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Blackhill, 17th March, 1891. 243e

TO FARMERS, &c.

THE Consett Local Board invite TENDERS at a Price per Cart Load (single horse cart) for the SEWERAGE MANURE at the Settling Ponds.

Tenders, addressed to the Consett Local Board, will be received up till 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 1st April next.

By order of the Board,

253e THOMAS WM. WELFORD, Clerk.

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS are requested for the MASON; PLASTER, CEMENT, and SLATERS WORK, in the Erection of a Range of Stables, &c. at Leazes, near Burnopfield, for Mr. W. J. HANDCOCK.

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A form of tender will be supplied on application, and no tender will be considered unless it is sent in on the prescribed form.

Tenders marked "Team Work," and addressed to the Consett Local Board will be received up till 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 1st April.

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Lanchester, Durham, March 12th, 1891.

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

THE LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD AND THE TELEPHONE POLES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I beg to call the attention of the readers of the *Guardian* to certain remarks by one of the members of the above Board. The Board, by its own byelaws, is pledged to keep the streets free from all obstruction, in the interests of the public. Mr Robson and myself do not object to the telephone, but to the position of the poles. My letter to the Board was simply a complaint against those unsightly and dangerous obstructions, and did not in any way warrant the grossly insulting language of Mr Hudson. Personal attacks of this kind certainly lower the dignity of the Board. From the chairman downwards, only one member had the manliness to protest; neither has Mr Hudson withdrawn or apologised for the offensive remarks. If the Board could not entertain our request, they could have said so civilly. Thanking you for space—Yours truly,

C. WAUD.

Front Street.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In your report of last week's Local Board meeting the member from Stokerley advised the Board to take no notice of the letters from Mr Waud and myself, and all communications anent the telephone obstructions placed in Front Street as emanating from low people. Now, as I happen to be one of those so-called low people who has incurred the wrath and displeasure of this high-souled and sagacious member, I will briefly state the facts. I and another ratepayer wrote the Board, drawing their attention of the danger to the public in having those posts placed in the main street. Well, sir, only two days after this far-seeing individual vents his rage on us poor, low fellows, a serious accident occurs. A van and pair of horses dashed between one of the posts and a shop front amongst a number of children, and in its course damaged shop fronts, broke down the down-pipes, and, seriously injured two persons, and had it not been for the presence of mind displayed by a man—who was on the flags at the time—in pulling some children into the open doorway of a shop, in all probability some of the parents of those children would ere now have been mourning their loss. I cannot boast of a very retentive memory, but I have a faint recollection that when Mr Hudson aspired to a seat on this Board, he sought the suffrage of the Leadgate people, both by word and mouth, and printed circulars, and took a great deal of pains in impressing them that their interests were identical with his own, and that all matters affecting the interests of the ratepayers should have his careful consideration and support; but of course this was before he was a member of the Board, and now when we appeal to the Board to deal with what we consider a just grievance, he indignantly stamps us as low fellows.—Yours, &c.,

R. ROBSON.

"INCEDO'S" LAST WORDS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Thanking you very kindly for your indulgence in the past, will you please permit me the privilege of a closing remark or two in reference to the "last words of Incedo." I am genuinely sorry that he has lost his temper over the point at issue between us, because my object was simply and solely to enter a protest against the liquor traffic being deemed respectable, for that it is not. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be hewn down and cast into the fire." I had no hope whatever of convincing "Incedo," but in the interests of temperance and truth it was necessary for someone to speak out. By the way, does not he claim to be in favour of Temperance? Verily, his enthusiasm in the cause is most exhilarating. We have here the sorry spectacle of a capable man wielding the pen of a "ready writer," yet because he is opposed, gets angry and loses his head. Disdaining to reply (I am assuming he could do so) to his opponents' arguments he commences to throw "mud," which is not likely to convice "onlookers" that he is master of the situation. The temperance men and women who read your paper, and they are many, will not approve of the offensive attempt to parody my statement of our aims and claims. According to "Incedo" we regard "honest Innkeepers as unpardonable sinners, and our fellowmen as ungovernable asses, capable only of being controlled by muzzles." A better comparison would have been, that we regard the traffic, as a mad dog at large, whose tail we would like to cut off just behind his ears. Our aim is the complete extinction of the manufacture, importation, and sale of strong drink. This platform is too high for my friend, he thinks to cure the evil by cutting off a branch here and there of the deadly Upas tree, but the axe must be laid to the root of the tree for a radical cure. His reference to myself as being crack brained I take as a compliment, for what does history teach respecting the early stages of all great reforms? Simply this, that any innovation or departure from the ordinary, exposes men to the sneers of such critics as "Incedo." Thank Heaven that such like, "little dogs barking at the moon," still find that orb of light, continue shining brightly and clearly, undimmed and unconcerned. The truth remains. Again thanking you for your courtesy, I remain yours,

"SINCERITY."

CONCERT AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Saturday evening, the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, was crowded to excess on the occasion of the holding of a concert by the "Excelsior" Leek Club, Medomsley, who celebrate their annual exhibitions in the Temperance Hall. An excellent programme had been arranged by the committee, and although one or two who had promised to assist were unable to be present, a capital evening's entertainment was enjoyed. Mr John H. Morris, Medomsley, ably presided. Mr T. Clennell opened the programme by a selection on the Northumbrian pipes, which was capitally played. Mr Bates followed with the ever-welcome "Death of Nelson," doing full justice to this grand composition. "The Candyman," by Mr Turner, elicited roars of laughter, and was loudly *encored*. Mr Hall followed with a very good dance. "McMannus's Band" was another good comic song by Mr Turner, and was rendered in first-class style. Miss E. Dent sung "We'd better bide awee" very feelingly, and was much applauded. "I owe ten dollars to O'Grady" greatly pleased the audience, Mr Brough coming in for a large share of applause. Miss Turner sang the popular "Won't you buy my pretty flowers?" charmingly. Mr R. Maitland followed with "My mother-in-law." "The little hero" receieved full justice at the hands of Mr J. W. Mason; and Mr Brooks's song, "Monaghan's raffle," was very amusing. Mr Maitland concluded the first part of the programme with a song and dance. Mr T. Clennell inaugurated Part II. with another capital selection on the Northumbrian pipes. Miss Turner followed with "Riding on a load of hay," but the absence of any accompaniment caused the song to be less appreciated than it otherwise would have been. Mr Brough sang "When ages are gone by" splendidly, and the piece was much applauded. The next item on the programme, a duet by the Misses Dent, was one of the tit-bits of the evening, and was most charminuly rendered, the artistes being unanimously *encored*. A young exponent, Mr T. McKenna, although rather nervous rendered the now popular song, "I'll take you home again Kathleen," in capital style. Mr Maitland followed with a dance, after which Miss Dent sang "Absent friends" very sweetly. "She wore a wreath of roses" found an able exponent in the hands of Mr J. W. Mason, who was loudly applauded. Mr Turner obliged with another song, and a capital song and dance followed from Mr Maitland. The concluding item on the programme was a laughable sketch, "The wig-makers of Paris," by Brooks and Co. Mr T. Storey acted as accompanist.

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Football.

** Secretaries of football clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Wednesday* morning.

ASSOCIATION.

CONSETT SWIFTS V CONSETT SCRATCH.—Played at Consett, and ended in an easy victory for the former by 17 goals to nil.

BARCUS CLOSE JUNIORS V TANTOBIE ROYAL STARS.—Played at Barcus Close, and after a pleasant game the home team were victorious by four goals to three.

HOBSON ROVERS V BYER MOOR ROVERS.—Played at Byer Moor. The Hobson team played a hard game throughout, and were ultimately victorious by four goals to two.

MEDOMSLEY CHURCH CHOIR V. TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS.—Played at Medomsley. The Choir had the best of the game, winning by three goals (one disputed) to nil.

WATERHOUSES PARKWOOD JUNIORS V ESH CHURCH INSTITUTE.—Played on the Juniors' ground, in two thirties, and after a very hard and fast game resulted in a draw of three goals each. For the winners, R. McLain, R. White, and M. Burnham did good service. The home team were playing with three reserve men.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE V EBCHESTER SWIFTS RESERVE.—Played at Dipton in a blinding snowstorm, and on a bed of snow 18 inches deep. What was expected to be a close and exciting game turned out to be a real one-sided affair, the home team winning in the easiest manner possible by nine goals to nil. Knotts, the "little demon," played a splendid game throughout, scoring six goals out of the nine.

LEADGATE EXILES 3RD V QUEBEC ST. MICHAEL'S 2ND.—Played at Leadgate in several inches of snow. The teams were pretty evenly matched as regards play, but the home team proved to be the best shots at goal, putting on three goals in the first half and the same number in the second, thus winning a pleasant game by six goals to nil. The winners have some very promising players. The forwards play a pretty game, and the back division is very reliable. The following team represented the Exiles:—Goal, J. Dunn; backs, Welsh and W. Quinn; half-backs, J. Marten, W. McGuckin, and Hafferty; forwards, J. Haggan, Hill, McAloon, T. Monaghan, and P. Daly.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS V PELTON FELL HARRIERS.—The Rovers journeyed to Pelton Fell to play their return fixture, the game being played in two thirties. The home team kicked off against a slight breeze, and were soon at the Rovers' goal, but the ball was transferred to midfield, where play was very even for a time. Eventually, the Rovers, who showed superior passing throughout the game, broke away and drew first blood. The ball being again set in motion, both ends were visited, and a free kick for "hands" in favour of the Harriers enabled the latter to equalise. Soon after half-time arrived with the score standing as under—

Rovers ....One goal
Harriers ....One goal

After a short interval, the game was re-started, and the ball travelled rapidly from one end of the field to the other. Both sides experienced hard lines in not scoring, the ball just missing the posts on several occasions. Nothing further was added, the final score being—

Rovers ....One goal
Harriers ....One goal

MEDOMSLEY V WESTGATE ATHLETIC (NEWCASTLE).—Played at Medomsley. Both teams were weakly represented. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and hill, and Wm. Cant kicked off. The deep snow interfered with accurate play, but notwithstanding this some neat passing was displayed by both sets of forwards. Bramley in goal defended admirably, and should train into a first-class goalkeeper. Half-time arrived with the score standing—

Medomsley ....Nil
Westgate ....Nil

During the second half the home team made it hot for the visitors, and continually bombarded their opponents' goal, and had it not been for the grand defence the home team would have scored repeatedly. Moon drew first blood, and shortly afterwards Veitch made the score into two. From a free kick for a foul, the home team scored again, but the goal was disallowed. From the goal kick Medomsley again pressed, and one of the visitors' backs deliberately fisted out a sure goal, the game ending—

Medomsley ....Two goals
Westgate ....Nil

The following represented the home team:—Goal, T. Bramley; backs, M. Charlton (capt.) and Wm. Mansell; half-backs, R. Cant, W. Baron, and G. Moon; forwards, R. Campbell and J. E. Taylor, right wing; Wm. Cant, centre; R. Abbott and J. Veitch, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson. Referee, Mr G. E. Milburn.

TOW LAW V SHILDON TOWN.—These teams met at Tow Law, the proceeds of the gate being for the benefit of Sowerby, the Shildon full back. On this occasion Shildon were determined to wipe out their previous defeat, and with this intent journeyed to Tow Law with a very good team. The weather was most wretched, snow falling all the afternoon, and the field was covered with snow to the depth of 10 or 12 inches. Notwithstanding the unfavourable condition of the elements, a good number of persons turned out to witness the game. Shildon won the toss, and elected to play down the slope. Tow Law kicked off, and for some time the ball was kept in midfield. At last the home forwards settled down to work, and in a few minutes Graham scored from a pass by Coulson. Continuing, the ball was at once carried into the visitors' quarters, and Coulson again gained possession. He made a capital run up the field, and centred beautifully into goal. Watson received, and amid loud cheers headed the second point for the home lads. The remainder of the first half was more equal, the visitors playing strongly, but the defence was sound. When half-time arrived the score stood—

Tow Law ....Two goals
Shildon ....Nil

On resuming, Tow Law at once began to press. The forwards were playing a beautiful passing game, and the defence of the visitors was severely tested. At this period Conroy and Coulson distinguished themselves by several pretty combined runs. Several hot shots were sent in, but Strophair saved in wonderful style. At length Coulson, taking good aim, sent in a stinger just underneath the bar, and scored the third goal for the homesters. Still pressing, Conroy scored again, and Graham headed another through, but he was ruled off-side and the score disallowed. Keogan was the next to score, and Wilson, a few minutes later, put the globe through again, but the ball had been handled previously, and when the whistle blew the score stood—

Tow Law ....Five goals
Shildon ....Nil

Tow Law were represented by the following team:—Goal, J. H. Allison; backs, J. W. Temperley and R. Wilson; half-backs, J. Robson, F. Ward (capt.), and E. Beckwith; forwards, J. Coulson, T. Conroy, J. Keogan, F. Graham, and J. Watson.

RUGBY

DURHAM SECOND TEAMS COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

CONSETT 2ND V STOCKTON 2ND.—This match, which was to have taken place at Stockton, was cancelled, the County committee having prohibited Consett from competing, because their first team scratched to Houghton in the senior competition.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

FOOTBALLING IN THE SNOW.

Westgate Athletic, notwithstanding the very unpropitious state of the weather, pluckily travelled from Newcastle to Medomsley, on Saturday, to fulfil their fixture with the latter club. Considering the deep snow which covered the ground, a very interesting game ensued, the home team winning by two goals to nil. For Medomsley, Bramley kept goal admirably, but Mansell and Charlton were both "off colour." Of the halves, R. Cant was the pick, and played one of the best games he has ever done. He was not afraid to shoot for goal, and had hard lines several times, some of his shots grazing the cross-bar. Amongst the forwards, Campbell, Taylor, and Cant played well to each other, while Abbott and Veitch on the left wing were bad to stop. Abbott is a most useful player, doing equally well at full-back, half-back, or forward. The visitors played a very good and plucky game, but were overmatched by the home team.

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THE JUNIOR CUP.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the Clerk of the Weather will be kind enough to allow the fourth round of the above competition to be satisfactorily decided to-morrow. In any case, the grounds are sure to be pretty heavy, and will severely test the stamina of the teams. Never, I think, in its football history has this district shown up so conspicuously in a cup competition. To have three clubs left in the last eight is something to be proud of, and I sincerely hope that on Saturday night we shall have three clubs in the semi-finals. If the latter contingency should fortunately occur, we shall surely be able to land the cup outright.

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Coming to to-morrow's games, I will deal first with the Wanderers. In New Herrington they are opposed by a club which is practically an unknown quantity in this locality. So far as I have been able to discover, they have a pretty good reputation in their own district, but not good enough I fancy to successfully cope with the Wanderers. In fact, I am sanguine enough to believe that the Dipton club, on their own ground, will win the tie rather easily. They must not be over-confident and treat their opponents too lightly; but if they only play up to their proper form, I am confident they will have the honour of figuring in the semi-finals of the Junior Cup in the first year of their entrance.

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Tow Law will have all their work cut out to defeat the West End club of Stockton, on the ground of the latter. Had the choice of ground been reversed, I should unhesitatingly have plumped for Tow Law. As it is, I think the latter have a fair chance of pulling off the match, especially as I know they have been doing everything possible to get themselves fit. But every man will have to do his duty, and they will have to play the whole ninety minutes. Tow Law have my very best wishes for their success, and I hope to-morrow evening to be greeted with the welcome news that they have qualified for the next stage of the competition.

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The tie at Medomsley between the local club and Sunderland St. Peter's should be one of the best of the round. The visitors are considered a strong team, and the manner in which they dismissed Hebburn Argyle from the competition gives them some claim to be considered as such. However, during the last few weeks Medomsley have been playing in grand form, and I fully expect to see them victorious to-morrow. There will very probably be but little to choose between the teams, but the advantage of playing on their own ground will, I think, enable the home eleven to claim a place in the semi-finals. I trust there will be large numbers of the supporters of the clubs at both Dipton and Medomsley to cheer their favourites on to victory.

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A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Just allow me a small space in your valuable paper to contradict a statement made by the Kip Hill Wanderers in last week's *Guardian*. It was not the Kip Hill Wanderers that played the Oakey's Lilywhites, for when the latter landed at Kip Hill, there were only about two of the Wanderers' team there; so the Lilywhites had to wait till 3-30, and then all the Wanderers did not turn up. The latter then asked the Lilywhites if they would be willing to let some of the Hedley Harriers and Stanley Rovers play to make up their team, just to have a friendly game. The Lilywhites were agreeable, and it was members of the Harriers that scored the two goals for the Wanderers. The Lilywhites have played the Kip Hill Wanderers at different times for the last two seasons, and they have generally only had about half a team of their own, and have had to apply to other teams for assistance.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN URWIN,
Oakey's Lilywhites A.F.C.

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A BENEFIT MATCH.

Quite a large number of spectators turned out on Saturday to witness the game between Tow Law and Shildon, at Tow Law, for the benefit of Sowerby. The visitors brought a good team, which included the Bishop Auckland Church Institute full back, whilst Tow Law were minus the services of Potts, who was indisposed. The ground was heavy, but the play was surprisingly fast. The home team evidently meant business, and Strophair's office was by no means an easy one. The home lads fairly revelled in the snow, and completely waltzed round their opponents, placing the ball between the uprights no less than seven times, though two of the points were disallowed. The visitors were pleased at the hearty reception they received from the spectators, and the entire proceeds, amounting to over £2, were handed over to Sowerby in the club-room amid loud cheers.

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THE INCIDENT AT DIPTON.

SIR,—In looking through your football notes of last week, I see that I am accused of striking a ball out of the goal-mouth with my hand, in our match with the Exiles, which is a falsehood, for our goalkeeper was the man that knocked it out. Your informant also says that W. Costello accused me after the game was done, which is another falsehood, as I never spoke to one of the visiting team after the game. I think it would be more to your informant's credit if he would send a true report to you, instead of a lot of lies, as it would save a deal of paper talk which is carried on by our local clubs.—Yours, &c.,

JAMES WALKER.

[After perusing the above letter, I can come to no other conclusion than that my informant has made an error in accusing Mr Walker of the act referred to, and express regret that the charge appeared in my notes].

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MR W. KNAGGS' MEDAL COMPETITION.

There promises to be some keen excitement and many good games in connection with the above competition. Pleasure-seekers will find plenty of amusement at Fell Farm, Consett, during the Easter holidays. Nine clubs have already entered for the fray, including the following:—Consett Albion, Consett Cogging Mill Rovers, Ebchester Swifts, Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's, Consett League of the Cross (B team), Consett Celtic (late Exiles Reserve), Dipton Juniors, and Consett Ironopolis. The draw is fixed to take place on Monday first at Mr W. Knaggs's Refreshment Rooms, Front Street, Consett. The competition promises to be a great success.

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BAD CONDUCT.

DEAR SIR,—Would you allow me a small space in your valuable paper to refer to the bad conduct of the Willington Albion? Cornsay Rovers journeyed to Willington on Feb. 21st to play the Albion. I sent them a post-card saying we would leave Waterhouses by the 1-15 train for Willington, and when we arrived there was no one to meet us. We had to find a house to strip in, and had to enquire where the field was, and when we got there all the home team were on the ground. When the game was over none of them showed their faces. They never asked the Cornsay players to tea, or even to get a wash, which I think was very bad conduct on their part. The Albion had to play the return match on March 7th, which, of course, they did not; but I hope the secretaries of Association clubs will have their eyes open for next season, and mind who they arrange matches with. It is disgraceful the way some clubs go on, and it is high time there was something done by the Association to prevent such bad conduct.—Yours, &c.,

JAMES MCDERMOTT,
Hon. sec. Cornsay Rovers A.F.C.

[I am getting tired of the unscrupulous manner in which some clubs avoid their out engagements. I would advise other clubs to "boycott" them].

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THE COMPLAINT AGAINST THE LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of last week, I see the Langley Park Rovers' secretary denies having fixed the date of Nov. 22nd, and ridicules the idea of Mr Shorten cancelling the same. If he wishes to dispute what is in black and white, then the matter ends; but as I don't wish to have any more correspondence on the subject, I have deposited the fixture-card and post-card bearing on the subject at the office of this paper, in order that the sporting editor may examine the same and see who really is to blame. Furthermore, I am instructed by the committee of the League A.F.C. to inform Mr Agar that they intend to arrange no more dates with Langley Park Rovers. Thanking you very kindly for space in your valuable paper—I am, yours, &c.,

THOMAS KANE,
Sec. League A.F.C.

[This correspondence must now cease.]

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STILL THEY COME.

SIR,—Will you kindly oblige by inserting the following in your valuable paper, in regard to the bad behaviour of the Tow Law Juniors to the Waterhouses Wanderers Juniors. I, on behalf of the Waterhouses Wanderers, arranged two dates for our first team to play their first, viz.—Feb. 14th at Waterhouses, and Feb. 21st at Tow Law; but owing to another club at Tow Law rendering Jan. 31st vacant, the secretary of the Tow Law Juniors (M. Coombe) wrote saying that if we went to their place on Jan. 31st, they would come to Waterhouses to play the return on Feb. 21st, which I agreed to, and we went to Tow Law on the date named. When the game was over, all the home team except two went away, and left us on the field putting our clothes on, and we never saw anything more of them. On the Thursday before Saturday, Feb. 21st, I got a post-card saying they could not come to play return game on the latter date, but they would come without fail on March 7th, and be here by three o'clock; so we were all ready on the field on that date, expecting them coming, and we stopped on the ground till five o'clock, but they never arrived. On the following Tuesday I received a letter from the secretary, explaining how it was we were disappointed by them again. He said on the Tuesday night before the committee picked a team to come to Waterhouses to play us, and all of them agreed to meet on their own field at two o'clock, and walk down to our place, which is about five miles distant. However, when the time arrived for starting away, there was only seven out of the eleven willing to come, the other four saying they were not going to walk 14 miles to play a game of football, because they had been working hard all the morning. Now, if five of our team who are working down the pit had looked at it in the same way as those four of Tow Law, we would not have got to Tow Law to play them. I hope you will insert this, as it might tend to alter their minds and play return games when they are needed, and if five miles is too far for them to come, I think their secretary had better not arrange matches with any clubs out of their own place.—Yours, &c.,

RALPH PEARSON,
Sec. Waterhouses Wanderers Juniors A.F.C.

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DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

I am pleased to observe that the above association are at length awakening to the fact that this district has strong claims on their attention; and that, as will be gathered from an advertisement in another column, the secretary (Mr John Glover) is inviting secretaries of clubs to a meeting to be held on Tuesday next, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, at 6-30 p.m., "for the purpose of considering the best means of improving the game, and furthering the interests of both clubs and players." I trust something tangible may be the outcome of the meeting.

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LANGLEY PARK ROVERS REPLY TO TANTOBIE.

