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DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.
NORTH DURHAM v. CONSETT.

For this match, on the North Durham ground, Gateshead, a very fair gate assembled, whils the ground was in splendid condition. Consett (who were very poorly represented) won the toss and decided to put North Durham in, and slight applause greeted A. C. Scott and A. J. Robinson when they faced the deliveries of Hurst and J. J. Raw. Robinson took the first ball from Hurst, and pulling slightly to leg, sent it to the boundary for four. The next three balls he returned to the bowler, and the fifth he put up a hard chance to mid-on, and the latter holding it, dismissed the first batsman with the score at four. Shaw (J.) followed in, and survived the remaining ball of the over, and Scott knocked Raw for a single from the first ball. The third ball resulted in a boundary to the on from Shaw, and he added a couple from the next ball. Play ruled quiet for a few balls, and then Scott sent a couple to the boundary, and put the twenty up in the third over. Shaw commenced the next over with another boundary, and several singles came quickly, largely through the poor fielding of Consett. Hurst's next over was the first maiden of the match, and two balls beat Shaw badly, but just missed the wickets. The second ball of Raw's over was nicely driven to the boundary by Scott, and a couple of balls later Shaw drove right through to the boundary, sending up his own score to 20 and the total to 40 after twenty minutes play. The 50 was signalled five minutes later. A boundary and a couple from Scott's bat followed and then Shaw took a leg ball of Raw's very finely, lifting it right to the railings by the church. Fourteen runs came off a couple of overs at this juncture, and both batsmen seemed thoroughly set, playing the ball with great confidence. Runs came with great freedom, and the score had reached 76. Davis replaced Raw at the bowling crease. His first over was fairly hard to play, but a trio was bagged from it, and the first ball of Hurst's next over yielded five, four for an overthrow, and sent the score up to 80. A couple of balls later Scott skied a ball boundarywards, but Siddell failed to hold it. Davis, in his second over, puzzled Shaw considerably, and the fourth ball was returned—a rather difficult chance, which Davis took splendidly, cutting short the professional's career with his score at 42. (Two for 86.) C. Sharp, the Eppleton ex-professional, followed in and scored a couple off the second ball he received. Scott did not long survive his partner, for in Hurst's next over he put up a tame one to Raw at mid-on and departed, his score also being 42, including five 4's and a 5. (Three for 90.) ... was the next to make an appearance, ...ed quietly. Brown put the 100 up ...ngle when play had been in progress ... minutes, and Sharp opened his ... to Hurst's next two deliveries, ...th balls to the boundary. Trying ...he stroke in Hurst's next over, he ... in the long field by Brodie, and ... nineteen to his credit. His ...sed three fours, a three, a two. a ... Four for 108. With the score a ...ent on at the Low Fell end for H ... second ball resulted in Brown sco... -four for the overthrow—and bri... re up to 130. When six more had ... to the score, Brown out hard to c... nd Hurst took it beautifully close ... nd, dismissing the batsman with ... dit. (Five for 136. Gibbon follow... oon lost his partner, Shaw skying ... vis to Hurst in that bowler's ne... x for 137.) Gibbon was the next to ... ing a rather lucky boundary fr... behind. An over later Fawcett ... ollowed E. Shaw, scored the first proper six of the game, lifting a leg ball of Raw's right out of the ground. A few balls later the same bowler had his revenge, getting him caught by Brodie. Dr. Abraham and Gibbon made a fine stand, and the innings was declared closed at 238 for seven wickets. The close of the game came about in surprising fashion, for the Consett men could make no stand against the bowling of the Brothers Shaw, and were all dismissed for 11, E. Shaw doing the hat trick. Scores:—

NORTH DURHAM.

A. J. Robinson c Gaughan, b Hurst	4
A. C. Scott c Raw, b Hurst	42
J. Shaw, c and b Davis	42
C. Sharp, c Brodie, b Hurst	19
A. Brown, c Hurst, b Davis	21
E. Shaw, c Hurst, b Davis	8
R. J. Fawcett, c Brodie, b Raw	8
P. Gibbon not out	34
Dr. Abraham, not out	53
Extras	8
Total	238

Innings declared closed. Chatt and Armitage did not bat.

CONSETT.

J. Siddell, c Gibbon, b J. Shaw	1
J. J. Raw, b E. Shaw	3
W. Walton, b J. Shaw	2
W. Brodie, c Scott, b J. Shaw	0
T. C. Charlton, b E. Shaw	0
A. Hurst b E. Shaw	1
Davis b E. Shaw	2
J. Eltringham, not out	1
T. Gaughan, st. Abraham, b Shaw	0
J. Richards, b J. Shaw	0
J. Turnbull, c E. Shaw, b J. Shaw	0
Extras	1
Total	11

CRAGHEAD v. EPPLETON.

Craghead opened their Durham Senior League fixtures by receiving a visit from the Eppleton eleven. Last season the Craghead team did not win a league match until their last engagement, when they defeated Burnmoor on the latter's ground. The Craghead team are fortunate in having the assistance "Cud" Snowdon who has been acting as pro. for Tudhoe, and received his county cap for Durham last season. The home team batted first, sending in Stephenson and Peele to the bowling of Robinson and Newsome. When the score reached 16 three wickets had fallen, but Snowdon and Moorhouse took it up to 38 before the fourth fell, Robinson bowling Moorhouse. At 49 Dolphin, who had displaced Robinson, dismissed Snowdon with his first ball, after the latter had put on an excellent 22. The sixth wicket contributed other ten runs, and at 70 the seventh and eighth wickets fell. The ninth wicket—Horne and Holmes—however, put on 57 runs, bringing the total up to 129, and when other twelve runs had been added the last wicket fell.

Eppleton made a very bad start, Harry Stephenson with his second ball dismissing Newsome before a single run had been scored. Robinson came to the wickets and after the pro. had knocked up eight runs the Rev. R. Hindle was bowled by Snowdon for a duck. Atkinson was the newcomer, and after getting eight he fell a victim to Snowdon. The scoring was slow until Scorer went to the wickets, and he and Robinson took the score to 56, before the pro. was clean bowled by Snowdon. The remaining wickets fell quickly and the whole side were out for 75, of which Scorer (not out) contributed 29. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD.

H. Stephenson b Robinson	2
J. Peele b Robinson	10
W. Faulkner c Atkinson b Newsome	1
C. Snowdon b Dolphin	22
H. Moorhouse b Robinson	6
G. Petts c Milburn b Dolphin	17
S. Evans c Milburn b Dolphin	10
F. Horne lbw b Scorer	31
Dr. Fox b Dolphin	0
R. Holmes not out	33
R. Hann b Scorer	5
Extras	4
Total	141

EPPLETON.

Rev. R. Hindle b Snowdon	0
A. Newsome b Stephenson	0
W. M. Robinson (pro.) b Snowdon	19
N. Atkinson b Snowdon	3
J. Charlton b Faulkner	0
J. Dolphin b Snowdon	4
J. Scorer not out	29
J. Raine b Faulkner	6
G. Shaw b Snowdon	4
J. Milburn run out	0
J. Marshall run out	0
Extras	5
Total	75

NORTH DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
DIPTON v. LEADGATE TEMPERANCE.

