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CASTLESIDE NOTES.

[By "Castlesidite."]

There has suddenly passed from our midst last week, another old neighbour in the person of Miss Mary Robinson, sister of Mr. E. Robinson, farmer, Castle Hills. The Robinson family are natives of Allendale, and came to the village a few years ago. Miss Robinson was a genial and kindly natured woman, and much respected by young and old, who had made her acquaintance.

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On Saturday night last, a band of hope entertainment was given in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, an excellent programme being gone through, in a pleasing manner, by the following ladies and gentlemen, Miss Symm, Miss L. Jackson, Miss H. Watts, Messrs J. W. Golightly, J. Bewick, R. Harkness, and Mr. A. Stoddart, (Consett) who also gave an address on Temperance. Miss Leybourne presided at the harmonium, the choir assisting.

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I learn on good authority that poor Reynard has other enemies, besides the "Braes of Derwent" pack. A few months ago I received a note to the following effect, "The other night two steelworkers went out hunting on the banks of the Derwent. After looking about a while one of them found in a drain what he took to be a fox, so calling his chum in the chase, they captured their prize, and hastily put him into their bag and set off for home in high glee and calling their friends to witness them opening the bag, but to their surprise on opening the bag, instead of a fox, they let out a "tom cat," and least they should dispute as to what species or family he belonged to puss left his foil in the bag.

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So recently as last week three young fellows run a fox to the ground and during the small hours of the morning, dug him out from his hiding-place, got him into a bag "in half a ticking" and started off home, like the steelworkers referred to above, but they had not proceeded far when Renney burst the poke, and bolted, leaving his capturers standing in blank amazement, fortunately they had with them a rough-haired terrier which gave him chase and battle, and finally killed poor Reynard.

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Although I am not a member of the Council, yet I am interested in the welfare and betterment of the village, and don't wish to be considered presuming too much, if I make a suggestion or two:—If the Council has not already taken the initiatory steps, viz., 1st, That the Council provide a recreation ground. The providing of such grounds comes within the provision of the Act 1894. On behalf of the children and young people in the village and district, such ought to be provided, and it is the duty of the Council to provide such ground, now I submit that a suitable field could be rented, at a reasonable rent, within easy approach of the villagers, and the children attending day school, and more, it could be made self-supporting. And certainly no ratepayer could or would object to that, in the following way, viz:—Lawn tennis clubs, cricket clubs, football clubs, each paying a yearly fee, and in winter months part of grounds might be flooded for skating, season tickets issued to adults, children under 14 years of age free. The Flower Show could hold its annual exhibition in the grounds, at very little cost, the ground, could be put in order. There are many advantages accruing from such grounds, better health, greater safety to life, limb, and property, a great deal more might, and may, be said in favour of such a scheme. It would take the children off the streets and away from the sewer gas. I hope the Council will take up the question of lighting the village by another winter. Why should we grovel in darkness all (our days) or rather nights.

WEARDALE NOTES.

["By Wearsider."]

A Church Defence Association has been formed for Stanhope.

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The Stanhope Temperance Society, are endeavouring to secure the distinguished services of J. Walton, Esq., of Saltburn, to give them his able lecture on India. Some time soon.

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The Cantata in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Westgate on Saturday evening, was a grand success. There was a big company and a thoroughly enjoyable musical evening was spent.

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There have been changes in the local police force in Weardale. P. C. Taylor has left East Gate for Tow Law, and P. C. Dobson has left Frosterley for Mosley. P. C. Cindan has left Rookhope for East Gate. Two fresh men in blue are to come into the dale.

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Weardale Union has only secured one new magistrate by the Parish and District Councils Act—Mr J. W. Laverick, Chairman of the Tow Law Urban Council. Thus for the most radical venture of the century has almost been abortive as far as Weardale is concerned in making new magistrates. The people now have the power to do it for the first time in England's history, and yet how slow we are to avail ourselves of the new power with which the Government has invested us.

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The Stanhope Parish Council is certainly the most radical public body in Weardale. At their meeting last week the Charities Question occupied a foremost place. With them it seems the question of the hour. They are going about their work in a thorough business-like fashion. They wrote nearly all the clergy in the dale respecting the Charities at each place, and, where possible, they are appointing trustees to assist in the management of their charities on behalf of the public good. The Council are also getting copies of the wills of these charities—such as Bishop Barrington's, Dr. Hartwell's, and others, so that they may see for themselves how they are to be disbursed. Both the Stanhope and St. John's Chapel Town Halls came up for discussion. It is evident these halls belong to the people. But they have no part in their management. They helped to build them and now they have no control over them. The Parish Council will do a good deed if they can secure these public halls for public use.

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It was stated at the meeting that no balance sheet had been issued to the public by the managing trust of the St. John's Chapel Town Hall for nine years. The Council have appealed to the Charity Commissioners, in memorial form, respecting this Weardale Trust Property, and it is just possible the Egglestone claimants may be shelved. Be that as it may, the Council seem determined to do their duty on behalf of the public respecting this property and the Charities belonging the dale.

PLOUGHING COMPETITION AT PRUDHOE.

The fifth annual competition in connection with the Greenside, Ryton, Winlaton, and Barlow District Ploughing Association took place on Wednesday week, on the respective farms of Mr. Geo. Spraggon, Castle Byers, and Mr. J. B. Bell, Broomhouse, Prudhoe. The weather being beautifully fine, there was an exceedingly large attendance, and the meeting proved an unprecedented success. There were six classes, and in each a good entry was obtained. The ground was in a very fair condition, and the work by many of the competitors was exceptionally fine. The judges were:—Mr. John Heslop, Heddon Banks; Mr. George Elliott, Horton Grange, Dinnington; Mr. James Reaton, Brenkley, Dudley; Mr. John Pigg, Warden Battocks, Hexham; and Mr. J. Bellerby, Washington. Details:—

Class 1.—Champion, open. 1st, £4, Ralph Urwin, High Farm, Backworth; 2nd, £2, James Dunn, Harton Village, South Shields; 3rd, £1, William Hedley, Gosforth; 4th, 10/-, William Nixon, Stocksfield.

Class 2.—Wheel ploughs, open to those who have not won a first prize with that plough. 1st, £3, Edward Batey, Ayton Farm, Corbridge; 2nd, £1 10s, Isaac Newton Elliott, Lymington; 3rd, £1, G. Bell, East Farm, Medomsley; 4th, 10/-, Joseph Ridley, Corbridge.

Class 3.—Open to men who have not won a first prize with swing ploughs (confined to the district between the Tyne and the Derwent and the villages of Stocksfield and Ebchester). 1st, £3, Thos. Dodd, Stocksfield; 2nd, £1 10s, William Willes, Colly Farm, Prudhoe; 3rd, 15/-, Wm. Carter, Hedgefield Farm, Blaydon; 4th, 10/-, H. Willey, Broomfield, Spen.

Class 4.—For lads under 18 years of age, 1st, £3, George Thornton, Whorlton Hall Farm; 2nd, £2, Edward Lawson, Hebburn Burn Heads; 3rd, £1, Thomas Davidson, Greenside; 4th, 10/-, Thos. White, Ryton.

Class 5.—Hedge cutting (confined to district of association), 1st, £1, W. Thompson, Stocksfield; 2nd, 10/-, Alfred Nichol, Stocksfield; 3rd, 5/-, W. Shaw, Greenside.

Class 6.—Best groomed and decorated pair of horses, 1st, Thomas Heatley, Ryton; 2nd, Wm. E. March, Greenside; commended, Isaac N. Elliott, Lemington.

Seven special prizes were given by Mr. William Biggins, saddler, Blaydon.—Thomas Heatley, Ryton, took 1st prize, purse containing £1, and J. N. Elliott, Lemington, 2nd, clock. A special prize for the best pair of horses was won by Henry Brodie, Wylam; and the special prize given by Mr. Biggins for the best ploughman was awarded to Ralph Urwin, Backworth.

The decision of the judges seemed to give complete satisfaction.

In the evening the annual dinner of the association was held at the Doctor Syntax Inn, Prudhoe, when a sumptuous repast was served in excellent style by the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. W. Birrell. There was a good attendance. Mr. George Miller, Building Farm, Ryton, presided, and Mr. Cuthbert Errington, Sunderland, occupied the vice-chair. To the secretaries (Messrs R. Bolam and C. H. Surtees) and the committee great credit is due for the satisfactory manner in which the whole arrangements were carried out.

TRADE NOTES.

WORKING HOURS IN THE IRON AND STEEL TRADES.

MR. DAVID DALE'S AWARD.

Messrs. Winpenny and Trow, the secretaries of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trades of the North of England, have received an award from Mr. David Dale, the referee of the Board, who was asked to adjudicate upon the question of hours in steel and iron mills, it being urged by the men that there was a lack of uniformity at different works, and that all were kept too long at work on Saturdays, in some cases half-past one and in others half-past three or four o'clock. The men asked through the Board of Arbitration that each day and night shift of 12 hours should end at 5.30, instead of, as it was supposed to do, 6 o'clock, and that one o'clock should be the limit for Saturday. As the Board and Standing Committee could not settle the matter, Mr. Dale was asked to arbitrate, and on Saturday his award was received as under:—

West Lodge, Darlington, March 15th, 1895.

To the Members of the Standing Committee of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron and Steel Trade of the North of England.

My Dear Colleagues.—I have carefully considered the views laid before me at my meeting with you on Feb. 12th, and have also considered the various resolutions of the parties, beginning with that of the operatives of December 23rd, 1893, and ending with that of the Standing Committee of December 21st, 1894. I am now adopting a friendly rather than a formal mode of communicating to you my decision on the question of hours of labour in mills, because I can thus better dwell on certain considerations which have weighed much with me.

The desire of the workmen to be liberated early enough on Saturday to have some part of that day left for leisure is natural and reasonable. It is in accordance with what is now usual in other industries, and with what is generally regarded as desirable. On the other hand, the iron and steel trades are in a seriously depressed condition. Any considerable limitation of freedom to adopt the Saturday working to the circumstances of each week would add to cost—a want of orders or of specifications might prevent mills starting till the middle of the week, and under such circumstances to materially curtail the Saturday working would be to waste fuel and otherwise increase cost, whilst the enforced idleness of the earlier part of the week would render a shortening of that week's Saturday shift unnecessary undesirable, and probably to the men concerned unacceptable. Then when the too rare and too short "spurts" of activity in demand and advance in prices and in wages come, it is obviously expedient both for employer and employed to limit output and to abstain from making hay when the sun shines.

To reconcile therefore these conflicting considerations (all of them entitled to great weight) we must proceed in a cautious manner. I believe that it is possible to secure some shortening of the Saturday hours, without serious limitation of output, by co-operation between managers and men. I do not of course forget that processes cannot be hurried—that it requires a certain time to heat, to cog, to roll, etc., and that mere goodwill has its limits of influence. Still, something may be done if managers and men address themselves heartily to the question, "How can we manage to bring work to a close earlier on Saturday, without limiting output (and consequently limiting the earnings of the men) or increasing the costs of the master?" If that which I am about to indicate is approached in this spirit, it may be maintained or perhaps in time somewhat extended—if not so approached it will probably be found unworkable. I have great faith, however, in the moderation, good sense and good feeling of those—masters, managers, and men—who, under very trying circumstances are carrying on the great iron and steel industry of the North of England, and relying on this—I decide as follows:—

1.—That no sufficient cause has been shown for compulsory shortening the hours of the ordinary day and night shifts. If at any works managers and men can contrive to shorten time they will be free to do so.

2.—That the Saturday shift be brought to a close from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. This means that except in cases of accident, and to prevent heats being left in the furnace, work shall cease at 2.30, but that every effort shall be made to bring it to a close in light mills at or shortly after 1.30.

Whilst not excluding cogging mills, the 2.30 limit must, in their case, not be too strictly enforced, but efforts must be made not to exceed that hour unnecessarily.

There appears to be entire agreement between both parties as to the classes of men who are the subject of the claim, and consequently of this award, and I need not therefore particularise them.—

I remain, yours faithfully,
DAVID DALE.

THE HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

IMPORTANT ACTION.

At the Lanchester Police Court, before Lieu.Col. Leadbitter Smith, (chairman) and E. W. E. Balleny, Esq.—Mr. J. E. Parker on behalf of the Rural District Coucil of Lanchester, applied for closing orders in respect of houses which were unfit for habitation at Clough Dene, of which Mr. J. Harrison was the owner; and at Burnopfield of which Mr. G. Edminson was the owner. The orders were granted, and the chairman was of opinion that it was important that Sanitary Authorities should be supported in matters relating to the sanitary condition of the dwellings of miners and others in the county.

At the same court Mr. Lawrence Gartland, of Clough Dene, was fined 1/- and costs for failing to comply with a notice issued by the Sanitary Authority requesting him to cease to inhabit the house previously ordered by the Bench to be closed. Mr. Parker stated that the Rural Council only applied for nominal penalities as the object was to cause the house to be vacated.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A CO-OPERATIVE LEADER.

Co-operators throughout North-West Durham, and the north generally will learn with regret the death of Mr. J. T. W. Mitchell, of Rochdale, chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, and one of the oldest and most prominent workers in the movement. Mr. Mitchell had been ill for some weeks. On Monday week he went to London for the purpose of presiding at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the society. On his arrival in the Metropolis he suddenly took ill, but notwithstanding the advice of his friends to the contrary, he took the chair the following day. Symptoms, however, of a very serious nature set in, and he was removed from London to his home in Rochdale. His illness continued, and he died about half-past one o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The deceased gentleman was a native of Rochdale, where his forefathers had for generations been engaged in hat manufacture. The co-operative movement in his native town attracted his attention, and in 1853 he became a member of the Equitable Pioneers Society. Two years afterwards he was elected a member of the Board, and later a member of the educational committee. In 1869 he was chosen to represent the Rochdale Pioneers Society on the board of the wholesale society, and in 1874 was elected chairman of that body, and up to the time of his death filled that important office. In 1884 he visited America, along with other gentlemen, to ascertain the best means of supplying the wholesale societies with the produce of that country. Mr. Mitchell attended the first congress of the Co-operative Societies in London twenty years ago, and he has been present at each congress since. Mr. Mitchell was well known in the North of England, as, indeed, all over the kingdom. Of his later visits to the North, one was about four years ago, when he presided at the opening of the Dunston Co-operative Flour Mill, and a short time ago he attended the annual meeting of the Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society. His attendance at the various quarterly meetings of the Co-operative Wholesale Society in Newcastle will be remembered by a large number of co-operators throughout the district. The deceased gentleman, who was 70 years of age, was a bachelor.

"ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask Chemists, Perfumers, or grocers for "Wells' Rough on Corns." Quick, complete permanent cure for hard or soft corns, warts, bunions. 6d. and 1s. bottles.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, fleas, bed-bugs, roaches, ants, insects, ground moles, &c. 1s. and 6d. boxes.

Sudden Death in a Coke Oven.—On Monday night, a tramp named Lancaster died very suddenly in one of the coke ovens at the Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, March 13th.—Before Messrs H. W. Kerrick-Walker, Fred. S. Newall and Geo. Duberley.

Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.

For these offences thirty three persons were summoned and fined.

Pitch and Toss.

Samuel Collins, Richard Collins, Wm. Temporley, Daniel Kennedy, were charged with playing at pitch and toss on the highway at Chester Moor, on the 23rd Feby. P.C. Jeff said he saw defendants playing at the game.—Fined 2/6 and costs each.

Pursuit of Conies.

Johnson Oliver and John Robinson were charged with trespassing in pursuit of conies Mr. J. G. Forster's farm at Biddick on the 23rd of Feb.—P.C. Armstrong said he saw defendants ferreting rabbits on Mr. Forster's farm. Other men that were there ran away. He searched Robinson and found nets in his possession.—Oliver denied that he was there at all; he was at Sunderland at the time. Robinson said he was not there. The Officer said he saw them setting the nets.—Mr. Forster said he had not given the men any leave to go and ferret on his land. He suffered a great deal from such like trespass.—Fined 5/- each and costs.

A Fishing Case.

Thomas Perry was summoned at the instance of the Wear Fishery Board for an offence against the Fishery Act at Chester-le-Street on the 6th inst.—Mr. John Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, appeared for the Fishery Board, and stated that as this was the first case during the present season, they did not wish to press the case. The licenses were 1/- for ordinary licences, and 5/- for salmon. Defendant had not taken out either licence before he fished, but had since done so.—Ordered to pay the costs.

Unlicensed Dogs.

Richard Simpkins, Peter Burn, Susan Gimblett, were charged with keeping dogs without having a license, and were ordered to pay 7/6 and costs.

Education Cases.

At the instance of Wm. Parkin, Attendance Officer, John Ramshaw, and Wm. Miller were summoned for neglecting to send their children to school.—Attendance ordered.

Attendance Officer R. Finlay, charged the following with similar neglect:—John Laverick, attendance order; Robert Murphrey, fined 5/-; Wm. Lawson, attendance order; Wm. Charles, (two cases) fined 5/-; Geo. Maddison, fined 5/-; Wm. Armytage, Attendance order.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

John Smith and Patrick Cassidy were charged with robbing and illtreating Thomas Maddison at Ouston, on the 18th Feby.—Wm. Parry, Gateshead, prosecuted; Mr. John Turnbull, defending.

Prosecuter said that on the date named he was at Owen's public house at Chester-le-Street, at nearly eleven o'clock at night. Prisoners were there at the same time. A man named James Green was with witness. Green and he talked together in the presence of prisoners. Witness said he intended going by Brown's Buildings with Green, as he was timid about going the other way alone. Smith spoke and said "you might as well go with us; we go close past where you live." They all left the public house together. At that time the witness had, in money, a sixpence and three-pence in copper, of his own; he had also a half-crown belonging to someone else. He had also in a purse, an imitation spade guinea, and a small coin with the Lord's prayer printed on in ink. The four of them walked together to the end of Pelton Lane: Green said "good night" and went away in the direction of Brown's Buildings, leaving witness with prisoners. Witness went with prisoners on the way to Ouston; he gave Smith sevenpence to buy some whiskey, which he brought. When they passed Mr. Ryle's farm at High Flats, Cassidy attempted to put his hand in witnesses overcoat pocket. Witness stopped him, and Smith said "if you are going to talk like that it will be worse for you. When near The Cut Smith asked him how much he had; witness said twopence. Smith said they knew he had more than that, and they would search him. Smith then put his hand into his hip pocket and took out the purse, and gave it to Cassidy. They said if he resisted they would badly use him. Cassidy emptied the purse and gave it back to him. Smith also took his cigar case. Smith left loose of him, and he ran away; they shouted to him, but he ran all the way home, and told his mother; and then told P.C. Golightly the night after.

Cross-examined by Mr. Turnbull: He had been at a dance that night at Chester-le-Street; he had 4/3 of his own money. And he had had several "drinks," and had "stood" drinks to prisoners and other people. He was also singing; he was also in a merry mood, and singing his "fancy" song, "The man who struck O'Hara." He did not make any appointment to meet the prisoners at Birtley the next morning. He met them at Birtley the next day, at about two o'clock in the afternoon. He told prisoners then that they had taken his money from him on the previous night. P.C. Wise to whom he had made a complaint was there at the time. They had hold of his watch-chain, but did not take it from him. He did not know either of the prisoners; and did not think he had ever seen them before that night.

James Green said he saw prosecuter and the prisoners in Oliver's public house. He left Maddison and prisoners together; they went up Pelaw Bank, and he went on the Newcastle road home.

Hannah Oliver, daughter of the landlord of the Bridge Inn, said she saw prosecutor and prisoners in their house between ten and eleven o'clock; after the dance at the Mechanics' Institute. Witness took the money that night; and did not change half-a-crown for Maddison. She saw Maddison and prisoners leave the house together; Maddison was not worse for drink then. Cross-examined: Maddison had not anything but beer to drink in their house that night.

Elizabeth Muncaster, sister of the prosecutor, Jane Cliff, and P. C. Golightly also gave evidence.

Mr. Turnbull argued that there was not the slightest corroboration of the statements made by prosecutor. The whole story was one of the most unlikely he had ever heard.

Thomas Wm. Watson, Pelton Fell, said he came out of Oliver's public house with Maddison and the two prisoners. Maddison was "Rather drunky." Maddison said he just had sevenpence and would have a pot of whiskey. They went away together after getting the whiskey. At this stage the Bench considered there was not sufficient evidence, and dismissed the case.

Rowdyism on the Railway.

William and Michael Connelly were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Beamish Station, Annfield Branch of the N.E.R., on Saturday the 9th of March, and further with assaulting George Hare, Station master, and Geo. Wm. Batey at the same time and place. Supt. Darrell appeared on behalf of the North-Eastern Railway Co., and at his suggestion the cases were taken together.

Supt. Darrell said the station was locked up; but an empty train, according to regulations stopped at Beamish, on its way to Newcastle. The porter was on the platform, and saw defendants get into the empty train. They had not tickets; and were put out of the train. They then assaulted both of the officers.

P.C. McGee said he saw defendants at Beamish Station very drunk and disorderly.

Geo. Wm. Batey said he saw defendants jump into an empty carriage, just as the empty train was leaving the platform. Witness signalled to the guard, the train was stopped and defendants were told to get out. He asked their names and they gave wrong names and addresses. Michael struck at witness, and tried to throw him off the platform. They struggled together, and fell down; the Station master and William were struggling together. The light were all out, and the gates locked; defendants must have climbed over the fencing.

Mr. Hare, said he had just gone into his house when he was called out, and found Batey struggling with Michael. William struck at witness and they had a struggle William trying to put witness over the parapet, to the rails below. Witness shouted and whistled for help, and when assistance came they got them away. At an earlier stage in the evening, Michael had caused trouble by going to Beamish with a Chester-le-Street ticket, and refused to pay the difference.

Harry Teeby, signalman, said he heard shouting and whistling from the Station master: as soon as he could leave the cabin he went down, knowing that there was trouble. He found the Station master and William struggling on the ground together. Witness strangled him off the master, and defendant bit witness's little finger. He also threatened to strike witness. The language used by the pair was something fearful. Defendants admitted the charges, who were each fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly, and for the assault they were each sent to prison for two months, without the option of a fine.

Alleged Wounding.

John Tighe was charged with wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm to John James Davidson at Plawsworth, on Friday, March 1st.

Mr. John Turnbull defended and admitted a common assault.

Prosector said he lived at Kimblesworth, on the Friday night; he met defendant who had been fighting. Defendant struck at witness; they fought and defendant went away; and while witness was

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talking to Tighe's landlord, Tighe struck him on the head with something which knocked him senseless. The charge was reduced to one of common assault, to which defendant pleaded guilty, Mr. Turnbull pleading for leniency from the Bench in their decision. Davidson had acted the part of the peacemaker and had very unfortunately come to the worst, when he was trying to do good. In order to see whether Tighe would compensate Davidson for his loss of time they would adjourn the case for fourteen days.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of this body was held on Thursday week, in the Board Room, of the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding.—The other members present were:—Revs. Fathers P. C. Fortin, Augustus Magill, P. Cameron, Messrs W. Aynsley, Robert Robson, Geo. Hobson, Geo. D. Powell, Richard Burleigh, William Collier, Thomas Pringle, Robt. Kay, H. C. Wood, Thos. Taylor Smith, J. W. Taylor, Thos. Barry, Wm. Bulmer, Geo. Forster, William Robinson, William Johnson, J. Green, William Young, Ed. Sloane, A. T. Watson, L. Nicholson, Henry Greener, Jas. Oliver, Thos. S. Longstaff, W. H. Hedley, Thos. Wilkinson, Thos. Colquhoun, William Rutherford, P. Reay, Wm. Gray, George Wailes, Thos. Lowdon, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson).

Illness of the Master.

The Chairman reported that the Master of the Workhouse (Mr. W. H. Brotherhood), was granted 14 days' leave of absence. Mr. Brotherhood had not been able to have the same, owing to having been confined to his room through illness.

The New Estimate: A New Rate.

The Clerk submitted the following estimate of expenditure for the ensuing half-year, ending Michaelmas, 1895:—Maintenance, £800, corresponding period of last year, £746 13s 6d; Out relief, £4,230, corresponding period of last year, £4,258 13s 8d; Maintenance of Inmates, £850, corresponding period of last year, £819 4s 3d; Removal of Lunatics, £25, corresponding period of last year, £21 10s 4d; Interest and instalment on Loans £117, corresponding period of last year, £117 7s 5d; Salaries of officers, £520, corresponding period of last year, £516 16s 5d; Ration of Officers, £90, corresponding period of last year, £78 15s 11d; Extra Medical Fees, £5, corresponding period of last year £6 2s 0d; Building and repairs, £150, corresponding period of last year, £146 1s 11d; Furniture and property, £30, corresponding period of last year, £27 15s 2d; Rents, rates, and taxes, £30, corresponding period of last year, £29 15s 8d; Stationary and Printing, £70; corresponding period of last year, £54 9s 8d; Paupers in Hospital and School, £100, corresponding period of last year, £81 6s 2d; Registration, £110, corresponding period of last year, £105 5s 0d; Vaccination, £120, corresponding period of last year, £114 13s 5d; Legal proceedings, £10, corresponding period of last year, £8 6s 7d; Assessment Committee, £50, corresponding period of last year, £50; Election of Guardians, 0, corresponding period of last year, £3 3s; Subscription to Hospitals, £6, corresponding period of last year, £6 4s; audit stamp, £7, corresponding period of last year, £7; Expenses of Committees, £15, corresponding period of last year, £14 18s; Incidental expenses, £20, corresponding period of last year, £18 9s 6d; Remuneration of Collectors of Poor Rates, £67, corresponding period of last year, £67 10s; School fees of Non-Pauper's children, £2, corresponding period of last year, £1 17s 8d; County Rate, £2,560, corresponding period of last year, £2560; deduct common fund receipts, £124, corresponding period of last year, £128 5s 11d; total, £7,830; total for corresponding period of last year, £7,433 11s 4d; rateable value, £298,483 at 6d £7,462; at 1d £1,244.

The Chairman pointed out the increased expenditure was mainly caused through the large number of inmates in the house and the increased demand for out-door relief. The balance in hand during the past half-year had been £2,500; and he considered that it should not be any less during the ensuing six months.

On the motion of Mr. Aynsley seconded by Mr. Hobson, it was decided that a new poor rate of 6d in the pound should be made.

The New Nurse.

It was reported that the new nurse, Miss Holt, of Newcastle, commence her duties on the 7th inst.

The Return of Inmates.

The return of inmates was as follows:—Ninth week: Adults: Not able-bodied, men, 96; women, 39; total, 135; adults ordinarily, able-bodied, men in health, 3; women in health, 21; total, 24; children, 56; total, 215. Tenth week.—adults, not able-bodied, men, 91; women, 41; total, 132; adults, ordinarily, able-bodied, men in health, 3; women, 22; total, 25; children, 56; total, 213. Number of Inmates 21, corresponding week of last year, 187; vagrants relieved during the fortnight, 16 for first week; 18 for second week; total, 34.

Tenders.

The members considered the tenders sent in, contracting for the provisions, etc., required during the ensuing half-year. The following were accepted:—Limestone, Mr. Geo. Jackson; coal, Mr. S. A. Saddler; coke, Mr. Chas Puckering; beef, etc., Mr. W. Young; coffins, Mr. W. Wall; flour, Mr. W. R. Wiggen; groceries, Mr. Jas. Walton; Australian beef, Messrs T. D. Dryden and Co.

This was all the business.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board was held on Thursday sen'night, in the Union Buildings, Lanchester, Mr. Wm. Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding.—There was a large attendance of members.

The Proposed New Hospital at Langley Park.

The agreement with Mr. Edward Rutter, contractor, Durham, for the erection of the Fever Hospital, at Langley Park, at a cost of £2,543, was entered into.

The Chairman pointed out at the request of the members, he along with the architect (Mr. Rounthwaite), had gone into the question of making a selection from the applications for the post as Clerk of the Works. They selected three, and it was finally decided that Mr. Adamson, of Horton, near South Shields, should have the appointment at a salary of £2 10s per week.

The appointment met with the approval of the members.