SIR,—In looking through the "Jottings," I notice that Tantobie replies to their bad and childish conduct. Their correspondent says we disappointed them. Now this was last season, but for that I give a true reason—viz., I wrote for a brake, and depended on it coming, but on the Friday morning I received a letter to say the brake would not be sent out that day. Besides, the afternoon was wet, and Tantobie being a good way from a railway station, we did not go; but I fixed another date, and played them a return game. He further states that we behaved badly to them on the field, and their secretary did not want to arrange a game this season with us. Now, I think the Rovers are as quiet as any team that goes on the field; but the score they put on against Tantobie was worse for the latter to bide than the rough play. They thought it would be a better excuse to complain of roughness, although I saw none; and as for arranging games, their secretary was left to his own free will in the matter. He finishes up by hoping to hear no more about it; but how could I, on behalf of the Rovers, let such falsehoods go unchallenged? Hoping you will oblige by inserting the same on behalf of the Langley Park Rovers—I am, yours, &c.,

JOHN AGAR, JUN.,
Hon. sec.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As we go to press much earlier than usual next week, correspondents are requested to forward their communications not later than Tuesday morning—on Monday, if possible.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve and 3rd teams have still the following dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible:—Home—March 28th, April 11th and 25th. Away—April 4th and 25th. Apply to H. Maude, hon. sec., Front Street, Dipton, via Lintz Green.

Consett Young Shamrocks would like to arrange matches with any junior B teams. Ages, from 10 to 14. Address—Patrick Cassidy, 34, Princess Street, Consett.

Consett Young Shamrocks 2nd would be pleased to arrange matches with junior 2nd teams. Ages, from 10 to 12. Address—James Phillips, 30, Princess Street, Consett.

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H. MAUDE.—Many thanks.

Cricket.

The secretary of the Tonic Solfa Cricket Club would like to arrange matches with moderate second teams or good junior teams.—Address, Martin Dodds, secretary, Craghead.

USHAW MOOR CRICKET CLUB.—An excellent concert was given in the Catholic School-room, Ushaw Moor, in aid of the Ushaw Moor Cricket Club. There was a good company present. Dr Sinclair, of Esh Village, presided. The interesting programme was supplied by the following artistes:—Messrs Robinson, Strong, and Swift, New Brancepeth; Gray, Durham; Hetherington, Langley Moor; and Wallace, Ushaw Moor; and Miss Butterworth, Ushaw Moor. The comic songs by Messrs Gray and Hetherington caused much amusement. Miss Butterworth's songs were creditably sung.

Trade Notes.

The limestone trade at the Weardale quarries just now is very poor, the men in some of the quarries only working four or five days a week.

DIFFICULTY AT WATERHOUSES COLLIERY.—A dispute having arisen with reference to the summoning of the checkweighman, and also with reference to the banksmen, at the above Colliery, a meeting was held on Monday, at Darlington, when a satisfactory arrangement was come to, the summons being withdrawn. A deputation of the men was present as well as Messrs Douglas, Crofton, and W. H. Patterson, secretary of Durham Miners' Association.

Cycling Notes.

LEADGATE CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CLUBS' CYCLING TRACK.—The members of the Cricket and Football Clubs, at Leadgate, have formed themselves into a Limited Liability Company, with a capital of £100, in shares of 5s each, with the object of laying down a cycling track, in a field near the house of Mr Joseph Snaith, Queen's Head Hotel, Leadgate. The ground has been leased from Mr John Thompson, farmer, on a lease of ten years, at a reasonable rental, and it is also intended to construct a cinder path for foot-racing thereon. At a meeting of the committee on Friday night, it was resolved to fence a portion of the field, and the contract for laying down the bicycle track was let to Messrs Jackson and Wilson, of Leadgate. The project has been taken up with a great amount of enthusiasm, and promises to be highly successful, about one hundred shares having already been subscribed for.

Sporting Items.

CHESTER-LE-STREET ROWING CLUB.—Mrs McLean of the Crow Inn, the headquarters of the club, has subscribed £5 towards the new boat house fund.

QUOIT MATCH AT BLACKHALL MILL.—On Saturday afternoon, despite the stormy weather, a large company assembled in a field near Mr W. Cusson's, Mill Inn, Blackhall Mill, to witness a quoit match between Matthew Scott, of Westwood, and Joseph Laws, of Crowwell, for £20, 41 points up, on the sward, Scott won by 15 points, the scores being:—Scott, 41; Laws, 26. Mr W. Walker stood as referee.

THE FOOT HANDICAP AT DIPTON.—The concluding heats of the £10 120 yards handicap, which was promoted by Mr Roger McCurley, of Leadgate, were decided at the Dipton Running Grounds, near the Bute Arms Inn, on Saturday afternoon. Results:—Heat 1—J. Black, Leadgate, 19½ yards, 1; W. Robson, Corbridge, 13, 2; J. Teasdale, Dipton, 17, 3; J. W. Wilson, Blackhill, 22, 0. Won on the post. Heat 2—T. Brown, Dipton, 18½, 1; G. Wake, Whickham, 19, 2; J. Keenan Marley Hill, 12, 0; F. Archer, Shotley Bridge, 20, 0. Won by one yard. Heat 3—S. Ward, Allendale Cottages, 18, 1; T. Murray, Dipton, 18½, 2; G. Wilson, Stockton, 17, 3; A. Coulthard, Byer Moor, 18, 4. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 4—Henry Applegarth, Leadgate, 16, 1; F. Swinburne, Blackhill, 16, 2; J. Haggerstone, Leadgate, 21, 3. Won by half-a-yard. Final heat—Hy. Applegarth, 1, £7 10s; S. Ward, 2, £2; Black, 3, 5s; Brown, 4, 5s. A capital heat, won on the post; a foot dividing second and third; while the fourth was close up. Betting:—7 to 4 on Applegarth, 2 to 1 against Ward, 4 to 1 against Black, and 50 to 1 agst. Brown. Officials:—James Haggerstone, Leadgate, handicapper; R. McCurley, Leadgate, referee; P. Small, Leadgate, pistol-firer.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held on Friday afternoon in the Benfieldside Edge Schools, under the presidency of Rev A. Baillie (chairman). Present: Mr Henry Carss (vice-chairman), Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, Rev J. Foran, Rev E. W. Jenkins, Mr Wm. Raw, and the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay).

CARETAKER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—The returns for the month of Feb. show an increase on the corresponding month of last year. At the Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, 2nd inst., five cases were heard respecting the violation of the bye-laws—3 were fined and 1 dismissed. Mrs Connolly's boy Michael was sent to the Workhouse until a place is found for him in an Industrial School. I have entered two cases in the "Book of Proceedings" to be dealt with to-day.—Yours, &c.,

A. MCKEAN.

THE ATTENDANCE.

School Returns for the month of February, 1891.

Inspected Schools.	No. on books	Average Attendance	Admitted.	Left.	Sick.
Board Schools—Boys	220	189	—	—	4
—Girls	240	205	3	7	9
„ —Infants	98	70	10	—	12
Derwent St.— „	120	87	8	5	9
Shotley Grove	98	83	1	—	6
St. Mary's Roman Catholic—	196	158	1	1	20
„ —Infants	118	83	2	—	13
Total	1090	875	25	13	73
Feb., 1890	1096	773			
Increase	6				
Decrease		102			

TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

MR CARSS PEGGING AWAY.

Mr CARSS said he had looked through the directory issued by the Education Department in relation to technical and manual instruction in connection with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington. He found from section 13 that "The aid granted by the Department is intended to supplement, and not supersede, local effort." The local committee must therefore provide and maintain suitable rooms for class instruction for the purposes of examination, with fire, light, and apparatus. If at any time it appears that these are unsatisfactory or insufficient the assistance of the Department may be reduced or withdrawn. The managers of elementary schools may permit their premises to be used for science or art classes, providing that such do not interfere injuriously with the primary purposes of an elementary school. Grants towards buildings and apparatus would be given, conditionally that 50 per cent. of the money required was raised by the local committee. Under the Act, however, the School Board had no means of applying any money out of the rates, but they could ask the Benfieldside Local Board for the funds to procure the necessary apparatus and the employment of a teacher, and the School Board could provide the buildings, fuel, &c., the Education Department adding 50 per cent. to the money raised by local effort. There was a reference in the Act that there must be technical education at the present day, and Mr Carss pointed out that such classes were mostly organised in connection with such places as the Consett Ironworks, Elswick Works, &c., where the shareholders gave a certain proportion of money, their efforts being supplemented by Government grant. It was competent, however, for that Board to ask the Local Board for the money necessary to inaugurate the scheme. This body was empowered to levy a rate not exceeding 1d in the pound, which would realise about £60—quite sufficient to establish such a class.

The CHAIRMAN: We have got the premises.

Mr CARSS: The Act is based generally on the assumption that classes have already been established by means of voluntary subscriptions. The teacher must be duly qualified, and the appointment permanent. The Act, however, contains one thousand and one obstacles towards the formation of such classes by a School Board. If the Act had only empowered the School Board to provide money for that object, instead of Local Boards, there would have been no difficulty in the matter, because we possessed the buildings, and obtain the necessary apparatus.

Mr RAW considered that technical education was not at all necessary for that locality. They gave the boys and girls a good rudimentary education at their day schools, and nobody there wanted their children educated beyond the instruction imparted in elementary schools. If any parents desired their boys to receive technical education, let them do it themselves. It was quite unreasonable to burden the ratepayers with the expense of carrying on science and art classes.

Mr CARSS: Mr Raw is going on the assumption that if such classes are established, it will not cost the parents anything. The fathers of the pupils, however, will probably have to pay fees of not less than 1s per week.

Mr RAW: Then let the parents inaugurate the classes themselves. The township is quite sufficiently taxed.

Mr CARSS: Is this district to be behind other places? In the face of the advantages of art and science, and the spread of higher class education, will any sane man accept Mr Raw's judgment? I think all intelligent persons will agree with me that, considering the advance of the times, technical and manual knowledge will in the future equip a boy for his daily life. It is necessary to know something more now-a-days than the "three R's."

Mr RAW: Let the parents provide for his future education. Here's boys turned out of our schools, and have gone to the Consett offices, and have made their way in the world without any help whatever. If people can afford it, by all means let them give their children a better class education. I would be the last man in the world to oppose such a noble idea. There are plenty of educational facilities throughout the country if the people will only avail themselves of such opportunities.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that parents might desire their children to have a technical education, but there was no such school in that township. (Mr Carss: Hear, hear). If they were obliged to send their lads to Newcastle, it was rather an expensive undertaking. The thing was the want of a school, and the opportunity afforded of acquiring such institution as the parents might desire. That was the point.

Mr CARSS remarked that they did not propose to educate the children free. The science and art classes were designed for those who could afford to pay for such instruction. In the meantime, there was no provision for it. Mr Teare, their head-master, was qualified, under the Departmental rules, to conduct science and art classes.

The CHAIRMAN was afraid that Mr Teare would hardly find time to do this extra work, on account of the other duties he had to perform.

Mr CARSS: Here's this money—some £25,000—being applied to the purposes of technical and manual instruction by the County Council, and I think we should appoint a deputation from this Board to wait upon Councillor Jas. Annandale, J.P., and glean from him what assistance we are likely to receive in this matter. We are only seeking our just rights in striving to get hold of a portion of this money. In the borough of Stockton, they have received £3,000 already as grants towards technical education. If we don't put in some claim, of course we shall get nothing, and other places will reap the benefit of our share.

Rev E. W. JENKINS suggested that Ald. Jenkins should also be interviewed, and learn if the Consett Iron Company would be prepared to help.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the Consett Iron Company were already assisting science and art classes now being held in their British Schools.

Ultimately, a deputation, comprising the chairman, the vice chairman (Mr Carss), and Father Foran, were appointed to wait upon Councillor Annandale, with the object of seeing how much help could be obtained from the County Council towards the scheme, and if the Benfieldside Local Board were favourably disposed to assist in the establishment of science and art classes at Benfieldside.

The Clerk said there must be a distinct understanding with the Local Board that if ever they commenced to assist the classes out of the rates, they must continue to do so until the classes became self-supporting. The Local Board were not obliged to find the money, and could at any time withdraw their money.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS.

An alternative plan, prepared by Mr W. Raw, for a coal-shed, stick-house, coke-yard, &c., at the Board Schools, was approved by the Board, and the tenders of Messrs Snowdon and Gradon for carrying out the work were accepted, the whole contract being less than £25.

Another plan was presented by Mr Raw for a retaining wall to be erected upon the terrace of the Benfieldside Edge Schools. After slight modification the same was adopted, and the work let to Mr Snowdon, the contract being likewise under £25.

MISS POTTS'S CASE.

The Clerk announced that the fine of £5 imposed upon Miss Helen Potts, of Consett, had been paid, and her indentures had been handed over to her.

NOT QUITE SATISFIED.

The Board appointed Miss Harley's sister as pupil teacher in the girls' school for another month at a salary of £10 10s per annum. Miss Harley herself not being satisfied that her sister would accept the office on these terms till after the examination.

Mr CARSS stated the Board could not give any more money. They were not certain that the younger Miss Harley would be recognised by the department after the next inspection.

CONNOLLY'S CHILDREN.

It was reported that the Lanchester Bench had sent Michael Connolly aged 10 years, to the Earl's House Industrial School till he had reached the age of 16 years. The case against the girl would be considered by the Consett Magistrates on the following Monday.

A communication was read from the Clerk to the Justices (Mr A. W. Granger) asking for a written guarantee that the Benfieldside School Board would be prepared to pay 2s per week towards the maintenance of Michael in the Earl's House Industrial School.

The Clerk was authorised to give the requisite assurance.

FINANCIAL.

The Finance Committee recommend accounts:—

	£	s	d
Salaries of teachers	70	0	0
Accounts	29	13	7
Salaries of officers	14	0	0
Total	£113	13	7

This was agreed to.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

The Finance Committee submitted an estimate of the income and expenditure for the forthcoming half-year:—

Expenditure.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Administration: Salaries of officers	36	12	0			
Law and office charges	5	0	0			
Election expenses	25	0	0			
				66	12	0
Loans: Instalment of 2nd loan	10	16	6			
Interest on 2nd loan	4	0	0			
Instalment of 3rd loan	11	0	0			
Interest on 3rd loan	10	16	0			
				36	12	6
School charges: Salaries of teachers	451	15	0			
Books, &c	20	0	0			
Fuel, lighting and cleaning	50	0	0			
Rates	5	0	0			
				526	15	0
				£629	19	6

Receipts.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
School fees	180	0	0			
Goods sold	5	0	0			
				185	0	0
Deficiency				£444	19	6

Mr CARSS proposed that a precept be issued upon the overseers for £470.

This was seconded by Father FORAN, and carried *nem con.*

Mr RAW thought the precept a rather heavy one, but several members pointed out that they were obliged to carry out the alterations ordered by the Educational Department, otherwise a portion of the grant would be lost.

THE NEXT ELECTION.

The Clerk observed that there was £20 in the estimate for election expenses. If the people were wise, and ably acted, in the same principle they had done in the past years, and re-elect the member of the present Board without opposition this money would certainly be saved to the township.

Mr CARSS: Yes. But there will be an election this time, and very properly so, too. Why, we haven't had a contest since the Board was established 18 years ago.

The CHAIRMAN was afraid that a contest could not be avoided on the present occasion.

Mr CARSS: If the ratepayers think it necessary, I am quite willing to retire.

There was no further business.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL JOTTINGS

On Wednesday se'nnight, the members of the Winlaton Congregational Church presented to the Rev A. B. Tebb a gold watch, as a token of esteem and in commemoration of the eighteenth anniversary of his pastorate.

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Miss Kate Wilson, Forres, N.B., who successfully passed the late Senior Cambridge Local Examination, was a pupil of the Misses Shaw, The Old Hall, Shotley Bridge.

BEAMISH, PONTOP AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday afternoon, a quarterly meeting of the committee of the above society was held in the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, to take into consideration the arrangements necessary for the holding of the show at Blaydon. Previous to the meeting several members examined the placees that were thought suitable for the purposes of the show. Mr John Murray, Benfieldside, presided, and there was a good attendance.—It was reported that the society had a balance in hand of upwards of £100.—The Show Site Committee reported that, as Axwell Park could not be secured, they thought the ground used for Blaydon Races would be suitable for the purpose. About £10 was required for the use of the ground, and, if they could get the sanction of the Race Committee, it was thought that no better site could be secured.—Mr E. Wilkinson and Mr M. Wilkinson urged that the race-course should be procured.—The Chairman, before putting the motion, said he had viewed the race-course, and, so far as he could judge, it was a most suitable site. It was scarcely a mile from the station, the approaches would be in good condition by August, and he thought they would save a large amount of money through the small amount of fitting up that would be required.—The motion was passed unanimously, and the secretary was instructed, if possible, to make arrangements with the Race Committee for the use of the grand stand and plant on the ground.—A local committee having been appointed and other business transacted, the proceedings terminated.

TOW LAW PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Monday night, the above society met in the library of the Mechanics' Institute, Tow Law. The speaker took the chair at 8·15, when the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. In answer to the question relating to the law, giving discretionary power to coroners to hold an inquest or not, and asking if a bill would be introduced to amend it, the Attorney-General (Birmingham) stated, as the Government had sufficient bills on hand it was not their intention to add that to the list. The questions relating to the opium trade in India, and unsanitary byre in Wesley Street were laid over, as the Home Secretary (Tow Law) and Secretary for India (London) were unavoidably absent. Other questions of minor importance having been answered, the following questions were asked:—"Will the Government arrange that a copy of every bill passed by this House be sent to the local papers? If the reported seizure of a British ship by the Portuguese in the Limpopo river is correct? Whether the Government will take steps to strengthen the British forces in Africa, on account of the hostile attitude of the Portuguese? Whether the Attorney-General will introduce a bill to amend the law relating to public-houses, giving the County Council or the magistrates power to reduce their number to one for every 500 people, also a bill to abolish grocers' licenses?" The Chancellor of Exchequer (Bishop Auckland) here stated it had been decided that the subscription for remainder of session should be 1d per fortnight; also, that a donation and letter of thanks be sent to Mr R. Rawes, for his kindness in allowing the use of the mission room for the former meetings of the Society. The speaker then called upon the member for Bishop Auckland to introduce his motion dealing with the reduction of the standing army as a step to International Arbitration. To this an amendment was moved by the member for Thornley to this effect:—"That in the opinion of this house, any proposals to reduce the strength of the national forces, which does not at the same time provide for an engagement with the powers of Europe for a like reduction of the forces of other nations, will prove disastrous and is likely to precipitate war."—In the discussion which followed, splendid speeches were made by the members for Midlothian, Bishop Auckland and Thornley, and on a vote being taken the amendment was carried by a slight majority. The Government gave the members an opportunity of introducing private bills at next meeting, but as no motions were forthcoming, notice was given that at next meeting a bill would be introduced by the member for Dublin, dealing with the better disposal of the dead. A pleasant and profitable meeting was brought to a close at 10 p.m.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, March 16th—Before Coun. JAS. ANNANDALE (in the chair), FRANK PRIESTMAN, and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were convicted of drunkenness:—*James Lumsden*, Consett, 6th inst., 5s and costs; *Robert Conway*, Consett, 7th inst., 5s; *Jane White*, Consett, 7th inst., 5s; *William Doughty*, Blackhill, Feb. 27th, 5s; *James Devaney*, Blackhill, 28th ult., 5s; *Edward Young*, puddler, Blackhill, 8th inst., 5s; *Charles Heslop*, miner, Dipton, 28th ult., 5s, in default, seven days' hard labour; *Thomas Young*, Consett, 14th inst., 5s; *George Batey*, Consett, Saturday night, 5s; *James Conville*, Consett, Sunday night, 5s.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

John Matthews and *Joseph Armstrong* were charged by P.C. Wright with fighting at Blackhill, on the 7th inst.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay costs.

Robert Richardson and *James Needs* were prosecuted by P.C. Crabb for a similar offence committed at Burnopfield, on February 21st.—Defendants were likewise bound over for three months, and ordered to defray expenses.

Abraham Wren was accused by P.C. Curtis of fighting at Dipton with another man named Harris, on February 15th.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was dealt with in the same fashion.

William and *Joseph Craven* were charged with a breach of the peace at Tanfield, on the 16th ult.—The case was proved by Mr Irwin, of Tanfield, who deposed to seeing the two men fighting in front of his house.—Defendants were bound over in the usual sum, and ordered to pay costs.

THREATENING A DEPUTY-OVERMAN AT HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

William Turner, a hewer, employed at Hamsterley Colliery, near Ebchester, was summoned for having threatened James Anderson, a deputy-overman, on March 2nd.—Prosecutor said that on the morning in question he examined Turner's working place, and finding foul air therein, he forbade Turner going into the place. When complainant ordered the man to work in another place, he became very excited, and flourishing the blade of a pick in his hand, threatened to stick the weapon into his body.—Cross-examined by defendant, complainant said that he did not shove his fist into defendant's face.—A witness called Scott gave corroborative testimony, and said that complainant had cavils to put in twice that morning owing to some of the men changing places, and it was through this that the dispute arose. Witness heard Turner use the threat towards complainant.—Cross-examined: Witness said he was standing close by. Defendant had a pick blade in his hand, and he said he would make Anderson so that he would do nothing more.—Defendant alleged that Anderson put two cavils in the place, and also shoved his fist in his face. He (Turner) was under notice to leave the colliery at the time, and was not guilty of the offence. He was a stranger to the place, but the whole time complainant had had his "knife" into him.—Defendant was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, besides being ordered to pay 10s 6d costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Jacob Nevins, John Houghton, Simon and *John Doolan, William Turnbull, Matthew Robinson, Hugh Daley, Joseph Brown*, and *John Nicholson* were proceeded against by P.C. Richardson for playing at pitch and toss near Flint Hill, on the 22nd ult.—Defendants pleaded guilty, with the exception of Robinson, Daley, and Robinson, who avowed that they were never near the "school," and that the policeman was mistaken.—The officer stated that on the afternoon in question, upon a footpath leading from Greencroft to White-le-Head, he saw the "school" in progress. There would be 20 or 30 persons present altogether. He got within 30 yards to where the "school" was, and saw the whole of defendants present. He witnessed money exchanged several times. The policeman said he could not swear to the identity of the three men who alleged that they were not present.—The charge against Robinson, Daley and Nicholson was dismissed; but the other defendants were mulcted in a penalty of 7s 6d each and costs.

A DANGEROUS PRACTICE: CARRYING A LOADED REVOLVER.

William Clifford, ironworker, Consett, pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a pistol without a license and discharging firearms on the public highway.—The prosecution was instituted by Mr Hartley Smith, the supervisor of Excise at Durham.—P.C. Bradley deposed that on Saturday night, 7th ult., about eleven o'clock, he heard the report of two pistol shots in Princess Street, Consett. On proceeding to the place, witness found defendant very drunk, and creating a disturbance, a large crowd surrounding him. He brought Clifford to the police office, and on searching him found a canister containing half-a-pound of powder, a pistol, and caps in his possession. The pistol was loaded.—Defendant, in answer to inquiries, admitted that he fired off the pistol "just for fun." He had nothing further to say.—Mr Smith stated that defendant had already been fined for drunkenness on that date. As he was in very poor circumstances, he did not desire to press the case.—Mr Van Haansbergen: But it is a very dangerous practice to carry loaded firearms in a crowded street. —The Chairman: I suppose your object in taking these proceedings is to give the public to understand that they must not carry firearms without a license.—Mr Smith: That is so. We want the people to distinctly understand that they cannot carry firearms without a license, and to try and stop, if possible, persons taking revolvers and pistols about with them. —The justices imposed a nominal penalty of 2s 6d and 7s costs.

DID NOT PROSECUTE.