On Saturday afternoon the Dipton Cricket Club were favoured with a visit from their neighbours, Leadgate Temperance. The weather being beautifully fine and much warmer than on the previous Saturday, together with other attractions in the shape of a menagerie and similar performances very materially added to the enjoyment of a fairly large gathering of spectators. Coun. J. W. Winter was umpire for Leadgate, and Mr. R. Freek for Dipton. The visitors took to the willow first, and J. Monaghan and T. Greener opened to the bowling of J. Bowes and Jim Allen. Play was not very fast, and in the second delivery of the third over Bowes bowled Greener when the score read 1 for 10. J. Birtley accompanied Monaghan, who punished Allen frequently. Once Monaghan sent to long-field, but Coates could not manage a catch, although he made a desperate effort to do so. After Bowes had had a maiden over Monaghan sent Allen to the boundary for a couple, after which Allen sent his bails flying when a couple of dozen had been registered for two wickets. J. Newton was the next to weild the willow, and soon sent Allen to the boundary for a brace, while Birtley gave Coates a catch which was declined. Allen disarranged Birtley's wicket. (3 for 27.) A. Little was the next to stand before the wicket while W. Thompson relieved Bowes, from whom resulted a two legbye. Little shortly after banged Thompson to the boundary for a trio, while Newton obtained a brace from one of Allen's deliveries. Little tempted Simpson with a catch, but the home pro. had mercy on his opponent and let him off. After Allen had had a maiden over Thompson completely upset Newton's calculations with a fast ball when the telegraph stood at 4 for 37. J. Crowther took the vacant place, and tempted Bowes with a catch, which only narrowly escaped that player. After the new-comer had secured a two from Allen, that trundler in the second ball of the next over brought about Little's retirement with a straight 'un. (5 for 41.) T. Atkinson, who succeeded him, snicked Allen for a single, but in the following ball Spinks who was on the look-out, caught him from one of Thompson's deliveries. (6 for 43.) J. Turnbull filled the gap, while Coates relieved Allen. Turnbull's stay was very brief, as he succumbed to Coates in the first ball of the second over. (7 for 46.) G. Milburn was the was the next to wield the willow, and soon with Atkinson, whom Thompson sent back with a good delivery. 8 for 52. W. Brown did not remain long with Milburn, as with a beauty Coates brought about his downfall before he had been able to affect the score. (9 for 53.) The last man was W. Turnbull, but Coates brought about his retirement when he had only been before the wicket for a few minutes, the innings ending with a total score of 57.

For the homesters J. Spinks and John Allen opened the innings to the bowling of J. Monaghan and J. Crowther. From one of Crowther's deliveries Monaghan caught Allen soon on. (1 for 2.) R. Coates filled the vacancy, and sent Crowther to the boundary for two, following which his comrade cut Monaghan for three. W. Turnbull, however, from one of Crowther's subsequent deliveries caught Spinks. (2 for 7.) W. Thompson succeeded but soon gave place to J. Bowes on being clean bowled by Crowther. (3 for 8.) Bowes' life was short, and Monaghan had sent him back when the telegraph read—4 for 9. Jim Allen was next to face Crowther, from whom Coates secured a brace before being compelled by that same trundler to retire. 5 for 13. T. Simpson (capt.), who went in next, added a few well-earned contributions, but after some interesting play J. Turnbull caught him in fine fashion. (6 for 23.) J. Muse did not trouble the scorers, and was sent back before he had broken his "duck." J. Cochrane surprised his comrades, although he was not top scorer made a much better show than his confreres. His downfall was brought about by a catch by Little. (8 for 29.) Rev. R. Tuson took his bat, and he together with Allen went in for "braces" until he was smartly captured by Newton, the vigilant wicket-keeper. (9 for 37.) W. Ellis, the last man, followed, and Birtley, taking to trundling, bowled Allen before Ellis had had time to get set, the total score being 38. The scores are as follows:—

LEADGATE.

J. Monaghan b Allen	12
T. Greener, b J. Bowes	7
J. Birtley, b Allen	3
J. Newton, b Thompson	5
A. Little b J. Allen	6
J. Crowther, c Spinks, b Thompson	3
T. Atkinson, b Thompson	3
J. Turnbull, b Coates	1
G. Milburn, not out	7
W. Brown b Coates	0
W. Turnbull, b Coates	1
Extras	9
Total	57

DIPTON.

J. Allen, c Monaghan, b Crowther	1
J. Spinks, c Turnbull, b Crowther	4
R. Coates, b Crowther	8
W. Thompson, b Crowther	0
J. Bowes, b Monaghan	0
T. Simpson, c Turnbull, b Crowther	6
J. Muse, b Monaghan	0
J. Cochrane, c Little, b Monaghan	3
Rev. Tuson, c Newton, b Monaghan	2
Jim Allen, b Birtley	11
W. Ellis, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	38

DURHAM COUNTY CUP COMPETITION.
LANGLEY PARK v. STANLEY AND DISTRICT.

The following game was played between the above teams at Langley Park, in connection with the above competition, and resulted in a win for the home side. Score:—

LANGLEY PARK.

R. Rutter b M. Ledger	4
J. Lowes b J. Thompson	26
E. Eccleston c Bennett b Benfold	6
M. Crawford b Benfold	4
G. Lowes b Clough	8
H. Ardley b Benfold	18
R. Peel c Curry b Rankin	17
T. Eccleston b Ledger	5
J. M. Hunter b Ledger	1
E. Rutter c Dixon b Thompson	11
Jno. Plews not out	0
Extras	24
Total	124

STANLEY.

M. Ledger c J. Lowes b Ardley	9
H. Curry b J. Lowes	0
J. Thompson c E. Eccleston b Ardley	5
R. Rankin b Lowes	1
J. Benfold c J. Lowes b Ardley	15
J. Dixon b Ardley	0
G. Stewart c T. Eccleston b Lowes	7
J. Bennett b Ardley	11
W. Christopher b Lowes	1
T. Siddle not out	0
G. Clough c Crawford b Lowes	0
Extras	0
Total	49

SWALWELL UNITED 2nd v. WHITWORTH.

Played at Swalwell and resulted in a win for the visitors. Scores:—

SWALWELL II.

T. Brownless, b Wilkinson	6
E. Slater, b Matthewson	1
F. Barron, b Matthewson	7
C. Holmes, b Matthewson	13
W. Errington, b Matthewson	1
J. Chapman, b Wilkinson	1
G. Bruce, c and b Matthewson	2
J. Smiles, b Wilkinson	0
E. Smith, b Matthewson	4
A. Winter b Matthewson	1
R. Banham, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	44

WHITWORTH.

S. Daws, run out	7
T. Gray, c Holmes, b Brownless	0
J. Burn, b Barron	0
S. Harris, c Slater, b Holmes	6
G. Booth, c Barron, b Slater	2
R. Taylor, l.bw., b Holmes	3
E. Wilkinson, b Barron	13
T. Matthewson, b Barron	6
A. Thompson, b Barron	2
W. Barnes not out	4
M. Lee, b Brownless	5
Extras	4
Total	52

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played at Burnopfield.

BURNOPFIELD.

H. Wood, b Robson	0
W. Reay, c Robinson, b Robson	14
R. Brewis, b Robson	0
G. Bell, c Postle, b Smail	0
T. Robson c Robinson, b Seed	5
W. McIntosh, c Seed, b Robson	7
T. Allen, b Robson	3
T. Campbell, run out	4
G. Wilkinson, b Robson	0
A. Wood, not out	6
Extras	5
Total	44

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A. J. Smail, b Bell	0
M. Robinson b McIntosh	5
T. Lynn, b Bell	8
J. R. Surtees, c Campbell, b Wilkinson	6
T. Raisbeck, b Campbell	2
R. Robson, b Bell	4
T. Gorman b Allen	11
J. Postle, b Campbell	1
J. Seed, b Brewis	15
W. R. Town not out	1
S. C. Knott, b Brewis	0
Extras	3
Total	56

GREENSIDE v. WESTGATE.

Played on the Westgate ground on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Greenside. Scores:—

WESTGATE.

A. Punter c Raisbeck b Clark	9
C. Dixon run out	3
H. Dixon b Raisbeck	1
Errington b Raisbeck	0
K. Scott b Raisbeck	1
J. R. Lynas b Raisbeck	0
S. Punter c and b Raisbeck	0
C. Punter b Clark	3
J. B. Wylie b Raisbeck	0
J. Mann not out	3
S. Bell b Clark	0
Extras	3
Total	23

GREENSIDE.

H. Brown b A. Punter	7
C. Raisbeck b Dixon	4
R. W. Clark lbw, b A. Punter	7
J. Fewster c Errington b C. Punter	16
C. Fewster b Scott	18
T. Armstrong b Scott	6
J. Fellis b C. Punter	2
G. Forster b Scott	0
J. Robinson c Bell b C. Punter	0
W. Fellis c Bell b C. Punter	0
T. Greener not out	0
Extras	16
Total	76

CLOSE HOUSE v. WINLATON.

Played at Close House, and resulted in an easy win for the homesters. Scores:—

WINLATON.

Bowran b T. Hunter	8
J. H. Reed b T. Hunter	4
H. Tebb b T. Hunter	9
Watson b T. Hunter	15
H. Forster c G. M. Hunter b T. Hunter	10
Nicholson b McCoull	3
W. Latimer b McCoull	2
J. Blenkinsopp c Marsh b McCoull	0
B. Tebb c Wright b T. Hunter	0
Laidler not out	1
Gilfillan c Jewitt b McCoull	4
Extras	5
Total	61

CLOSE HOUSE.

