ANFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "ANFIELDITE."]

I see that there has been some correspondence in your columns on the subject of music. I am glad to hear that Annfield Plain is so well up in this subject, and I think deservedly so too. There seems to be a strong desire for musical talent, for music, for all around the place, go to what part of it you may, you will hear music in some form, either vocal or instrumental. The young men in connection with the Orchestral Band have done well considering the little time they have for training, and the kind of material they were to begin with, knowing little of any instrument. But they pushed on steadily, and have now a good band, quite able to do good service any way, even at Dipton, the place I see and hear so much about on the matter at present.

But I hear as I go about the place another band. In passing down Tantoby Row almost any night, you can hear music of the richest kind, and there seems to be a good force of them too. But I find that Mr H. Walker is the life and soul of these young folks—boys and girls too—and I am sure great praise is due to him for the interest he is so willingly taking in the young people, for it will certainly enrich their lives, by keeping their young minds so engaged. I wish more of such men were to be found as interest themselves so much in the education of this taste. You would be well repaid to take a walk that way some night and just listen to the fine strains of music sent forth by this youthful band. I do hope Mr Walker will be able to spare a little time in the future as he has evidently done in the past to look after the youths in the district, for I believe he is very anxious to help them all he can, as indeed he is every good movement in the district.

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Consett—John Street, 22nd inst, the wife of John Campbell, a son.

Blackeyre—Murray Street, 28th inst, the wife of John Robson, of a son.

Dipton—Woodhouse, 25th inst, the wife of Robert Beckham, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Leadgate—St. Ives Church, 25th inst, by Rev J. W. Mitchell (vicar), Thomas Stewart, Consett, to Elizabeth McIvor, Gosforth.

Langdonfield—Register Office, 20th inst, Joseph Rogers to Annie Little, both of Rochester. 25th inst, Wm. Wear to Sarah Walker, both of Kyo.

Shotley—St. John's, 18th inst, by license, George youngest son of the late George Atkinson, to Barbara Thompson, youngest daughter of James Anderson, Black Heddley-cott. [sic] 27th inst.

Wolsingham—Register Office, 20th inst, George Appy, Wolsingham, to Margaret Elizabeth Stanhope.

Consett Street—Register Office, Thomas Lawson to Hannah Soulsby, of West Pelton.

Newcastle—Brunswick Place Methodist Chapel, 25th inst, by Rev G. Taulon Newton, John Swan Tindle, to Margaret Lonsdale (Maggie), youngest daughter of Mr John Wheatley, Pelton Fell.

DEATHS.

Blackett—No. 6, Elvingham Street, aged 1 year and 7 months, Thomasina, the beloved daughter of Andrew George and Sarah E. Blackett. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday first, at Three p.m. Friends please accept this as the only intimation.

Dillon—Ashfield, aged 60, Ann, widow of the late Michael Dillon.

Ivinton—25th inst, aged 4 years, Thomas William, son of William Ward.

Bumgopfish—Byer's Gate, 27th inst, aged 41, Hedley Bumgopfish.

Harperley, Lintz Green—aged 15th inst, in his 44th year, deeply lamented by the loss of Holy Mother Church), William, husband of Mary Ann Hope, and third son of Mr Thomas Hope, Hedgbeah, Lanchester.

Tow Law—Front Street, aged 43, James Wilkinson, butcher.

Lanchester—21st inst, aged 23, Matthew Coats, labourer.

Blaydon—25th inst, in his 72nd year, Thomas Hymers.

Park Head, 29th inst, aged 12 years and 8 months, Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Brown.

Sunderland—26th inst, aged 74, Ann, husband of Mr Thomas Lowe.

Old Cornsay—19th inst, aged 65, George idley, grocer.

21st inst, aged 81, William Robson.

Cornsay Colliery—18th inst, aged 34, Emily, wife of Robert Hall.

Ayton—19th inst, aged 46, Wm. Collinson.

Gilmg Mill—20th inst, aged 56, John Jopling, deputy overman.

Southwick—Fulton Fell—17th inst, aged 91, John Lavorick.

Annfield—No Place, 15th inst, aged 27, Mary, of Wm. Wilty.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1889

It is to be hoped that the Government will acquire a store of strength during the Whitsuntide Recess, for all its energy will be wanted to dispose of the work which is still on hand before August. The arrears are simply appalling. So far the Government has only succeeded in getting through one important piece of work. The Naval Defence is a measure which in principle should commend itself to all parties in the State. Despite all its failings we have felt ourselves able to support it from the first, and it was with a feeling of sincere satisfaction that we saw it read for the third time. But Mr. W. H. Smith can hardly believe that this one legislative effort represents in any way the amount of time which has passed since Parliament assembled in February. The truth is the present House of Commons is extremely slow and clumsy with its work. If its leader were a working man, and were paid by the piece, he would assuredly find it extremely difficult to gain an honest living. It is not easy to account for this dilatoriness. There has never been a more industrious Parliament than the present one. Yet though always busy, it never seems to do anything. Obstruction certainly cannot be pleaded as an excuse, for it is acknowledged even by the Tories that the facility afforded to their one important bill for passing through its different stages was all that could be expected. Weeks might have been consumed in debating various points in the Naval Defence Bill, but it was read for a third time within as short a space as any measure of the same rank that has been of late years brought before the House. However, notwithstanding the indulgence accorded to Mr. W. H. Smith, here we are at the beginning of June with next to nothing done, and an amount of necessary work to be got through that is calculated to alarm the most industrious statesman. The ponderous Scotch Local Government Bill is still in its early stage, and it seems likely from the discontented attitude of the Scotch members that it will meet with considerable opposition before it becomes law. The Judge-Advocate has only himself to thank for this; or rather, we should say, that spirit which is so strongly opposed to anybody looking after his own affairs has made itself apparent in the way in which this bill is being dealt with. It is perfectly obvious that the only people who are competent to turn the measure into a shape acceptable to the Scotch nation are the Scotch members; and these are the very men whom Mr. W. H. Smith and the Judge-Advocate refuse to allow a preponderating voice in settling the details of the bill. When we see such folly as this we cease to be surprised that the present Government cannot get on with its work.

In addition to the Scotch legislation, Mr. Balfour is making a gallant effort to settle the Irish difficulty by draining the Bann, the Barrow, the Shannon, and the Suck. We do not know whether we are more astonished at Mr. Balfour's want of imagination or amazed at his audacity. To attempt to satisfy the aspirations of Ireland by putting its drains in order is one of the most remarkable instances of human fatuity that history has chronicled. The point of immediate importance, however, is that these drainage bills—and there is also a Light Railway Bill, another great effort of statemanship on the part of Mr. Balfour—will consume a considerable portion of the time of the House after Whitsuntide. Doubtless Mr. W. H. Smith will lose no opportunity of applying the closure, though, after the snub which the Speaker recently administered to him, he will be more careful in the use of his legislative gag. Still, even Mr. Smith must see that if the Irish members wish to discuss Mr. Balfour's great proposals they cannot have their mouths shut altogether. Reviewing the situation, then, we find that so far only one important measure has been passed, that three bills are before Parliament which must be discussed at some length, and that Supply is greatly in arrears. This is not a brilliant prospect for those members who are already beginning to sigh for the moors and the salmon rivers. The leader of the House thought he was carrying out a stroke of genius when he proposed to take a part of Supply at the beginning of the session. What his position really amounts to is this—that he is now sandwiched in between Supply. He has been hindered by it at the start, and he will be hampered by it at the finish. The plight of the Government is really extremely awkward. What the *Times* says is perfectly true, that "They are bound not only by formal pledges, but by obvious considerations of self-interest, to fulfil their pledges of legislating for Scotland, and they are under an obligation almost as strong to give effect to that part of the Unionist policy which aims at the development of the material resources of Ireland. The policy of giving precedence to Supply, which was put forward prominently at the beginning of the session, has not produced, in spite of the changes in procedure sanctioned by the House, up to the present any very satisfactory results." Of course a remark of this kind in the columns of the *Times* can only be intended to lead up to one point. We are therefore not surprised when we find the Government advised not to hesitate to make "a resolute use of the powers entrusted to them by Parliament." In other words we are threatened with an epidemic of the closure. This will be accompanied or preceded probably by indignant protests against the Liberal party for wasting the time of Parliament. If a member ventures to suggest an amendment, or dares to hint that any of the votes on the Estimates are extravagant, he will be denounced as an "obstructionist." But the Government cannot hope that this policy will meet with approval in the country. We never hesitate to condemn anything like wanton obstruction, but in our opinion the wholesale destruction of all freedom of debate is even worse. Because the Government are slow, incapable, and dilatory over their work at the beginning of the session, that is no reason why they should try and scramble through it in such a manner that it cannot possibly be done properly when the summer draws near.

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FORMATION OF A LAWN TENNIS CLUB.—A lawn tennis club has been formed at West Stanley. A splendid court has been laid down on the ground in connection with the Shield Row Villa, kindly lent by Dr Benson. During the week practices have been going on, and this favoured game promises to have the patronage of the gentry of the village.

Cricket.

St Cuthbert's, 68; Victoria Garesfield, 53.
Hamsterls, 60; Langley Park, 29.
Tow Law Presbyterians, 82; East Hedleyhope, 26.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH v WHICKHAM.—Played at Newcastle, and resulted in a draw in favour of St Stephen's. Score:—St Stephen's, 50; Whickham, 24.

SACRISTON JUNIORS v WITTON GILBERT CHURCH CHOIR.—Played at Witton Gilbert, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by two runs. Score:—Sacriston, 41; Witton Gilbert, 39.

CLOSE HOUSE v BYWELL.—Played at Close House, and resulted in a victory for the home team. Score:—Close House, Bell (pro), 28, Yeats 36, McQuillen, 13—95. Bywell, A. Benson (sub), 22—51.

CORBRIDGE v PRUDHOE HALL.—Played at Corbridge, and resulted in a win for the team by 25 runs. Lownds took eight wickets for 12 runs, besides making top score for his side. Craig for Prudhoe played well, carrying out his bat for 18. Score:—Corbridge, 64; Prudhoe Hall, 39.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN.

Played at Consett, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

CONSETT.		NORTH-EASTERN.	
I Richards b Thompson	36	T Thompson c Wood	25
T Jameson b Thompson	9	F Bland lbw b Monaghan	2
A S Godfrey st Melvin	0	F Hutchinson c Wynne	30
J Siddell c Thompson b Oliver	34	G Bowles not out	0
W Turnbull lbw b Hutchinson	0	A Joy not out	0
Jas R Richards b Hutchinson	0	T Oliver, T Melvin, G Birkett, W Hayes, W Pearson, T Harland	To bat.
W A Leadbitter c Joy b Thompson	5		
A Wood c and b Thompson	6		
Dr Wynne c Hayes	3		
J Monaghan not out	26		
Matt Williamson b Oliver	4		
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	126	Total	61

NEWCASTLE NORTH-EASTERN 2ND v CONSETT & DISTRICT 2ND.

Played at Heaton on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 70 runs. Score:—

CONSETT.		NORTH-EASTERN.	
T T Gray b Anderson	4	Drummond c Gibson b Gray	7
J Maddison run out	33	Smith b Maddison	3
R Johnson b Drummond	0	T Gibson b Gray	0
T Turner b Stuart	25	Auckland b Gray	6
J Askew c and b Drummond	8	Stuart b Maddison	3
J Fiddes c Stuart b Drummond	10	Anderson b Gray	0
R Watson c Stuart b Drummond	0	J Gibson b Gray	0
T Gibson b Stuart	1	Temperley b Maddison	1
J Atkin c Gibson b Stuart	0	Atkinson b Maddison	0
G Williamson b Stuart	5	Moscrop b Maddison	3
Sub. not out	9	Blackburn not out	4
Extras	12	Extras	10
Total	117	Total	37

MEDOMSLEY v WHICKHAM.

Played at Whickham, and resulted in a draw in favour of the visitors, Whickham, with two wickets to fall, requiring 57 runs to win. W. Cant took five wickets for 14 runs. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		WHICKHAM.	
A Little b Lawson	2	H Hawks b Little	0
G Walton b Highton	12	R Atkinson c Walton	9
T D Dales b Mordue	26	W Thynn b W Cant	1
M T Milburn run out	16	J Mowbray not out	13
W E Charlton b Hawks	0	G Highton b W Cant	0
R Cant b Hawks	0	R Mordue b W Cant	1
G E Milburn b Hawks	13	J Spoor b W Cant	0
M Charlton c Hawks b Lawson	0	J Spencer b R Cant	2
W Cant b Hawks	7	G Mason c W Cant	2
J Ross c Mordue b Lawson	4	Lawson to bat	
W G Thompson not out	0	Mowbray "	
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	87	Total	31

BURNHOPE v LEADGATE.

Played at Burnhope on Saturday, and ended in a victory for the home team. James Hunter played in grand style for his 40, and Mason well for his nine not out. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		LEADGATE.	
A Heckles c Power b Jackson	3	J Wilson b Gair	0
J Robinson b Murphy	11	J Walton b Dyson	10
J Hedworth b Jackson	1	J Snaith b Dyson	5
W Dyson b Murphy	2	J Murphy c Gair	1
J Hunter b Snowdon	40	J Burnip c Heslop	2
C Cummings c Murphy	0	S Nattrass c Dyson	0
H Burnett b Murphy	3	J Power b Dyson	0
J Lawson b Wilson	12	J Snowdon b Robins'n	2
G Turton b Wilson	5	T Hewitt run out	2
J Mason not out	9	R Westhorpe b Robinson	5
G Heslop c Walton	1	F Jackson not out	3
Extras	7	Extras	9
Total	94	Total	39

LEADGATE ST IVES v IVESTON.

Played at Leadgate, and resulted in a victory for St Ives by three runs in each innings. Score:—

ST IVES.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
W. G. Robson c Shearer b Norman	2	c Norman b Knox	4
H Murphy b Knox	8	b Knox	7
J T Willey b Norman	0	c T Hudson b Norman	27
J J Lock b Knox	3	b Knox	3
W Turnbull c Clark b Norman	0	c Knox b Norman	1
T Lee b Norman	1	b Norman	0
W Robson c T Hudson b Knox	0	c S Hudson b Knox	3
S Lock run out	1	b Knox	0
G Willey b Knox	2	c S Hudson b Knox	0
T Walton not out	1	c S Hudson b Knox	1
W Bainbridge b Knox	0	not out	3
Extras	2	Extras	18
Total	20	Total	67

IVESTON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
T Hudson run out	2	b Robson	12
S Hudson c W Robson b Willey	2	not out	18
Parker b Willey	1	run out	2
Shearer run out	1	run out	1
Clarke b G Robson	0	b Robson	2
Harper run out	0	c Murphy b Willey	5
Cranston run out	0	b Willey	2
Knox run out	0	run out	0
Hornsby b J Willey	2	b Willey	3
Norman run out	1	c J Willey b Robson	0
Walton not out	0	b Willey	0
Extras	8	Extras	19
Total	17	Total	64

GREENSIDE v RYTON.

Played at Greenside, and resulted in a victory for Greenside by six runs. J. Fellis and R. Bolam bowled well for Greenside, and F. Iceton and W. Liddle bowled for Ryton. J. Fellis (15) batted well for the winners, as also did J. Snaith (11 not out) for the losers. Score:—

GREENSIDE.		RYTON.	
W Warren b Iceton	2	M Charlton b Fellis	2
J Pile c Charlton	0	T Dodds run out	1
J Fellis b Liddle	15	E Craizz b Bolam	0
J Hall b Iceton	2	J Snaith not out	11
R Bolam b Liddle	0	F Oliver b Fellis	0
T Armstrong run out	3	J Redhead b Bolam	2
W Rochester not out	3	W Liddle run out	2
G Forster b Liddle	1	J Charlton b Fellis	0
H Richardson b Iceton	0	F Iceton b Bolam	0
E Holmes b Liddle	1	J Newton c Richardson	7
M Pile b Liddle	1	J Pearson b Bolam	0
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	35	Total	29

WEST STANLEY v USHAW MOOR.

Played at West Stanley on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

STANLEY.		USHAW MOOR.	
W Dodds b Lowes	0	J Lowes b Benfold	4
J Benfold b Fenwick	4	W Fenwick run out	6
R Gibson b Lowes	0	G Heckels b Harkness	2
R Hope b Lowes	0	J Russell c Sanderson b Benfold	1
R Knox c Hudson b Fenwick	26	A Hudson b Harkness	3
J Curry, jun, b Lynn	1	J Hudson c Curry, sen, b Benfold	16
R Sanderson b Lowes	3	W Lynn b Benfold	1
J Wetherall not out	0	J Plant c Gibson, b Benfold	4
I Harkness run out	0	G Lowery c Harkness b Benfold	1
J Forster c Russell b Lynn	0	T Heckels b Harkness	0
J Curry, sen, b Lowes	1	J Hutchinson not out	4
Extras	24	Extras	5
Total	59	Total	47

ST STEPHEN'S 2ND v CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND.

Played on St. Stephen's ground, and resulted in an easy win for the home eleven by 42 runs. J. Meredith and R. Brown batted well for the Saints, making 20 and 14 respectively. Score:—

ST STEPHEN'S.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
Brown run out	14	Jobling b Craig	2
Carverhill c Jobling b Garbet	1	Murdock b Craig	0
Hood b Garbet	0	F Scott c Carverhill b Brown	13
Cornish b Garbet	2	Dickinson b Brown	3
J Meredith b Dickinson	20	Garbet run out	1
Thwaites c Bewicke b Davison	11	Bewicke lbw b Craig	1
T Meredith c Waggott b Dickinson	5	Davison b Craig	9
Nicholson lbw b Davison	2	Oliver not out	0
Craig not out	2	Waggott c Meredith b Craig	0
Moorhouse b Davison	0	Walker c Bruce b Brown	0
Bruce b Davison	0	J Scott b Brown	2
Extras	16	Extras	0
Total	73	Total	31

CORNSAY v HOWDON AND BEECHBURN.

Played at Beechburn on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the visitors, who put on a total of 77 runs against their opponents' 24. Great interest was shown in this game, as Beechburn was the only club that beat Cornsay last year, and both teams are this year entered for the Cup Competition. Harding was again in grand form with the ball, and took seven wickets for six runs. Score:—

CORNSAY.		BEECHBURN.	
J Mitchell c Balmer b Dowson	17	J Smith c Johnston b Harding	0
J Slater b Dixon	12	M Balmer b Harding	5
W Harding b Dixon	23	J Pallister b Harding	0
W Gray b Dowson	0	G Longstaff b Harding	6
R Hope c Pallister b Dixon	4	L Dowson c & b Slater	5
R Johnston c Dowson b Dixon	4	G E Dowson b Hard'ng	2
C Smith not out	7	J Stitt b Harding	1
A Dodds c Pallister b Dixon	3	E Taylor b Harding	0
J Hodgson c Pallister b Dowson	5	G Dixon b Slater	0
J Anderson b Dowson	1	G Heslop not out	4
J Milburn b Dowson	0	C Braddick b Slater	0
Extras	1	Extras	1
Total	77	Total	24

ST STEPHEN'S v CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and resulted in a win for the home team by 45 runs and two wickets to fall. Score:—

ST STEPHEN'S.		CHESTER-LE-STREET.	
W Ridley b Crichton	1	D Shepherd c and b Warren	5
C T W Trigg b Shepherd	1	D Crichton b Warren	0
Rev A Dawson b Crichton	4	T Middleton c Fender	0
E W Pyle b Crichton	0	J Bewicke c and b Robinson	12
N C Robinson c Crichton	5	G Kerrich-Walker c Trigg	36
J Hogg c Groves	8	W Middleton b Robinson	1
T Rayner b Shepherd	1	C Groves b Hogg	11
M H Warren lbw b T Middleton	5	J Halliday run out	3
G Fender b Shepherd	0	J W Lee not out	8
W Turner c Crichton	9	L Gray not out	3
C Fender not out	3	T Murdock to bat	
Extras	2	Extras	5
Total	39	Total	84

TANFIELD v FELLING CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Played at Felling, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

TANFIELD.		CHURCH INSTITUTE.	
P Harkness c Marshall	0	Rev J C Farrow b Laidler	2
W Robinson lbw	1	W Hebron b Robins'n	1
W T Brown c and b Gibbon	7	J Morrison b Robinson	4
W Hogarth c T Morrison	23	P C Gibbon c Jewitt	23
T Jewitt c Woods b Gibbon	4	T Dobinson b Robins'n	3
H Joice b T Morrison	3	T Morrison not out	3
J Laidler b T Morrison	2	C Woods not out	0
J Robson b T Morrison	10	W Marshall, J Coulson, G Boynton, L Dobinson	To bat.
G Agar not out	1		
N Wilkinson c Marshall	3		
W Christon b T Morrison	0		
Extras	8	Extras	3
Total	62	Total	39

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v WHICKHAM 2ND.

Played at Medomsley, and resulted in a win for the visitors, for whom Cook bowled exceedingly well. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		WHICKHAM.	
F Archer b Cook	4	F Faldon b Whitwell	19
J Hornsby b Faldon	0	T Cheeseman c J Hunter b Whitwell	4
G Moon c Cook b Faldon	0	G Cheeseman b Whitwell	1
W Bell b Cook	2	T Snaith b Whitwell	1
J Whitwell lbw b Cook	8	H Cook c J Hunter b Whitwell	0
J Hunter b Cook	0	J Faldon b Bramley	0
W Barron b Cook	0	J Dinsdale b Bramley	0
T Cookson run out	1	T Hickson b Whitwell	3
T Bramley not out	1	J Temperley c and b Whitwell	9
J Veitch b Cook	0	T Archer b Bramley	0
W Hunter b Cook	0	G Faldon not out	0
Extras	0	Extras	5
Total	17	Total	42

OAKEY'S LILYWHITE JUNIORS v STANLEY JUNIORS.

Played at Stanley, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

LILYWHITES.		JUNIORS.	
W Gibson b McKeand	1	A Bowman b Gibson	0
J Brydon b McKeand	3	W McKeand run out	7
J Charlton b McKeand	0	T Curry c Charlton b Gibson	0
R Ridley c Pascoe b McKeand	4	W Anderson b Lumley	1
W Lumley run out	8	W Stephenson b Gibson	2
J Smith c Bowman b McKeand	3	J Dixon b Gibson	9
W Pearson not out	33	C Cain c Brydon b Gibson	1
T Armstrong b Stephenson	8	J Pascoe b Lumley	2
W Armstrong b Curry	6	J Hall b Gibson	0
J Urwin b McKeand	5	T Cranston c Armstrong b Gibson	0
R Brown run out	1	P Smith not out	1
Extras	2	Extras	0
Total	74	Total	23

BLAYDON v NEWCASTLE PRESS.—Played at Blaydon on Saturday on a good wicket, the Press proving victors by 68 runs and four wickets. Marshall made 52 and McLean 43. Score:—Blaydon, 40; Newcastle Press, 108.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v WESTWOOD.

Played at Shotley Spa, and resulted in an easy victory for Westwood. Score:—

WESTWOOD.

T Bell c Lancaster	16
J Lonsdale b Lancaster	0
D Clark b Wilson	5
W Mason b Lancaster	0
W Allen b Lancaster	0
W Simpson run out	6
R Chaytor b Lancaster	14
W McKenna c Wilson	2
J Walton b Wilson	2
H Wigham b Lancaster	6
R Bell not out	0
Extras	13
Total	58

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—1st innings.

J Lancaster b Mason	3
J Middleton b Walton	0
T Thirlwell lbw b Mason	5
T Wilson b Mason	7
F Richardson b Walton	1
W Oliver c Walton	0
Jos Lancaster b Walton	0
L Urwin b Walton	0
J Robson b Walton	0
H Pearson not out	0
W Wilson c Walton	2
Extras	4
Total	22

2nd innings.

