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...overnment Board have instructed that ...bert Tulloch, M. I. C. E. one of ..., will hold a public enquiry in the ... Board Schools, on Tuesday and ...t, into the appeal of the Lanchester Council against an order issued by the ... of Durham for the formation of the ..., Collierley, and a part of Greencroft ... district.

...TATION AT CONSETT.
... the general offices of the Consett Iron ... John Pugsley, one of the clerks, was ... a Gladstone bag and a silver-mounted ... by his colleagues, in recognition of the ...h he was held by them, owing to his ...ent position to join his father at Perth. ...ertson made the presentation, and said ...y had won the esteem and admiration ...loyed at the offices during the past six ...T. Atkinson, Pollock, J. Mathleson, T. ...d others spoke. On Saturday evening, ...thering" took place at Consett. Mr Jos ...d over a large attendance. Songs, &c., ...by several present, and a very enjoyable ...ent.

...L OF THE LATE MR WM. WHEATLEY.
...y last, the mortal remains of Mr Wm. ...Shotley Bridge, were interred in the ... St. Ebba's, Ebchester. The funeral ...onducted by Rev Canon G. H. Ross-... in the presence of a very large gather-...es and friends—there being a large ... agricultural community present. The ...s were:—Mrs Wm. Wheatley, Mr ...ns, Mrs McNaugton (daughter), Miss ...aughter), Mr Wm. Palliser, Mr Jas. ... Watson, Newcastle, and Mrs Davison ...ddition there were present:—Mr Jos. ...lwell, Mr Annandale, Mr E. Sloane, ... Christopher, Mr J. Dawson, Mr Wm. ... S. Murray, and Mr J. G. Murray. ...eyances, exclusive of two large brakes, ...earse.
... past week, the late Mr Wheatley's son ... Wheatley, M.R.C.V.S., veterinary ... South Shields—has passed away. Mr ...n,, was a well-known and respected ...g carried on his profession for a con-... in South Shields. ...athy is felt with the family in their two ...vements. ...ley's familiar figure will be missed for ...day in the district. He was a staunch ... everything that was best in public life, ...f the most faithful adherents to Radical

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...—Consett, at 33, Park Road, on the 5th ...e wife of C. Telford, of a son.

MARRIAGES.
...S—HAW.—Lanchester Church, on the 4th ...ohn, youngest son of Mr John Stephens ... of West Kyo, to Annie, eldest daughter of ...mas Haw, engineman, of West Kyo, late of ...Shields.

DEATHS.
...N.—Stanley, Joicey Square, 6th inst., aged ...nces, wife of John Atkinson.
...N.—Lanchester, 8th inst., aged 52, John ...on, late of Tantobie.
...—Lintz Green (the residence of her sister, ...), aged 31, Maria Ann, wife of John Baines.
...—Natal, at Germiston, 12th ult., aged 65, ...W. Bewick, wife of Mr T. W. Bewick, formerly ...er Spen Colliery, County Durham, England.
...RD.—East Castle, 4th inst., aged 5 years, ... Annie, daughter of Michael and Mary ...ord.
...—Chester-le-Street, 16, Lambton Terrace, 5th ...ged 58, Ann, wife of Thomas Dodds, formerly ...nley.
...—Consett, 5, Victoria Street, 8th inst., aged ...zabeth, widow of the late John Gibson.
...—Waskerley, Mown Meadows, 11th inst., ...73 years, Mary, beloved wife of Joshua ... Interment at Muggleswick Churchyard ...turday, leaving residence at 2-30. Friends ... accept this intimation.
...ON—Wolsingham, 3rd inst., M. A. Hamilton.
...S.—East Stanley, Middle Street, 9th inst., ...s, David, son of Andrew and Sarah Jacques, ... Backworth.
...ACE.—Prudhoe, Victoria Terrace, 10th inst., ...26 months, Stephen, son of Stephen and ... Makepeace.
...AN.—Blackhill, 24, Dixon Street, on the 1st ...ged 13 years, Jacob Mark, son of John and ...eth Maughan.
...—Durham, Grape Lane, 9th inst., aged 19, ... Alice (Minnie) Smith.
...RD.—Annfield Plain, 9th inst., aged 60, Sarah, ...f William Starford.
...N.—Annfield Plain, Wood Rows, 4th inst., ...s, John Shotton.
...—Stanley, 2, Holly Terrace, 8th inst., aged ...lliam Shield, for 30 years overman at Messrs ...y Bros. Pit.
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...—Crook, 9th inst., aged 82, William Wilson.
...—Stanhope, Snowdrop Gate, 8th inst., aged ...lliam Wilson.
...—Consett, 36, Sherburn Terrace, 9th inst., aged ...rs, Meggie, daughter of George and Margaret
...—Ryton, Thorp Cottage, 6th inst., aged 16, ..., son of Michael and Ellen Young.

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MEDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—It is with no desire on my part for a prolonged discussion that I forward this letter for publication in your next issue. In looking through last week's *Guardian* I notice a writer, who styles himself "Old Crow," commenting on my remarks made at the Medomsley Parish Council, held on March 4th, 1896. "Old Crow" thinks it is time to protest against such tendency, especially when mountains are made out of molehill subjects. Now, Mr Editor, I think the following explanation will teach "Old Crow" that before he protests against a man's remarks he should have a knowledge of the facts upon which a person speaks. The facts are thus:—At a meeting of the Council, held on Dec. 18th, 1895, the general purposes Committee laid a scheme before the Council for erecting 10 lamps (not nine) on the Allendale Road, and which the Council had the good sense to adopt, but the Council never decided when, or by whom the work was to be done, nor did they give any authority to any individual member about the matter; but, strange to say, before the Council met again the work had all been done—one solitary member having taken upon himself to let the contract for the erection of nine lamps, and also gave orders for the lamp lighter to do the extra lighting. Now, Mr Editor, my grievance was not so much about the lamplighter, but for one man to take upon himself the power to let a contract and make the whole Council responsible without that Council's sanction, or even knowledge, is, I think, quite out of the question; and, as a member of the Council, I thought I was not doing my duty if I did not question such an action, and, for "Old Crow's" information, let me remind him that every Councillor present said my remarks were quite justifiable. However, I only did what I thought was my duty, and whether "Old Crow" protests or no it is matterless to me; but I would strongly advise him when next he wishes to question my remarks upon anything to take a flight to Medomsley and get all the information he can upon the subject, so that when his caligraphic appetite prompts him to write he may have just (caws) for doing so. My wanting a lamplighter to every standard is only an idiotic expression, all that I want is that a light may be placed near the standard of truth, so that man's actions may be revealed, thereby letting the public know how their business is being transacted, and in whom they may place their confidence. Thanking you, Mr Editor, in anticipation of the insertion of this, I remain, yours truly,

SAMUEL J. GEORGE.

Medomsley.

SANITARY MATTERS &c., AT THE SPEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Permit me to compliment you on the very accurate and exhaustive report of the Chopwell School Board meeting in your last issue. A report, of whose proceedings, have been long looked for during the past five years. As Mr. Armstrong has not supplied "Paul Pry" with his reason for withholding his personal support of the gas supply. If I remember correctly, it was stated at the time, that oil would be both better and cheaper than the proposed supply of gas. I would also remind "Paul Pry" that the members of the District Council are only carrying out the Sanitary and other schemes of the old Blaydon Local Board, but in a very perfunctory and disorganised manner, and which I am certain members of the Local Board would not have tolerated the universal opinion, being that the condition of Chopwell was never so disgraceful as during the year 1895.

I am etc.

RIP VAN WINKLE.

Spen, 11th March 1896.

CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

For the four seats on this Council, there are no less than thirteen nominations. The retiring members are Dr A. D. M. Macintyre, Messrs John Summerbell, George Wade, and John Wildsmith. It is probable a considerable amount of interest will be taken in the election. The Irish party are working most energetically so as to secure the return of their candidate—Mr Thos Dunne. The Independent Labour Party are going to leave no stone unturned, so as to seek the triumphant return of Mr Lowson, whilst the supporters of the four retiring members are determined they will not see their candidates defeated. Amongst the nominations are several, who if they were elected, would make good useful members. The following are the nominations:—

JOHN ALLISON, builder, Medomsley Road, Consett. Proposed by Christopher Lumley, Sherburn Terrace, and seconded by Mr Hedley Nicholson, Middle Street.

JOHN CRAWFORD, auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. Proposed by Jesse Hall, Newmarket Street, and seconded by Mr George Harrison, Newmarket Street.

THOMAS DUNNE, grocer, Park Road, Consett. Proposed by Bernard McCulloch, Constance Street, and seconded by Thomas Cain, Princess Street. For Mr Dunne, there was also other two nomination papers. The proposers and seconders were Patrick Coyle, Newmarket Street, Thomas Barry, Victoria Street, Bernard Ward, Constance Street, and Patrick Loughran West Victoria Street.

GEORGE THOMAS EGGLESTONE, Inspector, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. Proposed by Thomas Carr, Edith Street, and seconded by Edward Whittaker, Palmerston Street. There was another nomination paper for Mr Egglestone, signed by Thomas Heslop, Sherburn Terrace, and Rev Robert Bell Hanley, Seymour Street.

THOMAS HESLOP, annuitant and assurance agent, Sherburn Terrace. Proposed by Harry Cornforth, Park Road, and seconded by Peter Elliott Surtees, Mount Pleasant, Consett.

HENRY HOLLIDAY, manager, Beech Grove, Consett. Proposed by John Petherick, Fairdale, and seconded by James Palliser, Park Road, Blackhill. There were other two nomination papers for Mr Holliday. The proposers and seconders were Venice Dunn, Medomsley Road, William Keenleyside, Crookhall House, E. J. Kirkhouse, West Bank, and John Thurlow Potts, Middle Street.

GEORGE LOWSON, millwright, Albert Road, Consett. Proposed by Thomas Wilson, Park Road, Consett, and seconded by William Snarr, Palmerston Street. The other nomination paper for Mr Lowson, was signed by Thomas Charlton, Rosebery Terrace, and John James Dent, Alexandra Street.

A. D. M. MACINTYRE, physician and surgeon, Rose Mount, Consett. Proposed by John Thurlow Potts, Middle Street, and seconded by William Suddes, coachbuilder, Front Street.

JAMES SCOTT, engineer, Highfield, Consett. Proposed by Thos. L. Gledstone, Bank House, and seconded by Thomas Carr, Edith Street. The other two papers for Mr Scott were signed by William Keenleyside, Crookhall House, W. Knifton, Consett House, John Petherick, Fairdale, and Joseph Skelton, Foster Street.

JOHN SUMMERBELL, engine driver, Buddle Street, Consett. Proposed by Bartholomew Bainbridge, Trafalgar Street and seconded by Robert Turnbull, West Parade.

JOHN WILDSMITH, boiler-minder, Puddler's Row, Consett. Proposed by Venice Dunn, Medomsley Road and seconded by John Renshaw, Front Street, Consett.

PETER ELLIOTT SURTEES, collector, Mount Pleasant, Consett. Proposed by Thomas Heslop, Sherburn Terrace, and seconded by John Robert Brodie, Church Street, Consett.

GEORGE WADE, butcher, Front Street, Consett. Proposed by William Suddes, coach builder, and seconded by Edward Wylam, Hotel keeper, Consett.

The returning officer is Mr T. W. Welford, clerk to the Council. To-day (Friday) is the last day for withdrawals. The election will take place on Monday, March 30th, from 12 noon to 8 p.m. in the National Schools, Parliament Street.

At the last election the results were as follows:—Elected:—George T. Hyden, schoolmaster, 331; James Daly, grocer, 308; Wm. Aynsley, provision merchant, 294; John Lowes, jeweller, 282; John Kempson, innkeeper, 275; J. W. Davison, ironmonger, 236; Geo. D. Powell, bacon factor, 214; R. C. Forster, draper, 203; John Summerbell, engineman, 190; J. Wildsmith, steelworker, 189; Dr. A. D. M. Macintyre, surgeon, 186; George Wade, butcher, 171. Not elected—James Scott, engineer, 160; George Lowson, millwright, 153; Jesse Hall, Co-operative Stores manager, 151; G. T. Egglestone, water inspector, 148; Robt. Turnbull, miner, 120; Hedley Nicholson, butcher, 119; John Routledge, joiner, 118; Jos. Whitehead, corn merchant, 116; Geo. Atkinson, fitter, 85; A. S. Coates, printer, 84; C. C. McColvin, hosiery manufacturer, 75; James Frosdick, billposter, 67; C. F. Scott, mining engineer, 66; Ed. Telford, insurance agent, 51; John Bates, joiner, 38; Thomas Milner, chemist, 40; J. Walton, builder, 24; Hy. Harvey, innkeeper, 19.

Ten thousand pounds per annum may be earned at too great a sacrifice, if we ruin our health and happiness during its accumulation. Although money is a necessary article to possess in order to obtain the means of existence, it cannot purchase love, friendship, or immunity from the dangers and pangs of disease. The millionare has often envied the toiling labourer his hearty appetite and sturdy health, and would gladly have sacrificed a large amount of his wealth in exchange for these blessings. Holloway's Pills, however, can give health to the most delicate. They are the precious key which can open the door leading to the smiling valley of health. They purify the system and give the essentials of strength for the blood.

BLACKHILL.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONVERSAZIONE.—On Thursday week, the members of the Blackhill Primitive Methodist Chapel held a conversazione. There was a good programme of vocal and instrumental music given by the following artistes:—Mr. R. Evans, Miss Tweddle, Miss Leybourne, Master Davison, violin solo. Miss Brodie (piano); Miss Palliser, Miss Robinson, and Mr. T. Atkinson. An amusing sketch, "Wanted, a confidential clerk," was given by Messrs A. Atkinson, T. Atkinson, W. Robson, T. Williams, J. Redshaw, and O. Brodie. Miss Brodie accompanied in her usual style. Mr. Joseph Walton presided.

LANCHESTER GUARDIANS AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

The Returning officer (Mr W. H. Ritson) has received the following nominations for the election of Guardians and Rural District Councillors in the following townships in the Lanchester Union:—Collierley and Pontop (3).—*John W. Taylor, Wesley Terrace, Dipton, printer; *William Johnson, Ewehurst Head, builder; *W. Young, Dipton, innkeeper; George Murray, Dipton, grocer. Kyo (2).—*George Hobson, Harperley Mills, miller; *George Wailes, Hare Law, butcher, &c., William Fitzpatrick. Annfield Plain, tailor and draper; William Down, Catchgate, assurance agent; *William Rutherford, mining engineer, Catchgate.

GUARDIANS.

Tanfield (4).—Matthew John Starford, Tanfield Lea, under manager; *William Bulmer, Tanfield Lea, checkweighman; *Henry Curry Wood, Burnopfield, Co-operative store manager; Alfred Davis, Burnopfield, contractor; William Braiford, Lintz Colliery, manager; William Holmes, Tantobie, postmaster; Edward Wigham, Barcus Close, farmer.

Oxhill (1).—*Robert Kay, South Tanfield, colliery manager.

Stanley (3).—*George Forster, West Stanley, undertaker; *William Indian, West Stanley, checkweighman; *Jonathan Green, West Stanley, butcher.

South Moor (1).—John Smith, South Moor, tradesman; Anthony Kuhlman, South Moor, undermanager of mines.

South Cornsay (1).—Mary Edith Pierry Taylor-Smith, Colepike Hall, and W. H. Telford.

Those marked with the asterisk are the retiring members. In the townships where an election is required, the same will take place on the 30th March.

THE PARISH COUNCILS.

The following were held over from last week.

EDMONDSLEY.

The meeting for the election of a Parish Council was held at Edmondsley. Mr John Hodgson presiding. The following eleven nominations were handed in to the chairman:—Mr. John Clayton, schoolmaster; Mr. Michael Curry, viewer; Mr. James Pullar, miner; Mr. Robert Rutherford, enginewright; Mr. John Ward, miner; Mr. Johnson Bates, enginewright; Mr. Robert Scott, jun., miner; Mr. Robert Turnbull, farmer; Mr. Wm. Hudspeth, weighman; Mr. David Cornforth, miner; Mr. Henry Greener, clerk. As eleven Parcillors were required, the above were declared duly elected by the chairman.

HEDLEYHOPE.

The following have been duly appointed members of the Parish Council:—Messrs William Brennan, Hedley Hill; John Carroll, East Hedleyhope; George Crowe, Low West House; Joshua Fairclough, East Hedleyhope; John Grant, East Hedleyhope; Daniel Jones, Hedley Hill; William H. Moralee, Hedley Hill; John B. Robinson, Hedley Hill; and William H. Telford, Hedleyhope.

EBCHESTER.

Seven members are required for the Parish Council, and the annexed eleven candidates will go to the poll:—Messrs Joseph G. Brown, William Charlton (Dene House, joiner), William Charlton (Station Hotel, Ebchester, George Charlton, William Marshall, William Morris, Joseph Pumphrey, Cuthbert Waggott, William Wardle, and George Wheeler.

MUGGLESWICK.

The undermentioned seven members have been elected on the Parish Council:—George Bainbridge, Red House; Donald Campbell, Waskerley; Ralph Coulthard, Waskerley; Dixon Hudspith, Eddis Bridge; R. W. Jameson, Waskerley; William Lowes, Waskerley; and John Rae, Calf Hall, Muggleswick.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

SHOTLEY LOW QUARTER.—A meeting of the electors of the parish of Shotley Low Quarter was held in the School-room, Snods Edge, on Monday evening, presided over by J. W. W. Wilson, Esq., J.P., for the purpose of electing Parish Councillors for the ensuing year. Five candidates handed in nomination papers, and as that was the number required, the Chairman declared the following to be duly elected:—Messrs *James Anderson, Black Hedley; *Robert Anderson, Mosswood; *John Drummond, Kiln Pit Hill; *James Miller, Panshields; John Potts, Aireyholme. Those marked thus (*) were members of the old council.

WEARDALE GUARDIANS

Mr J. W. Roddam, J.P., presided at Friday's meeting, and Mr Cox was appointed a medical officer for Derwent.—A circular was read from the Local Government Board on vagrancy, and after discussion it was decided to carry out their suggestions as far as possible.—A letter was also read from the Teesdale Union on the same subject. The Board agreed with their suggestions.—The Chairman gave his observations on the conference which he attended at Middlesbrough the other day on the subject of differentiating between men in search of work and habitual tramps.—The Chairman gave notice for next meeting for changing their time of meeting on account of extra work if the District Council take over the work of the Highway Board.—The contracts for the Workhouse provisions were let as under:—Coals, Weardale Iron Company; flour and meal, Thos. Moffatt, Frosterley; drapery, boots &c., G. Heads, Stanhope; groceries, Thos. Philipson; groceries, &c., Wm. Fenwick and Son.

WEARDALE HIGHWAY BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday—Mr C. J. Backhouse, J.P., presiding. The month's paybill was—Main roads, £149; district, £103—Mr Dalkin asked the Surveyor why a certain road had not been mended?—The Surveyor laid blame on the contractor for not getting stones out.—On the motion of Mr Dalkin it was decided to give the contract to another man.—A letter was read from the Parish Council in respect to the diversion of road at Westgate. A letter was also read from the Railway Company declining to do anything in respect to it. The estimate for doing it is £249.—It was decided to leave the matter with the District Council.—The question of the dangerous road at Bolts Burn was left over at present.—It was decided to have another meeting of the Board at Wolsingham on the 31st of March, so as to have the books into hand over to the District Council.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the ordinary meeting on Friday, the medical officers (Messrs Devey, Conning, and Livingstone) were re-appointed.—The river pollution question was discussed. It was thought hardly fair of the County Council to be stringent respecting small river pollutions such as those from the sewerage and let the lead companies in the dale put hundreds of tons of *debris* into the streams from the lead ore washings. The Chairman suggested meeting the companies in a friendly way and pointing out to them the desirability of placing the *debris* on some waste land instead of the river and tributaries.—It was decided to adopt Section 6 of the Public Health Act in regard to building over sewers, &c., to apply to the whole district.—The Chairman read to the meeting Section 25 of the Local Government Act of 1894 in respect to the taking over of the highways, also communications from Lanchester Highway Board in respect to the taking over of the highways at Hunstanworth and Roughside. The highway rates will cease, and some of the old townships became obsolete under the new Act.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

In view of the efforts being made to raise a Volunteer Corps for Consett, the following speech made by Sir Henry Havelock-Allen in the House of Commons, during the discussion on the Army Estimates, may prove interesting:—After some preliminary remarks, Sir Henry congratulated the Government on the way they proposed to deal with these difficult questions concerning the volunteers. The liberal treatment in the matter of the half year advance would, he was sure, lead to close attention being paid to the accounts, and the Volunteers would see that no money was wasted. He had commanded a Volunteer brigade for eight years, and he was sure his men would respond with greater efficiency. Speaking with his experience, he cordially supported the suggestion that Volunteer officers should be given commissions. It was impossible to over-estimate the advantage which resulted from the yearly brigade camps. In Northumberland and Durham, he knew that the men learned more during the eight days' camp time than in the rest of the year. He thought that the allowance to brigade camps should be increased, even at the expense of the regimental camps, and he urged that the regulations now in force, requiring 300 men out of each regiment to attend the camps, should be altered. Weak corps, of say 450, had great difficulty in getting 300 men into camp, and he suggested that the minimum should be fixed at three-fifths. The command of the Volunteer brigades outside the Metropolis was at present unsatisfactory. In London, experienced officers of the Guards had charge, but in the provinces the brigade camp were under the officer commanding the regimental district, who had generally too much to do. In Durham and Northumberland, that officer had to look after a large number of regulars and others, and it was impossible for him to give all the year round the same attention to volunteers as should be the case. He suggested, as a remedy, that an allowance, say of £150 or £200, should be given to retired general officers, who, in the prime of life, were placed on the retired list. They, as trained officers, could give their entire attention to the corps, and the efficiency would be advanced to a degree almost impossible to over estimate. He regretted that the Artillery depots had been decreased. That matter required very careful attention. The volunteer service had every reason to be grateful to the Secretary of War, and he believed they would, in return for the concessions made to them, be willing to pay greater attention to training. The concessions were wise and generous. (Hear, hear.)

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Tuesday evening, at the Tanfield Lea Schools—the chairman (Mr. Thos. Pringle) presiding. Also present—Messrs H. C. Wood, J.P., Jon. Green, J.P., Wm. Bulmer, B. Mason, Father Thompson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—Since your last meeting I have made 56 visits to schools, 520 visits to the homes of absentees, served nine bye-law notices, and reported 30 children to other officers. The attendance during the past month has been fairly satisfactory, the worst attendance being at East Stanley Board School, owing largely to scarlatina fever being epidemic. The attendance at the following schools is also slightly affected from the same cause:—Stanley Central, West Stanley, and Leazes Board Schools, also Stanley R. C. Catholic School. Six cases are entered into my report book to be submitted to your consideration.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

SEYMOUR MEDDICK.

ESTIMATE FOR THE ENSUING HALF-YEAR.

The Clerk reported that the estimate for the ensuing half-year was £3,145.

Mr. Wood: What was it last half-year?

The Clerk: £3,080.

Mr. Wood: This is £65 more. What is our balance now?

The Clerk said it was not enough to pay the cheques for that day until they recieved the precepts from the overseers. They would not have a working balance. There was over £500 to pay that day. The precepts were due, and would have to be paid before 25th March.

Mr. Wood: What is the balance to-day?

The Clerk: £135.

Mr. Bulmer: To pay what?

The Clerk: £500.

In reply to questions, the Clerk stated that the estimated income was as follows:—Fee grants, £325; annual grants, £1,625; rents of schools, £15; drawing grants, £50; garments to be sold, £5: total, £2,020, leaving £1,125 to be made up.

Mr. Wood: How much of the precepts are not paid?

The Clerk: All the precepts now due will be fully required to pay what is due.

Mr. Wood: Is any of the 5½d paid?

The Clerk: Yes; the overseers of Tanfield have paid £300.

In reply to another question, Mr. Ritson said 6d in the pound would realise £1,500, and 7d. £1,755.

Mr. Wood: Why should we have more than a 6d. rate?

Mr. Green: Why should we have more than 3d?

Mr. Bulmer: We want a rate to suit £1,125.

Mr Wood: And 6d. amounts to £1,500.

The Clerk said the amount to come in from the overseers was all condemned.

Mr. Bulmer thought 4½d would meet the case.

After referring to his books, the Clerk said there was £700 to come in from the Stanley overseers; the Tanfield precept was all paid; there was £135 in hand, and there was cheques to pay that day for over £500.

Mr. Wood moved that they have a 6d rate. He thought they required that to meet the case fairly. This was seconded by Mr. Green, and agreed to.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

It was decided that the children at the various schools should have a week's holiday at Eastertide, commencing on the day before Good Friday.

A WASTE OF WATER.

As regards a waste of water complained of at Tanfield Lea Schools, Mr. Dawson wrote that it was caused by the bursting of three pipes, which had been repaired, and the water meter also placed it doors which was much more satisfactory.

It was resolved that the Consett Water Company should be written to, requesting them to attend to the water-taps, etc., at the above school, in accordance with their contract with the Board.

STANLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL (MIXED.)

Mr. Thomas Darney reported:—On the 2nd March the higher standards of this school, viz., Standard IV. (46), Standard V. (24), Standard VI. (6)—total 83, were transfered to West Stanley Board Schools, and I admitted the lower Standards, viz., Standard I. (53), Standard II. (45), and Standard III. (49),—total, 147, from West Stanley Board School.

FEVER AT EAST STANLEY.

Mr. J. Anderson reported:—The fever that broke out here at the beginning of November is spreading rapidly. Nine families are at present off school, and our work is being seriously interrupted.

DANGEROUS RAILINGS.

Mr. John Pringle waited upon the Board, and stated that on the previous day his little girl was blown upon the railings at Tanfield Lea Schools, owing to the force of the wind, and one of the spikes went into her hand, whilst her knee was also injured.

The Chairman: It appears to have been an accident.

Mr. Bulmer said it was a marvel that someone had not lost their lives before this through these railings which were much too low. He strongly protested against them at the time they were erected, and suggested an improvement which was not carried out. They were certainly dangerous.

Mr. Bendle, architect, Newcastle, who was in attendance upon the Board, measured the railings in accordance with the Board's request, and stated that the railings at the highest point was 4ft 4in., and at the lowest point 3ft 4in.

Mr. Pringle objected to the spikes.

Mr. Wood said the spikes were a usual thing at all their schools.

Mr. Bendle said the wall was too low at certain points.

The Chairman said it was not a question of whether the wall was too low or not, but they wanted to make the place safe.

Mr. Pringle then retired, the Chairman informing him that something would be done in order to make the railings safe.

Mr. Pringle: Thank you.

BAND OF HOPE UNION LECTURES.

A letter was received from Mr. J. Addison, Leeds, stating that he had pleasure in sending the following particulars with reference to his lectures in the Tanfield Board Schools:—Children present, 769; teachers present, 54; essays written, 311; certificates awarded, 149. Perhaps I may add that the cordiality of the head teachers, and the attention of the children, were all that could be desired.

THE NEW CAUSEY ROW SCHOOL.

Three tenders were presented for the carrying out of the above work, but after a considerable amount of discussion the matter was again adjourned.

FINANCIAL.

Cheques for sums amounting to £482 2s 10d. were ordered to be signed.

Return of attendances for the four weeks ending March 13th, 1896:—

Names of Schools.	No. on Register	Average Attend'ce	School ac. comd'tion	Av'ge for School y'r.
East Stanley, Mixed	174	146	166	169
East Stanley, Infants	141	110	130	107
West Stanley, Mixed	175	151	155	189
West Stanley, Infants	118	101	100	88
Pickering Nook, Mixed	170	156	144	158
Pickering Nook, Infants	78	66	66	59
Leazes, Mixed	219	199	250	210
Leazes, Infants	121	97	100	92
Tanfield Lea, Mixed	149	132	149	141
Tanfield Lea, Infants	111	117	175	116
Causey Row	134	123	155	135
Tanfield, Mixed / Tanfield, Infants	115	102	150	104
Stanley Central, Mixed	266	241	—	220
Stanley Central, Infants	205	167	—	145

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

For the three vacant seats on this Council, the Returning officer, Mr Edward Milburn, has received no less than fifteen nominations, which are as follows:—William Anderson, Robert Gilmoor, Thomas Hall, Anthony Harrison, George Hildreth, *James Lee, Thomas Moses, James Thomas Oliver, Joseph Ridley, Robert Riley, Archibald Shield, *Robert Sprootes, William Robinson *Teasdale, Joseph Vickers, and Robert Wheatley. Those marked * are the retiring members. The last day for withdrawels is fixed for to day (Friday), and the polling day will take place on Monday, March 30th, from twelve noon to eight o'clock. The results of the last election was as follows: John W. Laverick, mining engineer, 317; John Graham, butcher, 258; Wm. Atkinson, grocer, 250; Geo. Watson, colliery weighman, 230; A. W. Emerson, cashier, 229; James Vickers, checkweighman, 229; W. R. Teasdale, saddler, 211; W. Anderson, bank clerk, 208; R. Sprootes, auctioneer and ironmonger, 208. Not elected—R. Riley, miner, 171; G. Bell, deputy over-man, 169; Thomas Hall, butcher, 164; Jos. Ridley, farmer and builder, 164; C. Rowe, engineman, 141; C. Strong, grocer, 118; L. Wherley, draper, 99; T. Moses, jun., assuance agent, 82.

