-. Mr. Embleton, of Kyo, and Mr. M. Beck, of Tantobie, were judge and handicapper respectively.

Kicking at the goal—J. Gladders, White-le-Head, 1, 7/6; M. Burns, Tantobie, 2, 2/6.

Schoolboy's Race—39 entries.—Reed, Industrial School, 1, 5/-; J. Hodge, Tantobie, 2, 1/6; J. Urwin, Tanfield, 3, 6d.

Mr. Hunter, of White-le-Head, supplied the refreshments. In the evening a ball was held in the tea tent, for which the music was supplied by Mr. H. Wilkinson's String Band. The M.C.'s were Messrs P. McMan, J. T. Tyson, and W. Metcalfe.

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SWALWELL.

Primitive Methodist Sunday School.—The anniversary services in connection with this place of worship were continued on Sunday, when the children again recited, and sang select hymns, morning and evening. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Fighting for the Queen," was ably rendered by the choir. The connective readings were given by Miss Lyons, while Mr. R. Ryle, of Gateshead, conducted the services. There were good congregations present.

DIPTON.

Wesleyan Sunday School Anniversary.—These anniversary services were continued on Sunday, and were conducted by Mr. W. Robinson, of Medomsley, who preached an excellent sermon at the morning service. The afternoon was taken up with the pieces of the children, who also sang special music, amongst which were the anthems, "God is my salvation," and "Onward, soldiers true." At this service Miss Grainger, of Consett, also favoured with the solo, "By Jesu's Grave," in a very acceptable manner. In the evening the cantata entitled "The Boyhood of Christ," was rendered by the choir and children, assisted by a few friends, the solo parts being well taken by Miss Grainger, Consett; Miss Ettie Browell, Miss Maud Hunter, Miss Barbara Gibson, Miss Ada Gibson, and Master Wilson Gibson, of Dipton. The collections were in aid of the school funds.


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CYCLISTS' CHURCH PARADE IN CONSETT.

On Sunday afternoon, in delightful weather, and in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, the members of the various cycling clubs in North-West Durham, to the number of about 260, assembled at Delves Lane for the purpose of holding their second annual Church Parade. Mr. G. W. Bainbridge, of Leadgate, discharged the secretarial duties, and was ably supported by a strong staff of marshals. The procession on starting was headed by the Consett Gospel Silver Model Band, and the following clubs were represented:—Consett Temperance, Consett Forget-Me-Nots, Medomsley and District, Leadgate, Dipton and District, Annfield Plain Excelsior, Burnhope Colliery, Wolsingham Victoria, and Durham City. After making a tour of the district, the cyclists and a large number of spectators assembled in the Vicarage Field, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Croudace, B.A., Vicar of Consett. The hymns sang were "The Church's one Foundation," "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," and "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Miss Walton sang as a solo, "The Children's Home," and Mr. J. Siddle sang "Heavenly Song," Mr. G. P. Stephenson accompanying on an instrument kindly lent by Messrs. Archibald Ramsden, Ltd. The Parish Church Choir, with Mr. J. Surtees as organist, was also present, and assisted in the musical portion of the service. The Vicar read the prayers and the lesson, and also delivered a short address on "Redemption," in the course of which he said he trusted that they were all making that a service. He wanted them to carry their minds back many years. In the Mediterranean Sea there was a country called Asia Minor. In Asia Minor there were a lot of people who believed that God was not only their Father, but their Saviour. St. Peter drew their mind to the fact that they had been redeemed and to the price of their redemption. It had been bought with the precious blood of Christ's life. He would give them a short story of one who understood what redemption was. Long years ago, when slavery was in vogue, a certain man visited a town, and there saw men and women put up to be sold by auction, and his heart was moved. He saw a poor girl put up, and his heart going out to her he made up his mind to purchase her, and told her she was at liberty and was free. She did not understand at first, but when she did so she gave herself up to the services of that man and became his faithful servant. He had brought her back and she understood what redemption was. They must remember that they had been bought back by the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed upon the Cross for them. The price of their redemption was that every redeemed person should give his life and service to Jesus, who redeemed them. Continuing, the Vicar spoke of the use of foul language and said many who professed Christianity used evil words. People said they let them slip unconsciously but he said they ought not to let them slip unconsciously. Speaking of cyclists he said he did not object to the man who visited some place of worship on the Sabbath and went for a ride, but the cyclist who went away for the day and never attended any place of worship was not doing right. The collection that day was for the Queen's Nurses' Association and the Local Reservists' Fund, two causes which appealed strongly to their generosity.—A collection was then taken and the sum of £11 14s 9d realised.—The Benediction having been pronounced the service terminated.

PRETORIA REJOICINGS AT HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

Clearly the fall of Pretoria is no mere nine days' wonder with the people of Great Britain. "This is a good thing and it will keep" seems to have been the idea of many, and they are right. Rejoicings have been held over in many quarters until a late hour, but they have been none the less enthusiastic or loyal when the delayed time for celebration has arrived. Indeed the extra time seems to have induced extra enthusiasm. This was the idea conveyed to the outsider at Croniwell, otherwise Hamsterley Colliery, last Saturday when "Pretoria" was celebrated in a right royal fashion. A brief conversation with the promoters clearly indicated that arrangements had been made for young, middle aged, and old to take their fair share in the enjoyment of the day's proceedings, and ample provision was made for all. The village was gay with bunting, and the mechanical genius of the district was brought into action in the way of producing "Long Toms" and 4.7's, while the tailors, milliners, and dressmakers appeared to have been having a busy time judging from the variety of costumes worn on all sides. It is probably not too much to say that no colliery village in England could have turned out a neater or a better behaved procession of school children than that which assembled at Croniwell, and even the old people became enthusiastic over the rejoicings and turned out in their "Sunday best." It was difficult to say which was the most attractive—the smiles of the aged or the joyful countenances of the youngsters. So far as the young men and maidens were concerned they were expected to work for the enjoyment of others as well as themselves, and they did so. It seemed to the onlooker to be a happy family gathering on a large scale in which there were more than three generations. The proceedings commenced with a tea to something like a thousand children and old people. This tea was served in the Schoolrooms, and naturally kept a large band of workers busily engaged for a considerable period. Mr. R. J. Chaytor, as general secretary superintended everything from start to finish, and discharged his onerous duties with the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. Attending upon the tables at the tea were Mrs. F. Berkley (whose husband was chairman of the General Committee), Mrs. R. J. Chaytor, Mrs. R. Fenwick, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. R. Wilson, Mrs. Black, Miss Findlay, and many others with Mr. R. Fenwick as chairman of the tea committee. In addition Mr. J. T. Addison, the headmaster, was present, and rendered valuable assistance together with Miss Cummings, head of the Infant Department, and the following members of the staff:—Miss Dargue, Miss Burke, Miss Chippington, Miss Jackson, Miss Hunter, and Miss Hull. After the tea a procession was formed of mounted men and cyclists all in costume, many military and many comic. There were also sailors, nurses, and a host of varied representations. The mounted men were under the command of Capt. W. Graham, the infantry under Capt. W. Osborne, the guns under Capt. W. Waterson, the sailors under Capt. R. Brown, the cyclists and comic characters under Mr. R. Broadwood, and the nurses under Miss Bridgeman. The route taken was from the Colliery Offices to Lintz Ford and return by Ebchester. The population from around the district turned out and enjoyed what was to many of them an unique spectacle. Later on there was a full parade, those already mentioned being reinforced by the school children and many of the inhabitants. The Colliery Offices was again the starting point, and after marching through Hamsterley and Blackhall Mill they all assembled in the Office Field for the purposes of having a march past and inspection. Mr. R. Robson officiated as secretary for the procession and sports and for the purposes of a concert given by the Hamsterley Brass Band, and a negro troupe. Mr. M. Gardiner had arranged a special platform, and he also superintended the making of the guns, and the preparations for the fireworks and the erection of a huge and substantial looking bonfire. Among the features of the procession was an Empire Car, in which were Miss Gardiner representing Britannia, Miss B. Gardiner, Wales, Miss A. Fenwick, Scotland, Miss M. Henderson and Miss M. Whitfield, Ireland, Miss A. E. James, Australia, Miss J. Holden, Africa, and Miss M. Wood, Canada. On the Ambulance Car were 12 nurses, Misses Allen (3), Miss Ferguson, Miss Blackburn, Miss Maitland, Miss Maughan, Miss Walker, and Miss L. Dodds, Messrs James Allan and J. T. Anderson represented wounded soldiers. An effigy of Kruger was also prominently displayed. Prizes were offered for the best comic cyclist costume, and the best and neatest military or other costume, the judges being Messrs F. Brekley, J. T. Addison, and J. Brown. For the comic costume the prizes were awarded as follows:—1 Mr J. P. Hodgson, 2 Miss Jackson, 3 Mr W. Reith. For the military costume the awards were:—1 Miss A. Gardner, 2 Mr W. Graham, 3 Mr R. Armstrong. Messrs Brough and Briggs had charge of the negro entertainment. When darkness set in there was a display of fireworks, and Miss Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, applied the light to the massive bonfire which soon illuminated the immediate and surrounding district, and brought a fitting conclusion to a successful day's rejoicings.

TOW LAW DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, June 14th,—Coun. R. Sproates presiding, besides whom there were present:—Councillors Brewer, Graham, Harrison, Hildreth, and Robson.

ALMA COTTAGES.

The Surveyor reported that the Alma Cottages sewer had been connected, and that the kerbing and channel was being set outside the cemetery, but that Dr. Hill had not as yet paid his visit, so that he had not reported on Coun. Harrison's sewage scheme or the proposed sewer mouth into the slag heap.

THE EDUCATION CODE.

Coun. Brewer pointed out that owing to the operation of Act 7. of the Education Code a member of a School Attendance Committee could not be a member of the school staff so that he begged to resign his post as Council Representative on that committee.