J Lancaster b Mason	3
J Middleton b Mason	3
L Urwin c McKenna	4
W Thirlwell b McKenna	0
T Wilson c Chaytor	7
F Richardson b McKenna	2
W Oliver b McKenna	0
Jos Lancaster c Simpson	0
J Robson run out	3
W Wilson c Bell	11
H Pearson not out	0
Extras	3
Total	36

WALDRIDGE LILIES v SACRISTON.—Played at Waldridge, and resulted in a win for the home club by 31 runs. Score:—Waldridge, 101; Sacriston, 70.

WINLATON OLD STAGERS v BLAYDON ST CUTHBERT'S.—Played in the Recreation Ground, Winlaton, on Monday and Tuesday nights. Score:—Winlaton—First innings, 52; second innings, 52. Blaydon—First innings, 32; second innings, 20.

PELTON FELL HARRIERS.—In connection with this Association Football Club a cricket club has been formed, and the secretary is prepared to arrange matches with moderate first or second elevens. Address Robert Robson, Felton Fell, Chester-le-Street.

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "UMPIRE."]

To-morrow (Saturday) two of our local clubs—Consett and District and Medomsley—will be engaged in their cup ties. Both clubs are very strong, so I don't see why they should not pull the matches off, and thus get into the second round of the competition. At least, I sincerely hope they will do so. It is to be hoped that those who are interested in the clubs and are at liberty will try to accompany the teams, for it is always a help to the players to know that they have a few friends among the spectators. Some spectators are so prejudiced in favour of their own clubs that they make it very unpleasant for the opposing team, but there is hardly any fear of such occurring in these games. If our clubs don't win, we may all be sure that they will make a good fight of it.

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Last Saturday, Consett and District met North-Eastern at Consett, and an interesting game was witnessed. The visitors were determined not to be beaten, and therefore brought with them T. Thompson and F. Hutchinson, of North Durham. The home team went in first, and two wickets fell for 10 runs, but then I. Richards and J. Siddell got together, and by patient play brought the score up to 82 before Siddell was dismissed. Both batsmen played well for their runs, and they were well backed by Monaghan, who made 26 (not out). For North-Eastern, Thompson played a fine innings of 25, while Hutchinson hit powerfully for 30. Had the North-Eastern had only an ordinary team there would probably have been a big score piled up against them, as the two North Durham men batted and bowled in good form.

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Consett 2nd team defeated North-Eastern 2nd very easily at Heaton. None of the home team could stand against the fine bowling of Gray and Maddison—the latter taking five wickets for eight runs. For Consett, Maddison (33) and Turner (25) batted in good form.

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Medomsley journeyed to Whickham, and had the game been played out would have had another victory to their credit, but unfortunately there was not time to play it out, and it ended in a draw. T. D. Dales again came off with the bat, playing in good form for his 26. This season Whickham is very weak, chiefly owing to dissension among themselves. It seems that one gentleman holds the two positions of captain and secretary, and others think that there are several in the club to fil one of the offices, and therefore there is no need for them to be held by one man. T. B. Mowbray, the well-known Whickham cricketer, is rather slow in starting to play, as his market garden is out of order, and he considers he should attend to that before playing cricket. M. Lawson did not bat on Saturday, as his finger, which was broken in the match against Blaydon, has not got properly mended. W. Burn is still among the absentees, but I hope he will commence to play soon, for the club are badly in need of his services.

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Burnhope and Leadgate met on Saturday, and the game ended in favour of the former. Hunter was in good form with the bat, and made 40 in fine style. J. Walton was the only Leadgate man that got into double figures.

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West Stanley played Ushaw Moor, and defeated them by 12 runs. The head scorer was R. Knox, who made a useful 26.

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The game between Cornsay and Beechburn on Saturday might better be termed W. Harding v Beechburn, for that player did nearly all the work both in batting and bowling. With the bat he made 23, and then showed his great affection for the Beechburn players by dismissing seven of them for six runs. Great interest was taken in the game, as Beechburn was the only club that defeated Cornsay las season.

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Chester-le-Street scored another victory on Saturday, when they met St Stephen's. The batting honours were won by G. Kerrich-Walker, who played well for his 36, but not one of the Newcastle team was able to get into double figures against the splendid bowling of the home eleven.

In the Tanfield v Felling Church Institute game W. Hogarth played well for Tanfield, making 23, while P. C. Gibbon made the same number for the Institute team.

VISITORS IN WEARDALE.

STANHOPE.

The visitors in Stanhope are the same as published in a previous issue of the *Guardian*, with the exception of another one at *Mr J. Burns'*—Mrs Scott, jun., Sunderland.

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TANFIELD LEA F.C.—The following is the record of the Tanfield Lea 1st team's matches for the past season:—Played 18, won 13, lost 2, drawn 3, scoring 81 goals to their opponents' 14. The two games lost were against Sunderland Reserve (5 to nil) and Tow Law (2 to nil).

LINTZ HOME RULERS.—This club played last Saturday at the Hobson Sports, and beat the Greencroft Black Watch by one goal to nil. They were beaten, however, by the Dipton Wandrers by three goals to one. The Dipton club got 1st prize, £2; Lintz, 2nd, £1; Greencroft, 3rd, 10s.—The secretary of the Home Rulers would like to hear from other clubs with a view of arranging matches for next season.—Address F. McGurk, Tanfield, via Lintz Green, Co. Durham.

NEW ASSOCIATION CLUB AT OUSTON.—A new club has been formed at Ouston under the name of Ouston Institute, and the following officers are elected:—President, Mr R. Bulmer; vice-president, Mr J. Gray; captain, W. McDermott; vice-captain, J. Dixon; treasurer, W. Coulson; secretary, J. Dryden, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, who will be glad to arrange matches for next season with good seconds and reserve elevens in Northumberland and Durham.

TOW LAW ASSOCIATION F.C.—The annual meeting of the members was held at Mrs Mary Dixon's, Station Hotel, on Friday night, Mr J. Allen presiding.—The secretary's report and treasurer's statement showed that the club was in a very satisfactory condition, both numerically and financially. Some discussion arose, after the adoption of the reports, with reference to the changes in the County Challenge Cup competition, the members present expressing their approval generally of the alterations made.—The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr F. Ward; vice-captain, Mr Jos. Hildreth; treasurer, Mr P. McCabe; secretary, Mr C. W. Hall, Railway Street, Tow Law; committee, Messrs J. Pallister, R. Brown, and C. M. Rawes, in addition to the office-bearers.

DIPTON WANDERERS A.F.C.

The following are the results of the matches played by the first team of the above club during the past season:—

		Dipton. Goals.	Oppo. Goals.
Aug.	25—aSeaton Burn Lancers	2	2
Sep.	22—aBackworth Hotspur	1	6
"	29—Clavering (Newcastle)	13	0
Oct.	6—aFelling	2	2
"	13—Felling	4	1
"	20—Leadgate Park	4	0
"	27—aLeadgate Park	1	1
Nov.	3—Backworth Hotspur	2	0
Dec.	1—aClavering	3	1
"	15—aNewfield Wanderers	2	0
"	25—aTanfield Lea	1	1
"	29—aPelton Fell Harriers	0	0
Jan.	1—Leadgate Park	1	1
Feb.	2—Pelton Fell Harriers	0	0
"	16—aLeadgate Park	1	0
"	23—aLeadgate Exiles	1	1
Mar.	9—Tanfield Lea	2	2
"	29—aTrafalgar (Newcastle)	0	2
Apl.	13—Trafalgar	4	2

Those marked *a* were played away.

Matches played, 19; won, 8; lost, 2; drawn, 9; scoring 44 goals against their opponents' 22, giving an average of 2 to 1. The Wanderers have since played in football competitions at Stanley, Oxhill, and The Hobson, dividing 1st and 2nd at Stanley, and winning easily at Oxhill and The Hobson.

LEADGATE EXILES ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB:

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this club was held at the house of Mr Thirlwell, Bradley Arms, Leadgate, on Thursday se'nnight. There was a large attendance, and Mr John Green presided.—Mr J. McCurley (hon. secretary) was called upon to read his annual report, which was received with deafening applause, again and again renewed. The past season had been the most successful that the Exiles had ever experienced, and they could fairly state that the organisation had become established. They had now reached a lofty position in the local football world. The first team had played 28 matches, of which they had won 21, lost 3, and drawn 4, scoring 78 goals against 26, and beating such clubs as Gateshead, West Hartlepool N.E.R., and Birtley. With regard to next season, everything had a promising appearance.—Mr A. Connolly read the treasurer's report, which was also considered satisfactory.—The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing season, with the following result:—President, Very Rev Conon Kearney, The Brooms; vice-presidents, Dr O'Brien, Catchgate, and Mr Wilfred Tyzack, colliery manager, Pontop Hall; corresponding secretary, J. McCurley, unanimously re-elected; assistant secretary, J. Costello, re-elected; hon. treasurer, A. Connolly, re-elected; financial secretary, O. Hughes; captain 1st team, Wm. Costello; vice-captain, P. Hughes; captain reserve team, A. Connolly; vice-captain, B. Rogers; committee, Messrs P. Quinn, C. Quinn, J. Hagan, J. Costello, and J. Green.—The club is in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, especially the latter, as after all the heavy liabilities were met, a substantial balance remains in the treasurer's hands. This fact, coupled with a first-class list of fixtures, speaks volumes as to the future career of the club.—It was agreed to enter the first team for the Durham County Challenge Cup, and also deemed prudent to enroll the reserve team for the Medals Competition.—A vote of thanks to the chairman and the rest of the officials brought a most successful meeting to a close.—The secretary of the Exiles tenders his sincere thanks to the Editor and official staff of the *Consett Guardian* for the generous manner in which they have, during the past season, published reports of matches, fixtures, and the general business of the club through the medium of their widely-spread journal.

PRESENTATION TO MR W. MCGEE, EX-CAPTAIN.

On Monday night, a complimentary supper was given in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, to Mr Wm. McGee, who has ably discharged the duties of captain of the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C. since its formation three years ago. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present Mr McGee with a silver watch-guard and appendage, bearing the subjoined inscription:—"Presented to Wm. McGee, captain of the Leadgate Exiles Football Club, by the members and well-wishers, as a mark of esteem for his services in the past. June, 1889." Mr McGee, who has been the mainstay of this flourishing local club, takes his departure, during next week, for America. There was a very large attendance, upwards of 120 persons—male and female—patronising the gathering. The company sat down and partook of an excellent meat tea, which was well provided and admirably served up by the Misses McCurley, of Leadgate and Consett. The edibles supplied were of a choice and substantial character, and it is superfluous to add that full justice was done to such a splendid repast. The proceedings were beguiled by selections of orchestral music. Mr John McCurley, the enterprising and energetic hon. secretary of the club, occupied the chair, and fulfilled that position in a capable and efficient manner. It is due to the valuable efforts of this gentleman in the past that the club has risen beyond the mediocre prominence attained by several neighbouring teams, and he has without doubt been instrumental in bringing the team to such a high standard of efficiency that the Exiles have gained a reputation throughout the North as being the best club in the immediate district.—The Chairman, in his prefatory remarks, stated that they were all aware that they were assembled that evening to convey a slight tribute of their esteem and regard for Mr Wm. McGee, their worthy captain—(applause)—and they would have seen by the newspapers that they were losing his services, as he was about to take his departure to America. Since he had been in office, Mr McGee had, by perseverance, pluck, and determination, brought the club to its present high state of perfection, and had proved himself a steady and industrious captain. (Applause). They were all extremely sorry that Mr McGee intended going to the land of the "Stars and Stripes," but he (the chairman) felt certain that they would all join with him in wishing Mr McGee every success in his new sphere of life. (Applause). He knew for a fact that the whole of the members of the Exiles club entertained these sentiments. (Loud cheers). He read letters of apology for non-attendance from Dr F. O'Brien, Catchgate (a vice-president), and Rev E. H. Bousfield, curate of Leadgate. Mr W. Tyzack also wrote expressing sorrow that a previous engagement prevented him from being present. He wished them every success. (Applause).

Mr J. COSTELLO was called upon to make the presentation, and he was most favourably received. He said that he felt the greatest pleasure in fulfilling that duty, as their captain went away with the well-wishes and esteem of the members of the Exiles Club. (Hear.) There was an old and true saying—one which was too seldom carried out in this life. The maxim was: "Give honour where honour is due." (Applause.) They were met to accord honour to one who, some two or three years ago, was the chief of their little band of Exiles, and he (the speaker) could safely assert that from that period to the present time, Mr McGee had been a true and faithful leader. (Applause.) It was to him that they owed their present position, as well as the victories which he had gained for them, and the reputation they had achieved in the football world. (Applause.) Mr McGee was one who never encouraged his men to do any mean or unmanly action; and had by his conduct and civility gained the goodwill and admiration of all whom he had been brought in contact with. (Applause). At last, Mr McGee was about to leave home for the first time to fight the battles of life in a foreign land. His loss would be very keenly felt, and his absence would create a vacancy which would probably never be properly filled up till he returned again. (Applause). He was proud to know, however, that the Exiles Club were showing their appreciation of his past endeavours, by giving him some slight encouragement when he entered his fresh field of labour. He (the speaker) trusted that Mr McGee would live long to wear that chain, which would continually remind him of his companions when he was miles away from them. (Applause). It afforded him the utmost gratification, therefore, to present their worthy captain, on behalf of the members of the club and his well-wishers in Leadgate and district, with a watch-chain and pendant. The speaker also handed over to Mr McGee, the purse containing the proceeds of two football matches arranged and played for his benefit.

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AN ANCIENT INDUSTRY.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION TO CAPT. J. TRELEASE.

Our readers will learn with unfeigned regret that Capt. John Trelease, who has had the entire management of the Healeyfield Lead Mines for nine years, practically severed his connection with that place on Friday. Two years out of the nine were spent in the service of former proprietors of the mine, and seven years have been spent by him as manager for the Healeyfield Mining Company, Limited, which has its offices in Newcastle. It is barely a month since his beloved and much-esteemed wife departed this life, after a protracted illness borne with the greatest Christian fortitude. She was one of the most gentle and loving of wives, and was a lady who won the esteem and admiration of all who knew her. During Mrs Trelease's illness her husband had many offers of more lucrative positions in the mining world, but he refused the acceptance of any while his wife was spared to him. Capt. Trelease is a popular man in the Castleside district, and advantage was taken of his departure to present him with a testimonial of the regard in which he is held. His obliging son, Mr Harry Trelease, was also the recipient of a small testimonial from the members of the Castleside Church choir and youths of the village, and at the interesting proceedings some of the directors and shareholders were present. The mine over which Capt. Trelease has exercised a vigilant control during the past nine years has a great local interest on account of its age, for its history dates back to a period long before the extensive Iron Works at Consett were dreamt of, and ante dates many of the other prominent industries to be found at that part of the county of Durham. It is situate in one of the loveliest parts of the County Palatine; within a stone's throw of the picturesque valley of Castleside, and distant three or four miles west of Consett, the Healeyfield Lead Mine is situate almost in the centre of a wood. At any rate, heavily wooded banks are to be found on the south, west, and northern sides of it, and the approach from the east is through a small thicket until the open valley has been reached. Here the timbered huts of the miners, with two or three more substantial dwellings, stand beneath the tall trees of as pretty a district as Durham can boast of, and here the most striking object that meets the gaze is an enormous wheel, rapidly revolving at the end of a gangway, while further on the grey shale of what may be termed the pit heap forms a not unpleasing contrast to the green back-ground nature has formed. How long the old mine has remained in this picturesque spot is a matter largely for conjecture. Some of the best-known gazetteers state that the lead mines in Durham were principally begun in the time of Edward VI. But a still greater antiquity is claimed for the Healeyfield Mine, some asserting that its origin as a mine in one form or another must go back as far as eight centuries ago. Be that as it may, it is quite certain that in past times a good deal of ore has been taken from the Royalty, which belongs to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. An interesting fact connected with the old mine lies in the circumstance that it has been entirely worked during the past centuries in the millstone grit which is the dividing line between the coal measures and the lead measures. The speculation that the Healeyfield Mining Company took in hand, when it was commenced seven years ago, was to sink a shaft 60 fathoms deep and drive underneath the old ore ground, the old ore having been worked out down to the water level. The company have now sunk an engine shaft 60 fathoms deep, and after driving along they have got a continuation of the ore in depth. The ore they have had for the last 30 fathoms in driving is very rich in silver, and they believe that this is the beginning of a long line of ore ground. The mine is worked at present by both a shaft and a drift from the hillside, and from 30 to 40 men are employed. The ore is removed in tubs to the smelting furnace, the vicinity of which is indicated by a very tall chimney about half-a-mile away. The Healeyfield Lead Mine is now in a promising state, and the prospect before the company is much better than ever it has been. How much of this is due to Captain Trelease's exertions it is not for us to say, but it is quite clear from the respect that was paid to the departed manager that the company value highly his past services and regret deeply the severance that has taken place. Captain Trelease leaves the district to take the control and the entire management of the La Manche Mining Grant of 100 square miles in Newfoundland, under the Newfoundland Colonisation Society, and in his task as discoverer of minerals there he will bear with him the warmest wishes for success from his many friends and admirers in the North of England. We understand that his successor is Mr Gray, of Hebburn-on-Tyne.

It was in the picturesque dell in which the works were situated that an interesting open-air gathering was held last Friday afternoon, on which occasion Captain Trelease was made the recipient of a handsome testimonial at the hands of the directors and workmen of the company, and his friends and neighbours at Castleside. The presentation took place in the open-air near the works at Castleside, and consisted of a gold watch and chain with an appropriate inscription. Ald. E. S. Hindmarsh, Gateshead, one of the directors, presided, and there were present: Mr J. V. Walton, Witton-le-Wear; Mr Reid, Newcastle; Mr J. W. Davison and Mr Wm. Davison, Consett; Mr Robert Robson, Castleside; Mr T. J. Muse, Castleside House; Rev C. J. Walker, priest-in-charge of Castleside, Mr Dalkin, engineer at the mine; Mrs and Miss Muse, Castleside; Mrs Elliott, Dene Howle; besides a number of workmen, &c. With the exception of a slight showers at long intervals, the weather was very favourable, and the proceedings passed off amid the most romantic surroundings.

Mr C. W. Harrison, Newcastle, secretary of company, read a letter from Capt James Polglase, manager of the Green Hurth Lead Mines, regretting that he could not attend. He was proud of Capt Trelease, who had won the esteem and confidence of the directors and shareholders of Healeyfield Mines. Mr Harrison next gave the subjoined historical account of the Healeyfield Mines:—The mine has been worked for about 800 years in the section of rocks known as the millstone grit, which lies under the coal measures and above the lead measurers. The operations in these rocks have been confined entirely to the driving of shallow levels above the water line. The two principal workings were the Horse level and the Derwent level, both of which were driven upwards of a mile into the hillside. The excavations in connection with these levels are enormous; in some cases the vein and strings have been worked out for a width of forty fathoms. For many years the question as to whether the veins would continue to be productive for lead ore, in the limestone rocks, in depth, had been discussed by mining engineers, but although the general opinion was that a rich and lasting mine would be opened out in depth, the cost of sinking a shaft, and providing the necessary engine power for pumping and winding, deterred the lessees from attempting the trial until 1882, when the present company was formed for the express purpose of sinking a shaft and testing the veins in depth. Vigorous operations were at once commenced, the necessary machinery was erected, an excellent shaft was sunk 62 fathoms, from the bottom of which a main opening level has been driven 215 fathoms to get up, under the old ore boring ground. For the last 30 fathoms, the vein has been ore bearing in the grey bed, in which the level is being driven, leading the miners to think that the beginning of the ore ground has now been reached. The ore from this level is exceptionally rich for silver, which in the present quiet state of the lead trade is a most important point. This point in the development of the mine has not been reached without a hard struggle and a considerable expediture of capital. On two occasions the sinking of the shaft was stopped by a strong additional feeder of water, necessitating the erection of heavier pumping machinery. The mine is now provided with a splendid Cornish pumping engine, a strong horizontal winding engine, donkey engine, three large boilers, good dressing machine, cottages, reservoir, and the general requisites of a well-equipped mine. The total expenditure on rent and development to date has been over £25,000. (Applause.)

The Chairman, who was well received, said that he occupied a position that day he never held before. He had not taken the chair at a meeting held under such beautiful and favourable surroundings. He regretted that Mr Spencer, chairman of the directors, was absent, as he had more local experience and knowledge of the Healeyfield mine than he (the Chairman) possessed. They could congratulate themselves that the mine was in a beautiful situation, and he was so fascinated with the surroundings that he would like to reside there—at least for some months in the summer—(Mr Muse: "I hope you will sir," and applause). He had to congratulate alike the workmen, the shareholders, and the directors on the prosperity that was before them with reference to that mine. He was assured by Capt Trelease that the mine had never looked better than it did now. (Applause). There was an excellent account given of the mine that morning in one of the local papers, which he was very glad to see. The mine was an old one, and if they went back into its history they would find that a gentleman who once figured in the district as a very important individual used to visit it. He alluded to the unfortunate Earl of Derwentwater, who was beheaded. The Earl was then the owner of the mine, and when he visited it he used to dine, he was informed, with a farmer in the neighbourhood. The mine, he was now glad to know, was likely to be a financial success. They had had a great deal to contend with, and had spent a great deal of money to carry on their work so far, but they had now got to the end of their difficulties in that direction. (Applause). He trusted they would soon be able to raise as much ore as would pay for working the mine, and that afterwards they would be able to have excellent dividends. (Applause). They had met that day on both a pleasant and a sad occasion—it was pleasant, because, they were going to give to Capt Trelease an acknowledgment of their respect and esteem for his character. He was sure there was not one there or one amongst the shareholders but would speak with the utmost respect and regard of the Captain, and he was certain that he possessed the full confidence of the directors in the management of that mine. (Cheers). The occasion was sad because Capt. Trelease was about to part from them. He was going to a more important and lucrative position in Newfoundland, and he hoped that his future would be bright, prosperous, and successful. (Cheers). The last time he (the Chairman) was there, he had the pleasure of speaking to a person who was no longer in their midst—he referred to Mrs Trelease. She was a woman of a bright and happy disposition—a true wife, and a sincere friend, and everyone deeply deplored her demise. They were all were all sorry to lose Capt. Trelease's valuable services (Applause). The directors had, however, appointed a gentleman who would fill that position, and would soon be at the mine looking after the interests of the shareholders. Capt. Trelease had had charge of that mine for about ten years, during a most difficult period, and now that they were on the verge of becoming properous he was sure the worthy captain desired their heartfelt thanks for his past endeavours, and the sympathies of all his friends would be for his future success. (Applause).

Mr Muse then made the presentation, and read the inscription on the watch, as follows:—"Presented to Mr John Trelease by a few friends—directors and workmen in connection with the Healeyfield Mine, as a token of their esteem. Castleside, May 31st, 1889." The article was supplied by Messrs Reid and Sons, Newcastle. The speaker said that he had been acquainted with Capt. Trelease since he came amongst them ten years ago, and had found him to be a person whose friendship was worth having, always being true, honest, conscientious, and kind. (Hear). He was ever ready to give a helping hand to any good work, and yet when occasion required he could be stern and severe in his efforts to prevent wrong-doing. (Hear). However, the best of friends must part. He (Mr Muse) had tried, during the past fortnight, to brace himself up so that he might be enabled to say a few words on that occasion, but he scarcely appeared equal to the task. He went on to refer to Capt. Trelease as a clever mining expert, and mentioned that some 18 months ago, a large syndicate was about to be formed in London to acquire and work some mines in Mexico. The promoters, who were going to invest a quarter of a million pounds in the speculation, looked around for an honest and upright man to visit the place, and report faithfully what he saw. Captain Trelease was appointed to act in this capacity, and on his return he affirmed that the affair was a huge swindle, and he (Captain Trelease) condemned the whole thing. (Applause). There was a painful aspect to that day's event—the captain and his friends had lately passed through a severe ordeal. His faithful and loving wife, after suffering for a considerable period, had gone to a better land. His feelings would not allow him to say more than that. He hoped, however, that after Mr Trelease had left them, he would have some opportunities of re-visiting his friends and neighbours at Castleside. The captain was well-known in the mining world throughout the county of Durham. In conclusion, the speaker expressed a general hope that Mr Trelease would be blessed with health and strength for a long time to come, and he could be comforted by the assurance that the directors and shareholders alike wished him every success in his new sphere of labour. (Continued applause).