LANCHESTER.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.—On Thursday, a meeting of this Committee took place—Mr. T. J. Muse presiding.—The business transacted was the signing of the supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Consett, Knitsley, Kyo, Oxhill, Benfieldside, Stanley, Collierley and Pontop, and Lanchester.

BLACKHILL.

On Monday evening a magic lantern entertainment was given in the Sunday School of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, by Mr. A. McIvor, of Shotley Grove. The entertainment was in aid of the Band of Hope funds. The subject of the lecture was "Auld Reekie, a visit to Edinburgh," and "Burns' Poems." Mr. Harper gave the readings, to a fairly large attendance.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday last special services were conducted in this place of worship, by Mr. J. Roxby, of Hetton. At the morning and evening services solos were sung by Misses Williams and Wright. In the afternoon a special musical service was held at which the singers were Miss A. Grainger, Consett, Miss Williams, Miss Wright, Mr. Robinson and Mr. R. Evans. There were large attendances at all the services.

PROPOSED URBAN DISTRICT FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN

On Tuesday, Mr. Frederick Hesbert Tulloch, M.I.C.E., held an inquiry, concerning a petition lodged by the Lanchester District Council, against the order made in October 1895 by the Durham County Council, for the formation of an Urban District Council for Annfield Plain. The order was for the formation of a part of the Rural District of Lanchester, namely, the Parishes of Collierley and Kyo, and part of the Parish of Greencroft, into an Urban District to be called the "Annfield Plain Urban District." The representatives of the Lanchester District Council present were Mr. W. Logan, J.P.; Mr. T. J. Muse, Mr. W. H. Ritson (clerk) and Mr. J. E. Parker (Surveyor.) Opposing the application were, in addition to a large number of ratepayers, Councs. Young, W. Johnson, J. W. Taylor, Moor, Wilkinson, Geo. Wailes, P. Reay, Bowes, Tindall, Russell, and Mr. Mitchison (Clerk.) The Rev. J. Gornall, County Ald Curry, Mr. Jno. Robson, Mr. Jno. Errington, Mr. T. Foster Smith, Mr. Jos. Bainbridge, and Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Logan in answer to Mr. Tulloch stated that they did not wish to withdraw their appeal. They wished to state a case to the Commissioner.

Mr. Logan then went on to say that the County Council had held an inquiry, some time back, but that this first inquiry had come to nothing. Another had been held in April, 1895, but that time the proposal was to embrace a much larger part of the district than on the previous occasion. At the inquiry a part named D on the map and which was really an outlying portion of Greencroft, was withdrawn from the proposed area by the promoters. As a result of the inquiry, a report adverse to the proposal was handed in to the Commissioners of the County Council. Without any further inquiry the County Council issued this order the effect of which would be to take away from the rural district of Lanchester a rateable value of £365,120, embracing 1,945 houses and having a population of 10,292. The area would be 3,558 acres giving an average population per acre of a little over three. The Rural District Council were not unanimous in their opposition and it was only by the casting vote of the Chairman that the petition was signed. The Highway Board would expire on the 31st of this month leaving the highways in direct charge of the various authorities. The Highway Board were unanimous in their petition. The ground on which the petition was lodged were, that it would take away a large area of ground and rateable value and thus increase the standing expenses of that portion of the Rural District still remaining. This could only be balanced by reducing the expenditure and by lowering the efficiency of the officers of the Board. Since the passing of the Locomotive Amendment Act the Highways were kept up by a district rate. The amount of rate in the pound for the repairing of the highways would thus become greater in the remaining part of the district. The District Council had recently spent within this area for lighting, sewerage, and sewage disposal works, water supply, etc., £7,977. There was, however, no debt upon that. Building operations had been very brisk no fewer than two hundred houses having been erected in the district during the year.

Mr. Tulloch: Is your Council very strenuous in its opposition.

Mr. Logan: We think that the people ought to have the Government of the place in their own hands. The only objection we have is on account of the expense, which ran to an average of about 1½d in the £.

Mr. Taylor then stated the case for the petitioners. He said that, after the report of the Commissioners had been presented to the Council, Ald. Curry moved, and he (the speaker) seconded, that the application be referred back to the Committee. In the Committee Mr. Muse and himself had stated the respective sides of the question, and the order had been issued consequent upon the re-consideration. There were nine-tenths of the population of the district in favour of the order.

Mr. Tulloch: I cannot take that as evidence.

Mr. Logan: I admit that the people are overwhelmingly in favour of it.

Mr. Tulloch: Very well, I will enter it.

Mr. Taylor then went on to say that there were two large centres of population in the district, Annfield Plain and Dipton, and each week-end there was a large influx of visitors. There was a great want of convenience for these people, and they thought that that was one of the things which an Urban District Council would be better able to look after. The money mentioned by Mr. Logan as being expended on sewerage works, etc., had been spent during the last four years, and was entirely the money of those living in the district. There was likely to be a considerable expenditure on sanitary improvements shortly, and they thought that a Rural District Council of 22 members, many of whom lived a considerable distance away, would not be so competent to look after the sanitary requirements of the district.

Mr. Tulloch: I should think that that is a self-evident fact. It would be a most peculiar thing, if an Urban area could not manage its own affairs better than if they were included in a very large area.

Mr. Taylor further said, that the geographical position of the proposed area rendered it extremely adaptable for an Urban District, and that one Council would manage it better than three Parish Councils. Many of the roads were in two parishes, and would be under only one authority if the Urban District was formed.

Mr. Logan said he quite admitted Mr. Taylor's remarks about the roads.

Mr. Taylor said they were surrounded by Urban districts, and wished to have the same facilities for self-protection as them. It was also a very long distance for the Councillors to travel from Lanchester. Collierley was five miles away, and Greencroft and Annfield Plain three miles, and there was no direct train communication. The Rural District Councillors had also to act as Guardians, and it made it a very heavy day. Sometimes there were three committees sitting at the same time all of which it was their duty to attend. They had also to wait half-an-hour before the business started at Lanchester. In the Building Committee there were sometimes as many as 25 plans, many of them from that district to be passed in half-an-hour. With regard to the reduction of officers which Mr. Logan mentioned, it might be possible to combine the offices of road Surveyor and Sanitary Surveyor.

Mr. Logan said that by taking the Greencroft Tow Law Road, which was in dispute, away the burden would be thrown upon the parishes with small rateable value, and this was contrary to the intention of the Locomotive Amendment Act.

Mr. Taylor: You will get rid of a very heavy road at the same time.

Mr. Logan: We will have a very much less rateable value for a very few less miles.

Mr. Muse said that about four years ago the western part of the district was keeping some of these roads.

Mr. Tulloch then obtained the various particulars necessary for the consideration of the Local Government Board. He also made arrangements for making a personal inspection of the district on Wednesday. The proposed district is to consist of the civil parishes of Greencroft, (within), a portion of Kyo, (not including that in the Stanley District Council's area,) and the whole of the civil parish of Collierley.

Mr. Taylor wished to mention, that the sanitary state of the district was anything but satisfactory.

In answer to the Commissioner, Mr. Parker stated, that the Annfield Plain, South Pontop, Catchgate, East Pontop, and Hare Law Sewers all formed part of the Sewage Disposal Works, in the proposed area, and proceeded to explain the construction of the works to Mr. Tulloch. The Works were erected two years ago.

Mr. Logan moved and Mr. Taylor seconded a vote of thanks to the Commissioner.

The inquiry then closed as far as formal evidence was concerned. Mr. Tulloch on Wednesday made an inspection of the district. He will in course report to the Local Government Board, who will either confirm or quash the order.

It seemed from the tone of the inquiry that an amicable settlement would be come to and that the District will probably be converted.

GREENCROFT.

PARISH COUNCIL.—Mr. J. Dixon, as stated in our last week's issue, should be Mr. Robert Dixon, who received 29 votes.

WEARDALE.

DEATH OF MRS. WATSON.—Mrs. Thomas Watson, Ireshopeburn, one of the oldest and best-known Wesleyans in the district, expired somewhat suddenly about midnight on Saturday. As the consort of the local father of High House Methodism, she was much and deservedly respected. She had been ailing for some time.

STANHOPE.

CONCERT.—A concert under the auspices of Stanhope Dene Committee was held in the town Hall on Saturday night. Councillor F. Batute presided. The artistes were Messrs Winter, Richards, and Miss Allison, of Crook; Mr. F. Norman, of Stanhope, and Miss H. Robinson, of Stanhope, who rendered a most acceptable programme and received many encores. Mr. J. Bell ably presided at the harmonium.

GALLANT RESCUE.—During the flooded state of the Wear last week, two women were going down from Unthank towards the wood bridge over the Wear. In order to avoid the mud on the road, the younger of the ladies, Miss Shield, stepped on to the grass at the side. The sod was undermined by the flooded river, and it gave way with the lady, throwing her into the river. The screams of the ladies attracted the attention of two young men, who waded into the river at the bridge, and rescued Miss Shield in an exhausted state.

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CHAPTER XI.

TALL, SLIM, WITH BROWN HAIR.

CATHCART had said he would be present at the Hoffman café at the time of the dinner.

Consequently, when the three gathered about a round table in the middle of the room on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-fifth-street, Dorison looked about for the old detective. He was not present as yet. Noting his absence, but believing he would soon appear, he gave himself up to the enjoyment of the dinner.

It progressed with a good deal of light, humourous talk, much of it devoted to the long sojourn of Eustace and his experiences there. If Dorison had been attracted by Eustace's appearance, he was doubly so when brought into close personal contact. Modest, light-hearted, gay, brimming with confidence and overflowing with humour, Dorison thought he was the most engaging person he had ever met, and recollection of the tragedy in which he was supposed to have borne so horrible a part passed away under the influence of the hour. The doubt thrown by Cathcart upon the accuracy of his own conclusions, contributed not a little to this result.

Dorison and Eustace were manifestly drawn toward each other; it was plain to Bushnell that they had discovered a great liking for each other almost at first sight, and they did not part for the evening until they had made plans for an early meeting.

In the meantime, however, Dorison wondered why Cathcart did not come. He was anxious to have him do so, for he desired the old detective should see he had made no mistake. Further, he desired to tell the old man what he had learned earlier in the day—that Eustace had studied surgery—a fact he had suppressed until after the detective had confirmed the accuracy of his own observations. The dinner was drawing to a close, and still the old detective had not put in an appearance, to his great disappointment.

Finally Eustace and Bushnell rose, bent upon an engagement they had previously made. As they donned their overcoats, a man with black bushy beard and hair, who had been sitting at an adjoining table, rose also, and passed close to Dorison on his way out. The latter felt a slip of paper thrust between his fingers.

So soon as he could he looked at the slip. It was a bit torn from the margin of a newspaper, and on it was pencilled these words: "Wait for me in the office of the hotel."

Wondering who the stranger could be, and what business he could have with him, and speculating as to what the message so strangely communicated could portend, Dorison lit a cigar and wandered into the office. Pacing up and down the long corridor he thought upon the singularity of events which had crowded upon him during the previous forty-eight hours. He marvelled to note how each seemed in some manner to hinge upon the others. While all this aroused a deep interest within him, it also caused a feeling of unrest, of feverish excitement. Yet this had the compensating effect of taking him out of that condition of despondency and melancholy which had become almost a part of his nature. While he was speculating upon the possible outcome of these events, Cathcart suddenly appeared before him.

"You were wholly right," he said quietly, before Dorison could remark upon his failure to appear in time. "It is the hand and the glove as well. I observed the gloves as he put them on."

Dorison stared at him in astonishment. A light broke upon him.

"You were the man with black hair and beard," he said.

"Yes; didn't you know me?"

"Know you. I did not dream it was you. You were completely disguised."

"You did your work excellently well," said Cathcart, ignoring compliment, as if disguises were matters of hourly occurrence. "But I was never more puzzled than I am now. If one could only trust to appearances. If I were to do so in this case I would dismiss all idea of young Eustace being implicated in that murder as preposterous. I had my lesson, however, twenty years ago. I was given the work of tracing the murder of a whole family in a town in Illinois. Indications pointed to a young girl living in the family. When I saw her sweet, soft, innocent eyes, her face almost angelic in its expressions, and her pretty coaxing manners, I dismissed suspicion of her and went off on a theory which led to nothing. She moved away, and two years after was caught in the very act of crime. Having been convicted, she confessed these murders, and an examination into her life showed her to be a monster of depravity. It was inconceivable that one so young and tender could be so black."

"You have returned to the theory then that Eustace is the man you want," commented Dorison, disappointment and regret plainly visible.

"I have neither returned to nor abandoned that theory," replied Cathcart. "I hold everything in abeyance pending further inquiry. Our puzzle does not fit—the pieces do not match. We supposed that the wearer of that glove was tall and slim with brown hair. In other words, that the wearer of the glove, the tall, slim man, and the walker in Union Square were one and the same man. What we have discovered is, that the wearer of the glove is one person. Whether the tall, slim man and the exquisite of Union Square are one or two persons, has yet to be determined. My theory has gone astray just so far. What was it we learned in school?—*Falsus in uno falsus in omnibus.* If I am wrong in one particular I may be wrong in a'l."

"Eustace could not have been either the caller at stated intervals nor the exquisite of Union Square, exquisite though he is."

"Why?"

"Because he has been continuously absent from the country for six years until four months ago."

"Another complexity. Why should he return home after so long an absence to murder two inoffensive women?"

"He is a surgical student, having studied here and abroad," said Dorison.

"The devil!" said Cathcart. "The proofs accumulate against him. You know that to be true?"

"His friend Bushnell told me so."

"The case presents more perplexities than any I ever was engaged in."

"Those gloves were not made in this country," said Dorison irrelevantly, though thoughtfully.

"Just what I have been thinking since you told me he has but recently returned from Europe. Well," continued the old detective, "there has been substantial gain. We have discovered the owner of the glove, and at the proper time we can compel him to explain its close proximity to the body of the murdered woman. He must have had some relation to the woman, and if not guilty of the murder, must be possessed of knowledge concerning them. You must gain his confidence. You are in a fair way to do it."

"I never entered upon an enterprise with greater reluctance or loathing," replied Dorison. "I freely confess I have an extraordinary liking for the young fellow. It seems like treachery to seek his friendship to his own undoing."

"That does not necessarily follow," sharply replied Cathcart. "But you must put aside all such notions, if you propose to succeed in your search. Recollect the interest you have at stake—the rehabilitation of your own good name."

"I know, I know," hastily responded Dorison. "Nothing shall swerve me from that. But even with this before me I cannot repress a feeling of regret for that proud father and tender sister when disaster shall overtake the son and brother, nor the remorse I feel in anticipation that I shall be an instrument of its precipitation."

"Better curb that imagination of yours until you see that you have precipitated disaster upon them," said Cathcart contemptuously, evidently annoyed at what he thought was a lack of proper spirit.

A moment later, his mind having reverted to the practical bearings of the matter, he said:

"Cultivate an intimacy; become a visitor to his family; impress yourself upon the father, and get him to talk of your own father if possible."

Nettled, stung indeed, by the way the old man had treated his sentimental outburst, Dorison steeled himself and replied curtly:

"Give me your instructions. They shall be obeyed to the best of my ability."

The old man fixed his keen eyes upon the younger one for a moment, and turned as if to leave him. As he did so, Dorison hastily placed his hand on the detective's arm, detaining him and whispering:

"Do you see that man who has just entered alone?"

"Yes."

"That is the one who crossed my path three times yesterday—first, when I rescued Miss Eustace; second, when I saw him have that mysterious meeting at Twenty-ninth Street and Third Avenue, and lastly when he attempted to speak with Eustace and was rebuffed."

"Ah!" said Cathcart, as he closely watched the young man walk up the long corridor.

"Tall, slim, and brown haired," he muttered.

Dorison started with surprise.

"—dressed in clothes of extreme fashion," added Cathcart.

Dorison felt his heart bound.

"Dissipated and fast in appearance."

Dorison saw the resemblance and the pertinency of the old detective's words.

"He answers to the description of both," continued Cathcart. "Stay where you are and keep yourself out of sight."

Cathcart sauntered after the young man, who had disappeared in the direction of the art gallery.

Dorison retired behind the pile of trunks which encumbered a part of the corridor. The old detective was not gone long. When he returned it was with a letter.

"There is a letter to Captain Lawton," he said. "Jump into a cab and promise the driver three times the amount of his fare to get you quick to Headquarters. The letter asks for a discreet and intelligent shadow. Bring him back with you in the cab. I will wait for you here, unless the man goes out, when I will follow him. In that event let the shadow go to my rooms and await me there."

Dorison without question did as he was bid. As he rode speedily through the streets, his spirits and excitement rose. This appeared to be real work, real activity; not aimless dawdling; something the reason of which he could see. Progress was being really made. He experienced an energy and exhilaration he had not felt before. Moreover, he hailed the sudden concentration of attention upon the part of Cathcart upon the new person, as removing, or at least diverting, suspicion from Eustace. This made him glad. He made no doubt but that in the brief interval of the absence of the old detective something significant had occurred, which had justified this sudden energy. Reaching Headquarters he delivered his letter, and a moment later was leading the way to his cab, followed by the man hastily summoned, and were soon driving back as rapidly.

Entering the hotel, Cathcart met them.

"He is still here," he said to Dorison. "Stay where you are I will rejoin you in a moment."

To the shadow he said:

"I will in a moment point out a man to you. I want to know his name, his business, his associations, his habits, in fact all you can learn about him. Report to me at any hour of the day or night you may happen to have information. Here's my address. Now follow me."

He went directly into the art gallery and pointed out the man sitting at a table near the door, which the young man was watching, without being observed by the object of their attention.

"That is your man," said Cathcart. "Find out especially where he lives and what places he haunts."

Cathcart returned to Dorison, who was awaiting his return with impatience.

"What has occurred? he asked anxiously.

"Nothing," replied the old detective curtly. "I shall go to bed now. I am tired. You have done a good day's work to-day."

What further might have passed between them was prevented by the appearance of the young man on his way out of the hotel.

The shadow was behind him.

"Good-night," said Cathcart, as he too moved off.

Dorison had already learned not to question him, and so he did not seek to detain the old man.

He too went out in the night air to cool his burning excitement.

(To be continued).

SPEN COLLIERY.

It is understood that Mr Scott of Newcastle, has secured the contract for the construction of a new mineral railway from the Spen to Derwenthaugh for the Consett Iron Company, Limited, and will begin operations forthwith.

BURNOPFIELD.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.—"A friend in need is a friend indeed," is an old saying that found its fulfilment on Saturday night last, in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, in the presence of a crowded audience. Mr. Drew, (the chairman) explained that the artistes of the evening were a dramatic party who would be most happy to assist anybody that needed a helping hand. He understood that Mr. Keith—for whom the entertainment was given—had been unable to follow his employment for two years, and he wished him every success, and hoped that a "bumper" house would be given him. The first item on the rather lengthy programme was a piano duet by the Misses Millard, which was given in excellent style. The audience was kept in a fit of laughter while that famous comic—Mr. Harry King—rendered "The neighbours doon belaw." An encore was accorded him in response to which he gave "The Irishman in France." Mr. J. Watt next sang "What makes this darky weep!" in good style. Messrs Bryant and Currie provoked roars of laughter while they rendered "Murphy and Malone," for which they were encored, and in response gave "The Mashers," in an excellent manner. The audience was next favoured with a song from Mr. Harry James, entitled "Where is my wandering boy to-night," which was also rendered in a taking style. Mr. James obliged a second time by giving a first class rendition of "I got it," for which he was heartily applauded. Miss Mullin, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Millard, sang the well known song "Come back to Erin" with such gracefulness and ability that the audience would not be satisfied until this famous soloist had given a second display of her vocal ability in the song "The Scottish bluebells." The clog-dancer, Mr. Bayat, next entertained the company, as he gave a demonstration of his ability in dancing; following which Mr. Wm. Leslie sang "He never smiled again," in a style that caused roars of laughter. It was found necessary that Mr. Leslie should reappear, and he obliged by rendering the song, "Made in Germany." Professor Jackson with his wooden headed family evoked outbursts of laughter as he went through a supposed conversation with it. "The Statue dance" was excellently performed by Messrs Bayat and Curry, who kept their audience breathless as they performed their respective parts. The brothers Drew then favoured the audience with the duet "Something to play with," and were encored, and on returning sang "Another one," which was well received. One of the party who was under twenty years of age next exhibited his great muscular strength, by lifting heavy weights from 52lbs to 170 lbs. At this point the chairman invited any person in the audience to go forward and perform the same feats as they had witnessed for which he said that a silver medal would be given, but as there was no inclination on the part of the audience to accept the invitation the Chairman called upon "Zano," the elastic wonder, to display some of his abilities. He turned himself into almost every conceivable shape, and won the applause of the audience for his wonderful performances. A song entitled "The Harbour Lights," was ably redered by Miss Mullin, as was also the song "It was'nt mine," by Mr. Currie, and a solo "Brother Bob," by Mr. Leslie. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a sketch entitled "The Actors," which caused quite a sensation. The Chairman in conclusion again expressed a hope that Mr. Keith would soon be restored to health and strength, and thanked the audience for the hearty reception they had accorded to the party. It may be mentioned that for fun and amusement the entertainment was excellent, and we understand that Mr. Keith is well pleased with the financial result.

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The annual gathering o… was held in the Co-operati… on Monday evening. Th… elected for the ensuing… Atherley-Jones; vice-pres… Elm Park, Shotley Bridge;… ley Bridge; secretary, M… treasurer, Mrs. Coxford, … following ladies were ele… committee:—Mrs. Miller,… Clark, Low Westwood; Mrs… Mrs. Kennedy, Low Westw… Westwood; Mrs. Brown,… Cawthorn, Hamsterley; M… wood; Miss Robinson, La… Hamsterley.

In the afternoon a public… tables were suplied by, Mes… Rooney, and Longstaff.

In the evening a large p… under the presidency of M… Chairman was supported by… Mrs. Pumphrey, Mrs. Cox… other ladies.

The Chairman who was… said he was sorry that one… Winter, of Leadgate, had n… He was very glad to be pr… and to be supported with s… ladies as Mrs. Spence-Watso… (Applause.) One of the ol… was the furtherance of W… vileges. He was sure that t… should command the suppor… man in the country. (Hear,… women of their district who… Liberal cause, were worthy c… (Applause.) Perhaps their… the progress that they wo… ought to remember, howe… moved slowly. If it wa… nevertheless moving surel… applause.) He was extreme… women of the district were… in the questions of the day,… many women in the distric… to think upon these subjec… who were taking a decided… political questions. He wo… secretary, Mrs. Ridley, to… plause.)

The report stated, that,… the association had held five… great development had been… had been appointed as deleg… the Durham and Northumbe… Society, held at West Hartle… reported at the next meetin… jects which were discussed a… of the most interesting di… employment of female labou… nail works and roperies, and… some more suitable work co… women to enable them to e… There were a great many of… the bread-winners of the f… these cases being due to the… were so distressing frequ… pits. It was advisable in the… ence, to interfere as little… matters, so that the workers… becoming inmates of workhou… a meeting held on January 6… was passed with Mrs. Pump… of the regrettable accident t… meeting held later in January… an interesting address on th… They had also discussed the… the time had not arrived… should cease to support can… support the enfranchisemen… hear.) The total expendit… been £1 19s 2½d, leaving a… hand.

Mrs. Brown seconded the… The Chairman was sure… be very pleased with the… presented. It was now his c… Spence-Watson to address th… He had had the pleasure of… Mr. Asquith and Dr. Sp… a meeting in Newcastle, and… Mrs. Watson possessed any of… cal power, they would have… (Applause.)

Mrs. Spence Watson, who… then addressed the meeting… would be very much disap… expecting that the wife wo… the oratorical power of the hu… no") She would, however… to interest them. In the fir… pleasure in supporting the… which Mrs. Ridley had prese… a very large association,… at any rate, they were a very… hear.) The Armenian questi… England ought to be rouse… glad that the Association h… sideration. It was a question… Government had moved with… force and courage. (Hear,… of women's labour was a very… in which it was certainly advi… legislative restriction as pos… that on the question of wom… got their member, Mr. Ather… the right side. She regretted… not the case in Newcastle… able statesman as he was w… with them on that point. The… women ought not to work for… not with them on that questi… were, however, whether in f… their demands, always ready… (Laughter.) They had to mo… defeat of their party at the l… out the country. Northumberl… stood loyally to true Liberal… country they had suffered a… Newcastle they had to mourn… statesman, Mr. John Morle… could congratulate themselve… again helping in the councils… alas, no longer as member for… still use his powers in critic… rash or wrong legislation.

Three Great Q… on which the present Governm… selves unworthy of confidence… Temperance question, the Ed… the Peace question. They… appointed, that the Local… become law, this was doubt… the number of lies which ha… (Hear, hear.) The people we… would, "Rob the poor man… of being told that the bill w… the power of saying whether… have the beer or not. She di… the slightest hope of getting a… ance reform from the pres… deputation of Bishops and C… politely, but unmistakeably,… that the present Government w… on the question. It was a… nevertheless, and one which h… to everyone of their fellow cou… (Hear, hear.) During the pa… £138,000,000 had been spent… dom on drink, or £3 11s 6d. pe… (Shame.) There was one public… Kingdom for every two hundr… A Bill proposed in 1871 wa… be only one public house for ev… ants. There were also ot… nected with the Bill. The… the time, did not think that… If that Bill had, said the… what a difference it would hav… were, it was computed, 120,… killed through drink and th… mainly by the drink traffic… regulations were made for th… houses, this state of things… tinue. Of course moral suasio… effect in time a considerable d… ing habits of the people… authorities on crime were ag… the great factor in the manuf… nal population of the country… formed, by the Governor of… ninety-nine out of every hun… there through drink. The m… and lunatic asylums said the… now-a-days, all the best docto… that drink was unnecessary… lesson of the last election shou… advocates to be more united. T… that half a loaf was better… instead of each one trying to b… his own particular fad they sho… measure of reform. (Hear, hear… common principle to work upo… of unity, and they wanted… educate the young people a… minds sound temperance prin… If they could only impress up… tion that drink was unnecessar… would be no need for legisl… On this question the Governm… lutely retrogressive. The spe… the subject of the…

Voluntary Sch…

The question, she said, was c… all their energies. When Scho… education in this country wa… state indeed. Some of the sch… as the British Schools, and… were, however, in a very effic… tary schools were at that time… Many private people used to… teachers and the schools had… very high state of efficiency… these people lamenting the g… ton now given. They must… schools would perhaps, teach t… Board Schools were now t… The manager of the volunta… asking for more State help f… lecturer proceeded to give… while the grant had largely…

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... the general offices of the Consett Iron ... John Pugsley, one of the clerks, was ... a Gladstone bag and a silver-mounted ...by his colleagues, in recognition of the ...h he was held by them, owing to his ...sent position to join his father at Perth. ...ertson made the presentation, and said ...y had won the esteem and admiration ...loyed at the offices during the past six. ...T. Atkinson, Pollock, J. Mathieson, T. ...nd others spoke. On Saturday evening ...thering" took place at Consett. Mr Jos ...d over a large attendance. Songs, &c., ...by several present, and a very enjoyable ...ent.

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MARRIAGES.

...S—HAW.—Lanchester Church, on the 4th ...John, youngest son of Mr John Stephens ...of West Kyo, to Annie, eldest daughter of ...mas Haw, engineman, of West Kyo, late of ...Shields.

DEATHS.

...ON.—Stanley, Joicey Square, 6th inst., aged ...nces, wife of John Atkinson.
...ON.—Lanchester, 8th inst., aged 52, John ...on, late of Tantobie.
...—Lintz Green (the residence of her sister, ...g), aged 31, Maria Ann, wife of John Baines.
...—Natal, at Germiston, 12th ult., aged 65, ...W. Bewick, wife of Mr T. W. Bewick, formerly ...er Spen Colliery, County Durham, England.
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...—Chester-le-Street, 16, Lambton Terrace, 5th ...ged 58, Ann, wife of Thomas Dodds, formerly ...nley.
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...L.—Waskerley, Mown Meadows, 11th inst., ...73 years, Mary, beloved wife of Joshua ...l. Interment at Muggleswick Churchyard ...turday, leaving residence at 2-30. Friends ... accept this intimation.
...TON.—Wolsingham, 3rd inst., M. A. Hamilton.
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Wardrobe, Deal	3	15	0
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Kitchen Tables, with Drawers, from ...	0	13	6
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UPRIGHT IRON GRAND PIANOFORTE, with best Check Action, by A. Allison and Co; Splendid Walnut Case, Lovely Tone, Fine Touch, Bushed Keys, Double Sconces; only £26 cash, or 15s. per month; guaranteed 10 years.—S. S. EADES, Park Road, Consett.