H. Charlton c Forster b Blenkinsopp	0
T. Hunter c Watson b Blenkinsopp	34
Dr. McCoull b Blenkinsopp	13
H. March b B. Tebb	3
Butler b Blenkinsopp	0
G. M. Hunter c H. Tebb b B. Tebb	15
J. Calder b Watson	15
J. Jordan b Blenkinsopp	3
W. Jewitt lbw b Blenkinsopp	10
J. Gibson b Blenkinsopp	13
E. Wright not out	3
Extras	7
Total	116

WALLSEND v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played at Wallsend, the game ending in a draw in favour of the visitors. Score:—

WALLSEND.

W. Elliott b J. Bewick	8
E. Bartram c Bell b Robson	23
R. G. Elliott b J. Bewick	10
T. Wallace c Middleton b Robson	6
J. Ward b Robson	5
W. Douglas b J. K. Bewick	30
W. Watson lbw b Robson	12
T. Winter b Robson	0
O. Hedley b Robson	4
J. Hedley not out	4
Higginbottom (pro.) b J. K. Bewick	7
Extras	31
Total	140

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

J. Bewick b O. Hedley	47
J. K. Bewick b Winter	23
G. Robson c R. G. Elliott b Higginbottom	28
F. Coyle not out	24
T. Middleton run out	2
W. Bell did not bat	
G. Bell did not bat	
F. Taylor did not bat	
W. Poole did not bat	
R. Greiveson did not bat	
C. Nicholson did not bat	
Extras	16
Total (for 4 wickets)	140

SOUTH MOOR 2nd v. BURNHOPE 2nd.

This game was brought off on Saturday, under the auspices of the North Durham Junior League. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.

M. Siddle b Wallace	10
T. Tindall c Heslop b Cassidy	37
T. Brass b Flynn	12
J. Elliott c Cassidy b Flynn	0
W. Fawcett b Cassidy	6
H. Joyce b Heslop	3
E. Smith not out	20
J. Morton b Heslop	3
J. Nixon c and b Heslop	3
P. Wilkinson b Wallace	9
T. Wilson b Wallace	4
Extras	15
Total	122

BURNHOPE.

P. Cassidy b Joyce	0
C. Cummings b Joyce	5
A. Flynn c Morton b Joyce	11
J. Heslop b Joyce	1
M. Heslop b Fawcett	1
W. Laycock run out	0
A. Bird b Joyce	5
G. Elliott c Morton b Fawcett	2
W. Fraser b Fawcett	0
R. Wallace not out	4
W. Irwin b Joyce	0
Extras	2
Total	31

BEDE COLLEGE v. CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and resulted in an easy win for the homesters. Scores:—

Bede College.—Nichols, b Coyle 0; Mumford, b J. Cowings, 0; Winstanley, c Speed, b Coyle, 0; Sheckell c and b J. Cowings, 0; Watson, c Hall, b J. Cowings, 2; Graham, c W. Cowings, b J. Cowings 0; Feilden, b Coyle, 0; Carter, b J. Cowings, 8; Stogdale, b J. Cowings, 0; Wiseman, b Coyle, 5; Johnstone, not out, 0—total, 15.

Chester-le-Street Wednesday.—T. R. Hall, c Mumford, b Nicholl 35; G. Robson, b Feilden, 3; J. Cowings, b Sheckell, 3; Coyle, b Watson 16; Berrett, run out, 10; W. Cowings, not out, 18; W. Speed, b Nicholl, 0; A. Haddon, b Nicholl, 4; A. Tate, lbw, b Nicholl, 0; R. Coxon, b Nicholl, 0; R. Yeoman, b Nicholl, 2; extras, 14—total, 105.

SWALWELL UNITED WEDNESDAY v. TYNEMOUTH WEDNESDAY.

Played at Swalwell, and resulted in a win for the home team.

Swalwell.—A. Patterson, b Askew, 17; J. Spencer, b Mason, 7; W. Cook, c Smiles, b Mason, 0; J. Coulson b Askew 1; T. M. Burn, b Askew, 2; J. Jones, b. Mason, 3; V. Mothersill, b Askew 0; G. Green, b Mason, 2; J. Robson, b Mason, 0; J. T. Drinkhald, c Arthur, b Askew, 1; G. Lee not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 38.

Tynemouth.—Askew, b Cook, 7; Errington run out, 0; Mason, c Lee, b Robson, 7; Askew b Cook, 4; Beal run out, 0; Cornish st. Burn, b Cook, 1; Banham, b Cook, 2; Arthur, b Robson 0; Sinclair, not out, 1; Patterson, b. Cook, 0; Smiles, run out, 0; extras 7; total, 29.

WEARDALE.

Agricultural Society.—The annual meeting took place in the Town Hall, St. John's when Dr. J. Easton presided over the largest company ever known in the history of the show, which it was decided to hold on the last Saturday in August as usual. After a discussion on the balance-sheet, the adoption of which was adjourned pending readjustment Mr. J. Hildyard, Horsley Hall, was again chosen president, and Mr. J. Watson, Daddryshield, whose services as secretary in the past were eulogised by the Chairman, and an increase of salary was added to his unanimous re-election, a treasurer being dispensed with in view of all the money being paid into the bank per cheque. All the old classes were renewed in this year's programme, towards which an anonymous donor offered £5 for either a band contest, trapese exhibition, or leaping. By the casting vote of the Chairman the last-named was adopted, and the society added £3 making £8 for competition over hurdles.

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

Although several games had taken place previous to last week-end, cricketers cannot really be said to have got off their mark until last Saturday. The day did not open too promisingly, but the weather improved as the day advanced, and the afternoon turned out clear and fine, the only drawback being a somewhat strong wind. There were several interesting games down for decision, and calculations were upset in a few instances. From what one can gather the season seems likely to be a very interesting one, as most of the local teams have strengthened their ranks, and I am looking forward to some rare struggles. I hope, as in former years to be favoured by secretaries with results of their matches, and also a few notes on the various games, together with bowling analyses. Score sheets can be had gratis on dropping a postcard to this office. Correspondents will kindly note that all communications should reach me not later than Tuesday morning—if earlier all the better. I cannot promise to deal with reports arriving after the time mentioned.

AN INAUSPICIOUS START.

It cannot truly be said that Consett and District opened the season under particularly favourable conditions. In the first place, they have decided to dispense with professional assistance, and then they will not be able to command the services of either Frank Richardson or T. D. Dales—the latter of whom has thrown in his lot with Medomsley. It is also expected that Lindsay and Williamson will be absentees from the team, so that it will be seen that the committee have a serious task before them in filling the numerous vacancies. The second team showed such good form last year that some promising recruits may be taken from their ranks. For their opening game Consett had a very stiff lot to tackle, as they had to face North Durham at Gateshead. The latter have got a very powerful lot together this season, including Charlie Sharp, who has returned to his old love. Even if the visitors had had their full strength they could only have hoped to make a good fight of it, but with the poor representation they had the result was a foregone conclusion. Only three of last year's first team were playing, and the match reminded one very much of the unprofitable occupation of breaking a moth on a flywheel. It was a dreadfully one-sided show.

Although Siddell won the toss, under the circumstances he decided to put his opponents in on what appeared to be an excellent wicket. The visitors had really only a couple of bowlers (Hurst and Raw) and this pair opened the attack. A good catch by Gaughan sent back Robinson with only four runs scored. Scott and J. Shaw then made a long stand, obtaining a complete mastery over the bowling. They had added no fewer than 82 runs when Davis went on, and accepted a very smart catch from Shaw off his own bowling. Scott did not long survive his partner's dismissal, each man being credited with 42. Sharp hit up 19 and Brown 21, and later on Gibbon and Dr. Abraham hit the worn out bowling all over the field. With 238 on for the loss of seven men the home captain "declared," the doctor then having 53 to his credit, and Gibbon 34. Hurst and Davis each took three wickets, but they were naturally expensive. It were best to draw a veil over the Consett innings, which partook of the nature of a procession. Siddell was early sent back, and this appeared to dishearten the others. By the way, the Consett captain was out to a most unfair decision. J. Shaw sent him up a ball which he never touched, but Gibbon caught the ball between his legs, and Dr. Abraham appealing, the umpire, after some hesitation, gave him out. However, it probably did not make much difference, as the team as a whole only offered a feeble resistance, being all out for 11. The brothers Shaw had a high old time, "E." of that ilk doing the "hat trick."