Capt. Trelease, who was received with cheers, and spoke with considerable emotion, said that he never made a speech in his life. He was a miner. He felt deeply grateful for the honour they had conferred upon him in presenting him with that beautiful watch and chain. He thanked, from the bottom of his heart, all who had subscribed for the handsome present. He felt satisfied that his employers and workmen had appreciated his services in the past, though he had only done his duty towards his employers and those who had been working under him. The testimonial he should always value for the sake of those who had so kindly given it, and because it had a genuine ring of character about it—presented, as it had been, by the directors, shareholders, and workmen of that locality. Further, it would be a grand pass-port to show his new employers that he had succeeded in discharging his duties in the past. As to the Healeyfield mine, he was of opinion that bright as were its prospects, still more productive discoveries would be made as they worked southward. He suggested that they should push forward the bottom towards the south, through the old deposit which existed, till they got past the turn, when they might come upon large quantities of ore, and a string of rich lead veins at various points. He sincerely thanked the directors for the past kindness shown to him, and must not forget their worthy secretary (Mr Harrison), who had done his utmost to promote the welfare of those concerned in the mines. He also felt greatly indebted to Mr R. F. Boyd, agent to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who frequently visited the mine, and rendered them every assistance in the development of the same. He would never forget the kindness that he and his family had received from the workmen, neighbours, and friends in that part of the county of Durham, and declared that that was one of the proudest moments in his life. (Great applause).

Mr Muse here read a letter from Mr Boyd, who stated that he was exceedingly sorry to hear that Mr Trelease was leaving the neighbourhood, and felt that he was losing a good friend. He likewise enclosed a cheque for 10s 6d. (Applause).

The Chairman explained that the testimonial was got up in such a hurry, otherwise there would have been a considerable increase in the number of subscribers thereto had more time been at their disposal.

Mr J. V. Walton, on behalf of his fellow-directors, expressed regret that Mr Trelease was about to leave them. He had always, he said, looked upon the captain as a sort of fixture connected with the Healeyfield mine. (Laughter). However, it was pleasing to hear that Mr Trelease had obtained a better position; and from an accidental meeting he had with a Mr Ryan, in Manchester, a few days ago, he could tell them that Capt. Trelease would at least have one warm friend to welcome him when he arrived at Newfoundland. (Applause).

Mr J. W. Davison, also offered a few observations, saying that he was grieved to hear that Mr Trelease was going to leave them; but was pleased, on the other hand, to know that they were showing, in some tangible form, their due appreciation of his efforts in the past. (Applause) True, it was only a slight token of their esteem but still had the value of the testimonial being ten times greater, he felt certain that Mr Trelease would regard it none the less when he knew that it was tendered from their hearts (Applause.) It would keep him in remembrance of the kind friends and the many associations he had formed at Healeyfield. He was sure that Mr Trelease, in his uphill work, had laboured his hardest solely in the interests of the directors and shareholders of the Healeyfield Mine (applause); and he was, moreover, convinced that the captain would do his duty to his new employers (Applause)

Mr Dalkin, engineer, speaking for the workmen, said that he had had six years experience under Captain Trelease, and he was extremely sorry to part with such an efficient and capable master. (Applause.) They had both gone through the rough and smooth sailing together; and although some differences had occasionally arisen, they bore no ill-feeling one to another. He felt certain that no person in the county of Durham was more worthy of the testimonial than Capt. Trelease. (Applause.)

Mr Wilkinson, a miner, likewise added his testimony to Mr Trelease's knowledge and ability and integrity of character. He stated that he was a person who exacted for £1 19s 12d worth of labour. (Laughter.) Speaking of the prospect of the miners, Mr Wilkinson observed that he had the pleasure of seeing the last shot fired, just before 12 o'clock that day, and from a speculative point of view it was the best shot ever fired in the mine. (Prolonged cheering.)

The Chairman said that that statement ought to be very encouraging to the directors and shareholders.

Rev C. J. Walker, on behalf of the church choir and young men of Castleside and district, in a short address, afterwards presented Mr Harry Trelease, with a gold compas in the shape of an appendage to a watch, and dwelt upon the good and noble qualities possessed by the recipient, both as a chorister, Sunday-School teacher, &c.

Mr Harry Trelease, who was deeply moved, in acknowledging the gift, remarked that he was somewhat surprised, when he heard that his friends were getting up a subscription for him, and he was very sorry indeed to part from the true friends and companions he had been associated with for years. The gift was not only handsome but useful, and he admired its worth, because he knew the spirit which had actuated those in giving it. (Applause). He heartily thanked those who had interested themselves in the presentation, especially the vicar and his wife. He trusted the time was not far distant when he should have the pleasing opportunity of again returning to that place, which was sacred to him, because it was barely a month ago, that they laid their loving mother to rest in peace in the silent and beautiful cemetery at Castleside. He once more thanked them for their kindness, which he said would never be forgotten. (Applause).

Mr Harrison, in proposing an expression of thanks to the chairman, strongly impressed upon all shareholders, in view of a brighter prospect of the mines, to "stick to their shares." (Applause).

Mr W. Davison seconded, and Mr Walton supported the proposition, which was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman, in responding, believed that in a short while they would be in a position to pay a substantial dividend. With reference to the reconstruction of the concern, they took into consideration the interests of the existing capitalists, and he emphatically endorsed the advice of the secretary "Hold to your shares." (Prolonged cheering).

The interesting proceedings now terminated.

Captain Trelease's furniture and effects were disposed of on Saturday, and on Monday, he and his family took their departure amid general expressions of regret.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Annfieldite."]

One of the principal features of Mr Sidney Stone's professional athletic festival at Jarrow, on Saturday afternoon, was a brass band contest. The bands which had entered in this item were:—Butterknowle, Tanfield Lea, Hebburn Artillery, Acomb, Wooley, South Shields, Hebburn Colliery, Whitworth, South Derwent (Annfield Plain), West Pelton, Teams Euphonic, Spennymoor, and Jarrow. The proceedings commenced by the different bands playing a quickstep along a portion of Ormonde Street, a prize of £1 having been offered for the best played selection. The judge of the contest was Mr Sidney Jones, of Leeds, who awarded the prizes as follows:—1st, Whitworth, £10 and a silver cornet; 2nd, South Derwent, £4 and a brass cornet; 3rd, Acomb, £3 and a brass trombone. The South Shields band won the prize of £1 for the best quick step. It is gratifying to know that our local bands still maintain their reputations, although it might have been more satisfactory had South Derwent been 1st, Tanfield Lea 2nd, and West Pelton 3rd. The Annfield Plain men deserve success, for they apply themselves to their work both early and late. There is little fear but that they will come off with honours at Stanley on Whit-Monday, where several good bands are to be present. The people of Annfield Plain are highly favoured with bands. The Y.M.C.A. Mission Band is as good as anything we have. The various churches may be highly proud of such a band connected with them, and should rally around them in their noble efforts. I understand that on every Sunday night, at five o'clock, there is an open-air service of all the Methodist churches. Such a gathering, aided by the Mission Band, ought to be the means of doing great good in the district.

The Hobson gala and sports last Saturday were a conspicuous success—thanks to the fine weather and the lack of other attractions. The miners, with their wives and families, flocked from all parts. One important fact was observable at the gala—that the pitmen seemed to be quite "flush" of money, judging from the amount of speculation indulged in. This is a good sign of the times.

There has been considerable talk lately about the new railway, and no wonder, as no progress is being made, and the project seems to get on so slowly. The directors should be pushing on the work by this time.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—On Monday, there was a short supply of fat cattle and cows forward at this mart Sheep and lambs a fair supply, for which there was a good demand. Prices:—Sheep, clips, to 59 each; lambs, to 50s; pigs, to 65s; fat cattle, to £14 2s 6d; calves to 40s. There were also 28 store cattle shown, for which trade was slow.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 31 cows, calved and to calve, up to £20 2s 6d; 6 fat cattle, up to £22 5s; 18 store cattle, up to £13 10s. 30 fat sheep and hoggs, fat sheep up to 56s; 12 hoggs, up to 49s; 28 fat lambs, up to 43s 6d; top, Mr Herbert, Bradley Hall; 12 black-faced ewes with mule lambs, to 40s per couple; 60 black-face wethers, three years old, up to 36s 6d. Large attendance of buyers, with a good demand for all classes of stock.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr James Turnbull had forward on Monday 26 fat cattle, 12 grazing cattle, 4 incalving and new-calved cows, 50 fat sheep, 44 fat lambs, 25 young pigs, 6 bacon pigs, pork pigs, hay, traps, harness, &c. There was a large attendance, and bidding was very brisk. Prices:—Bullocks, from £13 17s 6d to £23, top, the Birtley Iron Co; heifers, from £11 to £18 12s 6d top, Mr Bradford, Vigo; fat cows to £19 17s 6d, top, Mr Tweddle; grazing cattle to £11 17s 6d; new-calved and grazing cows to £20, top Mr J Parkin, Ouston Bank. Fat sheep: Shearlings to 61s, top, Mr R Bell, Woodside; fat hoggs, 44s, top, Mr J. T. Heslop; fat ewes to 62s, top, Birtley Iron Co. Fat lambs, from 20s to 42s 6d, top, Mr R. Darling, Plawsworth. Young pigs to 21s; bacon pigs to £3 12s. top, Mr S. Wood, Hermitage. Both beef and mutton were firmer.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday, Dr Livingstone presiding.

THE CLERK'S SALARY.

The Local Government Board wrote that they consented to the Clerk being paid £25 for his services to the Assessment Committee last year.

A DIETARY TABLE.

A letter was read from the Government Board, calling the attention of the Guardians to the fact that there was no dietary table in existence for the officers of the workhouse. It was pointed out that, with no fixed scale of diet, it was difficult to check the food accounts.—The Chairman pointed out that in the case of the Weardale officers it was really a farce, as they had only the master, mistress, and matron—three persons in all.—It was decided that the Clerk should apply for the requisite form.

RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK.

The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk (Mr Lee), in which he tendered his resignation as Clerk to the Guardians, &c. Failing health and age were the reasons assigned for the step.—The Chairman said that since Mr Lee was appointed to the office of clerk the work had been done satisfactorily. (Hear.) If it was possible he would ask Mr Lee to reconsider his decision.—The Clerk thanked them for their kind expressions, but said he had made up his mind to resign.—The Chairman: I move that we regretfully accept Mr Lee's resignation.—Dr Arnison seconded, and it was agreed to.—Mr Lee retires a month hence.

AN ARTISTIC WORKHOUSE BOY.

A Workhouse boy, who has been studying painting, and is offered a page's place at Preston, had his talents put to a practical test in the Board-room. The Chairman gave him paper and pencil, sent him to the opposite side of the room, and invited a portrait sketch of himself. The boy acted upon his instructions, and in due course—the Board meanwhile doing business—the "counterfeit presentment" of the Chairman was ready for inspection, and passed round the table.—Mr Watson asked what the fee would be?—Mr Monkhouse: Yes; we are all wondering what that will be.—The Chairman suggested the circulation of the hat.—Mr Monkhouse proposed that every Guardian have a copy of the Chairman's features. (Roars of laughter.)—The Chairman (laughing heartily): Never mind; it's good for a boy.—The lad pulled through his "examination," and will go to Preston, with the Chairman's timerous counsel that he would try to excel as a page, though he could not be encouraged much as a genius in art.

PARISH SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Stanhope Parish School Board, was held on Friday afternoon Councillor Livingstone (chairman) presiding.—

AN ELECTION BILL.—RATEPAYERS' CANNOT PAY.

The Board reconsidered, with a view to reductions, the Returning Officer's charges for the recent election. The whole sum was about £89, and of that about £45 was claimed by the Returning Officer and presiding officers.—Mr Lee (returning officer), recently written to on the subject, replies that, the fees having been allowed, on taxation, in 1883-6, he must adhere to them.—Messrs Peadon and Jervis considered the charges monstrous, especially, Mr Peadon added, in the present state of that country-side. There were hundreds and hundreds in the dale to whom the sum of a few shillings was an item. He knew it; and they neither could nor would pay these charges. He moved, and the chairman seconded, a motion to memorialise the Education Department, with whom the matter rests, to reduce them, and the Clerk is to send with the resolution a record of the strong feeling with regards to the fee of the Returning Officer and other items, though Mr Peadon quite recognises that no one at Whitehall, at any rate, will lose any sleep over the memorial or the matter it relates to.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONERS AND NEWHOUSE SCHOOL.

The Ecclesiastical Commission having come into possession of Newhouse School, when Mr W. B. Beaumont, M.P., relinquished the lead-mines in Weardale, the local School Board have received £200 from the Commission in satisfaction of public claims based the fact that the erection of Newhouse School (now closed as a Board school) was assisted by levies upon the Beaumont lead-miners. The £200 is given solely as capital to be expended either for the paying off or in the erection of new buildings. Mr Peadon, suggested that the interest of the £200 should be appropriated as a prize fund for all the schools save Frosterley; but Messrs J. W. Roddam and Harrison carried a motion that the £200 be applied to the reduction of capital.

LOAN OF THE SCHOOLS.

The use of Rookhope School for an ambulance entertainment; Lanehead for a Wesleyan bazaar and Primitive coffee supper; and Frosterley for a meeting of quarrymen, was granted.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MISTRESS.

Misses E. J. Kidd, Graham, Temperley, and Waller were candidates for the post of assistant mistress at Frosterley. All were about equally eligible, and testimonials were excellent, Miss Graham enclosing one from Bishop Pulleine.—Mr Scott-Jervis said he should not vote.—The ballot was as follows: Graham, 4; Waller, 2; Kidd and Tempereley, a vote each. Miss Graham was then formally appointed by motion.

AN IRREGULAR ATTENDER.

Joseph Egglestone is to be summoned; and the discussion led up to what might have been a scene. It appears fines have been previously imposed, and no steps taken to recover them.—Mr Jervis disapproved of a course like that. If, he said, a man was to be punished, let him be punished. He did not vote on the matter.

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CONSETT PUBLIC PARK SCHEME.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE JOINT BOARDS.

On Thursday se'nnight, a special meeting of the Joint Parks Committee was held in the Board room. There were present—Mr W. Aynsley (chairman), Councillor J. Annandale, J.P., Councillor R. Murray Messrs J. Collinson, J. Eltringham, W. Robinson, J. Dowson, J. T. Potts, C. P. Douglas, representing the Consett Iron Company, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyors (Messrs J. Dixon and W. Rippon).

The Chairman read the minutes of the last Park Committee meeting.

Coun Murray proposed they should be signed.

Mr Eltringham: I object to them being signed as they are not correct. (To the chairman). I don't know where you got the information as to the Benfieldside Local Board not going to spend any more money on the Park?

The Chairman: I suppose you are taking this objection because there was nothing official to this effect sent from the Benfieldside Local Board to the Consett Local Board.

Mr Eltringham: There has been a letter sent from the Benfieldside Local Board explaining the reason.

The Clerk: There is a letter from the Benfieldside Local Board saying there was to be no more money spent until the Bye-laws were published, without the sanction of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Mr Collinson: We cannot spend any money on the Park without the sanction of both Boards.

Coun Annandale: I think that minute should be amended before the minutes are signed.

The Clerk explained that the Bye-laws were printed, but an examined copy had not been sent to the printers to be struck off until they knew the result of the meeting.

Mr Collinson: Some remarks were made by Mr Dixon at our last meeting which led us to believe that until there was separate maintenance granted that the Benfieldside Local Board would not spend any more money. If I misunderstand Mr Dixon, I am very sorry.

Mr Dixon: You were going to engage a Park-keeper, and I said that before doing that they must be aware that there was a resolution on the minutes of the Benfieldside Local Board, saying that no more money should be spent on the Park without the sanction of the Board. I also said that a letter was sent to the Clerk of the Consett Board informing him of this.

The Chairman: I understood Mr Dixon to say that there was no more money to be spent on the Park; but Mr Dixon now qualifies that statement.

Mr Dixon: What I say now is what I said then. You asked me if it was official, and I said that that about the spending of the money was.

The Clerk then read the letter spoken of, which he had received from Mr Booth (Clerk to the Benfieldside Local Board) on December 24th last.

The minute was then amended and passed.

Mr Collinson: At the last meeting Mr Dixon led us to believe that it was not the Bye-laws that stood in the way but that it was because we would not agree to a separate maintenance.

Mr Eltringham: You have our terms in writing.

The Chairman: We have often talked over the desirability of each Board maintaining its own part, and I, as one, was in favour of that, for the reason that we could get the place put into good condition quicker and better than in being joined.

Mr Douglas then read a long letter from Mr Wm. Jenkins in which he stated the expectations of the company when they gave the land over to the two Boards.

After the letter had been read,

Mr Eltringham said he thought the terms of the letter were different from Mr Jenkin's speech when they met him at the office. He then said we might take the land in its present state and use it as a recreation ground, and eventually the directors might see their way clear to spend some money in laying it out as a park. At that particular time they were laying down a new steel plant, and it was better to lay down works for the men to work in than to spend money in laying out a park. Mr Jenkins would not promise that the directors would lay out the ground, but said that eventually they might see their way clear to do so; so it was expected that as soon as the extraordinary expenditure was got over the Company would make it into a park, but now it seemed that the Company, was expecting the two Boards to do this.

Mr Robinson asked the Clerk to read the terms of the lease.

The Clerk complied with Mr Robinson's request.

Mr Murray: From the terms of the lease we are not bound to spend any money on the laying out of the park.

Mr Eltringham: When I asked Mr Jenkins if there was anything on the agreement compelling the Boards to spend money over the park, he distinctly said "No," except in keeping the fences in repair.

The Chairman: If we make a footpath it is perfectly voluntary on our part.

Mr Eltringham: We have been doing our duty to the park.

Mr Potts: It is absurd to speak of it as a park. It could never be made into a park, as it is too much exposed. Perhaps the lower portion might be made into one, as it is more sheltered.

Mr Eltringham: It was never the wish of the Benfieldside members to have the place divided. What they wanted was to keep the place as a whole, but for each Board to maintain its own portion.

The Chairman: It was the opinion of the two Boards that if each Board maintained its own portion we could do the work better and cheaper.

Councillor Annandale: It appears that we have fulfilled all the provisions of this lease, and are doing so at present. It is a place in which none but hardy trees will grow. Then I think that cricket is a game which should not be discouraged in this neighbourhood. The Cricket Club has spent £150 in laying out this ground, and it would be unkindness on the part of the Boards if the ground should be taken from them. The recreation ground was fulfilling its work, and the children seemed to enjoy themselves in it; but it was useless to spend large sums of money over a place that could never be made into anything approaching a park. But they might consider the question of laying out a small sum on making a few walks through it.

Eventually, on the motion of Councillor Annandale, seconded by Mr Collinson, it was decided—"That the two surveyors be asked to prepare a plan of convenient walks in the park, with a view to the erection of a band-stand at some future time, but bearing in mind the decision of the committee that the cricket ground be not interfered with." This plan to be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

The bye-laws were also discussed, and it is expected that they will shortly be confirmed and published.

This closed the business, and the meeting then terminated.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday June 4th.—Before C. J Backhouse, Esq, (in the chair), and Dr Arnison.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Lynsman was charged by P.C. Gardner with being drunk at Tow Law on 11 ult.—Fined 7s 6d including costs.

Richard March was charged by the same officer on 25th ult, with being drunk.—Fined 10s 6d including costs.

John Mulgrove was charged by the same officer with being intoxicated at Tow Law, on the 26th ult.—Fined 7s 6d including costs.

Ralph Anderson, Tow Law, was charged by P.C. Gradner with being drunk on the 11th ult.—Fined 12s 6d including costs.

George Spence, Tow Law, was charged by P.C. Gardner with being drunk on the 11th ult—Fined 15s including costs.

James Hogshaw, Tow Law, was charged by the same officer with being drunk on the 6th ult.—Fined 7s 6d including costs.

Michael Bowe, Wolsingham, was charged by P.C. Coates with being drunk on the 9th ult.—Fined 10s including costs.

George Irwin was charged by the same officer with being drunk at Wolsingham, on the 13th ult.—Fined 10s including costs.

John Elliott, Tow Law, was charged by P.C. Tones with being drunk on the 15th ult.—Fined 12s 6d incluidg costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

John Ray was charged with allowing his two cows to stray on the highway at High Stoop, Tow Law, on May 20th.—Fined 3s and costs.

George Hardy was charged by P.C. Colling with allowing his pig to stray on the highway the same day.—Fined 1s and costs.

ILLEGAL FISHING.

Joseph Ayton, schoolmaster and organist of Thornley, was charged by John Hankey, water bailiff, with fishing with salmon roe on the water of Mr Straker, near Harperley, on Saturday, April 20th; also with fishing without license at the same time.—Mr J. J. Devey, Wolsingham, prosecuted on behalf of the River Wear Conservancy.—Defendant did not appear, but was represented by his son. He wrote admitting his guilt.—Mr Devey said the river watcher (Mr Hankey) watched defendant fishing, and saw that he was fishing with something which was not legal. The watcher next observed defendant take something from a tin box and attach it to the end of the line. Going to defendant he asked him to produce the box but defendant took out a tobacco box and said that was the only one he had. Being told that if he did not produce the box he would be searched, defendant told the watcher if he had to be searched, it would be "the best man for it." The watcher and the defendant then had a struggle, but the former succeeded in taking the box from the pocket of defendant containing salmon roe (produced). The defendant then attempted to bribe the watcher.—Counsel then explained that he had received a letter from Mr Ayton, apparently not knowing that he was prosecuting, stating that he admitted both cases. There was another charge which would not be gone into, and counsel expressed the hope that the Bench would inflict such a fine as would satisfactorily meet the case.—The Bench said the offence of fishing with salmon roe was a most serious one, but it was greatly aggravated by the fact of defendant's position. He would be fined £1 and 7s costs, and for fishing without a license he would be fined 2s 6d and costs, the magistrates considering it had been an oversight. 7s costs was allowed for the bailiff for loss of time, making altogether £2 3s 6d for Mr Ayton to pay.—The son paid the money.—The case excited considerable interest among the fishing fraternity from Bishop Auckland to Stanhope; Mr Ayton being widely known and a member of the fishing association committee.

RAILWAY FATALITY NEAR PRUDHOE.

On Sunday morning, whilst a goods train was proceeding to Hexham on the North-Eastern Railway, near to Prudhoe station, the driver found the body of a man lying on the line, much mutilated. On taking the train up he reported to the signalman at the Prudhoe station, and it was then found that the body was that of a man belonging to Mickley Square, named Wm. Glaister, about 44 years of age. It is supposed that he met his death on Saturday night or Sunday morning through being run over by some passing waggons. It is not known how he got on the line. Deceased has left a widow and seven children.

ANTIQUARIES' EXCURSION TO LANCHESTER.

The first country meeting of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries took place on Friday, and the places visited were Witton Gilbert, Langley Old Hall, and Lanchester. Unfortunately, through unavoidable causes, very short notice could be given of the meeting, and this, combined with the very discouraging state of the weather and possibly the fact that the Durham Society also had their meeting, had the effect of limiting the attendance. The company included Messrs Svensden, Walker, Holmes, and Oswald, Newcastle; Mr and Miss Gibson, Hexham; Mr Moore, Mr Blair (secretary), Harton; Mr C. J. Spence, North Shields; Rev A. Watts, Witton Gilbert; Mr J. Graham, Findon Cottage; and Rev J. F. Hodgson, Witton-le-Wear. The morning was cloudy and threatening, and none but the most careless would have ventured upon a drive in the country without waterproof and umbrella. During the principal part of the day only glimpses of sunshine cheered the party, and a good deal of rain fell, though fortunately shelter was nigh in most cases of a downpour. Nevertheless a very pleasant day was spent. There was much of interest to see and hear, and the party having started with a determination to enjoy themselves managed to do so very well. The Newcastle contingent took train to Durham at 10·5 a.m. and there met the others. From Durham the party drove through a richly wooded but beautiful district to Witton Gilbert, where they met the Rev Arthur Watts, the newly appointed vicar of that place. There they examined the very interesting Parish Church, which dates from late in the 12th century, and which was formerly one of the chapelries of St. Oswald, Durham. Not much can be said about this church. It is a small one, and by no means imposing, but, all the same, it is as interesting a village church as can be found in the county. A description was given of it by the Rev J. F. Hodgson, who stated that originally it was simply a parallelogram, with a chancel, without any aisle at all. Two Transitional windows at the north side, which are very characteristic of their period, are very interesting, and more interesting because they are so high. A remarkable ancient font, with a base like an inverted capital, was curiously examined, as also was some ancient glass in one of the windows; the plate, and the registers, which date back to 1570, are exceedingly well preserved, and contain many entries of considerable interest. The bells bear date 1680.

