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Plans and Specifications may be seen at Philip Inn, Blackhall Mill, on and after Monday, 6th March 13th until 24th.

Sealed Tenders to be delivered to me not later than 9 o'clock on Thursday, March 23rd.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

JOHN WILSON, Secretary.

Blackhall Mill, March 6th, 1899.

Contracts.

TENDERS are invited for the RESTORATION OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, LANCHESTER, PLAIN.

CONTRACTORS desirous of TENDERING for the above, are requested to forward their names and addresses to the Architect, Mr Geo. Thos. Wilson, 121, Durham Road, Bishop Auckland, on or before March 15th, 1899, to whom quantities will be supplied.

No plans will be given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

March 7th, 1899. 3283

LANCHESTER UNION.

THE GUARDIANS OF THE POOR of the Lanchester Union invite TENDERS for supplying the Workhouse with Groceries, Meat, Flour, Groceries, Butcher Meat, Coal, Coffins, Draperies, Oats, &c., &c., during the ensuing months.

Tenders for CARTAGE of Limestone from the Station, for year ending.

Form of Tenders, specifying the quantities of the various articles required, may be had on application to the undersigned, to whom sealed and endorsed Tenders must be sent on or before the 22nd day of March, together with samples as far as practicable.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

GEO. W. BIRKETT,
Lanchester, Durham. Clerk to Guardians.

RENOVATION OF WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, LANCHESTER.

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE Trustees of the above Church are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the Renovation, Alterations, and Additions to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Lanchester.

Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and forms of Tender may be obtained of the Architect, 121, Durham Road, Blackhill.

Tenders to be sent in to the above office on or before Wednesday, March 15th, 1899.

No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order,
GEO. THOS. WILSON, Architect.
March 8th, 1899.

THE STANLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL invite TENDERS for the supply of about 500 Loads of Sand, and about 200 Loads of Gravel, to be delivered at the Council Yards, at Stanley and East Stanley respectively.

Plans and Specifications may be seen and quantities and other particulars obtained, on application to Mr Joseph Routledge, Surveyor, at the Office of the Council, Stanley, between the hours of 9 a.m. at 1 p.m. on the 17th, 20th, and 24th March.

Sealed Tenders, endorsed "Sewers," to be delivered to the undersigned, not later than noon on Tuesday, the 28th instant. Approved security will be required for the due fulfilment of the Contract.

Lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.—By order,

JOHN GEO. HUDSON, Clerk.
Stanley, R.S.O., 8th March, 1899. 3282

CHESTER-LE-STREET UNION.
CONTRACT FOR BREAD, GROCERIES, CLOTHING, &c.

THE GUARDIANS of the Poor of the Union are desirous of receiving TENDERS for the supply of the Workhouse for March instant to the 4th day of October next, both days inclusive, of the undermentioned articles, viz.:—Best Superfine Flour and Wheaten Bread, Oatmeal, Tea, Sugar, Currants, Raisins, Soap, Soda, Starch, Candles, Blue, Clothing, &c.

Forms of Tender, containing further particulars and estimates of the probable quantities required, may be had on application to the undersigned, or to the Master of the Workhouse.

An invoice must accompany the delivery of all goods. Tenders, accompanied by samples of groceries and draperies, to be delivered to me not later than 10 a.m. on Wednesday, the 15th March instant. No name, mark, or device to be added to any parcel or ticket other than the price of each article. Each sample to be wrapped in paper, sealed and endorsed and accompanied by the tender's name. All samples to be wrapped in special paper, obtained on special application to be supplied on application to the undersigned. The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.—By order, ALBERT E. CLARK, Clerk to the Guardians.
Board Room, Chester-le-Street, March 3rd, 1899. 3280

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PUBLIC VACCINATOR.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of PUBLIC VACCINATOR under the undermentioned Parishes of the above Union, viz.:—Lanchester, Burnhope, Esh, Greencroft, Hedley, Iveshiln, Healyhope, Ireston, Langley, Lanchester, Langley, Moor, Muggleswick, Satley, South Cornsay, and Stanley.

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Candidates must be capable of keeping with accuracy the vaccination registers, Forms, &c. prescribed by the Local Government Board.—Applications, stating age, present employment, &c., accompanied by copies of not more than three testimonials, to be sent to me before Wednesday, March 22nd.

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W. H. RITSON,
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MATCHES.

Derwent Cottages Juniors defeated Blackhill St. Cuthbert's Reserve by two goals to nil on the ground of the former.

LEADGATE PARK v. RUTHERFORD COLLEGE.

This friendly fixture was brought off on the Park enclosure on Saturday last, before a fair number of spectators. The Park forwards were minus Cartmell, Hunter, and R. Wilson, whilst Collin was also absent from the College ranks, his place being taken by Gibson, the following were the respective teams as played:—

Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, Leadgate Park—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, J. Daly and Laidler; halfbacks, R. Carter, S. Bewick, and Peter; forwards, Wilson, H. Cook, J. Allison, and J. Allison.

Rutherford College—Goal, R. Stoker; backs, J. Watson and J. Davenport; halfbacks, McDonald, T. Bowman and J. Gibson; forwards, J. Brown, J. Kennedy, W. Dodds, D. Kennedy, and A. Watson.

The Park won the toss and played down the hill, and from the kick off the home attack, F. Kennedy ran down the left, and centred to Brown of the College gave him a fine shot, but Watson kicked over the line. The venue was then changed, and Stoker had to hand out several hot shots from the Park forwards, finally conceding a corner, but Bowes put the ball over. Both backs were next taxed severely, and Daly conceded a corner in order to save, but Dawson did the same immediately after. Both teams were playing in Middleton half, but finally, Cook and Wilson got away on the touch-line and sent over a centre to centre. Wilkinson a shot, but it went bye. Laidler next several good attempts by the College forwards, tackling was well and kicking strongly. Another bye for the Park, and then G. Foster headed over from the crossbar after some capital play by Allison. Milburn, however, by his centre next distinguished himself for the visitors, but by several good tackles the last of which the ball was kicked out by Daly, F. Kennedy did some good execution, but Daly again intervened, and Allison also nothing resulted. The Park forwards again made the running and gave Watson and Davenport a lot of trouble. Allison got well down on the left by dint of good dribbling, and finally sent over to the centre, Milburn put through and scored a good shot, opening out the scoring for the match. Half-time soon after the adding to the visitors' score. Almost immediately on the restart, Cook took the ball neatly off Cook's toe in close fashion and finished the attack, Cook, however, came back again in dashing style, and gained a corner from a fine handful, which he caught and threw out, taking the ball down the field, Milburn put in the nick of time. At the other end Allison had a splendid opportunity, but shot over the crossbar. Gradually the College forwards got more and more dangerous, and Matthews put matters right with a good header, but Allison was in mid-field. A fine "snapper" Daly mis-kicked, and Wilson, White getting on the ball had a clear run through, easily beating Calvert and Allison was quite beyond his reach. Half-time arrived with the score standing:—

Leadgate Park ..... One goal
Rutherford College ..... Two goals

Resuming the Park were all over the ball, and Cook had a splendid hard try, but missing narrowly. Daly next gave Bowes a fine chance, but he took a few kicks, but Stoker rejected, and Cook finished over. The opposite extremity, but without effect. Back again came the Park, and Allison was finally sent in a beauty, Stokoe missing, but Matthews recovered and headed behind the ball out from right under the cross-bar—a most difficult post as to whether it was or was not actually inside. Milburn was next conspicuous with a good centre, but Cook's attempted shot was charged down. Watson especially doing splendid work. Hands off by Allison, and Milburn's free-kick was a fine one. While had a long shot, but it went wide. Good passing was shown by both sets of visitors, and Calvert conceded a corner from F. Kennedy, which went wide. The most interesting point was a penalty kick awarded to the College, Allison was charged and converted, making the second point for the visitors. Cook next had a fine chance, but shot over the crossbar. Daly and Allison were showing up well, but Wilson to get into close quarters with Stoker, the latter quickly picked up and threw out. Daly next put in a splendid centre, but Bowes's attempt to finish the attack. Cook sent in a good attempt, but Joe Wilson charged in on the keeper; a favorite ending in the referee throwing the ball, but Cook completed a splendid run down the centre, and finished. Shaking off Daly, Matthews, this player-secretary-manager extended Leadgate Park's score, and F. Kennedy scoring down the left, Matthews and Allison combining, but the homesters replied successfully and assumed the lead. Cook was prominent in the centre and sent over to Wilson, who in turn passed to Allison. The last named player with a splendid screw shot from the left, but Stoker was there to the occasion. The shot was a real beauty. The visitors were now playing up in great style, and Matthews and Cook combined, but got in a most difficult shot about the left corner, but it went outside. Stoker was then called upon to handle. Calvert hit out, but only had the ill-satisfactory result of sending it through his own goal. This again brought the teams level. With only a few minutes time to go each team strove hard to obtain a decisive point, but without success, and a most evenly-contested match resulted in a draw of three goals each. The game was a most interesting one, and was very good to witness. The play exhibited by both teams was very fine. The passing of the visitors was commented upon by the spectators, whilst the home defence also played splendidly and satisfied. Daly and Laidler at full back played a splendid game from a sweeping point. Finalists:—

Leadgate Park ..... Three goals
Rutherford College ..... Three goals

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

BRUNTON v. ROBSON WANDERERS.