William Belshaw, Robert Wilkinson and *George Armstrong* were summoned for committing an assault upon William Breen, in the vicinity of Hamsterley Colliery, on the 8th inst.—Prosecutor said he wished to withdraw the case.—The application was granted, on payment of costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

Patrick McAloon was summoned by Mr David Mole, at the instance of the Colliery School Board, for not sending his son to school.—Mr Mole stated that the boy was working and was not of age. The lad had been at work for a considerable time, and the reason proceedings had not been taken sooner was to give the parents time to find proof that the child was of age.—The mother declared that her son was 14 years old; but brought nothing to prove the assertion.—The Bench ordered the child to attend the Board Schools, Dipton, until he was 14 years old.

SUED FOR GAS RATES.

Daniel Smith, druggist, late of Front Street, Consett, was proceeded against by Mr George Hawdon, rate collector, at the instance of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Company, for the sum of £4 3s 10d for gas consumed.—Mr Hawdon stated that Smith had lately assigned to his creditors; but that did not prevent them from obtaining the money.—The order asked for was granted with costs.

Frederick Williams, of Consett, was summoned by the same company for £4 5s 4d due to them.—Mr Hawdon said he had seen Mr Williams, and he had informed him that he would pay the money as soon as he possibly could.—The usual order was made.

BRIDGET CONNOLLY AGAIN.

Mr A. McKean, at the instance of the Benfieldside School Board, appeared and informed the Magistrates that the Board wished Mrs Connolly's daughter to be sent to some school. The girl had not been sent to school yet.—The Chairman: We cannot find a school for the little girl. There is one; but they do not take Roman Catholic children in.—The case was further adjourned for 14 days to make further inquiries.

LARCENY AT CONSETT.

Alice Wilkinson, a married woman, living in William Street, Consett, who appeared in the dock with a child in her arms, was charged with stealing a shawl, value 5s, the property of Mary McArdle, Consett, on Tuesday, March 10th.—Prosecutor deposed that on the morning in question she gave her daughter the shawl to put on to go to school. When the school was dismissed for dinner the shawl could not be found, and from what her daughter told her she gave information to the police. The article (produced) cost 15s when new, and was worth 5s at present.—Mary McArdle, daughter, said she attended St. Patrick's School, Consett. She hung the shawl up in the school porch that morning, and when she left the school she could not find it. She told her mother on reaching home.—Elizabeth Ann Collinson, daughter of John Collinson, spoke to accused coming to the shop on the 4th inst, and pledging the article. Witness advanced 1s 6d upon the shawl, the sum the woman asked for.—Inspector Benzies deposed to apprehending prisoner on the following Thursday, and charged her with stealing the shawl and pledging it. In answer to the accusation prisoner replied, "That a woman came up to her and asked her to pledge the shawl for her. She did so, and got 3d for her trouble."—Prisoner pleaded not guilty.—Prisoner's mother alleged that her daughter came into the house with the shawl, and said the old woman—meaning her mother-in-law—had lent it to her to get something on it.—The Chairman said that this was prisoner's second offence, but the Magistrates were inclined to give her one more chance, and fined her 20s including costs, in default 14 days' hard labour.

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DEATH OF MR GEO. G. TAYLOR-SMITH, J.P., OF LANCHESTER.

One by one the principal residents in the vicinity of Lanchester are passing away, and it now becomes our painful duty to record the death of Mr George Garry Taylor-Smith, J.P., of Colepike Hall and Broadwood Park, the sad event taking place about five o'clock on Sunday morning, at his residence, Colepike Hall, in his 57th year. Mr Taylor-Smith had been

INDISPOSED FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD,

although he was enabled to get about, and it was only within the past three months that dangerous symptoms were discernable. Dr George Renton, of Consett, has been attending him almost daily since the beginning of the year, and notwithstanding that for some weeks he has been hanging between life and death, he was conscious up to the last, his demise resulting from diseased liver and dropsy. Mr Taylor-Smith's was in the highest degree of a sympathetic nature, and his many

ACTS OF KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION

in and around Lanchester will be long remembered. Many years ago his father, the late Mr Edward Taylor-Smith, J.P.—who died at Colepike about two years since—inaugurated the idea of providing the inmates of the Lanchester Workhouse with a

GRATUITOUS TEA ON NEW YEAR'S DAY,

the repast being followed by an ample distribution of the delicacies characteristic of the festive season. The deceased gentleman emulated the noble example of his worthy father. His benevolence threw a ray of sunshine in the hearts of old and young within the walls of Lanchester Workhouse, and few of the many ladies and gentlemen who were gathered from all parts of the Union last New Year's Day to dispense Mr Taylor-Smith's hospitality to the poor folk thought that the donor was so soon to leave them. More than ordinary sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family by the circumstance that it was only quite recently, on the death of his father, full of years, that Mr Taylor-Smith succeeded to the

COLEPIKE AND OTHER EXTENSIVE ESTATES,

with their wealth of minerals underground, and having lived all his life in the neighbourhood, and many virtues and interesting associations being represented in him, it was hoped that he would have been spared to enjoy his patrimony, and to take a share in those public offices to which he had been raised.

HIS PUBLIC LIFE.

For ten years he had been chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, Rural Sanitary Authority, Assessment Committee, and Joint Hospital Board, and he only vacated these offices in April last owing to failing health. Mr Wm. Logan, junior vice-chairman, was chosen as his successor. The deceased gentleman had also been a justice of the peace since 1879, and was most regular and assiduous in attending to his duties on the Lanchester Bench, being the senior magistrate at Lanchester after the recent death of Rev J. P De Pledge (chairman of the division). Mr Taylor-Smith would in all probability have filled the office of

HIGH SHERIFF FOR THE COUNTY

of Durham next year, his name having been picked second in the list last November. By virtue of his office, he was an *ex-officio* member of the Lanchester Highway Board. During his period of office as chairman of the Guardians, he was on the most cordial and friendly terms with his colleagues. About five years ago, on the attainment of

HIS SILVER WEDDING,

the members of the Board of Guardians entertained Mr Taylor-Smith to a grand complimentary banquet at the King's Head Hotel, Lanchester, and also presented him with a superb piece of plate in commemoration of the auspicious event. He assisted all philanthropic movements in the district, and was president of the fund for lighting the village of Lanchester with oil lamps. The subject of this memoir evinced a deep interest in agricultural pursuits, and was instrumental in establishing, some ten years ago, a weekly

STOCK AUCTION MART AT TOW LAW.

Mr Taylor-Smith never took a prominent part in political matters, but he was formerly a staunch Liberal. In latter years, however, he was supposed to favour the Unionist cause. In 1888, when the County Local Government Bill came into operation, he unsuccessfully contested the Lanchester Division against Ald. U. A. Ritson, J.P., of Burnhope Colliery. Every April, on his re-election as chairman of the Guardians, Mr Taylor-Smith was in the habit of entertaining the Guardians to a sumptuous dinner, and a similar repast was provided for the Union officials, press representatives, later on in the year. He also

DISPENSED HIS HOSPITALITY

in the village of Lanchester and neighbourhood every Christmas.

HISTORICAL RETROSPECT.

The family from which Mr Taylor-Smith traced his descent owned Stobillee and lands at Cornsay Row and Satley in the 17th century. The ancestor of the Colepike family was Mr Thomas Taylor, of Cornsay Row and Stobilee. This gentleman died on the 17th December, 1706, and was buried at Lanchester. His will is dated November 22nd, 1706, and in it he mentions his son George, of Stobilee, and his daughter Catherine. The former married, and had issue three children—Ann, Thomas, and Jane. The last-named married Mr Matthew Smith, of Herrington, county Durham, and it was their only daughter, Jane, who became the famous Lady Peat. Catherine, the sister of George, of Stobilee, and great aunt of Lady Peat, married Mr William Taylor, of Satley, great-great-great grandfather of the gentleman who has just died. Mr George G. Taylor—who afterwards had Smith attached to his name—was born in 1834, and, in 1862, married Clara, third daughter of the late Mr James Holdforth, of Burley Hill, near Leeds, who was the first Roman Catholic mayor in England after the Reformation. The deceased gentleman was a member of one of the

MOST DISTINGUISHED CATHOLIC FAMILIES

in the county of Durham, one of his brothers being the newly-invested Canon Taylor-Smith, formerly of Tow Law, and now of Wolsingham. Mr Thos. Taylor-Smith, of Heathdale, Gosforth (till recently of Greencroft Park, near Lanchester), another brother, is also well-known as a public man in the Lanchester Union, and is a member of the Board of Guardians. A third brother, we believe, is living abroad. The deceased gentleman leaves a widow and daughter to grieve his loss.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

At the Consett Petty Sessions, on Monday, Councillor James Annandale, the new chairman of the magistrates for the West Division of Chester Ward of the County of Durham, said:—"A month ago, to-day, reference was made from the Bench to the late Mr J. P. De Pledge, and it is again our duty to mention the death of another colleague. After a long illness, borne with exemplary patience and resignation, our friend, Mr George Garry Taylor-Smith, has been called to join the "great majority." Up to the time when illness compelled him to desist from active work, though feeble and suffering, he stood resolutely to the post of duty. Not only as a magistrate, and a Guardian of the Poor will his loss be felt, but as an ever-generous friend and benefactor of the needy and suffering. Our friend's career was essentially that of a public-spirited man. His best energies were expended without stint for the public good, and it is no exaggeration to say that he has left his mark in the country as an honest and public spirited citizen. Since his appointment to the Bench, his services as a magistrate have been of very great value, and his colleagues sincerely regret the loss they have sustained."

FUNERAL CEREMONY.

On Wednesday, the funeral of Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith took place at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Esh Laude. Although the roads were in a very dirty and heavy state by reason of the fast disappearing snow, a vast number of influential people joined the *cortege*, there being a beautiful hearse, five mourning coaches, and over 40 private carriages in the procession. The body of the deceased gentleman was encased in a lead shell, which was covered with a

MASSIVE OAK-PANELLED COFFIN,

with superb brass mountings, the lid bearing the following inscription:—"Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, born April 26, 1834, died March 15, 1891. R.I.P." The coffin was made by Mr Walton, Lanchester; the hearse and mourning coaches were from the establishment of Messrs Slater and Co., Newcastle; while Mr Scott, draper, Durham, had charge of the funeral arrangements. In the first coach were Mrs Taylor Smith and Miss Edith Taylor-Smith, widow and daughter of the deceased, together with two Sisters of the "Order of Bon-Secours," from Salford, Manchester, who nursed Mr Taylor-Smith during his protracted illness. The second coach contained Mr and Mrs Thomas Taylor-Smith, of Heathdale, Gosforth, and Miss Ethel Taylor-Smith. The third coach carried Dr James and Mrs Taylor-Smith, of River-dale, Bellingham, and Canon Wm. Taylor-Smith, of Wolsingham. In the fourth coach were Mr Walter Brotherhood, Lanchester; Mr Thos. Dunn, Inspector of Weights and Measures, Bishop Auckland; Mr C. D. Forster (Messrs Forster and Dunn), Newcastle, the family solicitors; and Mr Wm Eales, Consett. In the fifth coach were seated Mr T. Sadler, Lanchester, and the under-bearers, who were tenants on the deceased's estates—viz., Messrs Septimus Harrison, Edward Herdman, Robt Crowe, W. Bowman, J. Hunter, and J. Dowson. The following

GENTLEMEN FOLLOWED IN THE LONG PROCESSION:—

Col. E. Leadbitter-Smith, J.P., C.C., Flass Hall, and Mrs Leadbitter-Smith; Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Woodlands Hall, Consett; Coun. G. Nicholson, Leadgate; Messrs Wm. Logan, chairman of the Lanchester Guardians; Geo. Hobson, vice-chairman; T. J. Muse, Castleside; Robert Robson, Healeyfield; Wm. Aynsley, Consett; C. D. W. Balleny, Ebchester; Thos. Nichol, Satley; J. Collinson, Consett; J. Watson, West Stanley; T. Longstaff and Luke Nicholson, Leadgate; and Councillors J. A. Curry, Bradley Lodge, and Rd. Murray, Benfieldside House—all members of the Board of Guardians; Mr Geo. Alder, Cornsay, ex-chairman of the Lanchester Highway Board; Mr Jos. Towns, Lanchester; Mr Edmund Balleny, Little Greencroft; Mr J. Cummings, Langley West House; Mr W. Ward, Iveston; Mr Telford, representing Hedleyhope Colliery; Messrs A. Edwards, Jas. Humble, John Gibson, W. H. Ritson, Ralph Walton, Jos. Wall, G. W. Wilson, Lanchester; Rev C. F. D. Hodge, Vicar of Esh; Fathers P. C. Fortin, St. Mary's, New Houses; James Foran, Blackhill; Eugene McGarrity, The Brooms; and Wickwar, West Hartlepool; Messrs C. Caldcleugh and Rusholm, Durham; J. W. Rounthwaite, Benfieldside; J. E. Parker, Lanchester, and Wm. Dixon, The Lodge; Jos. Atkinson, Cornsay; Supt. Jas. Oliver, Consett; Inspector T. Mitham, Lanchester; and Sergt. G. Snaith, Durham (representing the Durham County police force). The *route* was taken *via* Lanchester, Burgate, Wilks Hill, Cornsay, Hamsteels, &c., to Esh Laude—a distance of over five miles from Colepike. In the populous places, the thoroughfares were

LINED WITH MEN AND WOMEN,

the blinds of nearly every house were drawn down, and there were signs of sympathy and regret on every hand. A body of 30 police-officers, marshalled by Supt. Oliver and Inspector Mitham, met the *cortege* at Wilks Hill. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from a number of county magistrates and influential gentlemen, including Sir Henry Clavering, Bart., Axwell Park; and private carriages were sent by Mr E. Greenwell, J.P., of Durham; Col. Leadbitter-Smith, J.P., Flass Hall; Canon Taylor-Smith, Wolsingham; Councillor Jas. Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge (Chairman of the Justices for the Division); Dr Geo. Renton, Consett; Messrs E. and J. Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall; and others. The sacred edifice was well filled, Professor Henry Gillow, of Ushaw College, being the

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

at the "Requiem Mass," which was sweetly rendered by the choir, assisted by students from Ushaw College. The Rev Samuel Harris, of Esh Laude, conducted the elaborate ceremonial in the church and at the graveside. Magnificent wreaths were sent by Mrs and Miss Geo. Taylor-Smith, Mr and Mrs T. Taylor-Smith, Dr and Mrs J. Taylor-Smith, Canon Wm. Taylor-Smith, Mr and Mrs Brotherhood, Lanchester, &c. The grave was an ordinary one, and the body was interred not far from where Mr Taylor-Smith's ancestors lie at rest.

THE LATE MR THOS. WILLIAMS, OF CONSETT.

PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL.

On Monday night, a meeting was held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, for the purpose of inaugurating a fund to assist the widow and child of the late Mr Thomas Williams, of West Victoria Street, Consett, formerly operatives' representative of the Consett Iron Company, and vice-president of the Board of Arbitration and Conciliation for the North of England Iron and Steel Trade. There was a good attendance of agents of the Consett Iron Company and representative workmen. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Aynsley, who read

LETTERS EXPRESSING HEARTY SYMPATHY

with the movement from Ald. William Jenkins, J.P., general manager of the Consett Iron and Steel Works, Mr Thomas Siddell, manager of the Consett Tinmill Works, and Mr Edward Trow, general secretary of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England. Ald. Jenkins wrote:—

"I am obliged by circular relating to proposed meeting which is aiming at a subscription fund for the

WIDOW OF THE LATE MR THOMAS WILLIAMS.

I shall be very glad indeed if I can attend the meeting on Monday evening next, but if I fail in this, please let it be understood that my full sympathy goes with the movement."

Mr Trow's letter was as follows:—

"Your favour with enclosed circular to hand. I am pleased to see that so much sympathy is being expressed with the widow and child of Mr Thomas Williams, and an effort being made to provide for them, and wish you every success in your laudable effort, and I feel sure when the Standing Committee meets steps will be taken

TO ASSIST IN THE OBJECT

you are promoting, and I will place your letter before the committee."

The CHAIRMAN, as a tradesman, expressed his sincere regret at the death of Mr Williams. As a citizen and as a Trades' Union leader, Mr Williams's equal would be extremely

DIFFICULT TO FIND.

He was a man of this sort: Whenever any differences cropped up between the employers and employed, it was his great desire to avoid strikes or lock-outs. No person had a greater aversion to strikes than Mr Williams in the settlement of all disputes, and moreover no person looked more closely after the

INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE

he represented. He (the chairman) first became acquainted with Mr Williams during the transition of the iron trade into steel manufacture at Consett Works, and there was at that period a vast amount of distress prevalent in the district, and Mr Williams was very valuable in

POINTING OUT NECESSITOUS CASES

to the relief committee established to alleviate the misery and suffering existing in the town. Mr Williams was held in the highest esteem, not only by the workmen and the townspeople, but by the employers as well. Having expressed regret that Mr T. Siddell was not able to be present, the chairman explained that, although Mr Williams held good positions, he had not been able to

LAY ANYTHING BY FOR A RAINY DAY.

He therefore trusted that a sum would be realised on behalf of the widow and child. (Applause.)

Mr J. WILDSMITH, operatives' representative coincided in all that had been said by Mr Aynsley. No one, he assured them, would miss their departed friend more than he did himself, because Mr Williams had always been his

GUIDE, COUNSELLOR, AND FRIEND

ever since he accepted the position he (the speaker) now held. Perhaps he had not been acquainted with Mr Williams so long as some present, but since he had formed his acquaintance, he (Mr Wildsmith) had been very closely connected with Mr Williams, and he always found that his whole heart and soul was centred in the idea of elevating the life conditions of his fellow-men. Whatever scheme was likely to be

BENEFICIAL TO THE WORKING CLASSES

always received the cordial and hearty sympathy of Mr Williams. The transition from the iron manufacture to the steel process at Consett Works was a very trying period indeed; but thanks to the energy and foresight of Ald. Jenkins, Mr Parnaby, and Mr Williams, the whole undertaking was accomplished without the stoppage of that great hive of industry for a single moment, or the loss of a day's wages, there being an absence of any friction or shadow of dispute in the carrying out and perfecting of the arrangements. (Applause.) Mr Williams had adjusted trade disputes to the

SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED,

and he always did all that lay in his power to avoid strikes and lock-outs. Mr Williams was of a kind and generous disposition, and his sole aim was the consideration of the needs and requirements of his fellow-men. The Board of Arbitration intended to take the matter up in

SOME SHAPE OR FORM,

and probably the workmen at Consett might have to contribute to the object through that source. The workmen he (Mr Wildsmith) had spoken to, however, appeared to think that the movement should be taken up at Consett without delay. (Applause).

Mr WM. MAUND (president of the Consett Branch of the Associated Iron and Steelworkers of Great Britain) said he had lived at Consett for 37 years, and he had been connected with the Board of Arbitration ever since its formation. He had furthermore had intercourse with all the men's representatives at Consett Works, and of all these delegates he must say that Mr Williams was the most

HONEST AND UPRIGHT

he ever came in contact with. (Applause). He always dealt fairly and justly as between masters and workmen, and never allowed the one party to take unfair advantage of the other. (Applause). His whole heart and soul were bent upon doing what was exactly right. During the transition from iron to steel at Consett, they had no basis to go upon.

CONSETT WAS THE FIRST PLACE

in the north where steel manufacture was carried on, and they could not be guided by Scotland, which was a separate district. They had therefore an extremely difficult question to settle to ascertain the relative values between the prices of iron and steel. It was to the credit of Ald. Jenkins and Mr Williams that this problem was mutually solved. Mr Jenkins had even acknowledged the fact that Mr Williams had been of

IMMENSE VALUE AND ASSISTANCE

during that particular period. Everybody would sincerely regret the loss of Mr Williams, and it would be utterly impossible to find a better man to fill the offices he held. The speaker argued that Mr Williams's energy and strength had been too much strained in attending to the arduous duties of a workmen's delegate at Consett, and during his long illness he had not been earning more than 9s a week, in addition to the fees he received for attending the meetings in connection with the Arbitration Board. The speaker also declared that, had it not been for Mr Williams, the workmen would never have possessed such a

SATISFACTORY SLIDING SCALE

basis as they had had for some years. Mrs Williams herself was only in delicate health, and he therefore trusted that a substantial fund would be realised. (Applause).

The following officers were chosen:—Mr William Aynsley, president; Mr J. Petherick, treasurer; and Mr Adam Brodie, hon. secretary. A

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

of tradespeople, workmen, and others were chosen to canvas for subscriptions, and to promote a concert towards the object. The following will comprise the committee, in addition to the officers:—Messrs G. T. Hyden, S. Brodie, H. Nicholson, E. Lockey, Wm. Maund, Wm. Eales, J. Wildsmith, J. R. Pearson, J. Oliver, A. Russell, jun., John Jacks, Geo. Cancick, and E. Kirkhouse.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATIONS.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CONSETT.

By all lovers of music the day set apart for celebrating the anniversary of St. Patrick is looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest in the Consett district. On this occasion there was a capital programme provided for the musical community, and also first-class artistes engaged to render the selections. It is needless to state that this festival is always duly honoured by those to whom it belongs, with the best of cordiality for St. Patrick's Day. The present instance was no exception to the rule, in spite of the "black cloud" that is hanging over the native country at this moment. A grand evening concert was held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Tuesday. The spacious building was crowded with a large and fashionable assemblage, including Fathers Foran and Morrissey (Blackhill), and McGarrity (The Brooms). The platform was artistically decorated with drapery and artifical flowers from the establishment of Mr J. T. Potts, Middle Street, Consett. In the back-ground was displayed a beautiful banner, the figure of which represented the true emblem of Ireland, and the meaning of the same was "By the cross we shall conquer. There were several impressive mottoes, which were shown to advantage, including "God save Ireland," "Gead Mielle Failte," "All praise to St Patrick," &c. Various other emblems were exhibited, got up by the Sisters of the Convent.

The talented artistes engaged were:—Madame Hall-Atkin, soprano, Newcastle; Madame Sutherland, contralto, Newcastle; Mr J. Sloane, tenor, Blackhill; Mr T. L. Campion, basso, Durham Cathedral; Master Robert Smith, solo clarionet (Her Majesty's Theatre, London), and Mr Frank B. Mullen, humorist, Newcastle.

Father FORAN opened the proceedings with a short speech. He said it was the custom throughout the United Kingdom to assemble together on that day to commemorate the anniversary of a Saint whom they all loved. He was glad to see such a pleasant audience before him, and they had come together in order to enjoy good music, and he had no hesitation in saying that when they had heard the contents of the programme, they would be well satisfied. He hoped that what they heard would leave some pleasant impressions upon their minds. (Applause). He did not think they had come there with the intention of hearing any lengthy speeches, and he would now call upon the artistes to proceed with the programme.