From Witton Gilbert the company drove towards Langley Old Hall, a valuable local example of pure Tudor Gothic, the walls of which served them in good stead as shelter. They could not drive all the way to the hall, and while they were walking from the traps to the ruins a very heavy shower of rain began to fall. Umbrellas and overcoats were quickly in request, and a very general desire was manifested to get to the lee-side of the walls of the once imposing hall. The rain fell for over half-an-hour with varying volume, and during that time various curious things were noticed. Rather singular windows are placed above the doorways, and through one of these windows a large arm from a tree growing outside has penetrated without doing much damage to the masonry. When the rain ceased a closer examination was made, and one member of the party took a photograph of it. It is understood that the hall is an early 16th century building. A ten minutes' walk by a different route brought the party again to the main road. They then re-embarked the traps and proceeded to Lanchester. First of all, the imperative calls of appetite had to be attended to. After such humble fare as one of the inns could supply at a moment's notice had been partaken of, the party repaired to the fine transitional and 13th century church of Lanchester, which possesses rich Norman remains, is composed of stone largely brought from the neighbouring Roman station, and which was made a collegiate by Cardinal Langley in the 15th century. Rev Mr Hodgson made a few remarks on the Roman camp and the church. The fundamental interest of Lanchester, he said, centres in the Roman camp, and the church is practically built of stone from that camp. When the camp was originally constructed is not known, but it must be early, because it was practically rebuilt before the Romans left this island. It was clear that originally the church consisted of nave and chancel without aisles. The church was built about the middle of the 12th century, and the two aisles would be added both at once about 1190. It is one of the best parish churches in the county, and it only now wants the removal of the plaster ceiling and the baring of the old oak roof. Leaving Lanchester the company enjoyed a ride through the beautiful valley of the Browney to Ushaw College, where they were most courteously received, shown the museum, the magnificent chapels, a Roman altar, and other things of surpassing interest. Very little time was at their disposal when they arrived at Ushaw, and long before all had been seen that was to be seen they had to take a hurried drive to the railway station, crossing on the way the ancient bridge spanning the Browney, where the Scottish king is said to have been captured, after the battle of Neville's Cross, by Sir John de Coupland. Nothwithstanding the adverse weather the meeting was very enjoyable.

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HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION AND RHEUMATIC CURES.

TESTIMONIALS.
57, Hawe Street, Newcastle, March 6, 1888.
MR. G. HANDYSIDE.
SIR,—I have been ill for five months, and been under two doctors, which did me no good. I had a dreadful cough, and suffered very much from indigestiveness. My wife had often to pulltime up out to give my breathing, the pain was so intensely. I have taken your medicine for three weeks. The pain in breathing has gone. My digestion is better. I have a better appetite, and the cosiveness has also gone.
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12, Hill Street, Newcastle, Jan. 10, 1880.
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SIR,—I write to ask you to thank Mr Handyside from me for what his Consumption Cure has done for me. I have now taken two lots, and now feel quite strong—in fact, I am enjoying the best of health. My cough and shortness of breath are quite gone, and I can now go out without catching cold. For 20 years old when I first felt my weakness, and will be 39 in April. I have been under three doctors during that time, but none did me any good. I hope my medicine will be widely known, and that many homes will be benefited by it. We are natives of Gateshead, and the first time I come down I will call, and you shall see for yourself what it has done. I remain, yours respectfully,
ISABELLA STOREY.
If every one desired to make the Consumption Cure as well known as the above lady, there would not be so many too late to be cured. It is now beyond all doubt that the Consumptive Cure will heal up decayed lungs, but it will not put new ones in. The lady says she hears the cold well; this is the best sign of the constitution being restored. All the work of the Creator are self-acting and he has given the power of the eccentric shutters the sensibility to open and close the pores of the skin as our needs require, and the lady knows that going able to go out without catching cold is owing to the Consumption Cure purifying the blood and invigorating the nerves to perform their duties properly. The Consumption Cure was originally brought out by the cure of a consumptive, and it soon became known that, by purifying the blood it cured, not only consumption but all diseases arising from impure blood, bronchitis, asthma, costiveness, and indigestion, and rheumatism, and all diseases of impure blood. But it is now found to cure rheumatism of the worst form, and it is now known that when we consumption is an acid of the blood, which is formed through indigestion. To effect purifying the blood is most important. You had a lady whose skin was all covered with boils, through indigestion. In two years, the last time I saw them, were reduced down to a mild rash, and a few months will be effected. The Consumption Cure has frequently cured runnings that have baffled all other treatment, but I certainly demur to the above case. Another lady came to me, in a consumption, who had had a flesh mark on her face since her birth. The Consumption Cure not only healed up the lung, but actually purified the blood to such a much that the flesh mark became much reduced in size, and will be entirely removed. It has been astonishing of all is a lady terribly reduced by taking ten and twelve per day. In three months she has disappeared through the strengthening of the body. What she has not had a single fit for a fortnight. The lady wishes it to be known.
The lady's address is Mrs Rogers, 14, Victoria Street, West Stanley, near Blaydon. But of all the wonders this medicine has done, the greatest good has been in Glasgow. The People at that critical period bear their affliction with much meanness, believing that nothing could be of help them, and it generally ends with serious results, such as runnings in the legs, noise in the ears, sore throat, costiveness, and indigestion; but the Consumption Cure, by purifying the blood, carries them through this critical period in safety and good health.

44, Handyside Street, Newcastle, Feb. 1869.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
I am glad to say I am now quite well. Before I took your medicine I was ill for two years with rheumatics; the pains were in the shoulders and back. The pain was so severe that I could not work a fortnight at a time. I have suffered so much, that I feel so glad of the change. I am free from pain, say sufferer calls, and I will be pleased to relate the wonderful cure your medicine has effected. I am in short space of eight or nine days.
THOMAS BRAN.
[The above needs no comment. I would need to see the results.]

25, Tweed Street, Newcastle,
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
I am glad to say my wife is now restored to health. She has been a sufferer from Rheumatism and Consumption for eight years. I have tried many medicines, but never got relief. Mrs Cowie, Mrs Precious to taking your medicine she had been confined to bed for three weeks, and could not turn over in bed. The doctor attending to her consumption was very anxious about the state of her health, but could do nothing for her; but after taking only a few days she was able to get up, and get out of bed and walk about, and in about eight days she herself well. I recommended it to my wife's sister, and it did her a great deal of good. I think it my duty to recommend your medicine, as it is not widely known, as they are completely restored.
JOHN MCQUIE.

I was asked to see this lady, it was a case of consumption following under nearly all the diseases that the flesh is heir to, and, in addition, had rendered herself unable to bed, and, in addition, had rendered herself unable to bed for her husband to feel her pulse, and he was nearly able. Her breath was nearly motionless. She had been a martyr to Sciatica, the worst form of Rheumatism. I saw her and at the end of a week I saw the lady she could not turn over in bed. She told me she had been sent home from the hospital to die. The lady appears so delighted at the change, that I am sure if any person calls she will be glad, for the sake of other sufferers to relate to them the wonderful change.]

71, Tulloch Street, Newcastle, December 16th, 1888.
MR G. HANDYSIDE,—
DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in testifying to you, that after I have taken your remedy for my complaint—Rheumatism—in my knees, I have not had any pain since. Now I find the pains gone out of my knees, and they are quite strong for the work; as well as ever. Of all remedies I have taken that I have used, and the medicinal advice I have had, never appeared to do me any good, and I have had advice from some very old army doctors, and their prescriptions they gave me to try never moved pain from my shoulder. It still remained until I began with your remedy.
Believe me to be, yours faithfully,
CHARLES SANGRATT.

[I have known Mr C. Sargeant for three years. For eleven months he has been the victim of acute Rheumatism in the knees and legs. He had put him self under several medical gentlemen, and applied their remedies without any beneficial result. Turkish Baths and hot salt and water baths proved beneficial for a time in his case. Hearing of Mr Handyside's medicine and its wonderful effect upon other sufferers, he procured it, using it alone. After a regular course of it for two months the pains were driven from his knees, and finally they have almost left him entirely. At his request I make this declaration of Mr Handyside's medicine.]
March 1st, Rev FAWER DUNN.

LOOK out for a book shortly to be published, "EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR." Price:—One Penny.
Two Bottles Consumption Cure, 5s. 6d.
Blood Purifier, 2s. 6d. which is equal to the Consumption Cure, except in chronic and long-standing cases.
Rheumatic Cure, 1s.

Business Announcements.

CAUTION.—The Inland Revenue, for the protection of "Handyside's Consumption Cure," has printed "Handyside," Bentinck, Newcastle, upon the Government Stamp; and has not prosecuted to take any other article. A lady was persuaded to take another medicine and got sent to prison for three months, when she found out the fraud and took the genuine "Handyside's Consumption Cure" she was cured in a fortnight. "Handyside's Consumption Cure" is also sold in bottles, and when the Government Stamp is removed "Handyside's Consumption Cure" is stamped on the wax over the cork of the bottle.
Agent for Consett—Messrs. HUGHES & CO. Chemists, Front Street. 299z

Public Notices.

LOOK OUT for the STANLEY CIRCUIT PRIMITIVE METHODIST DEMONSTRATION on Saturday, July 28th, in OPEN-AIR CONCERT in the Afternoon by the Choirs, Great PUBLIC TEA, and a GRAND MUSICAL TREAT by the Orchestral and Mission Bands. Chairman, Counsellor J. A. Carry, Bradley Hall.
See Bills 412z

BLANCHLAND.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL is now Re-opened, having undergone thorough Repairs and is now suitable to accommodate Parties, Commercials or PICNIC PARTIES. First-class Stabling and Post Horses.
JOHN T. COXON, Proprietor.

WHITE-LE-HEAD PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT.
DEMONSTRATION
AT MARLEY HILL,
ON SATURDAY, JULY 28TH, 1889.
OPEN-AIR CONCERT, TEA, AND MEETING.
See Bills. 360z

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPORTS in a Field in Ritson's Road, Blackhill, on Whit-Monday, 1889. Prizes for the following Events:—120 Yards Handicap, 1st, 30s; 2nd, 10s; 3rd, 5s. Back Race, Running High Leap, Long Leap, Three-Legged Race, Pole Leaping, Hop, Step, and Jump, Old Men's Race, Football Competition, Children's Sports. Tea provided in field. 369

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th of June, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT at 7.5 a.m. for Ferryhill, Spennymoor, &c., for CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM, BISHOP AUCKLAND, BARNARD CASTLE, DARLINGTON, BISHOP AUCKLAND, &c.) for DUBLIN, for 8 or 14 Days. 425z

TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL,
TOWN MOOR,
JUNE 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1889.
Admission to Military Stands, 1s; Open Sports, 6d. Military Stands Tickets, 1s 6d, may be purchased on or before Saturday, June 22nd.

FRIESTMAN MEMORIAL FUND.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to this Object may now be received by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. GLADSTONE, Consett.
C. ANNANDALE, Chairman.
W. RAMSAY, General Secretary.

THE Grocers' Event of the Season, the Grand BAND CONTEST & ATHLETIC SPORTS at West Stanley, on Whit-Monday. Band Contest, First, £15; Second, £7; Third, £5. Cricket Match; Band Handicap, £3; Football Competition, £3; Handicap Footrace, £3; Wrestling (Catch Weight), £3; Handicap Bicycle Race, £3; Boys' Race, £1; Running High Leap; Tug-of-War, &c. Entries for Football Competition close on June 15th.
Secretary, J. TOMS, West Stanley, R.S.O.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 1ST STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.
NOTICE.—MONDAY, the 10th June, being Whit-Monday, no Subscription Meeting will be held.
THOMAS SWAINSTON, Chairman.
HALL ELLIOTT, Secretary.

5, Mount Pleasant, Consett, June 6th, 1889.
CONSETT AND DISTRICT 1ST STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS.—TUESDAY Next, the 11th June, being Election Day, no Subscription Meeting will be held.
JOHN GIBBINSON, Secretary.
June 6th, 1889. 412z

AN IMPOSITION ON THE PUBLIC

WHEN you get Measured for what you expect to get a Good-Fitting Suit, be sure that you get one, as many People are showing Patterns, taking Orders, and sending to a Tailor-made, when in reality they are supplied from Ready-made Factories.
GENUINE, BONA-FIDE, TAILOR-MADE GARMENTS can be had at
S. SWALWELL,
TAILOR AND DRAPER,
Who has on hand the Best WOLLEN GOODS of all Descriptions in the Newest Patterns, and Garments Cut, Made, and Finished equal to the Best Tailor-made Garments, at much more Economical Prices. 283z

BLANCHLAND.
A GRAND
BAZAAR
In aid of the Organ Fund of the Abbey Church will be held
ON WHIT-MONDAY & TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH AND 11TH.
The Bazaar will be opened by
REV. D. DIXON-BROWN,
Unthank Hall, Chairman of Lord Crewe's Trustees,
on Whit Monday, June 10th.
Admission—Monday, 2 p.m., 6d.; 5 p.m., 1s; after 4 p.m., 6d.; Tuesday, 1s. Amusements, music, &c.
Refreshment Stall in a marquee adjoining. 359z
SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

WHITSUNTIDE SPORTS.
Under the Patronage of Messrs. WILSON BROS. (Lessees) and CONSETT AND DISTRICT BRASS BAND.
GALA AND SPORTS.
MONDAY.
(1.) Cricket Match (Consett v. Hexham). Wickets pitched 11.30 a.m.
(2.) 120 Yards Handicap.—1st Prize, £3; 2nd, 10s.
(3.) High Jump. Entrances, 1st Prize, £1; 2nd, 10s.
(4.) Mile Walking Handicap. Entrance, 1s.—1st Prize, 30s; 2nd, 10s.
(5.) Tug-of-War Match. Entrance, 6d.—Prize, 10s.
Postal Entries for No. 3, 4, and 5.
TUESDAY.
(1.) Cricket Match (Consett v. Northumbrian). Wickets pitched 11.30 a.m.
(2.) Wrestling, 1st. Entrance, 1s.—1st Prize, 30s; 2nd, 15s; 3rd and 4th, 7s 6d each.
(3.) Wheelbarrow Race, Blindfold. Entrance 6d.—1st Prize, 10s; 2nd 5s.
(4.) Obstacle Race. Entrance, 6d.—1st Prize, 15s; 2nd, 5s.
(5.) One Mile Flat Race Handicap.—1st Prize, 30s; 2nd, 10s.
Post Entries for Nos 2, 3, and 4.
The Renowned ENGLISH CONCERTINA BAND, 18 Performers, will be in attendance on MONDAY, and the SEVEN EXCELSIOR REED BAND on the TUESDAY.
Admission, M; Children, 1d.
W. RAMSAY, Hon. Sec.

JOHN LOWES,
AUCTIONEER & VALUER, STANLEY, R.S.O.
Auction Sales of every description undertaken on the most Moderate terms. Prompt attention.
VALUATIONS ATTENDED FOR PROBATE, &c. 602y

Public Notices.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.
GENERAL DISTRICT RATE ACCOUNT, for the Year ending 25th March, 1889.

Dr	£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
General District Rate, June	376	11	10	Sewage	4	19	6
Do. December	302	14	6	Sewerage disposal	19	14	6
County Authority	62	8	8	Street Improvements	22	5	1
Parliamentary grant	12	3	3	Public Roads	104	4	6
Grant in aid of Medical Officer	4	15	7	Other Roads	11	13	9
Wayleaves	1	15	7	Street Watering	12	0	0
				Lighting	19	0	0
				Disinfecting	10	0	0
				Salaries	87	1	11
				Establishment	34	16	9
				Instalment	47	16	5
				Interest	16	14	10
				Balance	166	10	8
	£809	11	0		£809	11	0

GAS ACCOUNT, for the year ending 25th March, 1889.

Dr	£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
Gas (March)	123	18	6	Wages	176	15	11
" (June)	50	11	1	Coals	127	7	0
" (September)	50	13	1	Lime	3	15	9
" (December)	158	3	7	Water	7	13	5
Sale of Residuals	45	0	10	Retorts &c	1	10	0
Rent	5	0	0	Wayleaves	1	2	0
Street Lamps	68	19	0	Pipes	28	14	0
Deficient	39	13	4	Salaries	23	18	1
				Meters	2	0	0
				Sundry accounts, rates, &c	42	2	7
				Repairs	0	17	2
				Principal and Interest	199	1	9
	£551	12	3		£551	12	3

CEMETERY ACCOUNT, for the year ending 25th March, 1889.

Dr	£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
Burial fees	25	5	0	Wages	22	0	0
Jubilee Committee	36	12	6	Booth for faculty	9	5	8
				Sundries	2	7	0
				Wall	19	6	0
				Clerk's Salary	10	0	0
				Balance	5	15	8
	£54	15	6		£54	15	6

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, June 17th, 1889.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Important Sale of superior Mahogany Cabinet and Upholstery, including Mahogany Couch, in Hair, Mahogany Easy and other Chairs, Brass-mounted Fender, Iron Stands, Feather and Down Beds, Superior Cushion Pattern Bedsteads, in Walnut, and Twelve Months in use, and a great variety of other Effects.

MESSRS. A. AND R. J. BRODIE are instructed by the Executors to receive and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, the 17th, 1889, a large assemblage of Superior Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, the whole of which will be offered without reserve.
Sale to commence at Half past One o'clock p.m.

MR. ADAM BRODIE, who has been temporarily absent through illness, expects to be able to resume his duties in a few days. In the meantime any communications or enquiries will receive careful attention from R. J. BRODIE, who is in daily attendance at the Offices, Town Hall, Consett.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
ADAM BRODIE and ROBERT J. BRODIE, Members of the Institute of Auctioneers and Surveyors, and of the Institute of Estate Agents, are prepared to execute all Orders for the SALE of FARMING STOCKS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, STEAM-ENGINES, and other Property, in the Best Style, and on Reasonable Terms. Being preliminary Sales associated with the above-named Institutions, they are unable to fast for commissions as many others do, but they will be glad to receive those with which they may be favoured on Reasonable Terms. Dealers for Steel, under the Amalgamated Holdings (England) Act, 1883, and also under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888, duly executed out.
NOTE THE ADDRESS :—A. and R. J. BRODIE, Certificated Auctioneers, Town Hall, Consett.

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

South Medomsley Colliery, Dipton (next door to the Cottage Hospital), Whit-Monday, June 10th, 1889.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mr. ROBINSON, who is leaving England for South Africa), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at above place and date, the whole of his Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE; Feather Beds; Iron Bedsteads; Walnut in figured walnut, with 7 Stops; Patent WRINGER and MANGLE; Mahogany Chair; Mahogany Sofa; Mahogany Tables; Valuable Library of BOOKS; and a Quantity of Garden Tools. Purchasers of Parties lars see bills.
Sale to commence at Half past One o'clock.
Adjourned Sale on Auction Office, Front Street, Dipton.

21, Fairside Colliery.—Friday Evening, at Four o'clock, June 14th, 1889.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, instructed by the Executors of the late Mr. WILLIAM HOLMES, will SELL the whole of his Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. See Bills. 425z

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE.
A SECOND CLASS SHIP to SOUTH USA Cheap Rate to America by the WHITE STAR, ARMAGH, and other Steamers. Also Cheap and Possible Fares to the AUSTRALIAN COLONIES, SOUTH AFRICA, and other parts. Emigrants' Auction Sales carried on efficiently and upon the most Moderate Terms.
All Emigrants and Luggage taken to the Railway Stations, Docks, or Steamers, and every information and reliable informations and assistance, apply at once to A. PHILLIPSON Auctioneer, and Emigrants Agent, Dipton 406z

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.
A WEEKLY SALE every Monday for Fat and other Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Horses, Carts, Harness, Conveyances, Farm Produce, &c., commencing at 12 o'clock each day, and Sales by Auction at Residences.—Special entry for Monday First—100 BLACK-FACED EWES and GIMMERS, Consigned by Mr. JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer,
Grove Ville, Tow Law.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

MR. J. OLEY, instructed by Mr WM. COWENS, who is about to emigrate, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, June 22nd, 1889, at Two o'clock p.m., at 110, Cement Houses, Shotley Bridge, the whole of his Genteel Household FURNITURE, &c. For particulars of which see bills.

MR. J. OLEY, favoured with the confidence of Mr. JOHN ROUTLEDGE, who is about to emigrate, will SELL by AUCTION at 2.30 p.m., Well Burn Blackhill Mill, on Monday, June 24th, 1889, at 2.30 p.m., the whole of his Valuable APPOINTMENTS, including a Beautiful Carriage Horse, Trap, Harness, Cart and Iron Frame. See Particulars in Bills.

By Messrs. Lee, Hornsfield.

MESSRS. OLEY has received instruction from the Executors of the late H. MASKREY, deceased, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place on Monday, June 17th, 1889, his Household FURNITURE, &c., at Two o'clock precisely.
For particulars see Posters.

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

By Mr. William Raw.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Bridge Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, June 26th, 1889, about 14 ACRES OF RICH MEADOW GRASS, standing and growing in Derwent Haugh Meadows, Blackhill, Blackhill, which will be sold in Three Lots to the Public. Purchasers will be allowed a reasonable time for making it into Hay.
Sale to commence at Seven o'clock. 427z
Sale Office, Blackhill.

Very Valuable Properties for Sale.
MR. WILLIAM RAW having been honoured with instructions from Mr WILLIAM TURNER, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Wednesday, June 26th, 1889, all that very valuable FULL-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE, the Station Hotel, and other Valuable Properties. Further particulars next week.
Sale Office, Blackhill. 428z

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
PEOPLE that are leaving the District can have their FURNITURE TURNED into CASH, by applying to JOHN CRAVEN, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 851z

Sales by Auction.

By Mr John Crawford.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL, at his Sale Rooms, on Saturday First, June 8th, 1889, the Stock-in-Trade and Second-hand Mahogany FURNITURE, including Mahogany Drawers, Brass-mounted Beds, Sofas, Couches, and a lot of other articles.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock p.m.

JOHN CRAWFORD,
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15, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.
Business done promptly, and on reasonable terms.

By Mr. John B. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY FIRST, JUNE 10TH, 1889.
COMMENCING at EIGHT O'CLOCK.
6 Fat Cattle.
30 to 40 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
2 Young Breed Sows.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers.
Store Cattle, Calves, Pigs, &c.
Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.
JOHN S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
AUCTIONEER,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. William Nicholson
LANCHESTER AUCTION MART.

Wednesday, June 12th, 1889.
Fresh Entries Invited.
A number of Prime Calving Cows and Heifers.
Fat and Store Grazing Cattle, Fat Sheep and Lambs, Pigs, Poultry, &c.
Entries taken up to time of Sale.
Sale at Two o'clock.
WM. NICHOLSON, Auctioneer.
Hill —House, Lanchester.

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
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HOLD their GOOD HALL (CONSETT) SHARES MAY BE TAKEN ANY DAY.
Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property repayable as arranged, or for fixed terms
ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., Secretary.

What a beautiful carriage
Where did you get it?
From ALFRED BOAG,
St. Mary's Place, Newcastle.
I was perfectly astonished to see his Stock of New and Second-hand Carriages and Harness, and more so, when I saw the prices. Send for his address. I want my carriage repaired and painted. Good morning.