At Prudhoe, before 500 spectators. The Robson were the first to become dangerous, and Layton scored from a corner. Prudhoe were not long in equalising from a scrimmage close in. Pratt, on receiving from a pass given by Layton, but the referee disallowed it on account of off-side, and decisions as Cullen was behind the ball when last played. One goal each was the score at half-time. Both teams recommenced with great determination, the game being exceedingly fast, each end being visited in turn. Lown found the net from a free kick, well placed by Henderson, but it was disallowed. Prudhoe now did some pressing, and Curry gave his side the lead. The Robson then went about to draw level, a corner, but within an ace of scoring from a shot by Cullen. The teams lined up as follows:—

Brunton ..... Two goals
Prudhoe ..... One goal
Robson ..... One goal

ISAAC WALTON CUP.

STANLEY WEDNESDAY v. GANSHEAD WEDNESDAY.

These team met on the Birtley ground on Wednesday week to play off their issue Wednesday Cup-tie. The teams had met twice previously, at Stanley and at Gateshead, in each game had resulted in neutral ground. A had won after the Mr. Middleton's decision. A few minutes before the players lined up:—

Stanley—Goal, Robinson; backs, Tindale and Whaley; halfbacks, J. Bell, J. Cranaghan, and M. Bell; forwards, Whaley, Bell, T. Robson, Gibson, R. Whitfield, and Johnson.

Gateshead—Goal, Trotter; backs, Dent and Walker; halfbacks, Dent and Dodd; forwards, Walker, Wilkinson, Wood, Wood, and Shotley.

Stanley won the toss and elected to play with the wind and sun down during the first half. Stanley at once became dangerous, and the Gateshead defence was severely taxed. Gateshead got away, and Dent and Whaley, half-backs, J. Bell, J. Cranaghan, and M. Bell; forwards, Whaley, Bell, T. Robson, Gibson, R. Whitfield, and Johnson.

Gateshead—Goal, Trotter; backs, Dent and Walker; halfbacks, Dent and Dodd; forwards, Walker, Wilkinson, Wood, Wood, and Shotley.

Stanley won the toss and elected to play with the wind and sun down during the first half. Stanley at once became dangerous, and the Gateshead defence was severely taxed. Gateshead got away, and for a time play was even, and the Stanley forwards had a turn of pressing, which was relieved by Dent, but this was cleared, and a free kick for Stanley enabled the latter to get over centre, and they attacked and managed to force a corner, which was sent behind. Gateshead now began to get away, but they were quickly sent back, and Robinson had to fist out from a grand shot. Gateshead were now pressing, and Walker eventually had to give Stanley a corner. Gateshead were now subjected to a bombardment of the Gateshead goal, which was splendidly defended by Trotter, and cleared. A few minutes later Johnson got away for Stanley, and from the play then play became very even, Gateshead having a bit the best of it, and another corner resulted, but no further scoring took place up to the interval. Half-time:—

Stanley ..... Two goals
Gateshead ..... Nil.

Gateshead were very quickly on the ball, and managed to instal themselves in Stanley territory, but the home defence soon cleared by Whaley, and the latter massed play in their own yards and cleared again, but did not stay long in the Stanley half, and play seemed to settle down, when Robinson made a brilliant save when very hard pressed. Stanley now began to get more the game. Peter's Backs had to clear their lines, and then Gateshead were again pressing hard. A corner for Gateshead was cleared, and Stanley were quickly followed by a brilliant run by Johnson. Stanley got in a shot, but quickly came back again, Gateshead following up, but Stanley cleared, and Johnson got away. Dowson took the kick and sent over to Johnson, who centred and the whistle blew with the score:—

Stanley ..... Two goals
Gateshead Wednesday ..... Nil.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY v. ST. PETER'S ALBION.

These teams met on Saturday for the first time this season at St. Peter's Albion's castle. The weather was fine until near the finish, when a heavy shower of rain prevailed throughout the afternoon, making the ground very heavy. The visitors appeared in a snow-storm, and were accompanied by a large number of supporters present when the teams contested were as follows:—

Stanley—Goal, Beckwith, backs, Joyce and Bell; half-backs, Stanley, Bell, Robinson, and Redpath; forwards, Graham, Ellis, Whaley, Reed and Masterman.

St. Peter's—Goal, C. Traynor; backs, Thompson and Lackenby; halfbacks, Dowson, Fussod and Knox; forwards, Lackenby, Ripple, Bell, Harrington, and Barry, sen.

Martin Joyce won the toss, and set the visitors to kick off against the sloping ground, and against the wind. Bell started the ball, and the visitors made an early effort to break through, Mitcheson, Bell, Harrington, and Lackenby all having a turn. They failed, however, to get beyond Joyce, who kicked to Ellis, and the ball was pulled up by Darting and Fussod, who travelled down the field, but Graham and Whaley checked the visitors' forwards, and Ellis passed to Masterman, who centred to Whaley, who put in a fine shot, but Traynor was equal to the occasion, and saved. Play was now transferred to the Stanley left wing, where Graham and Masterman were having all the best of the play, and the latter finally put in a centre, which, in the course of a prolonged attack a goal, Chance after Chance was missed, Graham, Ellis, and Whaley all having a turn, but failing to find the net. Stanley were now pressing, and Masterman, who was playing a splendid game, put in a centre to the home goal, and Traynor was saved from scoring by Joyce, who kicked over. Play was transferred to the other end after getting the ball away to Masterman, but Joyce was again prominent, and relieved the Stanley left winger sent sharply back, and the ball was kept in the St. Peter's Albion half for some time, but the home defence were having all the best of the play, and the visitors' forwards were frequently off-side in the course of a prolonged attack a goal chance was missed by Graham, who was given a free kick, but failed to find the net. Play was now in the greater advantage. The visitors' forwards were off-side, and Mitcheson, Bell, and Lackenby made a determined attempt to secure a pass to Bell, but Lackenby was off-side. The ball was kept in the visitors' half for some time after getting the ball away to Masterman, but Joyce and Robinson were playing splendidly, and the Stanley left winger sent sharply back, and the ball was kept in the St. Peter's Albion half for some time, but the home defence were having all the best of the play, and the visitors' forwards were frequently off-side in the course of a prolonged attack a goal chance was missed by Graham, who was given a free kick, but failed to find the net. Play was now in the greater advantage. The visitors' forwards were off-side, and Mitcheson, Bell, and Lackenby made a determined attempt to secure a pass to Bell, but Lackenby was off-side. The ball was kept in

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reds of thousands of
go without it.

THEATRE. CONSETT.

Some return visit is being paid to
matre by Mr Ben Greet's company of
ring players, the present week of
ring audiences. The cause is
, it was on its last visit, and to
ause appears to be better. The
ever, from what we remember, did
be quite as strong. Although we
le prejudiced by the grand quality
two years ago in "The Lady
" Basil Gill gives a good portrayal
Hamlet, his conception of the
a noble character, and he is
ently conscientious in his art to finish.
ps gives considerable force to a
acter in his interpretation of the
ish "Claudius," the crafty cunning
presentation of this part is greatly
ed shown to great advantage. Mr.
ock appears successfully in the part
a part which calls for a little
ort in a short time, and this he
ly accomplished. The part of
reeves the pastor from Mr.
eghill, and the parts of "Gilderie"
ern" are well rendered by Mr
man and Mr Algernon Lee respec-
Basil Gill and Mr Edwin Lange
ch advantage in the parts of the
ainer and the player. The "Ghost"
will make the part of "Virtue" his
ial character. Miss
ce appears to advantage as
Poppea," as does also Miss Helen
in the part of "Ancaria." Miss
ths, as "Bereza," gives a forceful
ion to the character, which places
forefront as a splendid actress.
Miss Rosalind Ayres as "Ophelia"
fashion Mr Edwin Cooke, as
ssional Gravedigger, and Mr Cecil
ard as Mr Ben Greet's "Horatio,"
Miss Dorothy Marsden gives a
mation of the part of the boy,
" her last scene being particularly
but not least, comes Miss Margery
the beautiful character, "Mercia,"
in the part a great representation,
her audience with rapt attention
ughout the whole performance.
ere was shewn at times by the
ence which pervaded the house—in
, then this piece has made a great
on on this its second visit as it did
ast good business should result.

HALL CLUB CONCERT AT LEADGATE.

