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FOOTBALL COMPETITION

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Cut out the Coupon, and write in the space left for the purpose the number of the Goals you expect to be scored by each Club. Write your Name and Address plainly at the foot, and send the Coupon not later than ONE o'clock on SATURDAY AFTERNOON in each week, to

COUPON EDITOR,
CONSETT CHRONICLE,
CONSETT.

COUPON.
(TO BE CUT OUT.)

SATURDAY, March 20th, 1897.

CLUB.	Goals.	CLUB.	Goals.
HOBSON		ANNFIELD PLAIN	
v.		v.	
JARROW		HEBBURN	
WALLSEND PARK VILLA		CONSETT SWIFTS	
DIPTON		LEADGATE EXILES	
BENDEL		NEWCASTLE UNITED	

On the ground of the first-named club.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

The name or names of the successful competitors will be announced in the *Consett Chronicle* every week.

The award of the Editor must be considered final.

Persons in the employ of the Editor are not eligible to take part in the competition.

The matches given in our last week's Coupon resulted as follows:—

ANNFIELD PLAIN	2	MICKLEY	0
EXILES	0	NEWCASTLE UNITED	4
LEADGATE PARK	0	HEBBURN	0
JARROW	1	HEXHAM	1
SWIFTS	10		

CELEBRATED PRIZE FIGHTS

SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

No. 31.—HARRY BROOME AND THE TIPTON SLASHER.

This encounter took place on September 24th, 1851, at Bishop Stortford

ROUND 1. And so the men stood up, and all doubts, fears, and suspicions were at an end, there would or would not be a fight, were at an end, and the question was now to be set at rest as to what sort of a fight those present were to witness. Nonsense! nonsense! Broome strode his canvass, and exhibited himself in Nature's buff suit, than an almost audible sigh of surprise and admiration broke from the spectators. Never did gladiator of old offer a finer study for the chisel of a sculptor, or the pencil of a painter. St. Dijon, in stature, his height was only fairly proportioned to his weight, but, from the morning of the battle, which, by-the-by, was Bible, too much. His chest and shoulders with the big masses of prominent and rigid muscle, were almost preternaturally developed, and as he swung his long round arms, with the motion of one practising with the dumb-bells, bending and unloosing his hands black with the astringent juices applied to them, to apply his joints for the impending encounter, all seemed to agree that he was up to the standard of weight and measure which the veteran Captain Barclay said "was big enough to fight any two-legged creature that ever walked." There is, however, in "a name,"—desperate Juliet's dedication to the contrary, which, coming from a green young Miss, don't carry much authority—and accordingly, the old pugnacious were not inclined to a belief in the Slasher's invincibility, and doubted whether the admiring "boy," at the Tipton himself called him, could really make a stand up battle of it. This was soon apparent. Throwing up his hands with smiling confidence, Harry took the ground, and he did so, as, "Here I am, old boy, and I mean to win to-day." The Tipton grinned, his absent front ratlings (particularly impressive) exchanging the place they sent occasion, though he looked brown, hardy, and sun-burnt, there was something of a pale, and quated cut about his figure head which was more observable from the sun-burnt appearance. His frame, however, showed no waste or diminution of its formidable proportions. Posted upon his letter-K-like pedestals, his huge upper-works, broad-shouldered, immense blade-bones, wide loins, and well-ribbed carcase, showed the ponderous *athlete*, though the bloom and freshness of youth had faded from his cheek. He was clear he meant to give no rest, and as little opportunity and room, to his antagonist as he could help. Harry offered with his left high up, in the direction of the Slasher's face; it was a sort of measuring, and he stepped aside, breaking ground with elegance and agility. Slasher followed him, when he stepped aside laughing, and closed with Harry at his hands, very about out of reach. More sparring. "Go to him, Tipton," cried Jeremy Wharton, "he's afraid of you." The Tipton did so, and Harry retreated till near the ropes. The Tipton let go his right, and reached Harry's ribs, but he rapidly made him a cross-counter with the left on his face. A couple of rather heavy exchanges followed, the men together; they separated, and Broome delivered an upper-cut on the Slasher's ribs, who retaliated on Harry's body so effectively that he slipped in jumping back, and fell heavily on his feet as he reached the ground, to prevent the Tipton falling on him; and when he found himself safe landed, bringing his heels over his head with a spring, and turning a complete somersault. A claim for a knock-down, but it was anything but that. Four minutes. 6 to 4 on the Tipton, and no takers.

2. Harry came up laughing, and nodded to the Slasher, who laughed and nodded to him. Nothing was the matter on either side. Slasher followed Broome, and Harry met him. Tipton "Get nearer, Harry," cried his brother. "Don't go after him, said Molyneaux; and Tipton, in turn, retired to the scratch, pulling and petting with his index finger. Harry stepped right up to his head, and delivered his disk on the Slasher's mouth. Cheers. Sharp spanks were exchanged, which sounded all around the ring. The Tipton a momentary pause. Slasher pursued Harry to the ropes, where the latter jumped into a clase, and caught his opponent round the waist. Harry tried to get the body, but back swerved Tipton having hold of the upper rope with his right.

3. Broome was all confidence and elasticity. He went up to the Slasher, and popped his head, then retreated from the return. "He'll stand it," cried Callaghan. The Tipton, as he his left upon Harry's right cheek, who, in return, gave him a something smart blow on the mouth organ. The Slasher let fly right and left, and the men closed near the ropes, where Harry got an unmistakeable outside lock, with his right leg over the crooked knee of the Tipton. There were a few seconds of severe struggling, when Broome, having fixed his hold, brought the Slasher down on his back. Harry, still shaking the earth with the concussion, his shoulders, neck, and part of his *caput* him saluting the earth, while Harry rolled over on him. Tipton was observed to cry out, "Enough The Great" gave an audible grunt, in unison with the *fiasco* that accompanied the Slasher's prostration. There lay the crooked colossus, prostrate, the big sinews seemed to relax in the legs and wings, conveying him to his corner, whither Harry followed him with his eyes.

4. Tipton was not well, and he was not till time had been several times vociferously called, the Broomites evidently in good humour, Harry shifted round and round the corners; the Slasher followed him, and Harry popped the Tipton's mouth sharply, who let go both hands; the bit scuffled. Broome closed, and tried the lock again. The Tipton avoided his hip, and both were on the ground.

5. The Tipton had shaken off the effects of his fall. He tried to gammon Harry within reach of his formidable right hand, which he gave his left. As this did not have the desired effect, he went in, hitting out with both hands. Harry nailed him on the frontispiece, and as he came on again administered a sharp left-hand cut. It was quite close enough, or it might have told tales, but it was no detriment.

6. Broome went to the Slasher's head in the most manly style, and popped in one. "Fortune favours the brave," Tipton retorted, but missed one very mischievous hit. The men closed. Harry hit up, catching the Tipton on the smeller, and both were down in the scramble, the Tipton, thether, first.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The popularity of our coupon competition appears to be increasing from week to week, and as the popularity of the game of football, and the number of coupons sent in this week is greater than on any previous occasion. The sporting editor has threatened to go on strike over the subject of a new prize, but he will have to do the labour of carrying the huge parcels of letters up the golden stairs, says he will hang himself if he can obtain a cross-bar suitable for the purpose. He requested one competitor, last week's matches was the ten to nil victory achieved by Newcastle United. It fairly "knocked" him. Joe Hamilton was so delighted that he turned his cartwheels somersaults at the conclusion of the game. A consolation prize of five shillings has been awarded amongst the following:—Robert Wood, 31, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; Edward Wood, 31, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; Samuel Wood, 31, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; Edward Hall, Cambridge Street, Blackhill; Thomas H. Lumley, Oakey's Cottages, West Stanley; Jeremiah Lumley, Oakey's Cottages, West Terrace, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

THE SWIFTS' REVENGE.

At Hexham, the Swifts were beaten by nine goals to one, but the latter reaped a glorious revenge on Saturday last. By ten goals to nil were the "Excelsiors" beaten, and as a consequence the gallant Consett team to climb one notch above their Hexham rivals in the League table. The game throughout was a sensational one. Within half-an-hour of the commencement, a couple of goals were notched by the Hexham men, who had signally not forgotten to avenge their former defeat. The wonder is that more goals were not scored. The visitors, and had they only exerted themselves to the full, it is not possible that a record in goal scoring might have been achieved. Undoubtedly, Forster's defence fairly had the game was interesting, for the visitors, but on Saturday's form, the goalkeeper of another man could not materially have affected the result. Hexham, in fact, had all the game, the Consett lads played with considerable "fire in their bellies" throughout. Although one-sided, being exceptionally interesting. The second half was somewhat monotonous, the object of the Swifts evidently being to completely avenge their former defeat. Right well did they succeed! Hexham was completely overcome, and had to acknowledge entirely out their merits. To take slight liberties with Byron—

Sweet is revenge—especially to footballers.

THE HOME PROGRESS.

The Swifts' team—each and all—acquitted themselves gloriously. They were simply invincible. The forward was the best Consett ever had. Dempsey was continually on the alert. His shooting was free, and he quite maintained his excellent reputation he has already earned. Wake and Harkness, on the right wing, were in capital form. Their play, dashing and unselfish, contributed not a little to the ultimate result. Nor were Laidler and Torley, on the left, by any means behind the mark. Laidler, in fact, was a manifest desire on the part of the latter to keep the ball, and he made it might with advantage have been passed to one of his colleagues. The half backs played a good game, Allison and Rafferty being conspicuous. The latter was indefatigable in his move, and his "charges" were a source of considerable uneasiness to the Hexham men. Highfield was not much troubled, and had no opportunity of displaying his accustomed excellence. He is significant fact that, during the first half, not a single corner was scored against the Consett team. Bond and McKle both proved a pair of stalwart backs. The former player, though light of build, was not to be easily beaten. He played with consistent pluck and prowess, and he quite merited the cap he got that the So-ciety had seldom acquitted themselves better than Bailey did on the Field of Hexham on Saturday last.

THE EXCELSIORS.

The "Excelsiors" climbed down, and so belied their name. Half, in fact, had plenty of chances to display his powers, though many of the shots he had by more careful shooting may have been stopped. He, however, did not by any means shine. The other right half, too, was the back bone—as far as they had any—of his team. He worked hard, and literally proved himself to be a tower of strength to his side. More than proved that he was the only member of the combination, which Hexham could boast of. The main difficulty the Swifts encountered in getting the ball through the goal was in passing this player. His kicking was vigorous and well directed. No complaint could be made. The half had the other members of the team been equal to him, the result might have been very different. Shepherd played the best of the forwards, whilst Peter was the pick of the half backs. Altogether, the Hexham men were outclassed, and they had to succumb to the stalwart the stormy and determined onslaught of their opponents.

THE SWIFTS' REVENGE.

At Hexham. Half-time, no goals.

The gallant Swifts from Consett town,
In spite of all that could be done,
With sorely crushing fall, went down.

"Revenge is sweet," the Swifts said, shortly,
"If only our poor luck would vanish,
Hexham really be defeated,
We'd turn the tables in the end."

The days are gone, and once again
The rivals did meet on the sward
Anxious to have their revenge,
"Revenge," cried Joe, "by all the powers,
If you have the chance, take it and be
Revenge—severe, shall yet be sure."

The struggle, it will surprise some feel,
Why tell the tale? 'tis known to all.
How by strong, glorious energy inspired,
The Swifts responded to the call.

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THE STOCKTON MATCH.

The character of the game in the first half was very, even, "as the score will bear out, and some good play was displayed by both sides. Stockton and when half-time arrived the bid for admission into the final round of the Amateur Cup, Jarrow was still a glorious uncertainty. The second half, however, told the tale, and although the Leadgate men played extremely well, the Stockton team gradually wore them down, doing the trick on two occasions, whilst the local men failed to convert the ball into otherwise many minor points which they forced. The result of the match, however, is in no way disparaging, and the Leadgate team may look back with pride to the good position attained in 1897, when they succeeded in the late forming of the principal actors in the combat for the English Amateur Cup. It is said that the local team are so confident that can sustain the boast of having taken part in the semi-final round for the Amateur Cup. I hope the Leadgate men will take new heart and vigour from this defeat, and attacking the game with further augment and strengthen their forces against a time when they are to materially enhance their present well-merited position. I, for one, hope, we may still have the satisfaction of seeing more of the Stockton team, but this depends upon a rousing place in the quaint old city of Leadgate. A worthy side, Mr. Cunningham, I hear, is recommended, and, for the remainder of the present season, it will be incumbent upon the local premier standard, so that we may have the satisfaction of seeing Secretary Hedley's team sing of the best that has ever been issued in the annals of the Park Club.

THE LEADGATE PROTEST.

Since writing the foregoing, I hear the Leadgate Club have protested against Stockton being awarded the tie, on the ground of professionalism. Be that as it may, I hope we have the pleasure of seeing the match re-played for more reasons than one. Stockton, but like the Jarrow quarrel with the decisions of capable referees, but it seems rather strange that on Leadgate to have both their points disallowed. Cartwright placed through on one occasion from a free kick, but the ball was not touched, and it was not touched in transit. What then was the basis of the free kick given on the goal line instead of the ordinary bye? With the second goal disallowed, more fault still was found, the disallowing the subject of adverse comment by the majority of the spectators, the ball being a singularly good one, in fact, and as "clean" a goal as ever was kicked. The goal-keeper, in protecting the goal keeper was untenable, as the ball was never played in the goal mouth before going through. Of course, if other than a Leadgate man was preventing him from playing the leather, then he was certainly deserving of a free kick, but, unfortable limits of the game. To have done otherwise, would simply have meant standing idle by, and allowing him to pick an the sphere, and make a drop kick, or something equivalent. Obstruction of the goalkeeper is generally defined as interference with the constitutional rights of the ball being sent in, *i.e.*, whilst in transit, or, on the other hand, fouling the custodian by "shoving, tripping, or holding." But, there, it is presumption on my part to disagree with the decision of a Football Association Referee, therefore I must content myself with awaiting the result of the protest, which is sure for the best.

THE PARK AND THE CUP.

Down Middlesbrough way, on Saturday last, the Leadgate Park team were beaten.
Footballed fairly, too, the Leadgate lads,
Footballed fairly, too, the Stockton and Jarrow.
Ready to do, and dare.

Gateshead, Whitby, Auckland, all,
Had seen the Leadgate Park team fall.
Back home to mourn defeat.
Stockton, Jarrow, Hebburn, all
Said they, "Middlesbrough we have been.
The ground we know quite well."

So Leadgate left at twelve-fifteen,
For Middlesbrough, to mourn no'er they'd been,
Save once or twice before.
Old Stockton, Jarrow, Hebburn, all
And mass them home some hoary sights,
Ere they left the field.

They reckoned, however, without their host,
Who was ready and willing to do, all
When the whistle went half time
"The ball," said Joe, "is in the goal mouth oblivion,
Ye've improved of late, so one more yer skivying.
Well! yer know what to do."

"If we don't win, it's not our fault,
Yer can't say we haven't tried the salt,
And hot as cayenne pepper.
If you don't win, it's your own fault,
You Stockton chaps, we will not rest
Till we've beaten you."

The fates, however, were down on our luck,
Ere to our goal, the ball the boldly stuck,
Eleven royal gunners,
Footballed the ball, and just Molloy,
Sent home two shots, which "The Bradley Boy
Could not well resist.

Neither, however, were placed to credit,
Two more the Stockton lads managed it,
Were both against the rules.
But now it was Leadgate, the Stockton team
Like Balaclava's charge just so,
Footballed, and footballed it,
Through shot and shell, we stood it out,
Both front and in the rear, we stood the shots,
And thus we were defeated.
Fortunately our opponents held the sway:
We'll live to fight another day.

PROFESSIONALS WELL CHEATED.