MOST MONEY LENT
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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
—A Large St

ublic Notices.

AL BOARD OF HEALTH.
ACCOUNT, for the Year ending 25th March, 1889.

	Cr	£	s	d
11	10	Sewerage	104	7	10
4	8	Sewerage disposal	11	13	9
15	3	Street Improvements	49	0	0
15	7	Main Roads	104	7	10
15	7	Other Roads	11	13	9
		Steam Watering	49	0	0
		Lighting	79	0	0
		Elections	19	2	0
		Salaries	87	1	11
		Establishment	16	16	8
		Instalment	47	10	6
		Interest	14	14	5
		Balance	166	10	8
9	11	0	£660	11	0

for the year ending 25th March, 1889.

£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
6	11	0	Wages	176	15	11
16	11	1	Coals	127	1	0
3	17	6	Lime	7	13	5
1	13	7	Water	7	13	5
3	17	6	Electric Ac	2	2	0
0	9	0	Wayleaves	1	1	0
5	19	4	Rates	1	2	0
29	13	4	Salaries	23	18	1
			Meters	42	7	7
			Sundry accounts, rates, &c	17	17	9
			Principal and Interest	199		
31	12	3		£504	15	2

UNT, for the year ending 25th March, 1889.

£	s	d	Cr	£	s	d
6	0	0	Wages	22	0	0
29	12	6	Booth for facility	2	8	6
			Coals	2	13	4
			Wood	0	7	0
			Clerk's Salary	10	0	0
			Balance	5	15	0
35	12	6		£84	15	0

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THE CONSETT GUARDIAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1889.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "IXORDC."]

HALLOWED GROUND.

So favoured by the leading local gentlemen of Consett and neighbourhood are the members of Consett and District Cricket Club that under name of the club would be best expressed by the vastly more appropriate term "The Consett Pets." The smouldering embers of the Consett Public Park question are at this moment being fanned into a gentle heat and, be it noted, that the very first proviso laid down by the gentlemen who are responsible for the scheme in this threadbare question is that in the drawing up of the proposed plans for constructing roads in the Park the cricket ground shall be left inclosed. If it is a good thing to have a friend at court what measure of good things must have fallen to the happy lot of the Consett Cricketers, the members of which once calculate, set upon one solitary friend only, but upon the whole body of the court. Talk about being born with the proverbial silver spoon in one's mouth! In short, it would almost seem that once upon a time there must have been quite a shower of those esteemed favours in the Consett district. That event happened some time previous to my connection with the district, at least I have no recollection of ever having had the good fortune to have come into possession of the treasure trove. But this by the way. Speaking of the injunctions imposed upon the inspectors, upon whom the duty of laying out the roads in the district devolves, it is a knotty point to determine exactly how far the proviso referred to is right, or how far it is wrong. Should the Joint Park Committee decide to single out a few walks and sprinkle them with gravel, the reservation of the level space occupied for some years by the Consett and District Cricket Club will be in order, and I am disposed to think, pretty much in touch with the sentiments of the public generally; but if, on the other hand, it is to be fashioned into a something resembling a pleasure Park, then will the cricketers require to change their quarters. Their presence in a well-laid out Park would be as inappreciable as it would be undesirable. But nothing alarming need be apprehended for some time to come. Park improvements at Consett progress so slowly that they are almost hid from mortal sight.

IRON AND STEELWORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Conference assembled on the second matter of the day, and if a good thing, there is no reason why the Consett iron and steelworkers should not reap whatever advantages may accrue from the deliberations of such an assembly. It is a truism that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom, and it would be strange were the same good results not to follow such a gathering as that promoted by the Associated Iron and Steelworkers' of Great Britain. There is only one feature in the Conference that I dislike, and by the Consett and Tinmill men for presentation at the Conference at Manchester that I do not regard with much favour. I refer to that resolution in which the phrase is incorporated: "That conference shall deal with the question of Monday work with a view to its abolition." It would seem from the Chairman's remarks as reported that the subject of Monday work was to be introduced conditionally that the members dealt with it from a practical point of view. In fact, let me say, is not a Parliamentary method of doing business. Should the subject be introduced at all it ought to be handled on its merits—whether for or against the present arrangement, as regards pro and cons, determine. At any rate it usually requires two to effect a contract, and that being so the employers are quite entitled to a finger in the pie. Five shifts a week might do well enough with the well-paid tonnage men, taking it for granted that the masters could be induced to grant the request; but, all things considered, the bulk of the steel and ironworkers are the worst paid class of men in the country. To speak of lying idle on Monday for a time when the men in every steel and iron establishment in Britain is taxed to the uttermost to supply the finished material, would be to be guilty of insanity. The question of Monday work is not, however, a new one. It came in for a good deal of attention some six or seven years ago, but dull times setting in it died a natural death.

ANOTHER MISTAKE.

Really now, having said those egregious errors in the speech of the name of the Georgian champion in the Manchester district, I have determined that never more shall his wrath be kindled against me, but let that pass and forgive me. What the last error was I have not yet ascertained, for time is too short and too fleet to be spent in the pursuit of fallacies. In this connection, and in the peace of mind, I have resolved to refrain from using his name, of which he seems so justly proud; and but for the fitful effect which he put forth last week to some readers that he, forsooth, was the *bona ident* of perfection, and that I, among the rest of my failings, was a wilful falsifier of facts, I should say, that it would be good sport. We are not the least desire to wind my own bugle, because in that sort of commendation there is precious little honour to be gained. But if, on the other hand, I do not, like a greater writer, adorn everything I touch, I certainly do not, as stated by the Manchester typecritic, wilfully falsify his utterances nor those of any other man. To err is human, and it has been beautifully said that to forgive was divine; but as that appears to be but little of the latter virtue in the composition of the gentleman referred to, there is evidently no antidote for his indignation, other than to cool at his leisure, and to reserve his wrath for those who fear it. I cannot be held responsible for what people may think, nor for the uncharitable constructions which they put on their actions; we pleased to put upon my observations. I have only to say that I had no intention of making my choleric critic appear paltry, far from it. The fact is the gentleman is the wo profound for an unassuming scribe of my calibre. To liken him who spoke as never man spoke, and who took no count of the wealth of this world, to a modern theorist who delivers lectures on given subjects for so many dollars a head, and who took no count of the wealth of this world, to a modern theorist who delivers lectures on given subjects for so many dollars a sight, was a flight of thought that would never have entered my less variable mind. The monster leap from the universal cure for poverty to quibbling about the misspelling of an odd letter in the spelling of his name was another proof of the gentleman's ability to descend with one bound from his sublime to the very depth of fatuitiousness. In matters little to which cause his wrath was due, whether the misspelling of his name or being contradicted anent the Georgian theory. The result is in either case one and the same. The points which he boasts about putting to such clearness, I have up to the present failed to perceive, much to discern. That he has called loudly for me to force the pace, to use a sporting phrase, is true; but with the exception of introducing a number of extraordinary compliments, I can see no possible single statement calculated to uphold the Georgian theory. Personally, I have, I may say, at my elbow pieces of that sort of composition in favour of "H.G." together with ably expressed opinions on the other side of the subject; and had I felt disposed to enter into controversy on the matter I was certainly well supplied with ammunition to meet even a more redoubtable, but certainly not more fiery defender of the Georgian *ex ed.*

ROUNDABOUT NOTES.

[BY "RAMBLER."]

Here's some news for the Temperance party. Consett can now boast of having reduced the number of her public houses by one. The Dun Cow Inn, at Number One, is licensed house no more, together with its surrounding premises and a quantity of grass land adjoining, recently been acquired by the Consett Property and Industrial Society Limited, with a view of trying an experiment in the establishment of a dairy farm in connection with their store at Consett, Blackhill, and Shotley Bridge. The property belongs to the Governors and Trustees of the Sherburn Hospital, and was leased to the late Mr. Geo. Brown, of the Railway Hotel, Consett. The sum occupied of this property was (Mr W. Cawthorn) vacated the premises last week, and the place was closed.

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I am sure everyone will feel intensely gratified that Mr E. J. Sloane, Blackhill, has made his *debut* in the musical world as a successful composer. The merit of his first effort, and in spite of my anticipations of his nearest friends, and rendered as it was by such high-class talent, it was sure to be a success. Indeed, I am trying to obtain the views of local musicians who have made a careful study of the "Benediction Service," in the hope of laying their expressions before my readers at some future period.

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One of the most enjoyable parts of the admirable programme arranged for the presentation to Dr Rentoul, at Blackhill, was the duet between the Misses Parker. Both of these ladies are very young, but their playing is excellent and finished. The large audience which listened to them were quite charmed, and greeted their efforts with enthusiastic applause. They possess a remarkable ability and should be heard of in the future. The younger one, who played the violin, has not been long under the care of her present teacher, but she plays like a person who has had several years tuition. Her teacher is Mr Beers, Newcastle; while the elder sister has been taught the pianoforte by Mrs N. H. Bryson, Consett.

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While the members of the Consett and Benfieldside Local Boards are engrossed in the important topic of whether the Park is "to be or not to be," their Leadgate colleagues are, on the other hand, trying to enhance the beautiful surroundings of their Park at Redwell Park. A Union Jack on the bandstand in commemoration of the Queen's birthday. The Mayor (Mr Thompson) and his wife were engaged during the past fortnight in quickening the young wicks, and dressing up the shrubbery. The trees are now in full leaf, and the plants in bloom. On the whole the Park presents a very pleasant and attractive aspect in its summer garb, and presents a striking contrast to the almost desolate condition of the Blue Heaps Park.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The Theatre Royal at Consett has been closed during the past week.

"The County Court Offices Consett will be closed on Monday the 17th inst. (Whit-Monday).

Among the presentations at the last Drawing-room held by the Queen was that of Mrs Marriage, the Countess of Macclesfield.

BASE HOSPITALS.—Mr Banks in Consett, and Shotley Bridge, will be closed on Whit-Monday, and will also close on Whit-Tuesday at twelve o'clock.

A severe storm of thunder and lightning passed over Consett district about seven o'clock on Sunday. During the prevalence of the storm there was practically darkness.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM A CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—At the Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, Thomas Blades, Joseph Taylor, a stone dresser, living in Harvey Street, Consett, was charged on bail on a charge of breaking into a money-box at the Conservative Club, Mount Pleasant, Consett, and stealing a sum of money, being a sum of money.

THE DANGERS OF TEMPLETOWN.—On Sunday morning, Mrs Reed wife of Byerley Reed, of Templetown, in the employment of the Consett Iron Company, fell down a shaft 30 yards deep, and it seems that the woman had visited Consett to do some shopping, and on her return home was not at all right when she went to bed about 11-30 p.m. Early the following morning, she was not to be taken suddenly ill, and Dr Scurfield was instantly summoned. She found Mrs Reed in a state of apoplexy, and she soon afterwards succumbed.

ST MARY'S ANNUAL SPORTS.—These annual sports are announced for our next issue, and will take place on Whit-Monday, in a field in Ritson's Road, Blackhill. The sports will consist of the usual footracing, sack race, running high leap, tug of war, throwing cricket ball, hop, step, and leap, and jump, old men's race, football competition, and a host of children's sports, for which prizes will be given, full particulars of which are given in the bills posted in the district. The bills were written and printed by Mr Ward.

MARRIAGE.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, Mr W. E. Turner, son of Mr W. Turner, clothier, Albion House, Blackhill, was married to Miss C. A. Thompson, daughter of Mr W. Thompson, mineral water manufacturer, Clarendon Villa, Consett. The ceremony was performed in Christ Church, by Rev F. Greenwell, M.A., and the bride maid was Miss Murray, Armstrong Villa, while Mr Henry Bailey, Blackhill, acted as best man. The parents of both parties are well-known and esteemed in the district, the latter holding a leading office as churchwarden. After the wedding, the happy couple left by the 10-20 a.m. train to spend the honeymoon at Hartlepool and Redcar.

FIRE.—On Tuesday morning, a fire occurred in the back premises of a dwelling-house at the top of Princess Street, Consett, in the occupation of Mr Milsteyn, a labourer at the Consett Iron Works. It seems that about two o'clock some old mats were ignited, and began to smoulder away, filling the place with dense smoke, and almost suffocating the inhabitants—Mrs Milsteyn, his son, and a daughter—he were in bed at the time. The next door neighbour also felt the effects of the smoke. Sergeant Bain and P.C.'s Scott and Millican, who fortunately happened to be on duty, got forth strenuous exertions to extinguish the burning rubbish, and with the assistance of the

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (SHOTLEY) RESTORATION. A long letter from Rev F. Raine, touching this subject, will appear next week.

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inmates, they succeeded in putting out the flames before much damage had resulted. Had the fire been allowed to continue much longer, the consequences might have proved very serious indeed.

PRESENTATION TO A COLLIERY OFFICIAL.—On Tuesday night, the overmen and deputies connected with the Consett Iron Company's Tinmill Pit assembled in the office of Mr T. Hay, overman, at Mount Pleasant, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial, consisting of a gold watch and chain, to Mr J. Bell, of Consett, one of the deputies, who has been in the employment of the firm for about 15 years, previous to his leaving the district for Ladysmith, South Africa, where he has obtained the more lucrative post of colliery manager. Mr T. Smith (back-overman) occupied the chair, and Mr Hugh (overman) made the presentation in a suitable speech.—Mr Bell briefly acknowledged the gift, and the evening's proceedings, which were of a very pleasant character, were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Robin Gray," and the National Anthem.

BLACKHILL.

As Thomas Parnaby, Blackhill, one of the workmen of the Consett Iron Company, was at work one day afternoon, from the blacksmiths', into the yard, he was squeezed between two coal wagons. Some of the workmen happened to see his position and at once the engine was backed before he was seriously injured.

On Monday evening, Mr K Sloane, postmaster, Blackhill, entertained the members of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church to supper, at his residence.

GEORGE HOPE MEMORIAL FUND.—At a meeting of the Consett committee held at the Booth Oak H-tel, Medomsley, it was decided to close the subscription lists in connection with the above fund on the 8th inst., and it is respectfully requested that all who have not yet sent in their subscriptions will do so at once, the amount they may have received, to Mr Scott, treasurer, Medomsley, not later than the 12th inst., with a view to the next meeting being held on that date, in order to close the fund, and to arrange for a meeting of the general committee for the purpose of submitting to them the question as to the disposal thereof.

LEADGATE.

By the Veterinary Surgeons' Act, 1881, it is illegal for any person practising as a veterinary surgeon after 31st December, 1883, without being duly registered, is liable to a fine not exceeding £20, and is not entitled to recover any fee for his services. The Act, it is true, in the main was no provision of this character as to vets., who had been in practice prior to the passing of the Act (Mr W. Cawthorn) vacated the premises last week, and the place was closed.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH MAGAZINE for June contains notices of important local events, also interesting and instructive matter.

THE SPA GROUNDS.—Messrs Wilson Bros., the lessees of the beautiful and lovely Spa grounds at Shotley Bridge, are always to the front in providing amusement and entertainment for visitors during the season. For Whitsuntide, a gala has been arranged to be held under the auspices of the Shotley Bridge Cricket and Bowling Club. On Monday and Tuesday, a programme of athletic sports (professional) will be brought off, and we learn that good entries have been received for the competitions. Four cricket matches will be played each day. There has been a special engagement made for the celebrated Boyd and Co.'s Pierrot Concertina Band (26 performers), who will give two popular concerts. This is the greatest novelty of the present day, and should be heard by every lover of music. The Spen Excelsior Brass Band will also be in attendance. The gardens and grounds never looked prettier than at the present moment, being enhanced by a superabundance of magnificent foliage, and the place will worthily repay a visit.

LINTZ COLLIERY.

I.O.G.T.—On Wednesday se'night, at their weekly meeting, the Lintz Colliery Lodge held a "Night from the Felling" "Dare To Be True" Lodge. The meeting was thrown open to the public, when Bro. Edgar took the chair and gave an address on "Temperance." The order of the programme was as follows: Bro. Pearson, a song; Bro. Manners, a recitation; Bro. Forsyth, a song; Bro. Whyley, a song; Bro. Dixon, reading; Bro. Pearson, song; Bro. Manners, recitation; Bro. Watson, song; Bro. Nicholson, song; Bros. Watson and Forsyth, a duet; Bro. Wally, recitation; Bro. Edgar, song; Bro. Pearson, duet; Bro. Watson, song, (by request); Bro. Young, C.T., of Lintz Lodge, sang two songs. A vote of thanks to the visitors, and the singing of the doxology, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

MANCHESTER.

HAY MAKING.—The hay harvest seems to be pretty general in the Lanchester district. At Mr Humble, of King's Head Inn, has cut a field of grass, which is now piked.

CATTLE SALE.—Yesterday (Thursday), Mr J. R. Nicholson, Manor House, had another sale of grazing cattle, in the village green at Lanchester, when about 150 head of stock were shown. The prices obtained were fairly good, the only thing being the figures.—Two years old heifers made up to £13 10s; bullocks up to £15 10s; blue-grey bullocks, £13. There was a good number of cattle outside, there is to be, the leading purchasers being The Duke of Portland's agent; Mr Jacob Stott, of Bothal Castle; Mr J. Carrs, Morpeth; Mr Henry Dawson, Dyke Nook, and Mr Burton. Nearly the whole of the stock changed hands.

TOW LAW.

On Wednesday night, a conference on betting and gambling was held in connection with the "Beacon of Hope" lodge of Good Templars. The subject was ably introduced by Mr Joseph Norman, Blanch Bank. Dixon, Thomas Parkinson, and J. E. Dixon, took part in the discussion, while Mr J. T. Brewer, gave a useful reading on the subject. At the close of the discussion the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That we recognise, with deep regret, the growing tendency of large numbers of young men, to waste time, money, and reputation in the practice of gambling, and while deploring the evil results which follow, we can to discountenance it in our midst in all its forms, and call upon parents, employers, and friends to use their influence to redouble their diligence in this, one of the most insidious and growing vices of social life.

WESTWOOD.

CONCERT.—On Monday night, a concert was given in the United Free Methodist Chapel, Westwood, by Mr Ward Dickens's choir, from Blackhill, in aid of the late Mr George Hogg's late overman at the Derwent Pit, Medomsley, testimonial fund. In the absence of Mr C. H. Scott, assistant colliery manager, Medomsley, Mr W. Hogg, Consett, presided. There were well-over a large attendance, the chapel was filled to excess. A selection of varied programmes of songs, duets &c., was ably rendered by Miss Martha and Jane Ann Joel, and Lydia Jones which were efficiently assisted by the choir. Mr.W. J. Lane, schoolmaster, Leadgate, also contributed several pianoforte solos. The chairman, Mr W. Hogg, Mr J. W. Davison, acted as accompanist.—Votes of thanks to the choir and chairman closed the proceedings, and the company afterwards partook of a coffee supper. The chapel was the repast being largely patronised.

LANGLEY PARK.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The annual tea and meeting in connection with the above flourishing society—a branch from the Annfield Plain society —was held in the long room at Langley Park, when between 700 and 800 people sat. Mr Wesley Johnson took the chair, and delivered an encouraging address on the benefits and progress of the society. He was followed by other speakers. A concert was also given, when Misses Annie and Maggie Bell (Leadgate) and Messrs Barron, Irwin, Duckworth, and others went through an excellent programme.

BLANCHLAND.

CHURCH BAZAAR.—A grand bazaar, in aid of the funds of the ancient Abbey Church at Blanchland, will be held in the schools on Whit-Monday and Tuesday. The opening ceremony will be performed by Rev D. Dixon-Brown, J.P., of Uthank Hall, Chairman of Lord Crewe's trustees. Various attractions will be provided.

TANTOBIE.

In the account of the examination of the students belonging to the Tantobie Ambulance class held at Tanfield Lea, we find the name of one of the most successful students was omitted, namely—John Harrison, Wylie-le-heal.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary services connected with the above school at Tantobie, was celebrated on Sunday.—The day being fine, the chapel was crowded in each occasion. Two sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr. G. W. Foster, Consett. In the afternoon, a service of song, taken from the "Children's Home," was creditably rendered by the children, assisted by Mr. Foster. An address to parents, teachers, and scholars was given during the service by Mr. Foster. On Monday evening a public tea was provided in the school-room, and was well patronised. Tea being over, the teachers, parents, and scholars retired to a field behind the chapel, and enjoyed themselves up to a late hour. The Tanfield Lea Mission Band was in attendance, and rendered selections of music.—On Sunday three services were conducted by Mr F. Frankland, Blackhill. Eloquent temperance addresses delivered by the 'chairman and Mr Beckwith, Temperance League Agent, Newcastle. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

WEST PELTON.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday May 26th, the anniversary services of this school were conducted in the morning, afternoon, and evening, by Mr. J. Magee, of Stanley. The collections were taken on Sunday last, when three services were conducted in the morning by Mr. T. Hardgrave, afternoon by Mr. J. Farrow, and evening by Mr. James Haddon, of West Pelton. At each service the children recited portions of Scripture, poetry, and dialogues, in a pleasing manner, giving evidence of good earnest training. Special hymns and music were rendered by the children, and choir, under the able leadership of Mr. W. Cummins of West Pelton. The services throughout were of a pleasing character, the singing being crowded with people, who evidently were highly satisfied with everything, thus giving encouragement to those in charge of the school.

WHITTONSTALL.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversary in connection with the Sabbath School, was commenced at Whittonstall on Saturday afternoon, when a public tea was held in the chapel. The repast was well patronised. In the same evening a public meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by Messrs W. Henderson, J. Taylor, and Mr. Cowell, of Stanley. On Sunday, three services were conducted by Mr. E. B. Foster, Leadgate, and Mr. J. Farrow, Stanley. The local choir was assisted by the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan choir during the day. A service for the children took place in the afternoon. There were good congregations on each occasion, the collections realising and singing in a most effient manner. The collections were on behalf of the School funds.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH).—Consett 2nd v Tudhoe 2nd, at Consett.
Consett v Bath Lane, at Newcastle.
Leadgate v Crook, at Leadgate.
South Stanley v Lanchester, at South Garesfield.

Leadgate 2nd v Tanfield, at Tanfield.
Stanley v Burnhope, at Stanley.
Newfield Excelsior v Washington, at Washington.
Whickham 1st v Rendel, at Whickham.
Whickham 2nd v Rendel 2nd, at Whickham.
Littletown Colliery v Bath Lane, at Stanley.
Felling Church Institute v Blaydon, at Blaydon.
Dent Street v Hetton Lyons, at Hetton ground (Junior Challenge Cup).
Wolsingham v Toft Hill, at Toft Hill.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP—FIRST ROUND.

Consett and District v Hetton Lyons, at Hetton Lyons.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP—SECOND ROUND.

Medomsley v Durham City, at Durham.
Cornsay v Tudhoe, at Cornsay.
Chester-le-Street v Whitburn, at Chester-le-Street.
Ushaw Moor v Philadelphia, at Ushaw Moor.

Consett and District v Hexham, at Shotley Spa.
Leadgate St Ives v Lanchester, at Leadgate.
West Stanley v Burnhope, at Burnhope.
Burnhope v Leamside, at Leamside.
Cornsay v East-gate Colliery, at Easington Lane.
Chester-le Street v Hetton Lyons, at Chester-le-Street.
Medomsley v Benwell Hill, at Medomsley.

WHIT-TUESDAY.
Consett and District v Durham Amateurs, at Shotley Spa.

WEDNESDAY.
Medomsley v Durham U niversity, at Durham.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP—FIRST ROUND.

CONSETT v HETTON LYONS.—The following team will represent Consett:—Gibb, Goffrey (captain), I. Richards, J. R. Richards, W. Turnbull, T. Jameson, J. Siddell, W. A. Leadbitter, A. Shaw, R. Williamson, D. Wood, J. Wood, W. Wood, Reserves J. Maddison and T. T. Grey.