A WIN FOR CRAGHEAD.

The form shown by Craghead in their match against Eppleton was a decided improvement upon any of that given last season. Snowdon was a tower of strength to the home team, and, provided he keeps his form, the ex-Tudhoe man is sure of again being picked to represent his county. Craghead went in first and knocked up the respectable total of 141, of which Holmes contributed a not out 33. Horne 31, Snowdon 22, Potts 17 and Evans and Peele 10 each. Dolphin, the well-known fives' player, captured four wickets, Robinson three, Scorer two, and Newsome one.

If Craghead had made a good stand the reverse was the case with Eppleton, and none of their players, with the exception of Robinson and Scorer, were able to reach double figures. Two players got "ducks," two scored four runs, one scored six, and one got eight. Robinson batted well for 19, and Scorer put on a splendid 29 (not out.) Snowdon bowled unchanged throughout the innings, and took five wickets for 26 runs in 18 overs, seven of which were maidens. Faulkner took two for 18. On Saturday the Craghead team will visit Blackfine to try conclusions with Consett under League auspices.

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE GOING STRONG.

The Temperance men are opening the season in brilliant fashion. They have played two games away and won them both. This is capital business, and would seem to augur a very successful season. Tht Temperance were again on league points intent on Saturday, and they succeeded in overcoming Dipton. There was some even scoring on the part of the visitors, who put togther 57. Monaghan (the captain) once more took chief honours, compiling a useful dozen, whilst Greener, Milburn, Little and Newton also rendered capital service. It was rather curious that only one batsman on the side failed to score. Thompson and Coates came out best in the bowling line for Dipton, and I append the full analysis:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
J. Bowes	7	2	11	1
Jim Allen	11	2	22	3
W. Thompson	8	2	9	3
R. Coates	4.2	0	6	3

The home men made a very poor start against the attack of Monaghan and Crowther, the latter being in very deadly form at the outset. Half the side were out for 13—Coates having so far shown the best form—and then Jim Allen and Simpson improved matters a trifle, the former compiling a creditable 11. Tht last few men did not give much trouble, and when the tenth wicket fell the aggregate was 38, or 19 behind. The Temperance showed pretty smart form in the field, and only gave away three extras. Monaghan and Crowther came out with good figures, but the latter's would have been much better but for him being rather severely punished in the last two overs. What they did the subjoined figures will show:—

	O.	M.O.	R.	W.
J. Monaghan	9	4	8	4
J. Crowther	8	0	27	5
J. Birtley	1	1	0	1

OLD RIVALS AT BURNOPFIELD.

Shotley Bridge commenced the season in encouraging fashion at Burnopfield on Saturday, when they managed to get the better of the home men after a keen struggle. This was a good performance on the part of Shotley, as visitors to Burnopfield seldom come away boasting of victory. Batting first the homesters found the trundling of Robson not at all to their liking, and only Reay stood up to the Shotley "crack" with any confidence, this player putting together 14 in nice style. McIntosh and A. Wood did best of the remainder, but the total only reached 44. Robson was irresistible, and his half-dozen wickets only cost eleven runs—a very fine performance. Although Lynn, Surtees, and Robinson batted creditably for the visitors at the commencement of their innings, seven men were out with only 25 scored, and the chances now seemed entirely in favour of Burnopfield. However, Seed (15) and Gorman (11) came to the rescue, and were not long in placing the issue beyond doubt, Shotley ultimately running out victors by a dozen runs. It was a plucky effort on the part of Seed and Gorman at a critical moment and they well deserved the congratulations bestowed upon them by their comrades.

AN EASY WIN FOR GREENSIDE.

Greenside seem likely to have a successful season, if one may judge from the form displayed in the initial engagements of the club. Westgate (Newcastle) was visited on Saturday by the Greenside men, who completely outplayed the home team. With the exception of A. Punter, none of the Westgate men could look at the bowling of Messrs Raisbeck and Clark, who were dead on the spot. The former captured six wickets for five runs, whilst Clark had three at a cost of a run apiece. To top the home total of 23 proved an easy task for the visitors, who totalled 76. C. Fewster had 18 to his credit, J. Fewster 16, and Clark and Brown seven each, whilst good old "Extras" chipped in with the useful contribution of 16. C. Punter bowled well for the losers.

LANGLEY PARK BEAT STANLEY.

Under the auspices of the Durham County Cup Competition, Langley Park entertained Stanley and District on Saturday, and gained a decisive victory. Batting first the home men gave a capital exhibition, several of them being seen to advantage. J. Lowes and H. Ardley (the two well-known bowlers) came out in fine fashion, the former knocking up 26, and his colleague 18. R. Peel was a good third with 17, whilst E Rutter claimed 11, and G. Lowes and E. Eccleston also contributed to the aggregate of 124. Exactly a century was scored off the bat, the odd two dozen going to the credit of "Mr. Extras," which does not speak well for the work of the Stanley men in the field. However, they were probably short of practice, and may be expected to exhibit an improvement in this direction ere long.

J. Lowes and Ardley followed up their meritorious work with the willow by some capital bowling, and to this pair undoubtedly belong the lion's share of the honours. Both were in good form, and only Benfold (15), Bennett (11), Ledger (9), and Stewart (7) were able to do much with their deliveries. Out of a total of 49 the four men above-named registered 42, whilst Thompson had five, so that this left two runs to divide amongst the remaining six. It is a noteworthy fact that Langley Park did not concede their opponents a single extra, and this is a matter upon which they are to be congratulated. Lowes and Ardley equally divided the wickets, and at what cost will be seen below:—

	O.	M.O	R.	W.
H. Ardley	12	3	19	5
J. Lowes	13	3	30	5

SOUTH MOOR 2ND. IN FORM.

Whilst their seniors were getting beaten at home, the South Moor second string, as some set-off to this, were rubbing it into Burnhope 2nd on the latter's ground. The visitors proved to be in rare run-getting form, their total topping the century by 22. Tindall led the way with a well-played 37, whilst E. Smith (the popular secretary) carried out his bat for 20. Brass claimed a dozen, and Liddle 10, with Wilkinson only just missing double figures by a single run. "Extras" did "vary canny" with 15—more than his share should have been. The home men made but a poor response, Flynn (11) being the only one to make any stand, and the whole side was dismissed for 31 only. Joyce and Fawcett were the chief means of bringing about the downfall of Burnhope, the former having six wickets for seven runs and Fawcett three for 14.

HARD LINES FOR CHESTER.

Chester-le-Street have decided to abandon league games this season, and are going in for friendlies. If they wish to enjoy the game thoroughly then I commend their action, because they will get more pleasure out of one of the old-fashioned friendlies than they will out of six games under league auspices. The league system may have benefitted the pastime in some respects, but it has also been the means of introducing many undesirable practices into the game. The object now is not so much to have a pleasant afternoon's recreation as to score a point at the expense of your opponents. And in many cases players are only too ready to take any little advantage of their rivals which may be within the strict letter of the law, but is most decidedly not in consonance with the spirit of it. I may be termed out of date, and accused of not moving with the times, but give me back the old days when winning or losing was but a secondary consideration so long as an enjoyable match resulted, and when the teams took tea together after the game, and finished up with an impromptu "smoker" League cricket means too much of the "win, tie, or wrangle system."

However to stop this digression, and get back to Chester-le-Street. Well, let me say that the "citizens" had extremely hard lines on Saturday at Wallsend, and will have to be content with what consolation they can get from a moral victory. At any rate, they have the knowledge that they proved themselves the superior side. The Wallsend innings was chiefly noteworthy by reason of the batting of Douglas (30) and Bartram (23), and the large number of extras (31), which really made all the difference between a victory and a draw. Watson (12) and R. G. Elliott (10) were the other principal contributors to the total of 140. The brothers Bewick made a splendid start for the visitors. Jim of that ilk compiling 47, and his brother 23. Robson also came out with a capital 28 against his old club-mates, and also bowled exceedingly well. It was a most exciting finish, Middleton being run out in attempting to get the decider, and when time arrived Chester had just equalled the home men's score for the loss of only four wickets, Coyle taking out his bat for a creditable 24. It was desperately hard lines, as the visitors would have won comfortably with a few more minutes to spare.