Precepts.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Oliver, it was resolved that precepts at the rate of 2d in the pound, should be issued on the following contributing authorities:—Lanchester Rural District Council, £1,532; Consett District Council, £298; Benfieldside District Council £144; Leadgate District Council £86; West Stanley District Council £322.

Medical Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—The only case in the Leadgate Hospital is one of enteric fever which was admitted from Consett, on March 9th, and is progressing satisfactorily.

I am Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
GEO. RENTON, M.D.

Leadgate Fever Hospital.

The chairman reported that the Committee visited the Leadgate Fever Hospital, the previous afternoon, and only found one patient in the Institution, who was progressing satisfactorily. With the exception that the frost had played severe havoc with the water pipes, they found everything else in order. They had instructed Mr. Strachan, of Blackhill, to repair the pipes.

Mr. Green: What was the patient suffering from.

The Chairman: Typhoid Fever.

This was all the business.

On Friday afternoon Mr. J. Graham, coroner, held an inquest at Burnhope Colliery, on the body of Robert Jackson, about 17 years of age, employed as a putter at the above colliery. It appears that Jackson was coming out with the last set of tubs, about four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when he was severely crushed against the wall, death ensuing in the course of a few hours. The deceased, whose parents reside at Sacriston, had only been at work at the pit a few weeks.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DEMONSTRATION AT CONSETT.

SPEECH BY MR. J. JORDAN, M.P.

On Monday evening, in commemoration of the festival of St. Patrick, a public demonstration and concert was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. The spacious building was crowded to excess with a large and enthusiastic audience. The chair was occupied by the Rev. James Foran, of St. Mary's, Blackhill, who was supported by Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, M.P., for South Meath (who attended as substitute for Mr. J. Pinkerton, M.P. for Galway City); Fathers Wilson, Burnopfield; Kelly, Blackhill; A. Magill, and O'Kelly, The Brooms, Leadgate; Mr. W. J. Ryan, district organiser of the I.N.L., Newcastle; Councillors E. Sloane, Jas. Daly, J. Kempson, (Consett); J. Costello (Leadgate); Messrs Thos. Dunne, Thos. Barry, J. O'Connor, P. Tumilty (Consett); J. McCann, J. Sloane, (Blackhill), and several other leading nationalists. The programme of the evening's proceedings, however—a programme probably unique as a St. Patrick's Day souvenir—was an inspiriting one, and as some attempt had been made to relieve the gloom of the hall by the display of banners, bearing suitable mottoes, and the names of men whose lives made Irish history, it was far from an atmosphere of despondency which was breathed by the large audience before "God Save Ireland"—the last "item"—was reached. The Committee, who carried out the arrangements, have every reason to plume themselves upon the great success which crowned their efforts on this occasion. The high merit of the orchestra engaged, and the excellence of the programme submitted, went a long way to make the event a success. It would indeed, be difficult to find half a-dozen artistes better able to furnish a more enjoyable and varied programme of music than the three ladies and three gentlemen who so delighted the audience on the present occasion. The artistes were Madame Hall-Dix, soprano, Provincial Concerts (Newcastle); Miss J. Macintyre, contralto, People's Concerts, (Newcastle); Miss Ethel Amors, solo harpist, (Newcastle); Mr. S. Heenan, premier tenor, (Newcastle); Mr. J. Ditchburn, the new bass, (Durham Cathedral), and Mr. W. Pallister, humorist, (Crook).

The Chairman, who was received with every sign of delight, briefly opened the proceedings with a few introductory remarks. He said the absence of Mr. Pinkerton was compensated for by the presence of Mr. Jordan, who was a Protestant from the North of Ireland. (Cheers). They had before them an excellent programme of music, and he would now ask the artistes to proceed with the same.

With respect to the concert we may refer in commencement to the highly acceptable contributions of Madame Hall-Dix, a soprano of exceptional power and brilliancy. Her first song was "Erin! my Erin," and in acknowledgement of the vociferous applause which followed, she rendered "Killarney" to the entire satisfaction of all present. In Part II she gave "Carmina" and this song, with its brilliant climax, was also loudly re-demanded. It was in this rendition that the fine quality of her voice found full expression. Miss MacIntyre, in "Eileen Allanah" (Thomas) roused the enthusiasm of the audience at the commencement of the programme, and the exceptional range of her fine contralto voice was further evidenced in "When the tide comes in," which was also considered a most delightful contribution. The rendition of Miss MacIntyre's songs was thoroughly artistic, and proclaimed her the possessor of a voice of exceptional quality, clear and reed-like in the upper register, and resonant as a violin in the lower. The songs rendered by Mr. Heenan were "Star of Bethlehem," and "Old Ireland's hearts and hands." Mr. Heenan, with his beautiful rich tenor voice, created a good impression, and this being his first appearance on a Consett platform, many were charmed with his singing Mr. Heenan, we may say, sang not only with consummate ease, but with purity of expression, and beauty of tone that were much admired. The song "Off to Philadelphia" by Mr. Ditchburn, raised the patriotic feeling of the audience. The other song rendered by Mr. Ditchburn, "The song of the Pirate," was thoroughly appreciated. We have nothing but praise to say of the singing of Mr. Ditchburn. He is the possessor of a splendid basso voice, which won for him on this occasion a fair share of the plaudits of the house. We scarcely ever remember a singer that has a voice that will equal the one possessed by Mr. Ditchburn, with the exception of Mr. Nutton, of Durham. The harp selections by Miss Amers, who is set down as a most skilful harpist, were everything that could be desired. The selections showed this accomplished young lady's abilities, and for the same she was the recipient of enrapturous encores. The humorist of the evening was Mr. Pallister, whose sketches and impersonations sent the audience into convulsions of laughter. His first item, "Advertisements," met with thunderous applause. It was in his second item, "An evening party," that one saw the full extent of his extraordinary power of facial expressions. This sketch received an encore. The two duets "Il Trovatore," by Miss MacIntyre, and Mr. Heenan, and "There's beauty in the bellow of the beast," by Madame Dix and Mr. Ditchburn evoked great applause. The accompaniments were admirably played by Mr. E. J. Sloane, L. Mus, L.C.M., Blackhill, whose services greatly helped the success of the concert.

During the interval Mr. Thomas Dunne moved the following resolution:—

"That we convey out grateful thanks to our National representatives, under the distinguished leadership of Mr. Justin McCarthy, for their indomitable courage, untiring perseverance, and patriotic zeal in the cause of justice to Ireland, and for their undivided support to the Liberal Government in their efforts to legislate beneficially for the masses of the people, in conformity with the programme proposed by Mr. W. E. Gladstone, at Newcastle-on-Tyne; and further, we believe that a general amnesty to our fellow-countrymen, now in prison, for political offences, would augment the friendly feeling which now happily exists between the Liberal party and the Irish nation, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to W. E. Gladstone, Lord Rosebery, Justin McCarthy, John Morley, and Atherley-Jones." (Cheers). He said they all felt thankful to the men who worked most arduously in carrying the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons; but the action of the House of Lords in rejecting the Bill had met with their condemnation. It had been said that this should have been a question for the Government to have appealed to the country with. Well they might have done so; but it had been thought otherwise. The Government were desirous to have the Newcastle programme carried out as far as possible before they appealed to the country on this or any other important questions. The Irish Party were standing side by side with the Liberal Government, because the latter had been faithful to the Irish cause. (Cheers). In conclusion, the speaker referred to the political prisoners and said the time had now arrived when they should have some consideration. (Cheers).

Mr. O'Connor seconded. He stated that in continually passing votes of confidence in the Irish Party, some people might come to the conclusion that it showed signs of weakness in them. However this was not the case, and this being their National Anniversary they had a perfect right to do as they chose. He hoped that when the future Home Rule Bill came to the front again the House of Lords would not think twice before passing the Bill. (Cheers). They had a protestant speaker on the platform, whose whole heart was thrown into the question of Home Rule for Ireland. (Cheers). He trusted that the day was not far distant when the political prisoners would be liberated. (Cheers).

Mr. Ryan supported the resolution with a powerful speech. He said that he was delighted with the way in which the demonstration had been got up. There had been great taste and judgment shown, and there was also evidence that there was a powerful organisation at Consett. (Cheers). They were there to listen to a protestant who was to speak to them on a subject which they all had at heart. (Cheers). The enthusiasm in their cause was not dead, and their confidence in the Irish Party and the Liberal Government would never be shaken so long as they had such gatherings as the present. (Cheers).

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jordan who was loudly cheered, said it was the first time; and he did not know whether to put it down as providential, or otherwise, that he had visited the North of England or the town of Consett. He must admit, and he thought that it was largely due to their respected chairman, to the favourable impression he had been able to form of the North-West Division of Durham. (Cheers). He could say that he did not come to a stranger when he met the Rev. Father Foran, and the latter had entertained him in a kindly and brotherly manner, in spite of the fact that he was a Protestant. (Cheers). During the afternoon, Mr. Foran had several of his clergy friends at his abode, and he could assure them that he had enjoyed himself immensely. Now to crown all they had accorded him a splendid ovation, and he would return them thanks for the same. The present was the largest audience he had ever addressed on St. Patrick's Day. The Committee that had got up the demonstration had to be congratulated for the way in which they had carried out the arrangements. Let him state, before he proceeded further, that he was only there as a substitute, to speak to them on the cause of Ireland. Mr. Pinkerton was a Protestant, and an Ulster farmer, and he (the speaker) was an Ulster merchant. He could assure them he got little praise in his native place, because he was a Protestant and a Home Ruler. They said it was all right for a Catholic to be a Home Ruler and a rebel if he liked; but a Protestant who became a Home Ruler was a recreant, and rotten to the very core. (Laughter). The Irish party had sent him there to show that there were Protestants in Ireland who were as anxious as their fellow Catholic citizens that Ireland should have her rights and self-government. (Cheers). He was greatly impressed with the zeal and enthusiasm shown by the people of England, Scotland, and Wales towards the Irish cause. He had come to the conclusion that this enthusiasm could be safely set down to the fact that they considered their demands for Ireland to be just and reasonable. At one time the people of England thought the Irish people were nothing less than barbarians; but he was glad to say this superstition was now removed. Speaking on the union between the English Liberals and the Nationalist party, Mr. Jordan said he would go as gladly in answer to the whip to vote for a measure for the good of the workers of England and Wales and Scotland as he would go to vote upon Home Rule. (Applause). He could not help but admire the zeal of the Irish people on the English soil. They were surrounded by things that sometimes damped their ardour, and such that they were not accustomed to in Ireland; but such did not put the flame out. (Cheers). He hoped and prayed this spirit would never die out. (Applause). They knew their duty, and sometimes put them at home to the blush. They had met that night to celebrate the festival of St. Patrick. He did not believe in saints; but he would assume that St. Patrick lived and was not a myth, and he would say that St. Patrick lived for the good of the people of Ireland. (Applause). He would say to the men of that large audience: "Go you and do likewise." (Applause). There were people who thought the dedication of St. Patrick was a dedication to the bottle. That was not St. Patrick's dedication. (Applause). The dedication of the bottle was selfish and fleshly; St. Patrick's dedication was unselfish, and spiritual, and its purpose was the up-raising of the down-trodden people of down-trodden Ireland. (Applause). There were lessons to be learned from the life of St. Patrick. The first was that he gave himself for his people and his country; second, he was a determined opponent of everything that was loathsome and vile. (Cheers). They had still vile opponents in Ireland, and they wished many a time, that they had another Father Matthews, or a St. Patrick, or another Charles Stewart Parnell. (Cheers). What he said was this. Let each man in his own sphere turn out a St. Patrick, and they would very soon remove the evil out of their midst. Having showed how they could accomplish this resolution (the speaker) went on to say that the Irish people of the north did not estimate their strength. They allowed the English people to have too much of their own way. They allowed them to get hold of too many of the good positions in life. If he was correctly informed there were some of them in that audience who were earning £5 per week. Now what he wanted them to aim at was to save money, so as to be able to take a share of the trade of the commerce of the country. It was not sufficient for an Irishman to be only the occupier of a public-house. This was right enough in its place; but he wanted them to rise to a higher level, and be the possessors of other kinds of business, and the owners of land.—(Cheers).—He wanted them to be strong in the social, commercial, and patriotical life. (Cheers). Proceeding, Mr. Jordan spoke in regretful terms of the split in the Irish Parliamentary parties. He claimed that the party which spoke the wishes of the majority of the Irish people, and which had the support of a strong English political party, and was doing all in its power for the benefit of Ireland, should be the party of Ireland, the minority consenting to go over to them. Parnell was dead; and, therefore, there could no longer be Parnellism. They had so far supported the Liberal Government and would always do so as long as they show a tendency to endeavour to gain fair measures to remedy the evils of Ireland. He thanked the meeting for the vote of confidence, and hoped that the day was not far distant when the political prisoners would be liberated. Concluding, Mr. Jordan made an appeal for financial aid for the national party. (Cheers).

On the proposition of Rev. Father Magill, seconded by Mr. Costello, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Jordan for his address.

A similar compliment was likewise paid to the Chairman.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the audience rising and singing "God save Ireland."

GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT STANLEY.

On Saturday last, under the auspices of the Irish National League of Great Britain, "Lord E. Fitzgerald" Branch, a grand demonstration and entertainment was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley. An excellent address was delivered by Mr. Jeremiah Jordan M.P. for South Meath, in Irish Politics generally and he was supported in the platform by Councillors Jon. Green, J.P., Wm. Indian, M. G. Armstrong, Stanley; T. H. Caine, late of Castle Eden; P. Reay, and R. Campbell, Annfield Plain; Mr. T. Middlemast, Oxhill, and others. The West Stanley Military Band met Mr. Jordan at the station and played "Welcome" on his arrival and the members of the local branch joined in procession to the hall to the strains of "St. Patrick's Day." During the evening Mr. G. J. Moody, tenor, Newcastle, sang "Erin, my country," "Ireland's hearts and hands," "The Rose of Tralee." Mr. J. Nevin, the popular comedian, Newcastle, rendered "Mr. Michael Hoolahan," "The School Board Man," "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" and "The Policeman," which caused much merriment. Mr. R. Scorer, sentimentalist, New Herrington, sang "How did you lose your arm." Miss Bella Fiddess, soprano, Leadgate, rendered "Terence's Farewell," "Kathleen Mavourneen," and "Rory O' More," and Miss Maggie Flynn, contralto, rendered "Norah Moreen" and another. Mr. Maurice Mulcahy, acted as accompanist. The chair was occupied by Coun. Wm. Allison, of Birtley. Resolutions thanking Mr. Morley for the way in which he had brought forward the Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons and congratulating the electors of Newcastle in getting a candidate to run in conjunction with him; and calling upon the Government for the release of the political prisoners, were carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers was proposed by Coun. Cann, and seconded by Coun. Armstrong. The proceedings terminated by the singers giving "God save Ireland." There was only a fair attendance, the committee's expectations in regard to the success of the undertaking were not fully realised, doubtless owing to the fact that last year there was a disappointment but hope to regain the confidence of the people by bringing only real good talent in the future.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, March 15th.—Before V. A. Rippon, and J. W. Roddam Esqs.

There was only one case of drunkenness, from St. John's Chapel, John Gregg, who was fined 15/- for being drunk on the 2nd inst.—It speakes well for the district which is a large one from Frosterley to Killhope Head, Rokehope and Derwent Districts included, with a population of 12,000 people, that there was only one drunken case last month. A new railway is being made in the dale, and a large number of navvies employed at it, and only one case two drunk cases for four weeks is a small calender of crime.

STANHOPE URBAN COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting was held on Monday night, J. W. Roddam, J.P., presiding.—The Council decided to apply for full Parish Council powers.—Dr. Gray was appointed Medical Officer of health, and the Local Government Board are to be asked to allow the appointment to stand until April 1896.—A letter was read from the Parish Council asking them to appoint three to meet theirs, to consider the charity question at Stanhope. As they had not yet got the powers of the Parish Council, it was thought premature as yet.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board informing the Council that they would have to advertise again the appointment of the surveyor.—The Council protested against such red tapeism, and denounced it in strong turns, as it seemed preposterous on their part to advertise the situation as vacant when already it was filled up, and they had made their appointment.—The Clerk intimated, however, it would have to be done.—Several members spoke of the unfairness of the thing to the public, advertising a situation and getting people to apply for it when it was filled up.

CRAGHEAD.

P.M. Chapel.—A Concert was given in the above chapel on Saturday evening by the West Pelton Orchestral Society, under the leadership of Mr. E. H. Lowther, in aid of the new harmonium fund. The programme consisted of marches, selections, &c., by the band, which were loudly applauded. Solos were given by Miss K. Turnbull, Miss H. Emmerson, and Mr. John Turnbull, and were very much appreciated. A fine clarionet solo was given by Mr. John Pickering, and a cornet solo by Master W. Turnbull was well received. A violin solo given by Mr. E. H. Lowther was encored, and recitations were given by Mr. G. H. Emmerson in his usual dramatic style. The pianist to the society (Mr. Wm. Buglass) accompanied the songs with marked ability. A hearty vote of thanks brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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.

Dipton United beat Dipton Athletic by four goals to one.

Oxhill Violets and South Moor Albion played a draw of one goal each.

Lintz Nomads and Ashfield Juniors (Newcastle) played a draw of two goals each at Newcastle.

Craghead Rangers 2nd, three goals; Sacriston Church Institute, nil.

Catchgate Lilywhites beat Kyo School Boys, at Catchgate, by three goals to one.

Hobson Reserve defeated Birtley Reserve, at Birtley, by one goal to nil.

LEADGATE UNITED v CASTLESIDE ROVERS.—Played at Castleside, and after a very fast and exciting game United were victorious by one goal to nil.

BURNHOPE ROVERS v WEST KYO UNITED 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game resulted in a win for the Rovers by four goals to one.

DIPTON ST. JOHN'S v CATCHGATE HEROES.—Played at Catchgate. The visitors started, and after a few minutes play Armin scored the first point. The homesters now took the ball to the other end, but after a scrimmage Press relieved. After a splendid run, Walker passed to Armin, who scored No. 2. Half-time:—St. John's, two goals; Heroes, nil. After a short rest, the ball was again set in motion. A beautiful run was made by Riddle, whosent in a stinging shot, but the home custodian fisted out; Hogg was soon on the ball and rushed it through. Final result—

St. John's .... Three goals
Heroes .... Nil

The following did duty for St. John's—Goal, J Kelly; backs, Westgarth and Press; half-backs, J Earley, J Turnbull, and W Gilliard; forwards, J Mosley, J W Hogg, G Armin, J T Riddle, and W Walker.

CHARITY MATCH.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v DERWENT VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB.

The doughty exponents of these two teams dispensed respectively with the use of their hands and sticks (metaphorically of course), and played an Association match in aid of the local distress funds. In spite of counter-attractions, there was a fair and fashionable attendance, when the contestants tripped gaily into the arena, and with such sprightliness as to give every promise of a vigorous and brilliant display. The ball was set a rolling by Ormerod of the Valley, but judging by the opening stages it was evident that the teams were carefully taking the measure of each other. However, they soon warmed to their work, and play of a ding-dong nature ensued. As the game wore on the Rovers began to assert their superiority, and the form of the Hockey men was on and off—mostly the latter—which perhaps may be accounted for by insufficient training, and through the ball being somewhat small, perhaps, judging by the frequency with which it was missed by some. After about half-an-hour's play of a give-and-take character, the Rovers' forwards made several determined onslaughts on the Valley citadel, which were met with a sturdy and well-sustained defence. The Rovers, however, were not to be denied, and success at last crowned their efforts, as the ball rolling from the left wing with tortoise-like steadiness completely baffled the goalkeeper, who had dashed forth to deliver one of his prodigious punts, the force of which, however, was spent on the atmosphere, instead of on the sphere, which crawled through the goal in such complacent manner as to suggest the idea of its "winking the other eye" to the excited spectators behind. Shortly afterwards, the ball, as though well satisfied with this achievement, was again seen to be stealthily approaching the goalkeeper, and succeeded in again evading his mighty kick, and would certainly have scored had it not been for the timely intervention of the stalwart right full-back, who cleared from the very goal-line. Soon, however, the ball was hovering round the Valley posts, and from a scrimmage one of the Rovers banged it through, making No. 2. This reverse roused the slumbering; energies of the Valley forwards, and Foreman, from a pass from the left, made a dashing run, and scored in brilliant fashion. Half-time arrived with the score reading—

Rovers .... Two goals
Valley .... One goal

The second half was well contested, the Rovers soon adding one more to their score. The Valley then experienced hard lines in not scoring. Shortly before time, the Rovers again got down, and a clinking shot was marvellously cleared by the Derwent goalkeeper. Nothing further took place, and when the players, covered with mud and glory, left the field, the Rovers had proved themselves victorious as under—

Rovers .... Three goals
Valley .... One goal

The members of both clubs are deserving of praise for so kindly helping to such a worthy object. The Rovers, whose ability in the Rugby code is well-known, played a remarkably clever Association game, showing excellent form in tackling, kicking, and dribbling. The Derwent Valley, comprising as it did some well-known veterans, gave a most creditable display. The defence by Dales (the hero of a hundred fights) and Parker was at times brilliant, and never weak. The halves played a hard game, tackling with great determination and success. Their heading, however, was not so successful as the attempts justified. The brothers Wattaford were the pick of the forwards, and Foreman made some dashing runs.

(Owing to its late arrival we regret that we were unable to insert the above report last week.—FOOTBALL ED.)

LEADGATE PARK v WILLINGTON ATHLETIC

These teams met at Leadgate in a friendly before a good gate. The previous meeting between these teams in the English Amateur Cup Competition ended in a win for the Park by two goals to nil. In the second meeting both teams were stronger, and Willington intended making matters equal with the Park. McLucas started, but Bob Wilson returned, and the homesters at once began to press, but Crichton cleared in fine style, and Bartlett dribbled to the other end. Cartmell dispossessed and gave to Burnhope, who scored after five minutes' play. From the kick-off the Athletic pressed, but the home defence was strong and Foreman cleared, and play was again taken to the visitors' goal, where an exciting scrimmage took place, Ryder giving a corner to save. Graham placed finely, and Lockey in trying to clear headed through his own goal, making the second goal for the Park. Willington attacked most determinedly after this, and Crowther gave a corner from Cummings. The ball was well placed and equally as well got away by Snowdon, and the visitors' goal was reached through good combined play by Lock and Joe Wilson. Lock placed finely into goal, and Graham scored the third point. The visitors strove desperately to open out their scoring account, whilst the Park were just as anxious to increase their lead. Both teams experienced hard lines, and at the interval the score stood—

Park .... Three goals
Athletic .... Nil

After a well-earned rest the teams lined up again and Willington seemed determined to score, shooting whenever they had a possible chance. McLucas sent in a swift shot from about twenty yards distance, and although Crowther tried his utmost he was unable to stop its progress, thus Willington scored their first goal. This reverse aroused the homesters and the game became more exciting than ever. From the kick-off the home forwards went off in a body, and Graham sent in a stinger, which struck the underside of the crossbar, and Ryder threw away. The home team claimed that the ball was through, but the referee ruled otherwise. Not to be denied the Park came away again, and Graham seeing an opening put one through beyond dispute. The visitors were now playing a defensive game, and appeared beaten at every point, and Ryder had a busy time of it. Close on the call of time Graham beat Ryder again, and when the whistle sounded the score stood—

Park .... Five goals
Athletic .... One goal

Park team:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, W. J. Foreman (capt.) and F. Foreman; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, J. Wilson, G. Lock, J. A. Burnhope, W. Bell, and R. Graham.

Referee, Mr J. Ross, junr., Consett.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

FOURTH ROUND.

HOBSON WANDERERS v AXWELL ROVERS.

These teams met at the Hobson in splendid weather, before about 1,000 spectators. Axwell won the toss, and elected to play against hill and sun. Hobson commenced, but were dispossessed by the Axwell half-backs, who put well up the field to their forwards, and they made a combined run, which ended in them nearly scoring, Brown saving well. Axwell got "hands" close in, but this also was cleared. The Hobson got away and made strenuous efforts to score, but they found Jamieson very bad to beat, and he saved grandly on two or three occasions. Axwell pressed, and the home backs cleared grandly, but nothing daunted the Rovers, from a scrimmage, drew first blood. After the re-start, the Wanderers pressed, but they met a stubborn defence in Jamieson, Newton, and Burn, who played grandly. Axwell got well up the field by a good run on the part of Dixon, who centred grandly for Ouston to score No. 2 for the visitors. A lot of mid-field play occurred until half-time, when the score read—

Axwell .... Two goals
Hobson .... Nil

On resuming, the Rovers pressed hard, but they were met by a strong defence, Brown especially saving well. The Hobson got away, but were pulled up by the visitors' halves, and Errington getting possession put in a grand run, which ended in Dixon just missing. Axwell kept up the pressure for a time, but they could not break down the defence, which was all that could be desired. The homesters got away by the aid of Bell, who made a neat run, and was on the point of shooting when Burn disposed him, and Dixon getting possession passed to Errington, who beat all opposition but the goalkeeper, and sent in a swift shot, and how Brown cleared it was a miracle. The Hobson attacked, but they could not score, and the visitors got away by the aid of Roscamp and Minns, who made a good run, which ended in the former striking the uprights with a lightning shot—very hard lines. Mid-field play took place, but by a break away on the part of the home team they succeeded in scoring their first goal about a minute from the finish. The final score reading, after a very interesting game, as under—

Axwell .... Two goals
Hobson .... One goal

Rovers' team—Goal, Jamieson; backs, Newton and Burn; half-backs, J Bruce, R Bruce, and R H Pyle; forwards, J Dixon, T Ouston, W Errington, J Roscamp, and T Minns.

Referee, Mr J R Douglas, Gateshead.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

LIZZIE CELTIC v ALLENDALE PARK.

Played at the Lizzie. The Park won the toss, and elected to play with the sun and hill at their backs. Robson started the ball, and the home forwards ran up and shot into the goalkeeper's hands, who cleared only for R. Bell to put through. From the centre kick, the Park ran down, and the left wing shot through, making the scores equal—one goal each. This reverse seemed to waken up the home team, and after some mid-field play Selkirk banged through No. 2. On re-starting, the Park tried hard to score, but they found the defence had to beat. "Hands" close in gave the Celtic a chance, and P. Bell took the kick, only for T. Robson to put on the finishing touch. Directly after the whistle blew half-time with the score—

Celtic .... Three goals
Park .... One goal

The Celtic, with the hill and sun in their favour, made a complete bombardment upon the Park goal, and points were registered by Foster and G. Robson, and the Celtic retired victors as under—

Celtic .... Five goals
Park .... One goal

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE v. IVESTON VILLA.

These teams met at Iveston in a League fixture, and a fast and exciting game ended in a victory for the visitors by six goals to four.

KYO UNITED v LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE.

These organisations met on the Exiles' ground. The day was fine, which drew a large number of spectators. The home captain won the toss, and decided to play towards the high goal. Stephens kicked off for Kyo, who at once made to the front, but were soon repulsed by the backs. The Exiles then came up and tried their strength, but the ball was soon down in mid-field again. Play was even for the first 14 minutes, after which the Exiles came away with a rush, and notched their first point, soon after adding another, and still keeping up the pressure they registered their third goal. The Kyoites never seemed to lose heart, but played in a determined manner. The left wing got possession, and taking well up, Rix had a grand opening, but shot wide. The Exiles pressed again, Dempsey and Daley putting in some grand work, the former no doubt being the cleverest forward on the field. The Exiles still kept up the pressure, soon notching No. 4. Kyo made another attempt, and Anderson taking well down, shot in a beauty, which just shaved the post. Half-time score:—

Exiles .... Four goals
Kyo .... Nil

On resuming, Kyo taking their turn, commenced a severe pressure, and were soon in the home territory, Shield sending in a beauty, which Clare had no earthly chance of stopping. Soon after they added their second point, and then Rix headed No. 3. The Exiles made several attempts to break away, but the United halves were playing a splendid game, and soon checked them. Kyo made another effort, and Rix sent in a beauty, thus making the scorer equal. The Exiles now came down in a body, but found a strong defence, Walker, Forster, and Palmer saving grandly. The Kyo right wing got away, Anderson and Shield taking well up the field, and the latter passed to Stephens, who shot a swift grounder, Clare managing to catch it, but it slipped out of his hands over the line, thus putting Kyo ahead. The Exiles attacked, and were awarded "hands" a few yards off the goal. A scrimmage took place, which Kyo managed to get away. The whistle then sounded for time, a hard and fast game ending as under—

Kyo .... Five goals
Exiles .... Four goals

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES v CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS.