MEDOMSLEY v CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The above match will be played to-morrow (Saturday) at Durham. The home team are very strong this year, while Medomsley have shown very good form so far as the season is concerned, and will be sure to give their redoubtable opponents a hard game. The following have been selected to represent Chester-le-Street:—Wilson (captain), T. D. Dales, A. Little, W. E. Charlton, J. Charlton, J. Dales, J. Dent, T. W. G. Thompson, J. Ross, M. Charlton, and G. Walton. The team and their friends leave Chester-le-Street by brake, to come within range of the fowling piece of the Medomsley team, and will be accompanied by Mr Rogerson's keeper, Mr Wm. Greggs.

ROOKHOPE.

AMBULANCE CLASS.—The most successful examination by the members of this class took place in the Rookhope Board School, on Saturday last. The lectures given by Dr Robinson have been well attended, great interest being displayed in the work. The certificates will most probably be presented on or about the 18th inst., in the Board School, Rookhope, when there will be a public demonstration of ambulance men and corps.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.

SCHOOL TREAT.—On Saturday last, the children attending the British School at Cornsay had their annual treat. The children, with their teachers, assembled for the occasion by Messrs Ferens and Love, and marched to the Cornsay Colliery, headed by a brass band. The following ladies and gentlemen were in attendance at the tables:—Mrs Newman, Misses Hogg, Lane, Hodgson, Atchinson, Hogg, Messrs Hodgson, Lane, Hogg, Mitchell, P. Kirkup, J. C. Raine, and others. After the children engaged in various football, cricket, and other games, the weather being exceedingly fine throughout the whole of the day.

BARON MILL.

The Free Methodists at this place celebrated their anniversary last week in the following way:—After tea on Saturday, a public meeting was addressed by the Rev. T. Pratt, Consett, and Mr. W. R. T. Pratt occupied the chair. On Sunday, sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. F. Raine, and a service of song entitled "Lost in London," was given in the afternoon by the Sunday School, and the anniversary proved a great success.

PRUDHOE.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—On Wednesday night a meeting under the auspices of the Prudhoe Liberal Association was held in the Free Church School, Prudhoe, for the purpose of presenting Mr J. Wilkinson with a testimonial of the association, with a purse of gold, in recognition of his services since the association's formation in connection with the Hexham Divisional Liberal Association. Mr Robert Stainthorpe, secretary of the Hexham Divisional Liberal Association, presided over a large and among those present were Messrs S. Little, C. Spence, William Cuthbertson, and Rev F. Raine.

CATCHGATE.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.—"THOMAS SEXTON'S BRAND.—A meeting of this branch was held on Monday night, at Mr Taylor's Long room, Annfield Plain. There was a large company present. The chair was taken by, Mr Thomas Scully. The following resolution was proposed by Mr J. Crawford, Catchgate, seconded by Mr James Smith, Crofts, and was supported by Mr Peter Greenfield, Consett:—That this meeting congratulates the sterling and fearless patriot, Mr Wm. O'Brien, M.P., on his release from one of the ingloriousest by Mr Balfour, and that we highly approve of his honesty and manliness of his conduct before the

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FOUR DOORS BELOW BLACKETT STREET)
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Is an expression that startles the hearer from one end of the country to the other. In every civilised globe. Happily, at last,
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UNSANITARY HOUSES AT WOLSINGHAM.—At Friday's meeting of the Weardale Rural Sanitary Assembly, the Inspector reported the existence of two unsanitary house at Wolsingham. In one a boy had died in it. There was no furniture in the house, and the man and four boys slept on some hay laid on the cold damp floor. The Inspector, having detailed the appearance of the house, said the boys were fit subjects for some of the homes which open the door to waifs, orphans, and the class of humanity. The Chairman said the Board had nothing to do with anything but the unsanitary condition of the houses.—The Inspector, having described this house and another one as unfit for habitation, was instructed by the Board to take steps to have the houses closed.

SAVED FROM SHAME,

A SHOTLEY BRIDGE STORY

OF

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BY HARRY BLYTH,

Author of, "IN THE MIDST OF FOES," &c.

CHAPTER XXVI.—BAD NEWS.

Since that fatal night when she allowed her imitation to lead her to the Lenore, where she met George Wave, Kitty Bloomfield had led a new life. It had been a life of fears and its tremors; its clouded doubts and ceaseless anxieties. But its joys compensated for all these. She was no longer cold and heartless with her fits of depression like all lovesick maidens, but generally she was light-hearted and gay. On her return home, after she had been before the Lenore with Wave, she had scarcely rebuked herself for her indiscretion, and she had formed a resolution not to repeat the error, but, for all that, her interview had succeeded interview, until now she loved him madly, and was to become his wife. Had but her father been home and given his consent, she would have been the happiest girl on Tyneside. The thought of the good old man seems often as a cloud on her thoughts, but George's promises and protestations drove away this gloom as the sun shines away the mist from the valleys.

Of course, who, with all his fun and nonsense, was a shrewd fellow, read her keenly.

"If you're not careful, my dear," what I mean why that you are not likely to leave us before your father returns. He left you in my charge in a manner"

"It was very kind of him," she returned, but not altogether necessary. "I am sure you've done your duty very well." Again she laughed.

There was a mischief in the remark about her face, her sneer was so obvious, and her laugh grated so, that Kitty could not help but look at the bumper with her. It is true that for some time before her frequent absences from home she had noticed that he was not quite himself in his actions.

"No, he declared, "I have acted my part very well. My father depended on me to watch over you, and I have permitted you to go out night after night alone, and never asked where."

Kitty was angered now.

"Perhaps not indeed," she cried. "How dare you use such words to me. If you cannot teach your son better manners, Mrs. M'Cosh, I may find the travelling bag, which has so interested you, useful to-night."

"I am surprised at you, Johnny—very much surprised," said his mother, with considerable severity. "Of course you will pay no attention to him, my dear Miss Bloomfield. He is only a child."

"One can't be cross with Johnny long," returned Kitty, smiling on the boy.

"If you will kindly agitate the bell, Mr. Macdougal, we will have supper"

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"The bell was an exceedingly useful invention," said the Highlander," and so was supper, but she never takes it at home. Eh, Jock?"

"I am tired to-night," said Kitty, "and I must go to bed early."

Tr.' d she was—tired of the common-place conversation of the family, and her mind was thoughtful—was busy and delightful. First when she reached her own room she would open

Sporting Items

KNUR AND SPELL MATCH AT CORNSAY:—On Saturday, a large number of people attended the grounds adjoining Mr E Taylor's, Fir Tree Inn, to witness a match at knur, between J Hodgson and J Black on the one side, and E Taylor and G Leadbeater on the other, for £5 a-side. Result:—Taylor and Leadbeater beat Hodgson and Black by 61 to 41.

QUOITING AT USHAW MOOR.—Two matches at quoits, for £5 a-side were played on Mr C Dawson's ground, Flass Inn, on Saturday, between M Richardson and T Procter, of Ushaw Moor, and T Davison and W Beasten, of the same place. There was a good attendance. The first match was won by Procter by 14 points, and Davison scored a win in the second, beating Beaston by 9 points.

BLAYDON RACES.—At a well-attended committee meeting of this popular fixture held at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, with Mr William Douglas in the chair, the following officials were appointed:—Mr John Douglas, judge and clerk of course; Mr J. Wast handicapper; Mr T. Charlton, starter; Mr W. Greaves, clerk of scales; Mr Alf. Fox, steward of paddock. The entries are much more numerous than last year.

QUOITING AT BURNOPFIELD.—On Saturday afternoon, in the ground attached to the Black Horse Inn, Burnopfield, a match at quoits, for £10, was decided between William Nevins, Friarside, and D McGuire, Crookgate; distance ten yards, 41 points up. There was a good company of spectators, and the betting was even. Nevins conceded his opponent five points start, and won easily, the scores standing: McGuire, 20; Nevins, 42. John Hall, Crookgate, referee.

QUOITING AT WITTON GILBERT.—The handicap promoted by Thomas Suddes, Station Hotel, Witton Gilbert, was resumed on Saturday afternoon, at the quoit ground adjoining the house, before a large number of spectators. Conditions: 10 yards, clay ends, 15 points game. Owing to the large number of entries, the first round was not completed when play ceased on Saturday night. T Gott, Langley Park, referee and handicapper.

BILLIARD MATCH AT TOW LAW.—On Wednesday night the return match between the Tow Law and Wolsingham billiard players, was decided in the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law, before an enthusiastic company. Ten games were played, the following being the result:—C Hall, Tow Law, beat Shuttleworth by 16 points; T Blenkiron, Tow Law, beat Wharton by 57; Learoyd beat Hinchley by 19; Hughes beat Heatherington by 26; Stephenson beat Wharton, jun. by 59; Potts beat Bate by 7; Weatherall beat Devey by 31; Hatton, Wolsingham, beat G Dodd, Tow Law, by 27; Angus, Wolsingham, beat R Bawes by 50; Herron, Wolsingham, beat G Hall by 15. Total scores:—Tow Law, 916 points, Wolsingham, 793. In the match played at Wolsingham, each team got 5 games.

TEAM VALLEY NOTES.

The committee of the Chester-le-street Cricket Club have done exceedingly well so far this season. They have paid off all their outstanding accounts, have a balance in hand, and have purchased and paid for timber to enclose their excellent ground, which work will be completed before Saturday, when they play Whitburn in the first round of the Durham County Cup. The first eleven has not been defeated this season, and as the committee have selected a powerful combination for Saturday's tie, every confidence is expressed as to the result.—There are not many villages where a bicycle road race of five miles can be run in sight of the spectators from start to finish. Yet this is what took place at Lumley on Saturday. A course of eight laps to the mile was measured off in the centre of the village, and the contestants knocked off their forty laps in grand style in the presence of an immense gathering. Mr Meek, once a well-known ped. himself, is an enthusiastic supporter of cycling, offered the prizes competed for, leaving the handicapping and other details in the hands of Mr Appleby, secretary. The winner turned up in young Glendinning, who had only been riding a machine for a month prior to the race.—The committee of the Ouston Collieries Workmen's Insitute, and Recreation Grounds have been busily engaged in carrying out the improvements to their ground, which is now properly enclosed, and the spaces set apart for various sports have been greatly improved.—"Mercutio," in *Daily Leader.*

HOBSON PICNIC AND SPORTS.

The 14th annual gala and sports were successfully brought off on Saturday, in a spacious field close to Hobson Colliery, kindly granted by Mr R Smith, farmer, Tanfield. The weather being genial and favourable, and this being the only event of the kind transpiring in the district, there was naturally a "bumper" attendance, some 3,000 or 4,000 spectators being present from all parts of the surrounding populous mining villages. A tea was served up by the committee in a marquee, the eatables being provided by Mr Mills, Newcastle. The Marley Hill Brass Band supplied the music. Mrs M A Cawthorn, of the Hobson Hotel, catered for the refreshments. The ground was studded with shows, roundabouts, shooting gallieries, swing-boats, "Aunt Sally," most of which had been located at Consett during the preceding week. The usual ball wound up the successful proceedings. Messrs T Amos and J McNeal officiated as M.C.'s. There was a good company present. The total receipts at the gate, tea, and ball, together with the stands, would amount to over £30. The present were decidedly the best sports ever held at the place, and this satisfactory state of affairs has chiefly been brought about by the enterprising and zealous secretary, Mr Robert Green, Hobson Colliery. Details:—

HANDICAP FOOTRACE (for boys under 16 years of age; 12 competitors. 1st, 2s 6d, 2nd 1s 6d, 3rd 1s.—William Liddle, Hobson, 16 yards, 1; J Sheeley, White-le-Head, 13, 2; W Teasdale, Dipton, 13, 3. Won by a yard. Roger Patterson judge and handicapper, J Taylor pistol firer. Quoiting on the sward, distance 8 to 12 yards; 49 competitors. 1st £1, 2nd 10s, 3rd 5s.—R Embleton, Dipton, 1; T White, Crookgate, 2; J Cruddace, Lintz Colliery, and T White, Crookgate, equal, 3. Martin Beck discharged the duties of judge and handicapper.

£6 10s 120 YARDS FOOT HANDICAP; 52 entries.—Heat 1—T Brown, Dipton, 22½ yards, 1; T Thirlwell, Byer Moor, 25, 2; J Archer, Benfieldside, 23, 3; Gilbert Liddle, Stella, 22, 4. Won by half a yard. Heat 2—D Ingliss, Consett, 25½, 1; J T Armstrong, Dipton, 22½, 2; J Smith, Tanfield, 23, 3; T Coulson, Newcastle, 14½, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 3—H Garland, Burnopfield, 25½, 1; G Kennedy, Dipton, 22, 2; R Gregg, Winlaton, 21, 3; F Swinburne, Benfieldside, 23, 4. Won by half a yard. Heat 4—J Cunningham, Dipton, 22, 1; R Turpin, Pelton, 26½, 2; P Malone, Marley Hill, 23½, 3; J Farrage, Spen Colliery, 26, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 5—W Reed, Byer Moor, 26, 1; J Arnold, Marley Hill, 21½, 2; I Bowman, Dipton, 17½, 3; E Liddle, Stella, 20½, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 6—J Leadbitter, Dipton, 21, 1; J Bowes, Tanfield, 23, 2; T Armstrong, Newcastle, 14½, 3; J Stewart, Wylam, 16½, 0. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 7—T Wilson (17 years), Winlaton, 22½, 1; W Chambers, Dipton, 26½, 2; J Mulcahy, Byer Moor, 25½, 3; J Elliott, Tantobie, 20½, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 8—R Milburn, Shotley Bridge, 19, 1; W Evans, Dipton, 25½, 2; J Waite, Annfield Plain, 25½, 3; M Herron, Spen Colliery 23, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 9—J E Emmerson, Tanfield, 24, 1; T Garland, Burnopfield, 27, 2; W Elliott Dipton, 20, 0. Won easily. Heat 10—J Teasdale, Dipton, 20, 1; T Clasper, Byer Moor, 27, 2; J T Drysdale, Walbottle, 16½, 0; W Ryan, Southampton, 9, 0. Won easily. Heat 11—W Charlton, Marley Hill, 24½, 1; H Layton, Hobson Colliery, 24½ 2; C Donald, Tanfield, 23, 3; W Dixon, Wylam, 18½, 4. Won by a foot. Heat 12—A Todd, Dipton, 26, 1; A Coulthard, Byer Moor, 22½, 2; J Maddison, Hobson Colliery, 27, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 13—W Thompson, Newcastle, 15, 1; J Brown, Marley Hill, 25½, 2; W J Cawthorn, Crook, 26, 0; R Wood, Burnopfield, 22½, 0. Won by a yard. Second round: Heat 1—Cunningham, 1; Brown, 2; Ingliss, 3; Garland, 4. Won by six inches. Heat 2—Leadbitter, 1; Wilson, 2; Reed, 3. Won on the post. Heat 3—Teasdale, 1; Milburn, 2; Emmerson, 3. Won by a foot. Heat 4—Charlton, 1; Thompson, 2; Todd, 3. Won easily. Final heat—Charlton 1, £5; Cunningham, 2, £1, Teasdale, 3, 10s; Leadbitter, 4. Won by a yard and a half; a foot between second, third, and fourth. Betting: 3 to 1 bar 1; 6 to 4 against Charlton; 3 to 1 each against Cunningham and Leadbitter; and 5 and 3 to 1 against Teasdale. Roger Patterson officiated as handicapper and referee; and T Taylor fired the pistol.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMPETITION.—Six clubs entered. 1st £2, 2nd £1, 3rd 10s.—First round—Dipton Wanderers, 1, Dipton Wanderers 2nd, 2; Lintz Green Home Rulers, 1, Lintz Green Home Rulers 2nd, 2; Greencroft Black Watch, 1, Hill Top (Dipton) Raggy Eleven, 2. Second round—Dipton Wanderers beat Lintz Green Home Rulers by 3 goals to nil; Greencroft Black Watch a bye. Final—Dipton Wanderers beat Greencroft Black Watch by 4 goals to nothing. Mr W Dowson, Hobson Colliery, stood as referee.

WRESTLING CONTEST. (For all comers). 1st £1, 2nd 7s 6d, 3rd 2s 6d.—First round—T Temple, Dipton, threw J Routledge, Westwood; J Temple, Dipton, threw R Russell, Tantobie; J Blaycock, Lintz Colliery, threw Geo Pearson, Tantobie; A Ferguson, Tantobie, threw T Pearson, Tantobie; J Miller, Westwood, odd man. Second round—J Temple threw T Miller, T Temple, threw J Blaycock, A Ferguson odd man. Third round—T Temple threw A Ferguson, J Temple odd man. Final—The brothers Temple divided the stakes. John Graham, Hobson colliery, was umpire and referee.

QUARTER OF A MILE FOOTRACE HANDICAP.—1st £1; 2nd 10s, 3rd 5s. 31 competitors started for this race, but as it was getting dusk and many posts were missed, the referee declined to give any award. Judge and handicapper, Roger Patterson; starter, J Taylor. Owing to darkness setting in, the girls' skipping competition, and one or two other events, had to be abandoned.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC JOTTINGS.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

"Britannia and Her Daughters."

Monday evening last was scarcely the sort of night for in-door amusement of however attractive a character. With the thermometer registering, at seven o'clock, something like 70 in the shade it was just the kind of night on which a pleasant game in the open, say of tennis, cricket, or the like, or a lazy lolling on the green sward in some sheltered nook would perhaps have been more in keeping, more in harmony with the majority of Britannia's sons—and daughters too, for the matter of that. But there is always, somehow, such a sympathy for Mr Hyden and his work, and I think the reason is that it happens to be such good, such earnest work, that it hardly signifies at what time of the year he may decide to give his now recognise annual entertainment, it is sure to meet with a generous and spontaneous support. It was no surprise then, to anyone that the Town Hall on Monday evening should have been so well filled—this was a foregone conclusion. Hot the room certainly was, uncomfortably so in fact, and to this must be attributed that absence of enthusiasm which hitherto has been characteristic of Mr Hyden's audiences. The platform had been decorated very prettily and artistically for the occasion—indeed it will hardly be going too far to say of Mr Potts's work in this instance, that it eclipsed his former efforts, and Mr Biggins is to be congratulated on his success. As for the children, well, they looked prettier and brighter than ever. Whether we speak of the soldiers, the sailors, the sepoys, the fishermen, the Indians, the representatives of Canada, Africa, Australia or New Zealand, the same tale must be told, viz. that they were one and all got up and dressed in a completeness of style and detail that left little to be desired. The dresses were all made by the teachers and assistants and too much cannot be said by way of praise of their very successful work. From Britiannia downwards no trouble had been spared to make each prominent character a typical representative in "make-up," dress and general bearing and appearance. The groupings were very happily arranged throughout, and the very clever drilling of the boys was quite a theme for admiration. "Britannia and Her Daughters" is the most advanced cantata Mr Hyden has yet attempted. There is some really good music in it, and here and there the orchestral portion is very striking. The choruses were very well rendered all through—indeed, their "finish," generally was a feature of the performance, more particularly as regards the rendering of "Then jingle, jingle, bells and hoops are gay," which, being of a merry go-a-head order and accompanied by triangles, bells, &c., was really very effective; then the "Three cheers for Canada" was brightly given and right lustily did the children ring out—

Three cheers for Canada,
Britain's noble daughter,
Sitting like a princess,
On the northern water.

Hardly less effective was the chorus beginning—

"Glorious is India, Empress of the East,"

which was followed by a rather pretty and dashing chorus—

"Advance, Australia."

But without exception the choruses went very well indeed.

The accompaniments were contributed by an amateur orchestra, comprising the following:—First violins, Messrs Parker and Hardcastle. Second violins, Messrs Cuthbertson, Longworth, and Harrison. Viola, Mr W. Lonsdale. Cello, Mr N. Fawell. Contra bass, Mr M. Fawell. Bassoon, Mr G. Foster. Flute, Mr C. Stelling. Clarionet, Mr R. Wilkinson. First cornet, Mr Joseph Lamb. Second cornet, Mr John Lamb. Triangles, Messrs W. Atkinson, G. Brand, H. Symington, and T. Bertram. Toms-toms, Jos. Wood and Joe Topham. Pipes, J. Hall and W. Kays. Banjos, Mr F. W. Brodie and T. Allison. Bells, J. Davison. Piano, Master T. Elsdon. Conductor, the Head Master.

It should be borne in mind that the training of the band, so far at least as the younger members are concerned, was in the hands of Mr Hyden, and therefore the fact that some of the less experienced players were occasionally somewhat out of tune should be passed over by the mere mention of it. It must be remarked, however, in passing, that considering the short time some of these youths have devoted themselves to the study of instrumental music, they have made a successful *debut*. On the whole, the band must have proved a help to the children in the choruses. And now a word on the solo-singing, and we will take the adults first—as the programme describes them, "past scholars." Mr Charles Davison (stockman), who looked quite as well as Buffalo Bill and doubtless was got up to represent him, sang well, as usual, in the duet with Mr Chas. Stephenson (drover), the latter's baritone blending agreeably with the former's light sweet tenor voice. In order of merit should certainly follow the rendering by Mr J. Siddle (farmer) of a pretty thing, "I love the land of the Southern Cross," which must be characterised as a good song well sung. Mr Siddle should cultivate his voice—he will find it worth the trouble. His singing was much appreciated. Mr Hyden, who took many parts—far too many, in fact, for he worked himself too hard—sang several solos with vigour and spirit, but, unfortunately, his voice was not in its accustomed good form. Everybody knows well that Mr Hyden is able to sing, and some regret was felt when it became evident that he had been ill-using his voice by over-straining it at rehearsal. Mr Hyden, as well as conducting throughout the evening, assumed two or three different characters and looked each one of them. Mr F. W. Brodie (Sambo) made a capital nigger, and caused much amusement by his jokes and singing, although there were some jokes the points of which were lost upon the audience on account of indistinctness of utterance. Master Tom Allison (Pompey) proved a really clever little assistant to "Sambo" and his funny ways caused just as much laughter. Mr John G. Wood was very amusing as the Red Indian, and his singing of a remarkably intellegible solo, the first words of which go—

"Oni on ke slentak sen,
Yon we sen, y n we sen,"

&c., &c., was the cause of loud laughter. Later on he appeared as a Blackman and was equally successful in that character.

Other parts were assumed by Mr J. Symington, who looked every inch a Fisherman, Mr G. H. Wood, Master G. Hardy, Mr J. Bates, &c. Those of the juveniles who took leading parts comprised Miss Eliz. A. Davison (Britannia) who looked a pretty, stately queen; Miss Isabella Richards (Canada) who was a pretty little Canadian, and sang prettily, speaking her lines too, with good elocution. In this respect the same may be said of Miss Davison. Miss Jane A. Graham (India) who did remarkably well; Miss Frances R. Watson (Africa) who proved herself all there; Miss Margaret J. Ferguson (Australia) and Miss M. Surtees (New Zealand), and these were supported by a host of clever little people who as soldiers, sailors, sepoys, nautch girls, Tom Tom players, Kaffirs, &c., &c., did duty well in their various ways. Master Elsdon, a clever little pianist, again presided at that instrument with much ability. One very good feature was the punctuality in starting and the comparatively early finish which allowed of the children "getting early to bed" that they might make an early rise to fit them for school routine the following day. The entertainment was repeated on Tuesday evening.

At a meeting of the Robert Emmett branch of the National League, held at Burnhopfield, it was decided to open a subscription on Sunday, the 16inst., in aid of the "Father McFadden Fair Trial Fund." It was also agreed to send £1 to the general fund of the League.

Trade Notes.

The dispute at the Consett Tinmill Works has been mutually arranged, the men having agreed to refer the subject for settlement by the Arbitration Board.

FORMATION OF A MINERS' LODGE AT SOUTH MEDOMSLEY COLLIERY.—A largely attended meeting of the workmen of South Medomsley Colliery was held in the long room of the Black Bull on Saturday last to meet a deputation from the Miners' Federation Board, who attended by request, for the purpose of forming a local lodge at the colliery in connection with the Durham Miners' Association. The chair was occupied by Mr Luke Armire, and addresses were delivered by Messrs John Orr, and Davidson, representing the association. At the close 100 names were enrolled as members of the Miners' Union.