The apprizes of the Leadgate Park
ute Band, a capable and successful
ation was held on Monday night in
Hills School-room kindly granted
ose purpose. There was an excellent
, the room being well filled. Un-
to two of our artistes who had
their services were unable to be
ent—Miss Mary Wilkinson and
Hill, who was suffering from a severe
ld—their places were ably filled
ssrs Bennett Bros. of Consett. The
ittee committee, who opened the
in a few appropriate introductory
The first item on the programme
sung by Miss G. Goodale, of Dun-
, a sub freely used and much appre-
name May Harrison, as Rudolph,
"The Star of Normandy" in splendid
. Mr Anderson also received a hearty
ion of Leadgate's "Mr J. Audience,"
ch he responded, and his
of "Home sweet Home" was
h that could be desired, as the
not fail to testify. The local
Miss Power, of Leadgate, gave a
interpretation of "Dreams of"
and retired amidst the warm
ion of the audience. Mr Anderson
with a beautiful rendering of "Sweet
ed," the violin obligato instrument,
by Mr Bennett, rendered
it in a humorous song, and was
with "Miss Ella Granger, of Dun-
Messrs Parker and Dales sang the
ian terzetto, "I M.S. Pinafore,"
ind the why and wherefore," which
ved lively and the audience would
clided until the piece had been
. Mr Anderson then sang "Sally
ames," and then Miss Harrison
ave was heard to the utmost advan-
Miss Ella Granger, of Dun-
a sonic essay, she responded with
ation, being a nice composition
the artiste exactly. Mr Anderson
the hearts with an excellent
of "Maid of Athens," which was
ed with much applause. Master
Hall, of Annfield Plain, Power scored
and the audience evinced their
re in no uncertain manner. Bennett
Dales, to the delight of the
gave another item from "Pinafore,"
merry maiden and the tar," which
ed immensely. Miss Grooves then kindly
another charming violin solo, to
ombustible encore was given, and
, and she was the recipient of warm
. Mr Anderson was encored for a
rendering of "Tug-a-long Tom-
" "The Mulligan Guards," which
the utmost merriment. The Chairman
ded the artistes and audience for
ir services, proposing complimentary
ing of the National Anthem. A
ort of items due to Leadgate, who played the accom-
ts, and to Mr Bennett, who con-
he items to their M. W. Brass for kindly
the use of his piano, and also those
e generously provided refreshments.
e admirably superintended by Mrs
and Miss Bennett.

ng Concert at Shotley Bridge.

ection with the Shotley Bridge Wes-
ist of Hope Band, a concert was held
Methodist Schoolroom, Shotley
on Monday evening last. The
ce, owing to the death of a relative
to attend, was an excellent one
was found in Mr. E. Milburn, whose
s are at all times with heartiness
ia. The opening piece was the
Austria" by J. Newsay, by which was rendered by the band,
leadership of Mr. J. McTaggart was the
ist piece rendered by the
the crooked Bawbee." The
ng with refreshments was
Miss Wright, of Blackhill, and
received. Miss Wright then
, recited "Monkey Jim's last
ing a successful rendering
received. The company
their choice, and as a result
ng, which he gave as a selection
Miss Lethbourne gave "Queen of the
" in splendid style, and her
ve soprano voice which she can use
ith the aid of perfect control
of the audience. Mr. J. Pigg
ed "Sailing" in a manner which
him. Mr. Pigshaw has a
evidence this season on the con-
platform, and with some coaching
ttered comment on the part of the drag-
gers, such as "Ed Jones—" "The
Lodge" in a nice style, and it
well with the audience. Mr.
Hooligan's Mule" an encore.
Pigshaw took the soprano part
ensemble, "Sweet Spirit Hear My
" Punch bowl chorus, and
ed the chorus in great style.
Pigshaw's chance of posing as a
ctor is now lost. Passing over the
secretary gave the reason why Miss
of Leadgate, and Master Watson
ill were absent. A telegram had
received from Miss Hall stating she was
unwell, and Miss Watson was
ed to be present. Mr. Milburn
the part of the programme with
ng "Ben Bolt," which was very well
the audience with encores. Mr.
Oliver was entitled to Mr
and vocalist with "Sweet
Courtship," which was very well
Mr. T. Jackson was then called
ranged for the violin. Mr. Moran's
ion was "Sweet Home," and his solo was in keeping with
ion of the composer. He was
great it. Mr. J. Bell then sang
Maid was Fair," and he was
disappointments attached to concerts
Mr. Bell's rendering of the song
ed that he had not been disappointed
and her reputation in Whitehall
Mr. Bell's "Kiss me by the Moonlight," and
"Kiss me by moonlight." Mr.
Pigg then sang "Ben Bolt" in
ent hands. He was well received
ng the audience. The band then
the Quartette Party in
Mr. Milburn, and Messrs
Jackson, and Pigg, and
ed with the singing of
It was a success in every respect.

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CHAPTER IX.

EDITH FORRESTER'S FLIGHT TO THE HUT OF THE NUNS.

LEAVING Major Fotheringham and the still unconscious Lieutenant Barkerville furiously attacked by the mad Fakir and his three fierce sirras, we will turn to the adventures of Edith Forrester, who, though she little suspected it, was in almost as perilous a plight.

So soon as the Emir Yakub of Jaalsha had ridden away, from the gate of the prison-courtyard, the swaggering gallery, after vaunt ingly informing the lovely English woman that he would pay her such as his hundredth wife on the morrow, she quitted her little, mud-walled, cell, and hatched hut, having to stoop her head in order to enter in at the low doorway, her finding it possible even to stand quite upright in any part of its interior.

The first task to which she betook her, self, on inspecting her lamp, for by now it was sufficiently dark to require one in-deed, as the full moon had not yet risen, the light could not enter it even in the day-time, when the prisoner began a careful search for and destroy all the noxious and venomous things, as it would seem she could find upon the damp, discoloured walls, and on the hard beaten earth, or rather mud floor.

As for centipedes and beetles, their name was legion; but, though disgusting of aspect, she let them be, save for a faint glow which issued from the furthest corner of the hut.

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The night was a dark one she perceived, much to her satisfaction, and hardly had she satisfied herself on this point when the head, and back of a vulture, thrice re-beaked, satisfied her sure.

She knew what Neufield personated the vulture, for the tetpie croak was the signal that he been agreed on between them.

Glancing hurriedly around, she discovered that the coast was near by, though she could not see it, it being many miles distance, and he appeared also to be coming in her direction. Despite her terrible apprehension, and it was a keen one, she resolved to risk the vulture, and at the instant she had started thereon at a run.

Happily for her dress was of a dark material, and this was greatly in the darkness, and would be very difficult to see it, in the obscurity of night, even from a very short distance away.

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions.

WEDNESDAY, March 1st, 1899.—Before Mr. Charles R. Barrett (presiding) and Lieut.-Col. Cuthbert.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases were charged with this offence and dealt with as under:—Wm. Hall, Annfield Plain, James Middleton, 5/- and costs; Rt. Humphrey, 5/- and costs; Thomas Tindale, 5/- and costs; Thomas Hall, 10/- and costs; Ed. Pearson, 10/- and costs; Robert Parker, 10/- and costs; McAvoy, 10/- and costs; Thomas Tindale, 5/- and costs; Thomas Pearson, 2/6 and costs; Robert Cowell, 7/6 and costs; and Thomas Cowell, 7/6 and costs.

DRUNK IN CHARGE.

Clarence Pater was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 19th inst. at Pelton Fell, on the 19th inst., in charge of a horse and cart.—Defendant said he had been to Pelton, and the mare was wandering about the road when he got on it.—Fined 10/- and costs, including 2/6 costs and 2/6 witness.—The accused, who pleaded guilty, was fined 10/- and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Richard Gibson and Daniel King were charged with playing at pitch and toss at Annfield Plain, on the 19th inst.—Police-constable Cowell proved the offence and Gyver (who did not appear) was fined 10/- and costs, whilst King was fined 7/6 and costs.

Thomas Hall, Aaron Smith, John Smith, Gregory Greenwell, and Thomas Greenwell were charged with playing at pitch and toss on the 19th ult., at Birtley.—P.C. Fallaker proved the case.—Defendants Greenwell were fined 10/- and costs, and the others were each fined 2/- and costs.

Wm. Gladwin, Wm. Gardener, and Joseph Hall were charged with playing at pitch and toss on a fence at Chester-le-Street, on the 19th inst.—Fined 10/- each, including 2/6 costs.—Wood, a fine of 2/6, 1/- damage, and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Wm. Ash was charged with a breach of the Highway Act, by riding upon a P.C. Dregan said that on the 17th inst. he saw defendant riding upon a horse on the highway at Annfield Plain, and he fell off. The defendant was busy extinguishing the fire at the time, and he was not aware of it.—The case was dismissed on payment of costs—5/-

Nicholas Bodman, Stephen Wilson, Samuel Wilson, and Robert Wilson were charged with assaulting their children, respectively in the case of the first-named defendant, and with the assault of the prosecutor, Robert Fenwick.

THEFT OF A WATCH AT GUNNIS.