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FRONT STREET CONSETT,
In submitting his Annual List of Seeds, begs to thank his numerous Customers for their support, and also for the many testimonials received as to the splendid results obtained from last year's Seeds supplied by him.
PEAS.—"William Hurst" and "Sharpe's Queen," 8d; "Fill Basket," "Yorkshire Hero," and "Pride of the Market," 6d per pint.
BROAD BEANS. — "Johnson's Wonderful," "Taylor's Broad," and "Green Windsor," 4d per pint.
FRENCH BEANS.—"Canadian Wonder," 4d pint.
BEET.—"Pine Apple," Nutting's Select," 6d per ounce.
BROCCOLI.—1s per ounce. Brussels Sprouts, 6d per ounce.
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CABBAGE.—"Early Rainham," "Enfield Market," and "Early York," 4d per ounce.
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CARROT.—"Early English Horn," "James's Intermediate," "Altringham," 3d per ounce.
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CUCUMBER. — "Tender and True," and "Telegraph," 1d each.
LETTUCE.—"Drumhead," "Tennis Ball," "Tom Thumb," "Mixed Co.'s and Cabbage," 4d per ounce.
LEEKS.—"Musselburgh," and "London Broad Flag," 6d per ounce; "Henry's Prize Leek," 8d per ounce.
MUSTARD AND CRESS.—2d per ounce.
ONIONS.—"Nuncham Park," "Brown Spanish," "Tripoli Giant Rocca," and "Mixed Spring," 4d per ounce.
PARSLEY.—"Champion Moss Curled," 2d ounce.
PARSNIP.—"Hollow Crown," "Student," and "Large Jersey," 2d per ounce.
RADISH.—"Long Scarlet," "Mixed Turnips," "French Breakfast," and "Wood's Early Frame," all 2d per ounce.
SPINACH.—2d per ounce.
TURNIPS. — "Early White," "Golden Ball," "Early Six Weeks," "Purple Green," "Top Swede," 2d. per ounce.
VEGETABLE MARROW.—2d. per dozen.
ESCHALLOTS.—6d. per lb.
MUSHROOM SPAWN.—Large Cake with printed directions for culture, 6d. each.
LAWN GRASS MIXTURE.—1s. per lb.
MANURE.—Peruvian Guano, Super Phosphate, Pure Dissolved Bones, Nitrate of Soda, 3d. per lb., Sulphate Ammonia, 4d. per lb., Invincible Manure in 3d. tins.
VIRGIN CORK BARK.—3s. 6d. per stone; 1 cwt Bale, 24s., Carriage Paid.
TOBACCO PAPER.— 1s. 3d. per lb., Flower Stick Labels, Pots, and all Garden Requisites.
JADOO.—A new preparation to grow plants in, instead of soil, 1s. 6d. per peck.
POTATOES.—"Early," and "Main Crop" 1s. per stone.
FLOWER SEEDS of all kinds in penny packets.
GLADIOLI. — "Brenchleyensis," (Scarlet) 1s.; mixed colours 1s. 6d. per dozen.
TUBEROSES.—2s. per dozen.
ROSES and all other Plants obtained to order.
DUTCH BULBS of all descriptions in the Autumn.
Orders to the value of 5s. for Vegetable and Flower Seeds only sent post free. 660t

Public Notices.

359 IS THE WINNING TICKET OF WATCH, Raffled for by JNO. ROSS, of the Cansey. 766t

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.
THE BEAMISH COLLIERY FLOWER and VEGETABLE SOCIETY will hold their ANNUAL SHOW and SPORTS on August 22nd, 1896. THOMAS HALL, Secretary.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL, BLACKHILL.
FOUNDATION STONE LAYING,
APRIL 18TH, 1896. 779t

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
A MEETING of the above League will be held on Monday, March 23rd, at 7 p.m. prompt, at the house of Mr Snowdon, Tantobie. All representatives are requested to attend. Business of importance.—Hoping you will oblige, I remain yours truly,
767t J. FOGGON, Sec.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.
ALL SEATS FREE.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND.
Morning, 10-30. } Mr. G. BUCKHAM.
Evening, 6-30.

Public Notices

A BRAKE FOR HIRE on reasonable terms.—Apply to MATTHEW HENDERSON, Catchgate.

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R. S. BROWN,
BONESETTER,
Will attend Miss Forster's, Stanley, every Tuesday from 1 to 4 o'clock.

LEADGATE FLORAL HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY, will hold their ANNUAL EXHIBITION of Flowers Fruits, Vegetables, and Works of Industry, on Saturday, September 5th, 1896.—J. A. TURNBULL, Hon. Sec.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLACKHILL.
THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICES of the above Church, will be held on Sunday, March the 22nd, 1896, when the REV. JOHN SELLARS, M.A., of Portobella, will conduct the Services, in the Morning at 10-30, and Evening at 6. A collection at the close of each Service, in aid of Church fund.

MINING.
DARLINGTON EXAMINATION, 1896.
A CLASS for preparing Candidates for Second Class Certificates for the above Examination, will be commenced this month at Whickham or Swalwell.—Terms, &c., apply, R. RUTHERFORD, Rosery, Whickham. 749t

HORSE AND TRAP FOR HIRE.
FURNITURE REMOVED.
APPLY TO
THOS. SEMMONS,
GENERAL DEALER,
73, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKFINE, BLACKHILL.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
ON SATURDAY, the 28th of March, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT and BLACKHILL at 2.25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE, returning at 9.0 p.m., the same day.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, March, 1896. 783t

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the above Council, held on March 4th, 1896, the following resolution, of which due notice had been given, was unanimously adopted.
"That this Council do hereby adopt the Private Street Works Act, 1892, which Act shall come into operation one month after the date of the first publication of the advertisement of this Resolution."
Signed,
T. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.
March 10th, 1896. 725t

LEADGATE WESLEYAN CHURCH.
ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, 1896, the REV. A. E. SALMON will Preach in the above place of Worship at 3 p.m. TEA will be provided at 4; Sixpence each. In the Evening, Mr SALMON will deliver his new and interesting LECTURE, entitled: "THE MINER'S BOY WHO SHOOK THE WORLD." Chair to be taken at 7, by H. PALMER, Esq., Manor House, Medomsley. Tickets for Lecture Sixpence each.
Also, on SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, Mr. SALMON will preach in the Morning at 10-30 and Evening at 6. Collections at each service. Proceeds in aid of Day School Fund. 759t

NOTICE.
RE JOHN SMITH AND SON, ARCHITECTS SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
THE Executors of the late John Smith, Architect and Surveyor, beg to announce that they have arranged for the PRACTICE, carried on by Mr Smith, to be CONTINUED under the direction of Mr W. S. SHELL, M.S.A., Architect and Surveyor, at the NEW TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, CONSETT, under the style of "Smith, Son, and Shell," by whom all Buildings in progress and contemplated New Works will be carried out.
Any Moneys due to or from the late Firm up to this date will be received or paid by
J. G. SMITH } Executors
26th June, 1895. J. W. COLLINSON }

LEADGATE PARK A.F.C.
THE THIRD GRAND
ANNUAL CONCERT
Will take place in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Monday evening, March 23rd, at 7-30 p.m. prompt.
The Committee have engaged the following excellent Artistes:—
Soprano, MISS MARGARET GRAY, L.R.A.M., of the Sheffield Concerts; Contralto, MISS AMY STANNERS, of Newcastle; Humorist, MR HARRY TOMKINS, Provincial Concerts; Tenor, MR S. HEENAN, Newcastle; Basso, MR J. DUNCANSON, of Durham Cathedral; Pianist, MR E. J. SLOANE, L.Mus., L.C.M., of Blackhill.
Chair to be taken by T. FOREMAN, Esq.
Reserved Seats, 2s; Second Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d.
Tickets may be had on application to any of the Members of the Committee. 730t

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Sales by Public Auction.

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Click-'em-in Farm, near Quebec and Cornsay.
MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, favoured with instructions from Messrs Suddes, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, March 18th, 1896, at the above Farm, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Feather Beds and Bedding, a quantity of Dairy Utensils, &c. Full particulars in posters.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Mart Office, Tow Law. 690t

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Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Limited.
Mr. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.
MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, AT 1.30 P.M.
4 Dairy Cows; 6 Fat Cattle; 35 Fat Sheep and Hoggs, from Woodlands Hall, Manor House, &c., &c.; 3 strong Shot Pigs.
Ropes, Shovels, Horse-clothing, &c.
Entries to time of Sale.
Wednesday, April 1st, SHOW and SALE of SHORTHORN BULLS, and SPECIAL SALE for DAIRY COWS, STORE CATTLE and KEEPING SHEEP. Early entries invited to
JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

By Mr. J. Lowes.

Sale of Furniture, &c., at 42, Elm Street, South Moor.
MR JOHN LOWES having been instructed by Messrs James Berkley and Wm. Jarvis (who are leaving the country), will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday, March 21st, 1896, the whole of their HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, etc., comprising Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Mahogany Chest of Drawers and Bookcase, Mahogany Press, 2 Pairs of Mahogany Toilet Tables with Marble Slabs and Washstands, Mahogany Secret Bedstead, with plate-glass back, Sofa in Hair-seating, 4 Hair-seated Chairs, 3 Rocking Chairs, 8 Birch Chairs, Child's Chair, Towel Rail, 2 Gipsy Tables, 2 Square Tables, other Tables, Beautiful Persian Bedstead with Mattresses and Hangings complete, Iron and Brass French Bedsteads and Mattresses, Iron Bed-chair and Cushions, 3 Feather Beds, 2 Flock Beds, 2 Sets of Chamber Ware, Beautiful Set of White and Gold China, 2 Timepieces (in perfect order), 2 Table Lamps, Large Assortment of Pictures, Ornaments, Glasses, Earthenware, Cutlery, &c., Set of Dinner Ware, Carpets, Mats, Stair Oilcloth, 2 Sets of Stair Rods, Screen (3-fold), 4 Fenders, Fireirons, 2 Sets of Brass Fireirons, 2 Tidies, 2 Poss-tubs and Staffs, Pans and Steamers, Bath, 2 Wringing Machines, Singer's Sewing Machine (quite new), Perambulator, with Reversible Cover, Cradle, Cornice Poles, &c.; also, a Beautiful AMERICAN ORGAN, in Walnut Case, 11 Stops, 2 Knee Swells, in perfect order, cost 24 Guineas, Music Stool, together with a host of other lots too numerous to particularise.
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By Mr John S. Murray.

Sale of Young Horses at Shotley Bridge, on Saturday first, March 21st, 1896.

MR. J. S. MURRAY will SELL BY AUCTION the following Valuable YOUNG HORSES:—
Lot 1.—Half bred Chestnut Mare, 6 years o'd.
Lot 2.—Chestnut Yearly Filly, by "Chieftain."
Lot 3.—Brown Yearly Filly, by "Quits."
Lot 4.—Chestnut Gelding, 3 years old, by "Scamp."
Lot 5.—Chestnut Gelding, 2 years old, by "Scamp."
Lot 6.—Bay Filly, 2 years old, by "Wild Charley."
These are the property of the late Mr W. Wheatley, and are for Sale without reserve to realize the estate.
Lot 7.—Bay Gelding, 3 years old, 16 h.h., by "Fitzroy," broke to saddle, the property of Mr E. Wylam, of Consett.
Lot 8.—Half bred Black Cart Horse, aged, a good worker, the property of Mr Lister, Snows Green.
Lot 9.—Powerful Brown Brougham Horse, 17 h.h., suitable for Farm work, the property of Mr Morgan, Shotley Bridge.
Lot 10.—Bay Gelding, 5 years old, 15·1 h.h., quiet in saddle and harness, the property of I. Brown, Bradley.
Lot 11.—Half-bred Bay Horse, 7 years old, 16 h.h., the property of J. Hall and Co. Annfield Plain.
Lot 12.—Grey Gelding, 4 years old, 14½ h.h., broke to saddle, the property of Mr A. Phillipson, Dipton.
Lot 13.—Chestnut Cob, 6 years old, 13·2 h.h., quiet to ride and drive, the property of Mr S. Mace, Medomsley.
Lot 14.—Bay Horse, "Tommy," 15 h.h., 9 years old, all right, the property of Mr Jas. Murray, Spen.
Lot 15.—Black Cob, 14·2 h.h., right good worker, too small for business, the property of Mr J. J. Dowson, Shotley Bridge.
Also, BUTCHER'S CART, Dog Cart, Spring Cart, Set of Harness, odd lot of Harness, Coup Cart, Cart Gears, and other miscellaneous lots.
Sale to commence at Two o'clock.
The Horses will be sold in Mr Morgan's Yard, Crown and Cross Swords Inn. 781t

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1896.
15 to 20 Fat Cattle.
70 to 100 Fat Sheep.
Pork and Store Pigs. Veal and Keeping Calves.
Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
Hay, Seed Potatoes, Poultry, Ropes, Harness, and other miscellaneous lots.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY.
Early entries solicited for Veal Calves for Monday, March 30th. 790t

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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Election Addresses.

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to announce that on the Voting Papers at the forthcoming Election for Members of the Consett Urban District Council my name will be found among the list of Candidates.

In soliciting your support, I venture to express the hope that my Candidature will command itself to the Ratepayers, whose interests, economical and municipal, it will be my object, if elected, to understand and further to the best of my ability.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
HENRY HOLLIDAY.

Beech Grove, Consett,
March 17th, 1896. 798t

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT.
COUNCIL ELECTION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been duly nominated as a member of your District Council, I have very much pleasure in offering myself as a Candidate at the forthcoming Election.

After a residence, continuously, in your township and amongst you, for something over 20 years, I may be said to have a fairly accurate knowledge of the needs of the people and the requirements of your district.

Should you do me the honour to elect me a member of your Council, it will be my endeavour to discharge its duties to the best of my ability.
Yours obediently,
J. SCOTT.

Highfield, Consett,
March 17th, 1896.

TANFIELD DISTRICT OF THE LANCHESTER UNION.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I ask your Support in the forthcoming Election of Guardians. If elected, I shall use my utmost endeavours to see that your wishes are carried out.
I remain, your humble servant,
EDWARD WIGHAM.

Low Barcus Close,
Burnopfield. 788t

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I respectfully ask your Support in the forthcoming Election. Should I be elected, I shall support the working man in his efforts to secure his comfort and rights, and also the interests of Owners of Property. Trusting to be favoured with your vote,
I remain, your humble servant,
EDWARD WIGHAM.

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" —T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c.
" —N. ELDON, Wine Merchant.
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" —G. PATTRICK, Chemist, &c.
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MEDOMSLEY—T. CALVERT, Grocer, &c.
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 1896.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

BY "INCEDO."

FAIRPLAY.

The sense of justice is a feeling deeply implanted in the breast of every freeborn Briton, and the man or men, who goes the length of denying to their fellows that measure of fairplay which they expect, or claim for themselves, must necessarily belong to a low type of manhood indeed. I am thinking at the moment of the treatment meted out to the representative of the *Guardian* at the last monthly meeting of the Tow Law Council. It appears that the *Guardian* representative was denied admission to the august deliberations of this high-handed, but obscure body of men, while the representative of another newspaper was taken in out of the wet—as the shark said to the nigger boy when he swallowed him. I have no idea whatever what the name of the favoured paper is, but that is not a matter of the least importance to me. The point at issue is the right of the Council to pick and choose which newspaper representatives they may think fit, to the exclusion of those whom they do not look upon with favour. The proprietor of the *Guardian* is a man of peace, and rather than come to loggerheads with people he would suffer in silence in the face even of being wronged. But that is not my temperament, for when I am wronged I instinctively feel for my stiletto. They manage this sort of thing well in America, in which country what is known as fighting editors are kept. But we have not yet risen to that evidently needful state of civilisation, and so in the meantime I thought it well to consult an expert on the matter—a solicitor to wit. I may say, by way of explanation, that he is clerk to several Urban District Councils, and may well be accepted as a man who knows his business. It seems, therefore, that the Tow Law worthies erred and sinned against the light, inasmuch as they have not the power to exclude any one member of the press from their meetings, and let the others remain. In fact, Councils have not the power to exclude the press at all. All they can do is to go into committee, and therefore request the pressmen to retire, although that even is an unusual and reprehensible procedure. To do what the Tow Law people did will bring down upon the Council the censure and interference of the Local Government Board, not to speak of the indignation of a discerning public, who naturally enough want to know what is said and done at the periodical meetings of public bodies—not through any one particular channel or newspaper, but through the unfettered and independent columns of the British press.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Parish meetings in North-West Durham roused a considerable amount of interest. In addition to the good work which these bodies have accomplished they have brought to the front many men of excellent administrative ability whose talents might have remained unrecognised had it not been for the "village parliaments."

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The foundation stone laying of the new Primitive Methodist Chapel will, we understand, take place early in April. In the meantime strenuous efforts are being made to raise funds for this most worthy object.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

CONSETT HARRIERS.—About a dozen runners turned out for the weekly run on Tuesday night. The weather and roads were wretched, but in spite of this a good pace was maintained over a course of about five miles, the sprint in resulting in Tom Kinleside landing first, R. Aynsley second, and F. Longstaffe third.

INVITATION TO A CONSETT MINISTER.—At the quarterly meeting of the Hexham Wesleyan circuit, held at Hexham, the Rev. M. F. Peet presiding the invitation to the Rev. R. Watson Butterworth, of the Shotley Bridge and Consett circuit, to succeed the Rev M. F. Peet as superintendent of th circuit, was confirmed. The Rev. I. E. Page was invited to remain in the circuit another year, and accepted the invitation provisionally. It was decided to take over the Colwell Society as part of this circuit.

BURNOPFIELD.

The Hon. Mr and Mrs Vereker have arrived at 40, Lennox Gardens, London, from East Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight.

CORNSAY.

RE-STARTING OF THE COLLIERY.—After the twelve weeks strike at Messrs Ferens and Love's Cornsay Colliery, the mine has been reopened this week. The hewers in the high drift began on Monday, a portion of the low drift was commenced on Tuesday, and the rest is gradually being started, as required by the management when their flats or places are made ready. The Colepike or yard drift men are to have work in preference to strangers, or any men who have been working away (excepting the deputies) since the strike began.

BLACKHILL.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached—morning and evening—by Mr J. Roxby, of Hetton. In the afternoon, a musical service was held, when the choir, assisted by a few friends, rendered an excellent programme of music. After the opening hymn and prayer, the choir gave a good rendering of an anthem, which was followed by a solo from Miss Grainger, and was well received. Mr Robinson's solo was given in grand style, as was the chorus by the choir. Miss Davison's song "The last milestone," was well received this was followed by an address by Mr Roxby. The solo by Miss Grainger was given in excellent style, as was also a quartette by Misses Williams and Brodie, and Messrs Robinson and Evans, and Miss Davison again favoured the company with another song, which was followed by an anthem from the choir. A successful service was then brought to a close by the singing of the doxology. Mr Williams presided, and Miss Brodie acted as accompanist. Proceeds in aid of the new building fund.

BLACKHALL MILL.

A CONCERT AND PARLOUR TEA was held in the Wesleyan Chapel and school, on Saturday, March the 7th, in aid of the proposed hot water heating apparatus which is to supplant the present old fashioned arrangement. Mr William Richardson, of Chopwell Mill, occupied the chair, while Mr W. A. Richardson presided at the harmonium. An excellent programme of solos, choruses, recitations and sketches, were ably gone through by the young people of the congregation, and several selections on the violin, by Miss M. Davison, Mr A. Davison, and Mr W. Davison, of Allendale, were highly appreciated by the audience. The Parlour Tea was held at the close of the concert, in the school adjoining, which was tastefully arranged and decorated to represent a parlour. The tables were presided over by young ladies who were dressed to represent characters such as "Queen Elizabeth"; Jeannie Deans"; "Red Riding Hood"; Gipsy Queen"; "Cinderella"; "May Queen"; "Rebecca, a Jewess"; and "Nurse Brown", while nine bachelors and a similar number of little girls officiated as waiters. A stall was also provided for the sale of oranges, sweets, &c., and judging from the way in which it was patronised it was not the least popular item in a very novel programme. Songs were sung at intervals. There was a crowded attendance, many not being able to gain admittance, while a sum upwards of £13 was realised.

CATCHGATE.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.—The chapel anniversary services in connection with the above place of worship were celebrated as follows:—On Saturday last, a public tea was provided, to which a large number of friends sat down and partook of the good things provided. In the evening a public meeting was held, presided over by Councillor W. Down, who remarked that they had met to celebrate their 21st anniversary. He distinctly remembered the opening out services. Since then who could estimate the good work done, eternity alone would reveal that. Many had been trained in their Sunday-school and nurtured in their church who were now in foreign lands and wielding a power for good in the sphere to which they have been called. Year by year their church membership and congregations had increased, and as success had crowned their efforts in the past, so, under divine guidance and help they would still continue to spread the gospel of goodwill towards all men. He was pleased to observe that their choir had attained such a degree of proficiency. There was great credit due to them for the manner in which they had laboured. Through their agency the services were made brighter and more enjoyable, and many before who never, or very seldom entered the portal of their sanctuary had been drawn inside and are now regular attenders. The steward (Mr N. Collicott), then read the report:—Membership, 73 and 7 on trial; they had sent £72 to the quarter board for the last year; altogether their income had been about £115. Rev T. Letcher then addressed the meeting on "The latent power of the Church." The choir sang two anthems "Sing forth the honours of His name," and "O, come, let us sing unto the Lord." Miss E. Prinn sang "Our hands have met, but not our hearts," with much pathos. Mr J. H. Hosking gave a rendition of the song "Life is a river," with much effect. Miss E. Collicott also sang "When other lips" very finely indeed. On Sunday, the Rev T. Letcher, of Sunderland preached two sermons in the morning at 10·30 and evening at 6. At the evening service the choir gave "Blessed is the man," (Goss), and "The Heavens are telling" (Hadyn.)" A musical service was also given in the afternoon by the choir. Harmoniumist, Mr S. Armstrong; conductor, Mr J. Dixon.

CLOUGH DENE.

CELEBRATION OF A GOLDEN WEDDING.—On Saturday last, 14th inst, the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stokel, of Clough Dean, was celebrated at their residence. The presence of many friends and neighbours was heartily welcomed by the aged couple and family, all of whom spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening together and joined the family circle at tea and supper. The presents were too numerous to mention for which they return their sincere thanks.

DIPTON.

BAND OF HOPE.—A band of hope entertainment was given in the Wesleyan School-room, on Saturday evening, by the members of the Dipton Wesleyan Band of Hope The chair was occupied by Mr R. Biggs, and the entertainment was a very successful one.

GREENCROFT.

On Saturday, a most pleasant and exciting game was played at Greencroft between the married and single men of the village. The young men's team was as follows:—T. Tennant, goal; E. Colman and G. Taylor, backs; J. Manners, T. Thompson, and W. Baxter, half-backs; G. Pickering and T. Scully; Right wing; J. Carter and T. Bates, left wing; P. Birtley,, centre.

Married men.—J. Brindell, goal; A. Blakey and P. Boyle, backs; T. Dodd, J. Bell, and J. Brown, half-backs; J. Reynoldson and F. Richards, right wing; E. Dickinson and T. Gatiss, left wing; J. W. Argyle, centre. Referee, Mr. J. McCue. Linesmen, J. Thompson and J. Elliot.

When the whistle blew for time it was found that the young men had "taken the cake" by four goals to three. We understand that several challenges have been given to the winners which have been accepted by neighbouring villages, by our professional heroes.

MEDOMSLEY.

A LARGE EGG.—A minorca hen belonging to Mr G. W. Beadling, of Medomsley, has recently laid an egg measuring six inches in circumference, three inches in length, and weighing 3¾ ounces.

STANHOPE.

ROOKS IN THE RECTORY GARDENS.—For the first time known, several rooks are building in some tall sycamores in the Rectory Gardens, at Stanhope.

LECTURE ON TITHES.—The Rev. R. Walton, of Westgate, Primitive Methodist Minister, delivered a lecture on "Tithes" on Saturday night, in the school-room.—Mr. Wm. Stephenson presided. The lecturer contended that it was a mistake to say that tithes had been the gift of our pious ancestors, for their was plenty of evidence that they were enacted by ancient decrees and enforced payment. As they were granted by law, parliament had a right to deal with them.

PROPERTY SALE.—A book of property in the Front Street, Stanhope, now occupied by Mr. Hughil, farmer, with out-houses and big garden attached, were put to the hammer on Friday afternoon, at the Red Lion Inn. Mr William Vickers, White House, Eastgate, being the auctioneer. The bidding was spirited, commencing with £250 and was knocked down to the bid of Mr. J. Crawhall, J.P., at £550. Among the bidders were, Messrs Bell, M. Sanderson, G. Pattinson, J. Wears, J. Crawhall, J. Branston, and T. Philipson.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

The members of the First Shotley Bridge and District 270th Starr-Bowkett Building Society had their 163rd appropriation, by ballot, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Monday evening, when Mr Jos. Whitehead occupied the chair. Messrs Kirk and Gillies acted as scrutineers on behalf of the members, and Master Kirk as ball drawer with the unanimous approval of the present. The following is the result of the ballot:—No. 443 was drawn and found by the ledger to be clear for two shares, entitling the member to an advance of £200 as per rule, the money being ready for advance.

SOUTH MOOR.

SAD DEATH AT SOUTH MOOR.—A man named Thos. Appleby, commonly known as "Parkin," was found at West Stanley, behind the Co-operative Stores, on Saturday morning, 7th inst., by Isaac Newton, a grocer's assistant. It appears that Appleby had been in Stanley on the preceding evening in an intoxicated condition, and was returning home by a back way in order to escape the police who were on duty at the time, when he received injuries on the head to which he succumbed on the 14th inst., at his home, 72 Poplar Street, South Moor.

TANFIELD LEA.

Mr G. W. Bloomfield, a student in the Manchester Baptist College, has accepted a invitation to the pastorate of the church at Stanningley, near Leeds. Mr Bloomfield went from Tanfield Lea to the college, and was for some years a local preacher in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan Circuit. He afterwards considered it to be his duty to be baptised by immersion, and on the 15th December, 1889, this sacred ordinance was administered at the Baptist Church, Blackhill, by the Rev E. W. Jenkins. After a short sermon by the pastor of the church, Mr Bloomfield stated his reasons for this important step to a crowded congregation, many of whom were Wesleyans. The result was that he was asked not to preach on Baptism in the Wesleyan circuit, and he consequently joined the Baptist Church at Blackhill. In course of time, after Mr Bloomfield had made considerable progress in study, an application was sent from Blackhill and signed by the Rev A. F. Riley, then at Gateshead, to the Baptist College, Brighton Grove, Manchester. At the close of his third session he graduated A.S.S., and at the close of his course he received a hearty invitation to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Stanningley, near Leeds. Among others who have taken a kindly interest interest in him is his former employer Sir James Joicey, Bart.

TOW LAW.

A GRAND CONCERT was given in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, on St. Patrick's day, by the children of St. Joseph's Catholic School, assisted by the Ashantee Minstrels and Mr R. Hollingsworth, the blind organist and comic vocalist, of Sunderland. The programme consisted of glees, songs, recitations, &c., being gone through in a most efficient manner.

WASKERLEY.

A SOCIAL EVENING was held in the school room, at the above place, on Friday night last, by the Waskerley Private Quadrille Party. Although the weather was unfavourable, about 30 couples were present. The music was supplied by Messrs J. Hall and T. Macdonald (Tow Law.) Great credit is due to the committee for their excellent programme and supper. The tables were presided over by Mrs Hall, Dent, and Guy. At intervals Mr Ayre enlivened the assembly with comic songs. Mr J. L. D at acted as M.C. Some of the dancers had curious experiences in travelling over the moor, owing to the thick fog which prevailed. One couple after walking for half an hour in an homeward direction (as they thought) came precisely to the same place from which they commenced, whilst several others had to be piloted by a native. It is to be hoped that none of them are any the worse for their adventures; but next time they must bring more matches.

WEARDALE.

The shepherds of Burnhope Moore were entertained to a supper at Cowshill Hotel on Friday night. The supper is provided through the generosity of the shooting lessees, Messrs Woolston and Gadstone, London.

THE WEATHER.—There was six inches of snow on the Weardale hills on Saturday night, but on Sunday and Monday a thorough March gale from the west, made short work of it, sweeping it off very quickly. Some peals of thunder were heard during the gale on Monday, which swept the dale.

LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The annual concert took place on Saturday night in the Board School, which was crowded—Councillor Ralph Watson, Irestone, presiding and also gave the humorous reading "The Minister's Cow," with much acceptance. There was a capital programme, consisting of ventriloquism by Prof. Harper (Newcastle) and songs by Mrs Rutherford, Ashgill, Miss Lassimer. Mr Wilkinson (Nenthead), and Miss Alice Lewis (Wearhead), who also ably accompanied the artiste, with Mr H Ridley, also of the village.—A hearty vote to the chairman and performers, with a coffee supper, closed a most successful and surplus leaving effort.

MEDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF MINERS.

On Tuesday evening, an important meeting of miners held under the auspices of the "Derwent" Lodge of the Durham Miners' Association, took place in the Long Room of the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, for the purpose of hearing addresses from the labour Councillors with respect to the work carried out by the Medomsley Parish Council during the past 15 months. There was a good attendance presided over by Mr. Thomas Harley, President of the lodge. There were also present Councillors Samuel George, Medomsley, Joseph Armstrong, Derwent Cottages, and Thomas Storey, Blackhall Mill.