SAD DEATH NEAR STELLA.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr Coroner Graham held an inquest at the house of Mrs Bolam, Stella Inn, on the body of Thomas Cowby of Stargate, aged 71 years. Deceased lived with his brother-in-law, named Moralee, whose house he left on Monday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock in his usual state of health, and about 11 o'clock he was found lying on the road at Stella, and before assistance could be procured he expired.—The jury returned a verdict of death from apoplexy.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SOUTH GARESFIELD COLLIERY.

On Wednesday afternoon, at 3·30 a somewhat serious accident occurred in what is called the three quarter seam of the above colliery, whereby a hewer named John Brodie lost his life by a large fall of stone. The body was quickly brought to bank, and carried to his residence at South Garesfield Colliery. Deceased was widely known and much respected by everyone who knew him. He leaves a wife and five young children.

A STRANGE STORY FROM BLACKHILL.

At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Tuesday—before councillor Annandale,—*William Doughty* (58), a pitman, of Walton's Row, Blackhill, was brought up charged by P.C. Lawson with being drunk and causing a disturbance at Blackhill, about 11·30 on Monday night. He was in the act of smashing windows where his relations resided. On being taken into custody, searched by P.C. Lawson and Phillipson, a portion of a clothes line was found in the man's pocket, in reply to interrogatories he said that he intended to hang himself with a cord. He complained that he was not comfortabley treated by his relations. Afterwards, Doughty confessed that he had been joking when he stated that he was going to commit sucide. In one of his pockets however was discovered the following note: "Kind friends.—If anything should happen to me, and Iam found dead, please see the back, and you will do me a great kindness if you will write to the following addresses. Iam &c., WILLIAM DOUGHTY, of Walton Street, Blackhill, Co. Durham On the other side was written: My mother lives in Armstrong Street, Blackfine, Durham: My sister resides at Chester-le-Street: My father in Phillips Street, Potteries Castleford, Yorks, and brother at Bilston, Staffordshire," the prisoner was fined 5s and costs, and was allowed time to pay the penalty.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

The members of this very successful branch of the above society, held an entertainment on Monday night. There was a fair company present. The chair was occupied by Rev L. M. Chesters (curate). The programme was opened out with hymn and prayer, followed by a recitation, "Eric's tempter," from Miss J. Thompson, and the rendering of the same elicited loud applause. The reading, "Justice and a little injustice," by Mr Robson, was given in a capital manner, and was well appreciated. Mr J. Grundy rendered "The village blacksmith," in splendid style, and for his efforts he was vociferously applauded. The chairman next gave "Farney" as a reading followed by a melody, "Eden at home," from the choir. The singing of this piece was greatly admired. The recitation, "Gordie's first row with his wife," by Mr Ross was well executed, and evoked a considerable amount of merriment. The piece received an enrapturous encore, and the performer gave as an acknowledgement, "Tennyson's northern farmer." The meeting closed in the usual way, after a very pleasant evening had been spent.

SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITY NEAR WATERHOUSES.

On Friday night, a young lad named Geroge Allison, aged 10 years, son of John Allison, residing at Hedley Hill Terrace, was run over and frightfully mangled by a mineral train near Waterhouses. It appears as North-Eastern engine No. 1,283 was proceeding from East Hedleyhope Colliery with her train of laden coal trucks along the colliery branch line which connects the colliery with the Dearness Valley branch line of the North-Eastern Railway, and when within about 100 yards of the junction coming round a curve, Allison, with several more companions, was noticed by bystanders to be playing by the railway side outside the curve, and by what has since transpired from one of the boys, Allison, had been endeavouring to get on to the trucks, and it is conjectured fallen off the step and slipped down the declivity of ballast right under the wheels of the running trucks, which dragged him about ten yards, leaving him a mangled corpse. Allison had just that day passed his school examination at East Hedleyhope, and had, as is usual on such occasions, received a half-holiday.—On Monday, an inquest was held by Mr J. T. Proud, deputy-coroner, at Mr S. Coxon's, Black Horse Inn, Waterhouses, on the body of G. Allison.

J. Allison, father of deceased, identified the body as that of his son, who had been at school. He was first informed of the accident by Stobbart, and immediately ran to the place, where he found his son in the middle of the line lying on his face with his right arm taken off and his body frightfully mangled. He had been trespassing upon the line at the time, as there was no public road where he was run over. Witness had never heard a complaint previously, and had not known his son do that before. The line belonged to Messrs Samuelson and Co., proprietors of East Hedleyhope Colliery.

Albert Stobbart said he accompanied deceased along with some more of his companions, on Friday, down the line. They ran to the railway side when they saw the engine approaching them. Deceased tried to get on the step of a truck, about the fifth from the van, when he slipped his foot and fell under the wheels and one of the trucks passed over him.

The Foreman: Was James Johnson also on the truck?—Witness: Yes.

James Johnson corroborated the previous witness's statement and said he was on the truck and jumped off again, shouting to deceased to get off also or he would be run over. Allison was then noticed to fall down under the trucks, the wheels of one of them passing over him.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was accordingly returned.

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Railway Time Table.

CONSETT BRANCH.

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	9·42	11·0	12·15	2·36	5·25	7·30
Scotswood ,,	6·17	9·49	11·7	12·22	2·37	5·32	7·37
Swalwell ,,	6·24	9·54	11·14	12·29	2·43	5·37	7·44
Rowlands Gill ,,	6·34	10·3	11·24	12·39	2·53	5·46	7·54
Lintz Green ,,	6·40	10·9	11·30	12·45	2·59	5·52	8·0
Ebchester ,,	6·53	10·18	11·40	12·55	3·12	6·1	8·13
Shotley Bridge ,,	6·59	10·22	11·44	12·59	3·18	6·5	8·19
CONSETT Arr.	7·5	10·27	11·50	1·5	3·23	6·10	8·22
CONSETT Dep.	7·10	10·34	...	1·12	3·26	6·33	...
Knitsley ,,	7·21	10·45	...	1·23	3·36	6·44	...
Lanchester ,,	7·30	10·55	...	1·32	3·45	6·53	...
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·38	11·3	...	1·40	3·53	7·1	...
Aldin Grange ,,	7·45	11·11	...	1·47	4·0	7·9	...
DURHAM Arr.	7·50	11·17	...	1·52	4·5	7·15	...

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
DURHAM Dep.	7·25	...	11·50	2·35	...	5·20	8·10
Aldin Grange ,,	7·32	...	11·57	2·41	...	5·27	8·17
Witton Gilbert ,,	7·40	...	12·5	2·48	...	5·35	8·26
Lanchester ,,	7·50	...	12·15	2·58	...	5·45	8·35
Knitsley ,,	8·2	...	12·25	3·8	...	5·55	8·45
CONSETT Arr.	8·12	...	12·35	3·18	...	6·5	8·55
CONSETT Dep.	8·15	9·5	12·40	3·25	...	6·10	9·2
Shotley Bridge ,,	8·20	9·10	12·45	3·30	...	6·15	9·7
Ebchester ,,	8·24	9·14	12·49	3·34	...	6·19	9·12
Lintz Green ,,	8·34	9·24	12·58	3·44	...	6·29	9·22
Rowlands Gill ,,	8·39	9·29	1·2	3·50	...	6·34	9·28
Swalwell ,,	8·47	9·37	1·10	3·57	...	6·42	9·36
Scotswood ,,	8·54	9·44	1·16	4·4	...	6·49	9·42
NEWCASTLE Ar	9·5	9·55	1·25	4·15	...	7·0	9·53

SUNDAYS.

	a.m.	p.m.		a.m.	p.m.
NEWCASTLE	7·30	7·20	CONSETT dep.	8·35	8·30
Scotswood	7·37	7·27	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·35
Swalwell	7·44	7·34	Ebchester	8·44	8·29
Rowlands Gill	7·54	7·44	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·50	Rowlands Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·12	8·0	Swalwell	9·8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8·4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
CONSETT arr.	8·26	8·10	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·25	9·10

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	a.m.	p.m.		a.m.
NEWCASTLE	7·10	4·5	DURHAM dep.	7·55
Scotswood	7·17	4·20	Aldin Grange	8·1
Swalwell	7·24	4·29	Witton Gilbert	8·9
Rowlands Gill	7·34	4·40	Lanchester	8·20
Lintz Green	7·40	4·46	Knitsley	8·32
Ebchester	7·53	4·50	CONSETT and BLACKHILL a	8·45
Shotley Bridge	7·59	5·5	CONSETT and BLACKHILL d	8·50
CONSETT and BLACKHILL a	8·5	5·12	Shotley Bridge	8·54
CONSETT and BLACKHILL d	9·20		Ebchester	8·58
Knitsley	9·32		Lintz Green	9·9
Lanchester	9·41		Rowlands Gill	9·15
Witton Gilbert	9·50		Swalwell	9·22
Aldin Grange	9·56		Scotswood	9·29
DURHAM arr	10·5		NEWCASTLE dp	9·40

SALTBURN, STOCKTON, & DARLINGTON BRANCH

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
NEWCASTLE dep.	...	6·10	11·0	12·15	...	...	5·25
CONSETT	...	8·17	12·15	3·0	...	...	6·15
Rowley	...	8·25	12·23	3·8	...	...	6·23
Burnhill	...	8·35	12·33	3·18	...	...	6·33
Tow Law	...	8·47	12·45	3·30	...	...	6·45
CROOK arr.	...	8·59	12·57	3·42	...	...	6·57
CROOK dep.	7·30	9·1	11·15	1·0	3·56	5·30	7·0
Bishop Auckland	7·37	9·25	11·35	1·24	4·16	5·53	7·25
Darlington	8·30	10·0	12·10	1·56	5·5	6·45	8·15
Stockton	8·56	10·30	12·40	2·25	5·34	7·16	8·41
Middlesbro'	9·5	10·40	12·50	2·35	5·45	7·28	8·51
SALTBURN	10·10	11·14	1·26	3·9	6·19	8·6	9·26

Stations.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
SALTBURN dp.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middlesbro'	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Tow Law	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burnhill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rowley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
CONSETT arr.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
N'WCASTLE arr.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Board Room on Wednesday evening. There were present: Messrs T. Siddell (chairman), J. Collinson, W. Aynsley, J. W. Davison, J. Calvert, W. R. Taylor, J. T. Potts, G. Ainsworth, J. Daly, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Meeting held in Board Room, on Thursday, 2nd May.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Aynsley, seconded by Mr Taylor, that the grass let be for cash or four months approved bills, 2½ per cent. to be allowed for cash payments.

Proposed by Mr Taylor, and seconded by Mr Daly, that the cottage and shed adjoining be let for 4s a week.

Proposed by Mr Taylor, and seconded by Mr Daly, that the fields at Consett Park and Stanniffordam be let by public auction, on Wednesday, May 15th, to Oct. 1st, 1889.

Proposed by Mr Wade, seconded by Mr Daly, that the boundary fences at the farm be repaired temporarily, and that the Board send men at once.

Meeting held in the Board Room, Saturday, 11th May.

The following tenders were received:—Mr Thos. Carr, Dyke Nook, for house and buildings; Mr R. Temperly, Satley, for farm house; Mr Thomas Browell, Blaydon Bank, for house and buildings.

Proposed by Mr Wade, seconded by Mr Taylor, that Mr Robson Temperly's tender for farm house at Stanniffordam be accepted, at £17 per annum, and that three months notice be given or taken on either side; tenant to pay all rates and taxes.

Proposed by Mr Aynsley, seconded by Mr Wade, that the present occupant (Walker) be accepted as tenant for cottage, shed, and pig-sty, at 4s per week, 14 days notice to be given or taken on either side. Rent to be paid every 14 days to Mr Welford at the Local Board Office.

Meeting held in the Board Room, Monday, 27th May.

Proposed by Mr Wade, seconded by Mr Aynsley, that Mr Robson Temperly be accepted tenant of the farm buildings at Stanniffordam, at £3 per annum, from 13th May, 1889, and that three months notice be given or taken by either party to quit.

Proposed by Mr Aynsley, seconded by Mr Taylor, that Mr Welford be instructed to draw out an agreement between the Local Board and Mr Robson Temperly.

The Clerk having reported that Mr J. S. Murray had handed him cheque and acceptances to the value of £86 5s 3d, it was proposed by Mr Taylor, and seconded by Mr Aynsley, that this committee ask for instructions as to the disposal of this money, and also as to the future accounts.

THE CLERK'S DUTIES.

Mr DAVISON proposed, and Mr SIDDELL seconded the motion that the following gentlemen—Ald. Jenkins, and Messrs Ainsworth, Potts, Collinson, and Calvert be a committee to confer with the Clerk and arrange as to the duties he is to render to the Board as clerk.

MR AYNSLEY'S MONEY.

There was considerable discussion on the subject as to whether the Board should pay Mr Aynsley the money due to him at once, or let the principal stand over, and pay interest on it, the interest being reckoned from 13th May.

Mr POTTS proposed, and Mr AINSWORTH seconded—"That an account be opened with the North-Eastern Banking Co. to be called the Consett Local Board's Sewerage Scheme Account, and that a cheque be drawn against this account in favour of Mr W. Aynsley for the sum of £376 2s 10d, in discharge of his claim against the Board for his surrender of the lease of Stanniffordam Farm."

Carried.

JOINT PARKS COMMITTEE.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last Parks Committee meeting, as already published.

Mr AYNSLEY said the Benfieldside members attended the last meeting, and the difficult question between the two Boards seemed to have been amicably settled. They agreed for the Inspectors to draw up a plan of convenient roads in the park, and after they got the consent of the Consett Iron Company, the two Boards would most likely get on amicably together. Mr Douglas, who represented the Company at the Parks Committee meeting, read a memorandum from Mr Jenkins, in which he stated the desires of the Company.

The CHAIRMAN: What were the contents of the memorandum?

Mr AYNSLEY: In it Mr Jenkins suggested different things. He seemed to be rather strong on the removal of the cricketers from the park; but it was the feeling of the Board that unless the Company or some other party would provide them with a similar place, it would be unfair to ask them to remove from there for the present.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr Jenkins did offer to let the cricketers have another piece of ground and do something towards it if they would approach him in a proper manner.

Mr AYNSLEY: The Benfieldside members seemed desirous of having footpaths put through the park, but they were opposed to tree planting, or beautifying the place in that way.

Mr POTTS: Mr Aynsley has overlooked some very emphatic remarks of the chairman of Benfieldside Local Board. Mr Annandale said he was determinedly opposed to spending money in beautifying the Park in the form of tree, shrub, or flower, and that their Board was unanimous on that point. And also that if any of their members were to advocate the spending of money in that way the ratepayers would unseat him at the election. My own opinion is that they care nothing about the ground, but only wanted to retain it on account of the cricket club. The club has my sympathy, as they have spent a great deal of money there, and it would not be fair to remove them without compensation. If we make walks in the Park they will probably be made in the lower part, and why spend money on walks that will be of no use to the people of Consett? My opinion is that the sooner we separate and withdraw from them entirely the better.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't think that was the question on which the two Boards met. It was maintaining the ground, and not beautifying the Park. And I think the chairman of Benfieldside Board had no authority for his statement. He cannot put anybody he likes on the Board; that is for the ratepayers to do, and the man most opposed to the Park was the lowest on the list at the last election. The first thing that should be done is: The Consett Iron Company to plant four trees round each of the boundary stones.

Mr COLLINSON: Previous to our meeting we were at a deadlock. Now we have made a move, and I think the best thing we can do is to pass the minutes.

Mr DALY: I think there are certain gentlemen on the Committee that don't want the Park there at all.

Mr POTTS: At the last meeting there were three Consett members and five Benfieldside members, so that the Benfieldside members had the field to themselves.

Mr AINSWORTH: I am thankful for small mercies, and am therefore glad to see a sign of the two Boards working together amicably for the good of the Park. But was anything said about engaging a park-keeper?

Mr AYNSLEY: As soon as we get the consent of the Company to lay the footpaths, we are going to engage one, as it was thought there was not any work for him to do just now.

Mr AINSWORTH: Although there may be no work for him to do, there is plenty of work for him to prevent being done.

Mr COLLINSON: The Committee did not look upon it in that light.

Mr AYNSLEY: The Consett members seemed inclined to have one at once.

The minutes of the last Parks Committee meeting were then confirmed.

The Clerk read the Building Committee's report.

A letter was read from several property-owners living along Medomsley Road, asking the Board to cement the footpath along there, and they would bear half the cost.

Mr. AYNSLEY proposed, and Mr TAYLOR seconded, that the footpath in front of this property be cemented.

Agreed to, the Surveyor being instructed to invite tenders.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Vouchers for the accounts for which cheques were drawn at the last ordinary meeting were examined and found in order. The Committee recommended the payment of accounts to the following amount—£223 15s 2d. Mr T. W. Welford's account for legal services in connection with the various sewerage schemes is recommended to stand over for a month for further information as to certain items. The Committee wish to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that this account extends over a period of three years, and think that this is extremely undesirable. The account of Mr Thomas Blandford is passed on by Committee to the Board for its consideration.

Mr AINSWORTH: This strikes me as being a very undesirable way to go to business. The valuer may try and make the valuation as large as possible in order to get a big percentage.

Mr POTTS: Who made the arrangement with Mr Blandford?

Mr TAYLOR: This Board.

Mr POTTS: I think we should have known his terms before engaging him.

The CHAIRMAN: He did not get the instructions conveyed in the resolution.

Mr AINSWORTH: Are we prepared to pay Mr Blandford what he charges?

Mr DALY: Did he spend more than one day over the work?

The Clerk: He was here three or four days, and had two men with him.

Mr POTTS: Who pointed out to Mr Blandford what he had to do?

The Clerk: The tenant, Mr Aynsley.

Mr POTTS: But Mr Aynsley was the seller.

The Clerk: He was the only person who could show us the land. My instructions were to do a certain thing, and I did it.

The CHAIRMAN: You did not.

The Clerk: I beg your pardon, but I did.

The CHAIRMAN: You did not act according to the resolution.

Mr POTTS: You were requested to write to Mr Blandford, and ask him if the tenants valuation was not an unfair one or not.

Mr DALY: In that case you did not act according to the resolution.

The Clerk: I did.

The CHAIRMAN: You did not.

The Clerk: I wrote to ask Mr Blandford if he would value the tenant's interest in the farm and he said he could.

Mr POTTS: What was your answer.

The Clerk: I took my answer from the Farm Committee and acted according to their instructions I made a mistake in not sending a copy of the resolution.

The CHAIRMAN: Why did'nt you send the same instructions to Blandford. You sent to Clark?

The Clerk: The Committee sat until eight o'clock, and I had to write at once to get the letter off by the evening post.

Mr AINSWORTH: I think the principle is wrong that the valuer employed by a seller should fix the valuation as high as possible so that he may get a high percentage.

Mr COLLINSON: He would have had the same amount of trouble the other way; and there would have been no difference in the charge.

Mr AINSWORTH: There would have been the difference, that we should have paid a percentage on £302 instead of £372.

Mr AYNSLEY explained how he came to show Mr Blandford the land. He said that Mr Blandford came and therefore there was only himself able to show the land to the valuer. But Mr Welford had joined them as soon as he had got home.

The Financial Committee's report was then adopted.

Mr AINSWORTH: I should like to ask whether the Board thinks we should have accounts coming in three years old? I think it is out of order.

The CHAIRMAN: What account is that?

The Clerk: Mine.

The CHAIRMAN: Why have you let it stand over for three years?

The Clerk: There were only three items of three years standing.

The CHAIRMAN (laughing): I think we ought not to pay it. We ought to keep the Clerk up to his business. He ought to give us his accounts every six months.

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME MONEY.

The Clerk explained that he had written the Loan Commissioners asking them to reconsider their proposal to lend the £17,000 in one sum and to ask if they would lend £6,000 at once, and the remainder in instalments. In reply, they stated they would be willing to let them have the money as it was needed.

The Clerk read replies he had received from Assurance Companies.

It was proposed and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Local Government Board asking them to recommend the Loan Commissioners to lend the sum required to the Consett Local Board.

Carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—All the roads in your district are in good order. Your streets have been properly scavenged and watered as occasion required. I have received from Messrs Ord and Maddison 99 tons 11 cwt of rough limestone, which is now broken and ready for use. Mr Ormerod is proceeding with the cementing of Pasture Drift road in a satisfactory manner. Messrs Taylor Bros. are bringing the dressed kerb and channelling on to the ground in front of Puddler's Row, and have made a commencement to open the ground to put it down. Your main sewer behind the top of Front Street, which is about fourteen feet deep, has again become silted up. As this stoppage only effects one branch drain, namely, Mrs Christopher's, I have thought it best to connect this branch with the main sewer, leading down behind East Parade, in order to abate a nuisance quickly during this warm weather. The dairies, cow-sheds, and milk shops, are kept clean and in good order. I have repeatedly inspected your district, and have taken extra precaution to keep down offensive smells in order to preserve the public health.

The following amounts have been paid to the treasurer:—General district rate £208 12s 1d; market tolls £3 9s 9d; removing house refuse 9s 9d; penalties 4s 9d.

WM. RIPPON.

Mr DAVISON: I am inclined to think that there is a great waste of water from the water cart. The volume of water seems to be double what is needed.

The Surveyor: To prevent that we will need a new water-cart.

Mr DAVISON: Could the supply not be regulated by the lever.

The Surveyor: I have had complaints from the ratepayers that the sides of the roads were not watered enough.

Mr COLLINSON: I have seen water-carts distribute water in different places and they don't distribute half the water ours does.

A letter was read from Mr Dodds pointing out that the main drain was too high for the drains running from his house.

It was agreed that the Surveyor should lower the sewer to suit Mr Dodd's property.

This terminated the business.

Volunteer Intelligence.

FORMATION OF A CORPS AT WOLSINGHAM.—An effort has been made for some time to form a volunteer corps at Wolsingham, and on Monday night it was visited by Drill-Sergt. Chamberlain, from Stanhope, when 15 were enrolled and drilled.

WEST PELTON D. COMPANY 4th V. B. D. L. I.—The usual club shoot came off on Saturday last, the following were the principal scores. It will be noticed that Private John Grundy, a rising young shot, made a possible at 500 yards.—Private J. Grundy, 7 start, 53; Private James Johnson, 7 start, 46; Private M. Pattinson, 12 start, 42; Private William Craine, 14 start 42.

CHESTER-LE-STREET WIMBLEDON CLUB.—The final stage of the three competitions for a Wimbledon nomination was shot off at Chester-le-Street range on Friday night. The light was bad, and the scoring was again low. The following were the principal scores:—Sergeant J. Thompson, 79; Private R. Armstrong, 68; Private W. Curry, 67; Sergeant. Jos. Usher, 67; Corporal R. Finlay, 66; Corporal R. Beveridge, 65. The result of the competition is that Sergeant Thompson heads the list with an aggregate of 254, Private Armstrong being next with 224, Sergeant Usher following with 217. Sergeant Thompson, therefore, goes to Wimbledon as the representative of the detachment.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "EXPRESS."]

Whitsuntide is to be honoured in this district with something new this year. Instead of the races we are to have a band contest and other sports. It is said that it has to be "the greatest event of the season." Well, that is to be seen. The committee have taken a step in the right direction for once, and it is to be hoped that they will keep progressing, and leave their horse-racing far behind them. Speaking of the band contest, I understand it will be a keen one, as there is five of the best bands known in the North entered for the same.

The waxworks exhibition given last week in aid of the proposed Church Institute was really a treat. The only drawback was that the room was far too small for such an entertainment. The performers acquitted themselves very creditably, although there was one or two of the opposite sex appeared to be rather nervous while they were figuring. The interpreter in the person of Mr Raw described the various characters to advantage.