James Randall was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain valued £1 10s., the property of Wm. Hall, Gunnis.—The prosecutor stated that he was a miner living at Gunnis.—On Saturday, the 27th of October, last year he left his watch and chain in the bed in the front room of the house. When he returned from his work he missed them. He informed the police of the matter. About 14 days later witness saw the watch in the possession of a man who was his brother-in which the accused ex-pressed his sorrow for what he had done, and begged the prosecutor's forgiveness. He had given the watch to his father.—Evidence to the same effect was given by the father, who stated that he had given the watch to his son, and he had pawned it.—Defendant was committed to prison for 14 days, and the other defendants were fined 5/- and costs.

SLEEPING OUT.

Peter Farrell, of Middle Drive, Thomas Milburn, John Scott, John Reynolds Thomas Hall, and Thomas Hall, all of Annfield Plain, were charged with sleeping in the Annfield Plain Stanley Burial Ground on the 1st March.—Defendants pleaded guilty.—P.C. Smith said that on the 1st March he found the defendants concealed in the coke-ovens, and they were fined 10/- each, including 2/6 costs, and the other defendants seven days each.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, March 6th.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (chairman), Mr. J. Peart, Mr. W. J. Pease, and Mr. W. Aynsley.

DEFENDANT TO QUIT AT SHROVESBURY.

Mr. Jas. Kelly, landlord of the Royal Oak, Consett, applied for the removal of Robert Cant, miner, for refusing to quit his licensed premises.—Mr. Kelly said he was the landlord of the Royal Oak, Consett, and Cant was formerly a lodger. Complainant said defendant owed him 10/- for lodging, and he had given him notice to quit, which was refused, since which defendant had paid 5/- on account, leaving a balance of the amount of 5/-.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed, with 14 days' grace for the wilful damage, 1/- and costs.

Mr. M. Hall, Attendance Officer to the Consett School Board, summoned Mary Ann Ward Hall, John McMaster, and Margaret Ann Ward, for neglecting to send their children to school. The offence and Hall had been fined 1/- and costs on the 20th ult., and as he had not been at school since December last, he was fined 5/- and costs.—Mr. Bernard McMaster was charged with a similar offence, and was fined 1/- and costs.—Mr. Hall withdrew the case against Annandale.

ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD.

Mr. T. W. Welford, on behalf of Mr. J. W. Pattin, of Leadgate, applied for the permission to withdraw the case against Thomas Hall, Consett, for illegal employment of money which he should not have done.—Mr. Pattin stated that he had employed defendant's son, and he had been paid 1/- per week. Defendant had since taken him away, and he had been paid 1/- per week. Defendant took it out of his hand, and said, "I'll take it out of that." He had not been paid. Defendant resided "Yes, and I have been paid 1/- per week. Defendant took it out of his hand, and said, "I'll take it out of that." He had not been paid. Defendant resided "Yes, and I have been paid 1/- per week. Defendant went down to defendant's house, and asked for the money. Defendant said, "What money." Prosecutor said, "The money you owe my son." Defendant said, "I owe you nothing." Prosecutor said, "You do owe my son money

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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT PRESENTED AT THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 1899.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 64,782, assuring the sum of £2,409,186, and yielding a New Annual Premium Income of £353,112.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,967,501, being an increase of £166,377 over the year 1897.

The Claims of the year amounted to £975,015, The number of Deaths was 9,191, and 3,562 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 594,138.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £4,460,756, being an increase of £167,356.

The claims of the year amounted to £1,891,039. The number of Deaths was 198,308, and 5,131 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing, who have punctually paid their payments, was 66,379, the number in force being 604,264. The number of Free Policies which became claims during the year was 1,284.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 12,949,679; their average duration exceeds eight and a half years.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
Shareholders' capital	1,000,000 0 0	British Government Securities:	
Ordinary Branch funds	17,196,951 11 8	(£23,153,000 Consols)	3,153,583 5 11
Industrial Branch funds	14,936,936 12 6	Colonial and Foreign Government Securities	3,900,877 4 5
Reserve fund	750,000 0 0	Railway and Canal Debentures, and Debenture Stocks	2,176,419 18 1
Claims under 1,111 policies admitted	153,804 0 11	Loans on Mortgage of Government, Municipal and other rates, Tithes, Rentcharges, Ecclesiastic and Church fee duties	6,384,917 12 3
		Freehold property	2,830,402 8 3
		Leasehold property	1,000,000 0 0
		Mortgages	4,742,943 16 6
		Railway, gas, and water stocks	3,809,901 2 4
		Ships Canal Shares	295,101 7 8
		Telegraph and other shares	72,725 8 3
		Loans on Corporation (Liverpool, and City of London bonds	338,645 12 6
		Bank of England stock	200,000 0 0
		Foreign Government securities	959,094 1 3
		Reversionary Life Interests	373,134 7 6
		Loans on the Company's Policies	690,365 12 2
		Rent charges	148,164 0 11
		Outstanding premiums	320,331 9 1
		Cash in hands of Superintendents and Agents	1,000,000 0 0
		Outstanding interest and rents	241,343 17 0
		Cash on deposit, or current accounts, and in hand	281,427 2 4
	£33,539,708 6 0		£33,539,708 6 0

THOS. C. DEWEY, WILLIAM HUDSON, FREDERICK FISHER, W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary. } Joint General Managers.

HENRY RIDDELL, W. T. PUGH. } Directors

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended 31st December, 1898, and we find the same duly entered and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above Balance Sheet, and we are certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1898.

DE LOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Auditors.

Assistant Superintendents—J. F. ELLIOTT, Anfield Plain.
" " R. ADAMSON, Blackhill. 8274

9 Is the winning number of CHAIR belong-ing MRS WEBB which will be sold on August 12th, 1899. Full particulars later.

Consett, March 10th, 1899.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MARCH 13th, 1899.

13 to 15 Fat Cattle.
12 to 15 Sheep.
Two Good Store Heifer Stirks.
Trial and Suckling Calves.
Pork, Store, and Bacon Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Calves.
1 ton of Seed Potatoes, main crop.
Agricultural Implements (viz.):
Ladders, Ropes, Shovels, Poultry, &c.
Parts of Pitt's Patent Kitchener, 7 sarrow and 3 scarce.
Also, One o'clock

5564 J. R. MURRAY.

IMPORTANT SALE OF DWELLING-HOUSES, BUILDING SITES, &c., at Mine Cottages, Medomsley Road, Consett, adjoining Calvers.

By Mr. J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer, Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

In the Matter of Patrick Coyle, deceased.

Substantial Freehold Dwelling-houses in Consett.

MR. J. S. MURRAY is instructed by the Executors of the late Patrick Coyle, deceased, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, on Monday, March 27th, 1899, at 7 o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions which will then be read,

THE FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES:—

Lot 1.—All those Two FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES being Nos. 9 and 10, in Derwent Street, Consett, with Gardens in front and back, and Outbuildings on the premises, and the same are now in the occupation of Mrs. Thomas McNally at the gross yearly rental of £20.

Lot 2.—The FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE being No. 1, Garden Place, Consett, in the occupation of Mrs. Peters, at the gross yearly rental of £8.

Lot 3.—The FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE being No. 33 and 34, Derwent Street, Consett, with Gardens in front, and have an area of 324 square yards or there-abouts, and the same are now in the occupation of Messrs Walton and Slack, at the gross yearly rental of £20.

For further particulars apply to Mr. John Wm. Swinburne Murray, Solicitor, Consett, or to the Auctioneer, Royal Auction Mart, Sale Office, Benfieldside.

Sale of Mr. R. HUTCHINSON'S Farm Stock, Implements, Household Furniture, &c.

By Mr. J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY, THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.

Appointed by Messrs Thomas Maxwell to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Landlord and Tenant Act, 1898.

By Mr A. Phillipson

At Mr George Brown's, Butts Arms, Dipton, on Tuesday, March 14th, 1899, will commence at 11 o'clock, a SALE BY AUCTION, of STOCK, Farm Implements, Household Furniture, &c., comprising:—

Twenty-three Cows and Heifers in Calf, Large Pair of Land, 32 yds. by 18 or thereabouts, Two Harrows, Set of Iron Gears, Set of Cart and Ordinary Harness.

Favoured with instructions from Mr. J. T. Hutchinson, who is leaving the TENANTED HOUSE in George Street, containing Seven Rooms, Pantry, Cellar, Yard, and Back Garden, to be let at an annual rental of £20. The Premises will be Open to View.

For particulars apply to Mr T. W. Hudson, Solicitor, Consett, or to the Auctioneer.

T. D. DRYDEN.

AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,

2, FORT STREET, CONSETT.

JOHN CRAWFORD AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND ESTATE AGENT, MEDOMSLEY ROAD, CONSETT.

Also, Auctioneer for Messrs Jobling Brothers, Ltd., Lime Works, Consett.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr E. B Hedley.

Albert Hall, Stanley.
Important to Furniture Buyers, Brokers, Dealers, and others.