The Swifts' team—each and all—acquitted themselves gloriously. They were simply invincible. The forward was the best Consett ever had. Dempsey was continually on the alert. His shooting was free, and he quite maintained his excellent reputation he has already earned. Wake and Harkness, on the right wing, were in capital form. Their play, dashing and unselfish, contributed not a little to the ultimate result. Nor were Laidler and Torley, on the left, by any means behind the mark. Laidler, in fact, was a manifest desire on the part of the latter to keep the ball, and he made it might with advantage have been passed to one of his colleagues. The half backs played a good game, Allison and Rafferty being conspicuous. The latter was indefatigable in his move, and his "charges" were a source of considerable uneasiness to the Hexham men. Highfield was not much troubled, and had no opportunity of displaying his accustomed excellence. He is significant fact that, during the first half, not a single corner was scored against the Consett team. Bond and McKle both proved a pair of stalwart backs. The former player, though light of build, was not to be easily beaten. He played with consistent pluck and prowess, and he quite merited the cap he got that the So-ciety had seldom acquitted themselves better than Bailey did on the Field of Hexham on Saturday last.

THE EXCELSIORS.

The "Excelsiors" climbed down, and so belied their name. Half, in fact, had plenty of chances to display his powers, though many of the shots he had by more careful shooting may have been stopped. He, however, did not by any means shine. The other right half, too, was the back bone—as far as they had any—of his team. He worked hard, and literally proved himself to be a tower of strength to his side. More than proved that he was the only member of the combination, which Hexham could boast of. The main difficulty the Swifts encountered in getting the ball through the goal was in passing this player. His kicking was vigorous and well directed. No complaint could be made. The half had the other members of the team been equal to him, the result might have been very different. Shepherd played the best of the forwards, whilst Peter was the pick of the half backs. Altogether, the Hexham men were outclassed, and they had to succumb to the stalwart the stormy and determined onslaught of their opponents.

THE SWIFTS' REVENGE.

At Hexham. Half-time, no goals.

The gallant Swifts from Consett town,
In spite of all that could be done,
With sorely crushing fall, went down.

"Revenge is sweet," the Swifts said, shortly,
"If only our poor luck would vanish,
Hexham really be defeated,
We'd turn the tables in the end.

The days are gone, and once again
The rivals did meet on the sward
Anxious to have their revenge,
"Revenge," cried Joe, "by all the powers,
If you have the chance, take it and be
Revenge—severe, shall yet be sure.

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MICKLEY.

The visitors are a stalwart set of players, and have a pair of reliable backs. Geordie Charlton had no chance to save the goals scored against him, and he fisted away on several occasions with considerable success. Mickley is a tower of strength to the team. They are strong players, and knew how to make their weight tell. Best was the pick of a fair set of halves, and seldom let the Plain forwards pass him. Best, and Soulsby were the pick of the front rank. The team played a hard game, and, considering the weight of the opposing fully, the men, there is no disgrace attached to the defeat. Mickley are a strong combination, and are one of best amateur clubs in the North.

ANOTHER DEFEAT AT TOW LAW.

On Saturday, Tow Law met with another reverse, this time at the hands of South Bank, in a Northern League fixture. This being the first meeting of the teams this season, it was a matter of expectation as to who would be victorious. The visitors were lucky in winning the toss, and whichever team wins the toss at Tow Law generally wins the game. The visitors had the ground at the bottom of the ironworks field to contend with, and, consequently, they had quite an advantage in this respect in the first half of the game. The visitors made rapid work of Law's posts, and, after some brief scrimmaging, Hedley, the visitor centre forward, scored in a masterly way, about four minutes after the start. The efforts of the opposing forwards latterly fell, and it was expected that South Bank would have a clear walk in. This, however, was not the case. Play then ran from goal to goal in a series of assaults by the visitors, and sorties by the Law forwards, which were, on the other side. It may be said, however, that South Bank had the best of the game, and scored five goals without allowing the Northerners to have a single goal in return. Afterwards, play was more even, the visitors scoring twice, but the Northerners also scored twice, but had one point disallowed. Final score—Stanley, 6 goals; Tow Law, 2. The Stanley team were a very hard set of players, but science was always superior to strength, and in this respect the homesters were miles ahead. Matty Cunningham assisted Tow Law, and was the best man on their side. Cunningham, Hedley, and Lewis were the shining lights in the home ranks, whilst Joe Hedley and Hall were the visitors' conspicuous feature of the game.

TOW LAW RESERVE.

On Saturday last, Tow Law Reserve team were beaten, in a Wear Valley League game, and by the tall score of seven goals to one. Had they played, I think have pointed them out as an example to their seniors, but as they did not, I can only say that they have been let down pretty badly.

STANLEY V. BROOMS.

In the match, Stanley versus West Stanley, played at Leadgate last Saturday, Mr Little's goal, which was the winning one, was very fortunately obtained. A terrific war waged throughout the whole game, which, it may be mentioned, was played in a most gentlemanly manner, and a most scraper ought to have been at work), whilst the highly honourable Mr Little was actually in wind, snow, and rain prevailed. The appointed referee, Mr Little, was, of course, the whistling duties had to be entrusted to a local spectator, who, unfortunately, was not perfect, and had to facilitate the visitors. The Brooms were the first to score, but Stanley quickly equalised, and at the interval each team was credited with a couple of goals. Stanley, with the wind against them in the second half, yet they never flagged, and for a long time seemed to have the homesters thoroughly beaten. The visitors were not equal to the assistance of the home brigade. The home team still never flagged, and it was almost impossible for the visitors to see the ball. The referee, in the opinion of many, at least, had have ordered a stoppage, but his inclinations were not in that direction, and the game continued, the homesters scoring twice during the latter period in which the hurricane prevailed. Hence the game ended in a victory for the Brooms by five goals to three. The score could not be said to represent the play, and for the storm already mentioned, the result might have been reversed. The Brooms are a clever set of lads, their centre forward being a champ. Stanley, on the other hand, are a set of lads entering the third round of the Sambotec Cup, the Stanley boys are fairly discredited.

DIPTON DIE GAME.

Dipton Wanderers visited the "saintly" ground of "cotton mill" Dipton, on Saturday, for the purpose of opposing St. Peter's Albion, and nothing more. Dipton, I may mention, is a very disappointing from a spectator's point of view, the Dipton men being the cause of great part of the combat. The Saints had a trifle the best of the game, but it was only a trifle, and their one ewe lamb—the only goal scored during the game—came within five minutes of the finish. Dipton showed well in the first half, the latter part of the match, but quickly collapsed, and for the greater portion of the second half, played very moderately. The shooting of the Saints towards something quite unusual, and the supporters were sorely tempted to give vent to anodyne expressions.

PROPOSED JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE.

I have received the following communication from Mr. Thompson, of Stanley:—"I hope to see that a cricket club has been formed at Oxhill in the ensuing season. I understand that the members of which are anxious to join the Stanley and District Junior Cricket League, and, from some smart and promising players. Mr Martin Bede, of Oxhill, informs me that he has a set of juniors, whom he wishes to have entered for the League which it is intended to establish in Stanley and District, and, if a team from Oxhill arrived for some definite step for the formation of the League, I would be pleased to assist them, and for the purpose of bringing matters to a head, I have, on behalf of Mr Bede, wired to Mr Sanderson (West Stanley), agreed, through the columns of the Chronicle, to call a meeting for the formation of the League, to attend a meeting to be held at Oxhill. I shall be glad to hear from all interested in the project. The meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church Institute."

DERWENTWATER.

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP.—SEMI FINAL.

LEADGATE PARK V. STOCKTON.

(BY "CENTRE-HALF.")

The unexpected run of success, which placed Leadgate Park in the semi-final for the north Cup competition, reached a climax in the minds of the home supporters when it became known that Stockton were the visitors, and for a fixture to final honors. Not even the most confident Club's supporters, however, were bold enough to proclaim a victory for the home team, although they hoped for success. But there were more than a few, in the light of recent performances, to whom it appeared, those who were willing enough to advance the opinion that the home team would pull off the game. Whilst Stockton have kept up a consistent form during the greater part of the season, they have not outshone their earlier displays in the west Durham parts, and, whilst on the other hand the Leadgate men had an indifferent career in the earlier stages of the season, but have since shown a good deal of improvement, and good business by knocking out Auckland (recent winners of the Cup), Middlesbrough, Whitby, Gateshead N.E.R., &c. Stockton, on the other hand, have knocked out Sunderland, a number of prominent fame, including South Bank, Darlington, Leadgate, and Tow-Law. Considerable interest was manifested in the game, both in Durham, Stanley, Spennymoor and Tees-side. A large contingent of the home club's supporters journeyed south with the special excursion train, and, with the brilliant sunshine, Wednesday. There was also a large assemblage of spectators from the western parts of the county, also from throughing football fraternity of Middlesbrough and Tees-side, the ground at Leadgate, with attendance, numbering something like 5,000 spectators. The turf was in excellent condition, and Billy Monteith, beating Wilson in the toss of the coin, elected to play from the plantation end, and the teams faced each other in the following order:

LEADGATE PARK		STOCKTON
Crowther	Goal	Malloy
Bell	Right back	Wilson
Foreman	Left back	Wilson
Dawson	Right half	Shaw
Wilson	Centre half	Murray
Carmell	Left half	Monteith
Crozier	Right outside	Gray
Snowdon	Right inside	Sanders
Thompson	Centre	Fairbairn
Wilson	Left inside	Fairbairn
Hall	Left outside	Hall

Thompson kicked off, and, after a few giving-and-taking movements, Gray got possession, and, with a judicious pass, to Fairbairn, Leck, who promptly headed in. Brannen, however, at the centre, cleared the ball forward. The ball subsequently went bye, and from the corner Wilson, Stockton, cleared the ball well down, but

CARMELL DISPOSSESSED,

and again Stockton were placed upon a defensive position, but only briefly, as the Stockton men got down again and kept the home goal busy. Jan; however, rushed to the rescue, and cleared the ball. Stockton were pressing, and a piece of nice play was observable on the part of Gray, Hall, Wilson, Stockton, and eventually. Crowther cleared a shot from Hall, and Stockton were pressing. It was only at intervals, and determined resistance that the home men were kept away. Racing away to the other extremity, the Stockton made a good shot, but the latter was successful in getting out, and cleared the danger nicely. End play followed, and, the game being fast both teams doing their utmost to improve position, but nothing material accrued. Play was fast and fierce, and Stockton pressed Bell, who, with Foreman, cleared the ball to the other end of the field. Brannen, who was dropped nicely in, but Malloy, who was promptly heading away.

Brannen was penalised for handing close in goal (to the extent of a free kick). Cartmell undertook, and placed the ball into the net—

AN APPARENT GOAL,

but the referee ruled that the ball had passed untouched, and nothing, therefore, resulted. Lakey sent in from a corner kick, and an early rush on the Leadgate goal was relieved by Monteith sending bye. Leadgate pressed briefly but Brannen returned the sphere into the field, and Stockton once more assumed the aggressive, and, Bell, missing his kick, the Leadgate goal was in serious jeopardy, when Foreman cleared the sphere, and, by a free kick, to the centre. A scrimmage ensued in the Leadgate goal mouth, which ended in Murray sending over. Play was suspended briefly, owing to Forster being winded, and, on the resumption, a hostilities, Leadgate forthwith pressed, Crute sending in one or two stinging shots in sharp succession, all of which, however, Malloy effectively dealt with. Play, with, from a free kick, sent well in, but Bell rejected, and half-time arrived with

NO SCORE.

Resuming, Stockton pressed, and Crowther conceded a corner to safe, but nothing resulted therefrom. Leadgate now pressed, and Thompson, Crute, and Leck did yeoman service, playing the game in a most vigorous style. Stockton rallied, but could not pierce the defence of the Leadgate backs and halves, who were indeed playing a fine game. Play was fast and fierce, and, playing the left, and got in a fine shot, Molloy once again, however, proving himself equal to the occasion, and, by a fine shot, Molloy once again, however, proving himself equal to the occasion, and, by a fine shot, Molloy once again, and, by a fine shot, Molloy once again, and, by a fine shot, Molloy once again

FOOTBALL.

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. MICKLEY.
[By "THE BRADLEY BOY."]

These teams met at Annfield Plain on Saturday before a large concourse of spectators. The ground was in a very bad condition, rain falling prior to the commencement of the match. This was the second encounter between the eleven this season, the first contest ending in a victory for the Mickley lads by 2 goals to nil. The positions occupied by the teams in the League prior to the match were as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Mickley	11	7	1	3	30	14	15
Annfield Plain	11	5	3	3	22	17	13

Thus it will be seen that Mickley had a slight lead, being two points ahead of their rivals, but one more game. The home lads, after their plucky fight at Newcastle, deserved success, and, punctually to time, Mr Mitchieson got the teams together as follows:—

CELTS.	Goal	MICKLEY.
E. Lynap	Goal	G. Charlton
McLatchie	Right back	Moore
Moore	Left back	J. Charlton
Hunter	Right half	Bell
Parker	Centre half	J. Best
Bell	Left half	Hutchinson
Forster	Right outside	Stack
Bolam	Right inside	Glaister
Ellis	Centre	Ellis
Lynap	Left inside	E. Best
Tait	Left outside	Robson

Referee, Mr Mitchieson.

The sun of the sole favourite the home lads who decided to defend the entrance goal, Mickley started with ten men, and Annfield Plain at once pressed. Hutchinson cleared from the feet of Forster by kicking into touch. From the throw in, the home team pressed near the visitors' goal, and Forster shot in, but the ball went wide. The goal kick was placed over the water, and the Mickley forwards made a brief incursion into the home goalmouth, but Hutchinson, the brilliant fashion, and Bolam got away down the field. He shot in, but Best cleared, and his brother Ned sending to the centre. He gave to Stack, who ran the ball out of play, and the throw in enabled the Celts to get down the visiting goal mouth. Robinson Bell sent in, but

CHARGED AWAY BY

and Forster just missed from a pass by Ellis. The ball rolled over the line, and the Mickley front rank carried it back from the home half. Soulsby got past McLatchie, and drove for the net. Lynap cleared the ball, and threw out to Gillender, who was seen to advantage by sprinting along the touch line. Bailey dispossessed him in grand style, and Stack got up on the right, but was pulled down by Moore took the free kick, and Captain Ellis gave a fine pass to Forster, who lightly turned the sphere, and the home skipper headed in.

THE BALL BITTING THE UPRIGHT.