The Chairman said he would liked to have seen the room packed to excess. The attendance was not as good as it would have been if the weather had been favourable. The meeting was called by the officers of the local lodge for the purpose of hearing addresses from the labour Councillors, so that they might give an account of their stewardship on the Council during the past 15 months. He was pleased there were three of the labour representatives present. The reason Mr. Joseph Crawford was not present was owing to illness. He would now call upon Coun. Armstrong to address the gathering.

Coun. Armstrong, on rising, was loudly applauded. He thanked those present for allowing him to attend that gathering so as to give an account of the doings of the Council since its formation. They were aware that the Parish Council was of recent birth, and also that the men who were sent there to constitute the Council by the working class were strange to the work. However, all that came before the Council, for the benefit of the people received, he was very glad to say, on behalf of himself and his colleagues,—during the existence of the Council they had done a little in regard to carrying out improvements in several parts of the parish. The postal facilities for the parish had been gone into, and he was glad to say they had been the means of gaining certain concessions for various parts of the parish which would prove a boon to the people. They had also tried to get a telegraph office for Medomsley; but, through not getting sufficient guarantors, they had failed to get it established. He expected this would be a question that would be taken up by the new Council, and he hoped it would be carried out to a successful issue. He contended it would not have fallen through if a little more energy had been put into the scheme. He was appointed on the committee to obtain guarantors. Wherever he went for this purpose he was well received, and he must say he did his duty. If there had been a start made in the village, and it had been canvassed as it should have been, they would have got the Telegraph Office established. (Applause) Since the commencement of the Council they had succeeded in lighting up several parts of the parish. There were other portions that would be attended to during the next lighting season. Many of the footpaths had been repaired. The Council had also taken steps so as to have the footpath leading from Low Bradley to West Billingside put into a proper state of repair. This footpath at present was in a very dangerous condition. The contract was now let, and the work would be shortly proceeded with. Seeing an election was pending, it was only right to state that all the improvements that had been done, or suggested, had come from the side of the labour representatives. (Hear, hear.) They had not had many motions before the Council for the benefit of the people, which had been mooted by the other side. Prior to the Council being formed they would remember they held many meetings. One of their agents from Durham (Mr. John Wilson, M.P.,) attended one of the meetings, and gave them an address on the Act. At one of their gatherings it was decided for the interests of the houses they should have eight representatives. When the parish meeting was held they secured eight representatives, Consett Iron Company three, and the general or district ratepayers four. At the last parish meeting he must confess that he considered they had been rather slow. If he read the Act properly he thought the opportunity should have been given by the Chairman, so as to allow them to ask questions. They were never consulted with regard to their representation on the Council, and they were obliged just to take pot luck. They all knew the result. The outcome of that meeting was that no less than five officials, received the highest votes, which left the farmers and tradesmen with four representatives, and the working class with eight. He could not see the fairness of going to the Council with only six members, because he knew full well they would get very few concessions if they had not a majority on the Council, and he therefore made it his duty to demand a poll. He would like to impress this upon them. There was nothing they had got but what had come from the side of the labour representatives. It was true the other side had suggested many of their motions; but they had never been the men to place anything on the agenda paper for their benefit. If they wished to improve their condition, they must elect men on the Council of their own kith and kin. (Applause.) It was no use sending six working men to fight against nine. They did not recognise them as ratepayers, and they did not wish to see them there. They would rather have seen things go on in the old style. Seeing that the legislature had given them something whereby they could improve their condition, and which was for their benefit, he hoped they would send men to the Council that would fight for their rights. They had elected a committee to look after the sanitation of the village, and in the future this committee would be empowered to look into all nuisances, etc., and report to the Council. He could not conclude without saying that they were living in houses that were not fit for habitation. This was not the condition under which they should live. They had a right to live under better conditions. All complaints with regard to their dwellings could be taken to the District Council, and steps taken to have them remedied. If they did not send men to the Council, who were aware of these conditions, they would never be brought forward. They intended to have the majority, and he hoped the electors would be wise, and send them labour representatives to the Council. He did not like monopoly; but with all the intelligence on the other side, they had never been the men to consult them. If they did their duty they would send ten working-men to the Council. Many a time he felt annoyed when he thought how indifferent they were. Their strength was in the ballot box. They combined for trade purposes, so as to protect their labour. When they came to the ballot, how slow they were to use it. If they voted properly what an improvement could be brought about in their district. If they desired to have their interests protected, they must send their own men to the Council. If they gained a working majority on the Council, they would do all they could for the improvements that were necessary for the village, with all due regard to economy. The improvements could not be carried out without expense, and health was better than £. s. d. He hoped they would poll strong and let them have a grand victory. (Loud applause.)

Councillor George next addressed the meeting. He said he thought they would agree with him when he said that the first part of their office was a sort of an initiative affair, seeing they had not had the Act long before them. There were many powers devolving upon them. Since April last they had held 11 meetings—all of them had not been business meetings. He thought that Mr. Armstrong had given a very good account of the work of the Council, and he was afraid he would just have to travel over the same ground again. It was true several places in the parish had been improved; but they would agree with him that there were a lot of other things that required attention. What they had done was very little. The few lamps they had erected in the several parts of the district were inadequate. In the first instance they erected 13, and since they had affixed other 9, making altogether 23. It was said that the Medomsley parish was the second largest in the Lanchester Union. If such was the case he contended 23 lamps were not sufficient to light it. It was true they had to walk before they could run, and with regard to the lighting they had had to be thankful for small mercies, and he was hoping by the time when the lighting season came round again, they would have this remedied. During the time they had sat on the Council they had had much to contend against. There was a lot of red tapeism to fight against. They were only the third-rate power. They had to be subject to the powers that be, such as the District Council, the County Council, and the Local Government Board. Many of the footpaths had been taken over, and others were receiving attention. With regard to a footpath at Allendale Cottages, he might state they had fully gone into the question whether they had the right to take it over or not. A deputation had been to Durham about the matter, and he was afraid they had no locus standi. He had examined the Overseers' map, but could not find the footpath shown upon it. A footpath that was not a continuation one could not become the property of the public. Another footpath from Allendale Cottages to Ebchester had occupied the attention of the Council, and they had been the means of obtaining a prescriptive right to travel over it, and they could now do so without being prosecuted. Then there was the footpath near the Pont Burn Bridge. In its present condition it was simply impassible. The Council had taken the same in hand, and they were going to carry out some improvements. They were going to raise the bridge, and make it safe for people to travel over. When the Parish Councils were formed it was intended that the surroundings of the people would be looked into and improved. It was no use sending to the Council a labour party which would be in the minority. He wondered very much that none of them came to the Council chamber to hear the business transacted. They could do so as long as the Council did not pass a motion to prohibit them. If they elected a labour representation that would be in the minority they would practically get nothing done. He had no disrespect for the other side; but he could not help remarking there was nothing brought forward that tended to trades unionism; but what they went dead against it. They had just to refer to what was done with regard to the contract clause that was brought forward by one of their Councillors. They were all trades unionists, and believed in being paid a reasonable wage for their labour. He believed it was right that when the Council had work to let, they should see that those who secrued the contracts paid the trades union rate of wages. (Hear.) When the motion was brought forward, the other side went against it, and it was lost. This just showed that if they were in the minority at the Council the other side would just do as they liked. They tried to do it now, and were sometimes called to account. Take for instance the question of the erection of the lamps on the Allendale Cottages Road. The motion was that ten lamps should be erected on this road; but they found that only nine had been erected. They would all have seen through the press what took place at the last Council meeting regarding this question. Through sickness he missed two meetings, and during his absence the General Purposes Committee had the scheme before the Council for the erection of the lamps. The Council adopted the report, but never decided when, or by whom, the work was to be done, nor did they give any authority to any individual member about the matter. Strange to say before the Council met again the work had all been done—one member having taken it upon himself to let the contract for the erection of the extra lamps, and also gave orders for the lamplighter to do the extra lighting, now he found fault about this because he believed that no member had a right to take upon himself the power to let a contract, and make the whole Council responsible, without obtaining the sanction of the latter. When they sent him to the Council they expected him to do his duty, and he was not going to see things carried out in a loose fashion (Applause.) They should do the business in a straightforward way, and there would be no need to complain. If the other side obtained the majority they would set the working class representatives to one side. What he wished for was a fair representation on the Council. They were successful in securing such for the present Council. Having referred to those who were nominated for seats on the new Council. The speaker went on to say that the Act was passed for the benefit of the masses, and what they wanted was to have sufficient force at the Council so as to allow them to obtain their rights. If they wished to have better sanitation, their surroundings made what they should be, they would have to send their own bona fide working-men to the Council. They had learned a lesson from the other side They would do nothing unless they had a force at the Council to demand it. The Parish Council had the power to deal with the insanitary dwellings. They should put into force the Adoptive Acts. There were a great many things that required attention; but they could not entertain them till the Improvement Act was adopted, one of the Councillors had sent in a motion so as to get some steps taken to preserve the village green. It was necessary that something should be done, and remove the old relic in the shape of a snow plough—(Laughter)—out of the road. The new Council would have to carry the work out. They desired to have the green laid out in a certain way, which would show that they had Councillors on the Council that took an interest in the parish. It had been advocated that they should beautify their surroundings; but whilst doing this they were not going to forget the insanitary dwellings at Hamsterley and Blackhall Mill. In conclusion, Mr. George advocated that the miners should record their votes in such a way so as to ensure a strong force of working-men on the Council. He was'nt there to ask for votes; but if they considered he was worthy of their votes he would be glad of their support. (Applause.)

Councillor Storey followed with a short address. He stated that to become a councillor and study the Act was one of the most arduous tasks he had ever undertaken. Most of the work that had been carried out by the Council had been done under great difficulty. They had to be subject to the powers that be. If a certain piece of work had to be carried out it was generally delayed as long as possible. There was the footpath from Low Westwood to Hamsterley, it required to be kerbed and channelled, and a motion was passed by the Council that the work should be done; but what was the result. They were now waiting for the sanction of the County Council, and the latter could delay the matter as long as ever they liked. At Hamsterley certain improvements had been carried out. The question of the condition of the dwellings was brought before the Council, and it was decided that the Medical Officer should make an inspection of the property. He had not seen the Medical Officer's report; but he understood the District Council had made certain recommendations, but nothing had been done yet. A house without a ceiling was not a fit place to sleep in. They say "that an Englishman's home is his castle," but he could say that there were very few castles down in the Hamsterley district. He went to the Council to represent the working-men, and it was for them to say whether he had done his duty or not. If he had failed he would say elect someone else in his place. One of their Rural District Councillors had stated that the condition of the houses at Hamsterley had not been painted any blacker than they really were, and he could assure them if he was elected again, the condition of these houses would be first and foremost in his programme. There were many things that required alteration, and he was determined not to rest contnt till he had solved the Lighting and Watching Act, and saw the whole of the colliery row lighted. He found that the Cornsay Parish Council had done this, and if one Council could do it, he thought it must be legal for them to do likewise. Having referred to several other matters, the speaker concluded by urging all present to attend all parish meetings so as to look after their interests. (Applause.)

Several questions were asked and answered satisfactorily.

The Chairman stated that the labour candidates nominated were:—Messrs S. George, J. Armstrong, Thos. Storey, H. Bell, Thos. Hanley, J. Harrison, J. Cranford, and Thos. Milligan.

The customary votes of thanks terminated a most successful meeting.

THE JARROW TRAGEDY.

A RESPITE.

Our representative at Jarrow telegraphs:—

An intimation was received here this (Thursday) morning from the Home Office stating that Dixon, who was sentenced to death for the Jarrow murders, has been respited.

"THE STRAND MAGAZINE"—published by Messrs G. Newnes and Co. (Limited), contains—"Ulrich the Guide," "The Romance of the Museums," the fifth and and sixth chapters of "Rodney Stone," part twenty six of "From behind the Speaker's Chair," "One Season," by Mrs Egerton Eastwick, "Peculiar Children I have met," by Mr Max O'Rell "Gymanastics in the Army," "Portraits of the following celebrities, Lord Elgin, Dr Jameson, Mr Alfred Austin, and Mlle Zelie de Lussan," "The Palaces and Stables of the German Emperor," "Gleams from the Dark Continent," part IX. "Some Peculiar Entertainments, part I," "The White Kid Glove," "Diamond Mining in South Africa," and two articles for the juveniles. By the same firm is published, unabridged editions of famous books in a "Penny Library," part I "The Vicar of Wakefield," part II to contain "Poe's Tales of Mystery and Imagination, and another parts consists of Conan Doyle's famous novel "The Sign of Four," offered to the public at this marvellous price. Also, "The Army and Navy illustrated," a permanent fortnightly publication. "The Art Bible," by the same firm, is a splendid production of modern skill, both in the number and character of the illustrations, and also in the printing of the text.

ALLEGED THEFT NEAR LANCHESTER.

At the Lanchester Police Court, on Monday, Wm. Quinn, a shoemaker, on tramp, was brought up on three charges of larceny at Craghead on Thursday last.—Inspector J. Daly stated that the prisoner was taken in and fed and lodged at a house at Craghead. During the night, the man got out of bed and rifled the pockets of the landlord and two lodgers, and then decamped, being apprehended at Bishop Auckland on Saturday.—He was remanded till Thursday.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By Castleside.]

The Rev. M. Greenway, Shotley Bridge, lectured in the Wesleyan Church, on Thursday night last, (12th inst.) His subject being "An hour with Peter Mackenzie," and those who listened to the reverend lecturer admit that the "hour" was spent pleasantly and profitably, for certainly when Peter fell on sleep there sank behind the western horizon of Methodism, one of the brightest lights of the nineteenth century. The chair was ably filled by George Richardson, Esq., Shotley Bridge. The proceeds were in aid of the trust funds.

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The ordinary monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Monday night in the Board-room. Coun. T. J. Muse presiding. There were also present, Messrs Lee, Golightly, Pattinson, and the Clerk (Mr. J. Proud). Most of the business was of a routine character, the exceptional business being the appointment of a successor to Mr. R. Hall, resigned. The custom has been to appoint those who were candidates at the last election. R. Walton, Esq., having died since the election, the Rev. J. Wallis, vicar, was next in order, consequently he was appointed to fill the vacancy.

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Many no doubt would wonder on hearing that we demanded a poll at the close of the Healeyfield Parish Meeting. They, no doubt, would wonder on what ground we based our claim, but, after reading the report of the meeting in your last issue, their wondering would cease, and many no doubt will admit that we were justified in the course adopted. I submit that the electors does not need the giant intellect of a Bacon or a Gladstone, in order to discern that the meeting was biased, one-sided, and packed, and packed with a certain class bent on monopolising all the seats, and having all their own way. I refer to the farming class. Think of the number of farmers nominated. No less than six bona fide farmers, and two others, the direct nominees of the farmers, one tradesman, and two bona fide working-men. The decision of the meeting being for five farmers, one tradesman, and one artizan. I ask is this a fair deal of cards? There is a striking analogy between our position as villagers, and the citizen of Johannesburg versus the Boers. A certain writer has said—"The battle is one between those two old opponents, who have been at enmity since the world began—the forces of conservatism and the forces of progress. It is a battle between the old and new, between stagnation and advance between involution and evolution, between obscuration and enlightenment. Yet most of those playing such a part profess to be Liberals, carrying out a Liberal Act or measure. I was boldly told by one of these strange creatures "that I had no right to speak," no right to be heard, that I had no voice in the matter.." If this statement is true, then it follows that two-thirds of the electors have no voice, no right to speak,—only those who rent a farm or own a block of buildings can sit on the Council. Now, I submit that this is not the spirit of tht Act,, or the intention of the Legislature, when passing the Act. They never intended that the act should serve a class, a particular class, but that all citizens should share in its benefits, abolishing the property qualification, blotting out for ever the line of class distinction and social status as the only claim of rights to citizenship—And whether a man builds a house, or slates it, whether he hews the stones or carries the hod, he has the right to be heard. No matter what a man's calling in life may be; whether he stands behind the counter, the joiner's bench, the smith's anvil, or whether he hews coal or stone, or burns his nose before the mill-furnace, or makes or mends our roadways, if he is an honest son of toil, and lives in a cottage, he is part of a great whole, and that whole is the British Empire. That is the spirit of the Act. This is our standing ground, and ground of action, though we may be stigmatised as forming part of the "dog's tail," yet the "tail of the dog" is made up of three-fourths of the electors in the Healeyfield Parish, and in days not far distant the tail may yet "wag the dog."

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Tuesday morning's post brought me a programme of Madame Tankerville's entertainment in St. Aiden's Parish Hall, Blackhill, on the 24th inst., and not the 18th as first arranged, Miss Larina Tankerville is one of the performers, many of the villagers will remember the little lady, now ten years of age.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(By "Rover.")

I was pleased to notice in your report of the Medomsley and District Poultry Show that some of our Leadgate Poultry fanciers are figuring in the prize list. Not only have they gained a prize, but they have obtained a special mark of distinction, in the fact that they have obtained the Bronze Medal for the best bird in the show given by the Poultry Club, and when it is remembered there were 500 birds in competition, and these sent from all over the country, it is a matter for congratulation to Messrs Armstrong and Paull, that they have as it were sprung into national fame at a bound, in the poultry world. I am informed that the demand for the eggs from these famous prize winners is growing day by day, and at present must be greater than the supply.

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We are at present receiving a visit from the Out and Out Mission van, and the two young men in charge of the van are nightly conducting services in the Wesleyan Chapel, and during the day are visiting the homes of the people, with the object of getting them to the services. I attended their services on Sunday, and although I must confess that there may be no special intellectual endowment manifest in the preaching of these young men, and if their sermons were to be judged by the fastidious modern idea of sermonizing, they would be written down as out of date. There is, however, an earnestness and seriousness about these young men that cannot fail to impress their congregations. They feel they have a mission in life, and for the success of that mission they have bent their energies and in their work they are swallowed up with holy zeal, and thus they are infusing life and enthusiasm into the Church. It is a mission that cannot by any means do anybody any harm, but it is calculated in many ways to do good. We therefore wish for the services and the Out and Out van increasing prosperity.

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I have just heard that our Urban Councillors are about concluding negotiations for the purchase of suitable premises for a Council Chamber etc., and that their term of office will be distinguished by a magnificant pile of Public Buildings in one of the main thoroughfares. I hope it is true, for unless they do something of this kind I am afraid no other monument will mark the fact that they have existed; but I am reminded that once before during the mortal existence of the same authority, land was practically secured, plans were drawn, specifications prepared, and £40 of public money spent over proposed Board Room, that a wind out of the desert swept it all away, and every now and then we are reminded of what might have been. Not many months since we were, in imagination, basking beneath the spreading branches of the trees in Front Street, and Durham Road, but an oasis in the snow brought to nought all our vain imaginations.

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A friend of mine from West Stanley remarked to me on Saturday night. I am not surprised at your Leadgate footballers being so successful on the field, as they go into the fight singing, by that he meant that the Park team entered Stanley singing an old Methodist hymn and tune with a sweetness and evident earnestness that was so characteristic of the early Methodists. They came back singing also with flying colours, and I confess while there may seem to be a paradox, I would rather hear our footballers singing "Segina," than to hear people bawling out at night "We'll not go home till morning."

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I regret to anounce the somewhat sudden death of Mr. T. Haddon, which took place at his residence in Watling Street, on Tuesday evening. Mr. Haddon was a native of West Pelton, and for many years was an active member and official of the Primitive Methodist Church there. Over six years ago he came to Leadgate as an insurance agent, but lately he has been employed as deputy overman at the Saint Pit. In the public and political life of the place he did not take a very prominent part, although in politics he was a staunch Liberal, and in public matters he took an intelligent interest. In his own quiet way he was always on the side of progress. It was his connection with the Primitive Methodist Church in this place that his influence was most felt, and his abundant services most highly appreciated. There was no branch of Church work in which he did not take some active part. As a local preacher his services were highly appreciated throughout the circuit. For this work he made careful preparation, and to hear him at his best was a treat. As a superintendent of the Sunday School he was most diligent and pains-taking, as Society Steward he was most attentive and regular in his place, and as a class-leader his equal will be difficult to find. There are many who will carry through their life the most sacred recollections of the wise advice and christian counsel which they have received from his lips. Above all this, it was his fine manly bearing and kindly disposition, his intelligent and cultured conception of life's duties, his broad Christian charity that made him a man whose friendship and acquaintance it was positive pleasure to have. Truly a great man in Israil has fallen. His place in the Church will be difficult to fill. In brief he lived well and died at his post.

"Sorrow vanquished, labour ended, Jordan passed."

Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

South Pontop Ramblers beat Annfield Plain Wanderers by five goals to two, on the ground of the former.

CROOKHALL RED STARS v CONSETT RED STARS.—The teams met on the Crookhall ground in rough weather for the first time, and the game ended in a win for Crookhall by five goals to nil.

CONSETT SWIFTS JUNIORS v CONSETT TOWN JUNIORS.

Played on the Swifts' ground. The visitors kicked off, but the home team at once got down, and Walton missed by inches. Although playing one short, the home team pressed vigorously, and Frosdick saved splendidly on several occasions when goals seemed certain. The Swifts' left got down, Pratt's shot hitting the cross-bar. Noble caught the ball on the re-bound, and shot hard when close in, but Frosdick saved miraculously. The home forwards were weakened by playing one short, but still were too good for the visitors' backs, and with a less able custodian the latter would undoubtedly have had some goals scored against them. The Swifts' half-backs played a good game, and made Edwards' citadel almost a sinecure. The Swifts pressed until half-time, but could not score. Half-time—

Swifts .... Nil
Consett .... Nil

The second half was almost a repetition of the first, the home team doing nearly all the pressing. Pratt at last scored for the home team after a good run with his partner. From a centre by Noble, Robinson grazed the cross-bar, and Walton almost beat Frosdick with a high shot. The visitors could not get away from their own quarters, the home halves always sending the ball back. From a foul against Jones the home team missed a splendid chance. The Swifts tried hard to increase their lead, but the score remained—

Swifts Juniors .... One goal
Consett Juniors .... Nil

TOW LAW v ST. AUGUSTINE'S.

Snow fell so heavily on Friday night and Saturday morning that the above game had perforce to be postponed, the ground being covered with snow to the extent of five or six inches.

CONSETT v LEADGATE EXILES.

These teams met on the ground of the former. Neither side was fully represented, and the match throughout was interfered with by a snowstorm, which blew a regular hurricane at times. The ground also was covered to a depth of four or five inches, which precluded any scientific display whatever, the ball being simply a dead weight, and requiring a good deal of force to drive it any distance. The visitors won the toss, and J. Frosdick kicked off for the home team. The visitors immediately took up the running, and were not long before they made matters pretty warm for A. Frosdick (the home custodian), who repelled several hot shots in succession in a truly marvellous fashion. A corner having resulted from the last of these attacks, Garbutt took the kick, but sent the ball behind. From the resulting goal-kick Simpson got possession and punted away up the field, but Haggan returned, only for Pescod to clear. J. Frosdick got possession and passing over to Hughes, that player sent in, but missed the mark. From the goal-kick the ball was sent well up the field, but Grant getting possession made a smart dodgy run, but was ultimately dispossessed by Welch, the ball going by. The Exiles were getting numberless byes and corners, but owing to a stubborn resistance by Welch and Pescod failed to get through. Returning to the attack, the Exiles' forwards, by the aid of short passing, eventually got close into goal, and Doyle, with a swift shot,

SCORED THE FIRST GOAL.

"Hands" off Simpson again let in the Exiles, who once more came very near scoring, the home men having to concede a corner to save their fortress. The ball was well placed this time by Garbutt, but a long kick by Simpson removed immediate danger. The ball rapidly travelled back, however, and with a well-judged shot Hughes notched the second point. From the centre kick the Exiles went straight at it again, and once more the home backs had to relieve at the expense of a corner, conceded by Pescod on this occasion. Nothing resulted, however, from this, and the home forwards getting away Rogers ran up well, and Callaghan (the Exiles' goalkeeper), who had been playing out in midfield to keep his blood pulsating, had to make rapid tracks for his sticks, and in doing so was bowled over, and with the goal at their mercy the home men were unable to score, and bungling the ball among them in an extremely ill-judged fashion, Callaghan, in fact, having arisen and overtaken them before they could get in the shot, which he promptly fisted away in good style. Welch was next conspicuous for a good save, as was also Pescod immediately afterwards. In fact, the back division of the home team had all the work to do. Grant next essayed a very nice shot, but Frosdick tipped it over the bar in an admirable manner, the resulting corner once more proving abortive. Play continued in the home territory and Doyle again scored with a nice oblique shot. Half-time—

Exiles .... Three goals
Consett .... Nil

On a resumption, the home men ran down at the onset, but were once more found lacking in judgment in the goal-mouth, failing to get through when to miss scoring was positively impossible with ordinary care and judgment, the ball being bandied about from one to another and eventually going by. Callaghan had now changed places with Garbutt, the latter playing in goal, but not having much to do, the game ranging principally round the opposing pair of sticks. Slight breaks away by Rogers, Adams, and Rafferty were made, but the home forwards were invariably pulled up before becoming dangerous. Racing away to the home goal, Callaghan centred well, and from a scrimmage

DOYLE SCORED A FOURTH,

and very shortly afterwards, from a bully in the goal-mouth, one of the home backs evidently seemed to put the ball through. Following this up, the Exiles maintaining the pressure, Hughes added the sixth with a neat shot. Consett now played a little more spiritedly, and Harkness broke away, and getting well down J. Frosdick sent in, and Garbutt missing his kick a score would easily have accrued if the forwards had been far enough up, but the chance was again lost, a corner being the result, which was cleared. The Exiles immediately came away against, and gave A. Frosdick a lively five minutes, but this player stuck well to his post, despite the score again him, Haggan, Hughes, Doyle, and Grant all firing away, but none of the shots proving successful. Consett had another brief look in, and after some good passing on the part of the Exiles' forwards they again got close in, and from a merry scrimmage in the goal-mouth the ball was eventually put through, Doyle putting on the finishing touch. A blinding snowstorm now prevailed, nothing further transpired, good play being out of the question, each team having a look in towards the finish, but no alteration to the previous score resulting. Final—

Exiles .... Seven goals
Consett .... Nil

DIPTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE v FLINT HILL LILYWHITES.

The first game between these teams resulted in the Lilywhites winning by three goals to one, but owing to some infringement the game was ordered to be re-played, the Temperance winning easily by five goals to two. On Saturday the return game came off at Flint Hill. Teams:—

Temperance—Goal, J Gibbons; backs, W Handcock and T Adamson; half backs, W Adamson, T Middleton, and J Layton; forwards, W Gray, G Gray, T Carridice, W Thompson, and M Bell.

Lilywhites—Goal, J Lishman; backs, Robson and Jackes; half backs, J Cockburn, T Rennison, and Houton; forwards, J Ramsay, Houton, Hornsby, Wilkinson, and Lishman.

Referee, Mr J Knotts.

Hornsby started the game, but being quickly repulsed the visiting forwards took the globe into the home territory, and some hot work ensued, but the Temperance were gradually driven back, and after some midfield play the Temperance worked their way up and scored. From the re-start the visitors went away finely, but the heavy going was much against good play. Eventually, Burnopfield scored after Lishman had saved splendidly. After this the game opened out, and the Temperance scored again, and when the whistle blew the score was—

Temperance .... Two goals
Lilywhites .... One goal

On resuming, play was very exciting, but the Temperance had most of the play, although Flint Hill broke away several times, but were prevented from scoring by the splendid defence of the visitors, Thompson being the shining light, and repeatedly robbing the home forwards. Final—

Temperance .... Two goals
Lilywhites .... One goal

DEARNESS VALLEY LEAGUE.

CORNSAY SHAMROCKS v ESH EXCELSIOR.

This game was played on the ground of the former. Both teams occupy prominent positions in the league, and the points to be obtained would be of vital importance to either. Cornsay kicked off, and their forwards went away with a rush, but they bungled in front of goal. This seemed to rouse the visitors, who now put more life into their play, and were not long in notching their first point. When the whistle blew at half-time the score stood—

Excelsiors .... Three goals
Shamrocks .... One goal

On the cross-over Cornsay were the first to score. After this the home team had to defend their goal, as the visitors were bent on improving their goal average. When the whistle blew the score was—

Excelsiors .... Six goals
Shamrocks .... Two goals

The winning team was—Goal, Bowers; backs, Roddison and Weedy; half backs, Hetherington, Waller, and Boughey; forwards, Stewart, Smith, Anderson, Maddison, and Boughey.

Referee, Mr J. Smurthwaite.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS RESERVE v IVESTON VILLA.

Played on the Swifts' ground, the home team winning easily by six goals to two.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

WEST STANLEY ATHLETIC v LINTZ ROVERS RESERVE.

These teams met at Stanley, and after a good game the Athletic were victorious by five goals to three.

KIP HILL v FLINT HILL ALBION.