The resignation being accepted, Coun. Hildreth was unanimously chosen as member of the Attendance Committee in Coun. Brewer's place.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Garraway reported that general progress had been made in paving yards, etc., but that the scavengers were not performing their duties satisfactorily. They were not disinfecting after emptying pits or sweeping up refuse falling on the ground in loading. Several complaints had been made as to irregularity in the emptying of earth-closets. In one case the Sanitary Committee agreed to inspect the premises.

On the motion of Coun. Brewer, seconded by Coun. Robson, it was resolved to call the attention of the scavengers to the terms of their agreement re disinfecting and sweeping up.

Re complaints, it was resolved that any irregularities in the removal of refuse be reported at once to the Inspector, and that notices be at once served to each householder to that effect.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The tender of Messrs. Ord and Maddison to supply 400 tons of limestone, being £6 less than the other tender, was accepted. The Surveyor reported that a stone drain had been stopped in the road leading to Harrison Street.

Couns. Harrison and Brewer moved and seconded that a 12 in. sanitary pipe be laid in its place, and that it be connected with the main sewer in Harrison Street.

This was agreed to, after some discussion as to the parties who put in such drain.

CEMETERY GRASS.

The Surveyor asked for instructions to sell the cemetery grass.

It was agreed to advertise for tenders as usual, the highest to be accepted by the Surveyor.

ANOTHER PIT FALL.

It was reported that another pit-fall on the main road was being attended to by the Colliery engineers.

Plans for alterations in buildings were presented by Mr. Walter C. Smith and the Tow Law Industrial Co-operative Society. Both plans were in accordance with the bye-laws and the seal of the Council was affixed.

SURVEYOR V. KEMP.

The Surveyor reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council he sent for some tar for the bonfire on Pretoria Day. Mr. Kemp had told them they would get little tar there (at the gas works.) Besides he wanted to know who was going to pay for it. Again, on sending for the gas works' ladder for the men who were building the bonfire, Mr. Kemp refused to allow them to have the use of it. He further reported that Mr. Kemp was still harbouring a man on the gas works whom he had been distinctly told not to admit.

Coun. Brewer moved that the gas manager receive three months' notice, but subsequently spoke in favour of a month's notice. They would be able to get another man at the present time without much difficulty.

The Chairman: It is an extreme step, don't you think?

Coun. Brewer said it was not. It was not the first time he had acted contrary to the wishes of the Council. Mr. Brewer said he had called the Council practically to their faces. The state of things was perfectly ridiculous.

Mr. Hillary suggested that the best way would be that the next act of insubordination would be visited by his discharge. Mr. Hillary said Mr. Kemp treated him in a most defiant manner.

Coun. Robson: I second Mr. Brewer's motion.

The Chairman: He is an old servant. Can we not bring him to his senses by a reprimand?

The Chairman: There is a motion before the meeting, but I will give you time.

Coun. Harrison: I would like to move an amendment. I propose that Kemp be instructed that he must obey Mr. Hillary, or send in his resignation.

After further remarks, Mr. Blenkiron seconded the amendment.

Upon being put to the vote Couns. Harrison, Blenkiron, and Hildreth voted for the amendment, and Couns. Graham, Brewer, and Robson voted for the motion. By the casting vote of the Chairman the amendment was carried.

MORE LIGHT.

A request for a new lamp at the entrance to the old saw-yard was acceded to at once.

Pretoria Rejoicings.

A vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to the householders who so tastefully decorated the streets at the recent celebrations; to Mr. J. B. Robinson, who gave such valuable assistance; and to the two efficient bands who headed the processions of the schools and the Friendly Societies. The Surveyor was complimented on the efficient organisation of the patriotic celebrations on the capture of Pretoria, and this terminated the proceedings.

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ROWLAND'S GILL.

Bicycle Accident.—On Sunday, whilst a married woman named Mrs. Murray and her child were standing upon the highway at Rowland's Gill, they were knocked down by a couple of cyclists, who were riding upon a tandem. Mrs. Murray, who resides at Rowland's Gill, was severely shaken, while the child had to receive medical attention. One of the cyclists was injured, and the machine damaged.

WHICKHAM.

A Young Woman's Adventure with a Thief.—A young woman named Miss Tetley daughter of the Rev. C. Tetley, of Whickham, has just had an unwelcome experience with a thief. Whilst Miss Tetley was proceeding from Whickham to Gateshead, she was accosted by a man in Whickham fields, who demanded money. The request was naturally not complied with, whereupon the man quietly relieved Miss Tetley of her gold watch, which he detached from the chain, and decamped. Information of the occurrence was subsequently given to the police, who now have the matter in hand.

BIRTLEY.

Presentation to a Store Manager.—On Wednesday week, the employes of the Birtley Co-operative Society and its branches met together in the Society's Hall to make a presentation to the general manager, Mr. Ralph Greenwell. The presentation took the form of a handsome gold watch.—The Manager of the Washington branch, Mr. F. Knox, occupied the chair, and in making the presentation said that Mr. Greenwell, who had been thirty years in the employment of the society, had risen from an apprentice to the highest position through his steady, consistent, and earnest efforts.—Mr. Greenwell, in reply expressed his gratitude to the employes for their valuable present, and said he would treasure it as an evidence of the goodwill existing between them and himself. Mrs. Greenwell was also the recipient of a beautiful silver jug.

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CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

On Saturday, the Diptonian cyclists, to the number of sixty-six, including friends, left the Post Office in procession bound for Shotley Spa. The whole were under the able captaincy of Miss Anderson. The ladies in their summer dresses were charmingly conspicuous, and as the club made its way through the village and on towards Leadgate the prettily-decked machines and their fair riders made an imposing scene. From Leadgate, the route lay through Consett to Middle Street, and on by way of Blackhill and Snow's Green, to the old Quaker Village of Shotley. Having arrived at the Spa, preparations were soon under way for tea, and as the ladies had commandeered a wonderful supply of dainties for the occasion, there was promise of happy times. Two club scouts were deputed by the Commissariat Department to prowl round the district for milk and cream, and having espied a farm where the white flag was flying, one of the scouts entertained the baby and its pet lamb, while the other superintended the milking operations. Needless to say tea-time passed merrily, and at the conclusion the ladies were toasted for their generous and appetising spread. The President of the club, Mr. Tuson, felicitously responded for the weaker sex, and all dispersed to enjoy the attractions of the grounds. Some indulged to their hearts' content in tennis, some in dancing in the open, while others beguiled the happy moments rambling through the woods. At 8 o'clock the bugle sounded the call to retreat homewards, and great was the excitement of the onlookers as the club proceeded in single file through Middle Street, Diptonwards. All reached home without mishap of any kind, grateful for the brightest and happiest outing since the commencement of the club. The thanks of the pic-nickers are due to Mr. Rowe, and all his assistants, who, by their businesslike treatment, greatly added to the pleasure of the day.

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The usual monthly committee meeting of the Northumberland and Durham District of the Cyclists' Touring Club was held on Tuesday, at the County Hotel, Durham. There were present—Mr. John J. S. Heslop (Sunderland), in the chair; Messrs G. Bartram, and W. C. Brown (Sunderland), J. Wright and R. Bellwood (Newcastle), and Wemyss H. Atkinson, Hon. Sec. (Newcastle).—The Secretary was able to report that permission to go through the following Parks (in addition to those in respect of which permission had already been granted) had been obtained for members of the C.T.C.—Raby, Brancepeth, and Castle Eden. He was in negotiation with the owners of other parks, and hoped that permission might in due course be obtained for members. Owing to members being generally engaged in Race Week, it was decided to postpone the proposed tour to a later date to be subsequently fixed.—The Secretary reported that a complaint having been made as to the condition of Jesmond Road at the cab-stand opposite Victoria Square, he had taken up the matter with the city authorities, and was glad to say that the matter had been satisfactorily attended to. Owing to the fact that new tramways were about to be put down there, the repairs were necessarily only of a temporary character.—The committee dealt with a case of refusal to open gate at a level crossing between Harton Colliery and Boldon. It was decided to take the matter up with the Railway Company.

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There have been quite a crop of serious accidents of late, and so far as I can gather, most of them have been due to carelessness. A number of riders who use no brake will persist in coasting down steep hills, and it is no cause for wonder that many of them come to grief. To me, who have witnessed many incidents of this kind, it is a matter of surprise that many more accidents have not occurred than those which have actually taken place. I know of no more careless body than the great army of cyclists, many of whom risk their lives and limbs daily without the slightest reason. They seem to consider it "infra dig" to walk down a very steep incline, although the latter, without a brake, may be a veritable death trap.

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The Church Parade at Consett on Sunday was fairly successful, although, had the affair been better advertised, there is every reason to believe that it would have been much more liberally responded to. The promoters would be well advised to remember that too much prominence cannot be given to affairs of this description, and the more widely it is known the better chance is there of it being a great success. I will be bound to say that there were many cyclists in the district who never knew that there was a parade coming off. It is a mistaken policy on the part of those who organise these gatherings.

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I must congratulate the riders who have taken part in the various parades in connection with the Pretoria rejoicings. The different comical and other costumes worn have been worthy of all praise. Leadgate appropriately offered prizes in this department, and there was keen competition for the awards. No less than 18 prizes were given at Leadgate, and the display was one to be remembered. I am told that the judges' decisions did not give satisfaction, but would they have been human if they had? I don't believe that an angel from heaven would have satisfied the competitors, more especially the ladies. The dear creatures love each other that much, you know. As a mere male I thought the judging in the ladies' section was excellent, but then the non-successful candidates thought otherwise. Who would be a judge—particularly for the ladies? Fighting in South Africa is a mere fleabite to it.

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Coming coming down from Consett to Leadgate one night last week my attention was arrested by the efforts of some cyclists who probably thought that they were singing. They were making the night hideous by some sounds that bore a great resemblance to cater-wauling. Why they should endeavour to make themselves ridiculous is a question which I am not prepared to answer. All I can say is that if they could not ride any better than they could sing they will never be dangerous candidates for a championship.