The referee ordered a corner, which was badly placed, and Gillender again drove the leather over the line. Lynap and Hutchinson cleared, and Bell sent to Hunter, but the latter managed to avert any danger by shooting out. The throw in enabled Stack to sprint away, and Joe Lynap a rare handful, which the Plain contention saved at the expense of a corner. This was well placed, but Moore headed out of danger. Bolam received in mid-field, and gave to Ellis, who passed on to Bob Gillender. The Medomsley lad eluded Bailey, but he got Best to deal, and recovered himself, and dispossessed the home left winger in splendid fashion. Mid-field play ensued for a short while, neither team claiming any advantage. Ellis put down a free kick that was relieved by the visitors being awarded a foul. Bailey placed, but Parker returned, and the home right wing put in a dangerous shot, but Mickley cutaway. J. Charlton managed to beat off the attack, and Soulsby was not successful in a tricky run. McLatchie interfered, and the leather was removed to safer quarters. Bell punted

INTO THE GOAL MOUTH,

and the ball went about a yard wide. The goal kick again gave Mickley a little advantage, and Stack got away on the right, and received from the Stanley supporters, who had abandoned in arrear from Moore. Moore cleared, and punted into the Mickley quarters. Ellis again received, and had Bailey for the homesters kept up the pressure, and Robinson Bell shot past. Stack and Best contested for the high end, where Moore had to kick out to save. Stack again got away, and Gillender was the match in McLatchie, who sent the Mickley centre guard back empty-handed. Bolam had a fine chance at the other end, being only a couple of yards off the net. He, however, only forced a corner, which was cleared by Bell. The ball went

INTO THE NET

without being touched, and many of the spectators shouted "Goal." A foul fell to Mickley in mid-field, Bailey taking the free kick. The home forwards came down the field in merry style, and Bailey drove hard at one of the visitors. The visitors got away through a mistake by Parker, but were driven back for bad balls. Bailey resulted, but the free kick proved fruitless. Play became rough, and Ellis was penalised for fouls. Charlton had to throw away a foul shot from the feet of Hutchinson, and Mickley front rank made another raid on the Celtic citadel. Soulsby had a fine chance, having only to face Lynap. He, however, got tangled, and Lynap cleared in his usual accomplished manner. Gillender had put out of play at the low end, and a minute later, he was in a nice position, when the whistle sounded for a foul on the offside rule. Hands were awarded to the home lads, but this also came to nought, and the chances of the visitors were improved by a foul being given them. Ellis again got clearly, and to Best, and shortly afterwards, a corner fell to the lot of the Plain eleven. Bell placed weakly, and Soulsby sprinted up the left. Jack Bell headed chinon, centred, Bailey clearing in splendid fashion. The Mickley boys appeared to have fallen off their clinked time after time, and the whistle sounded for half-time, with the score—

Celts ... Nil
Mickley ... 1 goal

The first half had been so evenly contested that many people thought the result would be a draw. Ellis restarted the leather, and Mickley at once got into the home territory. Ellis cleared, and Forster got up on the right. He centred, but Bailey again cleared, and Best made a necessary saut into the home half. McLatchie kicked gallantly, and Bolam got possession of the ball. He gave to Forster, who centred in splendid fashion. Ellis caught the ball, and in the twinkling of an eye, had it

PLACED SAFELY INTO THE NET,

amid tremendous cheering. Ellis threw more life into the game, and the cheering had hardly subsided when the ball was sent from the goal down, but Ellis secured the leather, and sped away at a great speed, and, after eluding the backs got in close proximity to the goal. He was hastily supported, and lost the ball to Bell, who kicked into mid-field. Parker grasped it, and sent in a high shot, which G. Charlton saved at the expense of a corner. Robinson Bell placed right into a group of players, and Forster, who was lying waiting for an opportunity, came in broke the net pole with a swift shot, thus scoring

THE SECOND POINT FOR THE CELTS,

amidst great excitement. Mickley appeared a beaten team, their backs above playing grandly. The centre kick proved of little advantage to them, as Bolam was fouled by J. Best. Hunk was entrusted with the free kick, and drove to Forster, who sent in a nice screw shot. A short skirmish ensued, and

J. LYNAP HEADED INTO THE NET

for the third time. The spectators cheered themselves hoarse, but the referee disallowed the point on the ground that Jacky was offside. The free kick proved of little avail, as the Celts remanded the visitors in their own quarters. Forster, who was showing a splendid game, got away, and had in, Charlton handling. The excitement became intense, and Hunk took the kick. He placed magnificently, and the feelings of the spectators were again aroused when Gillender struck the upright with a brilliant header, the ball going for a corner. Moore placing both. The Celts, Moore placing both.

TEDDY BUCK WAS APPLAUDED

for some grand play, but the home west wide. The goal kick relieved the pressure, and a foul was awarded to the Northumberland lads. Bailey took the kick, but Ellis punted back, and Gillender got possession from a pass by Lynap. He headed in, and Ellis receiving at close quarters.

HEADED INTO CHARLTON'S HANDS,

but the whistle had previously sounded, owing to the Plain Captain being offside. The home forwards again attacked, and Blackburn was so severely pressed that he gave a corner. Buck took the kick, but placed weakly, and Bell made clean away on the right. Moore managed to free—his attempt resulted in scoop and Gillender sounded bewildering up the left touch line. He dodged Blackburn, but Bailey subsequently defeated his efforts to score. The home forwards again came away, and were awarded a corner, Soulsby's name of the kick, as

CHARLTON headed away,

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NEWCASTLE UNITED A. v. LEADGATE.

[By "FELL BACK."]

Tow Law versus Leadgate Park Rank, on the former's ground, on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Northern Alliance. This was the first occasion on which the teams have met in the present season, and that fact was perhaps responsible for the large attendance of spectators. Previous to the match, Tow Law were sixth on the table, and Leadgate Park, with one game in their credit, for the same number of games, were fifteenth. The former had lost twelve games with sixteen points for ten games. A slight change was made in the composition of the home eleven, since the disappointment with Darlington the previous week. Gilroy, instead of being with Temperley at back, appeared at his old place—half back. R. Wilson, instead of being right half, took up his position at left, in place of Butterfield, who has just been released from his engagement. Lynn left the unpitial knot—far enough off Tow Law. Muse took the place of Watson at inside right, the latter being re-instated to his own domain at left back, and R. Wilson resumed at G. Smith's left back, and R. Wilson, instead of being at left back, and Bailey at centre half, the prospects of a win. At about half-past three o'clock, the teams appeared as follows:—

TOW LAW		SOUTH BANK
Allison	Goal	Brown
Temperley	Right back	Gordon
Watson	Left back	Kirkwood
Gilroy	Right half	R. Wardley
R. Wilson	Centre half	Taylor
Bailey	Left half	Redfern
Muse	Outside right	Gallagher
Lynn	Inside right	Bulmer
Mayfinish	Centre	Cox
G. Charlton	Inside left	Dixon
G. Smith	Outside left	

Referee: Mr A. Jane, Stanley.
Linesmen, Mr J. Wardle, Tow Law, and Mr W. Rand, South Bank.

THE GAME.

For about an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the game, the sky had been overcast with a drizzle of rain, which had caused a gloomy haze to settle over the landsc

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Summary of the Report presented at the Forty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 4th March, 1897.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 64,241, assuring the sum of £6,767,625, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £234,526.

The Premiums received during the year were £2,543,262, being an increase of £72,249 over the year 1895.

The Claims of the year amounted to £568,874. The number of Deaths was 4,508, and 305 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 455,705.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £1,576,703, being an increase of £29,168.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,700,481. The number of Deaths was 183,959, and 1,030 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policyholders of five years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 50,934, the number in force being 499,296. The number of Free Policies which become Claims during the year was 9,263.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 12,130,542; their average duration is almost exactly eight years.

The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in Balance Sheet, are £27,659,111, being an increase of £3,143,221 over those of 1895. A supplement, showing in detail the various investments, is published with this Report.

In their last Report the Directors drew attention to the success which had attended the introduction of the special tables, combining Life Assurance with a provision for old age. The popularity of these tables still continues, and it will interest the Shareholders to learn that Endowment Assurances and other forms of provision for old age are now adopted by the public, the number of Policies securing benefits at age 60 and upwards being over 550,000, and securing capital sums exceeding £23,000,000.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st Dec., 1896.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	900,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	12,700,000	0	0
Industrial Branch Fund	12,474,520	15	5
Reserve Fund	500,000	0	0
Claims under Life Policies admitted	116,227	2	6
	£27,659,111	6	9

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government Securities	2,643,133	12	3
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	2,408,591	5	9
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stocks	2,153,656	5	11
Loans on County Council, Municipal, and other Rates	5,900,065	15	0
Freehold Ground Rents, & Scotch Feu Duties	2,498,995	13	9
Freehold and Leasehold Property	1,646,986	6	1
Mortgages	2,576,307	7	3
Railway, Gas, Water, and other Stocks and Shares	4,256,977	19	7
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	367,520	13	6
Bank of England Stock	200,550	18	6
Foreign Government Securities	300,234	14	8
Reversions	374,413	2	7
Loans on the Company's Policies	473,893	1	7
Rent Charges	138,762	16	1
Outstanding Premiums	428,993	18	3
Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	51,937	8	8
Outstanding Interest and Rents	216,784	14	2
Cash—On deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	304,482	18	1
	£27,659,111	6	9

THOS. C. DEWEY, WILLIAM HUGHES, } *Managers.*

W. J. LANCASTER, *Secretary.*

EDGAR HORNE, *Chairman.*
HENRY HARBEN, J. W. SIMMONS, } *Directors.*

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and Payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1896, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1896.

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Tuesday, March 30.—PROPERTY SALE, at Consett.

Wednesday, March 31.—Mr. W. Thompson's STOCK, EWES and LAMBS, &c.

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Wednesday, April 28.—FARM STOCK and SHEEP, at Esperskilds.

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the whole of his

FARM STOCK,

Implements, Dairy Utensils, and Part Furniture.

24 Head of Cattle, 22 Ewes, 2 Draught Mares, Half-Bred Filly, 50 Young Hens, and a Large Field of Implements.

HORSES.

1 Grey mare, 16 h.h.; 1 Dun mare, 15 h.h. Both well-known good workers. 1 Half-bred filly, unbroken, 14-2 h.h.

CATTLE.

1 Cow, due to calve April 12th; 1 heifer, due to calve April 23rd; 1 cow, due to calve April 15th; May 14th; 9 heifer stirks, 9 to 10 months old; 4 steer stirks, 2 years old; 5 bull stirks, 9 to 15 months old. All have been hay fed, full of condition and hair, and grand doers.

SHEEP.

7 Prize bred Leicester ewes and followers, 16 half-bred Leicester ewes, 10 mule Leicester ewes, and 50 young hens. The sheep are an extra grand lot, all young, and fresh in condition, and none of them are expected to be lambed by day of sale. The Leicester ewes are of the purest and best blood.

IMPLEMENTS.

Long cart, 2 cows carts, combined reaper by Mattison, combined reaper by Wood, horse hay rake, Ransome prize wheel plough, D.M.B. plough, wheel plough, 2 horse cultivator, scrub harrows, 4 bull harrows, zigzag harrows, iron scuffler, American scuffler, 2 turnip drills (one new) by Ord and Maddison, turnip slicer and cutter by Jeffrey and Blackstone, 2 sheep racks and troughs, heavy metal roller in two halves, ladder winnowing machine, hay knife and spade shaker, 2 new stack covers (8 yards by 6 yards), cow hands, hay rakes and forks, gripes and shovels, cart and plough gears for 2 horses.

DAIRY UTENSILS.

Large Churn, Tinkler's Patent Butter Tube, Butter Boards, Milk Bowls, Cans, Dishes, &c.

FURNITURE.

Chefiioneer Bedstead, Iron Bedstead, Iron Bedstead with Top and Hangings, Feather Bed, Mattresses, Large Mahogany Centre Table, Mahogany Sofa in Hair, Kitchen Settle, Clock, Chairs, Kitchen Table with Drawers, Wringing Machine, Pots—tub and Staff, Sitting-room Fender and Ash Pan, Pots, Pans, Pails, Tins, &c.

Sale to commence with the Implements at 12 o'clock. Sheep, Cattle, and Horses to follow.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

MESSRS. JOS. AND WM. VICKERS'S SPRING SALE ENGAGEMENTS.

March 25th.—Third Special Sale for STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, at Tow Law Mart.

April 12th.—ANNUAL FAT STOCK SALE, Tudhoe Moor Farm.

April 21st.—ANNUAL LETTING of Broadwood Grass Parks.

In April.—LAND and HOUSE PROPERTY at Witton-le-Wear.

May 5th.—FARMING STOCK and 500 Blackfaced SHEEP, Park Farm, Auckland.

In May.—FARMING STOCK, &c., Rose Hill, Eastgate.

Mart Office, Tow Law.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, March 22nd, 1897.

40 to 60 DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS.
11 FAT CATTLE.
50 FAT SHEEP and HOGGS, including consignments from Messrs. the Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Limited, and other feeders.
4 STORE CATTLE.
9 FINGER CALVES.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

NEXT SPECIAL SALE for STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Thursday, March 25th. Early entries solicited.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Sales by Auction.

CONSETT WATERWORKS COMPANY.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the Shakespeare Hall, North Road, Durham, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1897, at HALF-PAST Two o'clock in the Afternoon precisely.

W. T. BOWDEN, AUCTIONEER.

PARTICULARS:

2,000 FOUR PER CENT. PREFERENCE SHARES (£5 nominal value each) of and in the Consett Waterworks Company, being part of the capital authorized to be issued according to the provisions of the Consett Waterworks Act, 1894, and required by Section 36 of the said Act, to be sold by public auction.

The above Shares will be entitled to Dividend from the 1st day of May next, and will be registered in the name of the purchaser without charge.

The Shares will be sold in lots of 10 each, or in such other lots as may be determined upon at time of sale.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Auctioneer, W. T. BOWDEN, Claremont House, Durham, or to Mr. ALEXANDER RUSSELL, Secretary, the Company's Offices, Consett.

LANCHESTER STOCK MART COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.

MONDAY, March 22nd, at 1-30.

5 DAIRY COWS,
2 Black POLLED HEIFERS, very fresh.
35 to 40 FAT SHEEP and HOGGS, including 24 good Hogges from the North.
Further Entries to date of the sale.

JOHN GIBSON, SECRETARY.

ALTERATION OF DATE.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, instructed by the Executors, will Sell by Public Auction, at No. 5, The Mill Place, Blackhill, all the Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, on

MONDAY, MARCH 29TH, 1897.

For particulars see Bills.

Auctioneer's Office, 65, Front Street, Consett.

CASTLESIDE.

MR. ELSDON, honoured with instructions from Mr. John Proud, of Chapel House, Castleside, will Sell the whole of his Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, on SATURDAY, March 20th, 1897, comprising—Oak Dining Room Suite, in leather; Walnut Spoon-back Drawing Room Suite, ebonised; two Sideboards, Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, with two spare leaves; ditto, with one leaf; Folding Table, Mahogany Sofa, in hair seating; Couch, in leather; Black and Gold Over Mantle, Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite, Chest of Drawers, Kitchen Press, Table, 6 Chairs, Rocking Chair, Mirrors, Cane Chairs, Birch Tudor Bedstead and Mattress, Iron Bedsteads, Feather and Down Beds, Quilts and Blankets, Dressing Chest and Draws, Sewing Machine, Wringing Machine, Tapestry Carpet, Bedroom and Stair Carpet, Hearthrugs, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Glassware, Sets, Pans, Tubs, Grindstone, Pictures, Books, Pans and Steamers, Kettles, a lot of Bee Hives, and one Hive of Healthy Bees:

Also, a Good COW.

N.B.—The Cow and Bees will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock.

Office, Delves Lane, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD'S SALE APPOINTMENTS.

Monday First, March 22.—Large Consignment of FURNITURE, from Shotley Bridge, will be Sold at the Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett, at One o'clock.

Sale of Copyhold FIELD at Leadgate, now in the occupation of Mr. M. Stewart, Sale Bill Date and full particulars next Edition.

April 5.—Under Deed of Assignment, Sale of FURNITURE, &c., at the Victoria Street Sale Rooms, Consett.

April 7.—Sportsman's Arms, Leadgate, Sale of FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, &c., belonging to Mr. W. H. Bailey, who is returning to South Africa.

Early in May.—High Colliery Farm, Dipton, GRASS LETTING; also Sale of ENGINES, BOILERS, FLY WHEELS, CARTS, &c.

Other Sales and Dates to Follow.

SALE ROOMS, WEST STANLEY.

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th,

JOHN LOWES will offer for Sale by Auction a large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, a PIANO, Twelve Sacks of ENGLISH POTATOES, and other articles.

Sale to commence at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

Public Announcements.

ANOTHER TREAT! ANOTHER TREAT!!

THE CONSETT IRON COMPANY'S WORKMEN'S PRIZE BAND will give

A GRAND SACRED CONCERT

IN THE

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT,

On SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 21st,

Commencing at 7-45 p.m.

This Noted Band won over £140 during 1896.

LEADGATE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A MEETING of the above will be held in the Ante-Room of the Mission Hall, on MONDAY NIGHT, March 11th, 1897, at SEVEN o'clock to discuss considerations the advisability of adopting Poultry to the Schedule, when all Poultry Fanciers are invited to attend.