Played at Kip Hill on a miserable ground. Kip Hill winning the toss elected to defend the entrance goal. Flint Hill kicked off, but it was soon seen that they had no chance, as the ground told against them, and Kip Hill ran out easy winners by eleven goals to three.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS v GATESHEAD ST. CUTHBERT'S.

This match in the above league was down for decision at Gateshead, and the Hobson having arranged to go by brake, were forced to cancel owing to the storm coming on on the Friday night.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v SPEN ALBION.

This game was played on the "Saints" ground. The Albion won the toss, and elected to play downhill. As soon as the leather was set rolling the "Saints" made tracks for the visitors' territory, but P. Cullen was pulled up by J. Short, who relieved with a huge kick. Some midfield play followed until the Albion right broke away, and Short, jun., gave to "Jimmy" Laing, who caused Grant a lot of trouble, but he managed to save in the nick of time, giving a corner, which came to nothing. A free kick enabled Croft to give to Lamb, who sent over to P. Cullen, and after a grand run the latter finished up with a wretched shot, which went very wide. Up till now Milburn never had had a shot to stop. Play still continued in midfield until the whistle sounded for half-time—

Spen .... Nil
Marley Hill .... Nil

On re-starting, it was thought the "Saints" would soon pile on a score, but the Albion started with great dash, Foster tricking McDermott and Lamb and sending on to "Jimmy" Laing, who shot in. Grant ran out to save, but the ball slipped over his hand and went through, scoring the first goal of the match fifteen minutes from the re-start amidst great excitement among the large crowd of spectators. On the being set going again, the "Saints" tried hard to break through the Albion defence, but Carr and Short were ever on the alert. The Albion looked to have the homesters outplayed at this period, and Foster, after some pretty play, sent over to Rule, who sent through a terrific shot with which Grant had no chance. On re-starting, the homesters forced their way down and gained three corners, two of which went out, whilst Bradley made a grand save from the other, but the "Saints" would not be denied, and with just fourteen minutes to go pressed severely, and after a scrimmage sent through No. 1. During the rest of the game the "Saints" still pressed, but could not get through the stubborn defence of the visitors. Final—

Albion .... Two goals
Marley Hill .... One goal

Albion team—Goal, Milburn; backs, Carr and Short; half backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Laing, jun., R Short, J Laing, Rule, and Little. Linesman, G Short.

Referee, Mr C. Ternent, Consett.

BYER MOOR v LINTZFORD.

This league fixture did not attract a very large attendance to the Lintzford ground on Saturday, although the weather was fairly favourable for the game, and the field was in capital condition. The visitors were not quite at full strength, being short of Pharoh, but the home team were much worse off in this respect, having three or four good men away, and the veteran Taylor once more appeared in their ranks. The full teams were as follows:—

Lintzford—Goal, R Turnbull; backs, Musgrove and R Abbott; half backs, Dodds, Gibson and Anderson; forwards, J Ferry, J Little, J Robertson, J E Taylor, and T Seath. Linesman, E Burton.

Byer Moor—Goal, R Hodgson; backs, T Leighton and S Lamb; half backs, G Nicholls, T Young, and W Brown; forwards, W Allen, P Keefe, J Parker, R Brewis, and E Leighton.

Referee, Mr J Ross, jun., Consett.

The home team defended the goal next the road, and at once commenced to press, but Lamb and Leighton got in some big kicks, and kept them out for a time. Ferry and Little got nicely away on the right, and getting down the latter fired in a red-hot shot from about twenty yards out, which Hodgson had considerable difficulty in saving at the expense of a corner, the last-named proving useless. Allan was often conspicuous for some clever runs on the visitors' right, but he found Dodds and Abbott a warm couple to get round. About ten minutes from the start the Lintsford forwards got away with a nice passing run, and Taylor put across to Little, who

DASHED IN AND BEAT HODGSON

at close quarters amid cheers from the few spectators present. The home team were showing much the superior form, and it took the Byer Moor men all their time to keep them out, Lamb being prominent on the defence. The visitors' forwards mostly went in for big kicking, but this was of little avail against the steady defence of Abbott and Musgrove. Returning to the attack again, the home forwards got close in, and whilst Hodgson was appealing for off-side the ball was shot past him, the custodian making an attempt to save, but only partially stopping the progress of the leather. From the centre kick Allan ran right up, and beating Dodds and Abbott had a clear goal in front of him, but sent weakly past. The visitors now showed up a trifle better, and several times had fairly favourable openings, but they appeared to be absolutely unable to shoot the ball anywhere near the goal-posts, and what shots did fall to Turnbull's share were mostly long ones which he experienced little difficulty in disposing of. Just before the interval the "Moorites" had a grand chance of scoring, the ball being almost on the goal-line and only the goalkeeper to beat, but Turnbull effected a marvellous save from the toes of two or three of the visitors' forwards. Half-time—

Lintzford .... Two goals
Byer Moor .... Nil

On the resumption, Byer Moor did not make much better headway, and appeared to be totally unable to make an effort worthy of the name. The Lintzford forwards became very prominent for some clever passing and combination. Seath and Ferry put in a number of fast runs on the extreme wings, and from one of the former's centres a corner was forced off Leighton. This was grandly placed by Dodds, and when the ball looked like sailing through untouched, Hodgson fisted it down almost on the line, and the home forwards quickly rushed it through. The visiting forwards now played up desperately, and often got in a good position for scoring, but their attempts were of the weakest character, and Turnbull was rarely seriously troubled. Lintzford again took up the running, and from another of Seath's centres Robertson dashed in and just sent over the bar. Ferry also was conspicuous for some fine centres, and had the home forwards taken advantage of all their chances they must have put on a big score. A run down by Allen gave Brewis an opening, and the latter made a fair attempt, a fast shot just going past the upright. Seath and Taylor did some very tricky work, and by a capital run took play to the other end, where Robertson made a creditable try to again lower the visitors' colours, but put rather too much twist on the leather, with the result that it went the wrong side of the post. Towards the finish, the home men had the game completely in their hands, Byer Moor seeming to be disheartened at their repeated failures to open their account, and when the whistle sounded for a cessation of hostilities the "Ford" were left with a thoroughly deserved and well-won victory as under—

Lintzford .... Three goals
Byer Moor .... Nil

CHESTER-LE-STREET LEAGUE.

OUSTON v BEWICKE MAIN.

Played at Bewicke before a good "gate." The ground was in a bad state, being over the shoe-tops in mud and water. Bewicke started the game, and play became very fast, but the visitors soon got the upper hand, and Quinn had a shot, but sent high over the bar. From the goal kick the homesters got away, but Usher sent well back. Again they broke away, but Willis sent down the field, and the visitors worked their way to the home goal, where Quinn sent in a splendid shot, scoring the first goal for Ouston. From the centre kick Ouston went away at a good pace, but could not shoot with any accuracy on account of the slippery ground. The homesters were now playing on the defence, but Clark getting through scored No. 2 for the visitors. Ouston were penning their opponents in when the half-time whistle came to their aid with the score—

Ouston .... Two goals
Bewicke .... Nil

On re-starting, Ouston went off with a rush, carrying all before them, and by Usher scored No. 3. Bewicke were penned in, and could not get away. After a scrimmage in the goal-mouth, Dixon put through again, but the referee disallowed it for off-side. Ouston had all their own way, the backs playing over the centre line. McDermott scored a fourth for the visitors, and then the home men made a final try and got away. "Hands" gave them a good chance, and Marsden scored. Away went Ouston again, but on account of Bewicke packing their goal they could not score. Quinn sent in a shot which the goalkeeper saved well. Final—

Ouston .... Four goals
Bewicke .... One goal

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v CRAGHEAD RANGERS.

These teams met on Craghead ground in the presence of a good company of spectators, in rather wintry weather, the ground being on the soft side. Both clubs were well represented, and lined up as under:—

Craghead—Goal, M Jefferson; backs, H Hold and W Pouton; half backs, T Turnbull, W Allison, and A Moore; forwards, C Jackson, J Pentland, W Kellett, R Smith, and R Holmes.

Consett—Goal, H Highfield; backs, J Finnighan and J McKie; half backs, J Allison (capt.), B McKie, and J Rafferty; forwards, J Little, G Hamilton, Geo Eustace, R Russell, and J Turley.

Referee, Mr T. Kidd, Cornsay.

Craghead won the toss, and elected to play up the slope. G. Eustace kicked off, and for the first few minutes play was in midfield. A foul for the Swifts close in resulted in the ball going by. From the goal kick Craghead forged ahead, and a foul against the Swifts further helped them. J. McKie saved well from the free kick, and did so again immediately after, but Craghead were not to be denied, and after some good play Holmes scored for the home team amidst enthusiasm. On resuming, the Swifts got down and pressed severely, several shots being put in to no effect. "Hands" for Consett looked bad for the Rangers, but the defence prevailed, and Craghead once more came away, but Finnighan relieved. The homesters came again, but spoiled a good chance through interfering with Highfield too soon. Highfield was again called upon, and saved in good style, and Geo. Hamilton dribbled well down, and passing to Little, the latter put in a good shot which "Mat" Jefferson saved in his usual style. Hereabouts Turley and Russell were conspicuous, but succumbed to Allison. Hamilton hit the upright with a shot that deserved a better fate, and after much pressure the Swifts gained a corner, which was, however, cleared. The visitors still held the upper hand, and pressed severely, and after "Mat" had saved twice in succession, Russell equalised by sending through as the custodian endeavoured to save. On resuming, the Swifts still pressed, and Rafferty and Hamilton had shies, the ball eventually going by. Off-side against the Swifts spoiled a good opportunity, and from the free kick Craghead got up, but Finnighan returned in fine style. The Rangers assumed the aggressive, and gaining a corner pressed hard. Play travelled to midfield, and half-time being called the game stood—

Craghead .... One goal
Swifts .... One goal

On resuming, Craghead, with the slope in their favour, were expected to have the advantage, but were rather surprised by the way in which the Swifts recommenced. They pressed severely for a time, and looked like scoring several times. Off-side against Turley relieved, and the Craghead right wing got down, but Finnighan relieved at a critical moment, the ball eventually going by. From the goal-kick, Eustace and Turley got away, but were beaten by Allison, who was playing a capital game. A foul for the Swifts well put resulted in Eustace missing when in a good position. Play now opened out for a time in mid-field, and then Consett pressed, and Hamilton scored with a fine shot, but was ruled off-side. Craghead at length assumed the aggressive, their weight helping them. The pace was beginning to tell on the players, and Craghead's extra weight came in very useful—an advantage they did not forget to use on several occasions. The home team pressed severely for the last ten minutes, and only the admirable defence of the Swifts saved them from defeat. Time found Craghead still pressing, and the result of the game was as under—

Craghead .... One goal
Swifts .... One goal

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FIFTH ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

A worse day for football than Saturday last could hardly be imagined. Snow had fallen heavily on the previous night, and a severe thaw had set in. The Oakey's ground was therefore in a terrible condition. Some attempt had been made to clear away the snow from the sides of the ground, but in the centre of the field snow was lying several inches thick, except where pools of slush made an interesting variation. In spite of these unfavourable conditions, a fair crowd assembled, and when the referential whistle blew for the line-up not less than 1,000 spectators had gathered round the ropes, including a large contingent from Leadgate, who made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. The teams were composed as follows:—

OAKEY'S.
Goal: C Davison.
Backs: M Joyce and E Beckwith.
Half backs: M Cunningham, W Errington, and E Nicholson.
Forwards: G Whitfield, J Coyle, S Wood, J Dodds, and J Masterman.

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Forwards: G Lock, J Wilson, A Burnhope, J Graham, and W Bell.
Half backs: J T Willey, R Wilson, and T Cartmell.
Backs: H O Foreman and F M Foreman.
Goal: J Crowther.
PARK.

Referee: Mr Hobson, Birtley.

The Park started towards the bottom end, and Masterman gaining possession made a fast run down the field. F. Foreman stopped this, and returned to the centre, Cunningham returning, and the Oakey's pressed hard, and F. Foreman was forced to come to the rescue of his brother when the latter was hard pressed. Lock getting possession ran well down and passed to J. Wilson, who sent in, Joyce returning. W. Bell then tried a shot which sailed over the bar. R. Wilson then kicked into the goal-mouth, but Joyce repulsed, and shortly after cleared his lines again in grand style. Masterman forced a corner on the left, and placed it well, Cartmell catching it and kicking out. The Park right wing came away, and Graham forced Davison to clear, and Joyce punted well up the field, and Coyle caught the ball and ran up, but was neatly dispossessed by R. Wilson. Whitfield and Coyle made repeated efforts to break away, but found Willey too good for them. The Park forwards kept the home defence on the alert for some minutes, but Burnhope shot over. From the kick-off the Park came on again, and Beckwith cleared his lines in grand style. A nice piece of combined play by J. Wilson, Bell, and Burnhope, resulted in Wilson heading by. The Stanley men now assumed the aggressive, and chiefly through the efforts o the halves the Oakey's forwards kept the visitors in a state of seige, the brothers Foreman putting in some nice defensive work. Burnhope broke away, but owing to the position of the opposing backs was pulled up for off-side. Lock centred well, and Graham shot, but Beckwith cleared nicely. Masterman and Dodds came away on the left, but "hands" off the latter player enabled the visitors to break away again. Beckwith stopped an ugly rush by the Leadgate forwards, and Joyce soon after made another grand save, upsetting Burnhope at the same time. A foul off Coyle let the Park in, but Beckwith cleared, but Errington ran down, passing to Masterman, who shot in, and H. Foreman returned with a nice kick. Joyce then miskicked, and the Park forwards were slow to take advantage of a grand chance, Beckwith coming to the rescue and saving what might have been a disaster for the home team. The Oakey's again took the lead, and Masterman placed well up to his partner, who centred, and from a scrimmage in goal Wood got possession and put in a swift low shot, which Crowther

ALLOWED TO SLIP THROUGH HIS HANDS

into the net. The home supporters "jubilated" in sky-rending fashion at this advantage, and from the manner in which the "Whites" came on it looked as if another score was about to ensue, and especially was this the case when a foul was awarded to the homesters in a good position for scoring. Joyce placed the ball splendidly right into the goal-mouth amidst a cheer, which ended in a murmur of disappointment as R. Wilson headed over. Nothing came of the corner, and the Park forwards travelled down the field, only to be pulled up by Cunningham. The "Whites" forwards put in a grand piece of head work, and Wood nearly registered a second point, his shot travelling right across the goal-mouth. Wood again sent in a fine shot, but H. Foreman returned into the centre, and the Park forwards broke away, only for Joyce to once more return. The Lilywhites came away, and some mid-field play ensued in the midst of a heavy snowstorm. Bell misjudged the ball, and sent it overhead well into his own goal-mouth, but H. Foreman soon rectified the mistake. Beckwith in turn miskicked, but Joyce came to the rescue. Cunningham stopped Lock as that player was making tracks for the home goal, and neatly returned. Errington shot in, but F. Foreman returned in fine style. A hot attack by the Oakey's men resulted in Crowther fisting away, and Willey punted the ball well up the field. Masterman ended a run up by shooting well in, and Crowther cleared, Whitfield sending by from the return. Harry Foreman tricked the opposing forwards by a neat piece of combined play, and his brother punted away. Wood beat Cartmell and sent in a neat shot, which went by. A quick rush up by Whitfield and Coyle ended in a scrimmage in the visitors' goal, and from this the ball was sent by, and half-time arrived with the score—

Oakey's .... One goal
Park .... Nil

Wood re-started for the Oakey's, and after a few sharp scrimmages in the centre the Park came away with a rush, but Cunningham repelled, and Dodds ran down, passing to his partner, Masterman, who, however, lost a grand chance to shoot when close in. The Park forwards then came away, and Lock made a splendid sprint away on the wing. Joyce cleared his lines at the expense of a fruitless corner. From the goal-kick Cartmell and Bell got the ball between them, and put in a piece of very weak play, each of them having in turn grand chances to shoot, and each of them mulling the chance amidst derisive cheers from the Stanley supporters. Shortly after the home goal had some narrow escapes from Cartmell and J. Wilson. Graham passed to J. Wilson, who in turn gave to Lock, who

BANGED THE BALL THROUGH

whilst the Lilywhites' players were standing claiming for off-side. The Park right broke away once more, and at this point of the game the referee found it necessary to caution a player on each side, both of whom had been indulging in questionable tactics. Coyle put in a grand shot, which R. Wilson put past, but the Park backs easily disposed of the resultant corner. Masterman just headed past the post an excellent pass from Whitfield. Harry Foreman headed out a hot shot, and the excitement became intense as the Lilywhites made strenuous attempts to gain the lead. Following on a hot attack by the Oakey's, the Park forwards came away with a rush, and Burnhope sent by. Bell sent in a nice shot which Davison neatly repelled, and the homesters once more assumed the aggressive, and Masterman sent the ball just past the upright with a good attempt. Davison next saved a good shot from R. Wilson, and "hands" off Masterman was accorded the Leadgate men in a good position. Frank Foreman took the kick and placed the ball well in, Coyle kicking past at the expense of a corner. This proved fruitless, and from a hot scrimmage in the home goal Cunningham was forced to again concede a corner. Masterman at length ran away, but was pulled up for off-side. Frank Foreman stopped a nasty rush by the home forwards, and kicked into touch. Lock ran the ball away from a scrimmage, but was stopped by Errington. M. Cunningham, in attempting to kick out, gave the visitors a corner, and from this the ball was headed over the bar. Harry Foreman thereafter just succeeded in sending a hot shot from Masterman past the post. The Park forwards ran down, and Davison saved a warm shot from Lock in grand fashion. Burnhope shot in, and Joyce repelled, and for some moments the Leadgate forwards pressed hotly until Beckwith at last cleared with a splendid punt into touch. Davison picked up a nice shot from Graham just before J. Wilson and Bell rushed him, and then Whitfield and Coyle changed the aspect of affairs by a useful run up on the right, and a foul against the Park placed the Oakey's in a still better position. Chiefly through the efforts of their halves the visitors once more looked dangerous, and R. Wilson sent in a fast shot which Davison just managed to clear. Lock then got possession from Graham, and banged through, but the whistle had blown for off-side—a very doubtful decision—and the point was accordingly disallowed. J. Wilson then shot past, and the ball was placed for Beckwith to kick, but that player stuck in the mud, and only just touched the ball, with the result that Graham rushed in and gained possession, putting in a nice shot which Beckwith managed to tip with his foot, though not sufficiently so to stop

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for the visitors. This success was received with loud cheers from the sprinkling of Park supporters. On re-starting, the Oakey's came away and looked like scoring until F. Foreman cleared with a grand kick. Cartmell next sent in a nice shot, which was as neatly repelled by Davison. The "Whites" defence was for a few minutes severely taxed, but the only result was to show what a sterling pair of defenders are Joyce and Beckwith. "Hands" off Coyle was weakly taken by F. Foreman, and play was in mid-field when the whistle blew with the final score—

Leadgate Park .... Two goals
Oakey's Lilywhites .... One goal

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

FIRST DIVISION.

AXWELL ROVERS v SHANKHOUSE.

In weather both unpleasant for spectators and players these teams met at Swalwell. Play was rather even in the first period, but Shankhouse gaining slightly the better of matters, Hedley scored a goal. In the second half, Shankhouse soon gained the upper hand, and Briggs and Forster added goals, the visitors eventually running out victorious with the score:—

Shankhouse .... Five goals
Axwell .... Nil

Axwell—Goal, Jameson; backs, Graham and Newton; half backs, Hepple, Harle, and Bruce; forwards, Milburn, Cowing, Errington, Oustin, and Walton.

Shankhouse—Goal, R Ord; backs, Robson and Patten; half backs, Endean, Rendall, and Forster; forwards, T Willis, R Willis, Hume, Gibson, and Briggs.

Referee, Mr Campbell, Sunderland.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

THE PARK IN THE SEMI-FINAL.

Saturday last reminded one of the last occasion upon which the Celts and Oakey's met at Stanley. It was just such another day, though perhaps somewhat better from a spectator's point of view. As if to make matters worse, the thoughtful groundsmen had kindly placed about a foot of snow just outside the ropes as being a particularly cosy footstool. Some of these days the death of a poor pressman "at his post" will have to be recorded, and then our local committees will perhaps deign to give the question of providing press-boxes their consideration. However, I managed to survive, and am therefore able to give my opinions upon the game. There can be little doubt that the best team won, and had the conditions been more favourable, the victory would probably have been more decisive. Scientific football was, of course, out of the question, but nevertheless the game was far from being uninteresting, and, judging from the enthusiasm of the spectators, appeared to afford them much satisfaction.

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The Park men showed a marked superiority in the half-back line, Cartmell, Bob Wilson, and Willey all playing sterling games. Young Willey was especially prominent, and his kicking and tackling did not seem to suffer at all through the treacherous nature of the ground. The Park skipper, as usual, played a hard game, showing excellent judgment, and was ably backed up by Cartmell, who did much better than on the previous Saturday. Naturally, the forwards were not able to exhibit their best form on the greasy turf, whilst the difference in the size of the ground to their own would affect their passing to a considerable extent. They one and all, however, played a real hard game, and in my estimation, had the best goal of the day disallowed. The brothers Foreman did finely at back, Frank playing his customary safe game, whilst his brother displayed judgment and coolness well worthy of a more experienced player. In the course of next season, if the Durham Committee are wise, we should see these two playing together for the county. Crowther in goal made one mistake which cost his side a goal, but for the rest was all right, and kept his charge intact.

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The home forwards played a nice game. They had, of course, a different class of defence to meet to that which they encountered the week previous, but nevertheless their exhibition was really creditable. Coyle was undoubtedly the weak spot. Sam Wood kept the line together well, whilst Whitfield, Dodds, and Masterman were all prominent at times, though the palm must certainly be awarded to the latter. The halves got in a deal of work, Errington being conspicuous for some sound tackling and kicking, and his efforts were ably seconded by Nicholson and Cunningham. Joyce and Beckwith are a sterling pair of backs, and had it not been for them a much heavier score would have undoubtedly been registered. Joyce is a little prone to roughness, but this is doubtless more due to an anxiety to get at the ball than a wish to hurt his opponents. Davison improved upon his recent displays between the posts, and did really well, despite the fact that he was thrice beaten. The cup now looks more like coming to Leadgate, and providing there are no "wrong 'uns" knocking about at Darlington there is every chance of the "pot" finding a testing place on the sideboard of the worthy president of the Park club—Mr. Thomas Forman.

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A USEFUL WIN FOR LINTZFORD.

Somehow or other, the "Ford"—as they are familiarly termed by their supporters—have scarcely come up to expectations in the Derwent Valley League competition. As I have before remarked, they are by no means a bad team, and looking at their record I feel bound to come to the conclusion that they have been the victims of unfortunate circumstances. Their last league game at home was down for decision on Saturday, and they had considerable difficulty in raising a team, no less than three good men in the persons of J. Seath and the brothers Andrews being unable to take part, and it was not until the last moment that the full eleven was made up. Under these circumstances one would have thought that their opponents (Byer Moor) had a capital chance of annexing a couple of points, as the latter have a most creditable league record, and, with the exception of their clever half, Pharoh, had brought a strong team. However, so far from this proving the case, the visitors were quite out-played at almost every point, and never at any time did they seem like coming through successfully. The majority of three goals in favour of the "Ford" was no more than they were entitled to on the day's play, and with a little bit better management this total would undoubtedly have been increased. The home men were greatly pleased at their somewhat unexpected victory under adverse conditions, and I trust that it will act as a spur to them to endeavour to finish up the season in a successful manner.

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There is one thing in respect to which Lintzford are very fortunate, and that is in possessing one of the finest grounds in the county. Whilst every other enclosure in the district was in a deplorable condition on Saturday—being little else than snow and slush—that of the "Ford" was firm and dry, and there was not a particle of snow upon it. Therefore, Byer Moor have no excuse for their moderate display upon that ground. I was much disappointed with the "Moorites," who showed form a long way behind that which they exhibited at Marley Hill when they beat the "Saints." Of combination there was practically none, each man appearing to play entirely for his own hand. The forwards mostly indulged in big kicking, and all the home backs had to do was to stand in one position and return the ball. The emergency man who figured in the centre was extremely weak, and did nothing whatever to assist his wings, and this may, in a measure, perhaps account for the mediocre play of the latter. Allen was the only forward who showed any decent form, and he should certainly have scored on one occasion when he had only Turnbull to face. The halves were very weak in tackling, and kicked too hard to assist their forwards much. Nicholls—who was out of his proper place—did as well as any of the three. The backs played a strong game—Lamb for choice—and when they had plenty of room in which to operate got in some ponderous kicks. Hodgson was scarcely so reliable as I have seen him, and should certainly have stopped the second goal.

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When we consider their weakened forces, every credit is due to the home men for the manner in which they rose to the occasion, and pulled off a handsome victory. They played a capital game all round, and on the day's play were out and out the best team. In Turnbull the "Ford" have got hold of a really capable custodian, who has plenty of weight about him, and views the rushes of opposing forwards with the utmost equanimity. Abbott was in excellent trim, and rarely made a mistake, whilst Musgrove, if not a stylish player, was at any rate very useful, and generally able to cope with the wing opposed to him. Dodds perhaps bore off the palm at half, and is a glutton for work, but at the same time a word of praise is certainly due to both Gibson and Anderson, who were often prominent for the neat way in which they pulled up the visiting front rank. The forwards had a big share in the victory, and played admirably. Young Seath, if he only takes care of himself, will make a grand forward. He had a capital partner in the veteran J. E. Taylor, who surprised me by the excellent form he displayed, being very judicious and giving the youngster on the outside every chance of shining. Ferry on the extreme right is another very promising youth, but is inclined to be a "leetle" wee bit selfish—a fault he should at once rid himself of. Little did a lot of very effective work, whilst Robertson is a dashing centre, albeit rather given to be a trifle reckless. Still he filled his onerous position most satisfactorily.

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A BIG SURPRISE AT MARLEY HILL.

What is the matter with the "Saints" this season? In previous years they have been well-nigh invincible on their own ground, yet since the New Year came in they have twice been beaten in the presence of their own supporters in the Derwent Valley League competition. Come, come, Marley Hill, this is not championship form. Spen Albion—who, it must be said, are a wonderfully improved team—did the trick on Saturday, and this was the more surprising as the "Saints" had actually beaten the Spen men upon their own ground earlier in the season. The visitors were perhaps represented by the strongest team that they have put on this season, included in their ranks being a couple of promising juniors (J. Laing and R. Short), who played together in grand fashion. Little was off colour, and has evidently not yet thoroughly recovered from the recent injury to his leg. Rule put in some effective work, whilst "Jimmy" Laing as usual, tried all he knew from start to finish. Foster was the best half on the field, and was finely supported by Robson and Bradley. J. Short gave such an exhibition of back play as is rarely seen on the Marley Hill ground, and Carr was very little behind his colleague. Milburn in goal did all that was required of him, and had no chance of stopping the shot which scored. On the day's play the Albion were undoubtedly the superior team, and are to be congratulated upon their brilliant performance.

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The Marley Hill forwards tried the short passing game, but this did not answer on the snow-covered field, the ball only travelling slowly on the heavy ground. Lamb and Douglass were probably the pick of the quintette, with Croft the most conspicuous of the halves, albeit Gilbert was in fine form. At back Davidson was much superior to Ringer, who was time after time beaten by the Spen forwards. Grant did very fairly in goal, although he let one soft shot past him, but there was some excuse for this, as the ball was very greasy and slipped through his hands. It will probably be a long time before the visit of the Albion to Marley Hill is forgotten.

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OUSTON WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Ouston made no mistake in their last league game of the season—although the match was played on the ground of their opponents (Bewick Main)—and by their handsome victory they become entitled to hold the splendid trophy presented to the Chester-le-Street and District League by Sir James Joicey, M.P., and also secure the medals offered to the winners. Ouston have had a great many obstacles to face ere attaining their present proud position, but they have come safely through them all, and I offer them my hearty congratulations upon having so worthily upheld the honour of their club. With respect to the game of Saturday, it was very one-sided, the home team being completely outclassed by the clever Ouston men, who gained the easiest of victories. Whealan played a grand game at back for Bewick, and a word of praise is also due to the goalkeeper, these two being a long way the best men on their side, and saving their colours times out of number.

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Ouston made the journey with every confidence in their ability to pull off the game, and the result showed that they had not counted their chickens before they were hatched, every man in the team playing well. Willis, who has lately joined the Ouston ranks, again played a champion game at back, and was ably partnered by L. Usher. S. Usher and J. Hughes were unbeatable at half, giving the wings opposed to them not the slightest chance of becoming dangerous. G. Usher played a fairly good game at centre half, but was scarcely up to his usual form. The forwards were in grand trim, and had it not been for the slippery state of the ground—which was more like a bog than a football field—a record score would most likely have been run up. H. Dixon is a very fine forward, fairly making rings round his opponents, and in Gray he has a good partner. Quinn was in splendid form in the centre, and got in some stinging shots, whilst McDermott and Clarke on the other wing were never found wanting. Elliott was little more than a spectator in goal, and was nearly starved to death for want of work. Ouston have undoubtedly proved themselves the best team in the league, and are fully entitled to the spoils of victory.