MEMS

Consett collapsed in dreadful fashion at Gateshead.

But what could you expect from the team that represented the club?

Where were Messrs A. D. Wood, E. Carlill, and others who were chosen.

Considering the position of the club they might have made an effort to play.

It is small encouragement to those who are remaining loyal to the club.

North Durham had a rare array of talent, Including Charlie Sharpe (an old Gateshead player), and A. C. Scott, of Redcar.

But they had nothing to beat.

The "Journal" hopes that Consett may be quickly able to afford a "coach."

A "coach" is not so badly needed as some decent players.

Siddell was given out in most unsatisfactory fashion.

He never attempted to play the ball off which he was given out caught at the wicket.

It was scarcely sportsmanlike to make an appeal under the circumstances.

The North Durham pro. had a day out.

He first knocked up 42, and then took six wickets for seven runs.

E. Shaw had four wickets for three runs, including the "hat trick."

Craghead are making a capital start.

They have already booked a couple of wins.

Last year Craghead went right to the end of the season ere they registered a league victory.

This season they have done the trick at the first attempt.

Eppleton were the victims.

The presence of Snowdon means a lot to Craghead.

"Cud" did a fine afternoon's work on Saturday.

He played well for 22, and followed this up by taking five wickets for 26 runs.

Holmes Horne, Potts, Evans, and Peel also rendered useful assistance.

By the way, what has become of Railton?

Craghead visit Blackfine this week-end.

Consett will have to do all they know to escape defeat.

However, they may be trusted to make a better show than they did last Saturday.

I understand that Snowdon is playing with Craghead as an amateur.

Material improvements have been effected on the Craghead ground.

This is principally due to the efforts of the men, who have contributed handsomely to the fund.

The Rev. A. C. Blunt captains the Medomsley team this season.

Owing to the removal of George Walton.

The rev. gentleman is very popular, and should make an admirable skipper.

I am sorry that an accident to his wrist—sustained in the Alliance game against Jarrow—is keeping Morton Hedley out of the cricket field.

This means a loss to Medomsley as the popular goal-keeper is a splendid cricketer.

I am told that Mat Walton, the well-known Medomsley cricketer and footballer, will probably play for Sunderland A next season.

Mat had a trial against Willington on the last night of the season.

And gave great satisfaction.

Leadgate Temperance are getting off their mark in grand style.

A couple of league victories away is a rare start.

Hopes of championship honours are thus early being entertained.

Monaghan is proving to be in splendid form with both bat and ball.

He sets his men a fine example.

That one-time brilliant player, Alley Little, has been induced to emerge from his retirement.

When he becomes settled down he should do good work for the Temperance.

The Temperance club have plenty of players.

And if they choose only the best men—irrespective of other considerations—they should sustain but very few defeats.

Sergt. Newton kept wicket in splendid fashion at Dipton on Saturday.

He only gave away one bye.

And Monaghan is not the easiest of bowlers to take.

The veteran Exile had most of the Diptonites in fear and trembling.

He captured four wickets for two runs apiece.

And was the highest scorer of the match.

Langley Park overcame Stanley pretty easily.

The heroes of the game were J. Lowes and Ardley.

This pair not only were top scorers, but they tumbled out Stanley for one under the half-century.

I notice that Milburn Hunter, formerly of Medomsley, was assisting Langley.

Hunter is a good cricketer, but has hardly shown his best form of late.

The genial Mat Ledger, I observe, is playing for Stanley.

He is a capital all-round man.

Burnopfield were beaten at home by Shotley Bridge.

Rob Robson has evidently lost none of his skill in the bowling line.

The feat of taking six wickets for eleven runs speaks for itself.

Robson looks like having another good season.

Seed and Gorman came to the rescue of the visitors at a crucial period.

Reay batted in taking style for Burnopfield.

It is rumoured that one or two of the Consett players are going to throw in their lot with Shotley.

Chester-le-Street had very hard lines at Wallsend on Saturday.

They had equalled the home total, and had six wickets to fall when time came to the relief of Wallsend.

The brothers Bewick, Robson, and Coyle did admirable service for the visitors.

The Chester men thus early appear to be in capital trim.

They are fortunate in having such a useful pro. as Coyle.

FOOTBALL.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

A special meeting of this body was held at the headquarters, Queen Victoria Hotel, Leadgate, on Friday night. Representatives were present from Consett Swifts, Annfield Plain, Birtley, Bearpark, and Allendale Park.—At the outset Mr. W. G. Thompson was voted to the chair, in order to hear a protest against the decision of the referee (Mr. J. Ross) in the deciding match played on Monday week between Consett and Birtley, at Leadgate.—Mr. Knox alleged that a shot put in by one of the Birtley forwards went through a hole in the net near the post, but that the referee did not allow his side a goal. Mr. Knox further stated that the Consett goalkeeper (Wm. Graham) and some of the spectators behind the goal admitted that a goal had been scored.—Mr. McArdle (Consett) said that what Graham said was in fun, and was not meant to be serious. It was only the Birtley spectators that claimed a goal.—The referee stated that he was standing some 30 or 40 yards away from the goal when a long shot was put in. The goalkeeper could not hold the ball, but, in his opinion, played it round the post, and he gave a corner. The Birtley players at once claimed a goal, stating that the ball had gone through a hole in the net (just inside the post), which was pointed out to him.—Mr. Knox said that was a fair statement of the case.—Mr. J. Coyle (Annfield Plain) asked whether the Consett goalkeeper admitted to him (Mr. Ross) that it was a goal?—Mr. Ross said Graham did not admit it to him, but he heard the goalkeeper answer to some of the Birtley players that it was a goal. This he did as the teams were coming off the field. —The representatives then retired, and, on their return the Chairman said they had decided to dismiss the protest, but had instructed the secretary (Mr. Batey) to write the English Association, asking whether they had any power to alter a referee's decision on a point of fact? If the association ruled that they had, then Mr. Knox could re-open the question for discussion, and the fee would be retained to keep him in order.—Mr. Reed (Consett) asked whether, as the committee had dismissed the case, it was not the duty of Birtley to write the English Association if they wished to proceed further?—The Chairman said that was their decision, and they could not alter it.—This ended the matter, and Mr. Ross then took the chair.—Consett claimed 16/- from Annfield Plain for non-fulfilment of fixture on Easter Monday. —Mr. McArdle explained that they had to pay the referee (Mr. H. Smith, Gateshead) 8/- fee and expenses, 5/6 for bills, and 2/6 for posting.—Mr. Coyle said he tried his utmost to get a team together but was unsuccessful. He could only get five players.—The matter was eventually settled by Mr. Coyle agreeing to pay 12/-. The Secretary announced that a letter had been received from Mr. Jas. Joicey, Poulton Priory, Gloucestershire, promising to give £5 towards the cost of medals for the winners, similarly to last year.—A hearty vote of thanks was carried to Mr. Joicey.—It was resolved that, should the decision of the English Association hold that the ruling of a referee on a point of fact was binding, that Birtley and Consett should hold the cup jointly, each for six months, and that they should play off early in the season, on a neutral ground to be afterwards selected, for the medals. Players only to be eligible who were eligible for the last season.—Mr. Knox claimed that, as his club had the best goal average, they should hold the cup for the first six months.—Mr. McCardle contended that the clubs should toss for choice.—The committee decided that Birtley should first hold the cup.—It was agreed to hold the annual meeting at the Queen Victoria Hotel, on Saturday night, May 26th.—In consideration of their lending ground etc., for the deciding match, it was resolved that the resolution calling upon Leadgate Park to pay 10/- deposit fee should be struck off.—This concluded the business.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

A meeting of this body was held on Saturday night, at the headquarters, Tantobie. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Jas. Bennett (vice-chairman) presided, and representatives were present from Lintz Rovers, Marley Hill, Annfield Plain Hamsterley, Leadgate Park, Byer Moor, Consett Swifts, Tantobie, and Tanfield Lea.

CHARITY CUP PRESENTATION.

After the reading of the minutes, Mr. Sinclair (Lintz) said that at the previous meeting a motion was moved by the Lintz that no one be allowed in the room at the presentation except the two clubs taking part in the final of the Charity Cup.