These teams met at Stanley. The home captain won the toss, and Bradley kicked off. The game at once became fast, both ends being visited, and Gibson scored the first goal for the home team after twelve minutes' play. "Hands" was given against the home team, and the ball was put through, but no goal followed, the ball not having being played a second time. The visitors brought the ball straight back, and by a good shot it was sent through, making the game even. The home team now began to press, and Masterman scored No. 2. Soon after Dodds added a third. From the centre kick Consett took the ball up, and the referee awarded them a penalty kick for the back handling. Bradley took the kick, but missed the goal by yards. The whistle then sounded half-time, with the score standing—

Lilywhites .... Three goals
Consett .... One goal

On resuming, the visitors played up in grand style, but the home defence was not to be broken. After fifteen minutes' play, the Lilywhites got another goal by the aid of Masterman. The Swifts now began to fall off, and Gibson scored No. 5. The game afterwards became slow, and nothing further was scored, the home team winning as follows:—

Lilywhites .... Five goals
Consett .... One goal

Oakey's team—Goal, J Galles; backs, S Chisholm and W Errington; half-backs, M Cunningham, G Whitfield, and E Nicholson; forwards, J Masterman and J Dodds, left wing; W Gibson, centre; J Rostron and H Bolam, right wing.

Referee, Mr A Blakey, Kyo United.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

TOW LAW v SOUTH BANK.

At Tow Law. The visitors commenced against a brilliant sun, and Simpson dashing past the visiting backs scored easily. The same player sent clean into Fenny's hands when he had a clear field. The Bankers' goal was fairly besieged, marvellous saves being made. Richardson was conspicuous for some clever play, but his efforts met with little success through bad shooting. Temperley made some clever saves. The game continued of a fast description until Thompson missed, Cooper easily equalising. A ding-dong game ensued, and several fouls occurred on each side. The visitors for a time played ten men. Nothing further being scored, the game at half-time stood—

Tow Law .... One goal
South Bank .... One goal

On resuming, Tow Law took straight into the visitors' quarters. A fierce scrimmage right on the goal line was with the greatest difficulty cleared. Grand combination by the visitors' front rank enabled Calvey to give them the lead. Still pressing, several good shots were sent in, the defence of Temperley and Thompson preventing any further headway. W. Waites retired, Tow Law playing ten men for the remainder of the game. Simpson again getting clear away made the scores equal, and still keeping up the pressure nothing but ill-luck prevented them from taking the lead. Fenny was heavily charged when picking up the ball, but continued. Play was wholly in the Bankers' quarters when time was called. Result—

Tow Law .... Two goals
South Bank .... Two goals

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v SPEN ALBION.

These teams met at Leadgate to play off their return fixture in the above League. Both teams played hard, and an exciting game ended with the score—

Park Reserve .... Five goals
Spen Albion .... Two goals

Referee, Mr J Ross, jun., Consett.

LINTZFORD v BYER MOOR.

These teams met at Byer Moor to decide their return League fixture before only a moderate attendance. The home team pressed and scored through Keefe in the first five minutes. Laing equalised from a corner, and Ferry scored No. 2 for the visitors. Half-time—

Lintzford .... Two goals
Byer Moor .... One goal

The second half was very exciting, each goal in turn being in danger. Laing dodged the backs and scored the third point. The visitors again pressed, and Laing again put through, but was ruled off-side. Final score—

Lintzford .... Three goals
Byer Moor .... One goal

Referee, Mr J. Cairns.

RUGBY.

WESTOE v HAMSTEELS.

Played at Hamsteels, in fine weather, before a moderate number of spectators. Westoe won the toss, and Hamsteels kicked off against the wind, with the sun in their faces. Westoe, who were much the heavier team, began to force the game, and were only prevented from scoring by the good defence of the home backs. Crosbie got in a long kick, and Glenn, mulling the ball, enabled Westoe to score in the corner. The kick at goal was a failure. This reverse seemed to rouse up the home team, who took the play into the Westoe territory, and were pressing strongly when the whistle sounded for half-time with the score standing—

Westoe .... One try
Hamsteels .... Nil

Westoe re-started, and worked into the home quarters, Gleghorn relieving with a good kick. From a long pass, Taylor scored a capital try, which was not improved. Very even play followed, both teams showing good play. Yorston, Taylor, and Crosbie did well for the winners, while Gleghorn, Wheatley, Fordham, and Finingham did best for Hamsteels. Final score—

Westoe .... Two tries
Hamsteels .... Nil

Referee, Mr White, North Durham F.C.

BLAYDON v SUNDERLAND NOMADS.

Played on the Blaydon ground, before a large concourse of spectators. W. James started for Blaydon, and Straughan returned well into touch. After the throw out a scrimmage was formed in neutral ground, and W. March dribbled smartly into the Nomads' twenty-five when he was checked by Hill. Neat passing between the visitors' three-quarters brought play into mid-field, and some close work ensued. At length W. March initiated a bout of passing, in which Swinburne, Wilkinson, and T. March took part, and the home men occupied a favourable position. Sunderland got a free kick, and considerable ground was gained, though T. March sent the ball into touch. Gradually the Nomads worked their way up the field and a series of exciting scrimmages took place in the Blaydon twenty-five. Receiving from W. March, Swinburne passed to Rodham, who, after making a long run, was smartly collared by Wordsworth. Combining well, Sunderland invaded, and the home team had to defend. The attack, however, was not sustained, and nothing resulted. Swinburne made a grand run, reaching the visitors' territory before being brought up by Hill. A few minutes later T. March intercepting a pass dashed off and almost scored. From the throw out Rodham got the ball and ran over the line, but the try was not allowed. Half-time—

Blaydon .... Nil
Sunderland .... Nil

Immediately after change of ends Straughan got possession and put in a fine run, T. March tackling splendidly. R. Hope kicked into touch near the centre, and shortly afterwards W. March threw to his brother, who ran into the Sunderland twenty-five, where he was knocked into touch by the full-back. The Nomads were penalised, and T. Rodham kicked a grand goal. Even play followed, and nothing further being scored the game resulted—

Blaydon .... One goal (three points)
Sunderland Nomads .... Nil

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "OFF SIDE."]

AN EYE-OPENER FOR WILLINGTON.

The Park played one of the best games on Saturday that I have ever seen them do, and fairly and squarely beat Willington Athletic in fine style. At all points the visitors were out-played, and the Park's victory of five goals to one was fully deserved on the day's play. The home team were full of dash, and it would have taken a real good eleven to have lowered their colours on Saturday. If merit goes for anything, they should certainly obtain a place in the Northern Alliance next season. I feel confident that they could beat far more teams in the Alliance than could beat them. There was not a weak spot in the team, and I fancy Willington would be more than a little surprised at the "showing up" they received. From start to finish the Park played a winning game, and had always the measure of their opponents.

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The home custodian (Crowther) was not greatly troubled, being well covered by his backs, who were both in brilliant form, the captain's kicking being especially powerful. The halves have seldom done better. It was a close race between Cartmell and Wilson for first place, the former being in his best vein. Snowdon continues to improve rapidly, and is now getting into something like his usual form. The forwards played a dashing game, passing and combining nicely, and putting plenty of power into their shooting. There was not much to choose between the two wings, Graham and Bell being bad to stop on the right, while Wilson and Lock were equally as effective on the left. Burnhope made a capital centre, and gave the other four forwards plenty of chances. Altogether, the Park gave such a display as to send their supporters nearly wild with enthusiasm. If they "keep it up," they will give Bishop Auckland something to do to-morrow, on which date they are due to play their return game on the "Bishops" ground.

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Willington came with the avowed intention of wiping out their defeat in the Amateur Cup Competition; but, as a matter of fact, they were far more overplayed than they were on the occasion of their former visit. Ryder certainly kept goal well, and it must be admitted that he had plenty of opportunity of showing his prowess, as the Park shooting was very deadly. The backs played a strong game, but the halves were only moderate, and could do little against the smart home forwards. The front rank did some very pretty work at times, but their efforts were not long sustained. They lacked combination, and what few chances fell to their share were generally mulled. To put the game in a nutshell, Willington were well beaten by a much superior team.

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THE PARK RESERVE VICTORIOUS.

A capital game resulted from the meeting of Leadgate Park Reserve and Spen Albion, in the Derwent Valley League Competition. Up till near the finish the teams were on level terms, but then the Albion unaccountably fell off, and were ultimately defeated by five goals to two. Although beaten the visitors showed good form, and were very smart on the ball. The goalkeeper did not strike me as being a second Doig, but the backs defended most strongly, clearing their lines time after time with huge kicks. The halves also did well, and often checked some very dangerous runs. The forwards were smart and speedy, the whole five putting in good work at times. Irwin and Rule were the most conspicuous, the former on one occasion getting round the Park backs in fine style and scoring a capital goal. The Spen men certainly created a good impression, and scarcely deserved to be so decisively beaten.

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The Park custodian was in good trim, and cleared several times in very cool fashion. The backs were generally very safe, and they had plenty of work. Little fault could be found with the halves, the centre and left being especially good. The forwards were rather slack at first, but settled down after a time and played a capital game. The inside right and left were the pick, the centre hardly being as prominent as on some former occasions.

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TOW LAW AND SOUTH BANK AGAIN DRAW.

A large crowd assembled on the Tow Law enclosure on Saturday, to greet South Bank, the game being the return one under the auspices of the Northern League. This is the first home game Tow Law have played for over two months. Curiously enough, the result of Saturday's match was exactly the same as that in the previous fixture—viz., a draw of two goals each. The "Bankers" were short of one or two of their regular players, and although Thompson, Conroy, and Lumsden (who were unwell during the week) turned out for Tow Law, it would perhaps have been better had they not done so, as it was soon apparent that they were far from being fit for a hard game. In addition, Willie Waites injured himself, and had to retire, so it will be seen that the hill-top men were greatly handicapped.

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Notwithstanding this, the home men had much the best of the game, and the visitors have to thank Fenny (their custodian) for saving them from defeat. A better display than that given by him has seldom been seen on the Tow Law ground, and he was warmly cheered all round. Adams and Bellwood were prominent at half, while Richardson was the pick of the forwards, and brought off some splendid runs. Temperley, for the home team, played one of his finest games, kicking and tackling brilliantly. Tommy Waites was as good as ever, and was continually a thorn in the side of the "Bankers" forwards. Up to the time of his retirement Willie of that ilk had also done grand service. Simpson played a dashing game amongst the forwards, making good use of his capital turn of speed, and he had the honour of registering both the goals scored by Tow Law.

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AXWELL BEAT THE HOBSON.

Excitement was at fever heat at the Hobson on Saturday, on the occasion of the meeting of the above teams in the fourth round of the Junior Cup. The weather was splendid, and there was a "record" gate. As showing the interest taken in the game by the Swalwell people, it may be stated that about 400 persons travelled from that place to witness the tie. After a good and hard game, the Rovers qualified for the semi-final by two goals to one. Jamieson kept goal grandly for Axwell, and was ably supported by his backs, who played a fine game. The halves were in their usual good trim, and broke up the combination of the Hobson forwards in rare fashion. The front rank played an excellent game, showing great determination, and they deserved to score on more than two occasions. Taken altogether the visitors may be said to have acquitted themselves in a praiseworthy manner, and worked hard for their victory.

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The result, it goes without saying, was a great disappointment to the Hobson, who had hoped—and with reason—to appear in the final. Brown kept his charge between the sticks in most commendable style, and could not be blamed for the shots that passed him. The backs were in first-class form, Liddle perhaps being slightly the best. The halves were scarcely so conspicuous as on several previous occasions, E. Henderson being the most prominent. The forwards did well, especially Bell and Lown, who put in some admirable runs, but the Axwell defence was generally too moch for them.

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A CLOSE GAME AT LEADGATE.

After a hard, fast, and exciting game, Kyo United just managed to beat Leadgate Exiles Reserve, at Leadgate, by five goals to four, the match being a North-West Durham League tie. For Kyo, Palmer in goal saved his charge well, and he had some very difficult work to contend with. Walker and Forster were in splendid form at back, their kicking being immense. The halves played one of their best games, Pearson being prominent for some fine work. The forwards, particularly in the second half, showed sterling form. J. Stephens filled the place of Morris in the centre in praiseworthy fashion, feeding his wings most judiciously. Anderson and Shield gave an excellent display on the right, while Rix and Newall did their part well on the left. The former did some admirable shooting whenever a chance occurred.

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The Exiles played a capital game all through, but more especially in the first half, when they certainly out-classed their opponents. Clare made some good saves, while Forman and Robson made an excellent pair of backs. The halves were a treat, playing a brilliant game. Clark and Hughes were the shining lights. The forwards gave a splendid display, Dempsey and Daley being first-class, the former particularly so. Hill and McAloon showed up well on the right, but they were not up to the standard of the left wing. There was very little, if anything, to choose between the two teams.

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THE VAGARIES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

SIR,—When the above league was formed I have no doubt that many of your readers, like myself, were impressed with the fact, that a course had been adopted that would ultimately have a beneficial effect upon the noble winter pastime in the Vale of Derwent, inasmuch as it would ensure a series of fixtures, and impart a stimulus to the game, that under ordinary conditions is almost invariably conspicuous by its absence. Well, my object in approaching you is not to attempt to discuss the above, but to utter a mild protest against what I consider some of the anomalous, incongruous, and absurd decisions arrived at and meted out to our representatives, the Hobson Reserve, by the governing body, some of which anomalies I beg forthwith to enumerate. A short while ago two of the Burnopfield Temperance players joined our team, quite voluntarily remember; we had not importuned, or even approached them, and as their committee did not object to their transfer, we fancied we had only to make the formal application to the league committee and they would be granted; but lo! and behold, they refused them, and the club having since become defunct, still refuse, and for what reason won't even suggest, the said players being members of our club, but are negatived from participating in the games. Again, our fellows went to Byer Moor and administered a defeat of three to one upon the homesters, who protested against some of the rulings of the referee, but the protest not having been submitted in accordance with rules is dismissed, but it is brought on again at the next meeting, and the former decision revoked, our fellows being ordered to replay the game. A decision which, in my opinion, is quite as unprecedented as it is un-English, and a reflection upon the unenterprising committee from which the same emanated. Now, sir, upon youngsters, of which our team is chiefly composed, the above unfair treatment is bound to have a discouraging and depressing influence, and it is only in order to give publicity to what I consider the prejudicial policy pursued by those in authority, that I have transgressed to such an extent upon your valuable space. Thanking you in anticipation, I am,

HOBSONIAN.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

A special meeting of the above league was held on Wednesday week, at the headquarters, Rowland's Gill, Coun. W. Fletcher (Swalwell) presiding over a full attendance, all the clubs being represented. Hobson Reserve being ordered to replay their game with Byer Moor on a date to be mutually fixed by the clubs. After hearing evidence of both sides and the referee the protest by Leadgate Park Reserve was not sustained. The protest by Spen was ordered to lie over till next meeting for the attendance of the referee. An application by Hobson for transfer of Weedy and Gibbon from Burnopfield Temperance was refused. J. Gibson was transferred from Spen Albion to Lintzford. The following referees for April were appointed and the meeting ended:—

April 6th—Lintz v Axwell—T Dixon.
" —Hobson v Leadgate—A Fletcher.
" 12th—Hobson v Spen—J Ross, jun.
" —Leadgate v Byer Moor—T Dixon.
" 13th—Axwell v Lintzford—T Amos.
" —Byer Moor v Spen—T Kennedy.
" 15th—Lintz v Marley Hill—T Amos.
" —Leadgate v Hobson—J Ross, jun.
" 27th—Leadgate v Lintzford—J Ross, jun.

Byer Moor v Hobson, date not fixed—T Archer.
Hobson v Lintzford, date not fixed—A Graham.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to support Mr Morgan's suggestion of a Junior League for Stanley and District. I was very pleased when I saw it, and I think it a very good idea. I hope the secretaries of the surrounding junior clubs are of the same mind as Mr Morgan and myself, and then there will not be as many disappointments.—Yours truly,

JOHN CLENNELL,
Hon. Sec. Oxhill Violets A.F.C.

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SIR,—With regard to Mr Morgan's proposal to form a Junior League, I am greatly in favour of it if the clubs mentioned will join the Durham Association, as it would be of little use forming a League, without doing so, because we could not expect expenses paid when disappointed, and the Association would also deal with unruly players. I would also put Consett Swifts 2nd, Consett Shamrocks, and Dipton United in, and a meeting should be held not later than July, so as to be ready for the season 1895-96.—Yours truly,

A. J. CHRISP,
Hon. Sec West Stanley Athletics.

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DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to say, regarding Mr Morgan's proposal for forming a Junior League that I think it will be a great benefit to the different clubs, as there have been a great many disappointments this season. It would also cause a great deal more excitement and bring better junior teams into the district. Hoping that Mr Morgan will call a meeting to be held as soon as possible.—Yours truly,

J. H. CALVERT,
Sec. Leadgate United A.F.C.

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DEAR SIR,—Seeing in your paper that a junior league is proposed to be formed in this district, we, the Lintz Nomads, would be pleased to make one of the teams. Hoping that we may form a good junior league for next season.—I remain, yours truly,

THOS. MIDDLETON,
Hon. Sec. Lintz Nomads.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The following table shows the position of the clubs forming the above league up to date:—

Club	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Marley Hill St Cuthberts	12	10	1	1	46	17	21
Leadgate Park R	9	6	3	0	26	20	12
Lintzford	10	6	4	0	22	25	12
Lintz Rovers	10	5	5	0	27	15	10
Spen Albion	11	5	6	0	19	26	10
Hobson Wanderers R	9	4	4	1	22	21	9
Axwell Rovers R	9	2	7	0	10	25	4
Byer Moor	8	0	8	0	13	36	0

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The following are the results of the Northern Alliance Competition up to Saturday:—

Club	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Blyth	18	15	1	2	67	28	31
Willington Athletic	17	11	2	4	58	21	24
Shankhouse	18	11	1	6	44	26	23
Jarrow	18	10	3	5	40	33	23
Sunderland A	12	8	2	2	33	16	18
Trafalgar	18	8	0	10	41	39	16
Gateshead N.E.R.	13	5	2	6	29	19	12
*Hebburn Argyle	14	5	3	6	24	21	11
*Rendel	18	5	3	10	26	34	11
Dipton Wanderers	15	4	1	10	24	62	9
*Newcastle United A	20	4	4	12	30	54	8
Southwick	15	1	0	14	15	56	2

*Rendel two points deducted; Hebburn Argyle two points deducted; Newcastle United A four points deducted for playing ineligible players.

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

Appended is the table of results to date in this competition:—

Club	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Mickley	15	9	2	4	51	18	20
Hobson Wanderers	13	9	1	3	38	19	19
Leadgate Park	11	8	1	2	30	10	17
Axwell Rovers	12	8	0	4	41	27	16
Hexham Excelsior	12	5	2	5	24	27	12
Wallsend Celtic	16	4	4	8	23	35	12
Heaton Rovers	11	4	4	3	24	42	11
Jarrow Presbyterians	11	4	2	5	20	36	10
Godfrey	15	3	3	9	24	44	9
Gateshead	12	3	0	9	12	31	6

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MEMS.

The Park supporters were on good terms with themselves on Saturday night, and it must be admitted they had just cause to be so.

To commence with, their Reserve beat Spen Albion in a Derwent Valley League fixture, and then the first eleven polished off Willington Athletic in surprisingly easy fashion.

The Tyneside correspondent of the "Athletic News" writes:—"Leadgate Park surprised everybody by defeating Willington Athletic by five goals to one." Yes, and none more so than the Willington men themselves.

As anticipated, there was a record crowd at the Hobson on Saturday, the receipts totting up to the handsome sum of £9 10s. No less than 400 travelled from Swalwell to see their pets perform.

Axwell have now qualified for the semi-finals, having a bye in the next round. Will they improve on last year's performance, and land the cup?

I understand that the Hobson men blame the bad shooting of their forwards for losing the game.

All our principal clubs will be engaged to-morrow, and three of them at any rate have stiff tasks before them. The Exiles will re-play their Senior Cup-tie with Darlington at Feethams, the Park meet Bishop Auckland on the latter's ground in a "friendly," Dipton entertain Gateshead N.E.R. under the auspices of the Northern Alliance, and Hobson receive a visit from Heaton Rovers in the Tyneside League competition. A busy day's work, my masters!

Owing to several of the players being prevented by illness, &c., from taking part in the benefit match fixed for Wednesday night last, the game had perforce to be postponed.

I understand that Arthur Hedley, the brilliant Medomsley player of two or three seasons since, will assist the Exiles at Darlington to-morrow. Should he be in anything like his old form, Hedley will greatly strengthen the Exiles' attack.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Dipton St. John's would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 16.—Address, John T. Riddle, Co-operative Terrace, Dipton, Lintz Green, R.S.O.

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MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 821p.

COLLIERLEY AND PONTOP PARISH COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening week, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Greencroft Board Schools—Coun. J. W. Taylor (chairman) presiding. There were also present Councillors Wm. Young, T. Reid, H. Beetham, J. G. Taylor, D. Mole, J. Coulthard, T. Gatiss, W. Pace, J. F. Elliott, W. Eltringham, and W. Johnson. Owing to indisposition, the clerk (Mr. W. Wilkinson) was unable to be present, and Coun. Mole therefore performed the clerk's duties.

Election of Waywardens.

A communication was read from the County Council with respect to highways and the election of waywardens.

The Chairman explained that at their next meeting they would have to take into consideration the election of waywardens. It was understood that all waywardens were elected until 1896. However, the Local Government Board had called the County Council's attention to the matter, and pointed out that the waywardens must be elected by the Parish Council or parish meeting (where a Parish Council did not exist) within five days of the 31st March, 1895. The County Council had evidently made a mistake.

Coun. Coulthard: Can we appoint more than two waywardens?

The Chairman: Yes, if you like.

Sanitary Committee.

Coun. Gatiss (chairman) said nothing had been done by the above committee owing to the storm.

Dwellings Committee.

A number of houses were reported to be in an insanitary condition, and steps ordered to be taken to bring the same under the notice of the proper authorities.

Charities.

The Chairman reported that, as instructed at the last meeting, he had endeavoured to get all the information possible concerning charities up to 1837 and referred to two charities which he thought concerned them. He had spoken to Mr. Logan and Mr. Brotherhood at Lanchester, and asked for particulars as to any charity. Mr. Logan informed him that he had written to the Charity Commissioners asking to be allowed to take counsel's advice with respect to the Satley charity. When he got a reply, Mr. Logan promised to inform him and call a meeting at Lanchester. He had since received a letter from Mr. Logan to the effect that a reply had come from the Commissioners, and that a meeting would be held the next day (Thursday), at Lanchester, at four o'clock. In connection with the old parish of Lanchester there were seven or eight charities, but he did not think they could claim any.

Coun. Eltringham proposed that the chairman and Coun. Coulthard attend the meeting on behalf of the Council.

This was agreed to.

Lighting a Back Street.

Coun. Reid moved that the back street from Mr. Jackson's house to Mr. W. Rutherford's house at Catchgate be lighted up with gas. The speaker said that there was a great deal of traffic in this back street, and it was very dangerous for people passing and re-passing on dark nights. It would be a great improvement to the place if a couple of gas lamps were erected.

The Chairman said there was one question before they discussed the motion, and that was whether this was a public or private street? Had the authorities at Lanchester proclaimed it a public street?

Coun. Eltringham thought not, judging from the condition it was always in.

The Chairman remarked that the Lighting Committee met at Lanchester the next day (Thursday), and they could get a definite answer.

Coun. Reid did not know a place that needed gas more than this particular place. It was in a wretched and filthy condition.

Coun. Gatiss seconded the motion.

Coun. Coulthard thought it best to leave the matter alone until they got urban powers.

Coun. Eltringham would not advocate the lighting of this back street. He did not think it necessary. It was at all times in a filthy condition.

Coun. Johnson suggested that as there was to be a meeting of the Lighting Committee at Lanchester the next day, it would be best to leave it to them.

Coun. Young said if in case it was a private street they could not take it up. If it was a private street it should be ruled off the board.

The Chairman pointed out that if it was private property it was the duty of the owners to light it up.

Coun. Young: Then why should we light it up?

The Chairman replied that they were not sure of it being a private street.

Coun. Reid, in answer to some of the objections, said it was mentioned about having a Local Board in their midst. Let them do what they could to-day. (Hear, hear). They were not sure of having a Local Board. If this street was private property could public people's conveyances pass and re-pass through the street?

The Chairman: Oh, yes.

Coun. Johnson asked how far the powers of the Parish Council extended as to lighting?

The Chairman said they had no power to light up places, but they could request the Lanchester Authorities to do the lighting.

Coun. Elliott remarked that his back door and backyard faced this back street. There was a very awkward corner, and if a lamp was placed there it would be a great addition to the comfort and convenience of those who had to pass through after dark. The street was not very wide, and after dark it was very inconvenient to everybody. He thought one lamp would be sufficient.

The Chairman thought they would not be committing a very serious error if they asked the Lighting Committee to light this street, even if it was a private one.

Coun. Eltringham was in favour of the motion if the street could also be put in a sanitary condition.

Coun. Young suggested that they have all the front streets lit up before lighting up the back streets. He thought it ridiculous debating about these back streets.

Coun. Beetham thought it quite likely that the authorities would take it over shortly, and make it a public street.

The motion was then put to the meeting, eight voting for Mr. Reid's motion, and four against, the motion being therefore carried.

An Obstruction.

Coun. Reid proposed that the iron rail between Dr. O'Brien's and Mr. Storey's houses be removed. Mr. Reid said this was a small piece of iron rail projecting about 15 inches from the wall in Catchgate. This was no private thoroughfare—(Laughter)—but the place was in a very dangerous condition. The gas lamp was on the other side of the road, and on dark nights it was most dangerous, people being apt to run up against it.

Coun. Beetham seconded the motion.

Coun. Coulthard: Is Mr. Reid positive it is on a public footpath? If it is on a public footpath I am in favour of Mr. Reid's motion, but if it is on private property we cannot interfere with it.

Coun. Mole remarked that their Clerk (Mr. Wilkinson) lived next door to this obstruction. The latter had said it was a public footpath, and that he had applied for its removal.

The Chairman said, whether right or wrong, they must not hesitate to raise their voices against what they considered to be obstructions.

Coun. Young thought that they should be always sure before they moved in these matters.

The Chairman said people would not be notified until it was proved that an obstruction really existed. If this motion was carried it would be forwarded on to the authorities, who would investigate it, and if it was necessary they would instruct their surveyor to remove it.

Coun. Eltringham thought whether it was private property or not this iron rail was not the most dangerous part. He considered the footpath itself the most dangerous. It was all ups and downs, and unless a man knew it properly he would come to grief. The footpath was in a most dilapidated condition. Immediately in front of Mrs. Bell's door there was an open culvert. In wet weather things were extremely unpleasant.

Coun. Reid's motion was carried unanimously.

Poor Supply of Gas.

Coun. Gatiss moved that the Council take into consideration the bad and inefficient supply of gas, with the view of adopting remedial measures. The speaker said he had an idea that the ratepayers of the township were not getting value for their money. Things reached a crisis on the 23rd of last month, when they had scarcely any gas at all for an hour or two, and he was requested to bring the matter before the Council. He went into one tradesman's shop on the night mentioned, and found the latter had to get some oil lamps in order to transact his business. Some years since the gas was so bad that several consumers gave it up. When the company erected the new gas meter they sent word that in future they would supply a brilliant light. However, this had not been done. It was sheer robbery. It was a case of the ratepayers paying for butter and getting margarine. (Laughter). If something was not done, he was prepared to take the responsibility of calling a parish meeting to consider the matter.

MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 821p.

The motion was seconded by Coun. Reid.

The Chairman said they raised the question at Lanchester some time since, and the chairman (Mr. Logan) said they had had some trouble with the Gas Company. A Lighting Committee was then appointed for the townships of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo. If they left the matter in the committee's hands they would do their best to remedy such matters.

Coun. Coulthard stated that he had had a fair good supply of gas all the season. Nevertheless he agreed with Mr. Gatiss that the street lamps were very insufficiently lighted.

The Chairman mentioned that he had had made inquiries as to two or three very bad lights in Dipton, and the explanation he got was that water accumulated in some of the pipes, and prevented the gas from reaching the burner. The service pipe was to blame for this. The question was who was responsible—the Gas Company or the Lighting Committee, and that would have to be thrashed out?

Coun. Eltringham thought that if the pipes were connected in a proper manner there would be no trouble at all.

The resolution was carried.

Urban Powers.

The Chairman explained that the County Council enquiry regarding the above was to be held on the 1st April, in the Board Schools, Annfield Plain. The question was whether they were prepared to endorse the proposed Urban district? As he thought it might have some weight, he would move "That this Council expresses its approval of the scheme for converting the parishes of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo into an Urban District."

Coun. Johnson seconded.

Coun. Gatiss said they were pretty unanimous on this question.

The motion was adopted.

It was likewise resolved that the Chairman and Coun. Mole should represent the Council at the inquiry.

The Clerk's Salary.

Coun. Reid said he sent in three motions, but only two appeared on the agenda. The third related to the remuneration of their Clerk.

The Chairman explained that when the overseers and assistant overseer was appointed, they would take into considerttion the latter's extra work as Clerk to the Council. It would all be included in one salary.

Standing Orders.

As instructed at last meeting, the Chairman presented a set of standing orders for the Council's guidance; and after considerable discussion the same were, with a few alterations, adopted.

This concluded the business.

MR. ATHERLEY JONES M.P., AND THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

At the annual dinner of the Hotspur Club held in London, Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., for North-West Durham, was one of the guests. In reply to the toast "The Houses of Parliament," Mr. Jones spoke at considerable length. He said Mr. Allan member for Gateshead, had thought fit to inform them that he would take upon himself the duty of responding for the House of Lords, and had assumed as a reason for his fitness for such a task that he possessed a more aristocratic appearance than nature had endowed the hon. member for Gateshead with. (Laughter). Well, he didn't think that nature had had much to do with the matter, and he presumed the remark had reference rather to the garment he wore than to his personal appearance. But his reference further partook of what the lawyers termed a slanderous character. (Laughter). Mr. Allan had accused him of keeping bad company and of being in the habit of consorting with members of the Upper House. (Laughter). With regard to that grave charge, he should avail himself of a lawyer's privilege, and ask him for particulars. Well, how stood the case? His friend had told them that he had been in the habit of frequenting the Upper Chamber. He (Mr. Jones) had been longer in the House of Commons than his hon. friend, but, during the whole of the 10 years he had had the happiness of representing North-West Durham, he had not been on the aggregate more than half an hour in the House of Lords. His hon. friend, on the other hand, had been so constantly in the habit of visiting that Chamber that he had been able to describe them with much picturesque detail all the physical peculiarities of its members, to enlarge upon the architectural features and artistic decorations of the Gilded Chamber, and even to describe a seat in the centre on which he (Mr. Jones) had so often, in his mind's eye and nothing more, cast a longing and lingering look. (Loud laughter). Now, what was the logical inference of all this, except that his hon. friend was looking forward to a period when a coronet should adorn his manly brow? (Laughter). That was usually the fate of a Radical, and he did not know that even his hon. friend could be exempted from the common lot which falls to the bloated plutocrat of becoming a member of the House of Lords. (Renewed laughter). But, to be serious for a moment, he did not think that he could, upon an occasion like that, help referring to the fact that they had lost, or were about to lose, a man who had maintained under the most trying and difficult circumstances the honour and dignity of Parliament. (Hear, hear). Many of them were widely separated in political opinions from Mr. Peel, but he did not think that anyone—looking back on the stormy controversies of 1886 and 1887, when the Irish party, striving and struggling to achieve the great object which they were sent to serve, cast aside all the restraints of Parliament—could say that the speaker ever wavered in his duty. Throughout that stormy period, Mr. Peel was able to maintain, and did maintain, all the higher and nobler traditions of that assembly, and it would ill become them, when a connection extending from 1884 was about to be severed, not to express their sense of the irreparable loss the House of Commons was sustaining in the retirement of the speaker. (Applause). That was not the opinion merely of himself or of a section of members in the House of Commons. He had spoken with men of all parties and all sections, and with one and all the common opinion prevailed that Mr. Peel had, by the strength of his will and his indomitable courage, been able to maintain, under conditions of peculiar difficulty and trouble, all the highest and best traditions of Parliament. (Hear, hear, and applause). So high had he maintained the reputation of their House that, whereas members were formerly accustomed to select any ordinary politician to occupy the chair, they were now so impressed by the loss they would sustain that they were looking round among the most distinguished men of the whole assembly to fill the vacancy. As for the House of Commons, it was what the electors made it. If it was a weak House, it represented the weakness of the constituencies. If it was an anti-Democratic House, it represented the good sense or ill sense of the electorate. But all must admit that at no period in the history of this country was the House of Commons, collectively or individually, animated by higher motives or more unselfish motives than at present, and he believed the chief aim of men of all sections and parties was to serve the best interests of this great country according to their lights and honest convictions. (Loud applause).

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE, BLACKHILL.
THE Members of the "STAR OF HOPE" DIVISION are requested to take notice that the QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1895. Business: Balance Sheet, &c.
743q J. RICHARDSON, R.S.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.
ON SUNDAY NIGHT FIRST, March 24, 1895, the LAST GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SERVICE of the Session will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. Doors open at 7-45, to commence at 8 p.m. For particulars see bills.

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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT PRESENTED AT THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH, 1895.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 61,744, assuring the sum of £6,282,120, and producing a New Annual premium income of £339,957.

The Premiums received during the year were £2,077,956, being an increase of £223,586 over the year 1893.

The Claims of the year amounted to £518,131. The number of Deaths was 3,584, and 196 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 375,545.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £4,244,224, being an increase of £272,360.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,546,377. The number of Deaths was 166,689, and 1,304 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 66,478, the number in force being 398,078. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 6,672.

The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 11,176,661: their average duration is nearly seven and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £21,213,805, being an increase of £2,674,940 over those of 1893.

A supplement showing in detail the various investments is published with this report.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THE 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	700,000	0	0
Ordinary Branch Funds	9,499,379	12	0
Industrial Branch Fund	10,975,244	16	9
Claims under Life Policies admitted	39,180	10	6
	£21,213,804	19	3

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government Securities (Consols)	2,208,377	11	9
Railway and other Debentures and Debenture Stock	2,067,606	18	1
Loans, County Council, Municipal and other Rates	5,500,322	4	9
Freehold Ground Rents and Scotch Feu Duties	2,482,077	18	9
Mortgages	2,485,044	19	11
Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London Bonds	349,245	13	0
Bank of England Stock	167,337	0	1
Freehold and Leasehold Property	1,196,248	6	4
Indian and Colonial Government Securities	1,811,899	15	8
Reversions	194,349	10	3
Railway and other Shares	1,436,831	8	11
Loans on the Company's Policies	314,981	9	3
Rent Charges	100,357	5	10
Outstanding Premiums	390,888	0	6
Cash in hands of Superintendents, and Agents' Balances	50,307	12	10
Outstanding Interest and Rents	187,862	3	0
Cash—On current accounts, and in hand	270,067	0	4
	£21,213,804	19	3

THOS. C. DEWEY,—
WILLIAM HUGHES,—Managers.
W. J. LANCASTER, Secretary.

HENRY HARBEN,—
PERCY C. REID,—Directors.
EDGAR HORNE, Chairman.

We have examined the Cash transactions, Receipts and payments, affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1894, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1894.

20th February, 1895. DELOITTE, DEVER, GRIFFITHS & Co.

District Superintendent, Mr. THOS. HESLOP, New Town Hall, Consett.
Assistant Superintendents, Mr. J. T. ELLIOTT, Catchgate, Annfield Plain. Mr. R. NEESHAM, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside.

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A GRAND CONCERT, Vocal and Instrumental, will be given in the Board Schools, Castleside, on SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 6th, 1895, by the Celebrated STEPHENSON FAMILY, of Weardale, on behalf of the Funds of the above Church. Particulars see Bills. 817q

NOTICE.—The First Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society will hold an APPROPRIATION MEETING on the 18th April, 1895, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, at 7-30 p.m. As the 16th is Easter Tuesday, no subscription will be taken that night, therefore all books must be cleared up on the 9th of April, to participate in the Ballot as per rule.—By order, 826q D. ORMEROD, Chairman.

"THE MESSIAH."

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH, GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 1895.

Plan of reserved (numbered) seats at Ramsden's, Town Hall Buildings. Book seats early.

CONSETT & DISTRICT NONCONFORMIST COUNCIL.

DEMONSTRATION will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, 1895. The Chair will be taken by the President, REV. R.W. BUTTERWORTH at 7·30. SPEAKERS: Rev. W. Raistrick, Rev. Thos. Durant, Councillor Winter, Councillor Foster. A Collection at the close for the funds of the Council. See Bills. 739q

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE.

ON SATURDAY, the 30th of March an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT and BLACKHILL at 2-20 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE; returning at 9·5 p.m. the same day.

For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, March, 1895. 801q

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NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, 1895, AT 8 P.M.

A LECTURE

WILL BE GIVEN BY
Mr. A. KINGSTON DEARDEN,
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The Chair will be taken by GEO. AINSWORTH, Esq.

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BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Soup Kitchen in connection with the above was closed on Sunday last. The Committee beg thankfully to acknowledge receipt of the following further donations:—Blackhill Ethiopian Minstrel Troupe, half nett proceeds of concert given in the Town Hall, on 26th January last, £9; Mrs Pumphrey (2nd donation), £1; Mrs Priestman (2nd donation), £1; Miss R. Wilson, Cauldwell (2nd donation), £1; proceeds from Football Match, per Mr J Ross, £1; proceeds from Football Match, per J Ormerod, 12s 6d; Mrs Peile, Greenwood (2nd donation), 10s; Miss Priestman, 10s; Mr L Priestman (2nd donation), 10s; Councillor E Sloane (2nd donation), 10s; Mr T Gailes, Highgate, 5s; Mr J Palliser (2nd donation), 5s; Mr D Omerod (2nd donation), 5s; Mrs Richardson (2nd donation), 5s; Mr J Moon (4th donation), 2s 6d; Mr G Green (2nd donation), 3s; A Friend (2nd donation), 5s; Mr G Reid, 5s; Sundry Amounts, 5s; also Groceries value £1, from Mr W Robinson; and Groceries value 5s, from Mr W Palliser. D Ormerod, Chairman; W Ramsay, Hon. Secy. and Treasurer.

DISESTABLISHMENT AND DISENDOWMENT.

AN IMPORTANT

MEETING

IN DEFENCE OF THE CHURCH.
Will be held at CONSETT NEW TOWN HALL, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th, at 7 p.m.

Chairman: FRANK PRIESTMAN, Esq., J.P.

The following among others will speak: W. E. HELM, Esq.; Councillor HARRISON, J.P., (of Sunderland); Mr. W. McIVER, &c., &c.

Questions are freely invited. All are Welcome

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COUNTY OF DURHAM.

PROPOSED URBAN DISTRICT AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY at which all persons interested may attend and be heard, will be held by GEORGE WILLIAM BARTLETT and JOHN HORSLEY, two members of the County Council of Durham, and RALPH SIMEY, the Clerk of the said Council, at THE BOARD SCHOOL AT ANNFIELD PLAIN, on Monday, 1st April, 1895, at 12 o'clock at noon, with respect to a proposal which has been made to the said County Council to order the conversion of the Rural Townships of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo, and part of the Rural Township of Lanchester (all within the Poor Law Union and Rural District of Lanchester) into an Urban District.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1895.
RALPH SIMEY,
822q Clerk of the County Council of Durham.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. T. D. Dryden.

Postponement of Cottage Property Sale in John Street, Consett.

NOTICE.—The Property Sale advertised for Monday, March 25th, 1895, is POSTPONED for a fortnight.

T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer.

By Mr. John Lowes.

Sale of Horses, Traps, Harness, etc., etc.

MR JOHN LOWES will hold the next SALE of HORSES, &c., at the Commercial Hotel, on Monday, March 25th. Early entries invited.

By Mr. William Raw.

Household Property for Sale.

MR. WILLIAM RAW, instructed by the Owner, will SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Wheat Sheaf Inn, Shotley Bridge, on WEDNESDAY, March 27th, 1895, all that Corner BLOCK OF PROPERTY, situate in Messenger, Wood, and Mill Streets, Shotley Bridge, and opposite the Shotley Bridge Flour Mills—consisting of House of Four Rooms, Three Houses of Two Rooms each, and Work Room, now in the occupation of Messrs Clair, Caisley, McAlone, and the Shotley Bridge Flour Mill Society, as tenants thereof, and producing a clear Yearly Rental of £27 12s 0d.

The situation is central. The Property is in good repair, and always commands good Tenants.

The Tenants will, on application, show the Property; and further particulars may be had on application to the Auctioneer, or to Messrs Dickinson, Miller, and Dickinson, Solicitors, Grainger Street West, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sale to Commence at 6·30 p.m. prompt.
Sale Office: Blackhill, Co. Durham. 718q

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Notice.—Monday First, March 25th.
J. Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr. Harvey, who is leaving the Britiannia Inn, to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above rooms, the whole of the BAR UTENSILS and FURNITURE; also, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, belonging to the late Mr. Sayers, of Blackhill. Full particulars see posters.
Sale commence One o'clock prompt. 842q

Crookgate, near Burnopfield.—April 1st, 1895.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD is favoured with instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Pack Horse Inn, Crookgate, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS belonging to the late Margaret Ann Cuthbertson. Full particulars in next issue and posters. 843q

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

By Mr. N. Elsdon.

Consett Sale Rooms.
Monday, March 25th, 1895.

NATHAN ELSDON has received a large quantity of FURNITURE from several friends to SELL BY AUCTION on the above date, consisting of ⅝ chest of Drawers, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses, Down Beds, together with a quantity of New Furniture; also, at the same time a lot of DRAPERY GOODS. Sale at One o'clock.

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALE APPOINTMENTS BY J. S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside—Weekly Sale .... Monday, March 25th.
Elm Park—Farm Stock .... Wednesday, April 3rd.
Wheat Sheaf Inn, Shotley Bridge ... Friday, April 5th.
Billingside—Farm Stock ...... Wednesday, April 17th.
Ruffside—Farm Stock .... Saturday, April 20th.
Shotley Bridge—Furniture .... May.
Blackhill—Furniture .... May.
Greencroft—Grass Parks Letting .... May.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1895

12 to 20 Fat Cattle.
60 to 100 Fat Sheep.
1 Bacon Pig. Pork, and Store Pigs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
Coup Cart, Poultry, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
834q J. S. MURRAY.

Elm Park, near Shotley Bridge.—Important Sale by Auction of Farm Stock, on Wednesday, April 3rd, 1895.

J. S. MURRAY and N. ELSDON, favoured with instructions from Mr. JOS. WHITEHEAD, who is retiring from Farming, owing to his Farm having been sold, and present owner taking it into his own hands, to SELL as above, the whole of his superior FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, POULTRY, FURNITURE, &c.

7 Horses.
43 Cattle.
10 Ewes and their followers.
1 Sow and Pigs.
50 Head of Poultry.

A large field of Implements, all the Dairy Utensils, Harness, Furniture, the furnishing of two rooms, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock.
No Surplus Stock taken at this Sale. 762q

FREE PUBLIC-HOUSE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, Co. DURHAM.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the WHEAT SHEAF INN, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, on FRIDAY, the 5th day of APRIL, 1895, at 3 for 3-30 p.m. prompt.

Mr. J. S. MURRAY, AUCTIONEER;

All that Valuable FULLY-LICENSED and FREE PUBLIC-HOUSE, known by the name of the Wheat Sheaf Inn, situate in Front Street, Shotley Bridge, as late in the occupation of Jane Elsdon, deceased, the Proprietor.

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The present occupier, Mr. Thomas Thirlwell, will show the premises.

For further particulars and plan of the premises apply to the AUCTIONEER, or to
MR. BOOTH, Solicitor,
690q Shotley Bridge

BILLINGSIDE FARM STOCK SALE is fixed for Wednesday, April 17th. Anyone having Surplus Stock can have them included in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer.

J. S. MURRAY.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside 835q

Ruffside, near Blanchland.

FARM STOCK SALE on Saturday, April 20th, 1895, the property of Mrs URWIN. 3 Horses, 17 Cattle, 17 Sheep, Farming Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part of Household Furniture; Bees, &c.
763q J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE
AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

By Mr. C. Turner.

Front Street, Lanchester.

C. TURNER, instructed by the representatives of the late GEORGE GRAY, will Sell by Auction on the premises as above, on Tuesday, March 26th, 1895, the whole of the Household FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, Comprising—Large Oak Chest of Drawers; Drawers and Secretaire; Kitchen Dresser; Corner Cupboard; Wood and Iron Bedsteads; 2 Feather Beds; Flock Beds; Rabbit Down Bed; Pillows and Bolster; Very Massive Brass and Iron Bedstead, 2-in. Pillars; Mahogany Drawers and Bookcase; Mahogany Duchess Washstand and Dressing Table; Dressing Chest, with Glass attached; 6 Mahogany Hair-Seated Chairs; Spring Mattress; Straw Mattresses; Gent's Easy Chair in Leather, and other Strong Easy Chairs; Arm and Kitchen Chairs; Brussels Carpets, 5¼ yds. by 3½yds.; Long-settle; Oak Dining Table, with 2 Folding Leaves; Ash Centre Table; 2 Kitchen Tables; Clocks; Fenders: Fire Irons; Glass, China, Earthenware; Pots, Pans, Kettles; Poss Tub and Staff, Pictures; Coffee Mill; Brooms, Brushes, a Talking Parrot and Cage: and a Fine She-Goat. A Quantity of Tools, including Masons' Tools, Scythes, Hammers, Spades, Shovels, Draining Tools, &c. Also, PIANOFORTE, Good Tone, Trichord, Repetition Check Action, by Chappell & Co. AMERICAN ORGAN, 7 Stops, 2 Knee Swells, by The Kelly Organ Co., good as new.

Sale at One o'clock to a minute.

Durham Auction Mart and 10, North Road, Durham.
779q CHAS. TURNER Auctioneer.

FUTURE SALE FIXTURES.

Sale of Live Stock and Implements of Husbandry, at Durham City Auction Mart, March 25th.

Sale of Furniture for Mr Appleby, Newbiggin Bank, Lanchester, in April; date not fixed. 780q

By Mr J. Vickers.

Broadwood Grass Park.

ANNUAL LETTING, Wednesday, April 24th, 1895. J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. J. Green.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 1895, at 1-30.

10 Milch Cows and Heifers. 3 Calves.
Fat and Store Cattle.
30 Fat Sheep and Hogs.
783q J. GREEN, Satley

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer, Valuer, House, Land, and Emigration Agent, will undertake AUCTION SALES upon most reasonable terms, and conducted in the best style. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., bought right out for Cash. Appointed by His Honour Judge MEYNELL under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton by Lintz Green Station

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Business Announcements.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday—(The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday). 648q.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A CORRESPONDENT AT SPEN writes complaining of the cruel treatment of the Co-operative Store cartmen and butchers who waste their time in public-houses, and then drive furiously home to the great danger of the inhabitants and risk of the lives of the animals.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND, 1895.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGNITO."]

HOW AN EVIL MAY BE REMEDIED.

In the last issue of the *Guardian* a letter appears in the correspondence columns in reference to a serious want and an existing evil in that quarter of North West Durham embracing the Pelton, Beamish, and Stanley districts. The author of the epistle complains of the lack of dwellings in the districts named, and asserts that if measures are not taken to meet the want the consequences will be serious. That may be, but in such a case there is really nobody responsible. It should at once be understood that the erection of dwellings usually spring from two very clearly defined causes—speculation on the one hand, and necessity on the other. People frugal enough to have accumulated a little money are in the majority of instances anxious, as Burns phrases it, "to make muckle mair," and so they invest in house property, which in industrial centres is regarded as a pretty good investment. The other class of people who build houses are employers of labour, who knowing that unless house accommodation is provided they cannot procure the service of bone and sinew. This applies of course to outlying districts only, such as Consett, and the localities named above. It may therefore be assumed that no difficulty is experienced in obtaining men to do all the work on hand at Pelton, Beamish, and Stanley, otherwise immediate steps would be taken to meet the want, on precisely the same lines as have been followed at Consett, and at the collieries all over the North. Any inconvenience that may exist in the districts referred to will naturally right itself when the new railway is completed, as the workmen who are discontented in their present quarters will go further afield, seeing that the North-Eastern Railway issue workmen's tickets at a cheap rate, many thousands of the sons of toil taking advantage of the boon. Many of the steelworkers at Newburn have their homes in Gateshead, and in the shipyards, engineshops, and factories between Newcastle and Shields thousands of the workmen live miles from the scene of their daily labour.

JUDICIOUS COUNCILLORS.

Although comparatively young in experience in point of the control of parochial concerns, the members of the Medomsley Parish Council gave proof at their last meeting of a measure of wisdom of which eager bodies might well be proud. The attempt to saddle the Council with the enforcement of certain stereotyped regulations bearing on the price per minute at which men might be remunerated, and the number of seconds which they should hold their tools in their hands at a stretch, are far too profound responsibilities for being weighed in the balance in the peaceful atmosphere of Medomsley. The idea is a creation of the new school of trades unionism, and there is hardly a local authority in the land that has not had the same request laid before its members. The reason given by the mover of the motion at Medomsley—that contractors would be raised to an ideal state of business transactions—has virtually no foundation in fact, because that class of men know right well that in the building trade and kindred branches of industry, workmen will themselves see to it that the full measure of recompense is meted out to them, as there is scarcely a scavanger or crossing sweeper who is not protected by his society. In the face of such a condition of things, the Medomsley Parish Council did well not add an additional burden to their thole of responsibility. Councillor Storey erred in informing the Council that a contractor, or any employer for that matter, can choose those whom he may regard as the best men. I attended a trade organisation gathering less than a week ago, and there was a resolution passed and sent to a District Council condemning the action of an employer of labour who had given employment to men who lived outside the boundaries of the district. The gentleman no doubt thought the hands whom he employed would suit his purpose better, and as he paid them the full figure

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current in the trade he vainly imagined he could please himself—but he was mistaken. Another illustration is soon to hand, for at the last meeting of a certain District Council, not twenty miles distant from Medomsley, the surveyor was ordered by his masters to dismiss a man whom he had employed, and re-instate his predecessor. Surely the so-called good old times dwindle into insignificance when contrasted with the "living present."

TELEGRAPH V TELEPHONE.

If the people at Medomsley cannot make arrangements for the introduction of the telegraph, they would, I think, have but little difficulty in inducing the Telephone Company to accommodate them. The latter system of modern communication is now so popular that hundreds of business men have a wire connected with their respective dwellings. I am acquainted with several gentlemen who have carried such an arrangement out.

A CHAPTER OF TROUBLES.

It is written that man is born to trouble, and the members of the Leadgate District Council are not in a position to gainsay the truthfulness of the statement. What between "an abominable nuisance," "a deplorable footpath," and the alleged danger from the new sinking shaft, the members of the body named have really more than their share of passing troubles. It is bad enough to have their precious limbs imperilled by the extraordinary state of the roads and footpaths, without having the prospect of their existence being circumscribed by fragments of blasted rocks cast skyward by gunpowder and other dreadful forces. It is far from being safe living in such a quarter, and the annoyance must be intensified, inasmuch as the guiding spirits at the offices of the Consett Iron Company discredit the statements made by the Council. Mr Holliday told them to their teeth that the report sent on had been exaggerated, and that, in a word, the complaint came too late, the Company, out of pure respect for the Council, adopted the requisite precautionary measures for the safety of Her Majesty's subjects at Leadgate. Yet, would the reader credit it, the spirit of unthankfulness is so absent from their troubled breasts that instead of sending a formal vote of thanks to the Company, the councillors actually wax wroth, and maintain stoutly that their letter in reference to the danger was not strong enough. Under such circumstances, it may be assumed that the next time they play the role of scribe in defence of their living bodies they will give the Company some tangible proof of the danger by which the complaints are environed—probably all that remains of a new hat bruised by a passing rock, or it may be some more impressive proof of the power of stone shot from the bowels of Mother Earth.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

"CONSTANCE" LODGE OF FREEMASONS.—At the regular lodge meeting of the "Constance" Lodge of Freemasons, held on Wednesday, the following brethren were unanimously elected to office for the ensuing year:—Bro. John Coulthard, as Worshipful Master Elect; Bro. G. J. Christopher, as treasurer; and Bro. G. Dryden as Tyler.

DR BARNARDO'S HOMES.—A lecture is to be given in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Thursday evening, by Mr A. Kingston Dearden, from the Homes, London, on "True stories from waifdom." Since Dr Barnardo established one of his Homes in Newcastle no less than 300 destitute children have been provided for, several of whom belong to this district. The lecture will, no doubt, prove both instructive and interesting.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—The yearly report of this flourishing Company appears in another column. No less than 61,744 ordinary "A" policies were issued during last year producing a new annual premium income of £3339,957. The premiums received for the same period were £2,077,956 which is an increase of £223,586 over the preceding year. The assets in the ordinary and industrial branches are £21,213,805, an increase of £2,674,940 over those of 1893.

On Wednesday week the teachers and scholars connected with the Blackhill Primitive Methodist Sunday-school held a miscellaneous entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a large company present. The programme opened with the round "We praise Thy name," by the children, after which Miss Brodie gave the song "Swinging," very nicely. The duet "Rueben and Rachel," by Miss M. Matthews and Master Raistrick was loudly applauded. The chorus "Sweet bell ring," was splendidly given by the children. Miss Brodie and Misses Williams acquitted themselves fairly well in the trio "My Lady, the Countess." The song "I shan't go to School," by Miss A. Lodge, elicited rounds of applause. Miss Williams next gave "Yes and Nay," and the first part was brought to a conclusion by the children rendering the round "Row your boat." The second part consisted of the cantata "Queen of the seasons," and was well performed. The leading characters were:—"Queen," Miss R. H. Williams; "Daisy," Miss M. Robinson; "Silverwing, a fairy," Miss M. Matthews; "Jack," Master A. Simpson; "Tom," Master J. Maughan; "Bob," Master C. Lumley; "Spring," Miss M. Brodie; "Summer," Miss E. Robinson; "Autumn," Miss M. J. Walton; and "Winter," Master R. Raistrick. The cantata showed that it was May day and the children were gathered in a dell in the woods for their festival. They dance round the May-pole and choose their Queen. Rosie and some of her companions go into the woods to gather flowers for the coronation, and while they were away some discontented boys tried to raise a rebellion—wishing a king instead of a queen—but were stopped by "Silverwing," the good fairy. Rosie and her companions return, the coronation takes place, and the bad boys were punished, after which the seasons enter and state their claim for pre-eminence. The queen summed up, and the cantata concluded with a thanksgiving chorus. The proceeds were in aid of the new building fund. It is expected the cantata will be repeated at an early date.