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A DRAW AT CRAGHEAD.

A pleasant game resulted at Craghead on Saturday from the meeting of Consett Town Swifts and the Rangers, under the auspices of the North-West Durham League. The visitors had two or three good men off, and were rather fortunate in effecting a draw, as the home team pressed severely during the second half, but could not overcome the "Swifts" defence, which was very fine. Jefferson—notwithstanding rumours to the contrary—again appeared in the Craghead goal, but had not much work found him. The other portions of the team all did well. Highfield kept goal admirably for the visitors, whilst Finnighan and Allison were very prominent on the defence, and had a lot to do in keeping the home team from putting on the winning point. Turley and Little showed up well amongst the forwards, who sadly missed Dempsey. The game was a most pleasant and quiet one, and at its conclusion the Swifts and their supporters were hospitably entertained to tea by the home team.

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CRAGHEAD ROVERS IN A SCORING MOOD.

Craghead Rovers are a team which appears to be making great headway, and they rubbed it in to some tune to Beamish True Blues on Saturday. Although only two twenties were played the Rovers ran up the nice little total of six goals, whilst the "Blues" failed to notch a point, so that it appears fortunate for the latter that full time was not played. The Craghead forwards played a grand game on the heavy ground, Brown being the shining light, and this player had no less than four goals to his credit. He may not be greedy, but he evidently likes a lot. Mills was the best of a trio of splendid halves, whilst Bowley and Ferry were impregnable at back, and never allowed the Beamish forwards to call upon Jefferson; who never had a single shot to stop during the game.

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AN UNSATISFACTORY GAME AT PICKERING NOOK.

Tremendous excitement prevailed in the Burnopfield district on Saturday over the cup-tie between Pickering Nook and Todd's Nook, and there was a large attendance. It appears that the visitors objected to Mr. Hogarth acting as referee—for what reason I am unable to fathom, as I have ever found that gentleman a most conscientious and painstaking referee, and that he would show the slightest favour to Pickering Nook is an idea that can be scouted at once. In my opinion, a better selection could not have been made, and I will make bold to say that a more capable and impartial referee than Mr. Hogarth has not officiated in the Sambotee Cup competition. However, Todd's Nook nominated a Mr. Miller, of Gateshead, to act. Both parties objected to the state of the ground before commencing. When a start was made (my correspondent writes) "it was soon found that we had a referee who would not give us justice. In fact, I had hard work to keep the spectators from interfering."

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When the interval arrived the visitors were leading by two goals to nil. On play being resumed, the referee allowed another goal to Todd's Nook when the scorer was about ten yards behind the home backs, and refused to entertain a strong appeal for off-side. This was too much for the gentleman in charge of the home team, so he went and stopped the game. Mr. Miller had a lively time after that, but fortunately he came to no harm, and got away safe and sound. My correspondent concludes:—"The treatment we have received in this competition has been dreadful. I have lodged a protest, but I guess it will be like all other things—we will receive the gentle knock." I very much regret that the game should have been of such an unpleasant nature, and although I do not support the spectators in the attitude they assumed towards the referee, there can be little doubt but that the latter brought a good deal of it upon his head by his—to say the least—peculiar decisions. It is unfortunate, in my opinion, that Todd's Nook did not accept my friend, Mr. Hogarth, and then we should probably have been spared this unseemly disturbance.

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THE SENIOR CUP.

At a meeting of the Challenge Cup Committee of the Durham Football Association, held at Durham on Friday evening, it was resolved that the final tie of the Senior Cup should be played at Darlington on March 28th, and that the winners should receive gold medals and the runners-up silver medals. As my readers will be aware, the clubs interested are Tow Law and Sunderland A. Of course, the Wearsiders are favourites for the event, but I should dearly like to see them upset, and if the hill top boys will only show the same form as they did when they knocked out Darlington at Feethams, they may easily create another big surprise. However, win or lose, nothing but praise is due to Tow Law for having reached their present proud position in the competition, and they mean to leave no stone unturned in order to achieve the honour of holding the trophy. Sunderland have had their full share of honours in this direction, and can well afford to let some other club have a chance. Losing the cup will make little difference to them, whereas if it comes to Tow Law it might do the game a lot of good in that district, and also stir up other clubs to endeavour to emulate the feat of the lads from the hill top. Tow Law have my very heartiest wishes for their success, and no one will be more pleased than "Offside" should they bring off the unexpected and defeat the Alliance champions.

THE JUNIOR CUP.

We have now reached the semi-final stage of the Junior Cup, and the clubs qualified to take part are Leadgate Park, Darlington Athletic, Sunderland East End, and West Auckland. The two former have been drawn to meet at Darlington on April 4th, and the two latter on the West Auckland ground a week sooner. Many people think that the winner of the Darlington game will ultimately land the cup, and probably they are not very far wrong, although, at the same time, it must be said that both the other semi-finalists have been doing remarkably well this season, more especially the Sunderland men, who appear to win either at home or away with equal facility. There is no doubt that Darlington Athletic are a very strong combination, made up as they are from the pick of the Darlington clubs, and I believe that Mr. Buckton, when at Leadgate, gave it as his opinion that the Athletic would win the cup. Of course, that gentleman is an excellent judge, but still I do not despair of the Park beating them if they will only pay strict attention to training regulations, and play up to their proper form. Had the game been at Leadgate I should at once have plumped for the Park, and even as it is I fancy that they will just about pull it off. If they come with such a game as against Sunderland A—whom they defeated fairly and squarely on their merits—the Athletic can say good-bye to the cup. The other tie is likely to be another close and exciting encounter, and notwithstanding that they have choice of ground I shall not be in the least surprised if West Auckland receive their quietus, for there is no getting away from the excellent form Sunderland East End are showing just at present. In fact, a lot of people in the Wearside borough say that both the Durham cups will come there this year, but no doubt the wish is father to the thought. It would be rather a drop if neither of them found their way to Sunderland.

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THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. WM. SMITH.

It has been finally decided to hold the supper and presentation at the house of Mrs. Smith, Rowland's Gill, on Saturday night, March 28th, when two representatives from each club will attend, along with the representatives of the local press. The presentation will be made by Mr. J. Bennett, of Byer Moor, the chairman of the committee. Supper to be on the tables at 6.30 p.m. Anyone desirous of being present must communicate with the secretary, Mr. T. Amos, 5, Hobson, Burnopfield, not later than Saturday first. Tickets, 2/6 each.

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FORMATION OF A REFEREES' ASSOCIATION FOR NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

On Saturday evening, in response to an invitation issued by Mr. Richard Glass, the well-known referee and member of the Northumberland Association, a very large number of referees belonging to Northumberland and Durham met at Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a referees' association confined to the counties named. The proceedings were presided over by Mr. Alec Murray, who explained the objects of the proposed association, which would be carried on on similar lines to those in other parts of the kingdom.—Mr. Cooper, Durham, pointed out how such an association would be of great benefit not only to the referees themselves, between whom it would tend to increase the friendly feeling which already existed, but to the public, who would have greater confidence in their decisions when they knew that the official was fully qualified to officiate in a match.—It having been decided to form the association, over fifty members were enrolled, and the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. D. Morrison, Jarrow; Committee, Messrs Jos. Wardropper, W. Tiffen, and W. Scott, Newcastle; J. Hudson, Shankhouse; J. W. Greener, and J. T. Patten, Newcastle; J. R. Douglas and R. Bennett, Gateshead; R. Campbell, and J. Conqueror, Sunderland; and J. Cooper and R. Coleman, Durham; honorary secretary, Mr. R. Glass, 25, Belvedere Street, Heaton, Newcastle; honorary treasurer, Mr. A. H. White, 43, Mowbray Street, Heaton, Newcastle.—It was agreed that the entrance fee should be 2/6, with an annual subscription of the same amount, to be paid before May 16th, on which day the first general meeting will be held. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting, which was most successful and enthusiastic.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS A.F.C.

The members of this club held their third annual supper and social on Saturday night last, at Shotley Bridge. A capital repast received ample justice, between fifty and sixty partaking of it. When the cloths were removed the spacious room was well filled. Mr. William Oliver and Mr. Hannan were elected to the chair and vice-chair respectively. The "Steady team" were strongly represented, headed by their genial captain, Mr. J. Wood. Some splendid songs were well rendered by Messrs J. Hughes, J. and W. Oliver, T. and C. Winter, J. McTaggart, W. Hunter, J. Thompson, and J. Barron. Mr. J. Robinson officiated as accompanist most ably. A hearty vote of thanks to the Host and Hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Morgan), for the excellent supper they had provided, which cannot receive too much praise, was awarded musical honours. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks.

THE PROPOSED LEAGUE FOR NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

Dear Sir,—Re proposed formation of League for North-West Durham and representation of district on Challenge Cup Committee. The adjourned meeting in connection with the above will be held at the Red Ox Inn, Dipton, on Tuesday night next, March 24th, at 7 o'clock. All clubs in the district are earnestly requested to send representatives to this meeting. Yours faithfully,

THOS. ALLISON, Sec. pro. tem.

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ALLENDALE PARK V. KYO UNITED.

Dear "Offside,"—In reply to Mr. Chapman's letter of last week, wherein he states that he expects a reply from me, in order not to disappoint his expectations I beg to reply as follows:—The public have now heard both sides of the question, and I am quite willing to leave the matter to their judgment without washing any more "dirty linen," vide Mr. Chapman. Your other correspondent, who shelters his ignorance under a Latin nom-de-plume, in order to gull the public, I treat with contempt.—Yours etc, W. G. F. THOMPSON,

Hon. Sec. A.P.A.F.C.

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THE COMPLAINT AGAINST OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

Dear Sir,—In looking over the columns of last week's issue of your paper, I regret to notice a statement referring to Craghead Rangers from my worthy friend, Mr. John Rose, secretary of Oakey's Lilywhites. Does he wish the public at large to believe such a false statement as he makes? If he does then he has made a great mistake. Abuse is not argument, and I think it comes with very bad grace from one in his position. Now let us look at the situation fairly and squarely. In the first place, Mr. Rose denies the charge that was made against his club. He says the Rangers are not sportsmanlike. Well, we will admit that we do not attend the betting rooms to get all the latest news of the day. Moreover, Mr. Rose should weigh himself up properly for fear he might be found wanting. When the Rangers arrived at Stanley to play their Junior Cup-tie the first words that fell from one of the Oakey's players were, "I'll lay six to four." When the Craghead players came back to the dressing-rooms they were scoffed on all sides by the "Whites." The referee, Mr. Hobson, was in the room when this took place, and said to our men that it was bad conduct on the part of the home team. It is a pity they have'nt more sense than to treat a defeated club in such a manner. There is one thing your correspondent does not mention to the public. On February 8th the Rangers played a league fixture on the Lilywhites' ground. During the game I was standing against a member of the Oakey's club, and the language that he used on this occasion was disgraceful. If they are so well educated it would be much better if the committee would see that the conduct on their ground is better towards strangers. For instance, when this latter game was over there were men ready to start mischief because the "Whites" did not win. One of our players had to fight his way the best way he could to the dressing-rooms, and he was struck. Oakey's is a nice club when they get all their ow nway. If this is their good conduct I will give in. As regards the Rangers taking a defeat badly, they can't lay one charge of the kind against us. My friend states that the Rangers' committee challenged them to play for £50 if they would leave the Durham Association. This sort of talk will not do, and I am surprised at Mr. Rose when he talks just for talking's sake. It is just the way to cause dissension in local football circles. Had Mr. Rose only possessed a reasonable amount of commonsense he would certainly have refrained from using several of his remarks, which are far from the truth. Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of the above, and wishing Mr. Rose and his club many a happy day together.—I am, sir, yours respectively, CHRISTOPHER PALMER,

Hon. secretary Craghead Rangers A.F.C.

MEMS.

The heavy snowstorm of Friday caused the abandonment of several important fixtures.

Amongst those were—Dipton v. Willington, Hobson v. Gateshead St. Cuthbert's, Tow Law v. St. Augustine's, and Blackhill Rovers v. Hartlepool Old Boys.

The same cause interfered considerably with the attendance at Stanley.

Still, a "gate" of nearly £10 cannot be accounted bad under the circumstances.

After a lengthy spell of cup-ties, the Park will now endeavour to wipe off some of their league fixtures.

Hexham Excelsior will be encountered away to-morrow, and should the Park win this game the championship is pretty well assured to them.

An excellent likeness of Mr. John Costello appeared in the "Evening Chronicle" Football Edition of Saturday.

The Exiles had an easy job on hand on Saturday in their return fixture against Consett.

The game was very one-sided, the "greens" doing pretty much as they liked.

I regret to state that a player named Rix sustained a fracture of the leg at Kyo on Saturday though accidentally coming into collision with one of the Lizzie backs.

Railton (the old Consett cricketer) was an interested spectator at the North-West Durham League game at Craghead.

He informed some of the Consett players that he is again going to assist Craghead this year, and is looking anxiously forward to the opening of the season.

Ouston (champions of the Chester-le-Street and District League) have the following fine league record:—Matches played 14, won 11, drawn 2, lost 1, scoring 39 goals against 14.

Smith and Ellison played a fine game for Esh excelsiors against Cornsay on Saturday.

In Bewers the Excelsiors have a goalkeeper of whom they may well be proud.

The match between Consett Swifts and the Lilywhites is billed as "A fight for the championship," and we are promised a rare game.

H. Anderson played a splendid game for West Stanley Athletic against Lnits Rovers, scoring four goals.

Handy, Wheatley, Atkinson, and Smith also showed good form for the Athletic.

The game between Consett and Marley Hill, on Saturday, will have a considerable bearing on the championship of the Derwent Valley League.

The match at the Spen—Spen Albion v. Rest of League—promises to furnish a good struggle.

The Spen men are just now in rare form, and their supporters are sure to turn out in large numbers to see them give battle to the "Rest."

Representatives of clubs should not forget the meeting at Dipton on Tuesday night—at 7.

Mr. A. Robinson writes:—Seeing that Consett Town Juniors are not satisfied with us beating them twice this season, will they pluck up courage to play us for eleven silver medals? I hope they will accept this challenge or "dry up."

Dipton should secure a couple of points to-morrow against Newcastle East End.

Shotley Bridge Rovers appear to have had a most enjoyable supper and "social" on Saturday night.

It is very unfortunate for the Park, from a financial point of view, that they have to travel to Darlington in the next round of the Junior Cup.

This game would probably have drawn a "gate" of from £15 to £20 at Leadgate, whereas (unless the N.E.R. run an excursion) the local men will be lucky if they clear expenses.

I understand that an effort will be made to induce the Athletic to change the venue, and I trust that it will be successful.

The Park secretary (Mr. A. Graham) endeavoured to arrange for a trip to Hexham to-morrow, but could not succeed.

Jack Willey was just about the best man on the field at Stanley last Saturday.

Mr. Geo. Press writes:—St. John's are very glad to hear that the Lilywhites are in want of a game for a set of medals. The "Saints" will be glad to meet them at the Bute Arms, Dipton, on March 25th, to arrange a game. If they do not want to play any other team can have the chance, but all players must be under 18 years of age. I hope that the Lilywhites will not run back on their challenge.

Burnopfield Temperance proved too good for Flint Hill after all, although the latter were playing at home.

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His numerous friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. Wm. Smith (the esteemed secretary of the Derwent Valley League) has been seriously unwell, and confined to his house.

However, I am gratified to state that he is now on the high road to recovery, and hopes to be present at the game at the Spen on Saturday.

The Park concert on Monday night promises to be a great success.

An excellent array of talent has been secured for the occasion.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The table to date is as follows :

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Ag't	Pts
Blyth	20	14	2	4	68	26	30
Newcastle United A	21	12	4	5	46	27	28
Sunderland A	18	13	1	4	51	23	27
Shankhouse	19	12	2	5	64	18	26
Jarrow	16	10	5	1	37	19	25
Gateshead N.E.R.	19	9	5	5	44	29	23
Southwick	21	8	4	9	36	47	20
Willington	14	8	3	3	55	28	19
Rendel	18	6	3	9	21	30	15
Hebburn	20	6	3	11	30	41	15
Birtley	19	4	3	12	21	62	11
Dipton	17	4	2	11	27	48	10
Axwell Rovers	23	3	4	16	24	83	10
Newcastle East End	19	2	1	16	12	65	5

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

Results up to date :—

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Agt	Pts
Wallsend Park Villa	17	10	5	2	58	36	22
St. Peter's Albion	14	8	2	4	50	26	20
Mickley	15	9	4	2	41	22	20
Leadgate Park	10	8	2	0	39	12	16
Hobson Wanderers	14	7	5	2	37	29	16
Hexham Excelsior	13	7	5	1	31	26	15
Wallsend Celtic	12	3	4	5	25	26	11
Prudhoe	13	2	10	1	18	38	5
Gateshead Engineers	12	1	9	2	9	60	4
Gateshead St. Cuthbert's	12	1	10	1	17	51	3

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Results up to date :

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Ag't	Pts
Consett	15	9	3	3	43	22	21
Marley Hill St Cuthb'rts	13	8	3	2	24	17	18
Spen Albion	14	8	3	3	34	22	17
Shotley Bridge Rovers	15	8	6	1	43	40	17
Byer Moor	14	4	5	5	29	25	13
Leadgate Park Reserve	10	4	2	4	21	17	12
Whickham	14	5	7	2	19	42	12
Lintzford	14	4	8	2	30	34	10
Hobson Wanderers Res	15	2	13	0	25	51	4

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

Result up to date :—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Ag't	Pts
Lizzie Celtic	8	7	0	1	38	7	14
Consett Town Swifts	10	6	2	2	38	11	14
Oakey's Lilywhites	8	5	1	2	22	16	11
Allendale Park	9	4	2	3	23	16	10
Craghead Rangers	10	4	2	4	29	21	10
Kyo United	10	1	1	8	10	43	1
Derwent Ramblers	7	0	0	7	4	48	0

Kyo United have two points deducted for playing unregistered men.

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DEARNESS VALLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The following are the results up to and including Saturday last :—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Ag't	Pts
Witton Gilbert Glendenning Albion	8	5	1	2	25	14	11
*Cornsay Rising Rovers	8	7	1	0	47	14	11
Esh Excelsiors	6	4	2	0	18	9	10
Cornsay Shamrocks	7	3	3	1	21	15	9
Hedley Hill Rangers Res	6	3	1	2	22	14	7
Esh Villa Bluebells	7	0	2	5	3	15	2
Hamsteels	7	1	0	6	13	34	2
Lymington Exiles	8	0	0	8	6	42	0

*Cornsay Rising Rovers have four points deducted for playing ineligible players.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Hare Law Schoolboys have some dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 10 to 12. Apply, S. Hendry, 3, Station Terrace, Annfield Plain.

Crookhall Red Stars have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 10 to 14. Apply, A. Bordon, 6, Red Row, Crookhall.

West Pelton United would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 10 to 12. Apply, R. Cherry, 94, George Street, West Pelton.

Annfield Plain Violets would like to arrange matches with junior teams in the district; ages, 12 to 16. Apply, G. Smith, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain.

All teams having fixtures with South Medomsley are requested to cancel them, as the club has broken up.

Marley Hill Royal Oaks are in want of dates; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, R. Triglown, 60, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

All clubs having dates with Tanfield United are requested to cancel them, as the club is broken up.

Tantobie Co-operators Reserve are in want of a few dates with junior teams. Apply, Geo. Chrisp, sec., Co-operative Society, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Blackhill St. Mary's would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 10 to 12. Apply, T. Page, 20, Dixon Street, Blackfine.

Burnopfield Violets are in want of matches; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, Wm. Lee, Gasworks, Burnopfield.

Sporting Items.

QUOITING.

SUNNISIDE.—On Saturday afternoon in a field adjacent to Mr. Thompson, Sunniside, a quoit match was brought off between William Haswell and George McGivern, on the one part, and Hall Emerson and James Blacklock on the other, all of Sunniside, who played with 4lb quoits, 10 yards on the sward, 2 inch pins, 15 chalks game, on level terms, £5 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Emerson and Blacklock. Result:—Haswell and McGivern, 15; Emerson and Blacklock, 9. Mr. Robert Curtiss, of Sunniside, was referee and stakeholder.

BLAYDON.—On Saturday afternoon a handicap was commenced in the enclosure adjoining Mrs. Robinson's, Railway Hotel, Blaydon. £2 was added to an entrance of 2/6, and the conditions were ten yards on the clay, sharp edged quoits, 2-inch pins, and 41 points up. There was a good number of spectators present, and the following heats in the first round were decided:—E. Turner, Blaydon, 5, beat T. Spoors, Blaydon, 13, by 22; R. Bewick, Blaydon, 21 beat Jos. Hazelgreaves, 23, by 8. The handicap was left open, and will be resumed on Saturday. Mr. M. Kelly was handicapper and referee.

QUOITING

FELLSIDE.—A fairly good muster of spectators assembled near the Red Lion Inn, on Monday morning, to witness a double game between George Dawson and William Melvin, on the one part, and Robert Telford and Joseph Makepeace, on the other, all of Fellside, who played with 5lb quoits, 10 yards on the sward, 2-inch pins, 2 steps, 25 chalks game, Telford and Makepeace receiving 5 chalks start, for £7 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Dawson and Melvin. Result:—Telford and Makepeace, 25; Dawson and Melvin, 19. Mr. James Urwin, of Fellside, was referee and stakeholder.—A second game was played between William Winter and Robert Foggin, on the one part, and James Steel and William Harbottle, all of Fellside, on the other, who played a game with 6lb quoits, 12 yards on the sward, 2-inch pins, 3 steps, 21 chalks game, on level terms, for £5 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Winter and Foggin. Results:—Steel and Harbottle, 21; Winter and Foggin, 19. Mr. Luke Fairhurst, of Fellside, was referee and stakeholder.

PEDESTRIANISM.

FELLSIDE.—On Saturday afternoon, in very unsettled weather, a foot race was brought off in a field at Fellside, adjacent to Mr. Turnbull's, Red Lion Inn, where William Cooke and Amos Richardson, of Fellside, ran 100 yards on level terms, for £5 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Richardson. A capital start was effected, and the favourite running out the stronger won by half a yard. Mr. Thomas Smith, of Fellside, was referee and stakeholder.

COURSING.

SUNNISIDE.—A 200 yards straight out dog race was brought off in a field, adjacent to Mr. Thompson's, Sunniside, on Saturday morning, between Harrison's Flyer, and Robson's Meg the Fake, who ran for £7. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Flyer, who was conceded a half yard start. The favourite won by a foot. Mr. Joseph Bulmer, of Sunniside, was referee and stakeholder.

A large company assembled in a field closely adjoining the house of Mr. Michael Gowland, Black Horse Inn, Barlow, to witness a match at rabbits by greyhounds, between Bennetts Bob, of Dipton, and Summerside's Conductress, of Spen, for £40, the best of 21 courses. Scores:—Conductoress, 010101001101111010001—total 11; Bob, 10 010101100100010110—total 9. Mr. Robert Lowes acted as slipper, whilst Mr. Joseph Clydesdale, Spen, officiated as judge.

FELLSIDE.—A 200 yards straight out dog race was decided before a goodly muster on Saturday, in a field at Fellside, between James Rutherford's Simple Jim, and Robert Elderton's Jeanie Deans, both of Fellside, the latter being conceded four yards start, for £10 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Jeanie Deans, who ultimately won by two yards.—A second match was afterwards decided between Hetherington's Black Slave, and Burn's Kitty, both of Fellside, who ran over the same course, for £7 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Kitty, who won by a yard. Mr. Robert Emerson, of Fellside, officiated as stakeholder and referee, and Mr. James Brewster was pistol firer in both matches.

WINLATON.—On Monday afternoon a small dog sweep was held, for which 20s was added to 3s 6d entrance, and a good number of candidates were entered. Details:—First round—Cranson's Dick Turpin beat Thompson's Hats Off; Amstrong's North Lad beat Westy's Butcher Boy; Stamper's (2nd lot) beat Dobson's Bitch, after two no goes; Dick Turpin (2nd lot) beat Drinks Round (2nd lot); Armstrong's Come by Chance beat Dobson's bitch (2nd lot); Drinks round (3rd lot) beat Hunter's Bessy Walker; North Lad (2nd lot) beat Westy's by Chance Jubilee. Second round—Dick Turpin beat North Lad; Hats Off beat Drinks Round; Dick Turpin beat Come by Chance; Drinks Round beat North Lad. Third round—Hats Off beat Dick Turpin; North Lad beat Dick Turpin. Final—Hats Off beat North Lad. Mr. W. Rayne was pistol firer, Mr. R. Archbold bookkeeper, and Mr. Jos. Whitfield acted as judge.

We have received from the author, Mr. William Turnbull, James Street, Jarrow, a neat booklet, entitled, "Recollections of an Otter Hunter," which is published at one shilling. It is made up of detached reports, recollections, and verse which contain a brief epitome of a long and wide experience in the splendid, but now, unfortunately, decadent sport of otter hunting. Mr. Turnbull has had an "wide" experience of otter-hunting, for he has taken part in the sport in two hemispheres, and strangely enough, some of his earliest hunts were on the River Wabash, in Indiana. But Bellingham was the scene of his greatest activities in this line of business, and those who read his book will learn a good deal of the sportsman's life on the North Tyne some 40 years ago. Mr. Turnbull is a very old man now—past the span allotted by the psalmist—and it is not likely that many of his earlier companions are still in the land of the living. But to those who be will his recollections bring back the stirring and exhilarating incidents of many a morning spent amid the ravishing surroundings of our wild North-Country river.

SHOOTING.

A fair good company mustered in a field adjoining Mrs. Clark's, Green Tree Inn, Barlow, to witness the first pigeon shooting of the Barlow Gun Club. The duties of secretaries were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. H. Smart and Mr. J. Armstrong, whilst Mr. William Waugh, of Greenside, officiated as referee. A match for £5 was decided, at three birds each, between Popman and an unknown, when Popman won easy, by killing his three to the other's one. Appended is the scores in the handicap:—J. Robinson, 22, 11111; Foster Slater, 18, 11111; John Suttes, 20, 00101; R. Leybourne, 20, 01111; J. Armstrong, Barlow, 21, 01110; Barlow Novice, 17, 10000; T. Watson, 20, 00111; J. Armstrong, Spen, 21, 11001; T. Armstrong, Spen, 22, 11001; J. Thompson, 19, 11001; First Try, 17, 10010; R. Spears, 20, 01111; William Bewick, 22, 11111; J. Burls, 21, 10110; Jewitt, Burnhope, 23, 11000; T. Pratt, 18, 101111; T. Robson, 19, 101001; J. Fellows, 21, 01101; J. Homes, 18, 01001; Wm. Hood, 19, 10111; J. Robson, Spen, 20, 01001; T. Bell, 21, 00010; Barlow, 17, 11011; J. Clark, Blaydon, 20, 01111. Stakes divided.

Cycling Notes.

THE SUGGESTED CYCLE TAX.

The National Cycling Union are moving strongly in the question of the proposed cycle tax. As a preliminary, and with a view to concerted action throughout the whole of the country, the various centres are being communicated with, with the object of securing their co-operation. Members of Parliament throughout the country will be approached, and the disadvantages of the proposed tax on cyclists laid before them with the endeavour, as far as possible, to obtain their pledge to oppose in Parliament any such tax. Leaflets are also being issued which set out the following disadvantages of a cycle tax:—

1.—It will greatly embarrass and retard a young and growing industry.

2.—It will press hardly upon people of small means.

3.—It will undoubtedly check the use of the cycle for business and practical purposes, particularly amongst the working classes.

4.—It will prove both irksome and harassing to all riders, particularly if accompanied by the enforced display of a numbered plate.

5.—Having in view the cost of collection, the revenue cannot prove but small and insignificant.

6.—The nuisance of this tax will undoubtedly deter a large number of people of all classes from adopting a healthy and harmless form of exercise.

7.—The imposition of a cycle tax in France has not been attended with success.

8.—It is a dangerous precedent to introduce a tax upon any country's pastimes. Cyclists, as ordinary citizens, are already taxpayers, and the use of the cycle is absolutely harmless to the public highway.

9.—It will be a tax upon national health and trade.