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I understand that my friend, Mr. Jas. Robinson, of our contemporary, has recently become the possessor of a first-rate machine. While out for an airing the other night, by way of Tanfield, the machine became unmanageable, and instead of sticking to the road went bang against the cemetery wall, the consequence being that his face was very much disfigured, and the machine damaged. I would advise my friend to ride more cautiously, and apply the brake freely in descending hills.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Farmer's Club.—At the meeting of this club held at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, Mr. W. W. Coxon presiding, the recommendations of the several committees entrusted with the revision of the prize-list, for the forthcoming horse and dog show, to be held in Lambton Park on Wednesday, 22nd August, were adopted. All the old features remain, and several novelties will be introduced into each of the various sections. In the pony classes prizes will be offered for pit ponies, and also for the best putting done in the ring upon a properly prepared place.

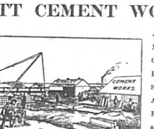
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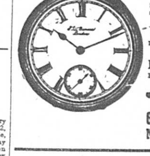
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ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

On Tuesday evening the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Burial Board Office, Hare Law, Coun. J. W. Taylor presiding. There were also present—Couns. W. Eltringham, W. Young, W. Down, J. G. Taylor, J. F. Smith, T. Clark, R. Hall, J. Reece. Mr. T. L. Watchman (Clerk), Mr. T. J. Trowsdale (Surveyor and Inspector), and Mr. R. Bates (Collector).

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The accounts were examined and approved, and it was resolved that the accounts submitted, amounting to £705 17s 8d, be recommended to the Council for payment.

The report was adopted.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee having examined the plans it was resolved that the plan submitted by Mr. Hartley of proposed erection of 13 houses at Sycamore Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr. Thomas Howe, be approved; that the plan submitted by Mr. Hartley of proposed erection of dwelling-house at Langley Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr. James Robinson, be approved.

The report was adopted.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Surveyor's report was read and considered, and it was resolved that legal opinion be taken on a letter read from Mr. George Murray, of Dipton. Letters from Mr. John Turnbull and Messrs Hedley, Turnbull, and Cooke, were read, claiming damages caused by an explosion of gas alleged to be the result of the steam road roller, when it was resolved that the liability be denied in both cases. It was also resolved that notice be served on the owners of South Derwent Colliery that unless the works in connection with the repair of the streets at Clavering Place and Annfield Place be completed within two months, the Council would proceed to put into force the provisions of the Private Street Works Act, 1892. With respect to the proposal to erect a dwelling-house at Delight Bank for Mr. W. McKinley, the committee recommended that no person or persons be allowed to build on any portion of the awarded highway; but that subject to conditions to be arranged, they would be allowed to enclose any portion of the highway not required for highway purposes.

Coun. Reece moved, and Coun. Down seconded the rejection of Mr. McKinley's plan.

The motion was carried, and the report adopted.

THE LOUD WAGGONWAY.

The sub-committee appointed to inspect the old waggonway from South Derwent Pit to East Castle reported that they had been over the ground, and recommended that the North Eastern Railway Co. be requested (1) to set back the "sleeper" fence at the South Derwent (Hutton) pit; (2) to erect a suitable fence the full length of the embankment; (3) to remove the dangerous buildings at the top of Loud Hill; and (4) generally, to make the waggonway safe and convenient for traffic; that a footpath be formed on the south side of the East Castle road, from South Derwent Pit to Greencroft Lane Ends; and that notices be served on the owners or occupiers at South Pontop to remove the unsightly buildings and fences.

The report was adopted.

CLEANSING OF PRIVIES.

The report of the committee appointed to inspect Pontop Rows on the question of the cleansing of privies, was that the owners of Pontop Rows be requested to provide suitable arrangements to store dry earth or other deodorizing substance.

Coun. Reece moved, and Coun. Hall seconded that the report be adopted.

On the suggestion of Coun. Clark, it was decided that the Surveyor be instructed to bring before the notice of the Council all similar cases.

THE NEWCASTLE THOROUGH TOLL.

A report was read from the Clerk as the representative of the Council at the conference held in Gateshead on Saturday, June 9th, on the question of the thorough toll to Newcastle.

Coun. Eltringham moved, and Coun. Smith seconded, that the Council support the County Council in their endeavour to press forward the matter.—Carried.

LOCAL TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

Couns. Eltringham and Storey were re-elected as representatives on the Local Technical Instruction Committee.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Newcastle Electric Company, with which the Council had entered into a contract to light the district with electricity, stating that as their engineer, Mr. Lockey, would be unable to complete the contract for the Council, being engaged in Belgium, they deemed it advisable for the Council to employ someone else to carry out the work.

Coun. Hall moved, and Coun. Down seconded, that a committee of the whole Council re-consider the whole question.

The motion was carried.

PROPOSED TAXATION OF CYCLES, ETC.

A letter was read from the Ashbourne Rural District Council, Derbyshire, asking the Council to support them in their resolution that as cyclists and others had now the great advantage of improved highways that Council was of opinion it was desirable that a tax should be imposed on cycles, motor cars, and motor cycles, such tax to be applied towards the repair and improvement of highways, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all County, Urban, and Rural District Councils in England and Wales, with a view to their passing a similar resolution on the subject; and also that a copy be sent to the Local Government Board and to the Members of Parliament for each of the Divisions in which the districts were situated, with a request that they would give their support to the same.

Coun. Reece moved, and Coun. Clark seconded, that the matter be swept off the board.

Coun. Smith moved, and Coun. Down seconded an amendment that the resolution be supported.

For the amendment there voted Couns. Smith, Down, Young, and Hall.

For the motion, Couns. Reece, Clark, Eltringham, and Taylor.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was declared carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Assistant District Auditor, Mr. Sam. G. McBride, having held the audit, reported that he had the satisfaction of finding the payments duly authorised and supported by the proper vouchers.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. R. Bates reported that during the month he had collected on account of the General District Rate the sum of £907 7s 10d; rent of sewage field, the sum of £7, making a total of £914 7s 10d. The balance to the credit of the Council in the bank was £935 8s 7d.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. T. Benson reported that scarlatina was the only notifiable disease reported to him during the past month, and the number of cases that occurred in the same period amounted to sixteen. Their distribution extended over the following parts of the district, viz., Flint Hill, Dipton, Annfield Plain, Greencroft, and Annfield Place, and all most probably originated from the one outbreak that had been in existence some months, but not in an epidemic. The disease generally presented the same characteristics, being uniformly of a mild type. The mortality returns were given for five weeks, showing the death-rate to be below the county average. The number of deaths were twenty, being equal to a death-rate of 5.4 per 1,000 per annum. Infantile mortality was slightly in excess, eight deaths being under the age of one year. On the other hand, sixty ranged from sixty to seventy-five years. Not one death resulted from infectious disease.

INSPECTOR OF NUISANCE'S REPORT.

Mr. T. J. Trowsdale reported that there were four tenements at Hill Top leased by the Lintz Colliery Co., which were overcrowded. In one instance the accommodation consisted of one habitable room of comparatively small dimensions, which was occupied by a man and wife and five children, varying in age from 8 to 15 years. In the three other instances, the accommodation consisted of two small rooms, and which were occupied by a man and wife, and in one case 5, and two with 4 children respectively. At one of the above places in High Ewehurst a further nuisance existed, arising from a blockage of the drain. The drains at the Fox Inn, Dipton, and a house in High Collierley, Dipton, were partially blocked and defective, and were causing in the former case a nuisance on the highway. As the nuisances had not been abated after representation, he recommended that notices be served on the owners affected to abate the nuisances. The scavenging work had generally been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Coun. Down moved, and Coun. Eltringham seconded the adoption of the report.—Carried.

The Council then rose.

Stanley.

RESULTS OF THE THUNDERSTORM.—During the recent heavy thunderstorm last week, a flash of lightning struck a house at Beamish Red Row, entered it by the roof, and destroyed a quantity of clothes which were drying upstairs. Mrs. Pringle, the good lady of the house, was knocked aside, while Mr. Pringle was struck on the legs, and was made useless, and was unable to walk for a few days. Slight damage was done to the roof of the house.