Mr. Payne said that the whole of the business of the presentation was left in the hands of the chairman (Mr. Hodgson.)

Mr. Sinclair: Why does the motion not appear on the minutes?

Mr. Payne said he had no recollection of it.

Mr. Urwin (Annfield Plain): Was is moved and carried?

Mr. Sinclair replied that it was.

The Chairman asked the object of Mr. Sinclair's question?

Mr. Sinclair said that the presentation was a most disgraceful affair. The Lintz filled the cup, and only two connected with the league got a drink out of it. The room was full of those who had no business there, and it was simply disgraceful.

The Chairman said he could corroborate what Mr. Sinclair had said—it was a disgraceful affair. Whose fault it was he did not know. It would perhaps be better to leave it over.

Mr. Sinclair asked why Mr. Hodgson was not there in time to see after matters?

The Chairman explained that after the Charity Cup final Mr. Hodgson refereed a game between Tanfield Lea and Byer Moor, and that was the reason he was not there in time.

Mr. Sinclair said that Mr. Hodgson should have been there at seven o'clock.

The matter then dropped.

THE HAMSTERLEY PROTEST.

Mr. Payne said as they would remember, the protest of Hamsterley against Blackhill was moved off the board by the league, and the fee annexed. In response to a letter from Mr. Glover, he attended a meeting of the Durham Association, at which the matter was discussed. John Johnson was there, and admitted having taken part in a game in the close season. The Association upheld the protest, and ordered the fee to be returned. A letter was sent to that league purporting to be written by John Johnson, but the latter denied ever writing it.

Mr. Sinclair asked if Johnson went on behalf of Hamsterley or Blackhill?

Mr. Payne: He went for Hamsterley.

Mr. Graham (Leadgate Park) said the Association perhaps ordered Johnson to attend.

Mr. Tyson (Tantobie) said that Blackhill were not members of the Association.

Mr. Payne stated that they were.

Mr. Grey (Marley Hill) said on the evidence given at the first meeting the game should have been re-played.

Mr. Sinclair: Then why did you not vote for it?

Mr. Grey: Oh, I saw how the meeting was going.

Mr. Sinclair: There were only three voted for it, and you were not one of them.

Mr. Grey asked if Blackhill had been dealt with by the Durham Association?

Mr. Taylor: Not yet. They will be, especially with regard to the letter.

It was agreed to return the protest fee to Hamsterley.

Mr. Payne said the Association gave them to understand that if the season had not been practically finished Hamsterley would still have been in the running for the cup. He asked the Association to grant an extension, but they would not do so.

WHITLEY HOME.

Mr. Grey applied for a ticket for the Whitley Convalescent Home for Dennis McGhon, who got his collar-bone broken at Shotley Bridge in a Charity Cup-tie.

The application was unanimously granted.

DISAPPOINTMENTS.

Marley Hill were granted 10/- for disappointment by Blackhill.

Annfield Plain were awarded (by five votes to four) 10/- compensation for disappointment by Marley Hill in a re-arranged game.

In the case of Burnhope, it was resolved that the referees' fees paid by clubs who had been disappointed by Burnhope should come out of the deposit money first, and that the remainder should be divided amongst the five disappointed clubs.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Byer Moor claimed two points and 10/- from Tanfield Lea for disappointment on April 28th.

The Chairman (Mr. Ross) said they could not grant points.

Mr. Leighton replied that they would withdraw that part of the claim.

Mr. Bennett, in a lengthy speech, said it was a curious thing that Tanfield Lea could play other clubs round about, but could not come to Byer Moor. There had been a conspiracy afloat to prevent them from doing this, and he strongly protested against it. This sort of thing was just what would smash up the league, and he would not like to be connected with any club doing such work.

The Chairman said that what Mr. Bennett had stated was news to him. It was a serious charge to make, and he thought they should endeavour to get to the bottom of it. Perhaps Mr. Bennett would give them something definite to go upon.

Mr. Bennett reiterated his statement as to there being a conspiracy afloat.

After further discussion, and seeing that the Tanfield representatives had not arrived at this stage, the Chairman suggested that the matter might be left over until the next meeting to hear what Tanfield had to say respecting the charge.

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This course was adopted, Byer Moor being awarded 10/- for disappointment.

CLAIM BY BLACKHILL.

Blackhill sent in a claim for 5/- share of gate-money in a re-played game at Hamsterley. The letter stated that they could prove that 50 persons paid, exclusive of boys.

Mr. Taylor said that they only took 4/9 at the gate. The referee received 4/6, and he advised the gatemen to get a drink with the rest. Blackhill had a checker at the gate.

It was decided to ignore the claim.

TANTOBIE V. HAMSTERLEY.

Tantobie claimed two points from Hamsterley. The game was down for decision at Tantobie on April 26th, but the referee did not turn up, and Hamsterley would not play a league game. The game was played as a friendly.

Mr. Ross (the referee) said that he did not receive the post-card from the Tantobie secretary anent the game until the morning of the 27th April, or else he would certainly have attended. He at once wrote Mr. Gray explaining the reason of his non-attendance.

The claim was dismissed.

CHARITY CUP FINAL.

Mr. Payne reported that the receipts in the Charity Cup final amounted to £5, and the expenditure came to 18/- leaving a balance of £4 2s.

In reply to Mr. Grey, Mr. Payne said it was not decided for the linesmen and gatemen to get paid.

Mr. Sinclair thought in previous years the players had got their expenses. The referee, linesmen, and gatemen had got paid, so he thought the players should get their expenses.

It was ultimately decided to leave the matter over till the next meeting to hear Mr. Hodgson's explanation.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. Payne produced a table of results, but explained that only three clubs had fulfilled all their fixtures. According to the table Byer Moor and Hamsterley were on an equality at the top, but neither had played all their games.

Several of the representatives present took exception to the figures credited to them, and the matter was left over for further discussion.

This concluded the business.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—I see by last week's "Guardian" that "A Sympathiser with Lintz Rovers" has been taking you to account because you had the audacity to express a few remarks favourable to Blackhill. I don't know, but I quite expect a man is at liberty to say what he likes, and I think that the Lintz supporters need not have taken offence at what you said. He says that the Lintz are a better team than Blackhill. It's no use reckoning Blackhill's form on league games; they don't believe in it. Then he says that Blackhill were kicking the best way the second half with the sun at their backs. Strange, but I think most people will agree with me that the best way to kick was towards the end that all the goals were obtained at, and that was the opposite way to what he says. "And the sun at their backs." Well, really I don't know whether "A Sympathiser" ever went to school or not, but he has very hazy ideas about the sun, and the different points of the compass; perhaps there is no sun at the Lintz (all moonshine.) For Blackhill to have had the sun at their backs the second half, the game would have had to start very early in the morning, as the goals are east and west, and Blackhill were facing towards the east the first half and the sun is generally retiring towards the west about 3 o'clock Anyway, that's the way it does round these parts. He had better go to school at Hamsterley, and the schoolmaster there will tell him which is north, south, east, and west. For instance, he will tell him that Durham is South, noted for the winning of protests. And he also takes you to task for not mentioning who Blackhill had playing for them. Blackhill players are quite proud of themselves this week, when they saw that they had been specially imported for the game. Now, allow me to say that five of the players helped to win the Junior League for Blackhill last year, and are quite young enough this season, together with another one who was playing. Thanking you in anticipation,—Yours truly,

"GOOD OLD BLACKHILL."

BOER NURSERY RHYMES.

By F. Klickmann.

No 1.—A Chamberlain-Kruger Dialogue.

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep! Have you any gun?"
"Me, Sir! No Sir! not a single one!
I'm a pastoral burgher, and this is my dame,
And that's my little grandson, who cries in the lane."

"Baa Baa, Black Sheep! What are all these stores?"
"These Sir, are Quaker oats, to feed the Brother Boers.
Now do not be alarmed, Sir. I know they look a lot,
But some we're going to give away to Brother Hottentot."

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep! Who are all these men?"
"These, Sir, are simple souls who couldn't kill a hen!
The only weapons they can wield are pipes and porridge-ladles,
At eventide they sit and sing, and rock the little cradles."

"Baa, Baa, Black Sheep! Is Mrs. Kruger well?"
"Yes, Sir—at least, Sir, her head's begun to swell!
In fact, the Crown of England is far too small by now
To satisfy the lofty aims of my esteemed mevrouw."