J. A. TURNBULL, Secretary.

THE TEACHERS of STANLEY and DISTRICT will give a

GRAND CONCERT,

IN THE

CO-OPERATIVE HALL, STANLEY,

On MONDAY, MARCH 29TH, at 7-30,

In Aid of the New Infirmary Fund, and of the Teachers' Orphanage.

The Programme will consist of SONGS, DUETS, TRIOS; and PART SONGS By a FULL CHORUS of 80 Voices.

Admission, 2s. and 1s.

Tickets may be obtained from any of the School Teachers.

ALBERT HALL, WEST STANLEY.

Positively for One Week only, commencing MONDAY, MARCH 22nd.

Nightly at 7-30, Doors open at 7; Grand Day Performance on Saturday at 3 o'clock. Doors open at 2-30. Popular Prices, 2s., 1s., and 6d.

MR. JOSEPH POOLE'S MYRIORAMA, SIGHTS OF THE WORLD.

These Colossal Excursions are accompanied by POOLE'S VARIETY CONFEDERATION.

Important engagement, at enormous expense, of the Incomparable CINEMATOGRAPH, the marvellous invention of the present century.

LORENZO'S CIRCUS, consisting of wonderfully Trained Ponies and Dogs, also the marvellous Boxing Kangaroo: Miss MAY FINCH, Serio Comic; Herr VOGELER, the Celebrated Tight Wire Walker; Mr. V. JEAN DE HENAU, this Artist will Paint an Oil Painting in 5 minutes with his feet; Mr. JAMES CURRAN, One of the actual Survivors of the Ill-fated "Victoria;" Mdlle. HENA ALADINA, who will introduce her extraordinary Troupe of Performing Birds; FELIX SOMERS, the Pacific King; Mr. FRED MAYER, Quick Humorist, Vocalist, &c.; the Marvellous SALETOS, Continental Gymnasts.

The whole Accompanied by a GRAND ORCHESTRAL BAND. Musical Director, Mr. George Naylor.

BLACKHILL BAND CONTEST.

THE Adjourned GENERAL MEETING of Guarantors, in connection with the above, will be held in the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday Night, the 22nd inst., at 7-30.

J. STEPHENSON, HON. SEC.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1896.

Morning, 10-30 } MR. G. SCOTT (Butsfield).
Evening, 6-0 }

Public Announcements.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Lessee and Manager, Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON.
(Also of Royalty Theatre, Harrow-in-Furness, and Theatre Royal, Barrow-on-Tyne.

Acting Manager and Scenic Artist, Mr H. SHARPE.

Last Three Nights of Mr. PERSTON VASEY'S Company in the Great Sensational Drama,

"SAVED FROM THE STREETS."

On MONDAY, March 22nd, 1897,

Important, Attractive, for positively Three Nights only of Mr. SAM HAGUE'S

MINSTRELS,

From St. James Hall, Liverpool, under the personal direction of Mr. Sam Hague.

Newcastle Chronicle, February 22nd, says:—"Mr. Hague's Minstrels have for long enjoyed an enviable reputation for combination of talents, and we do not think the Company ever included a stronger array of talented artistes than it does at present. Every branch of the business was strongly represented. There are vocalists who would do credit to any Opera Company or Concert Platform, Comedians of the drollest type, clever Musicians, and Dancers of great ability."

Owing to the enormous expense of this Engagement, the Prices will be as follows:—Private Box, 30s.; Single Seat, 5s.; Dress Circle, 3s.; Side Circle, 2s.; Pit, 1s.; Gallery, 6d.

Early Doors Open at 6-45. Usual Doors at 7-45; Commence at 7-30. Plan of the Theatre may be seen, and seats booked, at A. Brunskill's Piano Warehouse, by letter or telegram.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

GRAND PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S ORATORIO,

"SAMSON."

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 1897.

SOLOISTS:—

Soprano, Miss LOUISE HOLMES, Glasgow (London, Provincial, and American Concerts).
Contralto, Madame C. BELLAS-DRYDEN, Consett.
Tenor, Mr. JOS. SIDDLE, Consett.
Bass, Mr. JOHN SUTTON, Durham Cathedral.

CHORUS OF 120 VOICES AND ORCHESTRAL ACCOMPANIMENT.

Tickets: Reserved Seats, 2s.; Second Seats, 1s. Plan of Reserved Seats may be seen, and Seats Booked, at Messrs. J. W. Davison and Sons, Front Street, Consett.

Special Late Train from Consett at 11 p.m., to Leadgate, Annfield Plain, Shield Row, Beamish, and Pelton. See Bills, &c.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

A GRAND BAZAAR,

In aid of the above place of worship, will be held in the WESTWOOD BOARD SCHOOL,

On GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SATURDAY and MONDAY.

Contributions, either in Money or Goods of any description, will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by any of the members, or the undersigned.

JOSEPH CRAWFORD,
Treasurer to the Bazaar.

TANFIELD Floral and Horticultural Society's SHOW will be held on SATURDAY, August 28th, 1897.

OPEN Floral and Horticultural Society's Annual FLOWER SHOW and ATHLETIC SPORTS will be held on SATURDAY, September 11th, 1897.—JOHN WEATHERLEY, Secretary.

Election Addresses.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In response to the request of a large and influential number of Ratepayers, I beg to again offer myself as a Candidate for a seat on the Lanchester Rural District Council. I am a life-long resident in the District, and have, for a long period, served the Ratepayers in a public capacity. I was formerly a member of the old Hobson

OBITUARY ANNALS OF NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

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In these papers it is proposed to give some account of the more remarkable deaths occurring in the whole area of the Lanchester Union during a period of sixty years, not forgetting to bring bringing the record down to the present time. It is believed that they will prove of interest to most of the readers of the *Consett Chronicle*, and their kind co-operation is requested in making the record as complete as possible. The annual care has been taken to give nothing that would be likely to cause offence or give pain. Many of the events chronicled will be within the recollection of some of our older readers, and it is hoped they will receive additional facts relative to any of the events or people mentioned. Enough has been compiled with great care, and the names and dates may be deemed reliable. Established corresp With a view to making this department of the *Chronicle* interesting, the Editor will be glad to answer, free of charge, inquiries respecting the date of the death of any person in North-West Durham during the period covered by the record.

1844.

4 Jan., Stephen Eltringham, steel forgeman, Derwent Cote Forge, aged 70.

10 Jan., Eleanor, wife of Noble Heppell, publican, Bedwell Hills, aged 59.

10 Jan., Martha, widow of John Simpson, publican, Ewehurst Head, aged 94.

15 Jan., Patrick Tully, student at Ushaw College, aged 21.

21 Jan., Ann, wife of George Carrick, horsekeeper, Dipton, aged 72.

22 Jan., Mary, wife of William Elliott, wood man, Patrick's Close Mill, aged 53.

22 Jan., Mary, wife of George Dodds, innkeeper, Tantobie, aged 60.

27 Jan., Ann, wife of Thomas Handy, pitman, Tanfield Lea, aged 72.

28 Jan., Elizabeth, wife of William Ritson, Shotley Bridge, aged 74.

14 Feb., Ann, wife of Thomas Stobhart, servant at Greencroft Hall, aged 71.

16 Feb., Thomas Hindson, aged 19, killed in Andrew's House Colliery.

19 Feb., Dorothy, wife of Michael Hedley, carpenter, China Hall, township of Medomsley, aged 57.

25 Feb., John Watson, ironmaker, Burnopfield, aged 83.

14 March, Miss Ann Hornby, Chapman's Well, aged 60.

17 March, Hannah, widow of John Wood, butcher, Hexham, aged 78.

28 March, John Willis, farmer, Oliver Ford, aged 65.

10th April, Mary, wife of Lowenger Hall, mason, Ryton, aged 72.

11 April, Robert Hamilton, of Tanfield Lea, aged 84.

17 April, Esther, wife of George Herron, miller, Stanley, aged 65.

27 April, John Charlton, aged 11, son of Richard Charlton, black-smith, killed on Craghead Incline.

29 April, Barbara, widow of John Parker, coverer, Boundary House, aged 81.

29 April, Joseph Hall, blacksmith, Edmondbyers, aged 54.

3 May, William Stevenson, aged 4, killed by a cart passing over him at Consett.

3 May, John Gibson, publican, Beamish, killed by railway wagon at Consett.

11 June, Thomas Sunadon, Tanfield, aged 74.

14 June, Mark Seal, clogger, Pontop Pike, aged 85.

27 June, John Davison, aged 22, killed in Consett Pits.

27 June, Thomas Muncaster, farmer, Spring Gardens, Lanchester, aged 56.

29 June, William Usher, farmer, Eliza, township of Medomsley, aged 33.

27 July, William Jobling, son of Lionel Handy, Hare Law, killed on the railway.

9 Aug., Thomas Swan, farmer, Maiden Law, aged 78.

10 August, Ann, widow of John Coulson, sawyer, Hill Top, Esh, aged 74.

12 Aug., Hannah, widow of Thomas Maddison, farmer, Hole House, aged 80.

30 Aug., Miss Isabella Allaburton, The Broomes, aged 26.

31 Aug., Grace Langton, aged 2, burnt to death at David's Town.

3 Sept., Mary, widow of Robert Lawa, farmer, Tanfield, aged 77.

8 Sept., Thomas Cook, aged 25, killed in Shield Row Pit.

12 Sept., John Durance, aged 10, killed by wagons at Hare Law Pit.

21 Sept., Dorothy, widow of Michael Buckham, cartwright, Satley, aged 92.

26 Sept., John Patterson, woodman, Ebchester, aged 73.

29 Sept., Mary, widow of Edward Gibson, farmer, Benfieldside, aged 69.

6 Oct., Hannah, wife of William Johnson Clements, tailor, Swins Cottage, Shotley Bridge, aged 38.

7 Oct., Joseph Hall, mason, Kyo, aged 83.

18 Oct., Mary, widow of John Stephenson, Castleside, aged 59.

21 Oct., Thomas Ritchie, paper-maker, Sod Pine, Benfieldside, aged 54.

26 Oct., George Renoldson, Wheatley's Houses, aged 85.

6 Nov., William Herdman, farmer, Hagg House, Medomsley, aged 50.

12 Nov., Isaac Gibson, leadminer, Tate's House, Lanchester, aged 71.

14 Nov., William Wear, paper-maker, Shotley Bridge, aged 68.

23 Nov., Edward Herron, mason, West Butsfield, aged 71.

27 Nov., Thomas Elliott, farmer, Dean Howl, aged 80.

11 Dec., Isabella, wife of Joseph Whitfield, tailor, Blackhill, aged 60.

21 Dec., John Pitt, tile-maker, Red House, Holmside, aged 63.

22 Dec., Nicholas Byerley, farmer, Newbiggin, aged 63.

30 Dec., Andrew Knox, schoolmaster, Hexham, aged 48.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Correspondents favouring us with their communications, are requested to give the number of the query to which reference is made.

16. Derwent Cote Forge.—We should like some account of this place, so frequently mentioned in the registers.

17. China Hall.—Where is this, and why was it so called?

18. Eliza.—Why was this place so called?

19. The Maddisons of Hole House.—Some account of this family would interest our readers.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

6. John Morton Davison.—This gentleman was the owner of the Beamish Hall Estate. He was an agent named John Smith, who resided at Beamish Lodge.—J. H. B., Durham.

11. Lang Shield.—A murder was committed at this place, commonly called Lamb Shield, in the parish of Muggleswick, on Sunday, 4th May, 1843. The sufferer, William Lawson, was a man of some property, and a lessee of the Dean and Chapter. He was brutally slain by his own brother, Thomas Lawson, at the place, and he at Edmondbyers, the culprit made the following statement:—"I live at Cosies House, in the township of Muggleswick. I am a farmer, and keep about four score sheep and lambs. I am the brother of William Lawson, the person that is dead. I went up to his house, on Sunday morning, between 6 and 7 o'clock. I had some talk with him in the house. He said he was going on the fell after he had milked. He drove the kine into the cow-byre, and began telling me about a letter he had got, and asks me to read it. It was an attorney's letter, about some money I owe to Harry Ritson; he told me it was as He is it. I wanted some money of Willy—some my mother had left me—and he he owed me for some sheep that were sold of his and mine together; I asked him fifty the money, or to go and speak to Peaster Ritson to give me time to pay what I owed him. He refused to do so. This vexed me, and, as he was beginning to milk, I took him by the neck, and we had a struggle. He struck at me with his stool, and I struck him on the head, thigh. It did not hurt me, but it roused me, and we went down together. There was a stone behind the byre-door, and I took up it with the head three or four times, and thought I had done so much for him, and he nothing for me—that he was what made me take hold of him. That's the truth, or as near it as I can recollect. I did not we fell we were face to face, and me upon the top of him. When I went out of the byre he got up, and leaned over a stick between the stalks behind the door. I then went to the house, fetched my sheep, and fell in with Tommy Anderson and a man looking for a galloway—I think Joseph was the man. I thought he would not be so bad, so I did not tell anybody. My children were in the house, and I went afterwards, but he was not there. I saw Thomas Ritson on the Willy Bainbridge. I have never told anybody before now. Things brewing in such a bad state, and doing nothing for me, made me take hold of him. Our bad thing begot another. After he kicked me, I got worse, and that made me do it. I would have helped him into the house when my passion cooled, but I had not power to assist him. I never told my wife; I only told her we had some words. When I say 'things,' I meant stock was so bad, and he would not give me anything. I have a family of two children, and five altogether of family, and my brother had no family; and being distressed for money, he made me apply to him." John Bainbridge, a farmer, found the unfortunate man on the Monday morning, on the fell, near to the slate quarry, resting upon his hands and knees, and when returning to the place with Cuthbert Walley, he had moved about six yards from the place. He never recovered his senses or spoke, but died on the 10th. Lawson was tried at the Durham Midsummer Assizes, found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to transportation for life.—T. W.N., Blackhill.

14. Hare Law.—This place will deal with the name of this place. It is best known by the name of Lawsons. The Lawsons lived at the place for about two and a half miles north west of Wasker-ley Cross, and became quite distinct from the rest. The present tenant on this farm is the third generation of Lawsons. The William Lawson, who died at Hexham on May 9th, 1843, was until that time farming the above farm, and having never been married, had a housekeeper named Eliz. Patterson, belonging to Rookhope. On May 8th, the day before his death, he went out, and, leaving William Lawson the sole occupant of the farm, he proceeded to the house of William Lawson, was then residing at Cotehouse, about three quarters of a mile from Lamb Shield. On Sunday morning, May 7th, 1843, my father was out amongst the sheep on the moor, and he, about 10 o'clock, met some men, and then heard nothing more, but saw some one pass between the house and the byre. He did not take any further notice, as William Lawson was in the habit of shouting to him in any sheep that had strayed away belonging to my father. On the Sunday night, William Bainbridge, of Lamb Oak, and Thomas Ritson, of Calf Close, went to spend the night at the house of William, and had been frequently done in those days. On entering the house, they found that it deserted, the kettle on the bar, and no fire. It appeared from the circumstances which they usually milked into were standing empty. They went to the house of Thomas Lawson, to enquire if he knew anything of his brother William, who said that he had been out on the fell among the sheep. On Monday morning, May 8th, John Bainbridge went again to Lamb Shield, to see if William Lawson had returned home, and found the three horses turned red yards from the house still alive, but uncomfortable, as having lain out all night, and there was about twenty seven hours without a jacket on. John Bainbridge now went to Stobhey Bridge for a policeman, and returned with Mr. Gascoigne, at Edmondbyres, was taken into custody on suspicion. The prisoner was then and questioned Thomas Lawson, and that individual said that he had been at Wakefield Shrovetide, and had to make enquiries about his brother; and the morning before was seen to have prepared himself his clothes and boots, and they were quite dry, and on Tuesday morning he had a sudden bleed. At the trial at Durham, one of Thomas's some gave evidence that he had been at Stobhey Bridge Hall, his father say that if they killed William, he would pay for it. He was afterwards hanged at Wakefield.