POLICE COURTS.—At an occasional court held at Stanley on Friday, before Mr. J. Green, Isabella Percival and Mary Lindsay were charged with having been drunk at Stanley on Thursday, and were sent to gaol for seven days. Sergt. Leadbitter proved the case.—Patrick McCarthy and John Clough were fined 1/- and costs, or seven days, for being drunk at Stanley on Thursday.—James Crozier, John Sayers, Geo. Robson, John McGraw, Nicholas Bodle, Wm. Thompson, John Donnelly, Ed. Meegan, John Thompson, Thos. Lake, and Phillip Hodgson were charged with having slept out at West Shield Row and Stanley Collieries. Crozier, Bodle, Wm. Thompson, Donnelly, and Hodgson were dismissed, and Sayers, G. Robson, and Lake were sent to jail for 14 days.—P.C.'s Davidson and Ayre proved the cases.—At the occasional court held at Stanley on Monday morning, before Mr. J. Green, John Connelly and Thos. Smith were charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Stanley on Sunday night.—A fine of 1/- and costs or seven days was imposed.—P.C.'s Phizacklea and Davidson proved the cases.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday next the pulpit of the Stanley Wesleyan Church will be occupied morning and evening by the Rev. Thomas Champness, Editor of "Joyful News," when not only may the congregations anticipate powerful sermons, but special solos will also be sung. Collections will be taken in aid of the Trust funds.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—On Monday evening the annual complimentary benefit to Mr. Mark H. Lindon was given at the Victoria Theatre, when an original, patriotic musical spectacle entitled "Britannia and her sons," was performed by a company of professional and amateur artistes, by the kind permission of the author, Mr. Lloyd Clarance, of the Consett New Theatre, the songs attached to the piece having been composed by Messrs Geo. Dryden, A.L.C.M., Geo. A. Williams, M. Coward-Klee, F.C.V. (Lond.), Lloyd Clarance, and W. Hunt, D. Mus. (Lond.), of Consett. The performance was augmented by the Stanley Orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Garbutt, and opened the programme with the overture, "The march to Pretoria." The chief characters were Mrs. M. H. Lindon, who gave a good representation of "Britannia," and sang "Our honour, home, and Queen" in her usually able manner. Mr. Tom Holland acted the part of the "Gordon Highlander" capitally, singing the song, "Up with the standard," in excellent style. Mr. R. D. Grundy made a capital "Gentleman in Khaki," and Mr. R. Cranston appeared to advantage in the role of a volunteer. Mr. J. Robinson appeared as militia man, and made a great hit with the song "Oh! Kruger's whiskers." The other artistes, all of whom performed their respective duties ably, were Mr. J. Gates, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. J. Marran, Mr. J. McGoldrick, Mr. W. Miller, Mr. F. Rock, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. R. Johnstone, Mr. J. Husband, Mr. McCabe, Mr. J. McCabe, Miss McGoldrick, Miss Wheatley, Mrs. F. Wilson, Miss A. Southgate, Misses K. Davison, A. Dixon, M. Buckton, B. Wood, G. and M. Burgess, E. Larkman, and D. Buckton. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clarance appeared in Lloyd Clarance's adaptation of Charles Dickens' celerated novel, "Bleak House," entitled "Poor Jo's last move, or, starved to death," which was followed by a farcical comedy in two acts, entitled "The spectre bridegroom; or, a Ghost in spite of himself." Mr. Lindon appeared himself as "Mr. Nicodemus;" Mr. R. D. Grundy as "Squire Aldwinkle;" Mr. Frank Rock as "Squire Vanntington;" Mr. J. McGoldrick as "Dickory;" Mr. R. Cranston as "Paul;" Mrs. A. Wilson as "Georgiana A'dwinkle;" and Mrs. Lindon as "Lavinia." During the evening Mr. Hogarth, on behalf of the Stanley Cycling Club, presented Mr. Lindon with a gold ring, while the staff of the theatre presented Mr. Lindon with a walking-stick and Mrs. Lindon with a brooch. There was a packed house.

Tow Law

FREE CHURCH MEETING.—The quarterly meeting of the Tow Law and District Free Church Council had before it and dealt with the following among other matters:—(1) A communication from the Western Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at Worcester on April 18th, in reference to the cultivation of the spirit of militarism in the mind of the young by military drill, etc., at the day schools. The Society of Friends urges that action be taken against the practice. (2) A circular asking subscriptions towards raising a memorial scholarship in memory of the late Dr. Berry. (3). The formation of a branch of the Free Church Girl's Guild in conjunction with the scheme of the National Council. (4) Preliminary arrangements were also made in connection with the proposed "Simultaneous Mission" of 1901. The dates of the Mission for Tow Law and District to be the ten days, March 2nd to March 11th, inclusive.

CHESTER-LE-STREET CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATION.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE DIVISION.

A meeting of the executive council of this association was held on Monday evening in the Conservative Club, Chester-le-Street, Mr. C. R. Barrett presided, and there was a good attendance of delegates from the polling districts. The Chairman spoke of the approaching General Election and the necessity of preparation being made at once if the seat had to be contested, and Mr. J. H. Burrell (Conservative agent) gave an account of the present state of the organisation in the Division. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Edward Eccles (Gateshead), Mr. J. Richardson (Ryton), Mr. J. Butchart (Birtley), Mr. R. J. Coxon, Mr. W. Dawson, Mr. J. Wadge (Chester-le-Street), Mr. W. Bryan (Pelton), Mr. R. T. Swinburn (Whickham), Mr. R. B. Hutchinson (Springwell), and Mr. W. Rochester (Ryton), and a motion deciding to contest the seat was carried unanimously. Mr. Edward Eccles (Gateshead), Mr. Joseph Cook (North Biddick Hall), Mr. J. Richardson (Ryton), Mr. R. T. Swinburn (Whickham), Mr. J. B. Makepeace (Springwell), Mr. R. J. Coxon (Chester-le-Street), and Mr. W. Bryan (Pelton), were appointed a committee to deal with the selection of a suitable candidate. A meeting is to be held at Chester-le-Street to-night (Thursday) to take steps to establish a local Conservative and Unionist Association.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. RIDLEY

OF STANLEY.

After a long and, at times, painful illness Mr. George Ridley, of Stanley House, West Stanley, passed quietly away at a late hour on Sunday night in the presence of the members of his family. Although at any time for some months past the announcement of his death would not have created surprise, yet when it has come it has caused a feeling of grief in a wider area than the district in which he resided. Early last year he was seized with an illness of a complicated nature, which soon developed alarming symptoms, and required the unremitting attention of Dr. T. Benson. So serious did the patient's condition become that Dr. Benson had to call Dr. Drummond, of Newcastle, into consultation. Medical skill did a great deal for at times when the family were summoned for the approaching end, Mr. Ridley revived, and at one period regained so much strength as to be able to be removed to Harrogate for a short stay. It was hoped that this favourite resort of Mr. Ridley's would have great recuperative effects, but shortly after his return he had another seizure, and again his life was despaired of. But once more he recovered to such an extent as to be considered out of immediate danger. His illness continued to fluctuate until a worn-out constitution gave way, as stated, on Sunday night, in the 59th year of his age. While he was still living Mr. Ridley's family received innumerable messages of sympathy, and more than once the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, of which he was Chairman for many years, placed on record their deep regret at his continued illness. Since his death the family have received many tokens of sympathy from all parts of the district and from all classes of the community, by whom, without exception, he was held in the highest esteem.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Sincere and heartfelt expressions of regret were given utterance to at the enforced absence of Mr. George Ridley J.P., on the occasion of the opening of the New Board Room at Chester-le-Street on October 26th. It is given to the lot of few who are chosen to preside over important public bodies to gain and hold the unanimous and absolutely unqualified esteem of their fellow members. It not infrequently happens that a soreness is allowed to creep in between the chairman and one or more of the ratepayers representatives, and sometimes cross words are exchanged. So far as the relations existing between Mr. Ridley and the members of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council and Board of Guardians were concerned this feeling was conspicuous by its absence. Courteous to a degree, patient, master of the business before him, and thoroughly experienced in public work, Mr. Ridley not only commanded, but received the universal respect and esteem of his fellow members. When other duties prevented him from attending the Board meetings his absence was felt, and when, unfortunately, he was stricken down with illness the feelings of the members were those of intense regret and sorrow. Mr. Ridley had spent a busy and an honourable life. Difficult as it is to enumerate all his good qualities it is still more difficult, if indeed it is possible, to find a faulty trait in his character and actions either public or private. His private benefactions and timely advice to all classes of the community were best known to himself and to the recipients. With these we have nothing to do. His public actions had long gained for him the pride and admiration not only of his colleagues and the officials of the various bodies with which he was and had been associated, but also of the public at large who had benefitted in more ways than they are aware of by his intimate knowledge of local government administration and his natural ability in dealing with local affairs.



North-West Durham and the Chester-le-Street Union have no reason to regret the day when Mr. Ridley made the district the place of his adoption. A Northumbrian by birth, Mr. Ridley was a native of Corbridge, near Hexham, where he resided with his two uncles who were farmers on a considerable scale. When a youth he and his uncles removed to Urpeth to take over the farm vacated by Mr. Clark on his appointment to the agency of the Beamish Park estate. From this initiation into the district sprang Mr. Ridley's many and responsible appointments, the outcome of which was not only to mean prosperity to himself, but a blessing by way of advice and example to the community amongst whom he moved.

In March 1875 Mr. Ridley was first elected to represent the parish of Urpeth on the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, and continued to retain the confidence of the electors until 1895, when the new Act came into force and an additional representative was allotted to Urpeth. He was then opposed by Mr. R. J. English, Colliery Inspector, and Mr. E. Nicholson, mining engineer, and the returning officer had perforce to declare that the two latter gentlemen had been elected. Mr. Nicholson has ceased to be a member, and Mr. English obtained Mr. M. J. Starford as a colleague in the representation of the parish. Mr. Starford's death has since been recorded. Anxious to retain the services of so experienced a gentleman the newly elected Board co-opted Mr. Ridley under Section 20 of the Local Government Act, 1894, and elected him their chairman in succession to Mr. Thomas Robson, Lord Durham's late head agent. From then Mr. Ridley was annually re-elected to the chair by a unanimous vote, although he was wishful to retire in April last year, owing to the state of his health. The Board, however, did honour where honour was due and although Mr. Ridley had not the felicitation of delivering the opening speech in the New Board Room he had the satisfaction about a month before of inspecting the building and of seeing the result of many discussions carried on under his presidency. Mr. Ridley's illness continuing right throughout the year he was released from the chairmanship last April, greatly to the regret of the members. Mr. Ridley was for some time Assistant Overseer for Pelton and Urpeth and removed to Stanley in 1864. In that year he was appointed Registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the sub-district of Tanfield in the Lanchester Union, with his son, Mr. John George Ridley, as deputy. That position he retained to his death and was, we believe, the oldest Registrar in the district, whilst Mr. R. Dickinson, the genial Clerk of the Chester-le-Street Guardians and Council, is the oldest Superintendent Registrar. In this capacity Mr. Ridley had made a host of friends and acquaintances, and, as in all other things, the duties of his office had been performed in a manner leaving no room for complaint. Thus we have Mr. Ridley actively associated with both the Lanchester and Chester-le-Street Unions, but that is far from exhausting his public work. From the outset he was a member of the Stanley Urban District Council, (of which his son, Mr. John George, is Clerk) and also of the Kyo School Board, of which he was appointed vice-chairman, he having several times declined the chair. He declined re-nomination on the Board which was elected in Oct. last. For the long period of 30 years he was Vicar's churchwarden of St. Andrew's (Beamish Parish) church, first for Mr. Crennell, and then for Mr. James. About 38 years ago he and Mr. Joseph Watson, now of the Royal Hotel, Stanley, together joined the Volunteers at Beamish, the headquarters of the corps then being, we believe, at Felling, and the K or Stanley Company not being formed until 1892. Mr. Ridley gradually rose from the ranks to the captaincy of the corps, and some time ago retired with the honorary rank of Major, Captain T. E. Crossling taking over the command. Another responsible duty which Mr. Ridley had for many years discharged had been that of rating agent to the Joicey Collieries, and in that capacity he gave the utmost satisfaction. As a magistrate there were few among "the great unpaid" who could claim to be his equal—probably there were many duly qualified legal gentlemen with a more limited knowledge of law in many of its aspects. This is no reflection on the legal gentlemen for Mr. Ridley had not only been a hard reader and a keen student, but he had the advantage of a marvellous memory. He not only read, but he learned, marked, and inwardly digested, and when occasion arose he had but to knock at the door of his memory, and the response came to hand without delay. He was also a Freemason, being an old member of the Earl of Durham Lodge, which holds its meetings at Chester-le-Street. Versatile, kindly, able, and at all times willing, Mr. Ridley had gained such a hold upon the affections of the people that he was loved and revered by all. His labours were such "that all the world might say here was a man."