The quartette, "Let Erin Remember," was ably rendered by Mesdames Hall-Atkin and Sutherland and Messrs Sloane and Campion. The song "Off to Philadelphia," by Mr Campion, was heard to advantage, and received well-deserved applause. Madame Sutherland in "Kathleen Mavourneen," displayed a rich voice, and her performance was highly appreciated. The song, "Old Ireland you're my darling," was well executed at the hands of Mr Sloane, and being a local artiste, he was the recipient of an outburst of prolonged cheering. Madame Hall-Atkin made her re-appearance before a Consett audience. Her rendition of "Rory O'More" was an excellent treat, and her voice was as fine as ever. The reception she met with was of the heartiest kind, indicating that absence has but strengthened the favour with which she is regarded. In response to a well-deserved *encore* she favoured her admirers with "Caller Herrin'," in capital style. Master Smith followed with the clarionet solo, "The last rose of summer," which he accomplished in an efficient manner. It is only creditable to mention that the playing of this artiste on so difficult an instrument really astonished the company, and though he had in his hands a difficult piece of music, he displayed rare talent. Mr Smith was awarded an enrapturous re-demand, which he acknowledged. The duet, "The sailor's sighs," by Madame Hall-Atkin and Mr Sloane was splendid, the two artistes voices blended well together, and the effect produced was really charming. Mr Campion scored for himself a mark in the song, "The longshoreman." His voice was in capital trim, and his agreeable style of rendering the song won for him rounds of applause.

At this junction, Father MORRISSEY made his appearance on the platform, and was loudly applauded. He said he had to thank them, in the name of his country, for their attendance that evening. It was another proof of the deep nationality that was planted in their hearts—(applause)—and their thought were concentrated upon the land to which they belonged. Looking round and seeing so many cheerful faces, and the beautiful mottoes that were placed around him, he felt called upon to refer to the faithful subject of Ireland. This was a subject that was engaging the attention of all classes of people all over the world. It had the attention of every Irishman, He (the speaker) was a native of that country, and it demanded his attention. (Applause). His tongue had still a touch of the brogue, and he felt proud of it too. He need not tell them that no matter how long he lived, his last prayer would be offered up in the sweet brogue of Ireland. (Cheers.) The present time was a period of sadness for their country, but he was consoled by remembering the history of their country in the past. They had been accustomed to suffer persecution and woe. There was a dark cloud hanging over them at the present time, but he trusted that that darkness would soon disappear, and daylight appear once again upon their beloved country, which would be refreshing, and create slowly prosperity to the country. (Applause.) They were met once again to celebrate another anniversary of their true apostle of their country. (Applause.) He was pleased to see so many English people present on that occasion. He believed the day was not far distant when all Englishmen and Irishmen would soon shake hands. (Applause.) The greatest battles that had ever been won had been fought by the English and Irish. (Applause.) Their blood flowed together on the field of Waterloo. (Applause.) He would venture to say that a bit of Irish beef would quite agree with his English friends very well, and a piece of English mutton would agree with him. (Laughter.) This, he said, was a sign of the times. They were hand-to-hand in raising the British flag from one land to another, and he appealed to them, as English people, to share in their trouble, and he hoped to see the day when they would share in their glory. (Applause.) The time was coming. Thanks to the democracy of England, and once they had moved, he trusted they would not rest until the time had arrived when they had restored to them and their country what were their rights. (Applause.) He regretted the absence of a member of Parliament on the platform, but at the next anniversary he hoped to see a member—not from London, but from Dublin—present at their gathering. (Cheers.) He would conclude with the words of the poet:—

"She'll sit once more in College Green,
The nation's hope and pride,
And o'er her brows shall wave the green,
And red flag too beside;
Then each shall clasp the other's hand
And enmity undone,
Then both shall love their native land,
And be in freedom one.

Then Irish hearts and Irish steel
Shall guard the Irish shore,
And England then shall know and feel
We're enemies no more.
For friendship true shall bind us fast
In bonds of brotherhood,
And heal the wounds of ages past
For England's greater good."

(Loud applause.)

Mr Mullen brought the first part to a conclusion with a humorous musical sketch, "The village concert," in his familiar style, and resulted in a gratifying success. He kept the company in a continued roar of laughter from beginning to end, and was awarded an enthusiastic *encore*. On reappearing he gave "Very much off" to the satisfaction of all present.

The second portion was commenced with a duet, "The elfin call," by Mesdames Hall-Atkin and Sutherland, which made the usual impression. Mr Sloane was warmly *encored* for his song, "The song that reached my heart." Madame Hall-Atkin gave a splendid interpretation of the song, "Poor wandering one" (from "Pirates of Penzance"), and was much applauded. The clarionet solo, "Home, sweet home," was given with much taste and precision, and in every sense the performance was all that could have been wished. Messrs Sloane and Campion sang the duet, "Excelsior," in a manner that was well appreciated, and the audience sat under the charm of the spell which these two artistes know so well how to exercise. Madame Sutherland executed the song, "The Kerry dance," in capital style. The song, "The admiral's broom," was ably given by Mr Campion, and received a well-merited *encore*. Mr Mullen brought down the house with his musical sketch, "Jorkins's village party," and was re-demanded. The quartette, "Now the concert is all over," was admirably sung by Mesdames Hall-Atkin and Sutherland, and Messrs Sloane and Campion. The enjoyable proceedings were brought to a conclusion in the usual way. Mr E. J. Sloane, L. Mus., L.C.M., of Blackhill, efficiently fulfilled the duties of accompanist.

Lamb's Myriorama Company visited Stanhope this week, and had fair companies.

On Wednesday night, a meeting was held in the Conservative Club, Stanley, when addresses were given by Mr J. Royston Booth and Mr Frank Healey, of the National Union. Mr Colquohoun was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance. Mr Booth dealt with Mr Gladstone's speech at Hastings, and Mr Healey spoke on the question of capital and labour, and the work of the Government in relation to the working classes.

NEW BRIDGES.—It is decided to erect two new bridges over the Wear at the cost in the aggregate of £5,000. The Committee of Works of the Durham County Council have decided to erect one at Daddry Shields and another at Wearhead. The bridges will be of iron, and will be level, and vastly more easy of access than the present structures, which are difficult to ascend on one side, and dangerous to descend on the other, and even worse with ice and snow on the ground.

A COLLIERY LAID IDLE.—The men employed at the South Medomsley Low Pit, owned by the South Medomsley Coal Company, received their notices, and have now terminated their engagements. Upwards of 100 hands are thus thrown out of employment. The reason for this action on the part of the owners is that they cannot work the colliery at the price the men were receiving a score, and the men were accordingly asked to suffer a reduction; but no definite arrangements could be come to, and the colliery is consequently laid idle. Several of the men have removed out of the houses owned by the company, and others have been engaged to work in the Busty seam for the same company. Great regret is expressed that this step should have been rendered necessary, as Mr Robinson (the manager) is on the best of terms with the men, and is greatly respected in the district.

PROPOSED TOWN HALL.—A movement is on foot to build a public hall for Prudhoe. It is certainly much required in this large and increasing neighbourhood, for the only places in which meetings, &c., can at present be held are the school-rooms, which have been up to the present freely lent for various purposes. Still it is felt that the accommodation at these places is scarcely sufficient, and many think that the public wants can only be met by a public hall available for all kinds of meetings and entertainments, a position that can hardly be claimed for the schools. We should imagine that a site might be obtained on favourable terms, and it is not at all unlikely that the colliery proprietors may help the scheme. The building should be central, if possible, and capable of accommodating a fairly large number. It can undoubtedly be made self-supporting. There is some talk of building it on the share principle, but the actual details of the scheme are not yet worked out. A public meeting to consider the matter will shortly be held. There can be no question of its necessity, and if unanimity only prevails there can be as little doubt of its successful accomplishment and ultimate usefulness. The Prudhoe people are a go-ahead community, and there seems every likelihood of their taking this matter up with characteristic energy, and we wish them success.

DRUNKENESS CURED.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all knowing remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25. Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. Mention this paper.

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

It is generally thought there is plenty of money at Frosterley. The fact is there is no more there than at other places similarly situated but the people have the heart to give. The sewing meeting teas held there this winter do them credit, many of them have raised over £10. The Primitives have done splendidly in raising money towards their new school project. The church folk also have and are doing well with their social teas and entertainments. One of them realised the handsome sum of £16. That held on Saturday evening last raised £9, and the last the Primitives held realized £8. Certainly there is money in Frosterley and the people have the heart to part with it, for good purposes, and have done so hence the success of their efforts.

Waskerley reservoir is said to contain 520,000,000 gallons of water, and Tunstall reservoir 450,000,000 gallons. If these should ever burst Wolsingham would be washed away, and old mother Shipton's prophecy be fulfilled.

Two bridges in Weardale, both of them highly dangerous on account of their house top shape and steepness of the gradients, are condemned by the County Council, and are to be replaced by two iron bridges level with the road. They are situate at Daddry Shield and Wearhead, and are well and widely known to drivers of horses and vehicles as relics of bye-gone ages.

An eccentric old local preacher of Upper Weardale a few years ago was holding forth on Peter's denial of Christ. Waxing eloquent with his subject, to the merriment of the folks present, he said by way of a slip Peter crew and the cock went out and wept bitterly.

The proposal that the working men of Stanhope should give the labour towards the ashphalting of the waterside walk is too much the monkey. Why should the working class always be expected to do such things. Do not the upper ten enjoy the walk as well as the working class, have they not equal or even a better right to do it out of their plentitude. It certainly would be a great improvement to have the walk ashphalted, but the commissioners are wealthy and can better afford to ashphalt it at their own expense than the working class at the expense of their labour.

I hear the Tow Law Football Club is going in for the cup. From what I have seen of their playing, I think they will make their mark among the county teams. There are some that will fare worse than the Tow Law team.

Few places have so shabby a hearse as Stanhope. It is the most disgraceful old thing imaginable to be owned by any public body. Not quite 1,000 years ago, it was taken to Sedgefield, to bring a coprse from there to Stanhope for interment at Stanhope. Auckland the children ran after it shouting at the old shabby thing, and several pitmen and others asked the driver where it belonged. He thought much to tell them he was thoroughly ashamed of it. Geordie said more than once "Aw wadn't let it carry maw dog." Others pointed the finger of scorn, and in some villages the children pelted it with stones, and yet Stanhope figures as a popular health and pleasure resort.

The maintainence of indoor paupers in the Weardale Union for the parochial year 1886, cost £510. Out door relief, £3,173, and the salary of officials £465.

The first night home from work of a young fellow after the honey-moon, who lives not 100 miles out of Weardale, were suggestive of the sweets of connubial bliss to such an extent that some of the stereo-typed bachelors have been longing to clear out of single blessedness at once and for ever.

She met me at the door last night,
All dainty, fresh, and smiling;
And threw her arms around me tight,
In a manner most beguiling.
Then in her sweet impulsive way,
She hugged me as she kissed me,
And told me how the live long day,
She'd thought of me and missed me.
She helped me off with coat and hat,
And led me, still close clinging,
Into the dining-room, and sat
Down at the table singing.
The meal was perfect, fresh cut flowers,
The fire-light warm and rosy
Made all seem bright, swift flew the hours,
And oh! it was so cosy.
Then after dinner, she and I
Sang the old songs together,
We used to sing in days gone by,
My heart was like a feather.

There are some people who condemn lady preachers and women workers in the churches as not being scriptural. Not any one of the manifold agencies of Christian love is more in harmony with the spirit of the gospel or derives a weightier sanction from the precepts and the examples given in the bible. The women of the bible infinitely surpass all other delineations of female character. All that is lovely in form, graceful in manner, exalted in mind, delicate in sentiment, and generous in action is portrayed in all the circumstances of life—Sarah co-operating in the duties of hospitality with her venerable lord; Rebecca refreshing the weary travellers and thirsty camels; Rachel and Jethro's daughters tending their fathers' flocks; Miriam leading in the triumphant song of the ransomed host; Deborah, with heroic ardour, arousing the slumbering warriors of Israel; Maonah's wife rich in theology and strong in faith; Hannah, the first of the human race, who is recorded to have used the name of Christ; Dorcas, the story of whose philanthrophy in making garments for the Lord's poor has come down through the ages. With an exquisite energy the great apostle of the Gentiles makes mention of the women who aboured with him in his work. Of Lois and Eunice away there in the wilds of Zystic; of Lydia, the large hearted, in Phillipi; of Phœbe, the deaconness, at Cenchera; of the stately Domaris at Athens; of the ubiquitious Prisca or Priscilla, whom we scarcely know where to find whether at Corinth or Ephesus, or far off Pontus on the Black Sea shore. Then around the person of Christ there is clustered a constellation of women stars of the first magnitude, who by their receptiveness of truth, the constancy of their attachment, the ardour of their zeal, their pure love and complete consecration representing all the high qualifications and holy characteristics which symbolise the whole Church of God as the bride—the Lamb's wife. They were last at His Cross and first at His grave, and when men, even His own disciples, deserted Him in the hour of trial, they were true in their allegiance and attachment to Him, and were the first to spread the news of the resurrection, a doctrine without which the whole redemptive scheme would be incomplete. The woman of Samaria at the well became a preacher of the gospel under the very eyes and with the sanction of Christ Himself, when she went and told her neighbours to come and see a man which told her all things whichever she did. Mary, while in Rome, laboured much in the Lord. Also, we have the beloved Persis, Claridia, the British princess, Tryphana, Tryphosis, and many others conspicuous not only for their moral worth but for laborious helpfulness in the advancement of the gospel chariot. Nor are the annals of modern missions wanting in evidence of the unostentatious heroic toil and patient suffering of Christian women whose labours have been abundantly blessed of God. Isaiah, in prophetic vision, spoke of it when he said, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."

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A GRAND CONCERT will be held in the Infants' School, Leadgate, under the auspices of the St. Ives Mens' Guild, in aid of the Society's funds, on Easter Tuesday, March 31st, 1891. Doors open at 7 p.m., to commence at 7·30 p.m. 237e

TANFIELD LEA BRASS BAND SPORTS to be held on Easter Monday, March 30th, 1891, 120 Yds., 2s. 6d. entry, 1s; Quoiting, 2s. entry, 6d; Wrestling, 4s. entry, 6d; 300 Yds., £1 10s. entry, 6d. Entries for the 120 Yds. and 300 Yds. to be made to W. G. HINDMARSH, Tantobie, on or before Wednesday, March 25th. 239e

DIPTON WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

MISS WILSON, of Carlisle, will PREACH in the above place of worship on Easter Monday Afternoon, at 2·30 and 6·30. PUBLIC TEA in the interval. 241e

CONSETT BAPTIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.

ON SUNDAY First, Rev. E. MASON, of South Shields, will PREACH. Monday Afternoon, a SOCIAL TEA at 4·30; Evening, PUBLIC MEETING at 7·30. See Bills. 255e

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHOIR.

AN ORATORIO entitled "David and Goliath" (J. Haite), will be performed by the above Choir, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on Good Friday. Conductor, Mr. W. LOWRIE; Organist, Mr. C. STERLING. For particulars see programmes. Proceeds in aid of the New Chapel Scheme. 252e

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

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ON EASTER MONDAY, the 30th of March, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Newcastle at 12·5 a.m. (with bookings from Claydon, Consett and Blackhill, &c.), for LONDON for TWO DAYS. See Bills. 238e

DURHAM ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

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A MEETING will be held at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Tuesday next, March 24th, at 6·30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the best means of improving the game, and furthering the interests of both clubs and players.
261e JOHN CLOVER, Secretary.

FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WIDOW AND CHILD OF THE LATE THOS. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

A MEETING of the Committee of the above Fund will be held at the Offices of Mr BROWN, Consett, on Monday next, March 23rd, at Eight o'clock, at which all who desire to assist in the matter are requested to attend.
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Re JOSEPH KIRK, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Creditors and other Persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of JOSEPH KIRK, late of Tow Law, in the County of Durham, Joiner, who died on the 26th day of February, 1891, are hereby required to send in the particulars in writing of their claims and demands to me, the undersigned, the Solicitor for the Executors, named in his, the said Joseph Kirk's will, on or before the 18th day of April, 1891, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and all money due to the said Executors must be paid in to me by the above-mentioned date; and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets of the said Deceased, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons, of whose claim or demand they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1891,
JOSEPH J. DEVEY,
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JOSEPH WATSON, } Overseers.
GEORGE RIDLEY, }

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

LESSONS FROM THE STORM.

Another storm has come and gone, and it may reasonably be expected that a few weeks hence nature, alway true to himself, will again call to life and clothe with beauty the myriad gems of field and forest. It is Moore, if I am not mistaken, who observed that "spring would be but gloomy weather, if we had nothing else but spring," and there is more truth in the saying than is revealed at first sight. The inhabitants of the earth who rarely experience the withering blasts characteristic of winter in our otherwise favoured land fall far below the standard of energy and intellectual power which distinguish the Anglo-Saxon race from the men of the East. Long periods of sunshine unaccompanied by the proverbial cloud seem somehow to unfit men for the stern realities of life as we have it in the western world. Witness the lethergy characteristic of the men of the East. They stand where they were when the world was young. The sun turns on its axis as in the Golden Age; but their uneventful lives show no shadow of turning. Their sluggish minds evolve no new inventions to sweeten labour and lighten toil, the stupid ox treading out the corn as in the days when the morning stars first sang together. It is evidently better then to accept with complaint the passing inconveniences arising from piercing winds and drifting snow, rather than fall victims to the song of the siren and spend the life which now is in an existence in which the better part of man is never once called into active effort. It is true that snow and hail are anything but desirable; but an old English writer aptly asserts that the toad, although ugly, wears a precious jewel in its head. Modern scientists are also agreed that snow contains special ingredients having all the properties of the highest-priced manures. It follows, then, that the deductions of the wise men but tend to prove that things are often very different from what they seem. We are gravely told, for example, that snow is a blessing, inasmuch as it excludes the prevailing frost and biting winds from the tender shoots. All that may be gospel, but no mere man can afford to smile at his fellow who, shaking his head, remarks: "Well, now, if snow is a source of comfort to any living organisation under heaven, I have to say that it is a cold comforter."

GRIEVANCE AT LEADGATE.

It is seldom indeed that the good folks of Leadgate come before the public, there being few disturbing spirits in that quiet neighbourhood. The place has no industries of note, with the exception of the coke-ovens, the flames from

REV A. T. GUTTERY will PREACH in the LEADGATE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL, on Easter Monday, March 31st, 1891. See Bills. 166e

which rise day and night without being quenched. It need not, however, be regarded as an event coming within the region of the wonderful if the latest fruits of civilisation have at length taken root at Leadgate—telephone communication to wit. That sort of thing was to be expected sooner or later, the Local Board having in due course granted the necessary permission to erect posts at the top of which wires would be placed to transmit the winged words. All is well that ends well, as the saying goes; but then this particular arrangement has not ended well, inasmuch as exception is taken by residents to the presence of a post in front of their domiciles. It may be that the gentlemen under note have a single eye for the beautiful, preferring to have a plain, unvarnished view of the brick buildings on the opposite side of the street to the bald pole within two yards of their own window. Quite right, for there is, you see, no accounting for tastes, waving of course the rights of one's neighbours—a trivial consideration with some people. It would be a truly deplorable state of things for the human family if the modern method of communication was suspended because the presence of a telephone post was an eyesore to a few residents of Leadgate. The bare idea is altogether too much of a joke to savour of the reality, but truth is always strange, stranger than fiction.

NOTICE.

The "GUARDIAN" will be issued ON THURSDAY NEXT, as our usual publishing day falls on GOOD FRIDAY. Advertisers and Correspondents are requested to forward their communications NOT LATER than Wednesday Night to secure insertion.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the meeting of the committee of the Williams' fund will be held in Mr Brodie's office, on Monday, March 23rd, at eight o'clock in the evening, when all who are disposed to assist in the movement are specially invited to attend.

The Consett aid committee of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children have signed a petition against the Bill now before Parliament for the abolition of labour certificates of boys and girls to be employed in workshops and factories.

CONSETT CYCLING CLUB.—At a meeting of the committee, held last (Thursday) night—Mr F. W. Brodie presiding—it was resolved to inaugurate the season with a smoking concert and knife-and-fork supper, to be held in the smaller hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening first. The edibles are to be provided by Mr L. W. Rowe, of the Cocoa Palace. A capital programme of music will be arranged, under the supervision of Mr Brodie. Members and friends are at liberty to attend.—The opening run of the club will (D.V.) take place to Durham on Good Friday.

FUNERAL OF MR JOHN BECKWITH.—On Saturday afternoon, the remains of Mr John Beckwith, of Delves Lane, Consett, were interred in Benfieldside Cemetery. The *cortege* was followed by a large number of relatives and friends, including deceased's brother (Mr Beckwith) from Middlesbrough. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev J. H. Taylor (Wesleyan) Consett.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The trustees of the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel have resolved to make another special effort to reduce or extinguish the debt resting at present on their spacious chapel and Sunday-school, and with this end in view the ladies have commenced a series of sewing meeting teas. The second tea was given on Monday night, by Mrs Stockton, Delves Lane, and realised the sum of £1 10s 6d. We wish the ladies every success in their efforts.

THEATRE ROYAL.—On Monday next, the boards of the above popular place of amusement will be occupied by Mr Ben Greet's London company of "Village Priest" fame, under the management of Mr Seymour Hodges, in the great Haymarket success, "Called Back." Local playgoers should take the opportunity afforded of seeing this most excellent combination, whose business has been phenomenal in the principal theatres in the country during their tour. The company includes Mr John Nesbitt, Mr A. W. Mason, Mr Seymour Hodges, Mr W. Sandford, Mr Ernest Lawford, and Misses Winnifred Fraser, Harrison, and Grey. New and special scenery from the Haymarket Theatre, London, by Walter Johnson.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB.—Another smoking concert, organised by Mr J. Royston Booth, sub-agent of the Conservative party for North-West Durham, took place in the above club room at Mount Pleasant, Consett, on Saturday night. Although the weather was unfavourable, there was a very large attendance of the Unionist party. The chair was occupied by Mr G. J. Christopher, of Blackhill, who opened the gathering with an appropriate address. Speeches on political topics were also delivered by Mr J. Royston Booth and Mr Hyden of Consett. The proceedings were greatly enhanced by a capital programme, which was as follows:—Song, "Tom Bowling," Mr Booth; song, "Hearts of Oak," Mr J. Sheffield, *encored*; song, "Ballyhooly," Mr J. G. Murray, *encored*, "Killaloe"; song, "Harbour Lights," Mr Wilson; song, "I went with him," Mr J. Cleghorn; song, "The Anchors weighed," Mr J. Sheffield; song, "The master," Mr J. Cleghorn, *encored*; song, "The awkwark squad," Mr Hyden; song, "John Peel," Mr Christopher; song, "The christening," Mr Hyden. Mr G. Stephenson most ably officiated as accompanist. Votes of thanks to the chairman and musicians, and the singing of "God save the Queen," ended the very successful proceedings.

BLACKHILL.

On Sunday morning and evening, special sermons were preached in St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, by Rev G. D. Copeland, B.D., rector of Rainton. Good congregations attended, although the weather was unpropitious.

The March quarterly meeting of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan circuit took place at Blackhill on Wednesday, under the presidency of Rev J. H. Taylor. The proceedings lasted until after eight o'clock. We have been unable to obtain a report of the meeting, but we learn that it was unanimously decided to have a fourth minister stationed in the circuit, to reside at Leadgate.

CROOK.

TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.—A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening in the Temperance Hall, Crook, presided over by Mr W. L. Powell, who gave an address on temperance recreation.—Mr James Davis (Peases West) spoke on the subject, "John Wesley *re* Temperance Reform."—The rest of the evening was occupied with vocal and instrumental music.

WEARDALE.