R. B. HEDLEY has been instructed by a R. Firm Furnishing Firm to SELL BY AUCTION in the above Hall, on Thursday next, March 9th, 1899, a vast assemblage of Modern Household Furniture, Bedsteads, Bedding, Carpets, Linoleums, &c., which came out on Hire in this district, but is practically new. Wood Suites, Overmantels, Dining, and Bedroom Suites; Brass and Iron Bedsteads; Bedding, Carpets, Linoleums, &c.; One Cottage PIANO in Walnut case by Hoffman; Overmantels, Chimney Glasses, Miscellaneous items are very varied and numerous, and include Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Glass, Plated Pots, Dinner, Tea and Toilet Ware, &c. Sale positively at 11-30 o'clock. 6264

By Messrs. R. March and Son.

Preliminary Announcement.

Desirable Freehold Farm, House, Cottages, and Outbuildings, known as Waggon Hill, Tanfield, containing 46 acres or thereabouts; also, Cottage and Garden at Stanley.

MESSRS. R. MARCH and SON are instructed to SELL by AUCTION at a date to be quoted upon Tyne, on Saturday, March 25th, 1899,

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Messrs. Davies and Caldwell, Solicitors, St. John Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Messrs. R. Waldie, Solicitor, 50, John Street, Sunderland; and the Auctioneers,

Hamilton Terrace, Sunderland, March 1st, 1899.

By Mr. J. O. USHER.

SALE of HORSES, Cobs, Vehicles, Harness, and Saddlery, on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1899, at the Commercial Hotel, West Stanley. Entry forms on application to

Mr. J. O. USHER, Auctioneer and Valuer, Chester-le-Street and Wrexham.

By Mr. Joseph Vickers

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS SPRING SALE APPOINTMENTS.

March 9th.—Special Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep at Tow Law Mart.
March 23rd.—Special Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep at Tow Law Mart.
April 1st.—Spring Show, Mow Sheep, &c., of Mossey Farm, Stanhope.
April 5th.—Farm Stock, Implements, &c., at Hillside Hall, Lanchester.
April 6th.—Special Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep, at Tow Law Mart.
April 12th.—Let of Broadwood Grass Parks, Stanhope.
April 20th.—Special Sale of Store Cattle and Sheep, at Tow Law Mart.
April 24th.—Annual Pat Stock Sale, at Tudhoe Mart, Spennymoor.
April 26th.—Farming Stock, Implements, &c., at Low Law Farm, Lanchester.
May 3rd.—Farming Stock, Implements, &c., at Hill House, Bradley.
May 4th.—Half Bull Sale, at Tudhoe Mart.
Store Cattle and Sheep, Tow Law, Mart Office, Tow Law. 4714

TOW LAW AUCTION MART ESTABLISHED 1865.

SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN will leave Tow Law at 12-45 p.m. on MONDAYS, commencing Monday 27th, March 1899, for Stock, Implements, &c., for the convenience of the Public attending the Auctions at Messrs. Joseph Vickers, Anfield Plain, and Lanchester Branches, which will arrive at 11-12 p.m. See Railway Handbills and Time Tables for further particulars.

5416 JOSEPH VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

No. 6, Gibside Terrace, Burnopfield, Monday March 13th.

MR. WM. ROBINSON, instructed by the executors of the late Mrs Sarah Newton, deceased, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises, as the above address, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including Sofa, Chairs, Dining Table, Chiffonier, lately occupied by her, being No. 6, Gibside Terrace, Burnopfield.

Sale of Furniture at One o'clock; Sale of House at Two o'clock, by Co-operative Store Hall.

Full particulars in posters. 5262

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
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BURNOPFIELD, R.S.O., DURHAM.

Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr C. Turner

Assembly Rooms, Lanchester. Sale of Household Furniture.

MR. C. TURNER will SELL by AUCTION, in the above Rooms, on Thursday, March 16th, at 2 o'clock, the Household FURNITURE, &c., removed for convenience of sale from Hillside, Lanchester, consisting of Couch, Easy Chairs, and 8 Small Chairs, and covered in Tapestry; Mahogany Chiffonier, Chiffonier Loo Table, Couch, Bedroom Suite consisting of Wash-Hand-Stand, Dressing Chest with Panel Drawers and Bevel Glass, Bedstead, Bed, Bolster, and Pillows, and Spring Mattress; Brass Bedstead, Bed, Bolster, and Pillows, and Spring Mattress; Iron Bedstead, Spring and Straw Mattresses, Down Quilt, Blankets, Rugs, Carpets, Linoleum complete with Pillows and Bolsters, Strong Kitchen Table, Kitchen Chairs, Kitchen Chest, Very Handsome all Brass Tile Hearth Fender, Fire Irons, Fenders, Fire Irons, Coalscuttle, Kitchen Utensils, Glass, China, Cutlery, Attachments for Sewing Machine, Clothes Horse, Clothes Pegs, Flour Dish, Door Mats, Hearth Rugs, Carpets, Flour Chest, Door Mats, Hearth Rugs, Carpets, Flour Chest, Door Mats, Hearth Rugs, Carpets, Flour Chest

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Is both Large and Well Assorted, and the Prices are marked in Plain Figures, at the very lowest possible Prices for Ready Money.

ROBERT ENGLISH.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A fortnightly meeting of the members of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians was held on Thursday last, at the Guardians' Room, Chester-le-Street. Mr. J. Hodgson Burn-Murdoch presided, and there were also present :—Messrs P. Oswald, T. C. Sanderson, J. Mitchell, R. B. Clark, J. Hay, C. W. Banks, H. E. Henderson, G. Middlemas, J. Emmerson, J. Smith, S. Ansell, Rogers, W. H. Lonsdale, J. Todd, J. Anderson, W. Hardy, R. Mellanby, R. Parker, Mrs. Elsdon, T. Richardson, T. Fj. Brass, C. Dodds, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Dent (Mr. R. Dickinson), and the Rev. the Clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson.)

PAUPER STATISTICS.

The Workhouse Master (Mr. Aikman) reported that the average number of inmates in the Workhouse was 157 as against 161 in the corresponding week of last year, also showing a decrease of 4. The number of vagrants was 50, as against 76, showing an increase of 6.

THE MASTER'S SALARY : A REBUKE.

Mr. Mitchell, in accordance with notice, moved "That the salary of Mr. A. Aikman as Workhouse Master be increased by £15, making it £85, such increase to be subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board." They had before them a return of salaries and of other particulars from other Unions, and he was sure that the Master and Matron were concerned did not get oververy badly. However, there was one thing they could see, and that was that they paid a superior Master and Matron. He did not think there were much better in the whole county. A great deal of ground had been added to the Workhouse, and it was now the more necessary to have a gardener. Mr. Aikman had been doing the gardening work, but not only had he not been brought up to it, another duties were ably performed. Before the extra ground was added they had to purchase four tons of potatoes. Now he had something like four tons to dispose of. Last year the income from firewood during the last three years had been something like £127 per annum. He therefore moved his motion.

Mr. W. S. Harris seconded the motion and the motion.

Mr. Mitchell said he did not grant to detract from anything Mr. Mitchell had said in reference to the value of the services of Mr. Aikman, here they had an excellent asking for a certain advance in his salary and they were going heavily in opposed. If they were to give Mr Aikman £15 increase he would be satisfied, and they would still be above the average of other Unions. He thought it was a very good one. Mr Mitchell's words were very much in connexion when they dismissed the porter and paid porterage, that was all could say, but they expected, it was again sprung upon them, and from a certain quarter they were asked to re-instate them as candidates. They once found that there was something beyond that. As on a previous occasion, Mr Mitchell had brought a large and unnecessary bill before the Workhouse. He could only say that he could not agree with Mr Peter Hay appeal.

Mr Mitchell : I must call Mr Hay to order. I maintain that my own word of his statement is true.

Mr Hay quoted words which he said Mr Mitchell said.

Mr Mitchell challenged Mr Hay to bring his informant before the Board.

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Mr Middlemas asked what all that had to do with the question before the Board?

The Chairman and Mr Hay were quite in order. Whether his statements were correct or not he did not know.

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The Chairman : Mr Hay is in order.

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The Chairman : Mr Hay has the chair.

Mr Hay said when he accused Mr Mitchell of pottering on with the engineer he was not aware that Mr Mitchell had any interest in the matter. He was not aware that Mr Mitchell was a shareholder in the concern when they dismissed the porter and porteress. He was still under the impression that they expected, it was again sprung upon them, and from a certain quarter they were asked to re-instate them as candidates. They once found that there was something beyond that. As on a previous occasion, Mr Mitchell had brought a large and unnecessary bill before the Workhouse. He could only say that he could not agree with Peter Hay appeal.

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Mr Mitchell : I will second that.

Mr Oswald said that had never transpired.

Mr J. W. Bolam said he knew nothing whatever of the matters referred to respecting the porter and porteress, and he had done and said he would stand to.

Mr Lonsdale seconded Mr Hay's proposal.

On being put to vote for Mr Hay's motion, and all those in favour of it, the Chairman declared the latter carried.

A CONSOLATORY LETTER.

A communication having been sent to Mr Geo. Ridley, Guardian, the Board sympathising with him in his illness, Mr Ridley wrote thanking them for same. He added, "I am pleased still to continue to improve, but am yet confined to the house.