Mr. Ridley had been twice married—first to Miss Young, of Beamish, by whom he had four sons and two daughters (one of the latter deceased) and secondly to Miss Wilkinson, of New Acres.

THE FUNERAL.

On Wednesday afternoon, the remains of Mr. Ridley were interred in St. Andrew's Churchyard, Beamish, in the presence of a large company of mourners and friends. The local police marched in front of the cortege to the church, where the surpliced choir was in waiting. On entering the church the organist, Mr. T. Grundy, played the voluntaries, "Rest, Pilgrim, Rest," and "Christ will gather in His own." Then Psalm 39 was sung and the usual prayers said. On leaving the church Mr. Grundy played the "Dead March" in "Saul." The undertaker was Mr. Geo. Foster, Stanley and Messrs C. Scott, J. Johnson, R. Bell and Lumley were the underbearers. The services were conducted by the Rev. D. W. James, Vicar of Stanley, and the Rev. R. Tuson, Vicar of Dipton. The chief mourners were Mr. W. and Mrs. Ridley, Houghton-le-Spring; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. T. N. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Conner, Stanley; Mr. W. Wilkinson and family, New Acres, South Moor. Amongst the general public were Coun. W. Holmes, J.P., Tantobie; Mr. G. Sterling, Annfield Plain; Mr. J. Oliver, Stanley; Mr. J. Routledge, Stanley; Mr. W. Braidford, jun., Friarside; Mr. J. Irwin, Oxhill; Mr. J. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. Kirkup, Shotley Bridge; Mr. W. Brotherhood, Lanchester; Mr. T. Wright, Chester-le-Street; Mr. G. Hobson, Harperley Mills; Mr. B. Mason, Hobson Colliery; Mr. W. H. Ritson, Lanchester; Mr. R. Walton, Lanchester; Mr. S. Meddick, Hobson Colliery; Mr. T. L. Watchman, Hare Law; Mr. R. Walker, Stanley; Mr. Geo. Watson, Stanley; Mr. J. McKay, Birtley; Mr. and Mrs J. Smith, South Moor; Mr. J. Gibson, Consett; Mr. A. Bolam, Stanley; Dr. T. Benson, Stanley; Mr. R. G. Barclay, Shotley Bridge; Mr. J. Hunter, Stanley; Mr. G. Smith, Tanfield Lea; Mr. J. Chaytor, Stanley; Mr. R. Hodgson, Causey; Mrs. Chaytor, Stanley; Mr. W. Severs, Stanley; Mr. T. Pringle, Tanfield; Mr. J. W. Wood, Stanley; Mr. P. H. Kirkup, Stanley; Mr Agar, Tanfield; Coun. M. G. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. W. Clarkson, Chester-le-Street; Capt. Crossling, Stanley; Mr. W. Ward, Consett; Mr. W. Braidford, sen., Lintz Colliery; Mr. J. T. Little, Birtley; Mr. E. J. Wardle, Oraghead; Mr. T. C. Frater, Stanley; Mr. J. Darney, Stanley; Mr. J. Robinson, Stanley; Rev. T. H. Archdall, Tanfield; Mr R. Kay, South Tanfield; Mrs. Hogarth, Leazes; Mr. Adamson, Pit Hill; Mr. E. Wigham, Barcus Close; Mr. J. Errington, Oxhill; Mr. W. Johnson, White-le-Head; Mrs. Wadge, Mrs. Lumley, Stanley; Miss. Hepplewhite, Burnhope; Mr. W. Simpson, West Shield Row Colliery; Mr. W. Eltringham, Catchgate; Coun. J. Green, J.P., Stanley; Mr. T. J. Jackson, Stanley; Mr. J. Porter, Carrmyres; Mr. W. S. Telford, Hare Law; Mr. W. M. Handcock, Leazes Hall, Burnopfield; Mrs. Green, Catchgate; Mr. N. Raw, Oxhill; Supt. Daly, Houghton-le-Spring; Mr. W. Porter, Carrmyres; Coun. W. Down, Catchgate; Mr. J. T. Castle, Stanley; Mr. G. Wailes, Hare Law; Inspector Waller, Lanchester; Mr. A. Atkinson, Causey Bridge; Mr. T. S. Longstaff, Leadgate; Mr. J. A. Ramsay, Harperley Hall; Mr. W. A. Swallow, Tanfield Lea; Mr. J. H. Rider, Beamish; Mr. Jos. Watson, Stanley; Rev. J. W. Latin, curate, Stanley; Rev. S. Griffiths, Stanley, and many others. Wreaths were sent by the family at Stanley House, Major and Mrs. Joicey, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ridley, the grandchildren at Gilpin House, the officials of the Chester-le-Street Union, Mr. and Mrs. T. Parker, Mr. Jas. Heppell, Dr. Benson, Stanley; Mrs. Benson Stanley; Mrs Liddle, Urpeth; Mr and Mrs W. Welsh, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Frater, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. N. Raw, Oxhill; Mr. and Mrs. H. Potts, Chester-le-Street; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr and Mrs. Chaytor, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Williamson, Chester-le-Street; Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, New Acres, South Moor; Mrs. Jobson and family; Mr. Jas. Joicey; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Watson, Stanley; Dr. Benson, Stanley; and others.

AN APPRECIATION.

[BY AN OLD FRIEND.]

An old friend (E. T. N.) of the late Mr. Ridley writes:—"Our district has suffered a severe loss in the death of George Ridley, of Stanley. His life was quiet and unobtrusive, but its influence was far-reaching in its usefulness and beneficence. His character was gentle and benign, free from all asperity, but strong in the pursuit of the duties he laid upon himself; withal it was full of kindly humour and the charity that thinketh no evil. Over thirty years I have known him, but never during all that time have I heard him utter an unkind or ungenerous word about anyone. But what is almost more remarkable is the fact that I never remember hearing anyone utter an unkind word about him. He was no invertebrate, with hazy ideas and a simmering complacency; on the contrary he had a keen sense of justice and a very definite idea of social duties, which he pursued with undeviating fidelity; but he always carried with him an indefinable charm of kindly tact that disarmed his keenest opponents and left no rancour. We are told on high authority to beware when all men speak well of us, but a nature like George Ridley's is surely an exception to that rule. It was always a pleasure to meet him and a privilege to call him friend. One never met him without feeling the stimulus of his generous nature. Such men count for much in our commonwealth. Their influence is incalculable. Wordsworth speaks of those little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness, and of love, that form the best part of a good man's life. Many in our district to-day recall the kindly acts of our dead friend, while over and above them all shines out his rare and unfailing modesty."

VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB

The second field meeting of this club was held at Warkworth. During the walk from the station to the village many botanical and entomological specimens were noted. On reaching Warkworth the party was met by the vicar, who kindly showed them over the church, which has many historic associations and architectural features, which were dealt with very minutely in a paper by Mr. J. W. Fawcett. On leaving the church, and after the party had been refreshed with a cup of tea, the Castle was visited, where another paper by Mr. Fawcett, which recounted the history of the place, was read, and which enabled the party the better to appreciate the advantage of the visit. In ascending the various spiral stairs charming views of the surrounding district were obtained from the landings. On leaving the Castle, a walk of about a mile by the side of the river Coquet through almost matchless scenery, brought the party to a point opposite the Hermitage, where a boat was in waiting, and they were rowed over to inspect what it is said was once the secluded abode of Bertram, Lord of Bothal, who was the unfortunate cause of the death of the lady he loved and his own brother. Another paper on the Hermitage by Mr. Fawcett was read. The afternoon was now far spent, and a walk to the seaside with the object of enabling Mr. Ord to illustrate a paper he had prepared on "Seaweeds," by real specimens, had to be abandoned. A position was taken up near the castle, and in view of the sea, and Mr. Ord read his paper, which he illustrated by means of some fine coloured drawings. The opening of the paper dealt briefly with seaweeds in general, but for the main purpose the species "Pelvetia Canaliculata" was selected and its structure and means of reproduction were fully explained. Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs Ord and Fawcett, and the return journey was begun. Not a moment had been wasted during the afternoon, and it was generally agreed that the meeting was amongst the most successful the club had ever held.

Stanhope

Mr. J. Wears, chairman of the Stanhope Urban Council, took his seat on the Bench for the first time on Friday at Stanhope Petty Sessions.