A WEARDALE FARMER'S SUCCESS.—The Sanitary Authority of the Houghton-le-Spring have just appointed Mr Wm. Morley, Eastgate, farmer, their inspector of nuisances. Mr Morley is well known as a clever sheep breeder and shower; but has also had experience as inspector to Stanhope Local Board and rate-collector for the same large parish. His predecessor at Houghton has secured an appointment to the Dumfries County Council.

LOOK OUT for DR. LUNN, on EASTER WEDNESDAY, in the Town Hall, Consett.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ALLEGED THEFT AT EAST STANLEY.—Yesterday (Thursday), at the Shotley Bridge Courthouse—before Councillor Jas. Annandale—*William Duffett*, miner, Seaton Delaval (who was arrested at Morpeth), was remanded on a charge of stealing a silver lever watch, belonging to Robert Russell, miner, East Stanley, on March 5th.

At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Tuesday, before Councillor Jas. Annandale, *John Robson*, (30), and *Michael McClusky*, (30), labouring men, and *Michael Carr*, (40), puddler, of 18, King Street, Consett, was brought up for being drunk and disorderly, at Consett, on Monday night, and were fined 5s each and costs; the alternative being 7 days' imprisonment.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Primitive Methodist Band of Hope meeting was held on Monday, 9th March, at Shotley Bridge, the chairman being Mr W. Campbell, who occupied the post with his usual ability. The Derwent Cottages String Band rendered an excellent programme of music, some pieces being *encored*. The conductor, Mr Jno. Harbottle, and the party rendered a dialogue entitled "The troubles of a bachelor," which provoked rounds of applause The doxology was sung at the close, terminating an enjoyable evening.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.—The Easter attractions at Messrs Wilson Bros. famous grounds will consist of the following items:—Monday—Football match between Leadgate Park and Gateshead; pony race for animals of 13 hands and under; hurdle race for ponies not exceeding 14 hands. Tuesday—Leadgate Park v West House, Sunderland; pony race for animals not exceeding 13 hands; consolation race for beaten ponies. The South Derwent (Annfield Plain) Prize Brass Band will be in attendance each day. Should the weather become more favourable, these grounds are sure to be largely patronised.

ENTERTAINMENT.—An interesting and enjoyable magic lantern entertainment was given in the Wesleyan School-room, Shotley Bridge, on Monday night, under the auspices of the Band of Hope. Master Nicholson, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholson, Baxton Burn, carried out a very successful entertainment with his magic lantern, entitled, "Cash three," the same being well-sustained throughout, reflecting great credit on the young performer. He was assisted by his father. Mr Anderson acting as chairman and reader. After going through the story, Master Nicholson gave some splendid views of Shotley Bridge, the Derwent, Snow's Green, Allansford, Jesmond Dene, Tynemouth, Newcastle and Durham Cathedral, The Briary, Summerdale House and Lodge, also a few photograph pictures of old temperance veterans at Shotley Bridge. Master Nicholson finished up by giving a few comic pieces. The usual votes of thanks closed a profitable entertainment.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.—On Saturday night, the members of the Annfield Plain and Lizzie Cricket Club held their first annual concert in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. The concert turned out to be one of the best of the season, both financially and otherwise. There was a crowded house to hear the talent which proved to be of first-class order, and those present had a rich programme before them. The chair was taken by Coun. Curry, Dipton, and after a few brief remarks the following talent was brought forward—Mr T. Gusty, Sunderland; Mr J. Nevins, Newcastle; Mr J. Burns, Sunderland; Miss E. Smith; Mr Chas. Price, Sunderland; and Mr J. Godfrey, Sunderland.—The Chairman, in concluding, thanked the public on behalf of the club, and drew special attention to the kind manner in which Mr Henry Greener and other influential gentlemen had supported the clubs in many ways.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Wednesday evening, a magic-lantern entertainment was given in the above place of worship at Allendale Cottages by Mr Robert Bewley. Amongst the subjects which appeared upon the screen were "The life of Christ," "Overland route to India," and several comic pictures.

CRAGHEAD.

CONCERT.—A very successful concert was given in the Hedley Memorial School, on Saturday evening, by Miss Fairley's solfa class. It may be mentioned in passing that one (perhaps unique) feature of this singing class is that, though it numbers nearly 30 members, every individual is a total abstainer. In spite of the very inclement weather there was a good attendance.

LANCHESTER.

On Tuesday night, a meeting was held in Lanchester National Schools, in aid of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts. Rev F. W. Glyn (vicar) presided, and an address was given by Rev. G. Eden, late of West Hartlepool.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Lanchester Highway Board, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon—Mr Wm. Logan presiding—cheques in payment of the Surveyor's monthly pay-bill (£396 8s 4d), and other accounts representing a total of over £930, were signed.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

On Wednesday night, Rev B. Wilkinson, Barnard Castle, delivered a lecture on "Talkers" in the Congregational School-room, Ryton. There was a fair attendance, the chair being occupied by Dr Smith.

MEETING OF RATEPAYERS.—A largely attended meeting of the ratepayers of the Ryton Local Board district, was held on Tuesday night, in the Thorpe Schools, Ryton. Mr Henry Wilson occupied the chair, and said they had been called together that night by circular to select candidates for the forthcoming Local Board election. He presumed they were there for other purposes also. They had something to say respecting the sanitary arrangements of the district, and as to the admission of reporters to the Board meetings. As they all knew too well, the sanitary condition of the district was in a bad state, and they wanted to see how the machinery of the Board was working. It was their duty as ratepayers to see that what the Board was entrusted to do was done properly and in their interests; and they should place men on the Board who would constantly watch over their interests, and not be afraid to speak out.—Mr Maughan moved, and Mr Wilkinson seconded, a resolution requesting the Local Board to admit reporters to their ordinary meetings, and on being put to the meeting it was carried unanimously.—The question of cleaning out the ashpits was discussed, and it was ultimately decided to let the matter rest for a while in order that certain inquiries might be made. The following persons were then nominated as as suitable candidates at the forthcoming Local Board election:—Messrs Surtees, J. Wilson, J. Gibson, R. McAleenan, and J. B. Simpson.—Mr J. Wilson moved and Mr Wells seconded, "That a Ratepayers' Association for Ryton and district be formed, and a committee appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements." The resolution was carried, and a provisional committee of ten persons appointed.

DIPTON.

PUBLIC-HOUSE PROPERTY IN THE MARKET.—On Wednesday afternoon, at the County Hotel, Newcastle, Mr J. G. Smith, of Gateshead, submitted for sale two lots of freehold property situated in Dipton. There was a good attendance. The first lot was the fully-licensed property known as the Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, shop and dwelling-house adjoining, and eight wooden cottages, together with stabling, blacksmith's shop, &c. There was only one offer—£1,500, by Mr Tucker, Gateshead, and the lot was consequently withdrawn. The second lot was a block of property known as The Besom, comprising house with off-beer license and six cottages, &c., near Dipton. This was commenced at £500, bid by Mr Murray, Benfieldside. Eventually £610 was offered by Mr Tucker, but the reserve price not having been reached, the property was withdrawn.

STANHOPE.

On Wednesday morning, Miss Hodgkins, on behalf of the teachers of the Dunn Street Girls' School, Jarrow, presented Miss Mary E. Snowdon with a handsome gold horse-shoe brooch, set with brilliants, and a "Dorcas" silver thimble, as a token of their esteem and good wishes for her future welfare. Miss M. Snowdon completes her apprenticeship as a pupil-teacher under the Jarrow School Board, at the above school, on March 31st; and is leaving to join her parents in Stanhope.

WHICKHAM.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.—The result of this election was declared at Whickham, on Friday, by Mr John Bovill, deputy returning officer, as follows:—Elected:—Blackbird, 1,295; Rev H. B. Carr, 808; Burnett, 772; J. Gilchrist, 701; Brabban, 677; Henderson, 631; Stafford, 561. Not elected:—Fletcher, 560; Lumley, 465; Edmund Carr, 194; R. Smith, 67.

FROSTERLEY.

SOCIAL SUPPER.—Mrs Rippon, of Rogerley Hall, gave a social supper and entertainment on Saturday evening, at Frosterley, in aid of the church funds. There was a good company present, and the proceeds realised £8.

BIBLE CLASS SUPPER.—On Thursday se'nnight, at Frosterley, a supper was provided in the Wesleyan schoolroom in connection with Mr Moffatt's Bible class. A goodly number of people were present. Mr F. R. Reed presided. During the evening, a splendid entertainment was given by several performers from Stanhope and Frosterley. The Frosterley Exhibition String Band rendered good service. The Wesleyan choir, under the leadership of Mr Jon. Turnbull, gave several choruses. Mr Pinkney, of Middleton-in-Teesdale, gave a humorous address. The proceeds, £8 4s 3d, were in aid of the Bible Class Reading-room.

SPEN COLLIERY.

CHOPWELL TOWNSHIP.—Mr Robt. Jewitt having resigned the office of assistant-overseer, a contest took place between Mr Cheeseman, farmer, and Mr Armstrong, schoolmaster, for the vacancy, on Friday. The result of the poll at the close was as follows: Mr Cheesemen, 120; Mr Armstrong, 105. majority, 15. Dr Colquhoun, of Lintz Green, was the returning officer.

TANFIELD.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of this parish, on Monday last, Mr John Geo. Ridley, of Stanley, was unanimously elected assistant-overseer. The Rev T. Hewan Archdall, vicar of Tanfield, presided at the meeting, and there was a large attendance of ratepayers, an adjournment to the National School-room being necessary for the accommodation of the persons at the meeting.

TOW LAW.

A man named French was, it is alleged, seriously stabbed in the stomach at Tow Law, on Saturday night.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION.—A grand concert was held on Tuesday night, the large Hall of the Mechanic's Institute, Tow Law, being crammed, to celebrate in a pleasant manner the anniversary of St. Patrick, Ireland's great apostle and patron. Rev Father Wood occupied the chair. A capital programme was rendered by Misses Ellison, Feeby, McCabe, and Messrs Milburn, Pallister, and McGurk. Mr John Keogan presided at the piano. During the interval, the chairman delivered an address on "Traits of Irish character." In a capital address, which was received with loud applause, the rev gentleman enumerated the different characteristics of the nature of the Sister Isle as follows:—1st, Their devotion to their Church; 2nd, Their love for the country; 3rd, Their love for their Priest; 4th, Their bravery and chivalry; and 5th, Their ready wit. Father Wood in the course of his address said, that he was an Irishman and was proud of his country, and he would never deny it. In illustrating the different traits of character, he told some very amusing stories; and many times the whole house was roaring with laughter. The concert was a great success in every particular; and every credit is due to the management for bringing the affair to such a successful conclusion.

WATERHOUSES.

ASSAULT BY A SCHOOL-MISTRESS.—At Durham County Police Court, on Wednesday—before Rev W. Greenwell (chairman), and other magistrates—*Athelina Mitchinson*, a school-mistress at Pease's Collieries' School, Waterhouses, was charged with assaulting Elizabeth Jane Tomlin, a scholar, aged nine years. It appears that during an examination, defendant drew the attention of complainant to the dirty state of her slate. It was alleged that the mistress went back to her desk, got a strap, and struck the child across the ear. The ear became very much swollen, and complaint was made to defendant, who denied that she ever struck complainant on the ear with the strap, and said she had noticed that the child's ear had not been well for some days.—The Bench did not consider the case a very serious one, and imposed a fine of 1s and costs.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and affecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d., tins 1s 1½d., labelled "JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London." Dr George Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease.

CULTURED DAME—"Just like a man! You grab the paper as soon as it arrives, keep it all to yourself, and then blame me for not being informed on matters of public interest." Husband—"Well, my dear, I'll read the paper aloud, if you wish. Let me see—'Another Ocean Horror.'" "Oh, don't read that." "'The Progress of the Campaign.'" "I don't care for politics." "'Science Solves a Problem.'" "I hate science." "'Mrs. Tiptap's Party—Description of the Dresses.'" "Oh, read that."—*Philadelphia Record.*

"THE wife for me," he said, "is the old-fashioned girl—the girl who makes a good housewife—who has been brought up to sew, and to cook, and to wash, and to iron—the kind of girl that they used to have before girls went in for fashionable flummery and accomplishments, and things." "Yes," said she, "I understand. Well, my idea of a husband is also of the old-fashioned sort. I want one who will shovel snow, put in coal, chop wood, put up stoves, dig garden beds, beat carpets—and do all things that husbands used to do before they went in for clubs, four-in-hands, and things."

THE following toast was proposed at a firemen's dinner, and was received with great applause:—"The ladies—their eyes kindle the only flame against which there is no insurance."

KIND JUDGE.—A very learned and compassionate judge in a Western state, on passing sentence on one Jones, who had been convicted of murder, concluded his remarks as follows: "The fact is, Jones, the court did not at first intend to order you to be executed before next spring; but the weather is so very cold, our gaol is unfortunately in a bad condition, much of the glass in the windows is broken, the chimneys are in such a dilapidated state that no fire can be made to render your apartment comfortable; besides owing to a great number of prisoners, not more than one blanket can be allowed to each; and to sleep sound and comfortable is therefore out of the question. In consideration of these circumstances, and wishing to lessen your sufferings as much as possible, the court, in the exercise of humanity and compassion, do hereby order you to be executed to-morrow morning as soon after breakfast as may be convenient to the sheriff and agreeable to you."

HOW QUEEN VICTORIA KISSED THE EMPEROR WILLIAM.—At Bonn the English visitors attended the inauguration of the Beethoven statue, and were serenaded by an enormous orchestra, consisting of sixty military bands. At four o'clock on the same day a grand ballet was given at the palace at which occasion the Prussian king made a speech, in which he said "Gentlemen, fill your glasses There is a word of inexpressible sweetness to British as well as to German hearts. Thirty years ago it echoed on the heights of Waterloo from British and German tongues, after days of hot and desperate fighting, to mark the glorious triumph of our brotherhood in arms. Now it resounds on the banks of our fair Rhine, amid the blessings of that peace which was the hallowed fruit of the great conflict. That word is 'Victoria'!" His Majesty then drank to the health of the Queen and Prince Albert; and the former, who was much affected, rose, bent towards the king, and kissed his cheek.

ON THE STUDY OF NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

The situation of man on the globe he inhabits, and over which he has obtained the control, is in many respects exceedingly remarkable. Compared with its other denizens, he seems, if we regard only his physical constitution, in almost every respect their inferior, and equally unprovided for the supply of his natural wants, and his defence against the innumerable enemies which surround him. No other animal passes so large a portion of its existence in a state of absolute helplessness, or falls in old age into such protracted and lamentable imbecility. To no other warm-blooded animal has nature denied that indispensable covering, without which the vicissitudes of a temperate, and the rigours of a cold climate, are equally insupportable; and to scarcely any has she been so sparing in external weapons, whether for attack or defence. Destitute alike of speed to avoid, and of arms to repel the aggressions of his voracious foes; tenderly susceptible of atmospheric influences, and unfitted for the coarse aliments which the earth affords spontaneously, during at least two-thirds of the year, even in temperate climates—man, if abandoned to mere instinct, would be of all creatures the most destitute and miserable. Distracted by terror, and goaded by famine; driven to the most abject expedients for concealment from his enemies, and to the most cowardly devices for the seizure and destruction of his nobler prey, his existence would be one continued subterfuge or stratagem; his dwelling would be in the dens of the earth, in clefts of rocks, or in the hollow of trees; his food worms and the lower reptiles, or such few and crude productions of the soil as his organs could be brought to assimilate, varied with occasional relics, mangled by more powerful beasts of prey, or contemned by their more pampered choice. Remarkable only for the absence of those powers and qualities which obtain for other animals a degree of security and respect, he would be disregarded by some, and hunted down by others, till after a few generations his species would become altogether extinct, or, at best, would be restricted to a few islands in tropical regions, where the warmth of the climate, the paucity of enemies, and the abundance of vegetable food, might permit it to linger.

Yet man is the undisputed lord of the creation. The strongest and fiercest of his fellow-creatures—the whale, the elephant, the eagle, and the tiger—are slaughtered by him to supply his most capricious wants, or tamed to do him service, or imprisoned to make him sport. The spoils of all nature are in daily requisition for his most common uses, yielded with more or less readiness, or wrested with reluctance from the mine, the forest, the ocean, and the air. Such are the first fruits of reason. Were they the only or the principal ones, were the mere acquisition of power over the materials, and the less gifted animals which surround us, and the consequent increase of our external comforts, and our means of preservation and sensual enjoyment, the sum of the privileges which the possession of this faculty conferred, we should, after all, have little to plume ourselves upon. But this is so far from being the case, that every one who passes his life in tolerable ease and comfort, or rather, whose whole time is not anxiously consumed in providing the absolute necessaries of existence, is conscious of wants and cravings in which the senses have no part, of a series of pains and pleasures totally distinct in kind from any which the infliction of bodily misery, or the gratification of bodily appetites, has ever afforded him; and if he has experienced these pleasures and these pains in any degree of intensity, he will readily admit them to hold a much higher rank, and to deserve much more attention, than the former class. Independent of the pleasures of fancy and imagination, and social converse, man is constituted a speculative being; he contemplates the world, and the objects around him, not with a passive indifferent gaze, as a set of phenomena in which he has no farther interest than as they affect his immediate situation, and can be rendered subservient to his comfort, but as a system disposed with order and design. He approves, and feels the highest admiration for the harmony of its parts, the skill and efficiency of its contrivances. Some of these which he can best trace and understand, he attempts to imitate, and finds that, to a certain extent, though rudely and imperfectly, he can succeed; in others, that although he can comprehend the nature of the contrivance, he is totally destitute of all means of imitation; while in others, again, and those evidently the most important, though he sees the effect produced, yet the means by which it is done are alike beyond his knowledge and his control. Thus he is led to the conception of a power and an intelligence superior to his own, and adequate to the production and maintenance of all that he sees in nature; a power and intelligence to which he may well apply the term infinite, since he not only sees no actual limit to the instances in which they are manifested, but finds, on the contrary, that the farther he inquires, and the wider his sphere of observation extends, they continually open upon him in increasing abundance; and that, as the study of one prepares him to understand and appreciate another, refinement follows on refinement, wonder on wonder, till his faculties become bewildered in admiration, and his intellect falls back on itself, in utter hopelessness of arriving at an end.

When from external objects he turns his view upon himself—on his own vital and intellectual faculties, he finds that he possesses a power of examining and analysing his own nature to a certain extent, but no farther. In his own corporal frame he is sensible of a power to communicate a certain moderate amount of motion to himself and other objects; that this power depends on his will, and that its exertion can be suspended or increased at pleasure within certain limits; but how his will acts on his limbs, he has no consciousness; and whence he derives the power he thus exercises, there is nothing to assure him, however he may long to know. His senses, too, inform him of a multitude of particulars respecting the external world, and he perceives an apparatus by which impressions from without may be transmitted, as a sort of signals, to the interior of his person, and ultimately to his brain, wherein he is obscurely sensible that the thinking, feeling, reasoning being he calls *himself*, more especially resides, but by what means he becomes conscious of these impressions, and what is the nature of the immediate communication between that inward sentient being, and that machinery, his outward man, he has not the slightest conception. — HERSCHEL. — *Lardner's Cyclopædia.*

PECULIARITIES OF THE PRESS.

The stereotyped phraseology of the press is to us a standing joke—a perpetual and never-to-be-exhausted spring of "rational entertainment." Is there an unusual shower of rain in any village within five hundred miles of London?—of course its like was not known "in the memory of the oldest inhabitant." Does it happen to take place in town instead of the country?—of course "the metropolis was visited by one of the most awful," &c. Is there a chimney on fire?—of course "the devouring element" blazes through a long paragraph. Is a straw-bonnet maker's apprentice robbed of her reticule, or exposed to the indignity of having her veil gently thrown back, displaying her beauties to the gaze of the vulgar?—of course "the deed was perpetrated" either by a "wretch," or "a monster in the human form." Is somebody *acquitted* by the Lord Mayor upon a charge of swindling?—of course he is a person of very "interesting appearance." Is somebody convicted upon a similar charge?—of course "he is a suspicious-looking character." Does a gentleman fail to recover at the hands of a magistrate a wife who has run away from him fifteen times?—of course "his feelings may be more easily conceived than described." Do five fools, aged fifty-one years each, happen to meet together at any time on this side of the antipodes?—of course it is discovered that "their united ages amount to two hundred and fifty-five years." Are people married now-a-days?—no; they are always led to the "hymeneal altar." Are they hanged?—by no means; they are "launched into eternity." Do rich landowners give their famished tenantry a dinner at Christmas?—it is hailed as a noble specimen of "genuine English hospitality."

TAKING THE CENSUS.

All the enumerators selected to take the census of the people in the first week of next month have now been appointed by the Registrar-General, and the registrars of births and deaths throughout the country are now receiving the books and papers necessary for the work. A general outline of the process to be adopted has already been published, and, broadly speaking, the plan adopted will be very similar to that adopted at the last census in 1881, but the return will differ in several respects from any of its predecessors, and some details of the duty which every household will be called upon to fulfil on April 5 will not be unwelcome. The all-important part of the scheme is the householder's schedule, one of which will, in the course of the week which ends on April 4, be left with every family or household—single schedules, to hold 17 names, being provided for ordinary cases, and double schedules for large establishments, besides special schedules for institutions and for vessels afloat. The occupier of each house or tenement will receive one of these schedules, having on the outside his name and address and a number for indentification. A household may comprise a man, his wife, and children, boarders, visitors, and servants, or it may consist of one person living alone, two or more lodgers living together, or an out-door servant sleeping in a lodge or cottage. The enumerator will carry a memorandum book, in which he will note the issue of every paper, and it will be his duty to furnish all information and explanations that may be required. The householder will be enjoined to take great care of the schedule, and to have it accurately filled when called for on Monday, April 6. The following examples, says the *London Chronicle*, show the form adopted and the mode of filling up:—

Name and Surname.	Relation to head of family.	Condition as to Marriage.	Sex.	Age last Birthday.	Profession or Occupation	Employr	Emplo'd	Neither	Where Born.	Deaf and Dumb, Blind or Lunatic.
John Smith	Head of family	Married...	M	51	Hatter	x			Essex, Ilford ...	
Jane Smith	Wife	Married...	F	49	—				Kent, Wye	
Mary Smith	Daughter	Single......	F	22	Telegraph Clerk		x		Essex, Ilford ...	
John Smith	Son	Single......	M	14	Scholar				Essex, Ilford ...	
Jane Green	Mother-in-law ...	Widow ...	F	70	Annuitant..........				Italy, British subject...	Blind.
Ada Parker	Servant	Single......	F	26	General Servant				Ireland	
Harry Brown ...	Apprentice	Single......	M	19	Hatter's Apprnt'		x		Surrey, Dorking	
Susan Bell	Head of family	Widow ...	F	42	Laundress			x	Scotland	
Phœbe Bell	Daughter	Single......	F	20	Milliner		x		London, Highgate	
Thomas Bell......	Son	Single......	M	18	Ostler		x		Isle of Wight ...	
Lucy Bell	Daughter	Single......	F	16	—				Isle of Wight ...	Idiot.
Emily Black......	Boarder	Widow ...	F	40	Milliner		x		Scotland	
Joseph Jones ...	Head of family	Widower	M	42	Gener'l Labour'r		x		Sussex, Battle...	
Sarah Tapp	Sister	Widow ...	F	40	No Occupation...				Sussex, Battle...	
Frank Tapp	Nephew	—	M	14	Errand Boy		x		London............	