"Good-bye, Black Sheep! You seem a harmless fool
And quite the last to cut up rough at anybody's rule."
But "Bang!" went the master, and "Whizz!" went the dame.
And "Boom!" went the cannon by the boy in the lane!

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AUCTION MARTS

Tow Law.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 50 dairy cows and heifers, 18 fat cattle, 14 calves, 140 fat sheep and hoggs. Calved cows, £14 5s to £21 10s; incalving cows, £13 17s 6d to £19 15s; fat cattle to £25 15s, from the Weardale Iron and Coal Co. Limited, Spennymoor; £14 17s 6d, from Mr. Parkinson, Nackshivan; others, £12 to £19 10s; calves, 25s to 70s each; fat sheep to 40s 6d, from the Weardale Iron and Coal Co. Limited, Spennymoor; 59s from Mrs. Atkinson, Riddon House; 27s 6d from Mr. R. Wilkinson Stanhope; fat hoggs, 51s 6d from the Weardale Iron and Coal Co. Limited, Spennymoor; 45s from Mr. F. Sanderson; 32s 3d, from Mr. J. G. Wilson, Black Hall; 38s from Mr. J. Raine, Broadmeadows; fat lambs, to 27s 3d, from Mr. J. Spedding, Bradley Burn. Cow trade easy. Fat cattle and sheep dear. Beef to 40s per cwt., live weight; mutton, 10d to 10½d per lb.

Blackhill Farmers' Mart Co., Ltd.—Mr. Jackson Green had forward on Monday 3 cows, 21 fat cattle, 2 stirks, 8 lambs, 72 sheep, 15 ewes and lambs, 5 calves, 2 pigs, donkey, poultry, gripes, blocks, &c. Fat cattle R. Dixon, bullock, £19 10s top; J. Graham, heifers, £18 12s 6d, top; W. Fenwick, lambs, 41s top; sheep, W. Fenwick, 55s 6d, top; W. Keenleyside, bullocks £16, bull £17 2s 6d; Dyke Nook, heifers, £13 5s; W. Hall Butsfield, £19 5s; J. Green, Satley, bullocks £15 17s 6d and £15; G. Hardy, heifer, £16 12s 6d; R. Dixon, Broad Oak, heifers, £13 2s 6d; Ridley, Snowsgreen, cow, £14 5s; W. Archer, Crooked Oak, cow, £14; Whittonstall Hall, heifers, £18 12s 6d, £17 15s (2), £16 5s; W. Robson, Iveston, cow, £17; stirks, £5 5s to £8 5s; H. Elsom, lambs, 31s; Derwent Flour Mill Farm, Low Waskerley, 37s 6d, sheep 55s 6d. Sheep: J. Heppell, Mill Shields, 49s; Dyke Nook, 30s; A. Davie, Orchard Field, 48s 6d; Fenwick, Bradley, 55s 6d; Maiden Hall, 52s; A. Blench, Brooms, 32s 6d; Hollingside Hall, 23s 6d; Consett Urban District Council, 57s; Broad Oak, 54s; black-faced ewes and lambs, 26s per couple. Calves, 5s to 42s; cows to £12 2s 6d; pork pig 30s. Fat sheep and cattle sold well.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr. James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 24 new and incalving cows, 68 fat cattle, 80 fat sheep, 2 fat lambs, pig, horses, traps, and sundry lots of troughs, sheep racks, etc. Trade was brisk throughout, especially for sheep which were a short supply. Cows were a very slow trade; top, Dolphin, Darlington, £19 10s. Cattle: Heifers to £20, top, Joicey and Co.; bullocks £[illegible] 10s, top Charlaw Coal Co.; Taylor, Chester Moor, bullock, £17 10s; Luke Durham Moor, bullocks, to £19 12s 6d; Brewis, Waldridge, heifers to £18 12s 6d, bullocks to £11 5s; Stothard, Frankland, heifers to £17 7s 6d, bullocks to £16; bull £22 10s. Thornton, Trilby bullocks to £18; Wilkinson, New Acres bullocks to £22; Webster, Marton House, bullocks to £19, heifers to £19; Johnson, Low Urpeth bullocks to £16; Weightman Herrington, fat cows, to £18 12s 6d; Weightman, The Ford, fat cows to £15 15s; Morgan, Houghell, hoggs top 56s 6d, ewes 60s; Taylor, Chester Moor hoggs, 42s 6d; Young Plawsworth, hoggs to 49s; Corbett, Chilton Moor, hoggs to 37s; tups to 71s, too Earl of Durham; lambs to 46s. Brewis, Waldridge. Next sale Monday May 21st.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

It may seem rather late in the day for pantomime, but still it would take a lot of the kind of fare provided by Mr. Horace Barri's company this week to make one cry "Hold! enough." "The Forty Thieves" is probably one of the best pantomimes seen in the provinces, and it abounds in fun and merriment. There is not a dull moment throughout, and those who want to drive dull care away should certainly pay a visit to the New Theatre. The songs and jokes are brought up to date, and there is a welcome absence of chestnuts. The company is an admirable all-round one. Amongst a capable combination one may make mention of Miss Ethel Gilchrist as "Ganem"; Miss Dora Hilstrom as "Morgiana"; Miss Marie Trevor as "Zorah"; Miss Cissie Kingsley as "Abdallah"; and Miss Sylvia Blyth as "Huron." Mr. Harry Rousby scores heavily as "Hassaric," as do also Mr. Henry Currie and Mr. E. H. Tasker as "Cassam" and "Edward" (the donkey), respectively. The remaining parts are all in good hands, and the whole production sparkles with wit and humour. There are also several excellent "turns" in addition to the pantomime proper. William Salmon, the champion trick cyclist, is worth a visit alone. He goes through some wonderful performances on the old ordinarys and the more modern safetys. What he does on a cart wheel and with a wheel-barrow must be seen to be believed. Zanetto and Lorene, the young English lion-jawed athletes, are good, and the same may with truth be said of Barri's Four Camelias (troupe of lady dancers); Signor Contorto, the marvellous contortionist; Miss Maggie Braemar, lady champion international dancer; Miss Maud Rousby, skipping rope dancer; Miss Cissy Kingsley, operatic vocalist; and Tom Rae, trick cyclist. Altogether it is a great show, and crowded houses should be the rule during the week.

CASTLESIDE.

Oak Screen.—An oak screen is to be erected in the chancel of St. John's Church, Castleside, by Messrs Robinson and Stoker, contractors, Consett. It is proposed to dedicate the screen at Whitsuntide, and the Rev. Canon Savage, rector of Hexham, has been invited to perform the ceremony.

SWALWELL.

A Woman's Choice Language.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Annie Hall, a married woman, residing at Paper Mill Row, Swalwell, was summoned by P.C. Slater for using obscene language at Swalwell on the 25th ult.—The accused was fined 2/6 and costs—9/6 in all.

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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA IN THE EARLY DAYS

REV. WILLIAM BEDFORD.

The Rev. William Bedford, the second chaplain in Hobart Town and the third in Tasmania, was appointed on the 1st of March, 1823, and succeeded the Rev. Robt. Knopwood as chaplain of St. David's. Drunkenness and immorality were all but universal in that island, for its early history is the old story of strong drink, and these in official circles were even worse than the lower classes. Mr Bedford at once propounded schemes of reform which were warmly seconded by Governor Arthur, and followed up by the efforts of the colonists, who willingly gathered under his leadership. If ever a man was called upon to battle with a host, to charge the serried ranks of foes, to struggle foot by foot with an obstinate opponent, it was this chaplain. Prior to coming to the Southern Hemisphere Mr Bedford had been engaged as chaplain in the London prisons, where he had done some good work, and his experience there aided him greatly in fighting against the sinful evils of the town of Hobart. By the imposition of a heavy duty on all spirituous liquors by the Government, aided by the influence of the chaplain and his sympathisers, the tone of society was soon greatly changed for the better. It was not to be supposer that a community founded on and saturated with convictism would set an example of high principle. The wonder is that from such beginnings the colony should have developed so favourably. Whatever may be said of the dissipation of high and low—and words are too weak to express a proper horror and detestation of the vicious conduct of many even in authority—yet it must be remembered that the men and women transported to Australia were in numberless cases the sweepings of British gaols prepared for every excess of crime. With the energy of an Elijah the lion-hearted chaplain denounced the guilt of the erring ones, and warned them of terrible judgments to come. By perseverance he purified the land, and virtue again reigned and the determined manner in which he set about to accomplish these things gained for him the title of the "Fighting Chaplain."