Church Defence Meeting at the New Town Hall.—We are asked to call attention to an advertisement in another column of the visit of Mr. Helm to Consett, on Wednesday next, (27th inst.). Mr. Helm is honourably known in many parts of England and Wales, for his ability, and he will, together with Councillor J. Harrison, J.P., of Sunderland, Mr. McIver, and others, address the meeting in the New Town Hall, Consett. The chair will be taken by Mr. Frank Priestman, J.P. At a meeting held in the Town Hall, Wednesbury, on the 11th of last month, Mr. Walford Green, a Wesleyan Methodist, and son of the President of the Wesleyan Conference, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Helm, who was the speaker of the evening; in a speech of remarkable force and power. Mr. Green said he had great pleasure in moving that their heartiest thanks be given to Mr. Helm for a lecture which, he thought, was lucid and exhaustive in statement, which was absolutely fair, honest, and straightforward in argument, and which breathed throughout a spirit of tolerance and Christian charity. He had had opportunities for testing Mr. Helm's statements and had found them correct. He came there as a non-conformist profoundly convinced that in the interests of political righteousness the property which was by every right of title the Church's own, should not by any Act of Parliament be taken away from the Church. As Mr. Helm may not be able through his many engagements to visit Consett again, Churchmen and Non-conformists should not miss this opportunity.

ORGAN RECITAL.—On Saturday evening, an organ recital was given in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, by Mr Geo. Dodds, junr., A.L.C.M., of Newcastle. There was a good company present, and the chair was occupied by Coun. J. W. Davison, Consett. Mr Dodds, who has very recently been appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Parish Church, Elswick Road, Newcastle, is probably one of the youngest musicians who has ever succeeded to such a position in Newcastle. Mr Dodds comes of a musical family, his father being the well-known organist and conductor of Elswick Road Wesleyan Church, while his brother, Mr H. Yeoman Dodds, is also an excellent player and a silver medallist of the London College of Music. Mr Dodds on this occasion provided those present with a rich musical treat, and his brilliant playing and skill points him out as likely to take a very front rank as an organist in the years to come. The playing of Canzone in A minor, pedal offertoire in C, and the grand dramatic fantasia, representing a concert on a lake, interrupted by a thunderstorm, were pieces which were greatly enjoyed by those present. The gifted organist entered thoroughly into the spirit of the several selections, and brought out the contrasting features of the various numbers most admirably. Mr Dodds was equally successful with his playing of Barcarole from the fourth concerts, and the chorus "Sing unto God." The singing of Miss MacKenzie, Jarrow, in the songs "Eternal rest" and "The valley of shadows," was thoroughly appreciated. Mr Stelling, Blackhill, rendered "When I survey," and "I will lay me down," and his efforts were warmly appreciated.—On Sunday afternoon, another organ recital and sacred concert was given in the same building to a capital audience. The chair was occupied by Rev R. G. Graham, Blyth. Mr Dodds again presided at the organ, and gave several rich selections. The soloist was Miss Grainger, Consett, who rendered "He was dispised" and "By Jesus' grave," in a very nice manner. The several choruses by the choir were good. In the morning the rostrum was occupied by Mr Graham, who preached two splendid sermons to good congregations.

As will be seen on reference to our advertising columns, the Consett and District Non-conformist Council will hold a demonstration in the Wesleyan Chapel, Consett, on Wednesday evening. The speakers will include Revs. W. Raistrick, and Thos. Durant, Councillors Winter and Foster.

Billiard Handicap.—The billiard handicap promoted by Mr. Edward Jackson, at the Queen's Head Hotel, Consett, has just been concluded. There were 64 entries, and the prize winners were as follows:—1st, Mr. A. Lamb, Blackhill; 2nd, Mr. Jas. Teasdale; 3rd, Mr. James Bernard; 4th, Mr. Robt. George. Good companies assembled to witness the decision of the various heats. Mr. Edward Jackson acted as handicapper and referee.

National Association of Prudential Agents.—The second annual meeting of this Association was held in the Crosby Hotel, Commercial Road, Manchester, when delegates attended from the following districts, Newcastle, Shields, Blyth, Tynemouth, Consett, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast, and several other districts. The North of England was well represented. The morning session commenced at 10 o'clock, the chairman congratulating the delegates who had come so far that day to attend so important a meeting. After the morning session the delegates gathered together in a large hall for dinner, after which the afternoon session commenced, the enthusiasm increasing as the meeting advanced. Various topics of vital importance were discussed, at great length which affect the agents at large. After tea, a large assembly of delegates and agents, numbering 500, gathered for the evening discussions. The whole day's proceedings animated in each of the delegates present, a strong determination to spread the association over the whole of the kingdom. The association has close upon 3,000 members enrolled, and they are working to bring every agent within the fold. The propaganda work is going on in real earnest, Glasgow and Edinburgh having promised to work the whole of Scotland; Belfast the whole of Ireland; and Birmingham, London city, the various other towns of England promising to help forward the work until finally the whole of the 15,000 agents are enrolled as one great organisation.

LEADGATE.

Sale of a Public-House.—On Wednesday week, Mr. John S. Murray, of Blackhill, offered by auction at the Golden Lion Inn, the fully licensed public-house, known as the Golden Lion Inn in Front Street, Leadgate, with stabling, yard, cellar, and other conveniences. There was a large attendance of speculators from all parts of the district. Mr. Rd. Murray, Benfieldside, commenced the bidding at £1,000, and advances of £10 were made till £1,500 was reached, when Mr. Wm. Gray, of Burnhope, became the purchaser. Messrs George Armstrong and Son, of Newcastle, acted as solicitors for the vendors.

Induction of the New Rector of Brotton.—On Wednesday morning, the Lord Bishop of Beverley, inducted the Rev. A. P. Mitchell, M.A. (son of Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., late vicar of Leadgate, to the Rectory of Brotton.—Mr. Mitchell has been curate of Saltburn for the last two years, and amongst the congregation were His Honour Judge Turner and Mr. H. Hamilton, Churchwardens of Saltburn. The Bishop (Dr. Crosthwaite) was attended by the Churchwardens of Brotton (Messrs D. W. Dixon and W. I'Anson). The clergy present were the Revs. F. H. Morgan, B. Irvin, A. H. Cumming, J. Jenkins, J. Armitage, F. G. James, R. D. Eves, E. T. Taylor, H. R. Walker, W. Hughes, and J. A. Thompson (curate of Brotton). There was a large congregation, to whom the Bishop delivered an impressive charge on the responsibility devolving upon them as well as on the new rector of the parish. The Bishop also made a touching reference to the long pastorate of the Rev. James Bell, the late Rector.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.—On Friday evening, the scholars attending the Leadgate Wesleyan Day School gave their annual entertainment, consisting of songs, recitations, vocal and pianoforte duets, &c., in the New Sunday-school, Front Street, Leadgate. Although the night was not the best that might have been chosen, there was a very large company present. Every available seat in the room being occupied. Mr T. Harrison, the highly esteemed treasurer of the school, presided over the meeting, and after quoting some very interesting items respecting the management of the school, introduced in his customary genial manner, the different performers. The concert opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr F. Harrison, who distinguished himself in a creditable manner. The several songs, recitations, &c., by the scholars were given in such a way that called for repeated *encores*, and reflected the highest praise upon the head master (Mr W. F. Lane) for the careful training the children had undergone. The duets by Messrs Dawson, Lilian and Ethel Bartle were exceedingly well taken with. The recitations by Mary Moyle, Carrie Lane, M. Emmerson, F. Salisbury and Lydia Noble were thoroughly appreciated, and their efforts were loudly applauded. Nothing but praise can be said of the second pianoforte selections given by Mr and Miss Harrison, A. Salisbury, James and Edith Forster. The dialogue "Visit to old Betty" by Marys Emmerson and Margaret Graham, caused a considerable amount of merriment. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by nine girls appearing in the dialogue "Good Night." This was one of the best entertainments that has been given in Leadgate for some time.

BLACKHILL.

Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan Circuit.—On Wednesday afternoon, the quarterly meeting of this circuit was held in the Blackhill Wesleyan Chapel, under the presidency of Rev. R. W. Butterworth, (superintendent), Consett. The other ministers present were Revs. C. M. Greenway, Shotley Bridge, J. Irwin, Annfield Plain, and A. E. Salmon, Consett.—It was reported that the membership was 1,492.—The financial statement was read by the senior circuit steward, (Mr. Jas. Palliser), which showed there was a small debt balance for the quarter.—This was accounted for owing to the several collections not being up to the usual standard on account of the severe weather. —Mr. C. F. Cooke, junior steward, Annfield Plain, read the horse hire statement, and it was found there was a balance of £10 in hand.—The customary vote of thanks was accorded to the ministers for their services during the past year, and they were all cordially invited to remain another year.—The Revs. R. W. Butterworth, and A. E. Salmon, third year, and C. M. Greenway, and J. Irwin, second year, accepted the same.—After other formal business, the usual vote of thanks to the Blackhill friends for their hospitality terminated the proceedings.—It was arranged that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Tantobie.

MARLEY HILL.

CONCERT.—The members of the Marley Hill string band have just held a successful concert in the Church Schools. There was a large and appreciative audience and the programme was of a highly interesting and attractive character, both from the musical items and the popularity of the artistes.

SPEN.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—A benefit concert was held in the Spen School-room in aid of Mr Hugh Clydesdale and family, who is unable to follow his employment through sickness. A capital programme of music was rendered. Mr Will Johnstone, Dipton, who was in splendid form, gave "The song that reached my heart" in grand style. Mr Hedley Weatherspoon, Prudhoe, with his funny Irish songs caused no end of merriment. The boy pianist, Master Edward Wilson, who is only nine years of age, gave two splendid selections on the piano. The building was packed, and the sum of £14 8s 0d was realised; after deducting expenses £11 13s 6d was turned over to Mr Clydesdale. The arrangements were carried out by a committee consisting of Messrs J. Robson, J. Musgrove, W. Whitfield, S. Morland, George Howey, J. Gardner, G. Armstrong, W. Morland, Thos. Little, and G. Summerside.

WEST STANLEY.

On Monday night an entertainment was given in St. Joseph's Catholic School, Stanley, by the children of this school. Through the kindness of Father Thompson, the concert was postponed from the Saturday on account of the demonstration. It was a grand success, and much credit is due to Miss M. O'Brien for the manner in which the children [we]re formed. Miss Flynn, and Miss Alice O'Brien rendered songs during the evening.

WOLSINGHAM.

SERVICE OF SONG.—A service of song entitled "The book that shook the world," illustrative of the life and work of Martin Luther, the Protestant Reformer, was rendered in the Baptist Church, last Sunday evening by the reorganised Baptist Choir. Mr Briens ably presided at the organ. Mr J. Miller performed on his violin, and Mr Cotterill wielded the baton, Misses Whitton, Cowape, Kirkbride, M. Leybourne, and Messrs Scott, Proud, and Lacey gave a grand rendition of their respective solos, duets, and quartettes. The connective readings were admirably given by Councillor Musgrave. The chapel was crowded, and a very good collection was the result.

BEAMISH.

Church of England Temperance Society.—On Monday evening the usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held in the Hall of the Church Institute, Beamish. The chair was taken by the Rev. L. M. Chesters. The meeting was opened by singing, "Hold the fort." Songs, recitations and readings were given by Messrs R. D. Grundy, W. Ross, W. Elliott and J. Ramshaw. Also by Miss May Welsh, who ably presided at the piano. Unfortunately the meeting had to be brought to a close rather abruptly before the programme was finished, owing to a gas-pipe in the building having burst.

MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 821p.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.
Leadgate Exiles v Darlington, at Darlington.
TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
Hobson Wanderers v Heaton Rovers, at the Hobson
DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Axwell Rovers Reserve, at Leadgate.
SHOTLEY SPA CUP.
Castleside Rovers v Shotley Bridge Rovers, at Shotley Bridge.
NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.
Lizzie Celtic v Oakey's Lilywhites, at Annfield Plain.
Allendale Park v Dipton Wanderers Reserve, at Allendale.
Kyo United v Consett Swifts, at Kyo.
Tantobie v Iveston Villa, at Tantobie.
ORDINARY.
Consett Swifts Juniors v Consett United, on the Swifts' ground.
Leadgate Park v Bishop Auckland, Bishop Auckland.
Consett Town v Howden Rangers, at Howden.

LEADGATE PARK v BISHOP AUCKLAND.

The above teams meet at Bishop Auckland to-morrow (Saturday), when the following will do duty for the Park:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, W J Foreman (capt.) and F M Foreman; half-backs, T Snowdon, R Wilson, and J T Willey; forwards, J Wilson and G Lock, right wing; J A Burnhope, centre; W Bell and R Graham, left wing.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v AXWELL ROVERS RESERVE.

At Leadgate. The following will comprise the Park team—Goal, J Hunter; backs, H O Foreman (capt.) and D Cartmell; half-backs, W Mansell, J Day, and T Calvert; forwards, T Foster and J Haggerstone, left wing; G Milburn, centre; G Forster and H Makepeace, right wing. Kick-off at 4 o'clock.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

LEADGATE EXILES v DARLINGTON.

This re-played tie will be played at Darlington to-morrow, when the following team will do duty for the Exiles:—Goal, H Callaghan; backs, B Rogers and J Haggen; half-backs, Jas Monaghan, P Hughes, and J McGee; forwards, A M Hedley, J Daley, W McKie, J Hill, and J McMahon. Kick-off at 2-45.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v GATESHEAD N.E.R.

This match will be played at Dipton. The following team will represent Dipton:—Goal, W Ellis; backs, E. Beckwith and Thos. Rowell; half-backs, R. Coates, E. Buck, and J. Milburn; forwards, T. Crooks and Davis, right wing; M. Temple, centre; S. Wood and T. Walker, left wing. Kick-off at 3-15. Referee, Mr J. Conqueror, Southwick.

SHOTLEY SPA CUP COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

CASTLESIDE ROVERS v SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS.

At Shotley Bridge. Castleside Rovers' team—Goal, R Noble; backs, J Ripley and J Hull; half-backs, J Muse, W Smith, and R Yates; forwards, J Jackson, G Muse, W Byers, J Watson, and T Potts. Reserve, N Byers. The following will be the Shotley Bridge Rovers' team:—Goal, Errington; backs, R Charlton and J Brown; half-backs, Smith, Surtees, and Wilson; forwards, Joyce, Barrass, Murray, Robinson, and Watson. Reserves, G A Barrass, J Grant, and J Seed. Kick-off at 3 o'clock.

CONSETT v HOWDEN RANGERS.

Consett journey to Howden to-morrow (Saturday) to play the Rangers. Consett team will be selected from the following—T Lindsay, C Pescod, W Graham, J Carruthers (capt.), J Bowen, A Frosdick, R Harkness, J Adams, M Eustace, T Simpson, J Blackwell, F Warwick, and Robinson.

LIZZIE CELTIC v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

At the Lizzie. The Celtic will be chosen from the following—L Coxon, J W Robson, W Thompson, J Graham, J Coyle, P Bell, J Burton, J Argyle, T Robson, R Bell, R Foster, G T Robson, T Selkirk, and W Herdman. Kick-off at 3-15 o'clock. Referee, Mr J Costello.

WEST STANLEY ATHLETIC v LEADGATE UNITED.—The above teams meet at Stanley to play for the benefit of H. Lumley, who has been ailing for some time. The following will represent the Athletic—Goal, J Henry; backs, T Wheatley and H Anderson; half-backs, J McGregor, N Duffy, and T Lightle; forwards, R Henderson, R Chaytor, N Foster, M Smith, and S Renfery. Reserves, J Ashburn and D McGregor. Kick-off at 3-30. Referee, Mr J Charlton.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held at Lanchester on Thursday sen'night, under the presidency of the Rev P. C. Fortin. There was a fair attendance of members.

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORTS.

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

GENTLEMEN,—With the advent of better weather there is an improved attendance at some of the schools, whilst at others there is a falling off, owing principally to an outbreak of influenza. Several children are also suffering from chilblains, and no doubt some of them are unable to attend school; but there are parents who appear ever ready to take advantage of anything as an excuse. For instance, chilblains prevent the children attending school although residing close to, but they can do errands.

Since my last report 560 absentee visits have been made in the parish of Consett, 55 in Knitsley, 256 in Iveston, and 8 in Ebchester; total, 878. Nineteen bye-law notices, dealing with 31 children, were served as follows:—Consett 12, Leadgate 3, Templetown 1, Crook 2, and Iveston. One official warning was served at Leadgate, 77 absentees reported to other officers, and 36 visits to schools as follows:—

Schools.	Visits.
Consett British	Feb. 18, 27, March 6, 13.
Consett St. Patricks	„ 18, 27, „ 6, 13.
Consett National	„ 18, 27, „ 6, 13.
Consett Wesleyan	„ 18, 19, 27, Mar. 6, 12, 13
Broom's St. Marys	„ 19, 28, March 7.
Leadgate National	„ 19, 27, „ 7.
Leadgate National	„ 19, 27, „ 7.
Leadgate Infants	„ 19, 27, „ 7.
Iveston British	„ 14, 19, 28, March 8.
Ebchester National	„ 21.
Miss Taits (seminary)	March 1.

Consett Wesleyan Schools were examined by H.M. Inspectors of Schools on Feb. 19th and March 13th.

Fourteen cases are entered in my report book to be submitted for your consideration.

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

March 14th, 1895.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The inclement weather which was experienced a month ago has been succeeded by epidemics of illness of various kinds in several parts of the district, and consequently the attendance is still unsatisfactory.

During the last month I have visited the schools as follows:—

Schools.	Visits.
Lanchester National	Feb. 18, 22, 27, Mar. 12.
Hamsteels National	„ 26, March 13.
Burnhope Colliery	March 11.
Esh Winning British	„ 13.
Ushaw Moor R.C	Feb. 27.
Esh National	„ 27.
Newhouse R.C	March 13.
Langley Park British	Feb. 20.
Esh R.C.	„ 27.
Satley National	„ 19.
Cornsay British	„ 26.
Cornsay R.C	„ 26.
	Total, 16 visits.

Three hundred and thirty-one visits to the homes of 359 absentees have been made, and 4 bye-law notices were served.

Charles Greaves, of the Ford Lodge, and Emanuel Hird, of the Ford Cottage, were, by your direction, summoned before the Magistrates on Feb. 21st, and in each case the full penalty was inflicted.

Lanchester National School was examined by H.M. Inspectors of Schools on the 27th Feb.

There are entered in my report book 13 cases, dealing with 15 children, for your consideration and direction to-day.

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

March 14th, 1895.

The reports were adopted.

The transaction of some formal business terminated the meeting.

A CARD.—AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is announced in the "Paris Figaro," of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The Discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London W.C., will send the description free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper.

MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 821p.

Cycling Notes.

FORMATION OF A NEW CLUB AT WINLATON.—A number of cyclists met at the Commercial Assembly Rooms, Winlaton, to discuss the matter. Mr Robert Young presided. After some discussion, it was resolved to form a club, and to call it "The Winlaton and District Cycling Club." It was further resolved to make the Commercial Assembly Rooms the head-quarters. The following officers were then elected:—President, Capt J W Thompson (of the Winlaton Volunteer Cycling Corps); vice-presidents, Sir James Joicey, Capt T W Barnall, Hon Major Shotton, Rev A B Tebb, and Messrs R Oliver, Wm Thompson, W C Grace, and T Thompson; secretary, Mr W A Brown; treasurer, Mr William Kayne; captain, Mr R Young; vice-captain, Mr E T Wood; bugler, Mr T Miller; committee, Messrs Newton, Rippeth, Grey, Lockey, and Palmer. The secretary was instructed to arrange a programme of runs for the season, and it was decided that the club should have its first one on Good Friday, Roker being the destination. Upwards of 40 members were enrolled, and the prospects for the future of the new organisation are of a most assuring kind.

A NEW ROAD-BOOK OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.—Messrs Walter Scott, Ltd., of the Felling, have just published "The road-book of Northumberland and Durham," which we have no hesitation in describing as one of the most valuable little books ever turned out for the benefit of the cycling community. It is written by "Vagabond," the cycling editor of the "Newcastle Daily Chronicle," and this of itself is a guarantee of its accuracy and usefulness. In fact, as the author explains in his preface, he was led to start the road-book on account of the large number of applications sent to him in the course of every cycling season by correspondents, asking him to give them details of routes over which they purposed riding in their holidays. The large number of such queries, and the fact that they came from every part of the North of England, induced "Vagabond" to believe that there was "an absolute need for a handy, complete, accurate, and concise road-book to the district, which should give every information necessary for the use of cyclists, pedestrians, and other tourists." In Northumberland, there are 38 long and minutely detailed routes, while in Durham, 23 are set forth. In printing the route tables, "Vagabond" has adopted a capital plan, plain and easy to understand. Besides giving every place of importance along the district line of a route, he indicates most clearly every branch road to right or left that leads to any place of importance. The book also contains lamp-lighting tables for the whole year; a short chapter on the laws and bye-laws applicable to cyclists; a list of cycle repairers in the north; a mileage diary for the whole year; and a host of other useful and interesting information. In a pocket in the back of the book (which is bound in cloth and is exceedingly neat and attractive), there is folded a specially designed map of the North of England, in which every road dealt with in the road-book is drawn and numbered so as to refer to the particular route that describes it. The map is an admirable companion to the road-book, and by showing only the roads really comfortable to travel on by cycle, saves a great deal of confusion caused by ordinary maps, in that all puzzling cross and bye-roads are omitted. The book fulfils all the requirements of a cycling tourist's "vade mecum," and "Vagabond" deserves the warm thanks of the large army of wheelmen in the north, for his valuable contribution to cycling literature. The road-book and map together are issued at a shilling—a modest price well within the reach of all—and may be obtained of the publishers. A copy should be in the hands of every cyclist.

Stanley District Cycling Club.—At a meeting held in the Church Institute, Stanley, it was decided that the club give two medals for attendance at runs during next session, and one medal to the member who makes the largest number of attendances at meetings held in the Church Institute. Two medals have been promised—one by Mr. T. D. Oliver, manager for Messrs Rudge, Whitworth, Ltd., and one by Mr. John Green, Tyneside champion. A motion was put forward to join the National Cyclists' Union. It is anticipated having a track made in the vicinity of Shield Row Station. The club is composed of 30 members, and gives promise of having a successful season. The first run will be on Good Friday to Durham. The secretary is Mr. J. D. Draper.

Blaydon Amateur Club.—The annual general meeting of this club was held at head quarters, Black Bull Inn, Blaydon, under the presidency of Mr. John Dodds. There was a large and enthusiastic number of members present. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were of a satisfactory kind, and showed the club to be in a good condition, both numerically and financially. After the reports had been adopted, the election of officers proceeded, and resulted as follows:—President, Dr. R. Brown; bugler, Mr. G. Lowdon; treasurer, Mr. J. R. Smith; secretary, Mr. Thos. Henderson; committee, Messrs J. Greener, J. Bell, T. Hopper, J. Lowdon, C. Atkinson, J. Smith, W. Prudhoe, R. Grey, E. Pickering, and J. B. Wright. It was decided that the opening run should take place on Good Friday to Hexham, to start from head quarters at 9 a.m. The secretary was instructed, when arranging the fixture card, to communicate with the secretary of the Newcastle Centre, with a view to arranging a number of inter-club runs during the ensuing season. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

Cricket.

TANTOBIE LIBRARY CRICKET CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the members of the above club was held in the Reading Room, Tantobie, there being a good attendance. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read, and showed that the club is in a very prosperous condition. The officers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:—President, Mr J. Sanderson; vice-president, Mr John Harrison; committee, Messrs M. Ledger, J. Atkinson, J. Bowes, G. Harrison, and N. Atthey; treasurer, Mr W. Hodgson; secretary, Mr John Tyson, Tantobie, R.S.O. The club have all dates vacant. Apply to the secretary as soon as possible.

Hamsteels Club.—The annual general meeting of the Hamsteels Cricket Club was held at the Hamsteels Colliery Inn, Mr. A. Dodds being in the chair. The financial statement showed a balance in hard of £3 3s, which was passed as being satisfactory. The batting prize, given by the president, (Mr. Thos. Lowden), was won by J. B. Johnson, with an average of 1.23 runs per innings. J. B. Johnson also carried off the bowling prize, presented by Mr. A. Dodds, with an average of 4.2 runs per wicket. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. Thomas Lowden; vice-president, Colonel Smith, J.P., C.C., the Revs. F. G. Wesley, J. Dent, S. Harris, Dr. Kirkland, Sergeant Smallwood, Messrs Jas. Todd, S. Tate, J. B. Johnson, J. Hunter, Jas. Wilson, Jos. Harrison, A. Platt, G. Richardson, Wm. Oyston, J. Marley, T. Chambers, R. Wall; captain, Mr. A. Bailes; vice-captain, Mr. A. Dodds; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. B. Johnson, Hamsteels, near Durham; assistant hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Barkas; committee, Messrs J. Johnson, T. Maycock, J. Lyons, W. Bailes, and J. Younger. It was decided to again compete for the Durham County Challenge Cup.

Blaydon West End Club.—The annual general meeting of the above club was held at the head quarters (Mrs. Bolam's, Bird Inn, Stella), under the presidency of Mr. John Hodgson. There was a very large and enthusiastic attendance of members, and a great amount of interest was evinced in the proceedings. After the batting and bowling averages had been read out by the secretary, the treasurer presented his annual report, which was of a very satisfactory kind. It showed that, after paying all accounts against the club, there was a good balance left to carry forward to the next season. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Secretary, Mr. J. Ward (re-elected); treasurer, Mr. Harry Laidler; captain, Mr. J. Ward; vice-captain, Mr. J. Aiston; committee, Messrs R. H. Ridgway, J. Hodgson, J. Currie, and T. Greensit. A good field has been procured in convenient vicinity to the railway station, an excellent programme of fixtures is being arranged, and a successful season is being looked forward to.

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Sporting Items.

DOG RACING.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.—A good company of spectators drew together in a field adjacent the hostelry of Mr Tim Clark, Lamb Inn, Houghton-le-Spring, to witness a dog race for £5 a-side, between M Liddle's Flycatcher and M Naisbett's Facy, both of Houghton-le-Spring, who ran 200 yards. Betting ruled at 6 to 4 on Facy, and after a grand race, the favourite won by a yard. Mr Clark, of Houghton-le-Spring, officiated as referee and stakeholder, and Mr John Bell, of Houghton-le-Spring, as pistol firer.

SHOOTING.

Lanchester.—Mr. John Smith, of the Blue Bell Inn, Lanchester, held his first annual pigeon shooting sweep in a field adjoining that hostelry, the sum of £3 being added to an entry of 5/- per lot. The gathering was a very successful one, no fewer than 72 entries being received, and sportsmen were present from nearly all over the two counties. Scores:—Victor, 20, 11111111; Red King, 19, 11111111; Three Horse Shoes, 22, 10; Bitter Beer, 19, 11110; Queen's Head, 21, 11111111; Whisp, 20, 1111110; Old Gold, 19, 11110; North Durham, 18, 111110; Red Light, 21, 111 11111; Newburn, 22, 0; Highland Bay, 19, 110; Old Nobility, 19, 10; Bitter Beer, (second lot), 1111110; King John, 19, 11111111; Dun Cow, 19, 11110; Blue Bell, 20, 1111110; Robin Gray, 20, 1111110; Paper King, 21, 0; M. R., 19, 110; Farmer, 19, 0; T. M., 19, 0; Old Ghost, 19, 110; Old Calabar, 20, 110; Factory Lad, 18, 10; Number Nine, 18, 1110; Newburn, (second lot), 11111111; Lanchester, 21, 1111 1111; Number Eleven, 18, 0; Ebchester, 20, 111 10; Carribees, 20, 10; Green Tree, 19, 0; Nark, 20, 0; High Burn, 19, 10; T. M., (second lot), 10; Fountain, 19, 11111111; Broomhill, 19, 1111110; Fountain (second lot), 1111110; Novice, 20, 110; Evans, 20, 0; Percy, 19, 111 1110; Evans (second lot), 0; Percy (second lot), 11111111; Odds, 19, 11111111; Robin Rock, 20, 11111111; Rabbit, 19, 11111111; Newfield, 21, 11111111; Quebec, 19, 10; Allen, 21, 11111111; Broomhill (second lot), 10; Ups and Downs, 21, 111110; Roger, 20, 0; Phillip, 18, 0; Royal Oak, 20, 0; Factory Lad (second lot), 110; Jake, 20, 111110; Jewitt (Burnhope), 20, 0; Jackson, 22, 10; Scraps, 20, 110; Royal Oak (second lot), 0; Jewitt (second lot), 11111111; Tommy Wigham, 20, 111110; Little Mary, 20, 11110; Little Tom, 19, 111110; Claypath Gates, 21, 0; Allen (second lot), 11111111; J. Robinson, 20, 0; Green Tree (second lot), 110; Clifton, 20, 110; Old Nobility (second lot), 0; Bob, 18, 11110; Haunted House, 19, 11111111; Red Coat, 21, 0. Stakes divided. Referee and handicapper, Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Medomsley, and W. Smith, Langley Park, scorekeeper. L. Simpson and J. Mason, both of Annfield Plain, were the trappers. The birds were supplied by Mr. John Bailey, Alnwick.