THE LATE MRS. RESICK-WALKER.

On the motion of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Middlemas, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr Resick-Walker in the event must be conveyed.

RETURN OF SALARIES.

Mr. J. W. Bolam moved for a return of salaries paid by the Board during the last four-years. They had been engaged on the question of income for some time past, and it seemed that they were going to be engaged upon it for some time to come. It occurred to him that their officials thought they had nothing to do but to ask and have.

Mr. P. Hay : Hear, hear. It might be instructive to say that the rates in Chester-le-Street had been 4/5, and that they had been increased to 5/- in the Stanley rates, and 5d in the £ in the sanitary rate.

The motion having been seconded, it was agreed to.

RURAL COUNCIL.

The Board then received their report of the Rural Council.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. Taylor (Medical Officer of Health) reported that during the fortnight there had been 37 births and 19 deaths, which was equal to a natural increase of 18 persons. Of the deaths there had been three deaths from diarrhœa, and the zymotic death-rate of 1.3 per 1,000. Sixteen children had died under one year of age, which gave as an infantile mortality of 108 per 1,000 births. He had received notification of infectious diseases as compared with 15 in the previous fortnight, and 12 in the corresponding fortnight of last year. The diseases were as follows :—Scarlet fever, 1 case at Pelton Fell; diphtheria, 1 case at Pelton Fell; and one patient died from consumption from both hospitals and three admitted. Two cases had at present under treatment was ten. Dr. Taylor further reported that at Langley Park, Mr. Turner had been fined 10s. and costs for obstructing a magistrate in the discharge of his duty in respecting the removal of a child suffering from scarlet fever. Mr. Turner had also been fined £5 and costs for refusing to publish a notice of the case, and to take steps for removing to the public as to their responsibilities.

The necessary authority was granted, and the medical report adopted.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS' REPORT.

Mr. H. Welch, Sanitary Inspector for Chester-le-Street district, reported that the estimated cost of extending the mains of the water scheme at Great Lumley would be at least £200. The cost of the extension from the entrance to Southhill grounds had been carried out, and the supply of water to the houses was completed. He recommended that the Council that they be paid £20. The cost of laying the sewer in Front Street, Pelton Fell, belonging to the Pelton Co-operative Society would cost about £40. Chester-le-Street Co-operative complaints had been received as to the unsatisfactory condition of the water supplied by the Chester-le-Street Water Company. When the Board had power to interfere with the water it had at once curbed and formed the Council to do the same thing.

Mr Symons, Sanitary Inspector for Stanley district, reported that a proper water supply had been provided for Springwell Colliery fifteen. Improvements and repairs were being executed at Tanfield Village, but no connection with the new sewer between Washington and Tanfield Colliery could be arranged owing very slowly. In consequence of complaints which had been received from Mr Watson at Chew Dene, Lamesley, and found that the water was bad, he had taken samples from the well in the garden, and from the bore, and one dog in the garden. He asked the Council to empower the sanitary staff to abate the nuisance.

The necessary authority was granted and the two reports were adopted.

On the recommendation of a Special Committee, the Board granted the following :—For the Blue House water supply, Wm. Hutchinson, £78 6s. 2d; and for the new sewer at Pelton Fell Hospital, £156 9s 9d. Both grants passed unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr R. Simey, Clerk to the Vigant Council, to the effect that the Great Lumley appeared to be over-represented. Mr Simey desired that Great Lumley should be represented on the Council. They agreed to the request by a unanimous vote.

Mr Mitchell gave notice of motion to bring the matter of the Workhouse Master's salary before the Board meeting, and the remaining business being soon disposed of the Council adjourned.

WHAT A CHEF SAID.

Most of us have vague notions of the "chef" and his ways. He is generally a mysterious and erudite personage whom we see afar off in the kitchen regions, as Sala in the "Daily Telegraph." A country correspondent of that paper has had a little chat with a chef.

Mr. A. Benson, a professional chef, who has left the Duke—Sheffield Weekly Independent," resides at 17, Baker's Hill, Sheffield. He is a Derwent Valley man, and though a young man looking remarkably well. He has had a strange health record. He was coming to Sheffield two years ago. Then he took ill with influenza, and suffered from pains in the back and shoulders, weakness, sleeplessness, and indigestion. He was under the impression that he was suffering from his condition became really serious. His face and frame caused him to look almost like a shadow. He went on :—

I consulted a doctor, but his medicine did not do me any good. I was told by a friend that the doctor told me that it was my occupation that was killing me. I had been working since until about four o'clock every morning, and sleep never rested me. My spirits were gradually sinking, and I was so weak that I was dying that I began to talk to my self as to how I could get rid of it.

"A friend advised me at this time to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and as I had read of wonderful cures by the use of them I got a box, and before I had finished them I found myself better, and after taking only two pills. I went on taking them, and I found my appetite returning rapidly, and after two boxes I was quite cured. I was simply astonished how the appetite returned almost at once, my pains, the headaches disappeared, and I was a new man, and I then began once more to feel happy. I have since then taken a box or two of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills when I feel that my pills have done for me, and I hope you may use the following as you think fit.

Lost appetite, indigestion, and nervousness are the subject so many people to apology is needed for a few words on their cure. One of the things that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are always curing, and which surprises many people, is their power to cure anæmia and disordered digestion. When one blood is thin and watery, and lacks the red corpuscles which give it its health and strength, the stomach rebels and refuses to digest that little food that is taken, and the blood is undigested, by a purge, but that is not a cure. The blood must be made rich and pure, and the digestive organs toned and strengthened. The contrary do not affect the bowels, but act directly on the blood and nerves, and the use of the nourishment in the food, they make rich blood, which is carried to every part, and thus every organ receives its due supply. These pills are prized by all classes of society, and are a certain cure for many digestive ailments, but also all forms of weakness arising from impoverished blood, such as anæmia, rheumatism, sciatica, and all diseases depending on a vitiated condition of the blood, such as scrofula, chronic ulcers, general weakness, neuralgia, early decay, all forms of female weakness, and the after effects of la grippe. They are genuine only with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper of each box, and are sold by chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn Viaduct, London. Pink pills sold loose or from bulk are worthless. Price 2s. 9d. per box, or six boxes for 13s. 9d.

WEARDALE NOTICES.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The Westgate Wesleyan Choir gave a concert in the Eastgate Wesleyan Chapel on Wednesday evening last, which was well attended and highly appreciated.

Coun. G. Waller and family, Stanhope, are to be congratulated on their success in the Stanhope Co-operative Society election on Saturday night week for an afflicted working-man's son, who has been blind from his birth, and is now 21 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pratt, of Hunwick, came to Stanhope on Saturday last, spent Sunday week, and gave their services gratuitously at the Wesleyan Sunday-school tea meeting. They all honour to them.

Mr. Thos. Wilson, of Stanhope, has been "Hope beyond," "David and Goliath," "Jacob and Esau," "Joseph and his brethren,"

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...RTH-EASTERN RAILWAY BILL.

...TION AT WHICKHAM.

...ter evening's week, an adjourned ...ngayers residing in the parish ...e held in the Board Offices, ...r. Joseph Hattersley, presiding, ...ing into consideration the ...ern Company's Bill. ...Smith, solicitor, secretary of ...ociation, said the occupiers ...e quite unexpected evening ...ings of their former chair- ...Worship, however, as there ...amount of correspondence to be ...e would be light. Judging ...ember present, it was a ...the times inasmuch as the ...beginning to make interest- ...ers of the parish. (Applause.) ...Herbert, Clerk to the Consett ...ict Council, read the following ...ondence which had been ...ed:—"The Consett Company, Mr. ...since the holding of the last ...ting. In one of the letters ...th wrote as follows:—"Dear ...Mr. March 13th, at 12 o'clock, ...l Station, Newcastle, and your ...ers, Mr. Hurst, Mr. Harrison, ...ing from what I see in ...papers with regard to which ...mously interested in the foot- ...ay Company, I shall be glad ...ke the above meeting a ...tory arrangements with Mr. ...and Mr. Harrison, and if ...do well not to petition in the ...on the understanding, of ...h arrangements were come ...ing, to accept the Company's ...y proposals. (Signed), A. V. ...

...Rutherford said it appeared ...ll was going to be done, but ...did not quite understand the ...ad, however, made a suggestion ...ould be wise how the Bill ...people. (Hear, hear.) He then ...proposed Jersey, and he ...ored near the Eslington Inn, ...ere was a cure for almost ...Benham station. There was ...ch paint in their district, ...about just as much as ...ed that the most important ...Bill was the scheme for ...ing opposite the Delta Works. ...were not going to put down ...that they were seeking power ...called "additional lands." If ...ut the Bill through, they ...ther footpath and it would be- ...ty to the Benwell ferry. The ...property, and he thought ...ver for a direct forty feet ...from Derwent Street to Derwent ...(Hear, hear.) Mr. Crawford ...ork upon, was by maintaining ...along the river regardless of ...mpany to give another one in ...