15. The Isle of Man.—Mr. John T. Potts is the tenant of a large drapery establishment, built by Mr Wm. Charlton, on what was formerly known as the Isle of Man, at the top of the West Stanley Front Street. Some small red tiled cottages used to stand on the site.—J. H. B., Durham.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. C., Stanley.—Edward Birch was killed in the shaft of West Shield Row Colliery, on the 7th May, 1844.

W. P., Consett.—Peter Medlet died on the 20th June, 1844.

W., Annfield Plain.—Dr. Hunter's death took place on the 9th of August, 1844.

Jane Snow, Kip Hill.—18th March, 1873. Chief Engineer Hedley died on Sunday, the 1st February, 1872. We cannot answer the other query, as we are unable to find out anything.

Isaac Lee, Tanfield.—The accident took place at Andrew's House Pit, on January 19th, 1867. He fell and the cage fell on top of him.

Matthew Chripter, Stanley.—12th July, 1858. He was blowing down the barrel of the gun at the time of the accident.

John Atkinson, Consett.—9th August, 1871. He was accidentally inhaling carbonic acid gas which entered the boiler by the sludge valve.

Mrs. Bishop, Tanfield.—21st March, 1867. He was crushed to death by a piece of roller plate.

S., Tow Law.—He hung himself in the Black Prince Colliery, Tow Law, on 21st July, 1871.

T., Burnopfield.—Dr. Watson died on the 4th of March, 1893.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The above Company have just issued their forty-fourth annual report, for the year ended December 31st, 1896. It is one of the strongest and most prosperous Industrial companies in existence, and has published to the world a complete statement of its financial position. The investments include Consols, Government securities, British stock, gas and water shares, mortgages on freeholds, and ground rents, and the total amounts to the Chester-le-Street, Stanley, and Tow Law District. The security offered is one of an unimpeachable character, and the whole of the paid up capital could, if required, be called up promptly realised. Such a record, as that disclosed by the Prudential Assurance Company is one that must inevitably secure a strong and increasing hold upon the confidence of the public. The local superintendent, Mr. Bell, has been working untiringly in the interests of the Company, and, under his energetic supervision, the business done locally has materially increased. Last year at Consett there were 2,000 new Ordinary Branch, for ten deaths, sums amounting to £854 7s. 6d. Industrial Branch, there 462 deaths, a total of £3,237 7s. 6d was paid. This year the total number of deaths was 2,000 instead of 472, and the total number of claims amounted to £4,174 5s. 6d, and there was a loss of £1 per week, and £84 2s 5d paid weekly. We are glad to be able to state that Mr Donnison has informed us that he is very well satisfied with him—if the attendant circumstances were considered he would have done well, and that there was sent down from London. Such a report as this one was sent down who did not feel creditable, not alone to the Company, but to all concerned. Superintendent Bell and agents must have laboured long and late to promote the advancement of the Company, which is now second to none in the world. Assets to the amount of nearly twenty millions sterling are now easily acquired, nor is such a colossal undertaking as the Prudential Assurance Company easily managed. We tender our hearty congratulations to Mr Donnison for the splendid tact and keen business capacity displayed in the Consett Superintendation, and can heartily commend the Company to the residents of North-West Durham.

GREENCROFT.

Ploughing Day at Low Woodside.—Mr Thomas Atkinson Fife, of Greencroft Hall, 200 acres Farm, belonging to the family of the late Mr. Thomas Atkinson, Gainscarves Hall, and is coming to the Low Woodside Farm, owned by Mr E. W. E. Halleny, of Little Greencroft, and occupied by Mr Thomas Ayre (Mr W. Thompson, of Consett) expiring at Lady Day, 1897, and being dissolved, the business done locally has materially increased. Last year at Greencroft there were 1,000 new Ordinary Branch, for ten deaths, sums amounting to £854 7s. 6d. Industrial Branch, there 462 deaths, a total of £3,237 7s. 6d was paid. This year the total number of deaths was 2,000 instead of 472, and the total number of claims amounted to £4,174 5s. 6d, and there was a loss of £1 per week, and £84 2s 5d paid weekly. We are glad to be able to state that Mr Donnison has informed us that he is very well satisfied with him—if the attendant circumstances were considered he would have done well, and that there was sent down from London. Such a report as this one was sent down who did not feel creditable, not alone to the Company, but to all concerned. Superintendent Bell and agents must have laboured long and late to promote the advancement of the Company, which is now second to none in the world. Assets to the amount of nearly twenty millions sterling are now easily acquired, nor is such a colossal undertaking as the Prudential Assurance Company easily managed. We tender our hearty congratulations to Mr Donnison for the splendid tact and keen business capacity displayed in the Greencroft Superintendation, and can heartily commend the Company to the residents of North-West Durham.

BURNOPFIELD.

Naturalists' Field Club.—The tenth annual excursion of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club, was held in the Temperance Hall, on Saturday night. An interesting report of the work of the Club is evinced by the members, who turned up in strong force. The Club has been making considerable property in the shape of lantern and microscope slides, besides books and other valuable paraphernalia, and there are some time since to employ one of their members, Mr T. Shaw, to make a suitable cabinet. This cabinet was on view on Saturday night, and evoked many expressions of admiration. The Secretary, in the unavoidable indisposition of the President, it has been deemed advisable to appoint a new deputy president, and Mr Blyth Hurst, of Swalwell, was unanimously chosen to fill that position. Mr Joseph Ward, of Lamesley, were re-elected, and Mr Annandale, Lintz-ford, and Thomas Ritson, for the re-elected vice-presidents. The Secretary's report showed that the condition of the Club was satisfactory, considering the year. The substantial balance in hand, £79 8s 11d, will be devoted to the publication of another volume of papers. Five field meetings will be held during the summer as follows—May 8th, Edmond Dene; June 9th, Haggerston and Holy Island; July 10th, Blackgate and Hawock Museum; August 14th, Garesfield Woods; Sept. 11th, Tynemouth. Mr Jas. Johnson acted as chairman during the meeting, and several new members were elected.

ST. PATRICK'S.

CELEBRATION IN CONSETT.

SPEECH BY MR WILLIAM O'BRIEN.

The National Festival, held in Consett in honour of the Patron Saint of Ireland, which took place in the New Town Hall, on Monday evening last, was a great success. The programme was presented, a brilliant array of artistes having been secured, and the entertainment was given by the celebrated and ever-popular Durham quartette. The chair, in the absence of the presence of Mr William O'Brien, an Irish patriot, was ably filled by Mr. Gaughan, who so intimately and indissolubly associated with the history of Ireland. The hall was crowded, and the audience filled the large hall, green favours being very liberally distributed. Rev. Father Forsan, of Blackhill, presided, and was supported on the platform by the Revs. M. Hayes, Jarrow; J. Gallagher, Tanfield; J. O'Reilly, Lanchester; J. Kelly, Blackhill; and Messrs Dunne, J. Gallagher, Tanfield; T. Forsyth, and J. Kelly, Consett; E. Sloane, and H. Eccles, Blackhill; H. Gaughan, Jun., J. Fine, J. Fine, Jun., Gaughan, O'Hanlon, Wallsend; and D. O'Keefe, Newcastle. Amongst those in the hall were the hall, Mr and Mrs Ainsworth, Mr and Mrs H. Holliday, Mr and Mrs G. R. Sowler, Mr and Mrs Ellis, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Doherty, Mr and Mrs J. G. Ward, Mr and Mrs Ward, Mr and Mrs D. K. Parker, Dr. Bratton, Miss Calvert, Mr J. Routledge, Mr and Mrs Hocks, Mrs Daly, Mrs Dunne, Mr and Mrs Geddes, Mrs Geddes, Mrs Bell, Mr R. Watson, Mr and Mrs G. McCann, Miss Sloane, Mr and Mrs Ward, Mr and Mrs Lynch, Mr Lynch, many others.

The Chairman, who met with a hearty reception, said that he had no need to inform the audience that he was not the presiding officer, consisted of harmony, and as they would all be interested in the programme, he didn't would be very light, and it would not be necessary for him to do more than announce the fact that Mr O'Brien would be unable to be present (Applause).

The programme then opened with a quartette, rendered by Messrs Jackson, Macdonald, Duncan, and Sam Thompson, and the audience was in raptures. This was effectively rendered, the harmony being delightful. The quartette responded to an encore, and the light and shade were brought out in striking contrast. Mr Harry Compkins followed with "They" by comic song, which was particularly shine, and failed to win the encore which he so generously offered to Jamesons by Consett audiences. The Green Flag," by Mr Gaughan (Scotland), was well received, chords of the hearts of the audience, and aroused a loud and prolonged encore. The young Mr Gaughan, given by the Durham Quartette, was very effectively rendered, and was a fitting opening item. Concerning Mr W. F. M. Jackson, we had the pleasure of previously speaking in the highest terms of his performance. Jackson's "Oft in the stilly night" a single lot behind the Bridge, "Sweet Bridge." He (Mr Jackson) is quite unique, and is under perfect control. Mr. Moore's "Ballyhooley" was then contributed a humorous trio, entitled, "Ballyhooley." Mr Moore is a comedian of long the woes and worries of the rural domicile, and Mr. Moore's song was received with loud laughter, and won an enthusiastic encore, which he at once responded to by a equally amusing selection, detailing the "Death of poor Thomas." Again the vocal audience were convulsed with laughter, and hundreds of the audience responded with hearty and enthusiastic expressions of approval. The Durham Quartette sang a song favoured with "The Banks of Allan Water," and the people of Ireland." Mr Gaughan's rendering was the same remarkable for the high character of the Mr Gaughan's Music. Mac., whose efforts, as accompanist, were well nigh as the great success of the concert.

At an interval between the two parts of the programme,

Mr Fine moved the following resolution—"That we desire to express our unalated confidence in the Parliamentary leaders of Ireland, both in and out of Parliament, under the distinguished leadership of Mr John Dillon (applause)—and we pledge ourselves to support them in their patriotic efforts to obtain justice for the people of Ireland." (Applause). He was sure, he said, that the words of the resolution would be well received by the audience. He felt that if they considered the work that has been accomplished by the Irish Party—both in and out of Parliament—the resolution would be carried with great acclamation. (Applause). He was sure that the work of which was deserving of record in a man's life, it was that he had done his duty (hear, hear) not only to his people, but also to his country, his country and Creator. They were only a handful of men now, over the handful, some time ago they could boast of having eight and a hundred members, and they had been all removed, and were now engaged in farming, but the greatest part had emigrated, some to America, to distant lands to make a living away from their native land. He was sure he understood that they could not be locked upon as a small section of the world, for there was not a man in Ireland were only a small proportion of the race. They were all between them and Mr O'Brien, and he did not wish to detract from the great enjoyment and hearing him. He had great pleasure in proposing the resolution (Applause).

Mr John O'Connor then rose, and said that he had great pleasure in seconding the resolution, which had been so eloquently proposed by Mr Dunne, and which must be acceptable to every Irish man and woman in the audience. They were honoured that evening by the presence of a distinguished patriot, and a true friend, and member of Parliament, but done even more work than the Irish Party. They were so singularly honoured by his presence, as a direct representative of the Irish people, and as long as they lived in any part of the earth, they would attend their meetings to those who were fighting their battles. That was the reason why they were there, namely, to show their sympathy with those who were fighting the battles of Ireland in the ranks of the Irish party. He hoped that the time was not far off when those who did not belong the majority of the Irish party about their business. In conclusion, he said he was sorry to hear that disunion would—through the efforts of some of his colleagues—be entirely disappear, and that those present that nearly every one of the Irish people, and nations, as had been resented to by the disaffected section. (Applause).

Mr O'Brien, who was received with rounds of cheers, said that was the first time he had had the pleasure of addressing a Irish audience in them in Consett, and he was truly grateful to them all for the warm-hearted and enthusiastic welcome they had accorded, not alone to him, and through him to the Irish party, of which he was the humble representative. Judging by the reception they had given to the object that gathering, he thought that on the morrow they would tell the Irish people that there, as elsewhere, they were true to the loyal, unbiased, ing, and unlimited support of their fellow countrymen in Great Britain. The Irish people were National, nits first of all, last of all, and all the time. Gladstone and Parnell had fought and struggled against Irish landlordism. It had caused the Irish people to be more National, and more deep-rooted than any hatred of landlordism was the determination to deal with the Irish people, or any other people, means to make Ireland a nation, and give to the Irish people the right to govern themselves. There were some people who seemed to think that Home Rule could be killed with kindness, and that the Irish people would not be Irish people—who imagined that they could be weaned from the principles of Nationalism, and would go back to the days of the West Britishers, and would be loyal to the Queen and Union. Next to the truth of their religion, there was nothing more dear to the Irish people than their loyalty certain to survive their time, than that longing for an Irish Parliament. The Union had drained thirty generations of soldiers and martyrs. (Applause). It was so strong—even stronger—than ever it had been. Ireland was not what it used to go, but, as long as young men grew up in Ireland, there was a supply of material for the Irish party prepared to struggle, suffer, and, if need be, to die for Ireland (Applause). There had been working for Ireland did not claim the sympathy of the Nationalists. He did not desire to outlaw any body of Irishmen, who had been working in different methods—different means and ways—but what he did claim was that the Irish Party had been faithful to the cause of 1880, and which they had, in their humble way, pursued ever since, had already accomplished wonders for Ireland, and had contributed to the liberty of the Irish people. (Applause). He was earnestly and sincerely appeal to every Irish patriotic spirit to sink their own predilections and preferences, and give fair play to the Dillon and the Irish party—(applause)—upon those lines of unity and discipline, without which nothing could be accomplished. If ever he had pressed too passionate in contending for the discipline of the party, it must not be understood that it was through any desire to prefer any particular leader, but because all he had read or seen in his public life, in connection with Irish affairs, had taught him the necessity of respect to win battles in Ireland, and every sergeant and every private in the ranks knew that a great deal of freedom could be won by the Irish party, unless every man in the ranks was willing to act like a soldier, and unless every member of the constituency was prepared to render similar obedience to the leadership. Without that there was no difficulty about the leadership. Either the constituency had the right to take that position, but they had not. Ireland was now in the position of a disciplined army, and unless every man in the ranks was prepared to sacrifice his own personal feelings in order to supply that impetus in confronting their enemies, which discipline would supply, was supply. They had to submit themselves to certain restrictions, and to subordinate their own feelings in the face of their common enemy, and, speaking for the policy of amity and concession could accomplish. For the Irish people and that because some he had worked for Ireland, and had fought for that principle, he was sorry to say he was in the majority, and to the chosen leaders. As a representative of the Irish people, he had admiration for the three leaders—under whom he had the honour to serve—Mr Parnell, Mr McCarthy, and Mr Dillon—(applause)—but he was bound to thought that the man elected was the most incompetent, for he was not supported by the majority of the party, and of the country, and was not the man that he was prepared to bow to their decision. No leadership—how ever, it was—could, in the right, do more disastrous as no leadership at all. (Hear, hear). If the Irish people had the power of the world every true Irishman was longing and praying for—meaning—Home Rule, Ireland would not though he did not live in Cork or Tipperary, he was proud of the success of Irish freedom advance, no matter what the means, so long as it progressed. They knew that Ireland was not, and was united in itself, could meet with nothing but defeat. (Applause). Ireland was not, and that they knew no consideration of any sort or kind, could be given to Ireland, and never offered. They were agreed as to the sort of government they desired, and they had, in the words of Parnellite lines—an independent government. Ireland was not, and that day, the desire of Ireland for a government of her own was solemnly pledged to the British Home of Commons, and it was certain that it would not be so easily broken by a British Parliament—and a Tory one into the bargain. He had hoped that the day that they were divided, without knowing what it was about, and their opinions were not, as they were, whilst Irishmen were wrecking their own movement. (Hear, hear). If they were to do such things! Were they simply to throw up their hands and let the opportunity of their own trouble involved in putting down disturbance of the peace of Ireland—(applause). It ought to be their object to put down the horrible disturbance and to do all that lay in their power and on that both their and their country's sake, say that the most atrocious charges had been made against them. He had heard frequently charges which they had answered time after time, and Ireland was so loyally assured that nor dare to repeat them before an Irish audience. They had not made any bargain with their Irish natural enemies, and nothing but the determination of the Irish people, and their friends, men had helped them through. (Applause). Ireland or Irishmen, was the subject for them all. For himself—and he thought he could speak for the party—he would be prepared to go to any length to make Ireland a happy country, to bring back any old comrades under the old flag. (Applause). If this, to be published, they would have to adopt a policy of concession and conciliation. He himself had no warring for public life, and he was willing to take either the position of a leader, or was willing to accept the leadership of either Redmond or Healy, or any other man, whom the party and the country had chosen. Let them pray for God's sake, unite under some leadership, and give somebody fairplay, so that he could be of movement through. Let all personal reference and preferences be put aside. If Irish national feeling, and their differences would vanish like mists of Slieve Gallen before the warm sun of the dawning day. (Applause). The speaker then referred to the Irish Harring-ton's recent speech, and advocated a policy of making Ireland a nation, and giving Ireland amnesty, to all in the interest of Ireland, and to prevent future torture. They had always been willing to go more than half of the course to clear up any misunderstanding that had arisen. They were only making peace, and would say by every true-hearted Irishman,

"If you are to Ireland true,
Ireland will be loyal to you,
We're hands and hearts for you."