It is to be hoped that the innkeepers of this village will treat travellers better in the future than they have done in the past, or they might come to grief. Here is a little incident that took place between a commercial traveller and a landlady. This gentleman, having occasion to stop in the village, went to one of the inns and told the good lady of the house that he would require a dinner at such an hour. The landlady informed him that he would not get it, and indeed she had something else to do than to make a dinner for him. After a little polite conversation, and the traveller informing her that the house she was living in was a licensed one, she turned round and told him that if he had a mind she would make him a cold dinner. This he refused to have, and he went on to the next village, and was sumptuously entertained with a hot dinner in ten minutes. Now, this is only one case out of many I have heard of. It is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when a commencement will be made with the Church Institute, and then visitors will probably be supplied more cheerfully than it appears they are at present.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The latest from Wolsingham is a peal of bells for the old church tower. Mr Matthew Jackson, late of Wolsingham, is reported to have promised the churchwardens £100 towards the project.

The Wolsingham Bench of Magistrates were very lenient towards the Thornley schoolmaster for illegal fishing. The case was a very flagrant one. He was caught red-handed using salmon roe, and fishing without a license as well. It is to be hoped that they will be as lenient with a poor man when caught. Justice for one should be justice for another.

I hear there is a prospect of a larger breed of trout being put into the Wear; but of what practical use will it be, unless the "hush" from the lead mines be mitigated, and the night depredations of fish poachers stopped. It is a well-known fact that the river is netted, summer after summer, and that the best fish are taken out by men who never pay a penny license, and the licensed anglers are paying for fish that these fellows are getting. The thing must be put down, and an end put to the present system of wholesale destruction of fish.

Samples of Bollihope Burn water, containing lead ore in large quantities, have been taken, and samples of water from Daddry Shields Burn will also be taken and forwarded to the proper quarter, so that these companies who pollute these tributaries will be compelled to abate the nuisance by making filter beds. If something is not done numbers of anglers will cease taking out the licenses, as it is practically little or no use doing so.

The class who fish with cloride of lime and other such chemicals will do well to be on the look out and drop their illegal practices; the sooner the better both for themselves and the public. Licensed anglers will not tolerate such practices which mean wholesome destruction of fish. Policemen have now ten shillings for each conviction of this class, and their efforts, combined with the water bailiff, will put an end to illegal practices.

Complaints are loud among the licensed anglers respecting the scarcity of fish in the Wear, and combined efforts will be made to bring about a better state of things.

A Frosterley angler, fishing for eels in the dam, the other day, caught a queer fish. A feathered fish is not caught every day, yet he succeeded in catching a duck which swallowed greedily the bait laid for Mr Eel.

Another Darlington trip is billed. It will certainly come off this time. Numbers got ready for the last one. Some hired a conveyance and came out of Upper Weardale, some from Rookhope, and numbers of young and old women worked hard all the morning to get off to Darlington trip in the afternoon, but all were disappointed when it was announced that it was postponed. Such conduct on the part of the North-Eastern Railway Company does not inspire confidence. People will wonder whether it will come off or not. It is an unusual precedent, and it is to be hoped will never be acted upon again, as it causes considerable inconvenience to the public besides the mortification and disappointment.

"Bonny flowers, them, arrant they?" said a lady to a farmer in Weardale, the other day, when in the garden. "Aye," said the farmer, bluntly, "but aw like something for'd mouth, nut for'd snout and ee'n."

Eastgate sports are being looked forward to with much interest, and there is every prospect, weather permitting, of a good day there this year.

Stanhope band has entered the lists for the contest at Bishop Auckland on Whit-Monday.

There were four candidates for the situation of mistress at Frosterley Board School, on Friday. Miss Graham, Stanhope, was the successful candidate. At present she is teaching a school at Stamford Bridge, Chester.

Two Stanhope gents had the pleasant task on Saturday last of carrying a pig in a poke from Frosterley to Stanhope. The pig was rather larger than is generally carried, and grew heavy. Its owner, not wishing to suffocate it, cut a hole in the poke for piggie to get a little fresh air. But he cut the hole at the contrary end from its head, and put in his hand to alter piggie's position. Piggie resented the intrusion and nipped his fingers with its teeth, so that he drew them sharply out again. Piggie, however, did change his position, and got his nose out, and while they were carrying him in ambulance fashion he got his head out, and at last got out altogether and bolted, chased by these two pig carriers, beside Buckler Dale. The chase was well sustained both on piggie's part and his pursuers as well, and ultimately he was caught by a cord fastened to his hind leg, but he was very "obstropulous," and would not be driven. A gentleman who was passing, and who had seen pigs shipped at the seaports, gave them a little advice, and told them to get him by the tail and try to pull him backwards. This had the desired effect, as the more they pulled the better he went, until they safely arrived at the metropolis of Weardale.

Some Frosterley and Hill End quoit players had a worse "do" than this. They won a pig by quoit-playing at Middleton-in-Teesdale, and carried him in a poke to Shaftwell Head, when they thought he ought to walk a bit, and so they set him on to Cornish Road with his snout for Hill End. They had had a tough job with him, and were glad of the change, but he was bad to drive. He ran this way and that way, and gave them no end of trouble, and at last bolted off down the hill-side for Cornish dam pursued by his would-be captors; but the harder they ran the harder he ran, and, like the swine we read of in an old book, he ran down a steep place into Cornish dam, and met a similar fate to theirs. He could not swim, but sank in sight of his pursuers, and to their intense mortification, after they had carried him some six or seven miles. Said its owner, "Aw waddent care if we haddent carried the little beast se far; but to drown hissel efter we've carried him frae Middleton wad vex auld Harry."

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th.—Before Colonel F. F. SHAFTOE (chairman), and H. W. KERRICH-WALKER, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Elizabeth and *Hugh Metherrigan*, mother and son, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly, at Chester-le-Street, on the 27th ult.—Fined 5s and costs each.

James Adams did not appear in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Station Lane, Birtley, on the 23rd ult., and was fined 7s 6d and costs.

Michael Finnerty pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Birtley, on the 25th ult., and was ordered to pay 7s 6d and costs.

Patrick McEllen pleaded guilty to a similar offence at Harraton, on the 18th ult.—Fined 7s 6d and costs.

For being drunk at Chester-le-Street, on the 20th ult., *William Reay* was fined 5s and costs.

THREATS.

Robert Dickenson, Chester-le-Street, was charged with threatening to kill Thomas Ellison, at Waldridge, on the 20th May.—Mr Fred Harle, Chester-le-Street and Newcastle, appeared for complainant; Mr John Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham, defending.—Mr Harle said that defendant had threatened to kill complainant, and in consequence of those threats, complainant was so much afraid that he sought the protection of the Court. In the course of the hearing it would probably be very difficult to keep out a great mass of extraneous matters and facts.—Mr Turnbull said he knew about the matters to which Mr Harle had referred, but as far as possible he would refrain from introducing them.—Complainant said that on the 20th ult. he saw defendant in a garden; he went to him and told him to leave the premises, as they belonged to Mr Lindsay Wood, for whom witness was head woodman, and defendant had no business there. Defendant became very violent, used abusive language, and said he would kill witness, adding that if he did not kill him then, he would kill him some time. Witness was afraid that he would carry out his threats.—Cross-examined: He did not know that defendant was looking for his tools. He did not use bad language to defendant, but simply told him to go away. Did not say that if defendant did not go he would box witness's ears. Defendant said he would kill him. He knew that defendant's father was in possession of the garden, and that a decision of the Court dispossessed him about three years ago. He thought that it was for some purpose of trying to take possession that defendant was in the garden. Would not have brought defendant to Court if that had been the first time he had threatened him.—John Relf, game-watcher for Mr Lindsay Wood, said he was present, and corroborated Ellison's statement.—Bound over to keep the peace for six months in his own recognizances in the sum of £5.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Jane Witherspoon pleaded guilty to breaking a window, the property of Thomas Muncaster, at Black Fell, on the 28th ult.—The damage having been sworn at 1s, defendant was fined 1s, the damages, and costs.

Thomas Ferguson and *Thomas Carruthers*, two boys, pleaded guilty to doing damage to the extent of threepence each, to a fence, the property of Charles Perkins and others, at Lamesley, on the 19th May.—Ordered to pay the damages and a fine of 2s 6d each and costs.

William Brown, *Thomas Kelly*, and *John Cardy*, all boys, were charged with doing damage to underwood, the property of Charles Perkins and others, at Ouston, on the 18th ult.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and the damage having been proved they were ordered to pay the damages, 3d each, a fine of 6d each and costs.

John Sherrington, *Stephen Boggins*, and *William Hogg*, all boys, pleaded guilty to doing damage to the amount of 1d each, to a fence the property of Hugh Munroe, at Lamesley on the 26th ult.—Fined 6d each, the damage, and costs.

A PAINFUL CASE.

Mary Ann Trotter, a married woman, was charged with stealing a silver watch and albert and one shilling, the property of Terence Mallon, at Sunniside, on the 1st inst.—Prosecutor said prisoner was his daughter, and came to his house on Friday and stayed until Saturday. On Saturday morning he put his watch in a box upstairs, locked the box and put the key into his pocket. When he next saw the box, on Sunday morning, the lid had been tampered with. The watch, guard, and shilling were gone; so was the prisoner. He valued the watch and guard at £4 15s. He gave information to the police.—Barbara Smith, a widow, sister of the prisoner, said she lived with her father; she found the lid tampered with and the watch gone. She at once told her mother.—George Hall, pawnbroker, High Street, Gateshead, said the watch produced was pledged at his shop on Saturday for 15s, in the name of Mary Ann Trotter, 21 William Street, Felling. He could not say whether prisoner pledged it or not.—Prisoner: No, no. It was not me. I got somebody else to do it.—P.C. Muir said he arrested prisoner at her husband's house at Twizelon the 4th inst. When he charged her, she denied having stolen the watch; but when he said he was going to take her to the lock-up, she admitted it, and gave him the pawn ticket.—Prisoner sobbed bitterly when charged, and said that if they would fine her it would be paid, and she would promise not to do the same again.—The Chairman said that he was afraid that the only course open to them was to commit her for trial, whereupon prisoner showed the most abject terror, and begged to be fined. She had six children and did not know what would become of them if she was sent to prison.—After a lengthy consultation with their Clerk, the bench said they had decided that the goods stolen did not exceed 40s in value, and prisoner would be fined 21s including costs.

METHODIST QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT.—The Primitive Methodists of the Chester-le-Street circuit held their quarterly meeting on Saturday. There was an increase of five members for the quarter. Money had come up well, and all demands were met. £10 being voted from the circuit chapel grant and loan fund towards reducing the debt upon Pelton Fell chapel. A circuit Sabbath school demonstration is to be held on Whit-Monday, and the great circuit demonstration and camp meeting on Saturday and Sunday, July 20th and 21st. A hired local preacher has been engaged for the circuit.

STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CIRCUIT.—The quarterly meeting of this Station was held at Stanley on Saturday. The preacher's meeting commenced at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. Magee in the chair. It was found that the preachers had duly and earnestly attended to their work during the quarter. Two young men had been examined for the plan during the quarter and were accepted. At the full board there was a good attendance of officials and members from all parts of the circuit. The reports were very encouraging. It was found that the Sunday schools were in a good condition and the steward reported an increase of members after filling up the various deficiencies and the income of the quarter was several pounds in advance of the expenditure leaving a substantial balance to be handed over to the steward. Arrangements were made for holding the Circuit Demonstration on July 20th and the committee will arrange for carrying it out.—Tea was provided by Mrs W. Atkinson of Stanley in a tasty manner and all heartily enjoyed themselves at the table. Afterwards the Brethren assembled and a hymn having been sung and prayer offered, a conversation was held on "How to still increase the spiritual condition of the station and do the greatest good to our fellows around us." There was a high spiritual tone pervading the meeting many of the brethren entering heartily into the subject of conversation. It was decided that at the close of the next quarterly meeting some question or questions in connection with the Christian work should be introduced by Messrs Wm Atkinson and Jos. Johnson. This concluded a most pleasant and profitable meeting.

THE PRIESTMAN MEMORIAL SCHEME.

MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday night, a preliminary meeting was held in the ante-chamber of the New Town Hall, Consett, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to establish a memorial to the late Mr Jonathan Priestman, J.P., Shotley Bridge. There was a large and influential attendance, amongst those present being—Messrs J. Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge (who was voted to the chair); Rev F. Steggall, vicar of Consett; Rev J. W. Mitchell, vicar of Leadgate; Rev A. Baillie, Presbyterian minister, Blackhill; Rev E. W. Jenkins, Baptist minister, Blackhill; H. Carss, Benfieldside; J. Lax and J. Collinson, Shotley Bridge; Wm. Raw, Jos. Eltringham, J. Dowson, J. Dixon, and W. Robinson, Blackhill; C. P. Douglas and T. L. Gledstone, Consett; and Mr W. Ramsay, Blackhill, secretary, *pro tem*.

The CHAIRMAN explained that he had taken it upon himself to call that meeting, Mr Ramsay having kindly consented to act as secretary for the time being. Circulars had been sent out to the leading gentlemen in the County Council districts of Consett, Benfieldside, and Leadgate, this being the area which it was considered should embrace the scheme for promoting a memorial to their late friend. He was sorry the post of presiding that night had not fallen upon Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P., who was greatly interested in the welfare of the town of Consett, but was unfortunately not present to take part in the proceedings. Mr Jenkins, however, had written to say that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting, but he most cordially supported the scheme, and would lend all the help he could, and likewise authorised him to put his name down for a handsome subscription. He (the chairman) had likewise received letters from Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of Benfieldside, and Mr John Booth, Shotley Bridge, who had the greatest pleasure of joining in any public memorial in the wide district in which Mr Priestman was known, and trusted that something suitable in conformity with his noble and upright character would be properly expressed. Mr Booth furthermore trusted that a memorial would be raised within the parish. Ever since the lamented death (continued the chairman) of their esteemed friend last December, it had been felt in the neighbourhood that his memory ought to be perpetuated—not that it needed a memorial to keep in mind such a noble character. They felt that no memorial could adequately represent the loss they had sustained by his removal. The subject of a memorial had been for many months talked of by the members of the Benfieldside School Board. Some months ago, he (the speaker) attended a meeting of that Board, when this subject was then broached. A letter had been received from Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., cordially wishing success to the movement, and likewise promising a start in a pecuniary way. The School Board seemed to feel that this was a matter in which it would be advisable to consult the magistrates of the division, and he was requested to communicate with his colleagues. They accordingly met, and talked the matter over, and at length cordially approved of the proposal, to found some memorial to their departed friend. Although Mr Jenkins was not present, it was thought that he, being the senior magistrate—though not an active magistrate—should be consulted regarding the matter. It would be advisable if this gentleman's presence could be obtained at a meeting of the Justices, to talk over the proposed scheme, and he (Mr Annandale) was directed to write to Mr Jenkins, to the effect that at the meeting of magistrates, they considered the suggestion of the Benfieldside School Board to found a scholarship in memory of their late chairman, and asking if he (Mr Jenkins) would be disposed to help towards making the movement a success. As the senior representative of the Consett Bench, he expressed a hope that Mr Jenkins would assist them in giving practical effect to the feeling so widely expressed that such a memorial so much in harmony with Mr Priestman's tastes should be established. Mr Jenkins, in reply thereto, said that he would be glad to co-operate with his colleagues in any manner for promotion of some suitable memorial of Mr Priestman. It was eventually arranged for Mr Jenkins to attend a meeting of the magistrates soon afterwards, and when the various schemes already proposed, such as founding a scholarship or scholarships for deserving children in the upper standards, for providing assistance for poor people unable to pay their school fees, or providing books for the libraries named after Mr Priestman, and likewise the idea of establishing a fund to enable persons convalescent to be sent to a suitable home for recovery, were fully discussed, and the result of the conference was that he (the chairman) was instructed by the magistrates to communicate with the family, and consult or visit Mrs Priestman and lay before her the different schemes that had been suggested. He accordingly communicated and had an interview with Mrs Priestman and the members of the family, and submitted the various plans that appeared to be suitable for perpetuating the memory of the late Mr Priestman. The Justices decided that any scheme suggested by Mrs Priestman and the family would be cordially accepted by them. It was also recommended that a tablet or monument should be erected in memory of Mr Priestman, but he was aware that such a proposal would be distasteful to the family, inasmuch as their departed friend was a most humble-minded man, and therefore this idea would not commend itself in the eyes of his sorrowing relations. In reponse, Mrs Priestman wrote him a letter wherein she said that she felt and appreciated the kind efforts to get up some memorial to her late husband. They had carefully considered the different proposals, and demurred to any scheme which would entail a great deal of expense and trouble in accomplishing. They ultimately concluded that the most suitable plan, and one that would meet the desires and tastes of the late Mr Priestman, would be to raise a fund to send persons to some convalescent home till they had fully recovered from the effects of their illness. They were extremely anxious that no one should be asked to subscribe towards this object, but that all contributions should be voluntary offered. Mrs Priestman intimated that they did not wish to dictate, in any way, what shape the memorial should assume, but simply expressed the wishes of the family. The chairman went on to observe that the Convalescent Home plan was the matter in which Mr Priestman himself was deeply interested, as no one knew the number of persons he was instrumental in sending to such places for the benefit of their health. They had only to mention the name of a sufferer or deserving person and he was always ready to find the means to restore them to their usual strength and vigour, if it were possible. After communicating with Mr Jenkins and Rev A. Baillie, it was at once decided that the scheme which received the support of the family should be laid before the public. The establishment of a scholarship would entail more money than he believed they were able to raise. It would cost between £30 or £40 per annum to educate a boy in the higher branches of education, and besides there was the danger of some clever youths being imported into the place to carry off the scholarship. In this memorial he (the chairman) thought they should devise something in consonance with the wishes and character of Mr Priestman. He dwelt at length upon the various qualities embodied in the deceased gentleman's nature, and urged that they ought to enter upon the movement in a business-like way. Both Mr Baillie for the School Board, and Mr Jenkins for the magistrates, cordially agreed that something should be done towards raising a permanent fund, which they could devote to that purpose if it were possible. He concluded by tending some sound advice as to how the scheme, if approved of by that meeting, should be worked and brought to a successful issue.

Rev A. BAILLIE said his original idea was to found a scholarship to encourage a boy to prosecute his studies at the higher grade schools, but the members of the Benfieldside Board thought that it would be better to raise a fund for carrying on the free education of a number of children, and of course he fell in with that view. The suggestion of the members of Mr Priestman's family ought to sway their minds, and they certainly ought to adopt that plan, as he knew from past experience that Mr Priestman had often assisted him to get convalescents into these homes.

Mr W. RAW, while agreeing that a memorial ought to be raised for Mr Priestman, spoke in favour of founding scholarships for deserving boys, so as to stimulate them in their studies.

The CHAIRMAN said that before long it was possible that the law would be passed giving all children free education throughout the country. Mr Priestman, although a kind and generous person in other respects, was very severe with parents who neglected their children's education, especially when they had the means to do so. If the parents were in very poor circumstances, they could apply to have the fees remitted.

Rev F. STEGGALL remarked that, as they knew the desires of Mr Priestman's family, they ought to be unanimous in adopting the scheme suggested by Mrs Priestman. A sum of £600, he considered, would be sufficient to maintain two persons in a convalescent home during the summer months.

The CHAIRMAN believed it quite possible, if they paid down a stipulated sum of money, to procure a ward or a bed in some home for the exclusive use of patients sent from the immediate district.

Eventually, the following resolution was moved by Rev F. STEGGALL, and seconded by Mr JOSHUA LAX, and carried *nem. con.*:—

"That the memorial to the late Mr Jonathan Priestman take the form of a fund, the income of which shall be applied to sending suitable convalescents from the County Council districts of Benfieldside, Consett, and Leadgate, to some convalescent home—this being a scheme which commands the approval of Mrs Priestman and family."

The committees were appointed as follows (with power to add to their number):—

Consett—Mr W. Jenkins, Revs F. Steggall, T. Broadbent, T. Duran; and J. Moffatt; Messrs J. Calvert, Jesse Hall, W. Aynsley, C. P. Douglas, R. Evans, J. W. Davison, Jas. Oliver, T. Williams, and Adam Brodie (local secretary).

Leadgate—Rev J. W. Mitchell and Canon F. Kearney; Messrs W. Keenleyside, W. Brown, G. Nicholson, T. Foreman, T. Harrison, T. S. Longstaff, J. Gestard, and W. Brears (local secretary).

Medomsley—Rev W. Cockin; Messrs W. H. Hedley, W. Robinson, T. Simpson, J. H. Morris, W. Fletcher, J. Walton, W. Palliser, T. Calvert, and T. D. Dales (local secretary).

Benfieldside and Ebchester—Mr Jas. Annandale; the members and clerk of the Benfieldside School Board; Revs T. J. Storey and H. Linthwaite; Messrs J. Booth, J. Lax, J. Collinson, C. D. W. Balleny, R. Murray, W. Robinson, J. Eltringham, J. Heymer, T. Siddell, Ed. and John Dixon, M. Coupland, W. Carr, B. Moody, R. Ramsay, J. Dawson, and W. Ramsay (local secretary).

Mr Jas. Annandale was appointed chairman of the general committee; Mr T. L. Gledstone, the Bank, Consett, treasurer; and Mr W. Ramsay, Blackhill, secretary.

Mr CARSS mentioned that the promoters had no intention of overlooking the working classes, who would doubtless gladly subscribe towards the fund; but these would be added by the local committees as they deemed expedient.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that there were people outside—the directors and shareholders of the Consett Iron Company and merchants on the Quayside, who were intimately associated with Mr Priestman—who might be anxious to subscribe; and it was suggested by Mr CARSS that the workmen at Victoria Garesfield Colliery (owned by Messrs Priestman and Sons) might be desirous of helping the movement.

The secretary was instructed to write to the viewer, and inform him that the men were at perfect liberty to subscribe if they desired, but they could not participate in any benefit accruing from the fund, inasmuch as its operations were being confined to the area already defined.

Mr CARSS promised to go to Victoria Garesfield and address a meeting of the workpeople explanatory of the scheme.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., and Mr W. Jenkins had promised £10 10s each.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting till the 16th July, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, all present tendering their warm obligations to Mr Annandale for the trouble he had taken in inaugurating the "Priestman Memorial Scheme."

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MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—Christ Church, 6th inst., by Rev F. Steggall, Evelyn Turner, eldest son of Mr A. E. Turner, Blackhill, to Christina M. Thompson, eldest daughter of Mr W. Thompson, Clarendon Villa, Consett.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—Register Office, 25th ult., Wm. Wright, Wolsingham, to Ellen Taylor, Lumley.—Same day, Joseph Hardy, Pelton, to Mary Robinson, West Pelton.—Same day, Thomas Joicey, Pelton Fell, to Eleanor Robson, Chester-le-Street.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Templetown, 2nd inst., aged 45, Jane, the beloved wife of Byerley Reed. 406a

LEADGATE—Bradley Cottages, 2nd inst., aged 11 months, Elina, second daughter of Thomas and Margaret Elina Archer.

6th inst., Richard Jacobson, aged 63. Interment on Saturday at Benfieldside Cemetery.

IVESTON—2nd inst., aged 36, Elizabeth, wife of John Armstrong.

TOW LAW—Bridge Street, 24th ult., aged 65, Jonathan Arrowsmith, for 41 years a faithful servant of Weardale Iron and Coal Co.

EAST PONTOP COLLIERY—1st inst., Ann, wife of Thomas Fenwick.

STANHOPE—31st ult., aged 73, John Iley, farmer.

ROOKHOPE—Cuthbert Dawson, lead-smalter, aged 67.

GREENSIDE—22, Emmaville, 2nd inst., aged 18 months, Mary Jane, only daughter of George Cowings.

BLAYDON—James Street, 3rd inst., aged 10 months, Jane Alice, daughter of John Nixon Brown.

WEST PELTON—Eden Terrace, aged 51, William Mews.

Eden Nill, 4th inst., aged 36, William Watson.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—Workhouse, 20th ult., aged 78, Joseph Traylor, of Usworth.

BIRTLEY—At the residence of John Hartley, aged 83, Phillis Burrell.

BIRTLEY—2, John Street, 28th ult., aged 10 years, after a long illness, William, son of Andrew Blacklock.

Birtley Vicarage, 2nd inst., in the 89th year of his age, William Walter Yeld Yeld.

OUSTON—3rd inst., aged 76, John Hall.

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