...ion, it was decided, on the ...of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by ...That the meeting be adjourned ...ed by the meeting of the ...ee meantime the Council and ...Railway Company could ...atter as suggested."

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TANFIELD URBAN COUNCIL.

On Wednesday week, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Council Chamber, Tanfield, under the presidency of Coun. R. C. Wood, J.P. There were also present Coun. T. H. Archbold, W. Haines, J. Warwick, W. Palmer, jun., Prinsep, W. Harrison, Thos. Bowey, J. Bell, J. Wilson, Turnbull, Wigham; Mr. R. Healey (Surveyor), and Mr. T. Armstrong (Clerk).

PLANS AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that the plan of alteration, to Wagon Inn, Whitehall-Road, be not approved, owing to the urinal being shown against the dwelling-house; that the plan of a cottage at Black Terrace, Tanfield, for Mr. Handley, be returned, and that the committee ask for particulars about the outbuildings and amending the yard; that the plan for South View, Blanch Terrace, and Mr. Hutchinson, be approved, subject to a six feet footpath from each steps, and a 10 feet carriage way being made in front of the same, for the surveyor presents no objection; that fencing the sewage area at Tanfield, that the sewer and branch of Long Row, Lintz, be accepted by Maitree Irwin, be given notice to state the distance of encroachment; that Mrs. King be served with notice to abate the nuisance complained of respecting; that Messrs Joicey and Co. be served with six weeks' notice to alter the privies at Mary Terrace, Pont, the Fell, and the cottages occupied by Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Wm. Hall, and Mr. E. Lyons, into a sanitary condition; that the Medical Officer be asked to examine the drains on the three double cottages—Simpson's cottages, and occupied by Geo. Reed and Chamberlain, Clarke's cottages occupied by M. Pearson and J. Green; Cockfield Cottages, occupied by J. Bell, and that the surveyor draw on a scheme for the improvement of Long Row, Lintz

ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS.

MEDOMSLEY.

The annual parish meeting for the township of Medomsley was held on Monday evening, in the Oake National Schools, Medomsley. The Rev. W. Cocks (vicar) presided, and there was a fair but somewhat attendance. Seventeen nominations papers were handed in, including that of the retiring Councillors with the exception of Councillor Edward J. Clark. Messrs W. Fenwick, G. Watson, J. English, J. Twyford, Bell, H. Bell, and W. Howe were appointed tellers.

Before the voting was proceeded with, a discussion arose for the re-appointment of the retiring Councillors.

Mr R. Bell, Clerk to the Council, replied that there were fifteen meetings held during the year, the attendances of the members were as follows:—J. Cook, 11; Wm. Hogg, 11; J. Armstrong, 11; J. W. Jamieson, 10; W. Watson, 10; Thomas Robinson, 9; Robinson, 9; J. Harrison, 9; T. Storey, 9; R. Palmer, 9; J. Crawford, 9; J. Watson, 8; J. Clark, 7; T. Ridley, 8; and G. Stanford, 4.

The election resulted as follows:—

ELECTED.

W. R. Cocks, under-manager, West-moor 120
Thos. Storey, miner, Hamsterley 113
T. J. Robinson, watchmaker, Consett 118
Westwood 117
J. W. Jamieson, colliery manager, Medomsley 116
W. Hogg, engine-wright, Westwood 116
W. Robinson, auctioneer, Medomsley 106
J. McMaster, colliery manager, Dale Cottages 104
R. Hedley, miner, mining agent, Medomsley 101
J. Harrison, miner, Allendale Cottages 100
J. W. Ardsell, auctioneer, Medomsley 99
Joseph Armstrong, checkweighman, Medomsley Edge 97
J. Walton, under-manager, Medomsley 73
Jas. Anderson, miner, Medomsley 72
T. H. Ridley, grocer, Medomsley 66
T. Crawford, miner, Allendale Cottages 64

NOT ELECTED.

T. W. Vasey, commercial traveller, Medomsley 37
Geo. Robinson, miner, Medomsley 34

No poll was demanded.

On the motion of Mr Moffitt, a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the chairman for his services, and in reply, Mr Cocks referred to the harmonious manner in which the work was performed at the Medomsley parish meetings.

CRAGHEAD.

The annual gathering of ratepayers was held in the Colliery Schools, Craghead, on Monday evening, when Mr. Thomas Wardle presided over a good meeting. There was a large attendance. The candidates elected to the Parish Council were.—The Rev. J. W. Ashton, Dr. Fox, Messrs R. Carnforth, H. Greener, J. Cox, W. Hudspith, R. Wheatley, T. Little, W. Meighan, Thomas Pattinson, and Charles Pomeroy.

EBCHESTER.

On Monday evening, at the parish meeting held in the National Schools, Ebchester, the following were elected:—Messrs. J. Stamper, J. Spring, J. Charlton, C. Hogarth, G. Wheeler, J. O. Brown, and Asa. Charlton.

WOLSINGHAM.

At the parish meeting held on Monday evening, the result of the ballot was as follows—Eleven wanted, 14 candidates:—T. Hutchinson, 42; R. Hope, 41; G. Middleton, 41; J. Emerson, 39; W. Kelly, 38; R. Richardson, 37; G. Bowman, 36; E. Richardson, 36; J. Bilton, 35; W. Morgan, 9; E. Labourne, 8. Poll demanded.

PELTON FELL.

The annual meeting of ratepayers for the Pelton Fell District was held in the Co-operative Hall, Pelton Lane Ends, on Monday evening, when there were seven candidates for eleven seats, and the result was declared as follows:—

ELECTED.

J. Jackson, 46; R. Lawson, 41; C. Hutchinson, 42; R. Hume, 41; G. Middleton, 41; J. Emerson, 39; W. Kelly, 38; R. Richardson, 37; G. Bowman, 36; E. Richardson, 36; J. Bilton, 35; W. Morgan, 32; J. Schofield, 31; W. Smith, 31; R. Lavery, 30.

NOT ELECTED.

W. Ferguson, 26; T. Grundy, 27; J. Harrison, 25; J. Carr, 24; E. Peel, 21; J. Moffat, 21; Robert Hall, 20; G. Hall, 19; T. Johnson, 19; W. Gill, 18; R. Hope, 17; J. Young, 9; and Thomas Hall, 7.

It was not deemed necessary for the Chairman to declare the first 15 duly elected.

LANCHESTER.

ANIMATED PROCEEDINGS.

On Monday evening, the annual parish meeting for the election of fifteen Councillors was held in the National Schools, Lanchester. There was a large attendance of ratepayers, the spacious building being packed to excess. The proceedings at times were quite lively, and as the present Council, with the exception of one, were nominated by their representatives, a most boisterous reception, however, was accorded Mr. Robert Innes, farmer, of Black Fell, who, however, was defeated at the last election. In spite of all that the Lanchester dog could do, could not warm up Mr. Innes to treat them to a flow of the "Song of the Constabulary" for the past year. Mr. J. R. Ritson, chairman of the Rural Council, proposed the list of candidate, he would be pleased if the meet would elect the present Council en bloc, but a little time was wasted owing to the fact that Mr. Thos. Wilkinson and Mr. Joseph Lewis were nominated for the position. It was await long that the former gentleman, re-served 43 to Mr. Tewsy' 6 votes. This led to a little parleying, as some in the crowded assembly thought the votes should be equal, and thought tellers should be appointed. Mr. Ritson, however, declared the former selected by a majority, and as Mr. Lewis agree him great pleasure to give way for his friend Mr. Tewsy. The latter was by no means at with cheers, and Mr. Towns came forward and took the chair. He said they would conduct the business in the usual way, and hoped everything would be done pleasantly. He asked for nominations, and he (a fellow) were handed in.

George William Wilson, gentleman, Lanchester.

James Walton, merchant, Lanchester.

George Proud Parker, agent, Lanchester.

John Joseph Sutton, grocer-and-ver ty, Lanchester.

John Walbourn, butcher, Lanchester.

William Jewitt, farmer, Wheatley Hill

John Halliker, overman, Hollinside.

David Champney, contractor, Lanchester.

John Hudspith, miner, Dormand's Cottages.

John Raine, miner, Dormand's Cottage.

William Parse, miner, Burnhope Colliery.

John William Wallace, miner, Burnhope Colliery.

Patrick Rannon, miner, Burnhope Colliery.

William Robson, miner, Burnhope Colliery.

James Johnstone, miner Burnhope Colliery.

Andrew Hartley, checkweighman, Lanchester.

Alfred Dixon, engineman, Lanchester.

William Christopher Bowman, farmer, Hamsterley Hall.

Joseph Chapman, colliery undermanager, Lanchester.

Hugh Thompson, farmer, High Butsfield.

Frederick Gascoigne, farmer, High Butsfield.

Charles Pickering, carrier, Lanchester.

Robert Sanderson, colliery manager, Burnhope Colliery.

James Chilson, colliery engineer, Burnhope.

C. A. Ritson, jun., farmer, White House, Lanchester.

George Thornton, cashier, Burnhope.