Referring to Mr Dillon's qualifications for the leadership, he said he was sorry that he had been the patience and good temper with which the Irish Party had shown to the other members of the party, could doubt the wisdom of the Irish Party. He was sorry that he had been always maintained an even temper, even in the face of the most provoking, and had never ever ready to defer to the wishes of his colleagues. Since the split of 1890, they had continually acted on the principle that the first object should be to bring all good Irishmen into the ranks, and to bring back those who had misunderstanding, and to strike for unity, no matter who was the leader. He was in the campaign. (Applause). It was in this spirit, that he had been prepared to support Mr Dillon, that he would not preside over a section, but would be prepared to follow Mr Dillon, and declared that if the whole of the Irish party prepared together, and without any other leader, he would be delighted to return to Ireland and serve in the ranks. (Applause). Such was the spirit in which he had been, and was at his back. (Applause). Their object, in giving the Irish people, was to show that they were not to gratify this man or that, but to help the Irish people for their rights. Let those who the men, who had gone before them, had offered up their lives in the battle field. (Loud applause).

Mr Kearney said, on behalf of the best thanks of the meeting be given to Mr O'Brien for his eloquent address. He was a Nationalist. It was, he said, an honour to have with them that evening, the man who was in the dock. (Applause). They would all feel satisfied now that the Parliamentary party was not so much for his country. There had been some time ago, when they had not, they would come to Consett, but he had done so, and proved himself to be a true friend. He had done great good work in the future to their country, he accomplished in the past. (Applause).

The Chairman, in a few closing remarked that he had had doubts as to whether Mr O'Brien would be able to be present, but he had come from West Durham. However, he had come, and they had seen and heard him. (Applause). He was sorry that he was not a working lad for the interests of his country. (Applause).

Mr O'Hanlan supported, and in a capital speech, he said he was proud to identify himself with the Irish National League, and to associate himself with their sympathy with the heroic efforts of the Irish party. (Applause).

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was unanimously carried, amidst great applause, and

Mr O'Brien briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said that personally it did not matter, he was a member of the party, and he fifteen man in the struggle. 'It was the duty of the Irish people to do, and it was the duty of which God had endowed him. (Applause). He was sorry that he had to do this return by the Chairman whom, he was sure, they all knew, and he was, he said, an impertinence in a stranger, who had only met the Chairman at time, to make any observations about Father Forsan, but he could look in his face to see that he was a true-hearted Irish priest, a genuine Irish priest, and a true friend of Ireland. (Loud applause).

The vote was seconded, and the vote was heartily accorded.

The Chairman then responded, and referred at some length to his experiences in Patagonia, and to the Irish people.

The gathering, which had been very enthusiastic throughout, broke up with the singing of the Irish National Anthem.

A SALVATION "COLONEL" ON MISSIONS.

Special services were held on Sunday last, in the New Town Hall, Consett, by the members of the Salvation Army. In the afternoon, a good number of people met to hear and meet the "Colonel" Wright, who is in charge of the Salvation Army in Wales. He was supported by the "Brigadier" "Staff Captain" Kendal and "Captain" Gascoigne presiding.

"Colonel" Wright, who was received with a loud "volley," in the course of an interview, said he was addressing the people, and he was an extraordinary character, and felt he was in a similar position to a man who had been in the Salvation Army for a long time, experience, did not know what to say, and felt that interesting country—Japan—was the most interesting country in the world. He was a beautiful country of Japan, and he was proud of the Japanese. He was a Christian, and he was a Christian in Japan, and he was proud of the Japanese. The other missionaries were, in Japan, not able to speak the native language, and had great difficulty in finding a place to live in. When they first arrived there, there were some fourteen of them all wanted to be the chief, and they had to be separated, as it had quite enough work to do. (Laughter). They had commenced their work, and had taught the Japanese, and sang them over and over again. The Salvation Army was in Japan, and it was now flourishing. Where would the Salvation Army be without the "War Cry?" Well, they had now a circulation in Japan, which was far in advance of many papers that had been established for years. There was the only Christian paper in that country which paid the cost of its production, the other had to be given away, and were subsidised by foreign money, but the "War Cry" was sold, and 15,000 thousand copies were sent to Japan each year. He had visited the Japanese, and had visited convents, and concluded an interesting address by stating that the Salvation Army had a great future before it in Japan.

The meeting was held in the evening, when "Colonel" Wright delivered another address.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday in last week, Mr W. Lowthian Green, J.P., in the chair, there were Messrs P. C. Fortin, T. J. Muse, T. Wilkinson, W. Grey, J. Hedley, J. Hilson, J. Hall, J. Greener, F. Kirkup, T. Lowdon, J. H. Morris, A. Ward, J. Ward, J. Ewing, J. Heyward, W. Cumming (Assistant Surveyor), and W. J. Hilson (Clerk).

SUPERANNUATION ACT.

The Chairman said he had called the members to the fact that there was now a Bill before Parliament for the Amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1896. Perhaps it would be well for them to take the matter of granting pensions to public servants. He became a member of the Board, and he had, he did, when he did it, and not holding out as an inducement to him that he would be kept by the Board for the remainder of his life, he thought, whether he had performed his work efficiently or not. He thought it was the duty of the members to obtain copies of the Act, and the Bill now before Parliament, and to be prepared to consider the advisability of opposing the latter.

Mr Hilson said that Mr Grey supported the motion.

Father Fortin said that the original Act was smuggled through the House.—The motion was unanimously adopted.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Father Fortin, speaking as a representative of the Lanchester and Burnhopes Joint Sewage Council and the Brandon and Byshottles Council, said that the Joint Sewage Council had decided that in view of the great increase of the population and sewage, the Lanchester District Council should be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for extending the Lanchester Sewage Outlets. The Surveyor estimated that the cost would be £330, two-thirds of which would have to be borne by the Lanchester District, and the other by the Brandon and Byshottles people. The Brandon Council had approved of the proposal of the Committee.—The report was adopted.

SANITARY INSTITUTE.

A circular was received from the Sanitary Institute, stating that, at the invitation of the Leeds City Council, the next Conference of the Institute would be held in Leeds in July next, and inviting the Council to send two delegates to the Conference.

The Chairman: I move that the Council do not send any delegates.

Mr Gray seconded, and the motion was carried.

TENDERS.

The tender of Mr Hodgson, Stockefield (£38 13s.) was accepted for the making of a sewer at Crossley Colliery, as also was that of Mr Champney, Consett, for the Cowgay Cottages.

BRIDGE FOR BROADWOOD.

The Council resolved to erect a bridge at Broad Wood, at a cost of £230.—Mr Taylor-Smith agreed to furnish £50 of the amount.

PLANS FOR APPROVAL.

The Council went into Committee to consider the plans submitted by the Surveyor of Inspector of Nuisances, Surveyor, &c., and arrived at the following resolutions:—That Mr Wilkinson, Assistant Surveyor be engaged at a salary of £150 a year; (2) that Mr Parker's services be retained at a salary of £100 per annum, and a fee of £20, together with a commission of four per cent on all engineering contracts; (3) that the Sub-Inspector of Nuisances receive three months notice to quit, and be informed that it is the understanding that his services be retained as long as he is in the employ of the Board.

Mr Parker expressed his willingness to accept the proposed terms.

CORNSAY COLLIERY ASHPITS.

Referring to a paragraph in the Inspector's report, Father Fortin said that the ashpits at Cornsay Colliery were the biggest nuisance in the district.

Father Fortin remarked that they were fortunate in having a Sub-Inspector who was able to communicate on the subject with the colliery owners.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

The caretaker of the Cronilwell Sewage Disposal Works, Lanchester, asked for an increase of salary. The Council decided to grant an increase of 5s per week.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Dr Wilson reported that 49 cases of infectious disease had occurred during the month.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.

The Surveyor submitted the estimate maintenance expenses for the ensuing year would be £850 for the Lanchester District, £270 for the Brandon and Cornsay Council, £70 for county bridges, which with the sum of £1,000 for new bridges, and £2215 for district roads. It was decided to make a rate of 8d in the pound for the ensuing half-year. This is an increase of 1d in the £ from the corresponding half-year rate.

BRIDGE AT WATERHOUSES STATION.

A letter was received from the N.E.R. authorities in the matter of the Bridge, which they proposed to widen the road at Waterhouses Station, a width of forty feet, and undertake its maintenance. It would be prepared to advance £300 towards the cost. The Surveyor was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of the bridge.

CEMENTING AT KNITSLEY.

A letter was read from the Knitsley Parish Council, asking the Council to lay cement footpaths at Knitsley, and also calling attention to a bad footpath leading to a farmer depositing manure on the roadside.

Mr Wilson: It is rather a strong order. We have men of weight on the Knitsley Council.

It was decided to write to the Knitsley Parish Council, and to inform them that the Council could not see their way to put cemented footpaths in any place in the Districts. The Inspector was instructed to enquire into the alleged nuisance through the deposit of manure on the roadside.

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Mr Parker reported that he attended the Corncy Parish Council meeting on the 3rd inst., and submitted plans of the proposed sewer for the Cottages. The Council unanimously approved of the scheme, and requested that it be proceeded with speedily. During the month, he had visited Cornsay Colliery, and had interviewed out to the colliery managers the various requirements of the Inspector. Cornsay Dr Pit had made a tour of inspection of the Cornsay Hill, and Low Westwood, Hanesterley, and Blackhall Mill, and generally speaking, matters were generally improved, though the scavenging of the private closets was not all that could be desired. A nuisance was caused at Hanesterley, owing to the habit of the people throwing ashes into the street for the fowls. The sewer at Burnhope had been put into quite good working order, and arrangements had been completed to keep the Lanchester clean. Considerable had been frequent from Cornsay owing to the nuisance caused by the large ashpits. During the seven months were made 38 villages. He submitted the estimate for the maintenance and improvements of the main and district roads for the ensuing twelve months, commencing on April 1st. They would observe that the estimate was less than last year, as it was necessary, in order to maintain the roads in good order, to lay down a greater quantity of metal should be procured, as many of them were worn out. The estimate also included the improvements required in connection with the Sewage Works, and the existing bridge near Maiden Law, and the construction of the footpaths, lamps, and the provision of kerbing, channelling, fencing, &c., in the district. He had also inspected the road which had become unsatisfactory to be connected with the ordinary traffic between Honey Hill and Waskerley,

LETTERS to the EDITOR.

As it is desired to make the *Consett Chronicle* a medium for intelligent discussion to its readers, Correspondence is invited, from all who have useful information to communicate. But contributors must distinctly understand that all communications sent in will be subject to the Editor's revision, and that all statements of a personal, offensive, or libelous character must be unhesitatingly expunged. Correspondents must always critisise the actions of those they complained of, and not the person whom they consider to be at fault. Communications must be working men on matters of public interest are the pages and addresses of the writers, in evidence of this claus is especially invited. The Editor of most willingly gives space to any of those who favour him with their contributions.

The name and address of the writer must accompany all communications, but if desired will be given where the writer does not wish his identity to be known; nor will the Editor, at any time, or under any circumstances whatever, be given to inquiries. Correspondence, or any part thereof, which have appeared in the *Chronicle*, bearing the name and addresses of the writers, will be expected to do so over their own *bona fide* names.

Letters ought to be forwarded to the Office by the week as possible. Communications of this description will be received up to Tuesday night, and on Wednesday morning, but on no account can they be inserted if sent after this hour.

DANCING AT METHODIST SOCIALS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—I read your comments a few weeks ago on the above subject, and heartily agreed therewith, and I have read the interesting correspondence which has since appeared, and I trust that you and several of the writers have taken such a keen interest in the *Chronicle*, and by its fair and intelligent criticism of local events, keeps public opinion, and our Methodists are beginning to own that enjoyment is not incompatible with religion. Mr. Dixon, correspondents, Mr Dixon, of Tow Law, submits a quotation from Christian ethics, showing that dancing is a recreation when moderately indulged in, and a dissipation when not kept within proper limits. Just so, and it might be said of other things. Wine is good for the stomach, and its moderate use is beneficial, but it only becomes so when the use of it is carried to excess. I fear, Sir, that there is a number of great and hypocrisy about the objections that are raised against the dancing of our young Methodists who, while they would not like to be seen going to Consett Theatre, yet do not hesitate to visit the Pantomimes in Newcastle! Is it the dancing that attracts them? Dancing is admittedly a graceful pastime, and if the great body of Methodists were canvassed, I firmly believe that the majority would be found in favour it. Recently attended a Methodist social, where the most Methodist games were indulged in. The promoters were of the goody-goody type, with faces as long as fiddles, and whose eyes seemed to have turned heavenward on the slightest indication of merriment. I am, Yours truly,

NATIONAL ENJOYMENT.

18th March, 1897.

EXCURSIONS FOR THE DISTRICT.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

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GEORGE COOKE.

St. Ives' Road, Leadgate, March 16, 1897.

CHURCH HISTORY.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—The Rev Mr Waddy has introduced a Church history at Leadgate. He may be, as you say, "an expert and enthusiastic historian," but I by leave to say that he is not, in my opinion, an authority on the subject of Church history. He places his views very nicely before an audience, and no doubt proves the continuity of the Church from St Peter down to Pius IX. Surely there are many people like myself who doubt both his facts and conclusions. To facts with, he does not evince a very tolerant spirit in referring to what he calls the Church of Rome. It is all very well for him to prate about, and assert, indulgences, infallibility, and other articles of the Roman faith; but he must know very well that these articles of faith are followed by his own beloved Church hundreds of years before the Reformation. Therefore, to say that the early fathers of the Church knew nothing about indulgences and the like is an attempt to mislead your readers, and is a perversion of truth. Why, Sir, Dibham Cathedral itself owes its origin to the pennies which he declaims against. Indulgences were granted to those who assisted in its foundation and erection, and most, if not all, of our old churches owe their origin and wealth to those who belonged to the despised Roman Church. The continuity of the Church of Christ indeed! Yes, the Church of Christ has robbed the Romish Church of her possessions, and in many instances the poor have been robbed of their rights by the clergy of the so-called Established Church. I make bold to say that there is scarcely an old Church in England that has not had some of its charities and endowments filched from it or squandered. In this is a terrible indictment, but it is perfectly true. The only exception I know of is what Mr Vattis calls the Romish Church, so that it possesses the only true Apostolic succession. The Church in England only came into existence at the time of the Reformation, and it was then, for the first time, lished, and "took over" the property which had been held by the Catholic Church, its only rightful possessor.