H. Dodds and Joseph Coates shot against N. Nattress and J. Storey at Cornsay, for £20, with 1¼oz shot, 25 yards rise, 60 yards fall, and seven pigeons each. Scores:—Dodds, 1110001; Coates, 0100000—total, 5; Nattress, 1000000; Storey, 0110010—total 4. Unfortunately, Nattress's gun got choked, and in withdrawing the cartridge it was damaged. The match was the source of much interest, a big crowd of sporting men and the general public attending. Cooper, of Langley Park, trapped for the first named shooters, and Laycock, of Quebec, for the other two. R. Towns was stakeholder, and W. Smith referee.

Tanfield Gun Club.—The third and last shoot of the present season, under the auspices of this club, took place on Saturday afternoon in a field near the house of Mr. R. Johnson, Peacock Inn, Tanfield. The weather being fine, some good shooting was witnessed. Scores:—T. Layton, 21, 100; W. Layton, 19, 111; F. Heslop, 25, 100; J. Coxon, 19, 100; T. H. Smith, 20, 100; G. Charlton, 21, 110; George Watson, 21, 101; J. Dixon, 21, 101; Ralph Johnson, 21, 111; J. Hunter, 18, 101; W. Smith, 21, 100; T. Green, 21, 110; J. Irwin, 21, 001. R. Johnson and W. Layton each having three birds down, shot another round, the former winning. Referee, Mr. W. Thirlaway, Tanfield; trapper, W. Robinson, Burnopfield; bookkeeper, W. Patterson, Tanfield.—Owing to the indisposition of the landlady of the above hostelry, the annual dinner of the club could not be held; but, at a meeting which took place soon after the shooting finished, it was resolved to re-organise the club for the ensuing year, and to have one big day's shooting instead of three next season, the proceedings to wind up with one customary dinner.

RABBIT COURSING.

Fellside.—In a field near to Mr. Henry Jameson's, on Saturday afternoon, the rabbit match by small dogs, between Simmons's Owt For Beer and Forest's River Dredger, both of Fellside, who ran the best of nine courses for £5 a-side, was decided. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on River Dredger. Results:—River Dredger, 11101001—5; Owt For Beer, 000101 10—3. Mr. Robert Blakey was stakeholder and referee.—At Mr. Jameson's, on Saturday evening, £1 a side was posted with Mr. Blakey, of Fellside, to bind a match by small dogs, between Simmon's Owt For Beer and Forest's River Dredger, who are matched to run the best of 13 courses at grounds to be decided upon at the next deposit, the match to take place three weeks come Saturday, for £10 a-side, Mr. Blakey being appointed final stakeholder and referee.

Burnopfield.—On Saturday afternoon a considerable number of people patronised the Burnopfield Grounds, near the house of Mr. Richard Pace, Queen's Head Inn, to witness a match at rabbits, for £15 a-side, between Robson's Fellside Lass, of Fellside, and Hall's Skemey, of Tanfield, the best of 11 courses. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Fellside Lass, but Skemey won easily. Scores:—Skemey, 01111 (no go) 0011—6; Fellside Lass, 100000 (no go) 1100—3. Referee, Mr. Wm. Clements, Lintz Colliery; R. Bell slipped for Skemey and T. White for Fellside Lass; J. Davison being the pistol firer.

Match near Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon in a field adjacent to Mr. R. Frieck's, Grey Horse Inn, Hill Top, near Dipton, a match came off between Frieck's Miss Douglas, of Hill Top, and Brown's Grozer Bush, of White-le Head, who ran the best of 11 courses, for £20. Miss Douglas won almost as she liked, speculation ruled at 5 to 4 in her favour. There was a large number of spectators. Scores:—Miss Douglas, 0111111—6; Grozer Bush, 100 0000—1. Mr. W. Robinson, Dipton, was referee, George Moseley, White-le-Head, slipped the winner, while Thomas Riley, White-le-Head, performed a similar duty for the loser.

Tantobie.—Mr. Edward Gaffney added £3 to an entrance fee of 8/- per lot for a rabbit sweep, the best of three courses, the event being brought off on Saturday afternoon in the grounds connected with the house of Mr. Matthew Snowdon, the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, in the presence of a good company of spectators. Details:—First round—Brown's Rags and Bones, 17¼, beat Smith's Steady, Bella, 18, by 2 to 1; Stephenson's Betty, 17¼, beat McGuire's Green Tree, 16¼, by 2 to 0; Merton's Monkey's Puzzle, 16½, beat Curley's White Rose, 16½ by 2 to 1; Oswald's Wandering Boy, 18¼, beat White's Kate Webster, 18¼, by 2 to 1; Slack's Fancy, 17½, beat Atthey's Young King, 18½, by 2 to 0; Osborne's Toby, 18¼, beat Laybourn's Dread Go Nowt, 16½, by 2 to 1; Doolan's Young Gatien, 19½, beat Stephenson's Bonnie Laddie, 15¼, by 2 to 1; Cranston's Free Kick, 16¼, beat Riley's Bushblades Lass, 17¼, by 2 to 0; Atthey's Jenny, 16½, beat Forster's Fox, 18½, by 2 to 1; Leybourn's How's That beat Stephenson's Jackey, by 2 to 1; Walton's Never Can Tell, 18, beat Bell's Toy Terrier, 15½, by 2 to 1; Cain's Carpet Slippers, 19½, beat Curley's White Flag, 16, by 2 to 0; Coulson's Tibby beat Watson's Lad of the West, by 2 to 0; Oswald's Sleeping Beauty, 18½, beat Smith's I.L.P., 17¼, by 2 to 1; Atthey's Thoughtless Beauty, 18, beat Forster's Wolf, 20¼, by 2 to 0; Gaffney's Whipper In, 19¼, beat Coxon's Milkmaid, 17¼, by 2 to 1. Second round—Betty beat Rags and Bones by 2 to 1; Monkey's Puzzle beat Wandering Boy by 2 to 0; Fanny beat Toby by 2 to 0; Free Kick beat Young Gatien by 2 to 1; Jenny beat How's That by 2 to 1; Never Can Tell beat Carpet Slippers by 2 to 0; Sleeping Beauty beat Tibby by 2 to 1; Whipper In beat Thoughtless Beauty by 2 to 0. Stakes divided. Referee, Mr Edward Gaffney; pistol firer, Hy. Scott; and bookkeeper, J. Elliott.

ROWING.

Presentation at Chester-le-Street.—At the Crown Inn, Chester-le-Street, an interesting presentation was made to Mrs. Armstrong, the genial hostess, who is retiring from the Crown Inn, after her marriage. As Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Armstrong presided over the Crown Inn for sixteen years, during which time she gained the goodwill, esteem, and respect of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. As the Crown Inn is the head quarters of the Chester-le-Street Rowing Club, of which Mrs. Armstrong was a most munificent supporter, it was felt that she ought not to leave "the city of the world" without taking with her some memento of the good feeling the citizens held toward her. Mr. W. G. Dawson was at once appointed hon. secretary, and subscription lists opened, with the result that yesterday Mr. Robert D. Usher, Butchers' Arms, on behalf of the subscribers, presented the worthy hostess with a silver tea and coffee service. In a felicitous speech, Mr. Usher alluded especially to the handsome support Mrs. Armstrong had always extended to the Chester-le-Street Rowing Club, and especially by her gift of the "McLean Challenge Cup" (now held by James A. Green, captain of the club), and her annual subscription of £5 5s. (Applause). Mrs. Armstrong had also liberally supported and encouraged all other manly exercises and sports. (Hear, hear.) It was not, however, her devotion to sports altogether that had won for her the golden opinions of all that knew her; her genial manners, and above all her charitable disposition, had enabled her to live on most amicable terms with a large and ever-increasing public in the Chester-le-Street district; while her ladylike behaviour had gained for her a respect seldom extended to one engaged in the difficult and trying business of innkeeper. (Applause.) Mr. Mudd, Manchester, son-in-law of Mrs. Armstrong, on her behalf, thanked the donors for their kindly expressions and gift, and assured them that, although distance might separate them, Mrs. Armstrong would always have the most kindly recollections of the years spent in Chester-le-Street. He was also to assure them that, although interest might not prompt, yet the friendly feeling she had always had towards the organisation mentioned, and her friends generally, would not be withdrawn or forgotten because a hundred miles distance separated them. (Loud applause.)—Other complimentary speeches were also made by several gentlemen present, and the interesting proceedings brought to a close.—The members of the club present afterwards passed an unanimous vote of thanks to the subscribers, to Mr. R. D. Usher, and to Mr. W. G. Dawson, to whose efforts the success attending the gathering was due.

AQUATICS.

Death of Thomas Hedworth, of Dunston.—The death is announced of Thomas H. Hedworth, boat builder, of Dunston, at the age of 59 years. The deceased, who was highly respected, was well known to everyone in this district who takes an interest in aquatics, through his connection with the late craft. After the decease of the last-named gentleman, Mr. Hedworth acted as manager for Mrs. Jewett, who continued to carry on the business of her late husband at the celebrated Dunston establishment, and subsequently the business was transferred to Mr. Hedworth. Tom, as he was familiarly called, was very painstaking and obliging, and the work turned out by him maintaining the high reputation of the firm, he obtained a full share of the local and Continental orders, until his health began to fail him four or five years ago. During that period he has been more or less an invalid, but his death will be none the less regretted by everyone to whom he was personally known.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

4th. V.B.D.L.I.

The Beamish Shooting Club's second fortnightly competitions took place on Saturday afternoon on Stanley Burn range. Conditions—One sighting shot and seven rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards. Sergt. Instructor Palmer was in charge of the range, and there was a good attendance of members. Scores as follows:—Sergeant-Instructor Palmer (12 start), 27, 28, 29—96; Colour-Sergeant Mole (6), 28, 26, 31—91; Private R. Aikin (scratch), 31, 30, 28, 89; Corporal J. Grundy (4), 30, 30, 25—89; Sergeant J. Johnson, (2), 22, 31, 28—83; Private F. Stephenson (4), 22, 27, 27—80.

5th. V.B.D.L.I.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the rifle club in connection with the headquarters companies of the above corps held their second handicap shoot this season on the rifle range at Bewes Hills, near Blaydon, under the command of Lieutenant A. Henderson. The weather was very fine, and there was an excellent muster of competitors; the wind was from the right front and moderate, and the light was somewhat awkward. The competition consisted of seven shots and two sighting shots at 200 yards kneeling, and at 500 yards prone; Bisley targets and scoring; h.p.s., 70. The following is a list of the winners and their scores:—Private J. Sopwith [illegible], 25, 27,—72; Band-Corporal Walton (14), 24, 25,—63; Corporal R. Dick (6) 25, 31,—62; Private G. Coulter (3), 31, 26—60; Lieutenant A. Henderson (7), 28, 25,—60; Corporal J. Robertson (scratch), 28, 29—57; Quarter-Master-Sergeant J. Cruddace (3), 26, 26—55; Sergeant G. R. Parker (6), 30, 19—55.

HOME MARKETS.

CORN.

NEWCASTLE, TUESDAY.—The wheat trade ruled fairly steady, and sellers held for 6d per quarter advance, which however, rather checked business. Maize 3d dearer. Scotch oats steady and unchanged. Barley firm for fine samples. Beans and peas unchanged. Flour steady at last prices.

CATTLE.

NEWCASTLE, TUESDAY.—Compared with last week's supply the number of cattle in the market showed a decrease of 280. The quantity and condition were fairly good, and fully up to last week's display. Business commenced with a healthier tone, in consequence of the shorter supplies and local demand having improved since the disappearance of bad weather. South-Country buyers were forward in pretty strong force, and purchased fair sized lots, a good clearance being the upshot. Sheep showed an increase of 1,104 compared with last week, the top quotations were more an exception than a rule on Tuesday, but on the whole last week's rates were supported. South-Country buyers took fair lots, and at the close of the market a good clearance had been made. Calves were a larger display. Prime sorts, owing to their scarcity, were in good demand at a shade more money. Pigs were a smaller show. A better demand was experienced for the medium and smaller class. For other classes business was transacted at somewhat similar rates to the previous week, a good clearance being the result. The arrivals from a distance since last market consisted of 156 cattle and 300 pigs from Aberdeen and district, 166 cattle and 432 pigs from Ireland. Total numbers shown:—Cattle, 1,762; sheep, 5,013; pigs, 775; and calves, 312.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

NEWCASTLE WHOLESALE FRUIT AND POTATO, TUESDAY.—Although oranges hardly moved so freely as last week end, values remained just as firm, and no doubt as the week advances renewed activity in demands will be noticeable. Hull, Liverpool, and Glasgow advises supplies as being only moderate, and with light receipts expected, present quotations are likely to continue. Lemons are quiet, being held for full values; good bold fruit, however, commands attention, but all round, sales are only slow. In onions, Dutch and Bordeaux were improved supplies; the latter moved off steadily, but for Dutch, best samples only found purchasers. American apples continue scarce and dear.

HEXHAM PROVISIONS, TUESDAY.—Rabbits, 1s 4d; chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 6d each; hens, 1s 3d to 2s; Ptarmigan, 2s per brace; potatoes, 8d to 9d; onions, 1s 2d to 1s 8d per stone; fresh butter, 1s 1d to 1s 2d per lb; eggs, 15 to 17 per 1s.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, TUESDAY.—There were 85 carts of hay and 43 carts of straw at the Haymarket. Prices:—Old land hay, £3 to £3 10s; new land hay, £4 to £4 10s per ton; wheat straw, £1 4s to £1 7s; barley straw, 18s to £1 2s; and oat straw, 18s to £1 4s per load.

CHURCH DEFENCE MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Thursday night week, a public meeting was held in the new room of the National Schools, Consett, in defence of the Church of England. The Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of the parish, presided, and was supported by the Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, J.P., Hamsterley Hall; the Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside, and Rural Dean; and the Rev. C. S. Wilson curate of Consett. There was a good attendance of both ladies and gentlemen.

The Hon. Mr. Vereker gave an interesting resume of the history of the Christian Church in England from the earliest period; his address fully demonstrated that he must have spent a good deal of time and labour in his researches. He dwelt specially with the Church in Wales, which could claim the credit of Christianising England. He also described the history of the tithes and endowments of the Church of England, and instanced the Church of Dinsdale-on-Tees as being specially endowed by the Surtees family, and also one or two parishes which had been benefited in this way. He quoted extensively from official figures to disprove the allegations that the Church in Wales is an alien Church, that it is a retrograde Church, or a Church of the minority, and fully satisfied his hearers that the Church in Wales is progressing by leaps and bounds, while nonconformity undoubtedly is on the decrease. The only way of ascertaining the exact proportion was by a religious census, but the Dissenters had always strongly opposed this idea. He denied that it would increase peace and goodwill to disestablish and disendow the Church in Wales; but on the other hand, if the bill now before Parliament became law it would do a vast amount of harm to the Principality. In conclusion, he urged upon the parishioners to band themselves into a Church Defence Committee, to resist any assault on the Church. (Loud applause).

The Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin also offered a few observations, and stated that he never heard the facts and figures quoted by the Hon. Mr. Vereker so lucidly put before any audience. He said that he was astonished that Lord Rosebery, who was educated at one of their best universities, should assert that at the Reformation the property was taken from the Church of Rome and handed over to the Church of England. The Rev. gentleman likewise mentioned that the "Guardian" (London) in its last issue referred in eulogistic terms to the work and speeches of Mr. W. McIvor, of Crookhall, the local secretary of the Church Defence Association for the rural deanery.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. McIvor, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Vereker for his able address.

After the meeting closed a local Church Defence Committee was formed, and officers were appointed.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There was only a short supply of both fat cattle and sheep at this mart on Monday—not nearly equal to the demand—only 16 fat cattle and 65 sheep being forward, for which there was a keen competition. There were 9 cows, for which trade was not good, the top being only £15. Stirks, £3 15s to £8 10s. Sheep to 65s, from Cronkley; hoggs to 55s, Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak; 52s, Messrs Wood, Fieldhead; 50s 6d, Messrs Graham, Whittonstall Hall Farm; 51s, Mr T. Richardson, Cronkley; 38s 6d, mule hogs from Messrs Anderson. Calves, 7s to 24s 6d. Pigs, 24s to 60s. Fat cattle: Bullocks to £19 18s, Derwent Flour Mill; £18 12s 6d, Mr Potts, Agirshame; fat cows to £17 17s 6d, Mr W. Thompson, Sunnyside. Poultry, of which there was a large entry, sold remarkably well, hens making from 2s to 2s 10d each; turkeys, 5s 6d to 7s 6d. Harness, £2 per set. A large company was present, most of whom were buyers, and had there been double the quantity of stock it would have been sold at satisfactory prices.

HOCKEY.

St. George's A v. Blackhill.—After a long interval, owing to severe weather, a game was once more practicable, and one of the last matches of the season was played on Saturday between these clubs at Jesmond Towers. The game was a fast one from start to finish, though the "go," was heavy and the day warm. Within five minutes of the bully off, Saunders, from a pass out of a scrimmage in front of goal, shortly after scored the second through a pretty opening. This put the visitors on their mettle, and by a good run down the field they scored their first goal through the agency of G. Wattsford. After half-time each side added one more to their credit, Bury for the home team and Foreman for the visitors being the contributors, the latter being obtained just on the stroke of time. Final score:—St. George's, 3 goals; Blackhill, 2 goals.

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CHAPTER XIV.

A COUNCIL OF WAR.

As Mr. Jenner handed Dora into the cab that was waiting, he was horribly afraid that she would have a fit of hysterics, or that she would faint, on the way home. But he was mistaken. For a time, indeed, the tears would come; but presently they ceased; and for the rest of the drive (which was not a long one) the girl sat beside her companion in perfect silence.

"Will you be good enough to come inside?" she said to the solicitor, when they arrived in Shrewsbury Crescent. "I want to speak to you for a few minutes."

"This is a remarkable girl," thought Mr. Jenner to himself. "Very few women could have held their tongues for a quarter of an hour before beginning a conversation, as this one has done."

He followed Dora upstairs. The drawing-room was empty. Dora offered her companion a chair, and then seated herself, without reporting herself to Mrs. Fairfield or even taking off her hat.

"Did you notice Captain Everett's face, Mr. Jenner, when I asked him whether he did not suspect anybody of the murder of Dr. Redfern?"

"Yes, I did," said the lawyer. "He evidently suspects someone; but I doubt whether we should attach much importance to that."

"Mr. Jenner," said the girl, laying her clenched hand on the table before her; "we must carry the war into the enemy's camp. Nobody can believe that Dr. Redfern poisoned himself. If we could find out the guilty man, we should be able to clear Captain Everett."

"But how is that possible?"

"We must find out, in the first place, who could have dropped the poison into the doctor's coffee."

"But, my dear madam, it seems that no one had the opportunity of doing it."

"I am not so sure of that," answered Dora. "Think a moment. The butler might possibly have done it."

"Quite true. But did the man know where the poison was kept?"

"That is what we have to find out," said Dora. "At any rate we see now that one other person besides Captain Everett *might* have done it. Then there is the doctor, Dr. Davis——" and as Dora said these last words, she trembled slightly. "I believe he was the man Captain Everett had in his mind."

"I should think you are right," said Mr. Jenner slowly, "but, even supposing that Dr. Davis had an opportunity of administering the poison, I cannot imagine what motive he could have had for such a deed."

"Should we not try to find out? Are there not men who make it their business to discover things of that kind?"

"Yes; but I should not advise you to trust much to their help."

"Then we will do without them," replied Dora. "Is it not possible that some one besides Dr. Davis and the butler may be guilty?"

"Who were in the house at the time?" asked the lawyer.

"Mrs. Redfern her son, Mr. Prescott, and Miss Dangerfield."

"Had any of these person an interest in Dr. Redfern's will?"

"I believe not."

"Or any grudge against him?"

"Not that I know of."

"Now that is the point to which we should direct our attention," said the lawyer with more earnestness than he had yet shown. "Who can tell us, in detail, the relations under which Dr. Redfern lived with his family?"

"Mrs. Redfern could do that best," answered Dora; "and she is not at all a reserved woman—rather the other way."

"Then you must try to learn something from her. Try to speak of the matter in such a way as that she may tell you naturally everything about the family and their relations to one another. We want to know who was, in secret, the doctor's enemy. Unless the poisoning was really an accident, an enemy he must have had; and it is our business to find him."

"We may leave Mrs. Redfern, and her son, and Miss Dangerfield out of account," said Dora, thoughtfully; "for none of them had the opportunity of committing the crime. The butler swore positively at the inquest that he took the coffee into the library *after* Captain Everett arrived. If one of them had entered the room while Captain Everett was there, he would, of course, have noticed it."

"That applies to Dr. Davis as well as to the others," said the solicitor.

"True," replied Dora; "but supposing that Dr. Redfern did not drink the coffee until after Captain Everett left him, Dr. Davis certainly had an opportunity of tampering with it. We know that Dr. Redfern went to the hall-door with his nephew. Now, no one could have crossed the hall into the surgery without attracting Dr. Redfern's notice as he stood at the hall-door. But there was ample time, while Dr. Redfern was letting Captain Everett out, for Dr. Davis to slip into the library, through the door which opens into it from the surgery, and drop the drug into the coffee."

Mr. Jenner did not answer immediately. He was turning over the matter in his mind; and it certainly seemed to him that the girl had drawn her inferences correctly. But there was one other supposition.

"Is it not possible," asked the lawyer—"remember I am only putting this for the sake of the argument, to exhaust all the possibilities—is it not possible that one of the family, or a stranger for that matter, should have bribed the butler to poison his master?"

"I think not," said Dora, after a little reflection. "Bankes has been in the family many years, and has, I believe, saved some money. We might suppose him capable of murdering his master from spite or ill will—although that is almost incredible—but to imagine that he should do such a thing for the sake of a bribe is really absurd. It would have been quite against his own interest to do so."

"In that case," said the solicitor, speaking very gravely, "I think our enquiries should be directed towards Dr. Davis. You must find out all you can concerning him from Mrs. Redfern. It is an unpleasant task, but I see no other way of learning what we want to know. We wish to know particularly whether there had been anything like a quarrel between him and his employer; whether there was any professional jealousy between them; whether Dr. Redfern stood in his assistant's way in any respect. You understand?"

"I quite understand," answered Dora. "The thing must be done, and I will do it. There is one thing I ought to mention, perhaps," she added, with a little blush; "Doctor Davis is, or was, I believe, very strongly attached to Miss Dangerfield."

"Miss Dangerfield resides in the house, I think you said?"

"Yes; she is Dr. Redfern's ward."

"Did Dr. Redfern favour his suit?"

"I cannot tell."

"Then it is possible that Dr. Redfern stood very much in Dr. Davis' way in that matter?"

Dora shuddered. "It is dreadful to think that anyone could take away another's life from such a motive," she said, as if speaking to herself.

"You are going too fast," replied Mr. Jenner, rising as he spoke. "Remember it is still my opinion that Dr. Redfern poisoned himself by mistake."

Dora shook her head.

"He may have intended to take a little of the drug medicinally, and he may have taken too much by accident," persisted the lawyer.

"I think the doctors all said at the inquest that the drug was newly discovered, and that it was not known to have any medicinal properties," answered Dora.

"Well, we will follow the line we have marked out for ourselves. And there is one other thing I can do. I will engage a man, a private detective, to make friends with Bankes, if he can, and try to learn something from him."

With these words the solicitor took his leave, and without even waiting for a few moments' rest, Dora set out to call on Mrs. Redfern.

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MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 822p.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the above Board was held at the Tanfield Lea Schools, on Tuesday evening—Mr. Thos. Pringle (chairman) presiding. There were likewise present—Messrs J. Green, J.P., H. C. Wood, Thos. Colquhoun, B. Mason, W. Bulmer, M. G. Armstrong, Father Thompson, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson).

The Easter Holidays.

It was decided that the children should have holiday on Good Friday and Easter Monday only, on account of the examination being so near.

Teacher's Reports.

Leazes Mixed.

Gentlemen,—The attendance has been very bad during the past week. The slaters have temporarily slated some of the holes in the roof. The stove has proved very beneficial during the past month. There has been nothing done concerning the planting of the space in front of schools. The road leading to the schools is most certainly one of the worst in Durham, and I think the gentlemen of the Board should call the attention of the proper authority to the fact that some 300 children have to struggle through the mire four times daily.

R. ABBOTT.

Mr. Wood moved that the Clerk write to the Parish Council with respect to the road leading to the above school.

Father Thompson seconded; and the motion was adopted.

Regarding the planting of trees in front o the school, the Clerk explained that he had written to Messrs Fell and Co., asking them to do East Stanley and Pickering Nook Schools. He did not think that the rubbish was cleared sufficiently off the ground to enable them to do the Leazes School.

Several members thought it was cleared.

Mr. Mason said it was agreed to do this work six months since. There appeared to be great delay.

The Clerk stated that in reply to a letter from himself, Messrs Fell and Co. had written enquiring if the ground was cleared to enable them to proceed with the planting of the trees; he had replied that East Stanley and Pickering Nook were ready, and Messrs Fell and Co. intended to proceed with the work at these places very shortly.

Father Thompson thought it was no use planting trees unless they had railings round.

Mr. Wood moved that the Clerk obtain samples of railings, and submit the same to the next Board meeting.

This was agreed to.

Some discussion ensued as to the best kind of trees to plant, Father Thompson being of opinion that laburnums would not thrive in this climate. He thought poplars and ashes would be best.

Ultimately, it was decided that Father Thompson should consult with Messrs Fell's representative in this matter with respect to East Stanley Schools.

Leazes Infants.

Gentlemen,—The school attendance has improved during the past month, and work has proceeded more satisfactory. The school was closed on Monday, March 4th, as the buildings were required as a polling station for the election of County Councillors.

MARY D. HOGARTH.

Tanfield Mixed and Infants.

Gentlemen,—From the tabular returns you will notice an improved attendance for the month now closed—a result very much consequent on the finer weather. Our highest absenteeism occur in the highest standards, and is owing to reported sickness. The school was closed on Monday, 4th inst, the room being required for a polling station at the late election of County Councillors. The slaters were here on Thursday last, 14th inst, repairing the damage to the roof sustained during the winter storms. The supply pipe attached to the boys' lavatory being injured and leaking, requires repairing.

ROBERT AGAR.

Mr. Bulmer said the Clerk was instructed at the last meeting to write to the architect, and invite him to visit the above school, examine the defects, and report to the next meeting. He would like to know if the architect had attended to this.

The Clerk read a letter from Messrs Davison and Bendell, the architects, stating that they were suffering from influenza, but would attend to the matter as soon as they possibly could.

East Stanley Mixed.

Gentlemen,—During the fortnight the attendance has been very poor on account of so much sickness amongst the children. Through the kindness of the High Commissioners of Canada, a large set of lantern slides on the geography of the Dominion were lent to us on Wednesday. The evening classes were closed on the 14th inst.

JOHN ANDERSON.

East Stanley Infants.

Gentlemen,—The attendance has greatly improved during the past month, and several new children have been admitted. Satisfactory progress is being made throughout the school. The class-room requires to be properly fitted up with flap desks, as the numbers are increasing in the two lowest classes, and in its present state the number of children cannot be accommodated comfortably.

MARGARET LEAK.

Mr. Wood proposed that the desks required be obtained; and the motion was carried.

West Stanley Mixed.

Gentlemen,—There are many children away from school at present through illness, and the attendance during the past week has been exceptionally low. A new water meter has been fixed for the school. Since the beginning of the year two cylinders have burst. The outhouse have not been flushed for some time, but it is expected the pipes will be repaired, and the water turned on this week end.