The return must furnish all such particulars as are here given in respect of every living person in the house or tenement at the midnight of Sunday, April 5, and the enumerator, when he calls for the paper will forthwith examine it, in order to ascertain that it has been properly and legibly written. Any defects which he may discover he will at the same time amend, making inquiries for that purpose of any persons belonging to the household. The enumerator will also note which houses are shops, factories, &c., and specify such as are uninhabited or building. He will also make inquiries relative to any persons who may have slept during the night in barns, tents, vans, or the open air, and record such information as he can obtain however meagre it be. Having collected and revised all his schedules the enumerator will then enter all the particulars in a broad register known as the enumerator's book, and having made an abstract of totals, will send in all his documents to the local registrar on or before April 13, together with a formal claim for payment according to the scale provided.

ALARMING OCCURRENCE AT LEADGATE.

About one o'clock on Friday afternoon, as a van belonging to Messrs Peek, Frean, and Co., biscuit manufacturers, drawn by two horses abreast, was being driven through Front Street, Leadgate, in charge of Henry Thompson, the animals ran away when just opposite Mr Waud's shop. Mr Thos. Sweeney, a traveller for Messrs Reid Bros., of Newcastle, tried to stop the runaway horses, but was knocked down and trampled under their feet, the wheels of the van passing over him. He was severely hurt and shaken, and had to relinquish his journey, having to be taken away in a trap. A girl named Lowes, the daughter of a cartman in the employment of the Leadgate Co-operative Stores, was also knocked down and had one of her legs broken, the other limb being also badly injured. She is now progressing favourably. The horses were not stopped till they had reached the top of Redwell Hills, near St. Ives Church. The vehicle was drawn along the flagged footway, and broke a down-water spout in front of one of the shops. How the animal missed colliding with the telegraph poles and lamp-posts is a miracle. Several pedestrians had narrow escapes.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Is theatre-going immoral in tendency? is the somewhat condensed title of the last discussion by the members of the Consett Y.M.C.A., and, by all accounts, it has proved the most interesting of the series up to now. It is a large question, and there need be little wonder that the members, with all their united force of argument, were unable to answer it to everybody's satisfaction in one night. It is a healthy sign that they were not all of one opinion and that there was hard fighting on both sides. I wish I could have heard some of the arguments—more especially those on the affirmative side. In the absence of information in this direction it is not easy to speak. I will, however, just risk a few observations on speculation. The drama was, of course, not attacked in supporting the affirmative, otherwise an outside element was introduced. For the theatre and the drama have a quite distinct and separate being. The theatre is to the drama what printer's ink, paper and book-binding is to the novel, the biography or the history—in a word, the medium; it is a building set apart for some special object or another, not necessarily for the production of stage plays, any more than every book one sees can be termed a novel, or a history, or a biography. The drama was very properly left out of the discussion for the question was as to the immoral tendency, or otherwise of theatre-going. What then is the nature of the building—the theatre—the attending of which is immoral? What form of amusement is introduced therein? What grounds are there for assuming the affirmative argument? Have those supporting the affirmative ever visited a theatre? The above questions I submit respectfully to the consideration of those gentlemen who took the affirmative side in the discussion, and as the matter is of very wide interest, I am quite sure any replies that may be forthcoming will be read with pleasure.

The Consett Mission Band has not had a very long existence as it was only formed some six months ago, but during that time, I am given to understand it has progressed well and has already done some good service. Some idea of the expense attending the organising of such societies may be gleaned when it is stated that no less a sum than £70 has so far been spent in the purchase, I take it, of musical instruments, &c. It is hoped that the profits from the recent concert, scarcely so well attended as it might have been, however, will help the members a little on their way.

Thanks to Mr Adam Brodie there is every prospect of the fund, started in the interest of the widow and family of the late Mr Thomas Williams, proving worthy the occasion. A good start has been made in the appointing of a strong committee with so popular and esteemed a gentleman at its head as Mr Aynsley, and there is little doubt, having regard for the respect and admiration felt amongst all classes for the late Mr Williams that the response to the appeal now being made in behalf of his widow will be a generous one.

The Tow Law Amateur Parliament since its establishment, some two months ago, has been by no means idle. Already several important measures have been discussed and innumerable questions asked in reference to pressing affairs both at home and abroad. But the discussion, so far, seem to have been like the lemon—short and sweet. Might I suggest to honourable members a strong measure bearing on sanitation? This is a question of the first importance at the moment as they all know, and a bill introducing stringent reforms would prove particularly acceptable. Another good measure would be a bill dealing with the rights of husbands and wives.

The Telephone Posts at Leadgate are proving a source of annoyance in certain quarters and there is a cry-out for their removal. Does it not seem a pity that the Board should have sanctioned the erection of these posts? They are certainly unsightly-looking objects, and were bound sooner or later to have been found fault with by those most directly affected. Permission has, however, been given to the Company to fix them up and it is too late now, the work being so far forward, to withdraw the sanction of the Board. But if it were otherwise, would such a step on the Board's part look dignified.

Holloway's Pills.—Good Spirits—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for regulating a disordered stomach and improving digestion. They entirely remove the sense of fulness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and act as a wholesome stimulant to the liver, and as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

SAD DEATH OF A MEDOMSLEY MAN AT SHINCLIFFE.

Early on Sunday morning, the dead body of Robert Simpson, a miner, who lived at Low Whitwell, was found on the railway near Shincliffe Bank Top station. The deceased, with some companions, had been together at Shincliffe on Saturday night. They set off along the railway to go to their homes. They had proceeded some distance along the railway, when the deceased was missed by his companions. They looked about for him for a considerable time, but, failing to find him, they went home without him. Next morning, (Sunday), the deceased was found lying dead on the line, with both his legs cut off, having evidently been run over by a train during the night. Deceased formerly resided at Allendale Cottages, and also at Derwent Cottages.

VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, on Wednesday week. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was a fair attendance of members. From the report read by the secretary, a good many new members had joined the club during the last year. The balance in hands of treasurer was considerably greater than it was in the previous year. The election of officers then took place, after which the excursions for the ensuing year were arranged as follows:—May 17th, Axwell Park; June 13th, Barnard Castle; July 15th, Chollerford and the Roman Wall; August 8th, Lanchester; September 5th, Newcastle Museum.—A resolution was passed that steps be taken towards the publication of the transactions and papers of the society. The accompanying address was read by the president:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in again making the few observations required from me by one of the rules of our club. I am glad to be able to say that as a society we still have an existence, and that not only so, but that we seem to be improving both in numbers and finance. From our secretary's report you will learn that our balance in hand is still greater than it was last year. During the past year we have had some very pleasant and successful excursions. Our first one was to Bywell-on-Tyne, where we were kindly shewn through the gardens and grounds by the gardener to Mr Fenwick. After inspecting the exterior of the mansion and enjoying a stroll among the many interesting objects of plant life to be found on the margin of the Tyne, we had the opportunity of visiting the fine old churches of Bywell—St. Peter and St. Andrew, the latter of which dates in some parts of it from Saxon times. The old tower of the Nevilles was also visited. The thanks of the society are due to Mr and the Misses Errington for their hospitality on the occasion. On another occasion we visited Stanhope, in Weardale, and had the pleasure of being shewn through a portion of the Rectory, and the whole of the Rectory gardens, noted for their curious collections of plants. A visit was paid to the church which was interestingly described by Rev W. Featherstonhaugh, of Edmondbyers. After a stroll to the banks of the Wear and an inspection of the basaltic eruption in its bed, the company was hospitably entertained to tea by Mr, Mrs and the Misses Hogarth, who are hereby thanked for their kindness. A short visit was paid to Durham on the return journey.

Hexham was the next place on our programme for the season. On this occasion an exceedingly pleasant afternoon was spent in first visiting the nurseries of Messrs Fell and Co., after which the most of the day was passed in viewing the remains of the old abbey and the abbey Church. Our next trip was to South Shields, where the members enjoyed the refreshing influence of the breezes from the sea, some in strolling along the pier, and others in wandering over the devious pathways of the new parks. Our last and not the least interesting gathering was at Shotley Bridge, where, through the kindness of the officials of the Co-operative Flour Mills, some of the party were initiated into a few of the wonderful processes by which the grain is converted into fines, superfines, and other varieties of flour. By the courtesy also of J. W. Walton-Wilson, Esq., of Shotley Hall, an opportunity was afforded of visiting the very pleasing and romantic grounds surrounding his house. The gardens were also visited, under the guidance of his gardener, Mr Smailes. A dinner at the Commercial Hotel brought to a close the wanderings of the society for last year. A very pleasant and successful social gathering was held in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, on the evening of the 30th December. Papers on Bywell, Stanhope, Hexham, and Shotley Bridge have been published in the *Consett Guardian* during the year. Altogether the society is to be congratulated on the year's success, which makes it the less necessary for me to make any remarks on the pleasures and advantages of such clubs. Since, from the influx of new members we have had lately, people are evidently beginning to make this discovery for themselves. I conclude by hoping that the coming season may be as pleasant and successful so that the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club may be heard of over a still more wider area than it has hitherto been.

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PART IV.—The Mills of God.

CHAPTER V.—Back at Cressingham.

One of George Chester's first acts on reaching London was to pen a letter to the Governor of the Rainhill Lunatic Asylum, asking for information concerning his father, who had been placed in the institution nearly three years ago.

Two days later he received an answer to the effect that the gentleman named Frank Chester, who had been lodged in the asylum mentioned in March, 1875 was removed about a year later by a gentleman who called himself Marcus Grantley, and who stated that he was acting upon the authority the said Frank Chester's only relative, a son, had given him.

That was all the information the Governor had to offer the inquirer. He could not say as to what place the demented gentleman had been taken, but he forwarded the address of the gentleman who had been instrumental in the removal of Frank Chester.

Although this reply to his anxious inquiries told George nothing of the condition or whereabouts of his parent, it afforded him some sort of satisfaction, for he was sure now that Marcus Grantley had taken his father in his keeping and that all that could be done for him would have been done.

The address given was that of Grantley's family residence in Dorsetshire, and to that place George at once wrote to his old friend, asking, as before, for the fullest particulars in regard to his father.

Three days later George received the following letter:—

"Monsell Place, Liverpool,
"September 26th, 1871.

"My Dear Chester,—I was never more delightfully surprised in all my life than when I received your letter which you addressed to the Grange, and which the servants have sent on to me here. Having heard nothing about you for three years I had begun to think that you had kicked off this mortal coil, so I leave you to imagine how pleased I am to find you still in the land of the living and back again in old England.

"So you have been to Brazil, have you, and have made a snug fortune in the *role* of diamond digger?

"Well, all I can say is—but enough of this. Let me answer first of all what you are thirsting to know. When I received your last letter asking me to look after your father, of course I did so, and at once. I removed him from Rainhill, placed him in the care of one of the foremost doctors in the country—Sir James Furnival—who, as you may know, makes a speciality of mental diseases.

"Well, what I have to say about your father will please you. He is well and hearty—that is physically speaking—and the last time I saw him, which was about a month ago, Furnival told me that he had great hopes of finally restoring his patient's reason. For the present I prefer not to tell you where your father is, because I think you should not see him just yet.

"I have taken the liberty of showing your letter to my cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Joule, who have not forgotten you, and whom you will doubtless remember; and they have pressed me very much to ask you to come down here for a few days.

"I suppose you have heard of my marriage? You know who my wife is, I daresay. Anyhow, she knows you, and is quite eager to meet you again. You remember those walks we used to have with a certain pair of fair damsels in Cressingham Wood.

"I have a thousand other things to tell you, but you must come here at once if you wish to hear them.

"I suppose you know that although Diana Fell married Sir Godfrey Sherstone they never became man and wife in the real sense of the words. Within a couple of hours after the wedding breakfast was finished they parted, I understand, and have never met since that day. Curious, isn't it? And no one can tell why they parted so suddenly and have since remained asunder.

"I shall expect you by Wednesday at the latest.

"Faithfully yours,
"Marcus Grantley."

What varied emotions and thoughts this frank letter of his friend aroused in George's breast and mind! He was inexpressibly glad to find that his father was well, and that there was hope of him recovering his reason some day; he was almost equally pleased to learn that Grantley and Nellie Graham had become man and wife, and his intense surprise may be imagined when he heard that Diana and her husband had never lived together even for a single day.

"Why had they parted?" he asked himself wonderingly. That must have been no ordinary quarrel which had torn asunder almost at the altar a newly-wedded bride and bridegroom.

But it was useless to cudgel his brains for an explanation of the mystery. It was simply inexplicable. But where was Diana now? he wondered and where also was her husband, the baronet?

That hastily-written and rambling missive Grantley had sent him had stirred George in a way he had never expected. He had grown so accustomed to thinking harshly of Diana that his heart had hardened itself against her memory, and he was surprised now to find that all his interest in her was not lost; that the long buried passion was not dead.

Without a moment's hesitation George accepted the invitation Grantley had given him. Beside the desire to see and talk with his old friend there were other reasons why he should go to Cressingham.

He wished to see Cumberland Fell—wished to tell him the foul villainy he had discovered—of the dying confession Milwood Grant had made. All the insults Fell had heaped upon him should be repaid with the amplest interest when they met, and they would meet soon he felt assured.

A day or two after this George Chester and Luke Trevannion wrung each other's hand, said "good-bye," and went their different ways, George was going to Lancashire, Luke to Cornwall, where all his friends abode; and with hearty wishes for each other's welfare, they parted.

On the afternoon of the day named by Grantley, George put in an appearance at Cressingham. He had dropped his friend a line saying that he was coming, and when he reached the little station in the village he found Grantley awaiting him.

The hands of the old friends met in a close grip, and for a moment or two they glanced silently at each other. Then Grantley spoke.

"On my word, old fellow, I hardly recognised you at first with your face hidden in that heavy beard. You've changed a lot, I can tell you."

"Have I?" George queried smilingly. "Well, you know, 'as the times change men change too.' And you are really married, Grantley, to Miss Nellie Graham?"

"A fact I assure you. The important ceremony took place just eighteen months ago. But about yourself. Is it true that you have made a 'pile' out there in Brazil?"

"True enough, Grantley, if you call forty or fifty thousand a 'pile.' At any rate it will keep me in bread and cheese for the rest of my life."

"Rather. Well, come along; the dog-cart is waiting."

As they drove through the village George could not avoid dwelling on the past. Three years ago a poor and a jilted man he had fled in pain and shame from the country; now he returned to find that the woman who had broken her vows to him had never kept those she made at the altar.

"What's all this, Grantley, about Sir Godfrey Sherstone and his wife? Is it true, as you intimated in your letter, that they have never lived together?" George asked in an indifferent tone.

"That's what I'm told, Chester," Grantley responded. "Strange, isn't it, and one cannot get to know what they quarrelled about. All I know is this. After the wedding breakfast the bride and bridegroom took train to London, intending to spend their honeymoon in France or Italy, or somewhere on the Continent, you understand!"

George nodded, deeply interested in the other's narration.

"Well, it appears that they travelled together as far as Manchester, where she made some excuse for alighting. But I suppose she refused to accompany her husband a single step further, and returned to Cressingham Park alone the same afternoon. Since that day, I understand, that she has not even seen her husband—absolutely refusing to have anything further to do with him. Strange, eh?"

"And have you heard nothing to account for such a singular proceeding?" George asked.

"Not a word. Of course, all sorts of rumours were set afloat, but none of them seem to have had any foundation. Diana would not even tell Nellie anything. It is certainly the most curious thing I ever heard of."

"Curious, indeed," Chester returned, musingly. "And how did Sherstone take his wife's refusal to live with him? Her strange action must have caused endless gossip at the time, I suppose?"

"Rather," Grantley replied. "Everybody was talking about it, and they say he took her refusal very much to heart. He endeavoured, time and time again, to bring about a reconciliation, but I suppose that she invariably refused even to see him; and the persuasions and remonstrances of her parents were equally vain. There was some talk at one time of the husband instituting an action for the restitution of his conjugal rights. But nothing came of it, and he went away, to Paris, I believe, and is now fast drifting to the dogs."

"Is Sherstone in Paris now?" George asked.

"Certainly. Didn't you read in the papers about that little affair of his with some Russian. But why do you persist in calling him Sherstone? You know, I suppose, that he is Lord Ellenbrooke now?"

"What?" George cried in amaze. "Are Sir Godfrey Sherstone and Lord Ellenbrooke one and the same person?"

"Of course. I thought you knew all about the matter. Didn't you hear of his dropping quite unexpectedly into the title and fortune. No one ever thought that Sherstone had the remotest chance of succeeding to the barony, for there were any number of lives between him and it; but they all died off and he stepped into the title and a good lump of money I suppose."

"You know, Grantley," George said, "that I never met Sir Godfrey Sherstone prior to my visit to Brazil, and when I came across Lord Ellenbrooke in Paris I certainly never dreamt that the two men were identical."

"You have met Ellenbrooke then."

"Yes. I was present when he and the Russian quarrelled at the club, and afterwards at the duel."

"Tell me all about it," Grantley cried. "The papers had scarcely anything to say about the affair."

As Grantley had intimated both the French and English press had said little about the affair between the English baron and the so-called Russian prince. The quarrel in the card-room, and the shooting affray afterwards had been hushed up as much as possible, and only the haziest accounts of the episode had got into the papers.

So Chester treated his friend to a brief yet sufficiently succinct description of the stirring incidents which marked his last night in Paris, and this done he turned once more to the subject they had previously discussed.

"And now, Grantley, about the Fells," he said, as they turned through the gate and into the avenue of chestnuts which led to Monsell Place. "Are they still living at Cressingham Park?"

"So I understand."

"And their daughter—Ellenbrooke's wife? I suppose I ought to call her the baroness. Where is she now?"

"With her parents, I believe. So Nellie tells me, and she was over at the Park yesterday. She says that Diana is only a shadow of her old self; that she scarcely ever goes out of the house, and that she seems to be killing herself by brooding over the past. I say, George, old fellow?" Grantley added in a quick way and an altered tone.

"Well, what is it?"

"Can I speak frankly to you?"

"Of course."

"Well, how was it that she came to marry that fellow when you were engaged to her? Quarrelled I suppose?"

"No!" George cried with some bitterness. "I was jilted in as sudden and inexplicable a manner as Ellenbrooke was afterwards deserted. When I first heard that Sir Godfrey and Diana were engaged I had in my pocket the licence wherewith I and Miss Fell were to have been married. At Diana's own wish I had made preparations for our elopement, and was thrown over without a word."

"Then she must have been persuaded to give you up and marry Sherstone, and something that occurred immediately after the marriage must have opened her eyes. It's a fine puzzle anyway," Grantley added, "but I'm inclined to think that she is not to blame for anything. I suppose the whole business will come out some day or other."

"It is nothing to me now," Chester murmured indifferently.

"But it may be yet!" the other replied meaningly.

"How?"

"If Ellenbrooke dies!"

George started perceptibly at those words. The contingency his friend had mentioned had not struck him before. If Ellenbrooke died Diana would be free. The thought sent a thrill through him, and the blood rushed to his face. But he mastered himself and said coldly:—

"I do not envy Ellenbrooke his lost place, I assure you, and I am in no hurry to give the jilt another opportunity of throwing me over for a more eligible partner."

"You would not speak like that if you were not prejudiced against her, or if you knew what she told my wife only a day or two since."

"Does she know that I have returned?" George asked.

"Not that I am aware of—you had not written to me then."

"And what did she say to Mrs. Grantley that could have an interest for me?" he queried, without the least show of curiosity in his tone.

"Only this. That she had never loved any man save yourself, and that she bitterly regretted having broken faith with you and married a man she never cared for."

Again that thrill shot through Chester, and the thought Grantley had suggested ran once more through his mind. Then he remembered Roger Fell's insults and knavery and his face clouded, his heart grew hard.

"Well," he said tritely, bitterly, "she has made her bed and must lie upon it. And I have a score to settle with her father which will prevent your dreams anent myself and Fell's daughter from being realised."

"Here we are!" shouted Grantley, as the dog-cart turned a bend in the tree-flanked drive, and they came in sight of the Place. "And see, there are Nellie and Mrs. Joule on the lawn."

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JOHN McQUINN.

[I was asked to see this lady, it was a serious case. She was labouring under nearly all diseases that flesh is heir to, and, in addition had recently been confined. I asked her husband to feel her pulse, and he was scarcely able. Her heart was nearly motionless. She had been a martyr to Sciatica, the worst form of Rheumatics, for years, and at the time I saw the lady she could not turn over in bed. She told me she had been treated for Consumption for eight years. The lady appears to be delighted at the change, and I am sure if anyone calls she will be glad for the sake of other sufferers, to relate to them the wonderful change.]

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August 8th.

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Middle Bridge, near Durham,
July 6th. 1890

Dear Sir,

We send you the following lines to inform you of a wonderful cure your medicine has done to our son. He took very ill and was given up by our doctor, as being in a deep consumption over his whole body, and there was no hope of his life being spared to us. But thanks be to God and your medicine he is getting better every day. We see it is through your medicine that God has given you the knowledge to bring forward for suffering humanity, and we will praise God for you ever before the public. We have had ten bottles of your medicine and our son is now going about and we trust in our heavenly Father that he will be right in a week or two. He has recovered to the astonishment of all around us. May God grant you long life and happiness to make use of your medicine, and we trust in our Lord for all the blessings we have received from His hand. We lost a son 9 years ago, on the 13th November, and we have another son, that received a misfortune in the pit five years ago. He is 22 years of age and they deprived him of his benefit, and we have nothing coming in to keep him. Our kind and loving neighbours have been very good to us, else we could not have got your medicine. But God is good to His own. We think one or two more of your bottles will restore him to his usual health, for the cough and spitting has gone altogether. He has a good appetite for the food such as we can get him. We know that he that giveth to the poor will be rewarded in Heaven, bless His holy name, and may God ever bless you for being the means of saving our son. So no more at present from your loving but humble servants,

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23, Tweed Street, Bentinck,
December 19th, 1888.

G. Handyside.

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146, Madeline Terrace, Newcastle,
December 10th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside.

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G. FAIRBAIRN.

54, Chaucer Street, Gateshead,
December 15th, 1888.

Mr G. Handyside,

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I am, sir, yours faithfully,
R. H. WARDLE.

1, Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead,
December 13th, 1888.

I have pleasure in certifying that the case of G. Fairbairn and R. H. Wardle referred to above, are well-known to me, and I can confirm both their statements as to the benefit received from Mr Handyside's medicines.

REV ROBERT STEWART.
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SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT MALTON COLLIERY.

On Thursday se'nnight, a young man named George Briggs, aged 27 years, sustained serious injuries by a fall of stone, at the Malton colliery, near Lanchester. It is stated he was occupied as a hewer, and had filled a tub of coal, when a large stone gave way, and caught him in the back, inflicting injuries to his spine.—The poor fellow was immediately conveyed home and medical assistance procured; and he now lies in a most precarious condition. The circumstance is all the more sad, as, it is stated, Briggs intended to have been married in the course of a week or so.