A CATHOLIC.

March 15, 1897.

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Sir,—I gather from your report of the recent lecture on Church History, delivered at last Leadgate, that the contention of the Lecturer (the Rev Mr Waddy) is that the Reformation was a general rejection of the dogmas and the speculation of the preceding ten centuries, and a simple reversion to the tenets of primitive Christianity. Admitting that it was so, then all I can say is that the Reformation was a bad thing for Christianity. History shows that the Church was steeped in vice for more than 900 years after it threw off allegiance to the Pope of Rome. If the people were in mental bondage before the Reformation, they have been priteously made worse, especially in rural districts sparsely populated. In larger centres, the parson feels his level long ago, but there are places where he still attempts to rule mankind over the people. I have heard of one priggish upstart who actually had the impudence to rebuke the school children, if they do not curtsey to him! Here we have the Apostolic succession with its vicious venomous Suchinen ought to be swept out of the Church. "Adam was a good, conscientious clergyman. Those who have such a man in their parish might be honour him. But if Mr Watts wishes us to believe that the clergy of the present day represent the early Apostolic Church, then I emphatically deny it. In conclusion, I most fervently hope that we shall have another Reformation soon, with a new religion based on a record with the needs and requirements of the times.—Yrs. &c., SECULARIST.

13th March, 1897.

INFIDEL LECTURES AT STANLEY.

To the Editor of the "Consett Chronicle."

Sir,—I have read most of the correspondence bearing on this subject, and have also attended most of the lectures in the Albert Hall. The arguments on the whole, to a person of no particular creed or religion, would be slow to convince anyone in the negative belief owing to the unreasonable and extreme methods referred concerning things with which the most people are conversant. Falsification is not a power to make converts; on the contrary, it will drive man nearer to the cause opposed. Again, the tactics of this party are detrimental to their success, inasmuch as they put out large posters with deliberate lies printed on them. For instance, "Christ is proved to be a liar, and consequently invited, and this most certainly implies that any person wishing to exchange replies, and contrary opinions, will be at liberty to do so. But it is a sorry position for the person who attempts to carry the advertisement into actual effect, for, if unprotected by the audience, he can on no account get fair play. Your report of the last week and meetings will explain this, as it occurred on Sunday evening. I am not here to deal with details, but the public have eyes and ears, and can judge for themselves of facts, every hand are genuine evidences of my statement. How soon they demand an apology for anything not related to their purpose. I, some time ago, now stow they are to grant an apology to those who are subjected to their invitation, and insult. For instance, at one of their recent lectures, a gentleman, who opposed them, and who was behind as something the lecturer said, and the lecturer invited men him and said, "Do as I do, shaking your head, for there's nothing in it." Now, to put out of this mud and mire, he said he did not mean the head had nothing in it, but the shake. I attended a debate, at Stanley Hall, and many will remember it, between Mr Hunt, Secularist, and Mr Bradlaugh, Christian, held at Catchgate Schoolroom. Mr Bradlaugh was sitting on the rolley, which was used for a platform, and opposite his head, and some about boys, when Mr Hunt turned round and said he was not aware they had a monkey on the stage. I never could forget this violent and dirty insult. Mr Cohen dealt largely in his printed and insolent epithets regarding ministers and their servants; notwithstanding, he was a gentleman. So long as they continue to hirl sarcastic epithets, instead of using able statements, their cause cannot prosper. Sir, do they expect Christians to abstain from obeying the commandment, because some of them are said to be measured to you again." There is no doubt these unofficial epithets are the cause of most intelligent persons refraining from contributing opinions with them. Some think it is that if they are so desirous to have persons to contract opinions, they ought to pay for them. Why not give an extension of time, say 20 minutes, instead of 10? I may mention that if this were done, many would avail themselves of the opportunity to deal with their subjects. But under the present system, it is useless to enter the arena. The question was wisely asked by a man, who was a Secularist, demanding a representative of religious sections to meet them in debate. It is no use, Sir, to be a Christian, does it make to them whether a debater is put forth by a religious section or a working men, have power to bestow.—Yours respectfully,

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DISGUSTED.

DR. WILDS DEPARTURE FROM TOW LAW.

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The Chairman: In a new authority, we are expected to do a great deal of work, but it is no use attempting what is utterly impossible. Then, we must not forget that the Lunchester Council have not yet been in existence about a year.

Mr Young: We should have a Local Government enquiry—very bit.

Mr Young: I am in order in moving that we get the steam roller at once?

The Chairman: It is rather a singular proceeding for a member of a Committee to move an amendment to its own recommendations.

Mr Young: I think that it will be allowed to drop through.

The Chairman: There is a possibility of doing a big thing cheaply.—The matter then dropped.

PLAN AND SECTIONS.

The above Committee recommended that the plans submitted be dealt with as follows:—Plans approved of Messrs Thompson and Dixon, be adjourned, so as to obtain legal opinion on the question of sewers; Messrs Mason and Bowes, adjourned, pending the passing of the estate by the Blackhouse Co., of house in Office Terrace, and the Kyo School Board's, for new school, be approved; Mr Ettringham, be informed that, with reference to his plan, the Committee cannot see any material change had been made.

Mr Swalwell said that he had not been fairly treated. A plan, similar to his own, had been passed by the Committee.

The Chairman replied that he was sure they would do all they could, but they wished to do justice if they could help it.—The report was then adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that application had been made by Mr J. Whitney to be registered as a keeper of a common lodging house at Dipton, and he had consulted the Medical Officer, he had made an inspection of the premises. The premises were defective, the ventilation of some of the houses imperfect, and the privy accommodation insufficient. The premises generally were in a filthy condition. Recommended that Mr Thompson, and Kyo were in a defective and dangerous condition, and recommended that the Surveyor be requested to make the necessary repairs.—The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Trowsdale) reported that the sewer between Dipton and Annfield Plain and footpaths in the district had made considerable progress. On March 6th, an accident occurred in the Kyo Road, near the crossing of the Burn, the premises occupied by Mr Ord, and fortunately without serious consequences. It was probably caused by a difference of an old culvert, and the matter had been attended to. The parapet of the bridge over the Kyo Burn was dilapidated, and dangerous to passers-by, at the corner of the entrance to South Tanfield Colliery Cottages, and footpath. The state of the road leading to the aforementioned houses had not been attended to, and was a great nuisance to the inhabitants. He would suggest that the Surveyor be requested to make good the parapet. The surface drainage at the side of Carry's Cottages, Stanley, was completely choked, and was a serious nuisance to the houses and the street, and the square. The owners proposed to provide surface drainage, and recommended could be made to divert the other portion. With reference to the sewer, the Surveyor had suggested that the Highways' Committee visit the sewer, and report to the Council. On his report, together with the suggestions, was adopted.

MEDICAL REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Mr Benson) reported that the cases of notifiable diseases reported to him during the past month were, three of erysipelas, and three cases of scarlet fever, which was located either in, or near, Dipton. There was nothing to be said respecting the latter cases. Twelve cases of whooping cough and six of diphtheria had been reported, and he was still being a continuation of the outbreak prevailing when he last reported. For the week ending of February was above, and the death rate below, the usual average. The number of the registered was 21, and the deaths 14, being at the infectious diseases were two, one being for whooping cough.—The report was adopted.

SANITARY CONGRESS.

It was unanimously decided to take no action in the matter of sending a delegate from the Sanitary Congress, requesting the Council to send delegates.

FREE PARCELS DELIVERY.

A reply was received from the N.E.R. Company, stating that they had not the power, with reference to the above, would receive attention.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S SALARY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the salary of the M.O. of £55 was not sufficient for the Medical Officer of Health, and, in reply, the Chairman, Mr J. W. Storey, seconded by Mr Walles, that a reply be sent, stating that the Council, and the Medical Officer, who were residing in the place, the salary was quite sufficient.

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS.

Messrs J. G. Taylor, W. Young, and T. Clark were appointed overseers for the Annfield Plain ward, for Greenforth within, Messrs G. Milburn, Stanley, and J. Ord, Tanfield, and Mr J. Ord, Messrs J. F. Smith, E. Robson, and J. Hainbridge, were chosen.—This concluded the business.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held at Tanfield Lea, on Tuesday evening, Mr J. Robinson, in the chair. There were also present Messrs Thompson, T. H. Ord, Armstrong, W. Bulmer, and Mr Jackson (Clerk).

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr J. Anderson (East Stanley Mixed) suggested that the attendance was very satisfactory during the spring. The attendance continued very satisfactory, though in the case of Annfield Plain and Mica Burnip (East Stanley Infants) reported that the attendance was not satisfactory, and the work had gone on in a satisfactory manner. Mr J. Ord said that Mr Bulmer had reported that the reservoir in the boys' and girls' offices was choked up. Mr Bulmer had visited the school twice in the month, and had entered in the log book that the registers were correct. Mr Bulmer (East Stanley Infants) reported that partly owing to illness, and partly to the inclement weather, the attendance had suffered materially.—Mr Dawson (Tanfield Lea) said the attendance was considered to be very poor. He had heard of a case of scarlet fever. Mr Bulmer (East Stanley Infants) reported that the attendance was very satisfactory, and the work was good, and the attendment weather being the chief excuse.

Mr Mitchell (Pickering Nook Mixed) reported that owing to sickness the attendance was very low. Nine children never made a single attendance, and another nine had made a single absent through fever.—Mr R. Abbott (Lesses Infants) reported that the attendance was satisfactory manner. The average for the school year was 200, and there had been only one

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THE CLERKSHIP.

Mr Lazenby said that he did not take office until April 1st, but as he was on the premises, he desired to take the opportunity of thanking the Council for their kindness in asking him to fulfil the position vacant, owing to the retirement of Mr Booth. The latter gentleman was one of the highest authorities on Public Health Act in either of the two counties. He, however, would do his utmost, for the honour of the members, to discharge the duties, to the best of his ability. (Hear, hear.)

THE SURVEYOR'S ILLNESS.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter from the Surveyor, thanking the Council for the kindness they had given him, and stating that his health was improving, and he hoped soon to be able to resume duties. This, the Chairman said, was very satisfactory.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter from the Sanitary Institute, asking the Council if they desired to send representatives to the forthcoming congress at Leeds.

Mr SLOANE said that it was a question if they got an equivalent towards the expenditure involved.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that Mr Etringham had not had an opportunity of giving his report, or they might have discovered something that would have been of use to them.

Mr ETRINGHAM said that he had not yet got his expenses.

The CHAIRMAN: If I had not mentioned the matter, we probably should not have heard a thing more about it. (Laughter.)

Mr PARNAY said that he was only right that the expenses of their representatives should be paid by the Council.

Mr HEYMER thought that it was advantageous for a Council like theirs to be represented there.

Mr PARNAY concurred, and it was decided that a communication should be sent to the Institute, intimating that it was the intention of the Council to send representatives, who would be chosen at a future meeting.

THE ALLEGED INSANITARY PROPERTY.

Mr ETRINGHAM stated that the Sanitary Committee, together with the Medical Officer had inspected the property referred to by the latter gentleman in a previous report, as unfit for habitation. They had not had time to prepare a report, but he might say that they were of opinion that three of the houses in Silver Street, might be not dangerous. It was decided that the Clerk should be instructed to take proceedings for the closing of Nos 1, 2, and 4 Silver Street, on the ground that these houses were unfit for habitation.

A NUISANCE.

Some discussion took place, regarding an alleged nuisance in Flatchester Street, which ultimately on the proposition of Mr Jas. ANNANDALE, seconded by Mr Robinson, it was decided that "the question of the nuisance at Flatchester Street, and at the entrance to Shotley Bridge Road, be referred to the Sanitary Committee for inspection and report."

RAILWAY CONCESSIONS.

A reply was received from the North Eastern Railway Company, stating that the concessions were agreeable for the late train, which left Newcastle at 10-40 on Wednesday evening, to be continued through to Blackhill, but regretting that they could not see their way to include Shotley Bridge in the arrangement, owing to the late hour to which it would be necessary to detain the small staff.

Mr W. ANNANDALE: It is only the Blackhill people who are to be the chosen favourites.

Mr J. ETRINGHAM suggested that the late train was chiefly for the benefit of those who were attending special services at West Stanley.

A MEMBER: Or cricket! (Laughter).

Mr ETRINGHAM: Mr Annandale means the Stanley Theatre.

The CHAIRMAN: The letter says nothing about the request for a free delivery of parcels from Blackhill Station.

Mr J. ETRINGHAM said that there had been a report to the effect that the Railway Company were going to grant a free delivery, but he did not think that the Council had received any communication on the subject.

The Deputy-Clerk said that a letter had been received from the Railway Company, to the effect that the request for a free delivery of parcels would receive consideration.

Mr ETRINGHAM moved, and Mr SLOANE seconded, that the Company be again written to, and asked to grant the delivery at Blackhill.

Mr ROBINSON said that it was about time that Shotley Bridge had weekly parcels delivery like other pleasure resorts.

Mr SLOANE suggested that Blackhill should be included.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Railway Company, asking that a free delivery of parcels should be granted at Blackhill Station, and that Shotley should be included in the list of pleasure resorts, for which special week-end tickets are available.

BANKS.

Mr JAS. ANNANDALE proposed that a rate of 1s in the £ on houses, and 3d on land, should be made, the same to be paid over to the Council at an early meeting.

THE NEW CLERK.

Mr Lazenby here rose to leave the room, when Mr HEYMER expressed the pleasure that it afforded the members to see the new Clerk taking, what might be termed, a preliminary canter. The members were all pleased to welcome Mr Lazenby, and they expected from him efficiency as legal adviser and clerk.

Mr Lazenby thanked Mr Heymer for the kind words he had uttered. He hoped to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the Council.

RATEABLE VALUE.

On the proposition of Mr J. ETRINGHAM, seconded by Mr PARNAY, it was decided that the Finance Committee should be empowered to have the revision of the rateable value of the portion of two streets in Benfieldside (Consett and Benfieldside) running into the sewerage works, after the new valuations are completed.

FINANCE.

Cheques to the amount of £177 5s 5d were ordered to be issued in payment of accounts.

NEW ESTIMATE.

The Finance Committee reported that the Surveyor had submitted an estimate of expense for the coming half-year, amounting to £127 10s. He advised that a rate of 1s in the £ on houses and 3d on land, be issued.—The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S AND SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported 57 loads of slag had been put on the road to the Quarry during the month. During that time, he had inspected the district several times, and found the sanitary condition to be very satisfactory. The state of the ashpits was very fair. Four notices had been served during the month. He had collected £141 1s 11d for gas consumed, and had paid it to the Treasurer, along with £1 15s rent from the National Telephone Company.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The above Committee recommended that the plan of an intended house to be built in Cutlery Hall Road, for Mr John Thorpe, be not passed, as the bad ways and steps be taken up and down not be drained into the main sewer; that the plan of three houses, intended to be built in Thomas Street, Blackhill, for Mr Thomas Gallagher, be passed; that the plan of small addition to Thomas Street, Blackhill, be passed; that Mr J. A. Walton's plan was now in order, and be passed; that notices for the making of the back of St. Cuthbert's Terrace, and two end streets, be served. It was being reported the new buildings were being erected contrary to the Council's bye-laws, and steps be taken to put a stop to such proceedings.—The report was then adopted.

The meeting then terminated.