AXWELL PARK COLLIERY.—The officials connected with this colliery held their annual excursion on Friday and Saturday. Oban, Glasgow, Edinburgh, and other places of interest were visited. The company journeyed to Roslyn Castle which they were kindly permitted to inspect. The visit was highly interesting, and most instructive from a historical point of view. Beautiful weather prevailed and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday, June 20th.—Before Mr. H. Kerrich-Walker and Mr. Hy. Armstrong.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—Robt. Watson, 2/6 and costs; John Tax, 7/6 and costs; Samuel Oakes, 5/- and costs; Wm. Oakes, 2/6 and costs; Walker Peart, 5/- and costs; Wm. Dobson, 5/- and costs; Wm. Lowdon, 5/- and costs; Henry Wass 2/6 and costs; Wm. Morpeth, two cases, fined 5/- and costs in each case, Cuthbert Miller, 5/- and costs; Robt. Fenwick, 2/6 and costs; Johnson Oliver, 2/6 and costs; Andrew Coulthard, 2/6 and costs; Elizabeth Marsden, 5/- and costs; Edward Wells, 2/6 and costs; Thos. Mulvey, 2/6 and costs; Geo. Walker, 5/- and costs; Chas. Daley, 5/- and costs; Robt. Lewcock, 5/- and costs; Thos. Nolan, 2/6 and costs; John. Timney, 2/6 and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Joseph Burnett, of Birtley, summoned David Campbell for having done wilful damage to a fence at Birtley, on June 6th.—P.C. Martin said he saw the defendant do damage to a fence and field, the property of Mr. Burnett.—Mr. Burnett said the fence was damaged to the extent of one penny. He suffered a great deal from trespass.—Defendant was fined 1/-, 1d damage, and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

James Spinks, gamekeeper, of Lamesley, summoned Richard and James Taskey, of Lamesley, for having committed game trespass at Lamesley, on May 30th.—The prosecutor stated that he saw the defendants starting a hare in a field, and when spoken to they gave him a lot of abuse. Defendants also climbed on the fence, and threw stones at the game.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed on each defendant.

PITCH AND TOSS.

P.C. Meehan, of Chester-le-Street, summoned Robt. Potts, Robt. Wood, John Boiston, Matthew McQuire, and John Cawthorne for having played at pitch and toss at Peggie's Bank, Chester-le-Street, on June 10th.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 1/6 and costs.

DAMAGING AN IRON BUILDING.

Hy. Walton, of Birtley, summoned Jas. Rutherford, Geo. Bell, and Wm. Barton, boys, of Birtley, for having done wilful damage to a corrugated iron building at Birtley, the property of the Birtley Parish Council, on June 3rd.— Defendants admitted the charge, and were ordered to pay the damage, 6d each, and the costs.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

Fred Stephenson, Matt. Stephenson, Wm. Wilson, and Hy. Simpson were charged by P.C. Parkinson, of Chester-le-Street, for having played at "banker" in Chester-le-Street on June 10th.—Defendants were fined 1/6 and costs.

Wm. Warburton, Alex. Hall, Thos. Mowbray, Robt. Simpson, and Arthur Robinson were also summoned by P.C. Parkinson for having committed a similar offence at Chester-le-Street, on June 10th.—P.C. Parkinson said he saw the whole of the defendants handling the cards.—Defendants were each fined 1/6 and costs.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

P.C. Jackaman summoned Mark Summers for having been drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street on June 8th.—Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 2/6 and costs.

P.C. Lumley charged Thos. McBride, of Birtley, with having committed a similar offence at Chester-le-Street, on June 2nd.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed.

Patrick Hagan, of Birtley, was summoned by P.C. Lumley for being drunk and disorderly at Birtley, on June 10th.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

Geo. Birkett was summoned by Sergt. Grey, of Birtley, for being drunk and disorderly at Birtley on June 8th.—Defendant was represented by his wife, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

A LIVELY TIME AT URPETH.

Wm. and Samuel Oakes were charged with having done wilful damage to a certain lamp window, etc., at Urpeth, belonging to John Bradford, a miner, of Old Row, Urpeth, on June 6th. Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, appeared for complainant and Mr. H. E. Ferens, of Durham, defended. Catherine Bradford also charged Emma Bates with having assaulted her on June 6th, at the same time and place. Charlotte Oakes summoned Catherine Bradford and Mary Jane Gofton for a similar offence. The whole of the cases were taken together.

Mr. Harle said complainant was in his own house when Wm. Oakes walked in, made some abusive expressions, and asked complainant if he was as good a man as he was the night before to go out and fight him. Mrs. Bradford pushed defendant to the door, when Samuel came up with his coat and shirt off and wanted to fight Bradford, who, on declining, the defendants smashed the panes of glass, one of the stones breaking a lamp to pieces. Still being unable to get Bradford out one of the defendants got into the pose-tub, while the other rolled it about the door until they split it.

John Bradford corroborated Mr. Harle's opening statements, and said he was off work at present through ill-health. The defendant Wm. Oakes threw a stone through the window, which broke three panes of glass, the lamp, and a chair. The amount of damage done was 18/6.

In answer to Mr. Ferens complainant said he was not at Oakes' house on the previous night. He did not see his wife throw a shovel at Mrs. Oakes. It was not true that a rolling-pin was thrown through the window which broke the lamp. There was not a word of truth in that statement. He never saw Mrs. Gofton assault Mrs. Oakes.

Catherine Bradford, wife of complainant, said she pushed defendant Wm. Oakes out of the house. She corroborated her husband's statement respecting the damage and assault. Defendant's sister struck her on the leg with a stone. She never had a pole in her hand. On examining her pose-tub the next morning she found it broken. She had given defendants no provocation for their conduct.

In answer to Mr. Ferens, witness said it was not true that her husband wanted to fight Oakes on the previous night. She never struck Mrs. Oakes over the face or on the wrist. She did not see Richard Coates and Thos. Flowers that night.

Mary Jane Gofton, daughter, corroborated, and said it was untrue that the rolling-pin broke the lamp.

Mr Ferens, for his clients, pleaded not guilty to the damage. The only damage admitted was that Samuel Oakes broke one of the panes with his fist when he saw his mother being cowardly assaulted, and had suffered for it in having had it severely cut. The damages done to Mrs. Oakes were serious. In one of the wounds Dr. Miller had had to put three stitches. When Mrs. Oakes went out Mrs. Bradford threw a pail at her, which cut her on the cheek and wrist.

Emma Bates, daughter of Mrs. Oakes, said she saw Mrs. Gofton throw a dust-pan at her mother, and Mrs. Bradford a pail. Her husband dressed her mother's wounds.

Fred Oakes, son of Mrs. Oakes, Richard Coates, and Thos. Flowers corroborated; and Dr. Miller, of Pelton, said he found Mrs. Oakes suffering from two wounds, one on the wrist and the other on the right cheek. He had to put three stitches in the former wound.

The Chairman said there was no doubt that the disturbance had been caused by the defendants Wm. and Sam. Oakes being drunk, and they would fine them 2/6, 5/- each damage, and costs, and would dismiss both the assault cases.

VACCINATION CASES.

Mr. John McKay, vaccination officer for the Harraton district, applied for an order to be made on John Ritchie, Henry Carr, Geo. Stewart, and Francis Allison to have their unvaccinated children vaccinated within 14 days.—The order was made.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Wm. Smith, of Lamesley, was charged by Sergt. Grey, of Birtley, with allowing his horse to stray on the highway on June 2nd.—The officer said he saw the defendant's horse straying on the highway. He had had a number of complaints about stray horses; they got into the farmers' fields.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

P.C. Coulson, of Birtley, summoned Geo. Dawson for having committed a breach of the Highway Act in allowing his horses to stray on the highway at Birtley on June 12th.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

ADJOURNED.

Jas. Robson pleaded not guilty to a charge of furious driving near Lamesley, on June 8th.—As the officer was away from home the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

John McIver, putter, of Ouston, was summoned by Mr. Wm. Hedley, manager of the Ouston Colliery, for having cruelly treated a pony in Ouston Pit on May 20th, by striking it with a sleeper.—Defendant said he only struck it once because it refused to work.—The Chairman said the Bench were determined to put down that sort of thing, and fined defendant 10/- and costs, adding that if he appeared there again on a similar charge he would be more severely dealt with.

BURNHOPE.

MINE FATALITY.—On Thursday evening an inquest was held by Mr. Deputy-Coroner Shepherd, at the Workmen's Institute, Burnhope, relative to the death of Oswald Charlton (15), a pony driver at Burnhope Colliery. It appeared that the lad had started work at six o'clock on Monday morning in the Busty Seam. He was driving his first set of tubs, when a tub left the metals and knocked out some timber. The result was that a large stone fell upon the lad as he was getting out of an empty tub, death being instantaneous. A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.

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CRICKET

LEADGATE v. MALTON.

At Leadgate. Scores:—

Leadgate.

E. Shipley b Crowther	4
Jones b Crowther	2
T. Parker b Crowther	1
J. Billing run out	3
W. Atkin b Crowther	3
J. Liddle b Crowther	0
J. Graham b Smaith	2
R. Hall b Smaith	1
T. Laidler c Smaith b Crowther	1
R. Aynsley not out	9
G. W. Shipley b Smaith	2
Extras	6
Total	34

Malton.

J. Wilson b Shipley	10
W. Crowther b Hall	5
J. Smaith c Graham b Hall	6
J. Crowther b Hall	6
G. Forster c Atkin b Hall	0
S. Thompson not out	5
F. Jackson to bat	
G. Temple to bat	
H. Makepeace to bat	
G. Milburn to bat	
T. Bage to bat	
Extras	9
Total	41

MEDOMSLEY v. CROOK.

At Medomsley, when the following will represent the home team:—M. Hedley, T. Walton, R. Charlton, R. Campbell, R. Cant, T. D. Dales, W. Cant, J. R. Lowes, A. T. Whiteley, R. J. Robinson, and M. T. Milburn.

Wickets pitched at 2.15.

MEDOMSLEY II. v. LANGLEY PARK I.

In this match at Langley Park Medomsley will be chosen from the following:—M. Walton, S. Wheatley, J. Hetherington, W. T. Hunter, W. G. Thompson, T. Parker, W. Lovat, Jos. Walton, J. Wood, W. Wood, Jos. Marks, E. Wilson, and W. Wheatley.

Brake leaves Medomsley at 12.30.

CRICKET NOTES.

LANGLEY PARK AT SOUTHILL.