LUMLEY CYCLING CLUB.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of this popular club was held at the head quarters, Smith's Arms (Mrs Cuthbertson), there being a large and representative gathering of members. Mr Edward Charlton, president of the club, presided. Councillor Tom Appleby, hon. secretary, produced his annual report, showing the club to be in a highly satisfactory and flourishing condition. During the past season the club had attended the following church parades:—Lumley Castle, Stannington, Seaham Habour, Hetton, Houghton-le-Spring, and Durham, all of which had been largely attended. They had also attended dress parades at Hetton, Murton, and Silksworth, which were held in aid of charitable institutions. The club consisted of over 50 members, being an increase of ten from the corresponding period of last season. Mr Robt. Hawking, hon. treasurer, next read the financial statement, which showed a balance of £13 6s 4d to be carried over to this season's account. The Chairman, in congratulating those present on the flourishing condition of their club, dwelt on the healthful exercise of cycling. Although he himself had now turned the meridian of life, there was none present who had a greater admiration of cycling than he had himself. (Applause.) He was glad to hear from their worthy secretary's report as to the increase of membership, and he hoped that the list would be still further enlarged during the ensuing year. He had great pleasure in presenting the prizes for best attendance at club runs (given by Mr T. D. Oliver, of Newcastle, manager of the Rudge and Whitworth Cycling Co.) to the following members:—Surtees Greenwell, 22; Fred Greenwell, 21; Chas. Moor, 20; Edward Charlton, 18; and John Charlton, 17. On the motion of Mr Appleby it was resolved that the cycling enclosure be further improved, and a sub-committee was subsequently formed to wait upon the Countess of Scarborough at an early date with respect to the holding of the annual Lumley Castle Church Parade, in July, which gathering has always been a decided success. The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted:—Patrons, Mr V. C. S. U. Corbett, J.P., C.C.; Captain Fenwick, Mr F. Berkley, Mr J. Crawford, and Mr C. Renwick; president, Mr Edward Charlton; captain, Mr Surtees Greenwell; vice-captain, Mr Will. Charlton; hon. secretary Councillor Tom Appleby; hon. treasurer, Mr Robt. Hawking; committee, Messrs J. Appleby, R. Selby, F. Greenwell, T. Winship, and J. Charlton. Votes of thanks having been accorded to the chairman and officers, also to Mr T. D. Oliver, of Newcastle, the meeting terminated.

Cricket.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY CRICKET CLUB.

A PHILADELPHIA TEAM v BURNHOPE.

The above club have secured the famous Philadelphia team for their opening match on Easter Monday, April 6th, and should the weather prove favourable, the cricket loving fraternity will be amply repaid by journeying to Burnhope to witness what will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting encounters that has ever been played on the above ground. The team from Philadelphia, to be called Mr C. W. Martin's term, will be chosen from the following:—D. Nichol (Sunderland), T. Lambert (Elswick Works), T. Simpson (North Durham), T. Potts (captain), J. Young, J. Lee, J. C. Harrison, T. Smith, T. Hudson, Jas. Kirtley, C. J. Young, R. Harrison, Jno. Dixon, Robt. Redpath, Philadelphia. The Burnhope team, which will consist of 15 players, will be strengthened by the inclusion of J. J. Howe (Durham City), M. Nichol (Chilton Moor), J. Bennett (Stanley), J. Willins (Station Town), W. Rafton, and W. Dyson (Craghead.) Wickets to be pitched at 11 o'clock. Luncheon provided at one o'clock, and smoking concert in the evening. The Burnhope club are naturally hoping for a fine day and a bumper attendance.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday 25 fat cattle, 74 fat sheep, 3 pork pigs, 9 small pigs, 9 calves, 11 cows, and 2 horses. Fat cattle: Young bulls, £19 5s from Mr J Angus, Healeyfield; fat bullocks, to £18 15s Mr E Stokoe, Hedley Wood Head; £17 15s Mr Suddes, Cornsay; £14 12s 6d Mr T Walker, Medomsley. Fat cows, to £18 5s 6d Mr Suddes. Heifers £12, £14 17s 6d, and £15 7s 6d. Calved cows, £12 7s 6d to £13 10s. Calves, 15s to 29s. Pork pigs, 47s to 79s; small pigs, 13s 6d to 15s. Sheep: Hoggs to 45s 6d, Mr R Dixon, Broad Oak; 45s, Messrs Graham, Whittonstall Hall Farm; 33s, Mr R Murray, Elm Park; 34s, Mr Anderson, White Hall; 40s 6d, Messrs Cowen, Greymare Hill; 40s Mr Thompson, South Field; 45s 6d, Mr Palmer, Langley West House. There was a large company present, but trade was a little flat, with the exception of sheep, which were a very good trade, most of the hoggs making fully 8d per lb, and some of the light weights made a little more.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 55 dairy cows and heifers, 18 fat cattle, 3 store cattle, 9 finger calves, 90 fat sheep and hoggs, 2 pigs. Cows made up to £18 5s; fat cattle, to £18 17s 6d—top, Mr G Parker, New Kow Farm, Wolsingham; store cattle, to £8; calves, to 28s; fat hoggs, to 38s 6d, from Mr T Nesbitt, Macniel; to 38s from the Charlaw and Sacriston Coal Company, Witton Gilbert; to 33s 6d, from Mr T Nichol, West Shield; Iceland wethers, to 38s 6d.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr J Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale and had forward 75 fat cattle, 190 fat sheep, 2 fat sucklers, 1 fat bull, 3 veal calves, 28 in-calving and new-calved heifers, 10 young pigs, and 5 pork pigs. There was a large attendance of butchers, dealers and farmers, but trade for milch cows was slow throughout, and at the finish a few were left unsold. Fat sheep, which was a grand lot, were in greater demand than last sale, and prices were a shade better. The fat cattle trade was slow and dragging throughout, notwithstanding that the quality was one of the best shown at this mart since the Christmas fat stock show. Prices:—Incalving and new calved cows to £19 5s, for a very grand cow from Mr F Bellwood, Thirsk. Fat cattle: Bullocks, to £19 17s 6d—top, Mr H Potts, Arbour House; fat heifers, to £20—top, Mr T Young, Broomyholme. Fat cows, to £18 7s 6d—top, Mr Shepherd, Arbour House; fat sucklers, to £10 15s—top Mr J Shepherd. Fat sheep: Hoggs to 51s, and Cheviot wethers, to 51s—top, Mr J Thornton, Trilby; fat ewes, to 40s—top, Mr T Smith and Sons, Derwent Crook. Veal calves, to 25s, pigs, to 29s 6d. Sale concluded at 5 p.m.

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THE SNOWSTORM

There was a heavy fall of snow in North-West Durham on Friday night and Saturday.

SERVANT GIRL CHARGED WITH THEFT.

SINGULAR CASE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

At the Chester-le-Street Constabulary Offices, on Friday—before Mr H. W. Kerrich-Walker—Annie Lorrison, or Laurescon, 23, was charged with stealing four bank cheques, the property of Mrs M. A. Young, farmer, Broomy Holm, near Chester-le-Street, between January 11th and March 1th.

Inspector Heslop said he would ask for a remand, until the case could be further gone into. It appeared that Mrs Young had two banking accounts, one with Messrs Lambton and Coy., and the other with the North-Eastern Banking Company. On January 11th she got a new cheque book from the latter firm, and on the 13th of the same month drew a cheque for £18 15s, payment for a cow. Since that time she had not had occasion to use the cheque book, which she kept locked in a drawer in an upstair room. In November last she hired the prisoner at Newcastle at a wage of £10 for the half-year. Since prisoner went to Broomy Holm, Mrs Young had several times missed money; sometimes a sovereign at a time. Prisoner had never drawn any part of her wages, and always said she had plenty of money. She bought herself new clothes and finery of all sorts, including a new gold watch, although she was already possessed of a good silver watch. Mrs Young became suspicious, and, with her daughter, Mrs Blackburn, examined her cheque book. She had some difficulty in opening the draw, as if the lock had been tampered with. The examination of the book showed that the cheques and counterfoils numbered 21, 27, 31, and 33 had been abstracted. Information was given to the police, and P.C. Bridges found in the prisoner's room two of the cheques in a sealed envelope. He also found letters from a man in South Shields, thanking prisoner for the postal orders she had sent; and asking her to send, at once, an order for 10s. Between the bed and the mattress where the prisoner slept the officer found a six-chambered revolver, fully loaded, and a box of 50 cartridges. She was at once taken into custody. An enquiry at the North-Eastern Bank at Chester-le-Street this morning showed that whatever had become of the two missing cheques, they had not found their way there.

Prisoner, when charged by Mr Kerrich-Walker, said she could give no account of anything, and was at once remanded for eight days.

AN ESSEX SAMARITAN.

The "Woodbridge Reporter" publishes an interesting account of "The Essex Samaritan," more exactly known as Mr. George Edwards, of Little Bealings, near Ipswich, who, though a quiet and retiring person, is noted locally for the good he has done to people who have had the benefit of his advice, which we now give to our readers. It appears that Mr. Edwards' lore is the result of his own experience:

"When I was a boy,' said he, "I had a bad attack of rheumatic fever, and another about eleven years ago, when I was laid up for twenty-one weeks."

"And up to two years ago," interrupted his wife, "if he only got a cold or the weather was changeable he suffered most excrutiating pain in all his limbs. He could get no rest night nor day, for he could not sleep at night or rest in the day time."

"Yes," continued Mr. Edwards, "it was about two years ago, just before Christmas, when I was suffering dreadfully with rheumatism in my legs, so that I could not get my stockings on, nor walk. Nothing did me good. One day I was looking at the newspaper and saw what wonderful things Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had done, and I said 'I'll have a try at them.' So I sent right away to Dr. Williams' place for a box."

Mrs. Edwards again interposed here: "Yes," she said, "and after he had taken that one box he felt great relief, and so he sent again and got another."

"I had only three boxes altogether," continued the husband. "And that properly cured him," chimed in the wife emphatically.

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LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

On Thursday, the monthly meeting of this Committee took place in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester. There was a good attendance of representatives, presided over by Mr. Luke Nicholson, J.P.

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The following reports were read:—

Gentlemen,—Annexed herewith is a statement of the attendance at the public elementary schools in this division during the quarter ending Christmas. It will be seen that the number of children, over five years of age, on the registers is 3,111, and the average attendance 2,669.9 or 85.82 per cent. The low percentage is due to the prevalence of typhoid fever in the district.

On the 6th inst the Consett Wesleyan Schools were examined by Mr. H. Brown and Mr. Crompton, H.M. Inspectors of Schools.

On Monday last, at the Consett Police Court, as the attendance of the child Catherine Welsh has during the eight weeks of probation been satisfactory, the case pending against her was discharged.

During the month I have visited the homes of 735 absentees, and reported 80 to other officers, served six bye-law notices, and made 39 visits to schools.

W. WARD.

Gentlemen,—The accompanying statement gives dates of 25 visits to schools during the last month.

I have also made 353 visits to the houses of 498 children—irregular attenders.

Bye-law notices have been served at the following places, viz., Two at South Moor, and one at Langley Park, one at Ushaw Moor, one at Cornsay Colliery, one at Quebec, and one at Burnhope; total, 8.

JOHN GIBSON.

The reports were adopted, and the other business transacted was of a formal character.

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GRETNA GREEN MARRIAGES.

The "Windsor Magazine" for March gives an exceptionally interesting article on the "History and Romance of Gretna Green Marriages," in which it is stated that the "selection of the unpretentious village of Gretna or Graitney, as that haven for 'haste to-the-wedding' couples from the South is called, was probably due to the fact that it was the first place across the Scottish border, on the highway, where not only rest and refreshments could be obtained, but where—and chiefly—the guarantee (such as it was) was assured that on a certain simple form or ceremony having been gone through any fugitive couple could, by the payment of a fee, be made man and wife.

"So far as can be known with any certainity it was some time between 1747 and 1750 that the Dumfrivshire village of Graitney was discovered to be a really serviceable point or stage in the progress of the journey northwards into Scottish territory of those who hurried from the South with all possible speed to obtain the matrimonial licence. Before that time runaway marriages of 'foreigners' (as all but natives of Scotland were termed), consummated on Scottish soil, were of frequent occurrence. But why should the fugitives fly farther than was really necessary since here at Gretna their business could be just as well and legally accomplished as at Perth or Inverness, or even at John o' Groats? Was there nobody at Gretna who could assist the runaways in their plight and save them further anxiety by 'wedding twain hearts and lives in an harmonious unity, right off on the spot? Of course there was. There is at least always one wise man in every village, no matter how sequestered it is from the rest of the world. Even Ghetna Green, outlandish as it was 150 years ago, had its philosopher, though the philosophy which Joseph Paisley possessed was unquestionably of a "slee" and wordly kind. Observing so much matrimonial traffic rush past his own door, Paisley bethought him that the tide of business might be stayed and the fortunes of the place—his own fortune being therein included—mented not a little. Here, thought Joseph, is a crowd of honest folks post-chaising north as fast as their broken-winded horses, belaboured with swearing drivers, can carry them, with palpitating hearts in their breasts and (what is of more consequence to Graitney) with brow clinking guineas in their purses. Why should this merry crowd sweat and palpitate and hurry past my door? Why indeed! And so it came about that Paisley took upon himself the function and authority of the high priest of Hymen for such belated individuals who, but for his kindly intercession, might have gone further inland than Gretna Green, unpicturesque place as it was, and fared worse. As the first man, therefore, who founded the Gretna Green matrimonial agency Joseph Paisley has become a historical character—of a sort. According to all accounts he was a very eccentric individual, with but few of those moral attributes usually associated with the priesthood, though he was, as it is said, possessed of some of their contrary vices, if hard swearing and deep drinking may be so considered."

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INQUEST AT SOUTH MOOR.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

On Tuesday before the Coroner—Mr John Graham, an inquest was held, at the home of Mr Richard Lumley, Stag Inn, South Moor, touching the circumstances attending the death of Thomas Appleby, familiarly known as "Parkin," (46) who died on Saturday last, from injuries received on the 6th inst., whilst returning home from Stanley to South Moor. Mr Dawson was appointed foreman of the jury.

The first witness called was Isaac Newton, grocer's assistant of 9, Co-operative Terrace, West Stanley, who said that he heard a man shouting out on the flags at the corner of Co-operative Terrace between 12 and 1 o'clock on the morning of the 7th inst. He was upstairs in bed and the voice was like that of a drunken man. He was shouting out "Sally shut the door." He remained in bed till about half-past one but could not sleep on account of the noise the man was making. He then got up and went out to him. He was lying with his legs on the flags, with the back of his head beside the Louisa Pit wall. He was alone and witness could see that he was very drunk. He spoke to him and asked him what his name was, but for a minute he made no reply, and when he did speak he said "Parkin" was his name. He asked Parkin if he lived at South Moor, but got no answer, excepting "Shut the door." He told him to go home and went into his house and left him where he found him. He still kept shouting till about 4 o'clock, and then he thought he went down the flags by the noise of his footsteps. It quite disturbed his night's rest. He never saw or heard anything more of Parkin after that. His cap was off and was lying close beside him. He (witness) had a lamp with him which went out, so that he could not see any wound, but could not be sure about it.

William Blenkinsopp said he was a fireman and boiler minder, living at 17, Mary Street, West Stanley. On the 7th inst., he said he saw deceased between 3-30 and 4. Deceased was quite a stranger to him and was passing through the gate from the Louisa Pit Yard to Adam pit on the other side of the main road. Witness got about 3 or 4 yards through the gate when he heard a man saying "Oh dear, oh dear, they behaved badly to me." It was quite dark and he struck a match and went back to the man. He was lying on the footpath between the wall dividing the pit yard from the Co-operative Store. He had no cap on and he did not see it lying about. He did not notice any wound. Witness picked the man up and put him on his feet, but he dropped down again. He picked him up a third time and put him beside the wall. He left him there and went across to the Adam pit boilers after that he was passing across the road, attending to his work, but did not see Parkin again until about 15 minutes to 5, when he was lying against the tube boilers at the Adam pit, in a drunken stupor, and he had to shift him two or three times to get to his work. He had only the light of the boiler fires and could not see him sufficiently to recognize any wounds about him. Between half-past 5 and 15 minutes to 6 o'clock it turned light enough to enable him to see that the man had a cut, as he thought, on the right side of his forehead, with clotted blood on it. Witness said to the deceased "You have a cut on your head," and he pointed to the back of his head. He looked and saw a clot of blood or bruise, as he thought, about the size of a crown piece. He asked him several times, how he had got his bruises, but got no answer as deceased seemed dazed. After 6 o'clock Simon Fulton his mate. Came to relieve him, and he told him about deceased, whereupon Fulton went across to look at him and came back and told witness that he (deceased) had gone.

John Thomas Appleby, miner, of South Moor, son of deceased, said he was a coal hewer and lived at 7 Laskman's Buildings, South Moor. His father died on Saturday, 14th inst., at 72, Poplar Street, South Moor. On the 7th inst. after his father was taken home he went to see him about 8 o'clock in the morning. He was in bed and there was a wound on his head. He did not know whether it had been dressed or not. He spoke to his father and thought he was sensible when he asked him what was the matter with him. Deceased said that he had been badly used. Witness next asked him who by, and deceased replied that

IT WAS "LITTLE DICKY OYSTON."

He (witness) asked him if there were any more, but deceased said that after he (Oyston) felled him he was senseless and could not tell. He said his father told the same story every day until Thursday, the 12th, when he lost his speech.

Coroner Graham asked witness if he went to see Oyston about it.

Witness said he never went to see Oyston because his father said he would go himself when he got better.

George Swinburn, farm servant, said he lived at Park Nook farm, Beamish. On the Friday night in question he saw deceased about 10 minutes past eleven in Stanley, beside the Board Schools in Front Street. He appeared to be drunk, and was alone and going towards home. He (witness) was in company with another young man named William Southern, a miner, of West Stanley, when they passed deceased and bid him good night. He said deceased recognized their voices and came back and spoke to them. He did not make any complaint to them about being ill-used, and had his cap on. He did not see that his clothes were soiled. He escorted him up the road because he was so drunk, telling Southern to wait at Ritson's Billiard Room till he (witness) went back to him, as he did not wish the police to see him with the drunken man. He went by the back way with Parkin to keep him out of the sight of the police, who he knew were in the main road, and finally left Parkin about three quarters of the way up Towneley Street, within 200 yards of Co-operative Terrace, which was a quiet place. The footpath was cemented, but the road was not paved and rough, and was not lighted by the street lamps. He (deceased) said he could manage nicely by himself, and he therefore left him there and saw no more of him that night.

In answer to the Foreman, witness said deceased told him that he understood where he was.

John Thomas Brown, miner, of 38, Pine Street, South Moor, said he knew deceased by the name of Parkin, and saw him about 20 minutes past six at the boiler of the Adam pit, where he was sitting on the ground. He noticed a wound on his forehead and caked blood. He spoke to him and said "get up Tom," but he could hardly speak, and being weak was unable to get up without assistance. Witness said the roadmen helped him to get deceased up and as far on the road with him, after which he struggled with him alone and eventually got him to the bottom of Pine Street, where he met two young men who took deceased from him to his home. All he could say was that he was bad and that somebody had used him badly.

In answer to the Foreman, witness said deceased did not mention any names, as he could not tell who had done it.

Richard Austin, miner, of 4, Mary Street, Stanley, said he knew deceased as Parkin. He saw him on the pay Friday night, March 6th, about 5 o'clock at Dixon's, Oak Tree Inn, South Moor, in the taproom. He was in his company about three-quarters of an hour. He (witness) was quite sober, but deceased had been drinking and was rather talky. He had about 4 gills while he was there, and was drinking with a young man from Stanley. He left him (witness) in Dixon's about 6 o'clock, as one of his daughters went and called him. He went away with her and he (witness) did not see him any more that night. Witness said he stayed at Dixon's till seven o'clock, and then went to Stanley Theatre about 7-30 p.m., or 20 minutes to 8, where he remained until the finish about 10-30 p.m., in company with George Shields, a miner, of 100, Poplar Street, South Moor, who had joined him at the theatre about 8 o'clock. Witness and Shields then went into the market at Stanley, and had some peas and fish. A young man called Daniel McKilty came up, and witness said to Shields that he would be company home for him, and they went away together whilst witness went home. His house was 2 minutes walk from the place where they parted, that would be about 5 or 10 minutes to eleven, and I was no more out until after breakfast on Saturday morning, whilst Parkin and witness were at Dixon's house there was a dispute between them about some pups. A mate and he (witness) had bought a bitch off deceased for £4 10s, and it was an agreement between us that if we made anything with running her, that he was to have a pup out of her. We did run her but made nothing with her. She had pups, but he (witness) refused to let deceased have one, because they had made nothing with her, and he was angry about it, but we did not get to blows, but just argued. Deceased said he would get a pup, and I said he would not, and that was how it finished.

Robert Austin, miner, and brother of Richard Austin, of 4, Mary Street, West Stanley, said that he and his brother were living together. It would be about half-past 5 o'clock when he left Dixon's house on the 6th March, and went straight home. He said he was out in Stanley again the same night not later than 10 o'clock, he was quite sober and got his supper after he went home, just before Richard went in. He was at home before shutting up time, and was quite sober. He had no supper at home, they slept in separate rooms on the same flat. His brother slept in the kitchen, and had his clothes off before he went to his bedroom, which leads out of the kitchen. He (witness) said he got to sleep about half-past eleven, before which time there was no attempt made to get out of the house. When he went in the kitchen about 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 7th, Richard was in bed.

Sergeant John Walker, Police Buildings, West Stanley, said he knew deceased as Thomas Parkin, and on Friday evening, March 6th, about 11 p.m., he was in Front Street, Stanley, where he saw a man with deceased, whom he did not then know, but whom he now recognized as George Swinburn. Deceased was drunk, but as he saw that the man who was taking care of him was sober he did not interfere. He noticed that they went up towards Clifford Road end, after which he saw no more of them that night. He knew the back road described by Swinburn in his evidence, which is called back Towneley Street, the roadway itself was in very fair condition until about the place where Swinburn said he left Appleby There was a large quantity of bricks, stones and other rubbish, the remains of a stable which had lately been pulled down. They were lying in the roadway, and a man drunk and reeling about in the dark might easily get amongst the rubbish. From this place to Co-operative Street is about 50 yards. The roadway was in good order to the end of the Co-operative Stables, and from that part to the end of Co-operative Terrace there was no roadway, but a vacant piece of ground where foundations have been dug out for new stabling and where there are some large building stones laid.

In answer to the Foreman, Sergeant Waller said that the stones were lying in such a position that a person in the dark might easily stumble over them and fall.

A man whose name the deceased had mentioned came forward and gave evidence that so far as he knew no violence was used towards the deceased, and the Coroner said some credit was due to the witness for coming forward.

Dr Ingram Johnson said that he visited Thomas Appleby, on the 7th March, who was suffering from concussion of the brain.

The jury finding that all the evidence corroborated, after careful consideration returned the following verdict:—

That the said Thomas Appleby died from suppuration and meningitis from concussion of the brain and wound on head caused on the 7th day of March, but by what means such wounds were caused no sufficient evidence appeared.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

(By "Observer.")

The most of the Parish Council elections have resulted in a return of the old members.

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The mining industries of this district are at present disturbed by a fluctuation in trade which we hope will be of short duration. Several of the collieries are working very moderately.

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Since my last notes, a concert has been held in the East Stanley Board Schools. It was under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist Society who hold their services at this place. The programme was rendered by the junior class and choir of the Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Chapel, under the leadership of Miss Bulmer and Mr Milburn. The concert throughout was a credit to its promoters, and their efforts were highly appreciated by a good audience.

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The West Stanley Primitive Methodist choir also gave an interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music in the Marley Hill Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 11th inst The choir was under the efficient direction of Mr Robert Pearson. The programme consisted of anthems, selections, solos, duets, &c., which were rendered with good effect, and were highly appreciated by an enthusiastic audience. This choir is again in good working condition and we hope it will continue to flourish and prosper.

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At the examination held at the Durham College of Science, Newcastle, in January last, Mr Jas. Harris, Oxhill, successfully passed, and obtained a second class certificate of competency, as Under Manager of a mine. The above was tutored by Mr J. Robinson, Oxhill, whose classes are becoming more and more commendable to the mining students of the district. His experiments in mine chemistry, evolving the production and combustion of gases, imparts to the student a keener interest, and assists them materially through some of the many intricacies of mining formula. Having gained his certificate under the 1887 Act, besides holding several others under South Kensington on various subjects, we have no hesitation in saying that his resources as a teacher will be wide and varied.

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On March 11th, the remains of the Rev John Dixon, the returned missionary from India, were interred at the Pelton churchyard. The deceased gentleman was a native of Pelton Fell, and was trained in the Wesleyan Sunday-school, about 30 years ago, and his missionary career, which extended over 20 years, was a resultant of his early tuition in that institution. Since his return he has been stationed as superintendent in the Houghton-le-Spring circuit where his death took place. On the day of burial, two services were held—one at Houghton-le-Spring, the other at Pelton Fell, which were under the direction of the circuit ministers. The *cortege* was large, and of a respectable character. He was held in high esteem by the Wesleyan Society at Pelton Fell, especially by the older members.

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Since my last notes, the Beamish Wesleyans have held a concert. It was singular, inasmuch as the programme was rendered by men only. No special talent was represented, the whole of the evening was taken up by the male portion of the Society. This device was put forth to cause attraction, and it did not fail in its purpose, for there were a good number patronised the effort. Several were compelled to take part who fain would have taken a back seat, but the object of the effort was worthy of a little sacrifice, and this gave them courage. The programme consisted chiefly of old hymns and tunes, and the affair passed off remarkably well. Mr Hunter, of Beamish, presided, and Mr R. Bulman gave a suitable reading entitled, "How the good news came to Glasdale." Mr J. Woodcock officiated at the organ. The proceedings were in aid of a new chapel for Craghead.

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A young man named David Jacques, of East Stanley, who was accidentally injured a few months ago in the Beamish Air Pit, was buried on March 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, Beamish. It seems the deceased was seriously injured in the lower part of the back, which had defied medical skill. He was after a time removed to the Newcastle Infirmary, but after a stay of six weeks at that institution, he was brought home and in a short time his disease culminated in death. The Beamish Mary and Air Pits went to work sooner on the day of the burial, to enable the miners to attend the funeral. The miners carried their banner, and the East Stanley Brass Band played the "Dead March" in Saul. As the deceased was a member of the Oakey's Lilywhites football club, the members attended and walked before the hearse, carrying a beautiful wreath as a memorial to their fallen companion. There were about 600 persons in the procession. The Messrs Joicey's firm was represented by Messrs W. Severs, undermanager, Mr J. T. Bolam, T. Grundy, W. Cummings, M. Pearson, overseer, and several other officials.

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We have received the following as a reply to "Observer" in last week's Notes from Stanley:—

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For when you've got a wife from the store, you've ended a heavy task.

A MEMBER.

Stanley.

RATEPAYERS MEETING AT STANLEY.

A meeting of the ratepayers of Stanley was held in the Board Room, West Stanley, on Monday evening, regarding the appointment and revoking of the appointment of Assistant Overseers of the poor for which the Urban District Council of Stanley have applied.

Councillor J. Green was elected chairman, after which the notice convening the meeting was read. The following letter from the Local Government Board was also read:—

Local Government Board,
Whitehall, S. W.
2nd March, 1896.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to inform you that they have received the application from the Urban District Council of Stanley for an order under section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1894, conferring on the Council power to appoint and to revoke the appointment of Assistant Overseers for the parishes in their district and the powers of the vestries in those parishes, under the third and fourth sections of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1896, The Board proposed to issue an order conferring on the Council the power to appoint and to revoke the appointment of Assistant Overseers, but before doing so they will be prepared to consider any observation which the vestry of your parish may desire to make with respect to the proposal. Having regard to the provision of section 33 (4) of the Act, the Board propose to direct by the order that any existing assistant overseer shall hold his office on the same terms as at present. The effect of this will be, in the case of an Assistant Overseer appointed by the vestry and the justices, that his appointment will only be revoked by the vestry and that his duties and salary can only be altered by the same body. On the occurrence of a vacancy from any cause the next and all future appointments will be made by the Council. The Board wish at the same time to be furnished with the observations of the vestry as regards the application for an order conferring on the Council the powers of the vestry, under the third and fourth sections of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1896. I am therefore directed to request that you will bring these matters before the vestry, and forward to the Board a copy of any resolution which may be passed embodying the views of the meeting and the proposals of the District Council.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
S. B. PROVIS, Assistant Secretary.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stanley.

Extract from the minutes of the above meeting. After the letter of the Local Government Board, dated 2nd March, 1896, had been read, it was proposed by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried unanimously—"That this meeting of the ratepayers of the parish of Stanley approves of the application of the Stanley Urban District Council for power to appoint and revoke the appointment of Assistant Overseers, and the powers of the vestry of this parish under the third and fourth sections of the Poor Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1896, and that the Local Government Board be respectfully requested to grant the application. Certified to be a true extract.

JONATHAN GREEN,
GEORGE FORSTER.—Overseers.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT STANLEY.

On Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day, the following celebration took place:—At 8.30 a.m., holy mass, with discourse by Rev. Father Thompson. In the evening, a play by the West Stanley Dramatic Company was performed, entitled "Eily O'Conner," the female parts being taken by the teachers of the School. Between the first and last parts of the play a concert was given, which consisted of he ode to St. Patrick, "Eily Allanna," sung by Miss Bella Fiddes, and a clog dance by the brothers Doyle, Craghead, after which a distribution of prizes to the school children,—52 in number—was made by Father Thompson, these consisting chiefly of books for good attendance, longest distance, and proficiency. It is worthy of remark that the children from the farthest places attend the most regularly, especially from the White-le-Head district. Father Thompson congratulated the Dramatic Society on the success of their entertainment, and encouraged the parents to send their children regularly to school. The last part of the entertainment consisted of a farce, called "Diamond cut diamond," the acting of it evoked roars of laughter amongst the audience, and the evening's entertainment was drawn to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The proceeds, which we understand were very satisfactory, are in aid of the School.