A TOW LAW MINER KILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr Isaac Newton, of 9, Arthur Street, North Main Avenue, Scranton, Pa., writes, under date of February 25th, that Robert Perkins, who emigrated to America from Tow Law about eight years ago, met with a horrible accident on the morning of that date while following his employment in what is called the Rough and Ready Mine, belonging to the Pancoast Coal Company. Deceased and three other men were working four-handed in a chamber. The roof being bad, they began to take it down. Afterwards they examined the roof to see if all was safe before starting to move the rock back. While Perkins was in a stooping position, a piece of rock came away over the coal head from a smooth. It struck him on the back of the head, cutting clean off the top of the skull above the ears. The brains of the unfortunate man were scattered in all directions. Nothing remained of the head but the lower jaw. The body on being brought out presented a horrible sight. Deceased leaves a widow and four children.

THE DEATH OF MR GEORGE SCOTT, LATE OF CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Additional particulars have been forthcoming as to the death of Mr George Scott, of Pittsburg, Pa., which occurred, as reported in the *Consett Guardian*, at the latter place, on Thursday morning, Jan. 22nd. In addition to being prominently identified with Oddfellowship, Mr Scott was also well-known amongst the volunteers, being a member of the Chester-le-Street Rifle Corps almost from its commencement, and also having acted as secretary to the North Durham Rifle Club, besides being interested in various other societies in the North of England. Concerning the circumstances attending his death, it appears that a cyclone of mud struck in the centre of Pittsburg, causing a very large new brick building in course of erection to collapse. In its descent it buried numerous other buildings, causing ruin and disaster, there being 23 lives lost and about 40 injured at the time. One wall of the building fell over into the premises where Mr Scott was working, and he and some others in that part were buried under the falling *debris*. They were all rescued, but he never overcame the shock, and although he continued to work as soon as he was able to get out, he eventually succumbed to his injuries. He leaves a widow and one son, both of whom are well-known in Chester-le-Street and vicinity. The *Pittsburg Pa., West End Record*, speaking of the funeral, says:—"The funeral of the late George Scott, which took place from the West End M. E. Church, on Sunday, January 25th, was one of the largest and most impressive ever held in the West End. Mr Scott was a member of several societies, and those that attended in a body were the British American Association of Western Pennsylvania, Knights of Pythias, Mystic Chain and Sons of St. George, headed by the Grand Army Band, with Davis Commandery, Knights of the Mystic Chain leading the procession. The high esteem in which the deceased was held in this community is attested by the large attendance at the obsequies. The Main Street Church was filled, and hundreds who could not gain admittance remained on the street during the services. At the grave the solemn and impressive funeral service of the Order of St. George was read, and the earth closed over the mortal remains of a kind and indulgent husband and father, a consistent Christian, and an upright and honoured citizen." The floral offerings were many, the most conspicuous being that of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, which represented a shield of that order, and was about four feet square. He was buried at Chartiers Cemetery, one of the most lovely cemeteries in Pittsburg.

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WATERHOUSES LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Waterhouses Liberal Association held in the school-room, Waterhouses, on Saturday night. Mr G. E. Ward presided, and Mr John Wilson, M.P., and Mr Samuel Galbraith, C.C., were also present.

After the CHAIRMAN and Mr GALBRAITH had addressed the meeting, Mr JOHN WILSON, M.P., after referring to his votes in the House of Commons, said with regard to the question recently raised by Mr Storey in the House of Commons he must say that in the main the police during the evictions at Silksworth

HAD DONE THEIR DUTY;

but he thought they did wrong to charge at the people with their batons. They might have made a mock charge. That would have answered their purpose just as well. He voted in favour of the Religious Disabilities Bill, because he advocated freedom and fairness in religious matters all round. (Applause). He was in favour of

"ONE MAN ONE VOTE,"

and also looked favourably upon a properly instituted Labour Commission. What was the object of the present Labour Commission? It was simply urged in order to make an election cry. (Cheers). With regard to the eight hours for miners which was to be discussed next week, he was decidedly opposed to it. He did not agree with the State

FIXING THE HOURS OF LABOUR.

It would be far better for each particular branch of industry to fix the hours best suited to it. (Cheers). With regard to the Silksworth evictions, Mr Wilson said it was not creditable, if it was lawful, to employers of labour that such a means of settling a dispute as

EVICTING THE WORKPEOPLE

from their homes should be resorted to. He would it were ended; but if the evictions proceeded they would do all in their power that was lawful for them to do to obstruct and prevent the evictions being effected. (Cheers). Why not have left the workpeople in their homes and have settled the dispute in some other way? (Cheers).

A vote of confidence in Mr Wilson and Mr Galbraith having been unanimously adopted, the meeting closed.

PEWS IN STANHOPE CHURCH.

Church pews and seats appear to have been a cause of trouble in almost every parish in former days. At Stanhope, the squire of the village, Thomas Featherstonhalgh of Stanhope Hall, over two hundred years ago, not only removed some of the ancient seats in church, but erected a seat for himself in the chancel. The archdeacon, however, was obliged to interfere, and we find in his report that upon "diew and deliberate consideration," of the pew erected in the chancel, and then used by Mr Featherstonhalgh, it was ordered to be removed, such order being based upon "ye anncient canons of the church," by which it appeared that the chancel was for the use of the clergy only. The order does not appear to have been obeyed by the Stanhope Hall squire, according to the following letters from Bishop Cosin:—

Awkland Castle, Sept. 3, 1665.

"I order Mr Ffetherstonhalgh, of Stanhop Hall, to deliver (in Dr Basire's absence) to the Curate and Churchwardens there, the Order which I sent inclosed two dayes since in a letter to him. And I require that ye same may be duely observed, which is that ye seats heretofore set up in ye Chancell at Stanhop be taken downe and removed according to ye Arch Deacon's former Injunction, and yt ye Chancell may be supplyed with a new Seat on either sides, and Deskes set before them, according to ye ancient Order of Chancells within my Diocesse, and that Mr Ffetherstonhalgh my sitt in ye upper seat on ye left hand there, till a convenient place be set out for him in ye body of ye church."

"JO. DURESME."

Awkand Castle, Sept. 21, 1665.

"I order that, &c., and yt a convenient place may be set forth in some chosen part of ye church, neare to ye Chancell, for Capt. Tho. Ffetherstonhalgh and his family, and likewise another for ye Rector's wife and her daughter. Given under my hand and seale ye day and year first above.

"JO. DURESME."

"To ye Rector and Churchwardens and others of ye Parish of Stanhop," &c.

This appears to have been the Thomas Featherstonhalgh who married a sister of Sir James Clavering, Bart., and represented the county of Durham in 1679 and 1680. He died in 1682.—*Newcastle Daily Journal.*

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There was only a short supply of stock at this mart on Monday, several consignments not being able to get forward on account of the severe snowstorm. There was a good company of buyers present, and stock made exceptionally good prices, fat stock especially. Cows a slow trade. Fat sheep to 48s 6d, hoggs to 56s 6d, fat bullocks to £22, fat cows to £18 10s. Pork pigs to 50s 6d. Calves to 30s. Cows to £20 10s. Seed baeley 7s per boll. Poultry 2s each. Hay 54s per ton. Quotations:—Beef to 8s per stone; mutton, 8½d per lb; pork, 6s 6d to 7s.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 51 dairy cows and heifers, 19 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 11 calves, 72 fat sheep and hoggs, 6 pork pigs. Cows calved made up to £30, cows to calve £21 10s, fat cattle to £20 15s, store cattle to £11, calves to 59s; fat hoggs to 49s, top, Mr F. Sanderson, Littlewhite Farm, Brancepeth; fat half-bred hoggs to 44s 6d, top, Mr Nesbitt, Macneil Farm, Witton-le-Wear.

RIDING MILL.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr Wm. Cook, auctioneer, Hexham, acting under instructions from Mr Paver, of York, land agent for Mr W. W. Warde Aldom, D.L., J.P., sold the farm stock, &c., on the Home Farm of Healey Burnt House, Riding Mill. The day was cold but exceedingly fine and calm, and as the stock had a character for breeding and quality for several classes, the company of farmers, &c., from the home county, and also the counties of Durham, Cumberland, and Yorkshire was very large and select, and excellent prices all through the sale resulted. A good yard of implements realised the sum of £116 12s 2d. The sheep sold for £223 0s 10d, Border Leicester ewes selling from £4 7s 6d to £5 12s 6d each; shearling gimmers, £2 17s 6d to £9; gimmer hoggs, £2 12s 6d to £3; shearling tups, 28s to 65s; Cheviot ewes in lamb to Cheviot tup, 45s to 46s; Cheviot ewe hoggs, 35s; Cheviot ewes in lamb to Leicester tup, 39s to 40s; H.B. hoggs, 29s; fat ewes, 26s to 55s. The six horses on the farm sold for £146 10s, the prices varying from £13 10s to £30 10s. The cattle sold for £560 17s 6d. The prices were of an exceptionally high nature, and it ought not to be forgotten that the two polled bullocks shown by Mr Matthew Ridley, of Peel Well, Hayden Bridge, at Carlisle Auction Mart, about two years ago at the Christmas Prize Show, and which won the first and second prize there, were bred on this farm, and reflected great credit on the farm manager, George Surtees. Corn and potatoes sold for £23 9s 10d.

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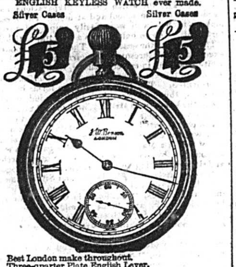
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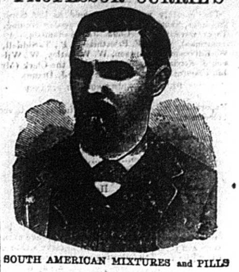
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Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM STUART,
Minister of the Presbyterian Church of England Wallsend-on-Tyne.

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BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held in the Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday evening. There were present Coun. Jas. Annandale, J.P. (chairman), Messrs F. Priestman, J.P., T. Siddell, W. Robinson, J. Dowson, W. Wheatley, W. Wilson, J. Eltringham, A. E. Turner, the Clerk (Mr John Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon).

THE HIGHWAY, LIGHTING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Reported as follows:—The following accounts are recommended to be paid—

	£	s	d
Consett Iron Company	0	18	0
Hy. Piele for disinfectants	2	0	0
Knight and Co.	0	7	6
Rent of Board Room	7	10	0
Surveyor's monthly paybill	57	6	3
Lanchester Joint Hospital Board	41	6	11
Total	£109	8	8

The estimate for the ensuing six months has been examined and, the committee approve of the same and recommend the Board to make a rate of 10d in the £. The following are the estimates:—

	£	s	d
Salaries	100	0	0
Rent	7	10	0
Stationery	10	0	0
Incidentals	20	0	0
Gas	140	0	0
Medical Officer	7	17	6
Highways	290	0	0
Water	20	0	0
Election expenses	20	0	0
Footpaths	200	0	0
Joint Hospital	41	6	11
Sewers	185	0	0
Total	£1041	14	5

	£	s	d
Full rateable value on houses—£889 at 10d in the £	370	7	11
One-fourth on land—£624 at 10d in the £	26	0	0
Three-fourths on houses—£3,969 at 10d in the £	165	7	6
	561	15	5
To receive from County Council	480	0	0
	£1,041	15	5

THE HOSPITAL PRECEPT.

Mr ELTRINGHAM asked if the Clerk (Mr Ritson) to the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board had sent any written statement along with this account this time?

The Clerk: The account is the only thing that has come to hand.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: The reason I asked the question was because of what Mr Ritson had told me, and that gentleman said the Board perhaps would be wondering why their account was so large this time.

Mr WHEATLEY: It is a very large item for the Board to pay.

The CHAIRMAN: This account will have to be paid.

Mr ELTRINGHAM did not think any money had been paid to the Board from any patient that had been taken out of the district, as a portion of their cost whilst in the Hospital.

Mr ROBINSON: Is there no rules or regulations for their Joint Hospital Board?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr ROBINSON: Well, that ought to be our guide.

Mr WHEATLEY contended that the Clerk to the Joint Hospital Board ought to send a proper state along with the account, showing what the money was for, and what the cost of each patient was whilst they were in the Hospital. Whose duty was it to recover this money from the patients?

The Clerk said it was the duty of the Joint Hospital Board to see to these details.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: The Clerk only sent out the precept to the different Boards in the same way as the other precepts were sent out.

Mr SIDDELL thought the opinion of the Clerk was that he had no right to send such particulars.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr Ritson was right in demanding the payment of the account. It was their duty to see to get the cost from the patients.

Mr ELTRINGHAM stated that Mr Ritson only told him that the Board would very likely think the account was very large; but it was owing to the great number of patients that they had had in the hospital. He (the speaker) was of opinion that something ought to be done in the matter.

Mr SIDDELL: A great deal of work has been done at the hospital in the shape of planting trees and laying out the grounds.

Mr ROBINSON: Can we re-claim any of this money from the patients sent to the hospital from this district?

The CHAIRMAN: We can re-claim the cost of each patient within six months from the time they were discharged.

Mr ROBINSON: Have we nobody to look into the matter, and see when the patients were discharged, who were likely to pay, and who were not.

The CHAIRMAN: We have members from this Board representing the district on the Joint Hospital Board.

Mr WHEATLEY: Well, they are to blame for not looking into the matter.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said their Inspector and the Sanitary Committee had to get the patients to the Hospital. It was their Inspector's duty to discover what position these patients were in when they were removed to the Hospital.

Mr ROBINSON: If the Inspector was responsible then we ought to have a report upon each patient that is sent to the hospital from this district.

The CHAIRMAN: If Mr Lax had been present he would in all probability have supplied them with some information.

Mr ELTRINGHAM proposed that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the Joint Hospital Board and obtain the following particulars:—(1). Information as to how the amount of precept for £41 6s 11d is made up. (2). Names of patients from the Board's district, and the amount charged against each of such patients during the last six months. (3). If the Joint Hospital Board had made any rules or bye-laws for the regulation of the hospital, and the amount to be charged against each Local Authority other than in repect of establishment charges. (4). That in future the precept be accompanied by full particulars.

This was seconded by Mr SIDDELL, and carried unanimously.

THE ESTIMATE.

Mr WILSON proposed that the estimate prepared for the ensuing six months for a rate of 10d in the pound be passed, and that a rate be made in conformity therewith.

The proposition was seconded by Mr DOWSON, and agreed to.

THE BLACKFINE DRAINAGE.

Mr WILSON moved that an agreement be prepared, with one surety in £100, for Mr W. D. Robson, Blackfine, contractor, for the completion of the Blackfine drainage scheme.

Mr PRIESTMAN seconded the motion, which was carried.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month, your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district laying on stones, scraping, water-tabling, and dressing-up.

On account of the heavy snowstorm the snowplough has been at work during the month.

As instructed at last meeting, I engaged a man in the place of Mr George Cant, deceased. He is a man that understands the work, and I have no doubt he will be able to fulfil his duties properly.

During the month, Mr Ormerod has commenced with the kerb and channel on the Shotley and Derwent Road. I expect this work will be completed shortly. As soon as the weather will allow, the cementing of the several footpaths will be commenced with.

During the month, a portion of the boundary wall between the County Bridge Road and the road [illegible] Stocks tumbled down. I got the masons to re-[illegible] same, as it was in a dangerous state.

The contract for team work expires this month. I would suggest that the Board advertise this work.

An estimate has been made for the next half-year's expenses. This has been laid before your Finance Committee. They will report on the same.

During the month, the notice bills that were ordered to be posted with regard to sledging and sliding on the footpaths have been duly posted.

As directed at last meeting, I have measured the land given by Mr J. Moffatt for Church Bank improvements. I find this to be 81 square yards. I have also measured the same amount of land (as an equivalent) to Mr Moffatt from Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson for land. This I find is 14 lineal yards further up the the bank than the division already made by Mr Wilson.

I have collected and paid to the treasurer the following sum:—

General district rate £79 14 6

An application has been sent to me from the National Telephone Company asking leave to erect three poles in Cemetery Road, Blackhill. This is now laid before you.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN DIXON.

The report was adopted.

THE WIDENING OF THE CHURCH BANK.

On the motion of Mr ELTRINGHAM, seconded by Mr SIDDELL, the Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the Surveyor's report as to the measurement of the equivalent area of ground on the Church Bank be sent to Mr Moffatt and Mr Walton-Wilson, and that the Board ask the latter gentleman to place the rails in accordance with the Surveyor's measurements.

This was agreed to.

THE TEAM WORK.

The Surveyor was instructed to advertise for tenders for the team work.

ERECTION OF TELEPHONE POLES.

Mr SIDDELL proposed that the application of the National Telephone Company for permission to erect three poles in Cemetery Road, Blackhill, be granted, subject that the positions were approved of by the Surveyor.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Dixon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month, I have inspected your district. I find it, on the whole, in good order. Your district I consider is in a good sanitary condition.

Plans belonging to Mr Johnson have been stamped, duplicates having been supplied. I have also arranged with Mr Johnson where he has to place his cesspool. Since this was arranged plans belonging to Mr J. G. Murray have been submitted, showing that a drain will be laid down in this back street. This will do away with the cesspool, which will be a great sanitary improvement. Also the following plans have been submitted and laid before your Building Committee. Your committee will report on these plans:—Plans for alterations of premises for Mr Pumphrey; plans for bay window for Mr Geo. Eltringham; plans for four houses for Mr G. Smith; plans for five-roomed house for Mr Wilson; also plans for three houses intended to be built for Mr J. G. Murray.

Your medical officer (Dr George Renton) has informed Mr Lee at the Park, Shotley Bridge, that the ventilation shaft connected with his drains is not high enough. This no doubt will have Mr Lee's attention.—Yours, &c.,

JOHN DIXON.

The report was adopted.

THE BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE

reported as follows:—

A plan for proposed houses in Thomas Street and Queen Street, for Mr J. G. Murray—one of four rooms in Queen Street, and 11 of three rooms in Thomas Street. We recommend them to be passed and stamped.

A plan of house intended to be built in Queen Street, for Mr Geo. Wilson, containing five rooms. The plan shows no ground line or street line. We recommend that the plan be amended, showing the above, also that the surveyor's forms be properly filled in, and tracings provided and deposited, before being passed.

A plan for four houses intended to be built in Park Street, Blackhill, for Mr Geo. Smith. The plan shows the four house floors level, without any ground or street line, and we recommend the plan to be amended, showing present surface and finished line of streets, before being passed.

A plan of proposed alterations to property at High Snow's Green Farm, for Mr Jos. Pumphrey. It is intended to make a three-roomed house with dairy, as shown. At present the buildings are used for store-house and feeding-byre, and granary above. We recommend them to be passed, and a drain with sink and gully put in to the satisfaction of the inspector, and that the yard in front shown on plan be kept clear of manure; also the opening from the buildings on east side to be built up, and timber put in, and that the end walls be properly secured by plastering or cement, if required by the surveyor.

A plan for a window to be put in a house at Blackfine, for Mr George Eltringham. The house is built out to boundary, and window will be on land belonging to the road, and we leave it to the consideration of the Board.

Medical Officer's Report is left over to the next meeting, when we will report thereon.

The report was adopted.

PLANS.

The plans submitted by Messrs J. G. Murray, Geo. Wilson, and Joseph Pumphrey were stamped, subject to the condition that the various recommendations attached to the same were properly carried out.

The plan for four houses intended to be built in Park Street, Blackhill, for Mr Geo. Smith, could not be passed until amended, and the same was to be returned to the owner to show surface and street level when finished.

The plan submitted by Mr Geo. Eltringham for a bow window to be put into a house at Blackfine was rejected.

THE SNOW ON THE FOOTPATHS.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said there must be some misunderstanding with the Board with regard to clearing the snow off the footpaths. He would take, for instance, the footpaths in front of empty property, which he thought was the Board's duty to keep clean. Their cross streets ought to have the attention of the roadmen during a snowstorm.

Mr SIDDELL remarked that the Board ought to set the best example. He had received several complaints about this matter. They compelled all tenants to clean the footpaths in front of their houses, and it was nothing but right that the other footpaths should have attention.

The Surveyor: Is it the Board's wish to engage extra men to keep these footpaths clear of snow? If so, he would very soon have it done.

Mr ELTRINGHAM contended that the Board ought to engage men to clean the footpaths where property is empty.

The Surveyor: It is done when the men have time. They could not do all things at once.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said the snow on the footpaths in Derwent Street was never cleaned off.

The Surveyor: I must state that the tenants in this particular street cleared away the snow themselves, on one occasion; but it had not been done during this last storm.

It was resolved that the Surveyor should attend to this matter in future, and see that the footpaths were kept clean.

AN APPLICATION.

An application from Mr Hall, contractor, Baxton Burn, asking permission to erect a cart-shed on a piece of waste land, was left in the hands of the Surveyor.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION.

A letter was read from Messrs Nicholson and Jennings, Newcastle, submitting a scheme for lighting the district of Benfieldside by means of electric light.

The Clerk intimated that they had better wait and see what the other districts did.

The meeting adjourned till Wednesday.

EARLY LAMBS.—Mr William Vickers, of Howl John Farm, near Stanhope, has upwards of forty lambs doing well.

Rev A. T. Finch, curate at Stanhope, entertained to supper on Monday evening, in the Bank Room, Stanhope, about 50 persons who attend his weekly bible class.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting took place yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, Mr Wm. Logan (chairman) presiding.—It was agreed to accept the tender of Mr Dinning, for painting the outside of the Infectious Hospital near Leadgate.—Mr Siddell said the members of the Benfieldside Local Board were complaining that the Clerk (Mr Ritson) had sent them a precept for £41, without any explanation as to how the account was made up. He also desired to know whose duty it was to send patients to the hospital, or recover the money for the maintenance of such persons therein.—Mr Lax mentioned that the Benfieldside Local Board had never received any money from patients who had been healed in the hospital.—The Chairman stated that the Benfieldside representatives ought to get themselves better posted up in these matters.—The Clerk said that in one or two instances he had recovered the money from patients, which had been credited to Benfieldside township.—Mr Collinson said it was the duty of the Inspector to remove patients to the hospital, and report the fact to his Board.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The weather is extremely cold. The song of the lark and thrush have been silenced, and nest-building has come to a standstill. A few lambs have been dropped in the neighbourhood, but this cold weather militates against them.

There are still some who believe in the personality of the devil, and that he still goes about seeking whom he may devour. A young man in the employment of a farmer not 100 miles from here had, it appears, some apprehension that Reynard was a too often frequenter of his master's hen-yard. Determining to put a stop to his visits, he set a trap for poor Reynard a little distance from the homestead in the dyke or hedge where he was likely to pass through. A few nights afterwards, taking his master's horses out to watering, and for the time being forgetting his trap-setting, he heard the noise of a chain rattling his first thought being that it was his Satanic Majesty coming for him, and like Tam o' Shanter turned his horses, heads homeward and galloped for dear life, his nags having to do without water for that night. But after his fears had subsided a little, his courage arose to occasion, he called his master's dogs, and went in search of "old scrat," as he called him, but to his surprise, instead of finding Reynard, he found one of Cowper's pets trapped.

The G.Y.I.S. Committee met on Saturday night in the infant class-room of the Board School, under the presidency of Mr T. J. Muse. Mr W. Pattinson (in the absence of Mr Duckworth) acted as secretary. Mr R. Robson (treasurer) reported a balance in hand of £10 8s. A lengthy conversation arose out of the damage recently done to globes, flowers, &c., in the graveyard. It was decided to ask P.C. Watson to occasionally give a look into the graveyard with a view to putting a stop to such wanton destruction. It was also decided to hold an entertainment in a little time for the purpose of raising funds rather than collecting from house to house.