Langley Park were the visitors to Mr. C. F. Forster's ground on Saturday, and it must be said that they made an exceedingly good show. Southill are invariably a warm lot to tackle, and it is not many teams that can boast of taking down their number. The Durham Cup-holders did not succeed in doing this, but they gave the home men a downright good game. The visitors batted first, and against some good bowling they ran up the capital total of 143, which was a most meritorious performance. L. Rutter carried off the chief honours with a well-played 52. The "tail" wagged very strongly, Eccleston hitting up 25, Ardley 17, A. Rutter 12, and J. Rutter 11. The old Medomsley player, Milburn Hunter, had 13 to his credit. From this it will be seen that the scoring was pretty evenly divided, and, as a matter of fact, only one man on the side failed to score. As usual A. H. J. Cochrane was to the front in the bowling department, capturing six wickets, five of which were clean bowled. The old Oxonian appears to be about the best all-round man that Southill possess.

The home team did not make a very gay start in response to the excellent total hit up by the Langley Parkites. J. Lowes and Ardley bowled finely, and they were backed up by some splendid fielding. After three wickets had fallen cheaply, A. H. J. Cochrane came to the rescue, and it was almost entirely owing to his efforts that Southill were enabled to leave off with the best of a drawn game. The old Oxford captain was in fine form, and he treated the attack with little courtesy. Of the aggregate of 134 for five wickets he knocked up 69, and was still not out when the match and stumps were drawn. He received the best assistance from Latimer (16), Woods (15), McNaughton (14), and Captain McKenzie who carried out his bat for 16. The visitors created a good impression at Southill, and it was generally admitted that they had acquitted themselves most creditably.

AN EASY WIN FOR WHICKHAM.

Burnopfield have been displaying such capital form this season that their severe defeat at Whickham on Saturday came rather as a surprise. True the home men are a dangerous lot on their own midden, but still they never expected to achieve such a hollow victory. Beautiful weather favoured the fixture, and there was a large attendance to witness the game. Burnopfield first appeared on the defensive, but they found the bowling of J. Mowbray, G. Cheesman, and W. Cook not at all to their liking. Not a single member of the team attained double figures, McIntosh coming nearest with eight, whilst Bell had a run less, and A Wood carried out his bat for half-a-dozen. H. C. Wood showed wonderful patience being in over an hour for five runs. That fine bat, Southern, had only five to his credit ere a ball from Cook shattered his timber. The full total was only 42, and this was a disappointing exhibition, as Burnopfield are undoubtedly capable of better things than this.

In accordance with general anticipations, the Whickham men hit off the runs without much difficulty. The feature of the innings was the display of W. Thynn, who exceeded the visitors' aggregate himself ere succumbing to a catch by Wilkinson. He put together 59 in commendable style, and was warmly received on retiring. W. Thynn's brother, "R" of that ilk, compiled a couple of dozen, and T. B. Mowbray claimed exactly the same number. G. Cheesman was not out at the finish with 10 standing to his name, the full total of the Whickhamites amounting to 134—a most creditable performance. Burnopfield tried several bowlers, but Wilkinson came out best with five wickets as his share, whilst Bell claimed three victims, but they were rather expensive. The visitors did well to only give away three extras in such a large score.

SWALWELL SUCCESSFUL.

The Swalwell men entertained the Whitley Bay team, and gained a very easy win. The visitors proved totally unable to cope with the deliveries of Ryding and Bruce, who were in great form, and sent back the Whitleyites almost as fast as they could come in. It was a procession pure and simple, all being over for the paltry score of 19. Tatham was head scorer with half-a-dozen. Ryding followed up his fine bowling by getting into double figures, and this distinction was also achieved by Joe Robson, the old Leadgate footballer, who had the misfortune to be run out after making 10. Joe seems to be doing good service for Swalwell, and is a capital all-round athlete. Another local man, Jack Curry, formerly of Dipton, displayed creditable form for eight. I am very pleased to see that my old friends are distinguishing themselves. Adamson took out his bat for 11, and the full total reached 58, so that the home men were left very comfortable winners. Swalwell seem to have got hold of some useful recruits this season, and I shall confidently look forward to seeing them achieve still further victories.

A BOWLER'S WICKET.

The bowlers enjoyed themselves greatly at Dilston on Saturday, in the match between the home club and Rowland's Gill. The pitch was a tricky one, and during the day 20 wickets fell for only 47 runs, or an average of less than two and-a-half runs per wicket, which is remarkably low scoring. Dilston opened the run-getting, but their efforts in this direction were not attended with much success. Curley shaped fairly well for seven, but the remainder could make nothing of the bowling of J. Sewell and Hetherington, who bowled in their very best fashion. When the last man was dismissed the total was only 19. Sewell and Hetherington equally divided the wickets. Like the home team, Rowland's Gill found scoring anything but an easy matter. The first three men failed to register a run between them, and eight wickets were actually down for 14 runs. At this point Dilston seemed to have a chance, but the last few men on the Gill side played up pluckily, and ultimately the visitors won by nine runs.

Shotley Bridge Cricket Club have started a Wednesday team, and would like to arrange fixtures.—A. J. Small, hon. sec., Shotley Bridge.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT C.C. SPORTS

On Saturday afternoon the amateur athletic sports promoted by the Consett and District Cricket Club will be held on the cricket field, Blackfine. The events which have been arranged are of an attractive order, and should the weather be favourable it is hoped that there will be a large attendance, and that the treasurer may have a good account to give of the day's proceedings. A strong committee has been formed with Mr. T. C. Charlton as secretary, and the officials appointed are:—Starter, Mr. J. G. Wood; referee and timekeeper, Mr. W. Ramsay; and judges, Coun. Jos. Eltringham and Mr. W. E. Brown. The events comprise a 100 yards flat race, throwing the cricket ball, boy's race, quarter-mile flat high jump, half-mile race, bowling at the wicket, broad jump, tug-of-war, and a consolation. For these events some good entries have been received, and a handsome and costly set of prizes will be competed for. Selections of music will be played during the afternoon by the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Prize Band, under the leadership of Mr. M. Hobday, so that only fine weather is required to enable spectators to pass a most enjoyable afternoon.

STANLEY.

MASONS ON STRIKE.—The masons employed in the erection of the Stanley Roman Catholic Church are on strike, because the contractor, Mr. Wm. Johnson, has sent some polished pillars or large stones on to the job against their wishes.

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A HIGH HONOUR FOR A LOCAL MUSICIAN.

At the May Convocation held at Trinity University, Toronto, the degree of Doctor of Music was conferred upon Mr. Edward J. Sloane, Mus. Bac., Blackhill, and a member of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, this gentleman having recently passed the examination for the Mus. Doc. degree (London Centre.) Mr. Sloane's University exercise, entitled "De Missa in honorem Sancti Cuthberti," is a work containing, besides soprano solo with orchestra and other choral and instrumental movements, several five and eight-part choruses with canonic and fugal treatment, and with accompaniments scored for full orchestra throughout. The examiners were:—Dr. F. J. Karn (Mus. Bac., Cambridge University, Mus. Doc. Trin. Univ., Tor.), L. Mus., Trinity College, London; Mr. J. Humfrey Anger (Mus. Bac., New College, Oxford University), Fellow of the Royal College of Organists; and Dr. William Henry Longhurst (Mus. Doc., Trin. Univ., Tor., and Canterbury), Fellow of the Royal College of Organists Canterbury. Mr. Sloane was prepared for the Mus. Doc. examination by Dr. Charles Chambers (Mus. Doc., Cambridge University), Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, Hon. Local Examiner for the Royal College of Music, Newcastle-on-Tyne. It may be stated that Trinity University, which was founded by Royal Charter in 1852, is essentially, as it has always claimed to be, the University of the Church of England, and is endowed, officered, and governed by Churchmen.

SUDDEN DEATH AT TOW LAW

Quite a sensation was caused in Tow Law on Sunday night at the sudden and distressing intelligence of the death of Mrs. Smith, wife of Mr. J. Smith, of the Dans Castle Inn, Tow Law. The deceased was standing at the door of the house about 6.30 o'clock on Sunday night, and before seven o'clock she was dead. Death was attributed to a heart seizure. Mrs. Smith, who was 34 years of age, was well known in the town, being the daughter of the late Mr. Robert Rogerson, formerly of Tow Law.—Mr. Deputy-Coroner Badcock held an inquiry at the Cattle Mart Hotel on Tuesday morning touching the death of Mrs. Smith.—The first witness called was John Craig Smith, who said the deceased was his wife. On Sunday night he was in the bar. He heard a sound of someone falling, and went upstairs, but the girl told him that it was in the parlour, where he found his wife lying behind the table. The deceased died almost immediately. His wife had been ill more or less for some time. The doctor was sent for at once.—The Coroner: Was she of temperate habits?—Witness: I am sorry to say she was not, sir, but she had no drink of any description that day. Witness further added that his wife had had a fall about a fortnight previous.—Dr. William Tiplady said he was called to the deceased about seven o'clock on Sunday night. He found Mrs. Smith dead, and life appeared to have been extinct some two or three minutes in all probability. He had attended her 18 months ago for an affection of the heart, and he saw her twice in September, 1899. Death was due to natural causes.—The Coroner said the reason the inquest was held was to clear up certain reports that were current in the town.—A verdict of death from "natural causes" was returned.—The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, there being a large attendance of relatives and a very fair attendance of townspeople.

DEATH OF MRS. J. L. BRODIE.

OF BLACKHILL.