SECULARIST LECTURES AT STANLEY.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr Parris lectured before a small audience, on "Immortality." The lecture being given under the auspices of the Local Secularist Society. Mr Hall Wilkinson presided. The Lecturer stated that the realisation of the hopes of the democracy depended largely upon their knowledge of the laws governing of political movements. The real aim of politicians to-day was to get a majority, which would carry the public vote, heedless of whether it was for the benefit of the masses of the working men. There was only one way to obtain an increase of wages, and that was by organisation and federation. They should have all trades federated together, and then they would become masters of the situation. If the working-classes of the country were properly organised and educated, nothing in the world could stand against them. The people to-day had little to hope for from the aristocracy. Gladstone did not promise to give them much, and they only gave what they were forced to give. The Liberals were very liberal in promises, but in performances they were just about the same as the Conservatives. Home Rule and Church disestablishment were right in theory, and he believed in them, but they would not benefit the workers a little bit. Then there was the Labour Party, and anything which represented labour as against the aristocracy or the capitalists, ought to receive their support. He did not care whether it was the Independent Labour Party, the Social-Democratic, or what branch of the labour army it was, it was preferable to the upper classes. They were fools toward capitalists to represent them in Parliament; they should pick men from their own ranks. The Labour Party wanted Parliament to deal with bread and butter politics—not "grand imperial measures," but, with the exception of John Burns and a few mining members, none of the members of the House of Commons cared or knew anything of bread and butter politics. Mr Parris went on to denounce the present commercial system in strong terms. Questions were invited, but none were forthcoming.

LIVELY PROCEEDINGS.

On Sunday evening, the Hall was crowded to hear Mr Parris lecture on "being born again, and how they (fancy) he (Parris) was converted." At the lecture, the usual request was made for questions and answers, and this time it met with a plentiful response.

One Christian was asked Mr Parris if he had anything better to substitute for Christianity, and the Lecturer replied that if he had nothing better he would not substitute anything. He did not know what the questioner thought, but, in his opinion, Freethought was far more preferable than Christianity.

A GENTLEMAN from Sunderland, connected with the Anti-Infidel League, and another local gentleman, then ascended the platform, and debated with the lecturer.

He respectfully made remarks, and thanked them for their courtesy.

Mr R. H. BIRKETT, of Sunderland, then rose, and commenced his remarks by stating that he had listened during his time to a good many Freethought lectures, but for banality and rubbish, that delivered by Mr Parris "took the cake."

The CHAIRMAN (Mr Horatio Johnson, of Annfield Plain) rose to a point of order, and had refused to allow him to proceed, unless he withdrew the words. Considerable confusion arose, each party applauding their respective champions.

Mr BIRKETT, after some pressure, said that he would apologise to the Chairman, but that gentleman was not the only one entitled to remark, being that it was Mr Parris who had been insulted, and it was to him the apology should be given.

Mr BIRKETT insisted that he had not insulted anybody, and Mr Parris had no right whatever to insult him.

Mr BIRKETT replied that the lecturer had insulted his God, and his God had insulted him. He refused, therefore, to make the apology. The Chairman had decided to allow him to proceed, until he apologised to Mr Parris, but Mr Birkett obstinately refused to make any apology, if proceedings were taken up in minors.

Subsequently, Mr Birkett addressed a large gathering outside the Public Hall, the people singing "All hail the power of Jesus's name," during the proceedings. Considerable both Secularists and Anti-Infidels got rid of a large quantity of superfluous bile.

On Monday evening, the lectures were brought to a close, Mr Parris lecturing for his subject, "How to obtain knowledge."

Mr JOHN BECK presided, and in his opening remarks, expressed regret at the difficulty in occupying the chair at Mr Parris's lecture. In invited questions, he had hoped that those who put the questions would do so from a desire to obtain information, and not from a desire to oppose Mr Parris, the platform was open, and he had speaking would commence at nine. He wanted to impress upon their minds that whoever he was, he was a man like themselves, and must bear in mind that on no account would he allowed to indulge in personal ridicule. Immediately any gentleman commenced to resort to such tactics, he would be stopped, and would not be allowed to proceed until the ridiculous ridicule was not argument. He appealed for a fair hearing, and if they would act in that way, they could either accept or reject his teaching, as pleased.

Mr PARRIS, on rising, said that people who were wise, were always willing to receive information. If a man could do a thing well, he took a pleasure in it. What was the secret of success in every work was knowledge of the work. Their ancestors had tried to show the construction of a language, but it was a silly thing for their ancestors to learn a language by learning grammar first. Children learned their mother tongue, after language, if they learnt them by the grammar. All knowledge was acquired by the individual—things and facts—and under these two head—Ideas and Facts. Ideas were the ideas. Things were stationery, but facts were things. Ideas were the ideas, and facts were the accomplished, because facts. Theories were necessary to enable man to make the greatest use of their knowledge. The men who made the world were practical men, and did not believe in theories, were fools. That big word "Philosophy," literally meant love and wisdom, but today philosophy was used as a comprehensive term for classification of all things and facts within their knowledge. Philosophy was the best and most classification of all they knew, or could know. Philosophy was a comprehensive term, and was a method, and must test and prove the things which they had learnt. Philosophy Method contained induction and deduction, and was simply the fundamental reason of their progress. They must recognise these facts. 1. That their attainments, whatever they were, were limited and were prejudiced. Scientists, lawyers had their prejudices, and the man who had been all his life to practical work, had his best man. 2. The individual theories and the opinions of even the wisest men, are comparatively narrow. 3. That it was their duty to acquire knowledge, and that they had no right to plead excuse for being ignorant, when they could acquire knowledge. 4. And that they would like to impress upon them that they must have the liberty to think, to utter what they thought, and to tell it to the people whom they being blackguarded by anybody. It mattered not whether they had the right or wrong, it had to be heard. (Applause). The basis of all life was consciousness, and to be conscious was to think. Existence preceded consciousness, but could only be realised by consciousness. Consciousness of their own existence was the one thing of which they could be certain. They could never know the outward world so well, or so surely, as they knew their own existence. Self-consciousness was the product of the external and internal life, and from this intellectual life grew up in man. The brain was the instrument of all perception, and the next step was conception. Man was the product of his environment and surroundings, and without memory there was no mind. If they got a blow on the head, they would realise that, though he would not advise them to try the experiment. Man was the product of his surroundings, knowledge was not book learning, but was obtained from the senses. Knowledge was conception, they obtained comparison, and after that came judgment. Man was growing in the world was simply comparison and judgment. After that came classification. Everything they came in contact with was classified in a certain way, and must classify accordingly. With these were conceptions and perceptions, and there was nothing but in either appetite or passion; they were immortal, and they were passions, and they were immortal. People fancied that they had something in them that was free, that there was such a thing as the will, but its power was very limited. But, there was a power in certain powers in the individual will that the power which will to exercise. Actions of people might be placed under three heads, hereditary, instinctive, and determined. They might be placed under three heads, and there was a number of interesting biographical illustrations. Mr Parris concluded by saying that he was for free them, not for the purpose of pulling down, but to show them the way to the Secularist, to think for themselves, for the progress of the world depended on their thinking.—The meeting then terminated.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

DEATH OF MR JOHN ROSS.—We regret to have to announce the death of Mr John Ross, salt hawker, which event occurred on Thursday, at his residence, Annfield Plain, as the result of a fall from a cart, a few weeks ago, and has been attended by numerous physicians. He was about 60 years of age, and had lived at Annfield Plain for thirty years. He was highly respected in the neighbourhood, being numerous amongst friends attended the funeral at Hare Law Cemetery, on Saturday last.

PIE SUPPER.—The members of the Annfield Plain Public Football Club held a pie supper on Saturday evening last, in the room of Mr Aitchison's Railway Hotel. Over one hundred and fifty people sat down, amongst those being the Mickley players, who had encountered the Celts during the afternoon. A sumptuous repast was provided, and reflected great credit upon those who were entrusted with the arrangements. The tables, were presided over by Mrs Aitchison, Miss Aitchison, Mrs Bulmer, Mrs Harvey, and Mrs Gibson, and the chairs had been removed, Mr W. Taylor took the chair, and after the pie had disappeared, the health and prosperity of the Annfield Plain Public Club, A.F.C. was drunk, the club every success, and hoped that they would finish up their performance of last year by bringing the Cup to Annfield Plain, and the Shield to Plain (Applause). They had a splendid record, and as Mr Pedley had only lost two games in the League tournament, in conclusion, he again repeated the wish that the Annfield Plain people would see to it that nothing would be left undone to bring the Cup to Annfield Plain. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had received the toast.—"The Host and Hostess," "The Chairman," and "Vice-Chairman," concluded the toast list. Songs were sung by Messrs Coyle, Howe, and Simpson, whilst Mr J. Tindale presided at the piano. The gathering dispersed after the usual votes of thanks.

CONCERT AT STANLEY.

A grand children's concert was given in St. Joseph's School, on Wednesday, when the following programme was excellently rendered, before a crowded audience:—Opening, "Let music be the tea-table. Infants (girls); song, "Laying Down." Nellie McKie and J. Johnson; Scarf Drill, Infants (boys); song, "Dolly's gone to School any more," Sarah Hell; sketch—Fairy Dance, Infants (girls); song, "Infants, J. Wilson, L. Gibbons, A. Trotter, M. Kane, M. Gates, M. Gates, A. Rickle, M. McGuire, M. Coyle, M. Wood, M. Tully, L. Gibbons, M. Coyle, M. Gates; song, "Mr. Hooligham's Christmas Cake," Master L. McMahon; Pantomime, "Cinderella," Hannan Bar Bell Drill, Senior Girls; song, "Though the Days Are Gone," Infant Children; song, "The Old Irish Jig," Frank Coyle; Italian Cloth Drill, Senior Soprettes, "The White Garland," the parts being taken by Mrs Queen, Miss Jones, Trotter; Punctual Scholar, Miss Jane Wilson; Generous Scholar, Miss Frances Steves; Early Scholar, Master L. McMahon; Quarrelsome Scholar, Master J. Golightly; Selfish Scholar, Master Thomas Golightly; Dancing Dolls, Buckton; second Scholar, Miss M. Gates; Third Scholar, Miss Jane Wilson; Fourth Scholar, Miss M. Lennon; duet, "Pretty Polly Hopkins," Miss M. McGuire and Master Trotter; finale, "Good night, School Children! God save Ireland." Mr W. Rowell acted as pianist and Mr Chester Blackhall Mill, Mr J. Wilkins, as leader of the performance, the Rev. James Thompson, presided. It should be stated that the efforts of the children reflected great credit on their teachers, especially Mrs Yeates, Mrs McCosah, and Miss Gough. There effort reflected great credit upon the teachers, and congratulated the parents upon the neat appearance presented by the children, and hoped that the parents would take every opportunity of the appearance than before. He was glad that their children were in a good, sound, elementary education had been so successful. The education consisted of reading, writing, and the arithmetic, but the children were also taught to respect their parents and their God. It was not to say that their School was keeping abreast with the times, but it was the great duty of the School which they had to contend. They taught their children the art of reading, and also gave them a fair idea of music and singing. This encouraged a large number of non-Catholic parents to send their children to the School. As a matter of fact, he could tell them that almost one half of the children attending the School belonged to non-Catholic parents. The rev. gentleman then proceeded to distribute prizes to the children who had each made over 400 attendances during the year, and presented a number of books, illuminated certificates, and other article.

PROMENADE CONCERT.

Another grand promenade concert was brought to a successful issue on Wednesday evening, in the Drill Hall, Consett. The concert room was under the auspices of the Consett Park Cricket Club, and the success attained was due to the committee for the painstaking manner in which the arrangements for evening's enjoyment were perfected. This is the third concert of the kind given, and in view of this short standing the Consett Park A.F.C. has made a very excellent career, and, with a corresponding amount of success, it is quite certain to make a highly creditable show in the near future. The Drill Hall was in the fullest sense "true," but what club does the first year, we may reasonably inquire? Well, they made a good goals or not, we will leave as a contentious point, but they made a good show, as one in the large audience, which assembled in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening will tell you, namely, that they can score heavily at a concert. The programme was varied in character, choice in selections, and continuous in order. There was "both quantity and quality, ladies," as the Chairman remarked, but there was not a dull moment was spent from the beginning to the end. Popular and popular was the score of the concert programme was the inclusion of, and prominence given to, the Consett Band, and, as it has but only one "farriner," namely, Mr M. Porter, respected by the Consett Band, it is indispensable Consett Amateur Orchestra, of course, was there to contribute to the merry, semi-hour tune and time to the baton of Mr Jas. Williams. A polka march, by the band, opened the programme, giving a live-year-old to the tone of the concert from the inspiriting fashion in which it was played. The band played well, a waltz by the band—of course, not the audience, though it was one of them exhibited strong symptoms of nervous restlessness about the feet. Two songs by Mr Porter were rapturously encored, and well-merited encores were on both occasions responded to. The audience, however, there demonstrative and determined demands for a second encore, which on offer accompanies the conclusion of a humorous song, rendered "Sweet" and known humorous artistes. A violin solo, by Mr J. H. Swainston, "Bellisher" (Guyser) was most skilfully rendered, Mr Swainston being a thorough master of his instrument, and bringing out all its powers to the utmost. Mr Swainston was called upon to give an encore most brilliant, and, in fact the general style of play was such that it "Sunshine and rain," by Miss Williams, was listened to with enhanced interest and pleasure. A good report of her former appearances, however, is sufficient to indicate the perfection of more than normal standard, and the audience were therefore neither surprised nor disappointed. Her contribution was "Tra Non Nobis," as a descriptive song to a series of limelight views, illustrative of the same, was especially well received. "Ye Yarn" by Mr Symington was sung in a sweet tenor voice, resonant with music and possessing also material volume. The singer exhibited command over his voice and a good power of expression. A selection, "Bonleardin," by the Band, was of a diversion character, the effect of lime-light views, of variable subjects and descriptions, at times upon the screen provided for the purpose. Some of the views were instructive, while others were conspicuously ludicrous, and enjoyable. The "Death of Nelson," exceedingly in a series of coloured pictures, was faithfully portrayed, and the impressions, and, at the same time, solemn grandeur, was amplified with the effect of the music, which was the selection by Mr Joseph Siddell of that famous and popular song, "Tom Bowling." To descant upon the qualities of Mr Siddle as a tenor singer of the first water, "to the Consett audience, is needless, and, therefore, suffice it to say that the interpretation of the song and its subject was one of the most pleasing and popular numbers of a perfect tempest of applause. Some of the pictures were very amusing, as, for instance, "Ye Gay" finding its representation in a clay pipe, "Sweetness" being represented by a pair of whisker bottles, whilst "Out for the night" was represented by a candle with the "gay" finding its representation in a clay pipe, "Sweetness" being represented by a pair of whisker bottles, whilst "Out for the night" was represented by a candle with the "gay" extinguisher over the wick. Some good local views were included in the series, the Stanley little village of Blanchland, were depicted on the screen. Mr Joseph Siddell proved its popularity with Consett by a rendering of it in the form of applause. Royalty, too, were there, "more of a different character." Some of the subjects existing, judging from the loyal applause which greeted them, were popular with the Consett members of the Royal Hospital. On the conclusion of the Band, the Consett Band struck up the National Anthem, and several in the audience joined in the chorus with good effect. Following the lime-lights, came the cinematograph, which, it appeared, the greatest invention of the age, from Messrs Maxwell and Morgan. Although the invention has already been displayed, for four times, at the concert previously, the initial novelty seems not to have worn off, and it appeared to be delight to the audience manifesting itself in loud applause as each new picture of living and moving scenes with life-like precision and naturalness. During the interval, Mr Porter delighted the audience with some selections on the piano, not of a different character, but, however, in which one or two of them were taken up, and sung by the audience, the audience, proclaiming them to be decidedly of a more popular order, "Jerusalem," going with a swing. Then we had the "Tom Tee" polka, which, it was, to a running accompaniment of feet and hands, the audience joining in the chorus. Mr Porter "Nautical Fantasia," by the Band, descriptive of a sailing and collision at sea, which was, in a perfect tempest of applause. Some of the pictures were very amusing, as, for instance, "Ye Jay" finding its representation in a clay pipe, "Sweetness" being represented by a pair of whisker bottles, whilst "Out for the night" was represented by a candle with the "gay" extinguisher over the wick. Some good local views were included in the series, the Stanley little village of Blanchland, were depicted on the screen. 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