R. W. LITTLE.

Mr. Wood said they would have to do something with the water closets next winter. That at the Leazes had been in a serious mess, and quite unfit for use.

Mr. Colquhoun mentioned that Mr. Little had asked him to enquire about the £5 due to him as drawing grant for the winter of 1893—94.

Several members thought the money should be paid.

The matter was left in the hands of the Clerk to attend to.

West Stanley Infant School.

A letter was read from Miss Macpherson, tendering her resignation as mistress of the above school, and asking to be released as soon as possible.

The resignation was accepted, and it was decided to advertise for another teacher.

Mr. Colquhoun called attention to the cold state of the West Stanley Infant School in winter.

Mr. Wood quite agreed with Mr. Colquhoun, and said it was disgraceful that a number of young children should be placed between the draught from two doors as some of them were. It was very injurious to health.

Mr. Colquhoun said they might put in a slow combustion stove.

The Chairman was of opinion that this question had been discussed before, and a plan proposed, but whether it was adopted or not he could not say.

Father Thompson did not see how they could rectify it satisfactorily.

Mr. Wood thought that they should see the Inspector before doing anything. Something would have to be done.

It was resolved to adopt this course.

Pickering Nook Mixed.

Gentlemen,—The attendance during the month has been good—averaging 92 per cent. of the number on the books, and all classes are doing well. The yards would be much improved by a few loads of ballast, as the clay is beginning to work its way to the surface in places. I beg to remind you, too, that nothing has as yet been done to the plot of ground in front of the school.

G. H. SMITH.

It was decided that the question of putting ballast on the yards should be left in the hands of Mr. Mason.

Pickering Nook Infant.

Gentlemen,—The attendance has been much improved during the past month. The yard is in a very wet and dirty condition owing to the melting of the snow. If you would kindly consider to have some ballast laid on, it would be a great improvement, as the children get their feet very wet, besides bringing a quantity of clay &c., into the school.

J. DAVISON.

Mr. Mason mentioned that he was at this school the day before (Monday), and found the water-closets had not been flushed this year till then. The pipes had been frozen up. He would like to see a plumber sent as soon as possible.

It was resolved to lay some ballast down as requested; and the Clerk was instructed to write the Water Company asking them to put the taps in repair, and also requesting them to give an estimate for keeping all the taps belonging to the Board in good condition in the future.

Tanfield Lea Mixed.

Gentlemen,—During the past month the school has been closed on two occasions—once owing to a burst pipe in the girls' and boys' lavatories, and once for the County Council election. Our attendance this week is very bad; and influenza is very prevalent; this is a serious drawback to school work, especially when the fact that we were closed so long for fever and measles is considered.

E. S. DAWSON.

Tanfield Lea Infants.

Gentlemen,—The school was closed on Monday, Feb. 18th, on account of school being flooded through breaking of water pipes after the recent frost. It was also closed M... 4th, for County Council election. The first three weeks of this month there was a decided improvement in the attendance, but we seem to to be in the midst of another epidemic which has extended to teachers as well as scholars.

E. MIDDLETON.

Causey Row Mixed and Infants.

Gentlemen,—You will see from the returns that the attendance has very much improved during the last month, the average having increased by 15.3. At the same time there are a great many absentees. This no doubt, arises from the prevalence of influenza in the district. I beg to draw your attention again to the state of the road in front of the school. It is a perfect quagmire, and the children have to wade through as best they can to get into school. Could the loose mud be scraped off, and two or three loads of ashes put on. The plaster has come off, round the fireplace, and also round the inside door of the porch.

JAS. A. HODGSON.

It was decided to refer the matter of the road complained of to the Parish Council, and also to have the other matters attended to.

Attendance Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—Since your last meeting I have made 49 visits to schools, 655 absentees visits, served six bye-law notices, and reported 75 children to other officers. The attendance during the first two weeks improved a little, but during the past fortnight it has gone down again owing largely to the prevalence of influenza in the neighbourhood. There are also four cases of scarlatina fever in the Stanley district. Two cases are entered into my report-book to be submitted to your consideration.

SEYMORE MEDDICK.

Drawing Examinations.

The Clerk reported that the drawing examinations had been fixed as follows:—Tanfield, 1st April, 1.30; Causey Row, 1st April, 10.50; Tanfield Lea, 4th April, 1; Leazes, 5th April, 10.40; Pickering Nook, 5th April, 1; East Stanley, 9th April, 11; West Stanley, 9th April, 9.50.

The Enlargements at West Stanley.

With regard to this matter, which was left over from the previous meeting for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Stanley National School would be handed over to the Board.

Mr. Colquhoun reported that a meeting of the managers of the Stanley National School had been held, and the matter discussed with a view to handing over the School to the Board, and they came to the conclusion to invite a deputation from the Board to meet the managers, to see if the proposed expenditure could not be avoided by handing over the school to the Board. He had therefore great pleasure in nominating the Chairman, and Messrs Wood and Green to meet the managers of the school, to discuss the question of handing over the school, and thus preventing expenditure.

In reply to Mr. Wood, Mr. Colquhoun said he was one of the managers of the school. There were four managers.

On the motion of Mr. Bulmer, Mr. Armstrong's name was added to the deputation.

Mr. Colquhoun's suggestion was then adopted.

Mr. Green thought they should have the matter settled as soon as possible. They should have it definitely settled before the Inspector came in May. He felt sure that questions would be asked, and therefore he wished it decided as soon as possible.

It was resolved that the meeting should take place at the National School at Stanley next Tuesday, at 5.30.

Mr. Rounthwaite's Charges.

A letter was read from Mr. Rounthwaite, asking for payment of his account—£32 3s—for work in connection with proposed enlargements at West Stanley.

Mr. Mason proposed that the account should not be paid until the original plans, etc., had been received.

Mr. Bulmer seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

This concluded the business.

THE AURORA BOREALIS.

In connection with the above W. M. of Catchgate, writes us as follows:—

Sir,—The countryside has been in a state of commotion due to the phenomenal appearance of the Aurora Borealis in the western sky on Wednesday night. The old wives are predicting that the Millenium is at hand; that this recently seen luminous body is but the precursor of the doom that is to befal us. The old men dreamed dreams and the young ones prophesied in ancient and recent times but the world still rolls it ceaseless course. Baxter Zadekil and Co. may still declare that the crack of doom is near, but this unbelieving age will not dance to the tune and in consequence must suffer. This curious phenomenon has been seen in various parts of the country, but I have not heard of it being noticed north of Edinburgh. It was evidently seen at its best about seven o'clock on the night in question, but my attention was drawn to it about ten, from its unusual appearance and its unusual point of the compass. The question arises, was it the Aurora Borealis? I have seen the real Aurora Borealis times innumerable in higher latitudes than this, and in my childish delight called the phenomenon the "Merry Dancers." That is the name it generally receives, and a more appropriate name you cannot give it; but this latest heavenly spectre corresponded in no particular way whatever with the real Aurora. When I observed it first it struck me as being the ray of a distant search-light, but a moment's reflection was enough to dispel that idea. Rising from the horizon in the direction of the N.W. by W., and stretching upwards and forwards towards the vault of the heavens, tapering as it ascended, and becoming less luminous, and less distinct, and ultimately fading into the darkness of the night. Its edges was defined and not insensibly blinding into the surrounding media that is in fleecy pinumbra such as you notice in most of these "uncanny" heavenly messengers which throw us into deep cogitations sometimes as to the why and the wherefore of things in heaven or earth. A search light always expands at its outer limits into a fanlike appearance, and tapering towards its source; this phenomena was the reverse; and we have yet to learn that electricity has become so powerful and penetrating as to extend over Durham and Northumberland, and as far as "Edina Scotia's darling seat." It might have been an electric light, but never manipulated by the hand of man. In this position it remained for how long I don't know, but one thing is certain that it displayed none of the characteristics of the Aurora. Its light was steady, unvarying and constant. The Aurora Borealis on the other hand is a thing of ever-changing delight, dancing with the swiftness and grace of nothing on earth that I know which it can be compared to. The fantastic shapes and forms and the various shades of colour which it gives rise to in its mad career is enchanting in the extreme, and a source of delight and pleasure to those who behold them. Another characteristic of this Northern delight is that it always lies to the north, at the back of the "north wind," and thus it proves itself to be a phase of atmospheric eccentricity arising from natural laws as they are interpreted in these colder crisper and ice carpeted regions. If this recent strange phenomenon was of the Aurora species it was evident that the spirit of the demon fairies had died within it, no doubt, from the fact that it had strayed from its right path into the warmer occidental regions which breathe death in place of life into the denizens of the Northern sky, as it does to the seal-hunting Esquimaux when transferred from his icy home to more congenial (to us) climes. Was it a comet? In appearance it resembled this strange occasional heavenly pedestrian more than the Aurora, but there are various reasons for thinking it did not belong to this "persuasion." At periods such as this, when day and night approaches equality, the equinox, we are sometimes startled by unusual appearances and phenomena in the sky, more especially in higher latitudes, but what these phenomena are, or what function they perform in the economy of the solar or astral systems it is very difficult to comprehend. Wonderful advances in the science of astronomy has been made, and a degree of exactitude in timing various astronomic events, for instance, the recent eclipse of the moon, but the heavens is to most if not all of us a sealed book. We look upon the face of the heavens with pleasure and delight, and marvel at its beauty and at the great "social order" that prevails there, but we stop there, and we are likely to remain there.

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LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PROPOSED URBAN DISTRICT FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

A special meeting of this Council was held on Thursday afternoon week, in the Board Room, of the Union Buildings, Lanchester—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding. There was a large muster of Councillors present.

In accordance with notice of motion the Chairman moved that the Council should appoint an assistant inspector of nuisances at a salary of 35/- per week. He stated that the surveyor's work during the past few years had rapidly increased and his time was greatly taken up in preparing plans and looking after new sewerage works. The result was that Mr. Parker could not devote the time necessary in looking after the nuisances of the district. They wanted a man to do this, and to act under their present surveyor.

Mr. Hedley: What will he be supposed to do.

The Chairman: To look after the outside work.

Mr. Hedley seeing the question has now come to the front he presumed they wanted a man who would be able to put his hand to in distributing disinfectants, flushing sewers, &c.

Mr. Taylor said they should not proceed with the appointment that day. If they did do so, it would not meet with the approval of their constituents. These appointments should go to the public.

The Chairman: We are only going to pass a motion that an assistant inspector should be appointed, and the position will be advertised.

Mr. Bulmer: I will second the motion.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise that an assistant inspector was wanted.

Rev. Father Fortin considered they should put a stop to canvassing the members by letter or personally. All applicants found doing so should be disqualified. Let the applications and qualifications come before the Council, and let the members judge by such who should have the position.

Several of the members agreed that such should be put down.

The Chairman stated that canvassing was very objectionable, and they always endeavoured to put it down.

Mr. Wood: I say that canvassing for the present situation has been done already.

Eventually, the motion was carried.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that a public enquiry will be held by Mr. George Wm. Bartlett, and Mr. John Horsley, two members of the Durham County Council, and Ralph Simey, clerk to the said Council, at the Board School, at Annfield Plain, on Monday, 1st April, at 12 o'clock at noon, with respect to a proposal which had been made to the County Council to order the conversions of the Rural Townships of Collierley, Greencroft, and Kyo, and part of the Rural Township of Lanchester, (all within the Poor Law Union and Rural District of Lanchester), into an Urban District. He thought the Rural District Council should oppose the application on the ground that it would be a retrograde movement. These townships had not given the Parish Councils a fair trial. These places now possessed 39 parish councillors and 6 rural district councillors, making a total of 45 if they obtained an Urban Council there would only be 12 or 15 members at the most, therefore two thirds of the present parish and district councillors would be dispersed with altogether. Further, under the present arrangement they were in a position to get administrative officers of the best quality, and there was no necessity for duplicating the officers. If these townships were cut off, it would probably mean an increased rate in the remaining parishes in the rural district of 1½d in the pound. Furthermore, the ratepayers in these large colliery districts did not pay sufficient rates to keep our poor, and inasmuch as the agricultural parishes were paying poor rates, and had no paupers living in their midst.

Mr. H. C. Wood contended that in Tanfield Parish they paid sufficient poor rates to keep their own paupers.

The Chairman doubted whether that was the case.

Mr. J. W. Taylor argued that the Rural Council should not oppose the application.

Eventually, it was resolved by 10 votes to 8, that the Rural District Council should appoint a deputation to attend and oppose the granting of such an order.

The deputation appointed consisted of the Chairman, Revs. P. C. Fortin, P. Cameron, Messrs Burleigh, Oliver and Greener.

This concluded the business.

HOUSE BREAKING AT TANFIELD.

On Thursday week, at the Lanchester Police Court, Thomas Hennessey, a youth, 18 years old, was brought up and charged with burglariously entering the dwelling-house of his father, Nicholas Hennessey, miner, of Tanfield village, on the 18th Feb. last, and stealing therefrom a jacket, vest, and pair of trousers, silk handkerchief, and a cap, of the value of 15/-.—The prosecutor stated that accused was his son, and he did not live with him. On returning home from work at the pit on the forenoon of Feb. 8th, he missed the articles mentioned which were worth 15/-.—John Hennessey, the prisoner's younger brother, 14 years of age, said that at 6 o'clock on the morning in question he was lying awake in bed in his father's room, when prisoner entered and took the articles off a chair, and subsequently quitted the house.—Prisoner declared that he got the jacket and waistcoat off the bottom of the bed.—Catherine Hennessey, a sister averred that on Monday, Feb. 18th she set her father out to his work at 4 a.m. Soon after she heard some person trying to force open the front door, failing in this, however, the party went to the bed-room window, which was just above the pantry roof, at the end of the house, and broke a square of glass and got into the house. Soon afterwards her brother (the prisoner) came downstairs into the kitchen, and sat down by the fire, after getting something to eat, prisoner helped himself to the articles mentioned and left the house.—After other evidence showing that the articles had been pledged with several pawnbrokers at Gateshead, and Newcastle. The Magistrates committed prisoner to take his trial at the Assizes.

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DEATH OF MR RALPH ROBINSON.

We regret to notice the death of Mr. Ralph Robinson, of Hutton Field House, Guisborough, at the ripe age of nearly eighty-eight years. Mr. Robinson began life "trailing the chain" for the late Mr. John Dixon, of Bella Vue, the well-known civil engineer, and he was employed in the construction of the Stanhope and Tyne Railway, and the old Stockton and Darlington, at the opening of which he was present. Afterwards he had charge of the limestone traffic between Stanhope and Consett Ironworks and the working of Stanhope quarries.—Mr. Robinson was a well-known character and a good companion. He has passed away to his rest, but he will not be readily forgotten by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

A STRANGE PHENOMENON.

On Wednesday night week, shortly after sunset, a broad band of light, resembling the Aurora Borealis, shot across the heavens, from the north-west towards the zenith, and was visible through North-West Durham. It changed often and rapidly in its general configuration, but preserved a conical shape, with a most decidedly sharp apex. For over a quarter of an hour, it was distinctly visible; in fact, it was the most conspicuous, as it was a most unusual feature in an otherwise cloudless starry sky. Gradually it faded away, leaving no trace whatever of its appearance. Later on, however, it, or something very like it, appeared again, but under decidedly different circumstances. It suddenly appeared low down on the eastern horizon, and shot rapidly across to where it had been first seen in the western sky, spanning the heavens completely with a broad band of ever-changing light. After being visible for almost an hour, during which time it had undergone all sorts of fantastic changes, it again gradually faded away before the rising moon. Many were the conjectures as to whether the brilliant and beautiful display was really Aurora or not. And, if not, what was it?



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BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening in the Public Offices of the Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge—Coun. J. Lax, J.P. (chairman), presiding. The other members present were—Messrs J. Eltringham, Wm. Wheatley, F. Priestman, J.P., J. Annandale, J.P., R. Eccles, E. Sloane, J. Heymer, C. Parnaby, the Clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon.)

THE STANDING ORDERS.

The question of the Standing Orders was again discussed, and the proof copies of the same were corrected.

On the proposition of Mr Annandale, seconded by Mr Priestman, the Clerk was instructed to have the Orders printed.

THE MAKING OF NEW STREETS.

The Clerk reported that the apportionment of the cost of the making of new streets had been done, and property owners had received their accounts, but the time for disputing such accounts had not yet expired.

Mr Parnaby: How long have the property owners before we can make our claim?

The Clerk: Three months.

The question was allowed to stand over.

MR WHEATLEY'S PROPERTY.

With respect to this property at Shotley Bridge, the Sanitary Committee recommended the Council to have the doorsill and doorhead raised at least six inches to suit the level of the road. This work to be done at the expense of the Council, providing Mr Wheatley carries out certain alterations so as to put the stable into proper repair.

The Chairman (to Mr Wheatley): What do you say to the recommendation?

Mr Wheatley: Well, I am prepared to make the alterations providing the Council defray the cost of certain work done to the property by Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor, the contractors, when they made the alterations to the street.

Mr Eltringham: This is the first time you have mentioned anything about an outstanding account.

Mr Wheatley: Hold on. The old Board told me to render my account for the work. From that time up to the present it has always been staved off by the Board. (Laughter.)

Eventually, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr Annandale, seconded by Mr Eltringham, that the Surveyor should carry out the alterations to the property, and that the Council should defray the cost of all work done to such property caused in connection with the alterations to the street.

THE NEW SEWERAGE WORKS.

The Building and Sanitary Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee agreed to give the Surveyor instructions to write Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor ordering him to suspend all further work in connection with the mixing house and drains to and from the mixing house in connection with the sewerage works.

Your Committee visited the new sewerage works, and after examining the building and also proposed site for mixing house, it was recommended that the mixing chamber be removed and re-built on land at the high end of Baxton Burn Middle Quarry, adjoining Bridge Hill Road. The east side wall to be the boundary between the house and field, and that the new drain or sewer from the house to the manhole in the field be carried in a straight line. Also, that the present drain or sewer now laid in the field be taken up and the pipes used in the new sewer. The present mixing house to be taken away and the materials used in the new building. The site of the house and were the sewer is taken up to be carefully filled up, levelled, and all damage made good.

It was recommended that the Surveyor be instructed to give notice to the contractors to carry out the work in accordance with the above resolution.

The Surveyor reported that he had given the contractors notice to carry out the necessary alterations, and to be charged as extras to the Council.

Mr Annandale drew attention to the fact that the contractors were trespassing on a portion of their land in laying down stones and other plant for the sewerage works. So far they had completely damaged a good portion of land by going over the same with heavy traffic.

Mr Eltringham said he was astonished when he saw how the contractors had destroyed the land. He came to the conclusion they must have got leave from the owners.

Mr Sloane: Has the contractors got no instructions anent the land?

Mr Eltringham: They have got no instructions from the Council to use the land in the fashion they are using. They were using land that they had no right to.

Mr Eccles: I think that the whole question rests with Messrs Annandale and the contractors. We have nothing to do with the trespass.

Mr Annandale: Oh, no.

The Chairman: The contractors are our servants, and we must see that they do not damage Messrs Annandale's land no more than is necessary. It was really a question affecting the Council and the contractors.

Mr Sloane: Is there plenty of land where the contractors can put their plant without going on to Messrs Annandale's land.

Mr Eltringham: Yes.

Mr Parnaby: Let the Surveyor call the contractors' attention to the fact that they were trespassing.

The Surveyor: I have done so.

Mr Heymer: Did you inform the contractors of the fact that they were trespassing on Messrs Annandale's land.

The Surveyor: Yes.

The Chairman: I think it would be better if there was a motion passed.

Mr Parnaby: Seeing the Surveyor has informed the contractors of the fact that they were trespassing, he considered their work was at an end. It was now for the owners to take the question up.

Mr Priestman: We don't know what instructions have been given to the contractors.

Mr Annandale: The contractors have got no instructions to trespass on the land.

Mr Eltringham: It is embodied in the specifications what they have to do.

The Surveyor: When I told them they were doing wrong, he was informed that they were going to make arrangements.

The Chairman: It seems they have not done so, and are very much to blame.

Mr Heymer proposed a motion to the effect that Messrs Taylor should be notified not to trespass on the land more than was really necessary, and all the stones, plant, &c., lying on the land should be removed.

Mr Eccles took exception to the passing of any such motion. He considered they were acting the part of a policeman.

The Chairman: I don't think so. We are only going to do what is reasonable and right if we inform the contractors to cease damaging other people's property.

Mr Eltringham said they would have to pay Messrs Annandale damages caused by the laying down of the drain through the field. This had been arranged by the Sanitary Committee. The contractors had to put the drain across the field and leave the latter in perfect condition.

Mr Eccles: If such is the case I hold that we have nothing whatever to do with what other portion of land the contractors may damage in carrying out the scheme. It was really a question for the contractors and Messrs Annandale to settle.

Mr Heymer: I think the Council is responsible in this matter. The contractors were only servants.

Mr Eccles: The Surveyor has done all that is necessary.

The Surveyor: I told the contractors they were doing wrong.

Mr Eccles: Well, I hold our responsibility ceases after the contractors have been informed by our Surveyor that what they were doing was wrong.

The Chairman: It does not.

Mr Eltringham: I think the contractors have got an impression that they have a right to go into the field.

After further discussion, the motion was carried.

FINANCE.

The following accounts were recommended to be passed:—

	£	s	d
Surveyor's monthly paybill	51	0	9
Mr Geo. Christopher	22	2	0
Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor	80	0	0
Consett Iron Company	0	14	0
Messrs Ord and Maddison	31	14	3
Joint Hospital Board	72	0	0
Mr R. Jackson	7	16	6
Mr W. Ramsay	0	5	8
Dr G. W. Dawson	2	17	6
Dr Macintyre	0	7	6
Local Board's Association	1	1	0
	£269	19	2

On the motion of Mr Heymer, seconded by Mr Parnaby, the accounts were passed, and the cheques were signed.

THE LIGHTING OF ST. MARY'S CLOCK.

A letter was read from the Rev J. Foran pointing out that he did not see any objection to the Council having St. Mary's R.C. Church clock lighted throughout the night for the benefit of the work people; but he would not take any responsibility with respect to lighting and extinguishing of the gas, nor the paying of the gas bill. He said arrangements could be made with a man named William McGuiness for to do this work.

Mr Sloane stated if their own lamplighter could not do the work he could make the necessary arrangements for this work to be done.

Mr Heymer: What remuneration will the man require?

Mr Sloane: Whatever the Council think reasonable.

It was agreed that the Surveyor should see Mr W. McGuiness, and ascertain what he would do the work for.

THE GAS COMPANY.

A letter was read from the Shotley Bridge Gas Company pointing out that they had agreed to lay their main down Dale Street, Dixon Street, and Prospect Terrace for the purpose of lighting the same by next lighting season.

THE WATER SUPPLY IN WALTON STREET.

Mr Annandale proposed that the attention of the Consett Iron Company and other owners should be drawn to the insufficient number of hydrants supplying water in Walton Street, and that they be asked to increase the same.

This was seconded by Mr Parnaby.

Agreed to.

MR TAYLOR'S COMPLAINT.

The Clerk pointed out that the complaint of Mr Taylors' relative to the bursting of a water pipe in connection with property in St. Cuthbert's Terrace, was one for the two owners to deal with.

Mr Annandale moved that Mr Taylor be informed that his complaint was not one for the Council to interfere with.

Mr Priestman seconded.

Mr Eccles said he was not satisfied with such ruling. This, he considered, was a nuisance, and should be abated.

The Chairman said Mr Eccles had heard the legal advice of the Clerk, and they were told it was a question for the two owners to settle.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Mr Eccles: I will bring the question up for discussion again. I dissent to this.

The Chairman: Very good. You have a perfect right to do so.

MR JOHNSTON'S ACCOUNT.

The Finance Committee reported that with the valuable aid of Mr Booth and Mr Eltringham, as instructed at the last meeting of the Council, they had gone thoroughly into Mr Johnston's account for plans, &c., in connection with the sewerage works, and conclude that the sum of £65 17s should be offered to him in settlement thereof, plus the actual payment for printing and lithographing.

The Clerk was instructed to make the offer to Mr Johnston.

GARDENS IN FRONT OF HOUSES.

The Consett Iron Company's block plan shewing building sites behind Dixon Street, Blackfine, was laid on the table and discussed. The Company desired to do away with the making of a 36ft. front street at present, and allow gardens in the front of the houses.

The Clerk said he saw no objection to the plan being passed.

Mr Eltringham said if they passed the plan they would be putting other property owners at defiance. It was only recently they refused to give the same concession to a property owner.

Mr Parnaby said this was a case that stood by itself. He considered it would be an advantage to have gardens in front of the houses instead of a street that would really lead to no place.

Mr Eccles: What is the opinion of the Building Committee?

Mr Eltringham: We left the question with the Clerk.

Mr Annandale proposed a motion for the plan to be passed, and to point out that if the 36ft street was found to be necessary at any time, the same would have to be substituted in place of the gardens.

This was seconded by Mr Parnaby.

The motion was carried. Messrs Eltringham and Eccles voted against the same.

THE PURCHASE OF THE LAMP COLUMNS.

A short discussion took place anent this question, and it was eventually decided that the same should be referred to the Finance Committee so that further information necessary should be obtained.

BALANCE IN HAND.

It was reported that the balance in hand amounted to £242.

THE ESTIMATE: A NEW RATE.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

The following estimate at 1s 6d in the £ on houses, and 4½d on land has been prepared and laid before us by the Surveyor, and the Committee recommend its adoption by the Council. We find this large rate absolutely necessary, as we are paying for the new sewerage works out of capital, and trust that after this year the district rate will become nominal.

Estimates for the half year's expenses ending Sept., 1895.

	£	s	d
Salaries	130	0	0
Rent	7	10	0
Incidentals	20	0	0
Stationery	10	0	0
Gas and Lighting	160	0	0
Highways	500	0	0
Footpaths	150	0	0
Hospital	50	0	0
Horse-scraper	20	0	0
Slop Cart	26	0	0
Medical Officer	15	0	0
Water Cart	20	0	0
Kerb and Channelling	100	0	0
	£1,208	0	0
New Sewerage	800	0	0
	£2,008	0	0

Full rateable value on houses, £9,192, at 1s 6d in the £, £689 8s 0d.

Three-fourths rateable value on houses, £4,368 15s, at 1s 6d in the £, £327 13s 1½d.

One-fourth rateable value on land, £624 5s; at 1s 6d in the £, £46 16s 4½d. Total £1,063 17s 6d.

Amount to receive from County Council, £700.

Amount due from street making, £300; total, £2,063 17s 6d.

It was resolved that the new rate, in conformity with the Finance Committee's recommendations should be made.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside District Council.

Gentlemen,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, opening out water-courses, cleaning out channels, and clearing away snow. They have also done a great amount of scraping since the snow disappeared.

As instructed at the last meeting, I employed a quantity of extra men to assist in clearing away the snow. The extra cost for this work is for labour, £10 8s 9d; and for team work, £14 19s 0d; total, £25 7s 9d.

As requested at last meeting I asked Mr Booth's opinion regarding who was liable to clear away the snow from the footpath in Derwent Street, where the garden walls abuts the same. Mr Booth's opinion is that each tenant is liable. I also asked the question with regard to a private park or field abutting a public footpath, who was liable. The answer was the Council.

Several of your footpaths have been covered with coke ashes during the month.

I have received 100 tons of limestone during the month from Messrs Ord and Maddison. This material has been laid on several roads. There has also been 20½ yards of slag laid on to Wood Street, Shotley Bridge.

There has not been a meeting with the Consett Iron Company's agents and Mr J. Eltringham and myself yet, regarding the removal of fence in Mary Street, Blackhill.

The Shotley Bridge Gas Company have not got the lamp removed yet near the Presbyterian Church. This no doubt will be done shortly.

I have ordered the material for the work required to be done in Green Street, Shotley Bridge. This work will be done shortly.

The contract for team work expires next month. I would suggest that the Council advertise for tenders for this work.

I have collected and paid to treasurer the following sum, £227 9s 4d, on account of General District Rate.

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

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside District Council.

Gentlemen,—During the month I have inspected the greater part of your district. I find ashpits fairly well cleaned out; but there are still some requires attention. These I hope will be cleaned out shortly.