John Dodds, colliery mining engineer, White House Farm, Lanchester.

Robert Tyreman, farmer, Ebchester.

Whilst waiting for the usual time to arrive for the election of Parish Councillors, T. J. Staton and John Peacock intimated that they declined to be nominated, as they had to go to the vote.

The Chairman was about to proceed with the voting when there was another batch of nominations handed in, and as the list of candidates was already unwieldy to the hands of those who had to vote, it was decided that the new nominees should not be appointed.

Another good ten minutes was wasted before two gentlemen could be induced to vote for the remaining seat, Mr. Thomas Ralph Walton, Lanchester, and Mr. Robinson, Burnhope, consented to undertake the duty.

The Chairman submitted the name of Mr. Wilson to the meeting as the first elected. Mr. Newham rose, and said he understood that the Chairman, at any rate, was not in favour of public questions. He would like to hear Mr Wilson's opinion. Chairman: He knows of Mr. Wilson was in favour of public questions. Mr. Newham: Is Mr. Wilson present? Chairman: I don't know. Mr. Newham: Then he would prefer that the Chairman should ask Mr. Wilson's opinion. Mr. Wilson: I have been elected to fill my intention to protect the village green for the use of the villagers, and that is all means intend to do so. (Cheers.) What is the use of us or anybody else sitting on the Council, if they don't protect such rights as these? Right, liberty, and justice and the village green belongs to the villagers, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, all I say to the Commissioners already claim and own it now.

Voice: No, no.

Mr. Wilson: If Mr. Nesham can prove it.

Mr. James Walton (interposing): It is for you to prove to Mr. Nesham that they own the green.

Mr. Thos. Wilkinson: Order, order.

Mr. James Walton: Don't interrupt the speaker. Give him a fair hearing.

Mr. Wilson: I say, gentlemen the village green belongs to the villagers. It was for the use of the agriculturists. It belongs to us all. The Bishop of Durham never exercised any jurisdiction over the village green, and I defy any man to say or even prove that he has. I am not right in the use of the village green which had been in the possession of the villagers for more than 20 years. The Commissioners were the owners of the green, and they have given to them like all other greens, and was for the future good and welfare of the people who were travelling between Stanhope and London, in fact any days there was no such thing as taking cattle by rail, and the people could not put the cattle into the fields. The result was those greens were given to the people for the use of the people. (Applause.) The Lanchester village green was one of them. The Commissioners never exercised any jurisdiction over the green.

The Chairman (interrupting): You will have to address the owners of the green.

Mr. Nesham: I bow to your decision. I will now ask Mr. Wilson if it is correct that he is prepared to hand over the village green to the Lanchester Commissioners, or will he protect them, so that the villagers will be able to enjoy the use of their children?

Mr. Wilson: I have tried to protect the interests of the parish. The Council wanted to rock to repair the seats, and the guards round the green, and I objected. Such and such were planted by the late Mr. Hedley for the use of the parishioners, and I objected to the villagers protecting those things they had planted themselves, and to break and destroy everything to destroy the green.

Voices: Leave it.

A Ratepayer: Sit down.

Mr. Wilson: I will sit down when allowed to ask questions and answer questions put to me by Mr. Newham.

Mr. Nesham. It is a very unsatisfactory way we have got.

The Chairman If there is no more questions of the parish, the Council might.

This was done, and the voting was as follows:—

	VOTES.
George W. Wilson	75
James Walton	73
George Nesham	73
Joseph Parker	72
John Walbourn	64
William Jewitt	63
James Haltier	75
David Champney	73
John Hudspith	73
John Raine	73
William Parse	73
John William Wallace	73
Patrick Rannon	73
William Robson	73
James Johnstone	73
Andrew Hartley	139
Alfred Dixon	67
Richard Summerbell	66
John Halliker	66
C. A. Ritson, jun.	66
Joseph Chapman	66
John Ridley Ritson	75
Robert Shipley	73
W. Dixon	67
C. Wilkinson	66
Thomas Chapman	66
Joseph Innes	65
Joseph Gascoigne	65
Charles Pocklington	65
Robert Sanderson, jun.	65
Patrick Tyreman	65

The Chairman declared the following 15 gentlemen, as elected to constitute the Parish Council:—Messrs. George William Wilson, Andrew Hartley, John R. Ritson, Alfred Dixon, W. Bowman, C. A. Ritson, George Thornton, Joseph Chapman, Charles Champney, Alfred Dixon, George Nesham, Joseph Parker, John Walbourn, Richard Summerbell, James Johnstone, and James Haltier.

Messrs James Walton, John Jones, Joseph Jewitt, and Joseph Innes, were appointed a poll.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a very animated parish meeting.

BIRTLEY.

On Monday night a meeting of parochial electors was held in the National Schools, at Birtley, for the purpose of electing 15 members on the Parish Council, in the room of those who retire by rotation, Rev. R. H. Veil, chairman of the retiring Council, presided, and it was his duty to open the meeting. He was sorry to say that there was a little excuse the chair. Mr James Mavin was chairman, however, elected at present, he proceeded to receive nominations. Messrs Hudson and Thompson were appointed tellers. The Chairman announced that there were 30 nominations, and that 15 were to be elected. The names of the candidates were read out, and the tellers announced the following result:—

ELECTED.

*Frank Elliott, grocer	24
Bertram Bolam, contractor	23
Thomas Walther, grocer's assistant	18
Thomas Mellin, miner	17
Rev. R. H. Veil, clerk in Holy Orders	17
Anthony Bolam, joiner	17
Jacob Bell, miner	17
Jacob Bell, miner	17
*Thomas Mavin, miner	16
*Thomas Hall, foreman engineer	15
*W. Ironside, draper	15
*Thomas Hudson, overman	15
*Thomas Fish, pattern maker	14
*Thomas Hall, engineer	14
*F. Herbert, ironworks manager	14

NOT ELECTED.

*Thos. Longridge, overman	12
*Thos. Hall, miner	12
Edward Bell, foreman moulder	11
T. Denton (6d members	10

Of the old members 10 were re-nominated, and all were elected except Mr. Hall, of Birtley. As no poll was demanded the Chairman declared the first 15 duly elected, as stated.

Rev. R. H. Veil, in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said he could not spare now blood on the Council and therefore he was glad to see that there were more than they had done. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that they would be successful and unanimous. He thought they ought to petition the Local Government Board to see if they could not so that the Parish Council might be more than they were. He thought that they could do little or nothing at present. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Mavin briefly returned thanks, and acknowledged the proceedings terminated.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Monday evening, a meeting of ratepayers for the purpose of nominating and electing Councillors for the Parish Council was held in the National Schools, Chester-le-Street, Mr. Thomas Wardle presided over a strong. There were 25 papers handed in, but 10 were withdrawn, as the candidates were not desirous of the honour. The following list of candidates for election was then read out:—Messrs. Thomas Wardle, Joseph Wilson, Thomas Mitchell having supported, the Chairman declared them duly elected as the first three members. Then Mr. Mofferty, assistant to Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his services. Mr. Wardle replied, and the meeting was carried unanimously. This concluded the business.

FROSTERLEY.

At the parish meeting held on Monday for the election of three parish councillors for the ensuing year (chairman, Mr. J. Waller, quarry manager), the following were duly elected:—Messrs. Thomas Wilson, farmer and butcher; Carrick, quarryman; Thomas Mitchell, farmer and butcher; W. Gardner, quarry manager; Thomas Pattinson, farmer; Robert Carrick, flagstaff, McNeil; and Thomas Wilson, and Matthew Ridley were nominated.

TANFIELD URBAN COUNCIL.

ELECTION MEETING AT PICKERING NOOK.

SOME STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

On Tuesday evening, the Progressive Party of the North Ward of the Tanfield Urban Council held a public meeting in the Parish Hall, Pickering Nook, which was largely organised by Mr. J. Watson Bell, of Hedleys Colliery, and there was a good attendance of ratepayers.

In his opening remarks the Chairman said that they were there to say how long and how they were engaged in an undertaking which they had entered into, and it was a very serious one to undertake. He was pleased to see so many of the fellow ratepayers in the district at the meeting. It was evident they considered the matter was one of importance, and he was pleased to see that it was so. He believed that if people generally speaking would only take more interest in the affairs of the district recognise their importance. Amongst other matters which would come before the Council their attention the question of the election of Parish Councillors was one of great importance to them and their families. It was a matter which they should not neglect, and he trusted that they would not neglect it. He was pleased to see so many present on that account, and he trusted that they would continue to be such. (Applause.) When they had elected their representatives they had not completed a solid piece of work. A gentleman had been spoken of as the Member for the district, but he (the speaker) had been spent by the Council had been very few services rendered. They had been very few services rendered. They had been reading the war of progress for social improvements, but they had seen very little of such improvements. He called upon Mr. R. Albert Scott to move the first resolution.

Mr. Scott said he had much pleasure in doing so, and he was more than pleased to see such a large gathering of the ratepayers in the district. They had had such a good chairman as Mr. Bell, and he hoped he