CONSETT.

On Wednesday night, at a meeting of the "Constance" Lodge of Freemasons, Bro. T. D. Dryden was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

SMART CAPTURE.—On Tuesday, Sergt. Mitchell made a smart capture of a young man named Taylor, of Shildon, who was wanted for stealing a bicycle under false pretences from Bishop Auckland. Sergt. Mitchell recognised the youth from the police description in the Recreation Rooms and promptly secured him.

CONSETT AND BLACKHILL NONCONFORMIST COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the above Council was held on Monday night in the Wesleyan Chapel. The principal business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Rev. W. Raistrick, vice-presidents, Rev. T. Durant and J. W. Davison. Secretaries Rev. E. W. Jenkins and Mr. T. Williams. Treasurer, Mr. Jas. Palliser. Committee, Revs. R. W. Butterworth, A. E. Salmon, and J. Pitchford, and Messrs George J. Robinson, V. Dunn, W. Raw, and R. Richardson Messrs Jno. Lowes and Jas. Palliser, the delegates to the Nottingham conference gave a most interesting account of the discussions and work of the conference. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded to the two delegates. There was an interesting discussion on the Burial question from a nonconformist standpoint, and the best means of removing the disabilities under which nonconformists now labour. Mr. Jno. Lowes gave notice of motion "to alter the present basis of representation." It was decided to hold a large meeting in May to which Rev. Mr. Hurst Hollomell, of Rochdale, and the Rev. Thos. Law should be invited.

TRAIN SERVICE ON THE ANNFIELD PLAIN BRANCH.

MEETING AT STANLEY.

In accordance with an invitation from the Stanley Urban District Council to the Councils of Urpeth, Pelton Fell, Greencroft, Tanfield, Collierley, Kyo, and Edmondsley, a meeting of the several representatives was held in the Board Room of the Stanley Urban District Council on Wednesday evening.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholson, Urpeth, seconded by Mr. Schofield, Pelton Fell, Mr. P. Reay was elected chairman of the meeting.

Letters were read from the representatives of Collierley and Greencroft (Messrs J. W. Taylor and T. Bowes), expressing regret at being unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Taylor suggested that the deputation should press for an interview with the Directors of the North-Eastern Railway. He was of the opinion that if the matter was allowed to drop until the new line from Annfield Plain to Consett was opened, the interests of the population concerned would not be carefully considered. Mr. Bowes thought the clerk of the meeting should write for particulars as to what additional train service the N.E.R. Coy. propose to make when the Annfield Plain line extension to Consett is opened. He further added that the Greencroft Council suggest to have a train leaving Annfield Plain about 10 a.m., and 4 p.m., also that a uniform rate of payment be charged, that is to say, that passengers between Annfield Plain and Newcastle, and vice versa, be allowed to travel around by the Consett Branch or by Annfield Plain, and that they should have more trains leaving Newcastle. The Chairman thought that the meeting should have the purport of the letter sent by the Stanley Council to the Directors of the N. E. R., asking for the necessary alterations; and the clerk (Mr. J. E. Ridley) stated that he had waited personally on Mr. Godfrey Smith at Newcastle, but had got no satisfaction. He had then written to the secretary of the N.E.R., (Mr. Wilkinson), stating that it was the view of the district generally that the present train service was totally inadequate to the needs of the ever-increasing population. He understood that the secretary had forwarded his letter to head-quarters, to which the following was a reply:—

North-Eastern Railway,
General Manager's Office, York, 29th Feby., 1896.
Annfield Plain Line.

Dear Sir,—The secretary has referred to me your letter of the 30th ultimo, with reference to the passenger train service upon the Annfield Plain line.

In reply, I beg to say that when the extension of the line to Consett has been completed, it will probably be found necessary to re-arrange the train service on the branch, and I would suggest, therefore, that the matter be allowed to stand over until then.—Yours truly,

GEORGE GIBB.

Mr. Schofield thought that if the meeting agreed with the suggestion contained in the manager's letter, the N. E. R. would make the arrangements to suit themselves. He moved, therefore, that the deputation do not agree with the recommendations of the North-Eastern Railway to postpone the matter, and that they seek to have an interview.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholson, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked what alterations the meeting proposed to request?

Mr. Schofield said he had given the matter very careful consideration, and thought that the deputation should ask the Railway Company to erect a dock on the down side of the line at Birtley, so that an increased ingress to and from Newcastle would be avoided, or, failing that, ask for a circuit to start at Consett and run by Annfield Plain to Newcastle on the one side, and on the Consett line by Lintz Green.

The Chairman said that he had heard a short time ago that the N.E.R. Company intended to build two engines for the Annfield Plain line, making it a junction to meet the trains there.

Mr. Schofield: That will not multiply the number of trains at all.

The Chairman: But we don't agree with that suggestion.

Mr. Schofield thought that was hardly what was wanted. Not only did they require an increased train service, but also a more reasonable and better accommodation with regard to the time service, as he thought the present arrangement with respect to the latter was due to a great want of care and consideration for the conveniences of the people of the district.

The Chairman thought that was a very fair suggestion, and in the event of their being refused, asked what other course would be best to pursue?

Mr. Schofield: If they don't fall in with that suggestion make it into a circuit, starting from Consett, and run by Annfield Plain on one side, and by Lintz Green on the other.

The Chairman: But supposing they accepted neither suggestion, what would be our alternative?

Mr. Schofield: I should ask them what better service they had to propose.

The Chairman: Would it have any weight at all if we were to have a collection of the numbers of the population in each district that we represent?

Mr. Schofield thought the suggestion of the Chairman a very good one, as it would include the likelihood of the increased traffic for tradesmen's purposes. The cheapest way would be to make a circuit of it, but there would be the objection of the increased traffic over the bridge at Gateshead, and the best way to obviate that objection would be to make a dock at Birtley.

The meeting then resolved to make the following suggestions:—1st—to erect a dock at Birtley, and run the trains to suit. 2nd—To make a circuit, starting at Consett and running by Annfield Plain to Newcastle on the one side, and on the Consett line by Lintz Green. 3rd—To take the population of each district.

The deputation thought that it would be better to have another meeting prior to the interview, and Mr. Nicholson proposed, and Mr. Schofield seconded, that the meeting be adjourned till a future date, of which notice will be given.

The meeting then adjourned.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

CONCERT IN THE NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

On Tuesday evening, a grand concert was held in the New Town Hall in connection with the above. There was a splendid attendance in the hall being completely packed. Amongst those present were:—Rev James Foran, Blackhill, Messrs E. J. Barnett, Minsteracres; J. A. Wilson, Byer Moor; James Bradley, South Shields; Dr O'Brien, Catchgate; Dr Ross, Dr Bratton, Consett; Mr and Mrs Holliday, Mr Holliday, junr., Beech Grove; Mr James Scott, Consett; Mr and Miss Neasham, Lanchester; Coun. Mrs and Miss Heymer, Blackhill; Coun. and Mrs Parnaby, Blackhill; Coun. and Mrs Hyden, Consett; Coun. and Mrs Sloane, Blackhill; Coun. and Mrs Daly, Consett; Coun. and Mrs Kempson, Consett; Coun. and Mrs Eccles, Blackhill; Mr J. Barry, P.L.G., and Mrs Barry, Consett; Mr and Mrs T. F. Foster, Consett; Mr and Mrs Matthews, Consett; Mrs Wade; Mrs J. T. Wade, Consett; Miss Lonagby; Miss Dunson; Miss Murray; Mr and Mrs Postie, Consett; Mr, Mrs, and Miss Dowson, Blackhill; Mr J. Dunne; Mr J. Allinson, Consett, &c. The Rev Father Foran presided in his usual able manner and in a few very brief remarks expressed the wish that they would enjoy the evening's entertainment. The programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, was very choice and of extremely high order. The trio "Tis the last Rose of Summer," was sung by Miss Gray and Messrs Sloane (tenor) and Duncanson (bass) with splendid effect. Humorous Songs, "Phil the Fluters Ball," "I took it," etc., were all *encored* to which Mr F. Cooke (Newcastle), most willingly responded, giving on one occasion a most laughable parody on "Coming through the Rye." The song, "Poor Wandering one" (Pinafore) was sung by Miss Gray in charming fashion, and her introduction to a Consett audience was thoroughly well appreciated by the vast company present on Tuesday evening. "Killarney" and "O bid your faithful Ariel fly" were likewise interpreted by this lady with rare effect, and "Coming through the Rye" being given as an *encore* to the latter the audience fairly shook the building with applause. Miss Gray possesses a rich, sweet and full voice, and although of somewhat diminutive stature exhibits a good volume to her renditions. Mr J. Duncanson (Durham Cathedral) is also the possessor of a good rich bass voice, and sang "Molly Carew" and "The Old Soldier" in an admirable fashion The harp solo by Mr J. Brookes were exceedingly fine, and as renditions on this sweetest of instruments are by no means common or frequent in Consett, it was therefore no surprise to listen to the *encores* which were demanded on both occasions, and responded to by this gentleman. "The Death of Nelson" and "Come back to Erin" were both rendered in a sweet fashion on this instrument. Mr J Sloane needs no comment being now well-enough known and proven locally as a singer of sterling quality, "Asthore" and the "Holy City" being rendered in his usual skilful and accomplished fashion, the latter meriting its well-deserved *encore*, for which he rendered "Mary of Argyle" in a like conspicuous manner. A duet "The Battle Eve" by Miss Sloane and Mr Duncanson, and a Trio 'Don't tickle me I pray" by Miss Gray and Messrs Sloane and Duncanson, were also admirably given, the laughing parts in the latter being mirthfully represented by Miss Gray and Mr Duncanson. The meeting concluded with "Ireland's National Anthem." Mr E. J. Sloane, L. Mus., L. C. M., was an efficient accompanist During the interval a series of Limelight views illustrative of Irish Life and Scenery were exhibited and called forth rounds of applause as notable scenes, places, and characters in Irish history were depicted. The last picture, which represented the genial and much loved Father Foran, was received with loud cheers from the vast gathering of the sons of Saint Patrick in Consett and district.

Mr Dan Fanning, Newcastle, delivered the lecture, and acted as guide for the views, which were manipulated by Mr Browne, Newcastle.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Dipton Board Schools —Mr. J. W. Taylor (chairman) presiding. Also present—Messrs Wm. Young, T. Clark, S. Swalwell; and the Clerk (Mr. D. Mole)

THE ASHPITS AT THE SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Maddison, Darlington, acknowledging the receipt of a note calling attention to the accumulation of ashes at the school, and promising to attend to the matter shortly.

THE TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Gentlemen,—As you will see by the accompanying return the number of scholars on my books is seriously decreasing. The constant leaving of old scholars, and admission of new ones, is very discouraging, as the work is continually disorganised. A few new pegs are required in the lobby. It would greatly improve the appearance of the lobby if it were whitewashed.—Yours respectfully,

A. E. HAYES.

WHITEWASHING OF LOBBY.

The Chairman explained that it was intended to have the whole of the school whitewashed during the holidays, and it would perhaps be as well to postpone this matter till then.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Clarke moved that the pegs be attended to, but that the other matter be left over; and this was carried.

Average attendance, 172; average for last month, 175.

The Chairman asked if they could not get a better attendance at this school?

The Clerk said the parents of defaulters had been before the Board often, but nothing had been done to them, and they had become case hardened.

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT.

No on books, 228; average attendance, 172 6; average for last month, 176.3.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—The scarcity of work in the immediate locality has caused a large amount of removals from the village, as you will see by the teachers' reports of to-day. Twenty nine children having left our school during the month, these have been partially replaced by nineteen admissions, leaving a net decrease of ten on the books. The figures are as follows:—Boys No. on books, 204, average attendance, 184; Girls, No. on books 200, average attendance, 172; Infants, No. on books 223, average attendance, 173. Percentage—Boys, 90; girls, 86; infants, 78.

The average attendance for the corresponding month of last year was 522, being seven below the present month.

In the report book will be found the list of absentees for dealing with for which I await your instructions.—Yours obediently,

D. MOLE.

Mr. Clark thought, considering the state of affairs, and that people were moving about, that they could not expect a better attendance.

The Chairman said this was sure to make the attendance more erratic. Compared with the corresponding month of last year there was an increase of seven scholars.

Mr. Swalwell pointed out that they had very bad weather last year from January up to April, whereas there had been nothing of that sort to hinder the attendance this year.

The Chairman said they had everything in their favour as regards weather this year. He hoped the attendance would improve in a short time.

Mr. Young thought there was nothing to complain of considering that the collieries were laid in, and that there were so many people moving about.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Morgan, Newcastle, secretary of the Northumberland and Durham District Teachers' Union, enclosing copies of two resolutions based on the report of the Royal Commission on Secondary Education, stating that this virtually affected every School Board in the country, and asking for that Board's support.

The Chairman said this was a national scheme. The question of secondary education, and how it should be applied, was receiving attention throughout the country. The teachers were working very hard, because it affected them greatly. There was nothing the elementary teachers should guard against more at the present time than this, and they wanted the support of school managers.

Mr. Swalwell said there had been attempts of late to make it easy for people to rise, but this would do away with that.

The Chairman moved that they request the School Boards in the neighbourhood to convene a meeting for the purpose of considering the question of secondary and primary education, with a view of strengthening the hands of the teachers, and protecting themselves.

Mr. Young seconded the motion, which was adopted.

INCREASE OF SALARIES WANTED.

Applications were received from Misses E. Kennedy and L. J. Clark for an increase of salary to the extent of £2 10s a year each.

The Chairman: How are we staffed now in the Girls' School, and the Boys' School?

Mr. Swalwell: And in the Infants?

The Chairman had an idea that they were running rather heavily into expense.

The Clerk then read the names of the teachers, and the number of scholars allotted to each, upon which the Chairman said they could not make much difference.

The Chairman moved that the two applications be acceded to.

This was seconded by Mr. Young, and agreed to.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The Clerk presented a statement, showing the estimated income and expenditure for the ensuing six months, which was as follows:—To balance, £35; probable grant in June, £479 8s; fee grant, £65; drawing grant, £14; probable grant under Article 37, £35; fee grant (2), £65; which, with a precept for £350, makes a total of £1,043 8s. Estimated expenditure—Salaries, £530; books, apparatus, stationery £50; furniture, repairs, &c., £100; Greencroft School Board, £50; total, £780. There is a reduction of £150 upon the precept of March, 1895, being equivalent to 3d in the pound.

Mr. Clark moved that a precept be issued upon the overseers for £350, which, we believe, will mean a rate of about 8d. in the pound.)

Mr. Young seconded.

Carried.

It was decided that cheques for sums amounting to £206 12s 7d should be signed.

FOOTBALL.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v SLEETBURN.

This match will be played at Sleetburn. The Rovers will be represented by the following:—Full back, Elliott; three-quarter backs, J Carr, R Hobbs, J Brown, and R Dodds; half-backs, P Dodds and J Anderson; forwards, A Taylor, G Sayers, F Warwick, J Dawson, J Morgan, W H Wilson, J Askew, and G Hewitson.

CRAGHEAD ROVERS v SOUTH MOOR JUNIORS.

The match of the season takes place to-morrow at Langley Park between the above teams for a set of silver medals. Rovers' team—Goal, Laycock; backs, Bowley and Ferry; half backs, Mills, Craigs, and Crawford; forwards, Grix, Stoker, Brown, Burns and Mahon. Juniors' team—Goal, F Cook; backs, Race and Wheatley; half backs, Walles, Daly, and Proudlock; forwards, Hodder, Rutherford, McGregor, Brown, and Purvis. Kick-off at 2-30. Referee, Mr J Vickers, Langley Park.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
FIRST DIVISION.
DIPTON WANDERERS v NEWCASTLE EAST END.

This Alliance match is down for decision at Dipton to-morrow, when the Wanderers may be depended upon to send the Newcastle men back defeated. The home team will give a trial to a new goalkeeper in the person of T. Murray, who is expected to efficiently fill the weak place in goal.

DIPTON WANDERERS:—Goal, T Murray; backs, T Rowell and M Evans; half backs, R Coates, E Buck, and J Milburn; forwards, J Spinks and W Ellis, right wing; M Temple, centre; J Brown and T Walker, left wing. Kick-off at 3-45. Referee, Mr R Hobson, Birtley.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.
TOW LAW v SALTBURN SWIFTS.

After a period of about two months, Tow Law renew their league engagements by receiving visit from the seasiders to-morrow. The home team, who have been in training throughout the week in view of the Durham Cup final, will doubtless acquit themselves creditably. The Tow Law team will be:—Goal, J H Allison; backs, J W Temperley and R Thompson; half backs, T Waites, R Wilson, and W Simpson; forwards, J Coulson, N Rippon, J McIntosh, G Simpson, and J Lumsden. Kick-off at 3-15.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
LEADGATE PARK v HEXHAM EXCELSIOR.

A great deal depends on the result of the above match, which takes place at Hexham to-morrow, as, should the Park win or draw their prospects will look rosy for the championship. The visitors will be represented by their full strength, and are determined to do their utmost to secure a couple of points in what is sure to be a very hard game. The following will represent

LEADGATE PARK:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, F M Foreman and H O Foreman; half-backs, T Cartmell, R Wilson (capt.), and J T Willey; forwards, W Bell and R Graham, right wing; A Burnhope, centre; Joe Wilson and G Lock, left wing. Linesman, A Graham. Referee, Mr T Amos, Hobson.

HOBSON WANDERERS v WALLSEND CELTIC.

To be played at the Hobson. The following will be the Hobson team:—Goal, J McNeil; backs, J Weedy and J Liddle; half-backs, T Heslin, E Henderson, and J T Bell (capt.); forwards, Newbiggen, W Henderson, R Hindhaugh, Muirhead, A Lown, and Maddison. Kick-off at 3-45.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
REST OF LEAGUE v SPEN ALBION.

This game will be played on the latter's ground on Saturday first, for the benefit of the league funds, when a good game is expected. Nicholls (Byer Moor) and Dodds (Lintzford) will fill the places of M. Burn and Carruthers) who are unable to play for the Rest of the League. Teams:—

SPEN ALBION—Goal, Milburn; backs, J Carr and J Short; half backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Laing, jun., R Short, Jas Laing, Little, and Rule.

REST OF LEAGUE—Goal, R Hodgson (Byer Moor); backs, J Seath (Lintzford) and S Lamb (Byer Moor); half backs, T Winter (Shotley), A Dodds (Lintzford), and J Croft (Marley Hill); forwards, Allen (Byer Moor), T Seath (Lintzford), Nicholls (Byer Moor), T Joice and Barrass (Shotley.)

Linesmen, T Dixon (Lintzford) and W H Dawson (Byer Moor). Referee, Mr John Ross, jun., Consett. Kick-off at 3-30 prompt. Rest of League players are requested to meet at the Miners' Arms, Spen, at three o'clock prompt. The Rest of the League will play in red and white, the Lintzford colours.

CONSETT v MARLEY HILL.

These teams meet at Consett to decide the east 'ie championship, and in consequence of both clubs running so close for highest honours a hard and fast game is anticipated. The Consett team will be—Goal, F Kempster; backs, T Robinson and C Pescod; half-backs, T Simpson, J Carruthers, and R Wake; forwards, Wm Graham and R Robinson, right wing; A Player, centre; C Garbutt and R Harkness, left wing. Kick-off at 3-15. Referee, Mr A Little, Leadgate.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v WHICKHAM.

These clubs will play their return fixture on the Park enclosure to-morrow, and as the visitors have been showing good form of late a close game is expected. The Leadgate team will be as follows:—Goal, J Hunter; backs, W Mansell and D Cartmell; half-backs, J Veitch, M Willis, and T Calvert; forwards, R Forster and T Forster, right wing; G Milburn, centre; G Forster and R Makepeace, left wing. Linesman, T Smith. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr J Hickman, Lintz Colliery.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.
CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

The Swifts receive a visit from Oakey's to-morrow, and as, thanks to the overthrow of the Lizzie, the Consett men are not entirely out of the running for the championship, they are bent on obtaining the coveted points out of the visitors. The Swifts were only defeated by a single goal at Stanley, and are confident that they can improve upon that result. The game should be worth seeing, and there will probably be a large attendance.

CONSETT SWIFTS—Goal, H Highfield; backs, J McKie and J Finnighan; half-backs, J Rafferty, B McKie, and J Allison (capt.); forwards, J Little and R Russell, right wing; J Dempsey, centre; M Eustace and J Turley, left wing. Reserves, T Skelton, G Eustace, and G Hamilton.

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES—Goal, G Morris; backs, M Joyce and E Beckwith; half backs, M Cunningham, W Errington, and E Nicholson; forwards, G Whitfield, J Coyle, S Wood, J Dodds, and J Masterman. Reserves, Gibson and Brydon.

Kick-off at 3-30. Referee, Mr John Costello (Leadgate Exiles.)

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.
CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS RESERVE v LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE.

At Leadgate. The Swifts' team will be:—Goal, D Elliott; backs, J Walton and G Wood; half backs, J Sheldon, R Bradley, and T Ellis; forwards, J Hull, J Brodie, Geo Hamilton, J Jones, and E Watson. Linesman, D Bell. Referee, Mr J Harper. Meet at headquarters at 2-30.

CONSETT SWIFTS JUNIORS v BLACKHILL ST. BEDE'S.—To be played at Consett. Swifts' team—Goal, T Edwards; backs, R McAleer and E Marshall; half backs, C McNally, W Atkinson, and R Moore; forwards, J Noble, E Pratt, A Robinson, J Finnighan, and W Walton. Kick-off at 2-30.

BYER MOOR v STANLEY ATHLETIC.—The Athletic travel to Byer Moor to play their league game, when a good game will be witnessed. Stanley team—Goal, F Selway; backs, J McCabe and J Handy; half backs, W Atkinson, M Smith, and T Wheatley; forwards, S Renfrey, M Dawson, W McAloon, R Henderson, H B Anderson, and R Chaytor.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

The death of Mr Snowball, of Wolsingham, was feelingly referred to at the Weardale Highway Board meeting on Friday. He was a grand old man, and was looked up to at the various Boards of which he was a member.

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We have got a new Parish Council in Weardale without the expense of an election this time. The only changes are at Lanehead and Frosterley. Mr Dowson takes the place of Mr Gardner, at Frosterley and Mr Humble the place of Mr Baty at Lanehead. Their last meeting was a good one.

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There are some gallant young fellows about Stanhope after all. The plucky rescue of a drowning young woman by them last week, attests the fact. In the darkness of the night they plunged into a flooded river and managed to rescue a lady who had accidently fallen in at a dangerous part of the road above the wood bridge at Unthank. Messrs R. Slack, J. Charlton, A. Bainbridge, and J. Emerson, assisted by R. Featherstone, did a brave act.

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There are some highly dangerous roads about Stanhope, which the Parish Council would do well to look after. There are several places where a public road and public footpath runs close to the river, and where there is no protection whatever. If you take a single wrong step on a dark night, you may be landed into the river. The road from the wood bridge to Unthank is highly dangerous. The road from Horn Hill to the Stone Bridge, and by the Whin Quarry is also dangerous, so is the road at the Butts. The public should be protected.

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Stanhope Dene Concert was a failure as regards attendance, although an excellent concert from a musical standpoint. Mr Winter is par excellence as a humourist, so is Miss Allison of Crook, as a singer. The Dene was made during the pitmen's strike, and many families were greatly benefited at the time by its making. One would have thought these people should always patronize the Dene Concert, but most of them were conspicuous by their absence.

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A youth in Upper Weardale got a watch all his own. He felt big over it. He went into a shop where there were a pair of big scales with a pointer like a clock. He pulled out his watch and said "your clock's not sae gud be maw watch; ye hev her ower slow, canny man!"

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A few fishers were angling down near Witton-le-Wear the other day. One of them left his rod, and went away from it for a time. During his absence his mate saw a dead young pig floating down the flooded river. He reached it and fastened it to his absent friend's line, by hooking piggy in the snout, then he threw him in, and whistled to his mate. "How way', he shouted as he got near, "there's van an a big un too, aw believe." His mate ran, seized his rod, and landed a pig. His surprise can be better imagined than described.

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NOTES FROM THE SPEN DISTRICT.

[BY "PAUL PRY."]

A NEW FOOTPATH.

It is very gratifying to learn that the Urban District Council have decided to make the footpath leading from the Store to the Chopwell Schools. It will be remembered that I first drew the attention of the (now defunct) Local Board to the dangerous condition of this particular road, especially as it is the road by which the children travel to and from school. Let us be thankful to the Urban District Council for the £180 they have decided to spend on its construction.

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WILL MISS PEARSON TAKE LEAVE OF THE SCHOOL.

I hear that the classes under Miss Pearson's management are making good progress, and that her scholars are one and all sorry to hear of her going away.

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MR. TUCKER'S ELECTION.

The action of the Board in the election of Mr. J. Tucker, as a member of that body will, I am sure, be approved of by all the Spen public. The Vice-chairman's reference to Mr. Tucker's abilities as a member of the old Board were painted and true. I hope Mr. Tucker will accept the vacant seat.

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THE FILTERING BEDS

In connection with the new sewerage scheme are, I am told, now finished. The cementing process is next to be done, and the sooner the better, as it is difficult walking on dark nights with the big kerb stones lying about.

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THE NEW MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The members of the Victoria Garesfield Lodge, of the Miners' Association, and also of the Spen Union Lodge, have passed a resolution approving of Mr Tucker becoming a member of the Chopwell School Board.

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A VOTE OF SYMPATHY

was passed by the members of the Victoria Garesfield Lodge to Mr W. H. Patterson, the respected corresponding secretary to the Durham Miners' Association, who is suffering from ill health at the present time.

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BENEFIT CONCERT.

A benefit concert was given in the Miners' Hall, Spen, recently, by artistes from Stanley. There are some very deserving cases here, also, who require assistance. I hope someone will take the necessary steps.

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THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE.

I regret to learn that diarrhoea of a severe type is prevalent in the Spen district. It is astonishing how lightly most people regard this complaint, which is very frequently the harbinger of many an epidemic. It is somewhat surprising that the Blaydon Urban District Council has not issued notices calling the people's attention, to the remedies for this disease, and impressing upon them the importance of keeping their houses and themselves clean. Disinfectants should be freely used, and outhouses properly disinfected.

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MARRIAGES

DAWSON—DRIVER.—Stanhope, Wesleyan Chapel, on the 14th inst., by the Rev S. Cooper, Joseph Dawson, of Ward's Villa, to Annie Driver, of Stanhope Station.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—West Pelton, Eden Terrace, 18th inst., aged 22, Philip, son of Philip and Hannah Allan.

APPLEBY.—East Castle, 14th inst., aged 55, Mary Ann, wife of Robert Appleby.

CAMPBELL.—Consett, 18, Princess Street, on the 19th inst., aged 40 years, Archibald, the beloved husband of Hannah Campbell. To be interred on Sunday, at Benfieldside; cortege to leave at 2-30. Friends please accept this intimation.

CRAWSHAW.—On the 13th inst., at the residence of his son-in-law, J. Kennedy Esdaile, Hazelwood, Horsted Keynes, Sussex, aged 76, George Crawshaw, formerly of Haughton Castle, Northumberland.

HADDON.—Leadgate, Watling Street, on the 17th inst., aged 40 years, Thomas Haddon, beloved husband of Sarah Haddon, late of West Pelton. Interment at St. Ives, Leadgate, on Saturday afternoon, at Three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

HUNTER.—At Esp Green Farm, 18th inst., aged 6 years, Jacob Hunter.

NEWBIGEN.—Ryton, Black Horse, 16th inst., Jane Newbigen.

OXLEY.—Craghead, 18th inst., aged 23 (Robbie) Joseph Robson, eldest son of Elizabeth and the late Reuben Widderington Oxley.

RICHARDSON.—Hexham, Bush Inn, 14th inst., aged 45, Jane, widow of the late William Richardson, and daughter of the late William Lovat, Blackhill.

RENWICK.—Winlaton, 10, Back Street, 17th inst., aged 53, Margaret, wife of William Renwick, and daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Parker.

STAPLETON.—Burnopfield, 17th inst., Julia, wife of William Stapleton.

SWANSTON.—South Moor, 35, Poplar Street, 13th inst., aged 58, George Swanston.

SNOWBALL.—Wolsingham, 11th inst., aged 77, Wm. Snowball.

STOKER.—Annfield Plain, 15th inst., aged 73, Permelia Stoker.

WAGGET.—Plawsworth Cottage, 14th inst., aged 16 months, Margaret, daughter of Thos. Wm. and Eliza Wagget, 19, Pine Street, Chester-le-Street.

IN memory of Mrs A. J. Bell, the beloved wife of Matt. Bell, jun., who died on the 12th inst., after eight days' illness, and was interred on the 15th inst.

"Farewell, dear husband, my life is past,
Truly thou loved me to the last;
Weep not for me nor sorrow take,
But love the child for my sake."

IN loving memory of Mary, the beloved daughter of Emmerson and J. Angus, Lanchester, who died March 23rd, 1895, aged 21 years.

"Just one year has passed away,
And friends around us
Think the wound is almost healed,
But they little know the sorrow
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Where her dear body lay;
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