The innumerable friends of Mr. John Liddle Brodie, of 15, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, will deeply sympathise with him in the death of his wife, at the early age of 38 years, which occurred on Monday last. Mrs. Brodie had been in ailing health for upwards of two years, the primary cause being the constant and motherly fidelity with which she nursed her two infant children during their fatal illness, the strain proving too much for what had hitherto been a fairly strong constitution. At that time Mr. and Mrs. Brodie resided at St. Aidan's Street but they subsequently removed to St. Cuthbert's Terrace. For a while she stayed at the Jesmond residence of her father, Mr. William Handysides, fruiterer and florist, Newcastle, but subsequently it was deemed desirable to try a period in the South of England. In November last she was removed to Bournemouth and when the warm weather set in her medical attendant at that place thought it would be beneficial if she returned to the North. She returned on the 24th of May but gradually becoming worse she passed away on Monday last. Following in the footsteps of her respected father she was an active worker in the Primitive Methodist cause, and an energetic Sabbath School teacher when the Rev. A. T. Guttery ministered in Nelson Street, Newcastle. In becoming a member of the well-known Brodie family she was entering another circle of enthusiastic Primitive Methodists and as her kindly and gentle manners and her quiet but earnest zeal had endeared her to friends of old, so she became loved and esteemed by those who had known her by her work alone, but were now to become personally acquainted with her. Her death causes a great void, and is naturally an untold grief to her husband and daughter (seven years of age,) who survive her, her father, and her relatives generally. The interment takes place this (Thursday) afternoon at Benfieldside Cemetery, the Rev. J. Taylor officiating. A service will be held in the Primitive Methodist Church, Park Road, at 3.45.

BENFIELDSIDE TOWNSHIP PRETORIA CELEBRATIONS.

In reporting the demonstration in connection with the above last week we omitted to mention, as fully as we might have done, the bonfire and its builders. It is very seldom that we have had the pleasure of seeing such a bonfire, for it answered right royally as soon as the torch was applied, the flames shot up and did not slack until the finish. The framework held together until the very last, and, unlike many that we have seen, it fell, not to one side or the other, but into one central mass. The builders had indeed done their work well, and amongst these we are pleased to note truly practical men. The chiefs were Coun. J. Eltringham, and Messrs H. Douse, W. Strachan, J. Westgarth, J. Wedgewood, and J. Sheffield, who were ably assisted by Messrs J. Sayers, J. A. Jack, Geo. Young, Geo. Wilkinson, W. Sommerville, G. Lubbock, and Dr. Burke. Many loads of timber, barrels of tar, and parafin oil were used, and to cart the materials to the ground Messrs Jos. Eltringham, T. Hogg, A. Moralee, Wm. Walker, G. J. Christopher, J. S. Murray, W. Strachan, and J. Westgarth lent willing assistance in the way of carts, waggons, horses, etc. The platform for the concert was kindly lent by the North-Eastern Breweries' representative, Mr. J. G. Murray, while Mr. T. Hall, Benfieldside, supplied the platform for the firework display. Special mention should be made of the way in which Coun. Jos. Eltringham engineered and protected the bonfire, and a specially busy time he had.

In reply to the resolutions proposed at the gathering in the Recreation Ground, Blackhill, the following communications have been received. In answer to the resolution to Her Majesty:—

Buckingham Palace, 14 June, 1900.

The Private Secretary is commanded to express the thanks of the Queen for the kind message of congratulation which you have forwarded to Her Majesty.

Mr. Heymer. A. Bigge.

In answer to the message to Lord Salisbury:—

Mr. Heymer, Benfieldside, Durham.

I am desired by Lord Salisbury to express his thanks for your telegram of congratulation on the capture of Pretoria.

Private Secretary.

Shocking Bicycle Fatality at Rowland's Gill.

On Saturday afternoon an alarming bicycle accident occurred at Rowland's Gill, and was unfortunately attended with fatal results. About three p.m., a labourer named Henry Edward Houlgrave, hailing from Lintz Ford, was cycling between the Halfway House, Rowland's Gill, and the cross road, and whilst attempting to pass a butcher's cart and three cyclists from Consett, he collided with a young lady named Miss Ethel Whittaker, who was also cycling. Houlgrave was thrown from his machine with considerable force, and rendered unconscious, while Miss Whittaker was also injured upon the face and forehead. Drs. Fothergill and Marshall subsequently attended the injured man, but despite their best attention he expired about four p.m. on the following day—Sunday. Miss Whittaker had to be taken home by train. Houlgrave was 27 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children.—An inquest was held at the Towneley Arms Inn, Rowland's Gill, on Monday evening, by Deputy-Coroner A. T. Shepherd, when evidence was tendered similar to the above statements.—A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.

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BOARD SCHOOL.—An account of the income and expenditure of the Tanfield Board School for the year ending April 30th, 1900, has just been issued, and is as follows:—Annual grant from Board of Education, inclusive of deductions for contributions under the Superannuation Act, 1898, £60 13s; fee grant, £36 15s; rates, £94 1s 6d; repayment of account, 12s 7d. The expenditure in salaries to principal teachers is £90 0s 5d; to all other teachers, £66 14s 4d; books and stationery, £3 4s 6d; apparatus and furniture, 10s 8d; fuel, lighting, and cleaning, £30 9s 11d; repairs to buildings, £1 1s; rates, taxes, and insurance, £5 13s 11d; books for prizes, £2 13s 4d; making a total income and expenditure of £201 2s 1d.

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WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the anniversary services in connection with the above school were conducted by Mr. T. Williamson. At each service the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, etc., and sang special music. There were good companies present, and the collections were in aid of the school funds.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births

GARDINER.—At Ravensworth Arms, Lamesley, on 19th June, 1900, the wife of H. N. Gardner, M.B., C.M., Burnhope, of a daughter.

HEDLEY.—At Belle Vue, Medomsley, 18th inst., the wife of Geo. W. Hedley, of a son.

Marriages.

GARSON—SWAINSTON.—At. St. Peter's, Sacriston, on 18th inst., by Rev. G. Bartley, M.A., John Hill Ross Garson, M.B., (Edin.), D.P.H. (Camb.), to Annie, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Swainston and Mrs. Swainston, Sacriston.

LOWDON—WARD.—at Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Church, on June 20th, by the Rev. J. Bishop, Percy Ridley, second son of Matthew Lowdon, Consett, to Dorothy Ann (Dorrie), only daughter of Annie and the late John Ward, of Blackhall Mill.

MAUGHAN—MADDISON.—June 14th, at St. Mary-the-Less Church, Durham, by the Rev. J. A. Collingwood Maughan, M.A., Vicar of Prudhoe (the father of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. W. Maddison, M.A., Rector of Gosforth (the uncle of the bride), Cyril Collingwood Maughan, B.A., of Bristol, Solicitor, to Elsie, eldest daughter of J. Maddison, of Durham, Solicitor.

WILLIS—GOODENOUGH.—At Witton Gilbert Parish Church, on the 13th inst., by the Rector, the Rev. A. Watts, assisted by the Rev. Philip Rudd, of Bothal, Henry Slessor, son, second son of W. Willis, Whickham, to Clara Jeffs, youngest daughter of W. Goodenough, Durham.

Deaths.

BLACKBURN.—Broomhill, on the 13th inst., aged 51 years, Thomas, husband of Jane Ann Blackburn (formerly of Sacriston).

BATTENSBY.—Burnhope Colliery, 18th inst., aged 39 years, Frances, wife of Ralph Battensby, and daughter of Mary and the late William Lawson, Black Horse Inn, Tr-Em-All, near Lanchester.

BRODIE.—At 15, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Blackhill, on the 18th inst., Elizabeth Anne Brodie, beloved wife of John Liddle Brodie, the eldest daughter of Mr. W. Handysides, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Interment at Blackhill Cemetery on Thursday, 21st inst., at 4 o'clock; cortege to leave residence at 3.30. Service in Primitive Methodist Church, Park Road, Blackhill, at 3.45 p.m. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

GARDNER.—High Row, Marley Hill, 16th inst., aged 24 years, Luke, the eldest son of Luke and Mary Gardner.

HALL.—Blackhill, 12, Dale Street, June 12th, aged 55 years, Jane, wife of Hugh Hall.

HETHERINGTON.—Blackhill, 7, Ledger Terrace, on the 18th inst., aged 60 years, William, husband of Eleanor Hetherington.

MIDDLETON.—Chester-le-Street, 40, Trent Street, 19th inst., James Middleton.

MARSHALL.—Blaydon, 12th inst., Emma Jane, youngest daughter of the late John Marshall, grocer.

MORDUE.—At Mickley Square, on the 18th June, aged 7½ years, Mary Jane, daughter of George and Dorothy Mordue.

MASON.—At the residence of her son-in-law, William Twentyman, 15, Low Westwood, on the 13th inst., Margaret, daughter of the late John McColvin, of Winlaton, aged 91 years.

NICHOLSON.—Annfield Plain, at 32, Annfield Place, on the 15th inst., aged 74 years, Hannah, relict of the late George Nicholson.

NESBIT.—Usworth Station Houses, 15th inst., in her 25th year, Ann Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Nesbit, and eldest daughter of Charles and Mary Daws.

RIDLEY.—West Stanley, Stanley House, on the 17th inst., aged 59, George Ridley.

ROBSON.—Nettlesworth, West House, Edmondsley, 12th inst., aged 80 years, Joseph Robson.

RAMSAY.—Consett, 21, Edith Street, 18th June, aged 44 years, Henrietta, beloved wife of Isaac Ramsay.

SIMPSON.—Sunniside, 17th inst., suddenly, aged 48, Thomas, husband of Elizabeth Simpson, market gardener.

SCOTT.—Mickley Square, on the 17th inst., aged 42, Susannah, wife of George Scott.

SMITH.—Tow Law Dan's Castle Inn, on the 17th inst., suddenly, Jennie, wife of J. C. Smith.

WILKINSON.—Grange Villa, 19th inst., aged 32, Elizabeth Wilkinson.

YOUNG.—Ryton-on-Tyne, 13th inst., aged 33 years, Joseph Tempertey, husband of Elizabeth Young, and third son of Richard and Isabella Young.

In Loving Memory of our dear father and mother, Edward Rumney, late of North Walbottle, who died at 22, Derwent Cottages, on June 20th, 1898, aged 71 years, and Margaret Rumney, who died at Fast Pontop, on February 2nd, 1890, aged 68 years. Ever remembered by their sons and daughters.

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