Many of the friends and admirers of Mrs Aitchinson (late Mrs Phillipson) both in the village, Leadgate, and Consett will be pleased to learn that she is again preaching special sermons, and is paying a visit to the Lanchester friends.

CHESTER-LE-STREET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of this Board was held at the Workhouse on Thursday week, Mr George Ridley presiding. There were also present Messrs Kirkup, Hodgson, Crawford, Chrystal, Humble, Oswald, Smith, Potts, Swinburne, Anderson, Witherspoon, Berkeley, and Mr R. Dickinson (clerk).

RELIEF RETURNS.

Mr Joseph Armstrong submitted his fortnightly report of out-door relief, which showed that in the Chester-le-Street sub-district 383 persons had been relieved, at a cost of £57 1s 2d, and in the Harraton sub-district 333 persons had had £55 14s 10d distributed among them.

HALF-YEARLY CONTRACTS.

The following tenders for provisions and other necessaries were accepted on the recommendation of the committee:—

Butcher meat—Mrs Young, Chester-le-Street.
Milk and butter—Thomas N. Brown, Chester-le-Street.
Coffins—Joseph Siddle, Chester-le-Street.
Suits—George Smith, Chester-le-Street.
Boots and shoes—William Wilson, Chester-le-Street.
Draperies—William Hall, Chester-le-Street.
Groceries—William Mitchell, Chester-le-Street.
Coal—Earl of Durham.
Leading—Thomas Thompson.

Mr WITHERSPOON, speaking with respect to the contracts, said that the examination of the tenders in private by a committee was an excellent method, but he complained that when the tenders were before the Board that each of the prices of the several parties tendering were not before them. Outside, on the last occasion, he had been asked by one of the tendering parties what were the prices in competition. He was unable to give the information, and he thought that such a state of things should not exist.

The CHAIRMAN: You are mistaken, Mr Witherspoon. The contracts are opened before the full Board, and the prices of each read out.

Mr KIRKUP: You must have been asleep. (Laughter.)

CHESTER-LE-STREET OVERSEERS.

Mr Fred Harle, one of the overseers, and Mr Martin, the collector, both wrote to say that they had paid into the bank £720, and they expected in the course of a few days to pay further sums.

Mr OSWALD considered that a very satisfactory report.

The CHAIRMAN said that there was still £620 due.

In answer to the CHAIRMAN, Mr Martin said he hoped to have the whole amount collected and paid in before the 25th March.

THE WORKHOUSE CHILDREN AND THE THEATRE.

Mr R. C. Totten wrote asking the Workhouse children to attend a special performance at the Jubilee Theatre.

Mr OSWALD said he would not encourage his own children to go to the theatre, and he did not think they ought to allow the Workhouse children to go. It was not an entertainment calculated to improve them, either mentally or morally. He moved that the invitation be not accepted.

Mr HUMBLE said he had gone to theatres all his life, and would not hesitate to take his children. He moved that the invitation be accepted.

Mr WITHERSPOON: Let them go, and have a good laugh.

Mr SMITH seconded the amendment, which was adopted, the master being instructed to accompany the children.

HALF-YEARLY ESTIMATES.

The Clerk reported that a balance of £2,577 stood to the credit of the Board. His estimates for the ensuing were:—

	£	s	d
Separate charges	3421	0	0
County rates	2103	0	0
School attendance	135	0	0
Total	£5996	0	0

Considering the balance, he would advise that precepts be issued for £3,500, which would be £900 less than last half-year.

The report was adopted.

RESIGNATION OF THE NURSE.

Miss Harper, nurse to the Workhouse, tendered her resignation, which was accepted with regret on the motion of Mr OSWALD, seconded by Mr HODGSON.

The members now sat as the

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The Clerk read letters from the Local Government Board, which had been sent to them from several people, respecting the Marley Hill water supply. One was from Mr W. H. Patterson, the general secretary to the Durham Miners' Association, who had written to the Local Government Board on behalf of the miners of Marley Hill, complaining of the inadequate water supply. Mr Patterson said that they could not move the local authorities, hence the letter to the higher authorities. The water was exceedingly bad, and caused sickness, fever, and death.

The CHAIRMAN said the question had been before them repeatedly, but somehow or other they had not been able to settle it to the satisfaction of the inhabitants. The larger part of the district was in the district of the Whickham Authority, who, he understood, had a scheme for a better supply in hand. Of course they could do nothing, being the smaller Authority, until Whickham took action.

Mr HODGSON thought that Mr Patterson and others ought to know that the Authority had done what lay in their power towards obtaining a better supply. He moved that the Local Government Board be written to giving the exact account of what had been done in the matter.

Mr WITHERSPOON seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: These people have plenty of water, but it is hardly fit for drinking purposes.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr Duncan reported that during the fortnight there had been 28 deaths and 84 births, giving a death-rate of 14 and a birth-rate of 42 per 1,000. He had received 13 notifications of infectious disease, viz., 8 of scarlet fever, 3 of erysipelas, and 2 of typhoid fever.

The report was adopted.

This concluded the business.

BOARD SCHOOLS, SWALWELL.

On Thursday se'nnight, an entertainment was given by the scholars of the above schools. On this occassion the school was most uncomfortably packed with parents and friends. Mr J. Gilchrist, of Marley Hill, chairman of the Whickham School Board, presided, an honour which he has conferred upon this school for many years in succession. He was accompanied on the platform by Messrs Blackbird and Lumley, members of the Board. In his address upon the benefits of education, and the case with which this invaluable blessing can now be obtained by all, he eulogised the work of these schools, and urged upon the parents the necessity of making their children attend punctually and regularly, and thus materially aid the teachers.

The first part of the programme was occupied by the infants, who sang several school songs, but the feature of this portion of the programme was the musical dumb-bell drill, which they did with remarkable precision and accuracy, evincing careful training and patient labour on the part of the mistress. At the end of the drill they were awarded a most hearty applause for their skilful performance.

The second and greater portion of the programme was taken up by the senior scholars (standards V, VI, and VII,) for which greater preparations had been made both in school and at home. The dressmakers in Swalwell were busily employed for a fortnight. The scholars gave a cantata, entitled, "The Queen of the seasons." The platform looked exceedingly picturesque—the girls all dressed in white, standing in crescent shape, each girl wore a wreath of flowers according to the season that she represented. The boys standing on forms behind the girls, thus making a dark back-ground, which made the scene more striking, and brought out the contrast of colour to perfection. The first piece was a chorus entitled, "The holiday." The next item was the chorus "Joy, joy," during the singing of which a May-pole with twelve garlands was surrounded by six boys, making an inner circle, and six girls making an outer circle. The dialogue between a little girl (P. Myers) and Silverwing a fairy (J. Rutherford) was given. Then followed a duet and chorus, "Gathered in the woodlands," by Jane Shield and Janet Lumley; solo and chorus, "Song in praise of Lillie," Lily Shield; solo, "Song in praise of Violet," Mary Shield; solo, "Song in praise of Daisy," Edward Clark; solo by Daisy (Jane Riddell), "You would make me queen"; solo, "Song in praise of Rose," Mary A. Watson; chorus, "Sweetest and fairest"; song by Rosie (I. Ryle), "Dear friends, the honour you have deigned"; chorus, "Now through the woodlands," during which Rosie and her companions marched away to the woods to gather flowers for the Queen's coronation, and while they are away three discontented boys try to cause a revolt—wishing a king instead of a queen. At last they resolved to raise a rebellion, one of the ringleaders (Jos Emery) sings "I'll be a king," after which he makes a proclamation, eloquently requesting all the lads who want a king instead of a queen to come like men and form an army that will defy all who seek to oppose them. A number of boys respond to this invitation, and are thereupon drilled by their would-be leaders. This raw army inspire each other with a song and chorus, "The recruits." As the last line of the chorus is being sung Silverwing enters quickly and sings the last words of the chorus. One of the rebel leaders notices her and wants to know who she is and what she wants there? Silverwing informs them who she is and what she wants there, but bad boys never wish to know or see her, and tell them that evil deeds never prosper, but are like the "Little chickens that always come home to roost." The boys become angry, and make a rush upon the fairy to frighten her away, but by a single wave of her magic wand they scatter like a terrified troop, and hide wherever they can. Silverwing mockingly sings "Where is the king, ha, ha?" Silverwing, hearing Rosie and her companions singing in honour of this day, retires. Song of the flowers in the distance, "Take us, gentle maiden." While the next song, "Sweet flowers," is being sung, Rosie and her companions gradually approach. As the second verse is sung the procession enters, Rosie ascends the throne, where she is crowned by a little girl. The Queen, rising in her throne, addresses the loving friends, thanks them for the honour of making her queen, and then proceeds to receive the homage of the seasons. The fairies in the distance are heard singing "Something is wrong." A little girl then informs the queen of the attempted rebellion in her absence. The queen orders the attendants to bring the three ringleaders before her. The prisoners are brought before her in a very dejected and woe-begone appearance. The queen then upbraids them for their folly, and finally pronounces sentence upon them, which is that *they are forgiven*. The boys look at her in amazement, and then slowly retire. Silverwing again appears on the scene, and praises the mercy of the queen. Fairy bells are now heard ringing right joyously in the woods. Chorus, "Spring is coming." Then enters Spring (Isabella Overton) with attendants, singing "I come with my gladsome tread." The next item is a duet by attendant (J. Errington) and bird, "Chirrup." Chorus, "Summer is coming." Now Summer (Mary E. Turbitt) with her attendants enters and sings "Friends, I'd gladly join you;" her attendants sing "Like a bird." Then comes Autumn (Emily Home), followed by her attendants, and sings, "You wonder that I look so sad;" her attendants sing "Yes, we are the friends of autumn." Winter (Wm. Hall), with an attendant, enters, and sings "Hallo! don't look so very frightened;" his attendant sings "Earth is with new glories teeming." Semi-choruses, "Spring, summer, autumn, and winter." "Spring time comes with flowers gay." The attendants, while this is sung, circle round their respective seasons. The queen, in a choice speech, sums up, and the cantata ends with a thanksgiving hymn. Votes of thanks to the chairman and the teachers brought the entertainment to a close.—On Saturday night, the cantata was repeated, when the school was just comfortably filled. A charge of 6d was made for admission, the proceeds being in aid of the Teachers' Orphanage and Benevolent Fund. The Rev Wm. Dryburgh, B.D., of Swalwell, presided. The entertainment was a marked success, and the plaudits of the audience testified to their appreciation of the children's performance.

The Good Friday service of trains in the Wear Valley will be as in past years. Morning and evening trains will be run between Darlington, Crook and Stanhope.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting took place at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) morning—Mr Thos. Siddell presiding. The reports of the schoolwardens were as follows:—

Southern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—During the last fortnight or ten days, the attendance has been very much interfered with by the inclemency of the weather, especially where children have a distance to travel to school, or are insufficiently clad.

The following is a statement of absentee visits made during the month:—

Name of parish.	No. of visits made.	No. of children dealt with.
Lanchester	160	211
Esh	99	114
Cornsay	51	57
Langley	2	2
Satley	2	4
Totals	314	388

The above includes 20 visits made respecting 12 children found in the streets and houses, and not attending any school.

Bye-law notices have been served as under, viz. 4 at Burnhope, 3 at Wagtail Cottages, 2 each at Holmside, Lanchester, Cornsay, and Quebec, and 1 at Stewardfield, Satley; total, 16.

In accordance with your directions, the following persons were summoned before the magistrates under your bye-laws, resulting as shown:—John Plews, Victoria Engine, Tow Law, Feb. 26, fined 5s; Walter Reed, Quebec, Feb. 26, order made to attend school; William Routledge, South Moor, March 12, order made to attend school.

The annual examination of the Lanchester National School was completed on March 3rd, by A. E. Bernays, Esq., H.M. Inspector of Schools.

I have entered in the report-book, for your consideration to-day, 22 cases, dealing with 25 children.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. GIBSON.

Lanchester, March 19th, 1891.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—Since your last meeting I have made 270 absentee visits in the parish of Conside and Knitsley, 59 in Iveston, and 5 in Ebchester; total, 334.

Four notices to attend school have been served, viz.:—3 at Consett, and 1 at Leadgate.

By your directions, two parents were summoned before the magistrates—one for disobedience of an attendance order, and one under your bye-laws. The latter case was withdrawn, and a fine of 2s 6d inflicted in the other case.

During the latter part of the month of February the attendance was fairly satisfactory, but the inclement weather of the past fortnight has caused a considerable falling off.

Fourteen cases are entered in the report-book to be submitted to you.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
WM. WARD.

Iveston, March 19th, 1891.

Mr Toyne addressed the Stanhope limestone quarrymen in the lodge room, High Street, on Thursday evening last.

Superintendent Liddle left Stanhope last week for Darlington.

WHILE Erasmus was in the monastery of Tergon, there was in the garden a pear-tree bearing fruit, of which the father superior was very fond, and which he wished to preserve for his own use. Erasmus, who was, in this respect, of the same taste with his superior, rose several days running, very early in the morning, to pluck some of it, without anyone knowing. This obliged the superior, who perceived the the number of the pears was diminishing, to watch one morning at the window of his cell, in order to discover the robber, whom he had not been able otherwise to detect. It must be remarked, that one of the monks in the convent was lame. Well, one day while the superior was upon guard, he discerned upon the tree a monk busy gathering pears; but as it was not yet much light, he resolved to wait a little, without saying anything, in order to discover with certainty who it was. He made some noise, however, which Erasmus heard; and for fear of being found out, he descended without delay, and returned limping towards the convent. The superior, who believed he was now sure of the pear-stealer, thought it best to be silent in the meantime, and to wait till daylight, that he might censure him in full assembly. As soon as he could call the monks together, the superior, after making many choice remarks upon saintly obedience, turned towards the lame brother, and accused him of having violated it in a manner the most flagrant in the world, by stealing the pears from the garden, notwithstanding his repeated prohibitions. It was in vain for the poor brother to maintain his innocence; this only augmented the wrath of the superior, who imagined he had recognised the culprit by a mark that could not be mistaken. He was accordingly condemned to a heavy penance, in spite of all his protestations.

IN the end of the seventeenth century, a Frenchman, being at Venice, was astonished to see the senate, in place of spending the Sabbath in divine worship, assemble in the morning for the dispatch of public business. He wished to testify his surprise to a Venetian nobleman with whom he was acquainted, but was coolly cut short with this answer, "We are first Venetians, and then Christians." "If I had followed the impulse of my indignation," says the Frenchman, in relating the anecdote, "I would have loaded him with reproaches; but I was speaking to a noble, and I was at Venice—there was no more necessary to render me prudent."

A LADY having begged Prince Maurice to tell her who was the first captain of the age, he excused himself from expressing his opinion on a matter so delicate; modesty not permitting him to name himself, and his sense of merit preventing him from yielding to another a glory which belonged to himself. At last, being pressed, he replied, "Madam, the Marquis de Spinola is the second."

IT has been recommended for sleepless persons to produce the essential condition of good sleep—a lessened activity of blood circulation in the brain—by breathing slowly, deeply, and with precise uniformity. This, it is said, will gradually divert from the brain the excess of circulatory activity that hinders sleep. It will at least serve the purpose of any of those monotonous mechanical processes of mind that have been suggested for reducing the sleepless throbbing of the brain.

THE khalif, Alraschid, was accosted one day by a poor woman, who complained that his soldiers had pillaged her house, and laid waste her grounds. The khalif desired her to remember the words of the Alcoran, "That when princes go forth to battle the people through whose fields they pass must suffer." "Yes," says the woman, "but it is also written in the same book that the habitation of those princes who authorise the injustice shall be made desolate." This bold and just reply had a powerful effect on the khalif, who ordered immediate reparation to be made.

A WELSH parson, in his sermon, told his congregation how kind and respectful we ought to be towards each other, and added that we were greatly inferior to the brutes in this respect. To prove this, he mentioned as an example the circumstance of two goats which met one another upon a narrow plank across a river, so that they could not pass by without one thrusting the other off. "Now, how do you think they did? Why, I'll tell you. One lay down and let the other leap over him. Ah, my beloved, let us live like goats."

FOND PAPA (proudly displaying the accomplishments of his six-year-old boy to the visiting clergyman)—"Now, Tommy, tell the gentleman what you would like to be when you grow up to be a great big man." Tommy (pointing to the visiter)—"I'd like to be a minister like him." Visiting clergyman (greatly gratified)—"Ah, my young friend, you would like to be a clergyman, like me, would you? Tell me why would you like to be a clergyman like me?" Tommy (promptly)—"'Cause I heard pa say yesterday that you had the easiest job of any man he knew—nothing to do but talk an hour every Sunday, live free on members of the congregation, and be worshipped like a little tin god on wheels by all the women in the parish." Tableau.

THE LATE MR GEO. G. TAYLOR-SMITH, J.P.

Yesterday (Thursday), at the fortnightly meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, the Chairman (Mr Wm. Logan) observed that a month that day, it was his melancholy duty to propose that a vote of condolence should be passed in reference to the death of a colleague. It was his painful duty to again discharge a similar task. He alluded to the death of Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, J.P., their late chairman. He was certain every member of the Board would be unanimous in expressing their deep sorrow and regret at his untimely decease. They were all aware of the able way in which Mr Taylor-Smith acted as Guardian for many years. About 18 years ago, he was elected a member of the Board, and for the last 12 years he had sat as *ex-officio* member. For 16 years previous to April last, he discharged the duties of Chairman of that Board, and he was sure that no person could have paid stricter or more closer attention to the office than Mr Taylor-Smith did. He was regularly present at all the Board meetings, and his sole aim and object was the consideration of the welfare and interest of the ratepayers. It was confidently hoped that two years ago, Mr Taylor-Smith would have been restored to his future state of health which he had for so many years enjoyed, but it was not to be, and they were all extremely sorry that he had been taken away. He (the chairman) begged to move that the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson) be instructed to forward from the Board their sincere expressions of sympathy at his untimely death, and condoling with the widow and daughter.—Mr T. J. Muse seconded the proposition, which was carried in silence.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST).
Medomsley v Sunderland St. Peter's, at Medomsley (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Dipton Wanderers v New Herrington, at Dipton (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Leadgate Park v Gateshead, at Gateshead.
Tow Law v Stockton West End, at Stockton (Durham Junior Cup-tie).
Tow Law Reserve v Hunwick Rovers 2nd, at Tow Law.
Consett League of the Cross v Cornsay Colliery, at Consett.
Pelton Fell Harriers v Postal Telegraph, at Pelton Fell.
Blaydon v Rockcliff 2nd, at Whitley.
Mickley v Westgate Athletic, at Newcastle.
Mickley 2nd v Greenhead, at Mickley.
Consett League of the Cross 2nd v Carr's Hill (Gateshead) 2nd, at Gateshead.
Final tie of Mr W. Knaggs's Junior Competition, at Consett.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH.
Leadgate Exiles v Tanfield Lea, at Leadgate.
Mr F. McCurley's Medal Competition [illegible]
Mr W. Knaggs's Medal Competition, [illegible] Fell Farm, Consett.

LEADGATE PARK v GATESHEAD.—The above teams will play their return match to-morrow (Saturday), at Gateshead, when a close and exciting game is sure to be witnessed, as the Park mean to do their utmost to repeat their previous victory. The Park will be represented by the following team:—Goal, J. Hunter (capt.); backs, T. Cairns and Wm. Foreman; half-backs, G. Walton, J. Wilson, and T. Kennedy; forwards, J. Robson and "Carr," right wing; J. Haggerstone (3), centre; C. Foreman and H. Wattsford, left wing. Umpire, Mr Wm. Johns.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FOURTH ROUND.

MEDOMSLEY v SUNDERLAND ST. PETER'S.—These teams will meet on the Medomsley ground to-morrow (Saturday), in the above competition. The match is arousing great interest in the neighbourhood, and there is sure to be a good game. The home team are playing in fine form, having only lost one match since November, and as they will play their full strength, it is to be hoped that they will figure in the semi-finals. The following team will represent Medomsley—Goal, A. Little; backs, M. Charlton (capt.) and W. Mansell; half-backs, R. Cant, J. Balfour, and R. Abbott; forwards, R. Campbell and J. E. Taylor, right wing; Wm. Cant, centre; A. M. Hedley and J. Veitch, left wing. Umpire, Mr W. G. Thompson. Referee, Mr A. Foster, Bishop Auckland. Kick-off at 3-15.

DIPTON WANDERERS v NEW HERRINGTON.—These teams will oppose each other at Dipton to-morrow (Saturday), in the Junior Cup. The home club have displayed excellent form throughout the competition, and they intend to put forth every effort to defeat New Herrington and enter the semi-finals. The Wanderers will put their best team in the field, and spectators may rely on witnessing a splendid game. The following team will represent the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, J. Walker and A. Tuson; half-backs, R. Press, E. Buck, and W. Bowes; forwards, W. Turner and I. Gilliard, right wing; W. Smith, centre; J. Leadbitter and T. Walker, left wing. Umpire, Mr T. Temple. Referee, Mr J. Conqueror, Southwick (Sunderland).

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BIRTHS

CASTLESIDE—1st inst., the wife of Thomas Milner, of a son.
2nd inst., the wife of J. Watts, of a daughter.
DURHAM—Field Farm, 12th inst., the wife of Geo. Taylor, of a son. 262e

DEATHS.

CONSETT—Puddlers' Row, 14th inst., aged 43, George, husband of Mary Kirkup.
22, Medomsley Road, 9th inst., aged 68, Sarah Ann Hutchinson, relict of the late John Hutchinson, Consett.
Consett Park Lodge, 13th inst., aged 17, John William Hogg.
3, Puddlers' Row, 17th inst., aged 50, Ann, wife of Robert Bell, and eldest daughter of the late Thomas Sample, Birnyhill Mill, Ponteland.
4, Queen Street, 18th inst., aged 70 years, Hannah Rogers. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Sunday, at 2·30. Friends, please accept this intimation. 268e
LEADGATE—Bradley Square, 14th inst., aged 23, the wife of Joseph Robson, and daughter of Robert and Eleanor Westhorpe.
TANFIELD—Aged 41, Barbara, wife of Paul Mossom.
HIGH SPEN—15th inst., aged 29, Ann, wife of John Balmer.
MARLEY HILL—16th inst., aged 29, Catherine, wife of Thomas Robson.
WHICKHAM—Grange, 10th inst., aged 29, John, son of Ann Armstrong.
PELTON FELL—Pit Row, 11th inst., in her 76th year, Mary Finlay.
Stella Gill, 13th inst., aged 28 years and 11 months Mary (Polly), daughter of Matthew and the late Sarah Bone.
BLAYDON—James Street, 13th inst., aged 10 months, Caroline Todd, daughter of Joseph and Caroline Brown.
Path Head, 11th inst., aged 86, John Hudson.
7, Greenwell Street, 17th inst., aged 68, Elizabeth, wife of John Colley.
OUSTON COLLIERY—16th inst., aged 72, Mary, relict of the late George Bell.
GREENSIDE—Hartburn, 18th inst., aged 57, William Snowdon.

In loving memory of John, the beloved husband of Frances J. Carrick, East Pontop, and second son of William and Jane Carrick, of Dipton, who died March 16th, 1890, aged 38.
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