Your main drains are all in good working order, and have been well flushed during the month by the recent snowstorm breaking up.

The contractors for new sewerage works have got commenced again, and are progressing with the work. As instructed by your Sanitary Committee, I wrote to the contractors to suspend all further work in connection with the mixing house and drains until further orders.

At a Sanitary meeting held on March 4th I was requested to give notice to the contractors in accordance with the resolution passed at this meeting regarding alterations to mixing house and drains.

I wish to have the opinion of the Council with regard to Blackfine South Quarry. This quarry being in the Benfieldside district. The people of Consett are now depositing their ashes and other refuse in this quarry. Have they a right to do so?

Your Building and Sanitary Committees have held a meeting during the month, and have inspected the property No. 7, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, and also Mr Wheatley's property, Shotley Bridge. They will report on these inspections.

Your Committee also had the following plans before them:—

(1)—Plans for alterations to Mr Falconer's house.

(2)—Plan for new house intended to be built in Thomas Street for Mr Ed. Turnbull.

(3)—Plan for alterations to a house in Oak Street.

(4)—Plan for new house intended to be built near the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, for Mr H. Cares.

(5)—Plan for additions to John Dixon's house in St. Cuthbert's Terrace. Your Committee will report on these plans.

Plans for new schools has also been stamped.

I have received a plan for new house intended to be built by Mr J. G. Murray. This plan arrived too late and is now laid before you.

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

The reports were adopted.

PLANS.

The Building Committee reported that the several plans belonging to the parties mentioned in the Inspector's report, were recommended to be passed.

This was agreed to.

A HINT FOR CONSETT COUNCIL.

A motion was made by Mr Eccles to the effect that an effort be made to have the Council's rateable value increased by having added to the list a portion of the district at the high end of Blackhill, which was now in the possession of the Consett District Council.

THE EBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL: A COOL SUGGESTION.

A letter was read from the Ebchester Parish Council urging the Council to push on with the new sewerage works, so as to prevent the nuisance arising at Ebchester by the sewerage from the Council's district being deposited in the River Derwent.

Mr Parnaby: May I ask where does the sewage from the village of Ebchester flow to?

The Chairman: I think into the River Derwent. (Laughter.)

Mr Parnaby: I think the Ebchester councillors had better attend to their own sewerage first.

THE TEAM LABOUR.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the team work during the ensuing year.

This was all the business of importance.

FOUND DEAD AT MEDOMSLEY.

Early on Tuesday morning an old man, named Edward Kirsopp aged about 83 years, who lived by himself at Medomsley, was found lying dead on the roadway at the end of his house. A neighbour who was going to work at four a.m. stumbled over the body, and he acquainted P.C. Wright, who had the corpse taken into the house. A large sum of money—amounting, we understand, to over £9—was found upon the deceased, who was rather eccentric in his habits. The Coroner was informed, but as it was certified that death was due to heart disease, he on Wednesday sent word that it would not be necessary to hold an inquest. Deceased, who was commonly known as "Old Ned," has resided in the parish of Medomsley for a number of years, and was well known to nearly all the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. He was out and about the day before he was found dead, and appeared then to be in good health. He was very quiet and inoffensive, and much regret has been expressed at his sudden demise.

CONSETT UNITED TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday night the usual temperance service was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a large audience present. There was a good programme of music rendered. The Secretary presided and made a few very appropriate remarks. Mr J. Gardiner, Blackhill, opened the programme by giving an excellent violin selection, accompanied by Miss Cornforth, of Consett, on the piano. Miss Wright next rendered that beautiful song "The Lord is my Shepherd," in a most creditable manner. Mr Robinson, of Blackhill, followed with the song, "Throw out the life line," although suffering from a severe cold Mr Robinson sang with good effect. Mr A. Ramsden gave the address on "Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap." The speaker gave some most striking and effectual illustrations, and earnestly entreated the young people present to start life well, to sow to righteous, temperance, and goodness, and the end would be all right. Miss Wright's rendition of "Ninety and Nine," was loudly applauded. Miss Florrie Egglestone recited in splendid style "Drunk again." The doxology and benediction brought a pleasant service to a close. As next Sunday night is proposed to be the last of this series of Sunday evening services, a good programme is expected to be given by the Leadgate Primitive Methodist Band of Hope Choir and others. [illegible]

WEARDALE HIGHWAY BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday.—C. J. Backhouse, Esq., J.P. in the chair. The Rev W. R. Hartey, vicar of Rookhope, appeared before the board respecting the making of a new road between Rookhope and Eastgate, at a cost of some £4,000 or so. At the wish of the Rev. gentleman the question will be placed on the agenda paper for the next meeting, at Wolsingham, on the 9th of April. The total cost of the snow-cutting for the winter was stated to be £1,083. The month's pay-bill was £617 17s 1d. It was stated that £2,000, was due from the County Council to the Board. It was decided to borrow £1,000 from the bankers to meet current expenses.—Mr. J. Dalkin objected to the payment of snow cutters' wages in public houses. A discussion arose in the question, when it was decided that in future the surveyor was to avoid it, and pay at other places where practicable. Wm. Johnson, of Stanhope, was appointed to manage the steam roller, in the place of J. Maddinson, resigned; Mr. Willan was appointed flag-man.—The question of election of waywardens was discussed. There seemed a great diversity of opinion on the subject, and the Clerk had written the Local Government Board respecting the matter, whether the Parish Council or the vestry meeting appointed them. A reply had not been received, and the question was left over.—Tenders were received for the highway maintainance for the district, and were let to contractors as under:—Lot 1, Messrs Emerson Bros.; Lot 2, Messrs Pattinson and Peart; Lots 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, Mr. J. Lowther; Lot 7, Mr. J. Barnfather; Lot 8, Messrs Garthwaite and Raine; Lot 9, Messrs Gray Bros.; Lots 10 and 11, Mr. J. Douglas. A letter was read from Mr. W. Lee, contractor, respecting a mistake in price of contract work. The Clerk intimated that it was clearly a pure mistake, as the items were right, but in the reckoning up a mistake had been made, and £72 set down instead of £82. The Board seemed satisfied it was a mistake, and allowed it.—The members present beside the Chairman, were, Messrs Dalkin, Stephenson, Watson, Wooler, Curry, Ridley, Pattinson, Moffatt, Ald. Livingstone, J.P., V. A. Rippon, J.P., J. W. Roddam, J.P., and Mr. Dobson.

WEARDALE GUARDIANS.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope, on Friday, J. W. Roddam, Esq., J.P., presiding.—Dr. Conning was appointed Medical Officer for the Derwent District.—The Clerk's estimate of balance in hand and due at end of half year was £2,0000, and the expenses £1,500, which is 3d. in the pound less than last year. It was considered very satisfactory.—A circular and petition to parliament was read from the Gateshead Union against the exemption of certain classes of machinery from being rated, asking the Weardale Guardians to join issue with them in opposing the exemption of the classes of machinery named. The Board decided to join them in opposing the exemption.—On the motion of Mr. J. Maddison to rescind a minute passed at the last meeting in respect to prosecuting two Frosterley working men for conscientiously objecting to have their children vaccinated, a very lively discussion ensued, which led to a division. On the motion of the Rev. F. C. Jagg, vicar of Frosterley, it was decided by twelve votes to six to suspend the prosecutions until the findings of the Royal Commission in vaccinations were made public. Mr. J. Crawhall seconded the motion not to prosecute the working men anti-vaccinators. Messrs G. Mainprize, R. Walton, J. Smurthwait, J. Maddinson, M. Reid, W. Rippon, W. R. Teasdale, T. Robinson, C. Stone, and Surtees, voted for, and Messrs J. W. Roddam G. Curry, G. Muschamp, J. Ridley, J. Wilkinson and W. Love against.—On account of the exorbitant charge of the removal of paupers to the Workhouse, and others to Sedgefield Asylum by local tradesmen, it was decided to issue tenders for the work in future.—Tenders were received for provisions, clothing, &c., for the Workhouse, and were let to Messrs T. Philipson, W. Fenwick and Son, G. Hedds, and others. Coals were let to the Weardale Iron Co., at 13/6 per ton, delivered at the Workhouse.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The ordinary meeting of this Council was held at Stanhope on Friday, Mr. J. W. Roddam, J.P., in the chair.—The whole of the Medical Officers for the district were re-appointed.—A letter was laid on the table from the Local Government Board in relation to the epidemic of influenza. It was decided to supply each member of the Board with a copy so as they might be better prepared when it comes up for discussion.—The usual course was taken in connection with the adoption of the model building bye-laws.—The Workhouse Master reported a large decrease in the number of tramps.—There were present beside the Chairman, Messrs G. Muschamp, G. Mainprize, R. Watson, J. H. Atkinson, Rev. F. C. Jagg, G. Curry, M. Reid, W. R. Teasdale, C. Strong, and G. Surtees.

LECTURE ON "MANURIAL EXPERIMENTS" AT WEST STANLEY.

On Thursday evening week, Mr. F. O. Solomon, F.R.A.S., lecturer on agriculture at the Durham College of Science delivered one of his interesting lectures on "Manurial Experiments" in St. Andrew's Church Institute, West Stanley. There was a fair company present. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views.

The Lecturer, after a few remarks, said sometimes the use of the artificial manure did good, sometimes it did no good. He said on the whole the superphosphate had produced 1 ton 18 cwts of roots per acre more than slag, but that the superphosphate costs five shillings more than the slag, therefore they had got an increase, so that on the whole of the crop production the superphosphate considerably beats the slag, also by the use of 2 cwts of cake they had an increase of 18 cwts of roots. Bone Flour does worst for the land. They would see that the mixture had done bad, but why had that mixture done badly, because it was composed of fish and bone flour. Let them go back to Northumberland for a little—They were testing various manures against large applications of dung and small applications of dung; they were simply and solely intended to test the values. What they wanted to find out was a substance like bone flour which would not do for the first year. They wanted to see that it made up in subsequent years, that was what they wanted to get at. Undoubtedly, so far as those figures were concerned, small quantities had done far the best. Twelve tons of dung gave double the amount of artificials; along with the same amount of dung they had got an increase of roots. There was a farm in Northumberland having a field opened out with exceeding bad representation, and they got the farmer to send them 250 pounds of soil. Well, they wanted first of all to know whether the soil in the College garden previously had a disease. They grew on that 31 roots, and out of 31, 30 were diseased. Now that plot was only 27 inches away from the first one. That was the effect from the soil of the diseased field. They grew only one single sound root. Plot 3 got the same quantity of soil, but a very small quantity of this fine powdered lime thoroughly mixed with the diseased soil before being put into the plot. Then we got 35 sound ones. They saw how infectious disease is, and how the disease can be spread in a field, and another thing they saw was the wonderful effect of the minely powdered lime. The finely powdered quick lime was a good cure, and needs for further research in the matter. A vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

On Thursday afternoon week, a special meeting of this body was held in the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman), presiding. There was a large number of waywardens present.

The Blackhall Mill Bridge.

The Chairman stated that the deputation respecting the proposed erection of the bridge over the Derwent at Blackhall Mill met at Newcastle, on the 7th Feb. The plans, estimate, and specifications from Mr. Fowler, Wolsingham, were considered. The cost of the whole work is estimated to be about £2,009. They expected that the bridge would only cost them £1,400; but they now found out that the bridge could not be erected at such a cost. They expected they would get half the cost, £1,000 from the Durham County Council; £400 had already been subscribed by the public; thus leaving £600 to be provided for by the Board and Blaydon District Council Jointly.

A letter was read from the Blaydon District Council, pointing out that they intended to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction the loan of their portion of the cost towards the erection of the bridge.

After a considerable amount of discussion, Mr. Aynsley, moved that the Board join with the Blaydon District Council in carrying out the plans and estimate for the erection of the bridge.

Mr. Morris seconded, and it was carried.

Paybill.

It was decided that a cheque for £266 for the Surveyor's paybill should be signed.

The Clerk's Salary.

Mr. Gray brought forward the question of the Clerk's salary, and moved that such should be raised from £60 to £80 per annum. He said they were all aware of the length of time Mr. Maynard had acted as their clerk, and the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties allotted to the office. Mr. Maynard had held the office 31 years, and during that time the work had considerably increased. For instance, in 1865, the expenditure was £4,621 12s 11d, whereas in 1894 the expenditure was £7,262 13s 6d. From this they would see that it had nearly doubled itself, and the clerk was deserving of the advance.

Mr. Towns seconded the motion.

Mr. Hobson supported, and the Chairman remarked that the Board possessed a clerk who did his work in a careful manner, and Mr. Maynard did not hold an equal with respect to his counsel on highways in the County of Durham. (Hear).

The motion was carried, and the Clerk thanked the members for the increase.

Proposed Urban District for Annfield Plain.

It was decided that a deputation should attend the local Inquiry to be held at Annfield Plain, and oppose the order for urban powers for the Annfield Plain District.

This was all the business.

HAMSTERLEY.

Christ Church.—On Sunday last on the occasion of the second anniversary of the opening of this church, special services were held. The Rev. Wm. Ellis (curate-in-charge) preached morning and evening, and took for his text in the morning Isaiah LI—I "Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn," dealing with the "Historical aspect of the Church," at the evening service he chose his text from Isaiah XIV—32. "The Lord hath founded Zion, the poor of his people shall trust in it," and dealt with the Church's social mission. The choir augmented by the Choral Society under the conductorship of Mr. R. J. Chaytor, sang in the morning Hymn 215 A.M. 'The Church's one foundation," and at the evening service chanted Psalm 68 as processionals, and in the evening also rendered in very fine style an anthem from the Messiah "And the Glory of the Lord." At the evening service, also Madame Bellas Dryden sang in her usual able manner a solo "There is a green hill." Rev. W. Ellis played the accompaniments.—Mr. G. W. Hedley read the lessons morning and evening.

EBCHESTER.

The Durham Dog Show.—In connection with the fourth annual exhibition in connection with the Durham City Canine Club, held on Wednesday, among local dogs deserving of special mention was a young "Abbot" of Ebchester, a young and rough haired sable and white collie bred by, and the property of the Rector of Ebchester (Rev. P. Cameron). In the ——— collie class (novice) he obtained a reserve, 3rd, and very highly commended in the other classes.

LANCHESTER.

Durham County Agricultural Society.—A meeting of the members of the above society in the North-West Parliamentary Division was held at the Queen's Hotel, Lanchester, on Thursday afternoon week, Mr. Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mills, presiding, and Robert Crowe, Hedleyhope, were appointed members of the council of the society.

ROWLANDS GILL.

New Schools.—At a meeting of Winlaton School Board, it was decided to form cookery and needlework classes in all the schools under the jurisdiction of the Board. The members of the Board, on Tuesday, met at Rowlands Gill for the purpose of inspecting a site for the proposed new schools to be erected at Rowlands Gill. The site chosen is at the end of "Cowen's Cottages," and the schools, when completed, will afford accommodation for 150 scholars.

WHICKHAM.

Primitive Methodist Band of Hope.—The last of a series of entertainments in connexion with the above was held on Monday night. Mr. Jolly occupied the chair. County Councillor Major and party from Felling supplied the programme, including pianoforte and violin solos and duets by Misses M. Carmichael and Ethel Major and Master Willie Carmichael; songs by Misses Price and Ethel Major, Master R. Carmichael, and Messrs R. R. Armstrong, and Major; and a recitation by Miss Sybil Carmichael. There was a large attendance, and several encores were demanded and responded to.

WEARDALE.

A Prolific Ewe.—Mr. John Coulthard, farmer and carrier, of Bridge End, Weardale, has a four years old white-faced ewe that has produced ten lambs in three years. Three this year, three last year, and four the year before.

LINTZ COLLIERY.

Good Templars.—The members of the string band of the "Hand of Friendship" lodge, gave a successful entertainment on Saturday, when solos, duets, recitations, readings, and an amusing dialogue entitled, "Is marriage a failure," was given.

MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 27th, NEW TOWN HALL, 7 p.m. 821p.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Board Schools, Dipton. Mr. J. W. Taylor (chairman) presided, and there were likewise present—Messrs T. Clark, Wm. Young, S. Swalwell, W. Eltringham, and the Clerk (Mr. David Mole).

School Prizes.

The Chairman read a letter forwarded by Mr. Swalwell to the head master, asking him to withhold the prizes, as he (Mr. Swalwell) was not satisfied as to the way in which the prizes were to be distributed.

Mr. Swalwell explained that all the members were not present at the examination of the children for prizes, and he thought that those absent might not agree with what they had done. That was his only reason for writing the letter.

Mr. Clark thought there was no difference of opinion. They all agreed that day, and he was unaware of any objection. They decided to reduce the marks in the Boys' School in order to make an equal number of prizes for each school.

Mr. Young said that Mr. Swalwell was one of the first to agree to the alteration.

Mr. Swalwell: Oh, no.

Mr. Young: It was distinctly understood that in case all the members were not present, the others were to do as they liked.

The Chairman thought hardly not. They had no power to lower the marks.

Mr. Clark said what they had done was no doubt a little out of order, but they thought it the best course of procedure.

Mr. Young was surprised at Mr. Swalwell's objection. He thought the prizes had been obtained until he heard that Mr. Swalwell had written to the master asking him to withhold the prizes.

Mr. Clark said he saw the examination, and was thoroughly satisfied that it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. They agreed upon the number of prizes for each school. He moved that the marks be reduced in the Boys' School, and that the prizes be awarded forthwith.

Mr. Young seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Letting of Schools.

The Clerk presented a form of agreement which he had drawn up for the letting of the schools.

The same was adopted, as was also a motion that Messrs Clark and Young should have power, on behalf of the Board, of letting the schools according to their discretion.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Boys' Department.

Number on books, 220; average attendance, 194.9; average for last month, 186.4.

Gentlemen,—The attendance is somewhat better than last month, but sickness is common, and still keeps our percentage of absentees at too high a figure. The prizes have not been obtained in deference to the wishes of Mr. Swalwell, whose letter I enclose.

I beg to thank the Board for the use of the schoolroom for the entertainment on behalf of my Band and Recreation Funds, and to thank especially the one member of the Board (Mr. Clark) who encouraged my efforts by patronising the entertainment.

The evening classes have been closed according to instructions. May I request that the remuneration be now fixed in accordance with the understanding arrived at at the beginning of the session.

I very much regret that the Recreation Committee has never met. In my view the work open to this committee is of the very greatest importance; and, energetically carried out, might easily fill our evening classes next winter with large numbers of scholars, besides the good results accruing to the day-school pupils, from properly organised physical exercises and sports. I regret also that the Works Committee has not been able to see its way to have those repairs completed which have been ordered several months ago.

With reference to your letter respecting instruction to P.T.'s, I have to say that I was unaware that more than two mornings had been omitted by Mr. Herdman during my illness. These two mornings I have taken care to make good. May I take the liberty to suggest that when private complaints are made in this connection to individual members of the Board it would be the very barest courtesy to hear what might be said on the other side. The P.T.'s examination is fixed for 20th April, at Blackhill, and the drawing examination for April 4th.

A. E. HAYES.

In reply to the Chairman, the Clerk stated that about 60 children were absent through sickness.

With regard to the remuneration for the evening classes, the Chairman said they decided at the beginning of the session to pay a grant according to the average for the district.

The Clerk was instructed to write the various School Boards in the district for information on the subject, and the same will be settled at the next meeting.

The Chairman mentioned that in some of the Midland towns they paid from 6/- up to 10/- per night.

Mr. Clark understood that the repairs mentioned in the report had been seen to.

Mr. Swalwell said the weather had not been fit to do the work until the last week or so.

The matter was left in the hands of the Works Committee.

Mr. Clark thought if there were any complaints to make regarding pupil teachers' instruction, it would be best to make them to the Board, and not to any individual member.

The Chairman concurred. However, if any member knew of any dereliction of duty on the part of any of their officers, it was quite right for that member to bring it forward.

Mr. Eltringham: Yes.

The Chairman moved that Mr. Hayes's explanation be accepted, and that in future he should give the instruction regularly.

Mr. Clark did not believe in the "making up" affair. He thought the teachers should have the instruction regularly. It was their duty as managers to see that the pupil teachers got the instruction properly.

Mr. Swalwell said according to the code five hours was the minimum amount of instruction to pupil teachers each week.

Ultimately, Mr. Clark seconded the Chairman's motion, which was carried.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was decided that in future complaints as to the instruction of pupil teachers should be forwarded to the Board.

Girls' Department.

Number on books, 213; average attendance, 185; average for last month, 166.

Gentlemen,—According to your resolution, the evening classes terminated on Thursday, March 7th, when we were visited by one of the Inspectors. A holiday was given on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 26th. Awaiting your final decision respecting the prizes to be given to the children, I am, yours &c.,

S. E. HINDSON.

Infants' Department.

Number on books, 221; average attendance, 147; average for last month, 114.

Gentlemen,—A holiday was given on Feb. 26th, it being Shrove Tuesday. The children have not received their prizes yet, as I am awaiting your decision regarding the number of attendances required.

MARTHA CASS.

Attendance Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—The returns of to-day show, as might have been hoped for, a considerable increase upon those of last month—an increase that would have been still greater had not influenza once more visited the district, and from which many of our children are suffering. The attendance is as follows:—

	On Reg.	Av. Att.	Inc.	Per. Cent.
Boys	220	194	8	88.
Girls	213	185	19	86.
Infants	221	147	33	66.
Totals	654	526	60	80.

The spouting ordered at your last meeting has arrived, and will be replaced, I expect, this week.

In the report-book will be found the names of our worst offenders, and for the disposal of which I await your instructions.

D. MOLE.

A Central Class.

The Chairman gave notice to move at the next meeting that the Clerk write to the Greencroft and Kyo School Boards with the object of forming a central class for pupil teachers for the three Boards.

Drawing Examination.

The Clerk announced that the drawing examination would be held on Thursday, April 4th, at 10.45.

Loan of School.

An application was read from P. Cockburn, secretary, Dipton Primitive Methodist Cricket Club, asking for the use of the school and piano on Wednesday, April 3rd, for the purpose of holding a "social."

On the motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by the Chairman, the application was acceded to on the usual terms.

Financial.

Cheques were signed for the following sums:—Salaries, £90; sundries, £82; total, £172.

The Board then adjourned.

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AN EXCITING CHASE NEAR CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Wednesday week a man was seen to go into the shop of Mr Thomas Crofton, seedsman, Bridge End, Chester-le-Street. His movements attracted the attention of some people outside, and as the shop was unattended at the time an alarm was raised. The man, a stranger, at once took off in the direction of Pelton Fell, and Samuel Bruce, son of an old pedestrian named James Bruce, undertook to give chase. The man had then had a good start, and to make matters worse young Bruce had not seen him, only having heard of the incident. Nothing daunted he set off in pursuit, and when about a mile west of Chester-le-Street he saw a man leave the road for the woods of Whitehill Park. Bruce followed, and after a sharp chase through the woods ran his man down. The fugitive at once turned and showed fight, hitting Bruce as he came. Not to be denied, Bruce set about him, and quickly overpowering him, turned him in the direction of Chester-le-Street, insisting that he should go back and explain his conduct to Mr Crofton. This he at length consented to do, and walked on with his captor. When within a short distance from Chester-le-Street he suddenly attacked Bruce again. A short sharp struggle ensued, Bruce soon proving his superiority at a game of that sort, and led in a sort of triumphal procession his captive to Mr Crofton's shop where amid a large crowd P.C. Elwood received the fugitive into custody. The man was taken to the police station, where he gave the name of Albert Thornton, 19, and said he had come from Gateshead, but had only been there since Saturday night, having come in by the Leith boat. On being searched, well and delicately made skeleton keys were found in his possession. He was charged with attempted larceny, Mrs Crofton stating that she saw him with his hand in the till; but he had not got anything when she disturbed him.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BOUSFIELD.—The Vicarage, Milton Abbas, on the 19th inst., the wife of the Rev. E. H. Bousfield, of a daughter. 831q

DUNN.—At 2, Water Vale Road, North Shields, on the 20th inst., the wife of W. H. Dunn, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COLLINGWOOD—GOWLAND.—At Stanhope Wesleyan Chapel, 16th inst., Joseph Collingwood to Mrs Gowland, both of Stanhope.

LONESDALE—BAINBRIDGE.—Stanhope Primitive Chapel, 16th inst., Jonathan Lonesdale, East Lane, to Margaret Bainbridge, of Newlandside Hall, Stanhope.

TOPHAM—SMITH.—"Los Angeles," California, 4th inst., John Topham to Hannah J. Smith (late of Consett).

DEATHS.

ASQUITH.—Tantobie, at Harperley Hall, 14th inst., aged 76, Elizabeth, widow of Samuel Asquith, C.E.

BURN.—Chester-le-Street, 18th inst., William, son of the late Thomas Burn, Lambton Arms Hotel.

BRITTON.—Pelton Fell, West Row, 19th inst., aged 69, John, husband of Isabella Britton.

BROWN.—Annfield Plain, 19th inst., Annie, wife of Adam Brown (Co-operative Society).

COOPER.—Pontop Gate Dipton, 14th inst., aged 6 weeks, Annie Gertrude, daughter of William and the late M. A. Cooper. 788q

CRAGG.—Stanhope, 16th inst., Mary, wife of Edward Cragg.

COOK.—Prudhoe House, 13th inst., aged 92, Thomas Cook, formerly of Eltringham Boat House.

DINNIN.—Chester-le-Street, 17th inst., Mary Ann, relict of the late John Newrick Dinnin.

ELLIOTT.—Tow Law, Harrison Street, 17th inst., aged 52, John Elliott.

GRAY.—Beamish, 6, Wood Row, 13th inst., aged 38, Richard Heppell Gray, son of John and Mary Ann Gray.

GRUNDY.—Lamesley, Alms Houses, 11th inst., aged 71, Ellen Grundy, wife of the late George Grundy.

HEDWORTH.—Dunston, 1, Railway Terrace, aged 59, Thomas H. Hedworth, boat builder, husband of Ellen Hedworth.

LINDON.—Towneley Street, Stanley, on the 16th inst., aged 8 months, Evelyn Maud, beloved daughter of Robert and Lily Lindon. 786q

MUNCASTER.—Birtley, North Side, 13th inst., aged 75, Ann, widow of the late George Muncaster.

MUSGROVE.—Westwood, 17th inst., aged 50, James, husband of Jane Musgrove.

MADDISON.—Blackhill, 17, Ridley Street, 7th inst., Mary, the beloved daughter of the late Charles Maddison, of Stanhope. 798q

McLAREN.—East Park, Brancepeth, 19th inst., aged 61, Peter McLaren.

OSBURN.—Fox Hill, Leeds, 14th inst., Mary, beloved wife of Henry Osburn, and eldest daughter of William and Esther Minto, of Medomsley.

RICHARDSON.—At Newfield, Chester-le-Street, 16th inst., aged 80, Ruth Richardson.

ROBSON.—West Wylam, 12th inst., aged 61, Michael, husband of Eleanor Robson, late of Hexham.

TODD.—Scott's Houses, Stanley, 16th inst., aged 70, William Todd, late of Dipton.

THOMPSON.—Commercial Hotel, Stanley, 18th inst., aged 9 years, Christiania Dorothy, daughter of Robert and Christiania Thompson.

UNSWORTH.—At No. 11, Siemen's Street, Blackhill, on Thursday, 21st inst., aged 27, Margaret Elizabeth, the beloved daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Unsworth. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, at 2.30. Friends please accept this the only intimation. 799q

WESTGARTH.—Blackhill, St. George's Place, 16th inst., aged 52, Joseph Westgarth.

In loving memory of my dear wife, Elizabeth Gallagher, who died at Blackhill on March 23rd, 1887.

"Ever remembered." 813q

In loving memory of Sarah Ann, the dearly beloved wife of Nicholas Walker, who died at Satley on March 20th, 1894.

"A loving mother true and kind,
She was to us in heart and mind,
A loving careful wife as well,
When she on earth with us did dwell."

"Dear husband, sons, and daughters do not weep,
Whilst sweetly in the dust I sleep,
Mourn not for me nor sorrow take,
But love each other for my sake." 832q

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