THE FIRST CHURCHES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

I have already referred to the first church which was built in New South Wales—the Wattle and Dab Church built by the first chaplain, the Rev. Richard Johnson, opened on August 25th, 1793, and burnt to the ground on October 1st, 1798. The first services held in Parramatta were conducted by Mr Johnson in a carpenter's shop in 1791. He used to visit the place fortnightly, and when no hut was vacant, had to preach in the open air. A more permanent church had been planned for this place, but before the building was ready for use it was converted into a gaol or lock-up, and eventually into a granary or storeroom. At last, in August or September, 1798, a temporary church, built out of the materials of two old huts, was finished, and opened by Mr Marsden. This temporary church stood at the corner of George and Marsden Streets in that town. The old pulpit that was used in it was afterwards removed to Cobbity. On the 5th of April, 1787, the foundation stone of a church at Parramatta was laid. It was a brick structure, to seat 400 persons, but it was long in building, for when Mr Johnson left the colony in 1800 there was no church in the territory. By a Government order, dated 23rd July, 1802, the limits of the parish of Parramatta are defined, and the church "now building is to be named St. John's, out of respect to the memory of the Governor, John Hunter." It was opened by the Rev Samuel Marsden, on Easter Sunday April 10th, 1803, and was the first substantial church erected in Australia. The contemporary historian thus describes the ceremony:—"On Sunday, 10th April, 1803, St. John's Church was opened for Divine Service—Mr Marsden preached from the text II Chron., VI. 18.—"But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee: how much less this house which I have built !"" "Many ladies of the first respectability were present. St. John's may justly be styled the finest building in the colony. The paintings are well designed, and tolerably executed. The altar piece though heavy, is nevertheless entitled to praise. The pews are not yet put up, but when they are, it will certainly become a handsome, well-finished and commodious place of worship." This church was a hundred feet in length and forty feet broad, with a raised tower. This tower is said to have fallen, and was replaced by a couple of towers designed by Major Anvil, and built by Mrs. Macquarie, the wife of the Governor of that name, in fulfilment of a vow, during her husband's absence in Van Diemen's Land. On Macquarie's return, his wife, when showing them to him, said to him, "See my Westminster Abbey." So says tradition, but another report makes them the work of Lady Fitzroy, the wife of Sir Charles Fitzroy, the Governor of the Colony, to remind her of the twin towers of the church of Reculvers, Kent, of which they are an exact copy. It was in this church that there existed in the early days an extraordinary three decker pulpit for the preacher, whilst the music was furnished by a good barrel organ. The convicts who did not belong to the chain gang used to be marched every Sunday to worship at this church. One of its parish clerks used to be clerk of the race course also, and when he was told of the inconsistency of such a combination of affairs, and required to make a choice, he took that of the race course as it was the most lucrative. It was to this church that one of the Governors of the Colony sent a body of workmen to carry out certain repairs during Divine service, and as a consequence to disperse the congregation. The body of the church was afterwards rebuilt, but the twin towers of the original church are still intact.

When Mr Johnson's Wattle and Dab Church was burnt in 1798, a spacious store house was set apart, with suitable fittings for Divine service. In reporting the destruction of the first church to the home Government at the end of the year, Governor Hunter stated he had laid the foundation of a larger stone church on the opposite side of the cove, the quaint round tower of which was already finished. This building, however, was required for some other purpose. At last, on the 27th of June, 1800, Governor Hunter laid the foundation stone of a church in Sydney. It was to be a brick structure. The building, however, progressed but slowly. By 1804 the walls only were up. It was completed in 1807, and was opened for Divine service by the Rev. Henry Fulton. It was ninety-seven feet long, thirty-two feet broad, and the walls were seventeen feet high. It was built at the end of the round tower, wherein were placed a peal of eight small bells. It was consecrated by the Rev. Samuel Marsden—to whom the authority was given—on Christmas Day, 1810.

The next church was at the Hawkesbury, a farming district. It was begun in 1804, but was little more than a house, as it had to serve as a schoolroom as well as a church. It was opened for Divine service on the 11th of August, 1805.

The fourth church was that of Christ Church, Newcastle (now the Cathedral Church of that Diocese.) It was founded by Captain James Wallis of the 47th Regiment in 1817, and the Rev. William Cowper, of Sydney, officiated at the foundation stone laying. It was capable of holding 300 persons, and was opened for Divine service in 1821. Owing to the scarcity of clergymen in the colony it was without a resident minister for some time. During the interval the Rev Samuel Leigh, the Pioneer Wesleyan Minister in New South Wales, was requested by the Governor—Lachlan Macquarie, to supply the church as frequently as possible. The district, however, was so great, and the regular work of his own missions so fully occupied his time that he could only visit it occasionally.

The next church was that of St. Luke's, Liverpool, which was erected in 1819. It possesses all the characteristics of Governor Macquarie's buildings.

The sixth church in New South Wales was St. James's, Sydney. The foundation stone was laid by Governor Macquarie on October 7th, 1819. It was opened for Divine service on the 6th of January, 1822, by the Rev Samuel Marsden, who preached a stirring sermon on the occasion, and was consecrated on February 11th, 1824. This church afterwards became the pro-cathedral—in 1836—and remained as such until the consecration of St Andrew's in 1868.

The seventh church was that of St. Matthew's, Windsor. The foundation stone was first laid on October 11th, 1817. In consequence of the stone having been removed and the money deposited therein stolen, His Excellency relaid the stone on October 13th. The money was stolen, for a second time, a few days afterwards. Through some defect in the building the walls of the church were taken down in 1819, and another structure—the present church—built on the same foundation. It was consecrated and opened for Divine service by the Rev Samuel Marsden on the 18th of December, 1822.

BRIEF ANNALS OF SOUTH AFRICA

(By J. W. Fawcett.)

(Addenda et corrigenda.)

1487.—The name of Stormy cape given to the promoutory by Diaz was rightly bestowed.

"O Cape of Storms! although thy front
be dark,
And bleak thy naked cliffs and cheerless vales,
And perilous thy fierce and faithless
gales."

1497. "Attracted by the wealth of the Indies, the East and the West the early Portuguese navigators scorned to linger on a seaboard which held out no prospect of a rapid fortune for trade or plunder."

1680. The population of the European Colony at the Cape of Good Hope was estimated at 600 souls.

1687-8. The Huguenots introduced viticulture into the colony. They intermarried with the Dutch colonists and half-casts, who dominated the whole of the country south of the Nieuwveld, and in the course of time became absorbed with them.

1710. In a report furnished by Louis Van Assenberg (Governor of Cape Colony) to Johan Van Hoorn (the Governor General of the Netherlands) he says that the number of vines then planted in that Colony are 2,729,000, and the expected produce although in bad season 1,190 leggars.

1740. The Dutch settlers in South Africa passed the Hottentot limits and first came in contact with the Kaffirs.

1795. Cape Colony annexed by Great Britain.

1795. The British and Foreign Bible Society despatched their first supply of Bibles to Cape Colony.

1796. About this year Africaner, the noted Hottentot marauder, and Berend, the chief of the Griquas, with their respective adherents, fought for five successive days against each other on the banks of the Great Orange River.

1806. Cape Colony was again annexed by Great Britain.

1811. Outbreak of first Kaffir war. The Kaffirs invaded the neutral territories between the Fish and Sunday Rivers, but were repulsed. This was the commencement of a prolonged and costly war between the British and Kaffirs, which terminated only in 1847.

1812. A proclamation was issued in Cape Colony expressing the intention of the Government "to grant land on perpetual quitrent" (October.)

1812. The British and Foreign Bible Society despatched a second supply of Dutch and English Bibles to Cape Colony. For some time previously not a single Dutch Bible could be had for love or money.

1813. The British Government determined to allow the holders of all lands in Cape Colony on loan (the tenure being at the will of Government) who might regularly apply for the same, to convert their places into perpetual quitrent properties, and to hold the same hereditarily for the annual payment of a sum to be prescribed according to the situation, fertility, and other circumstances of the ground, but in no case to exceed 256 rix-dollars (£18 15s) per annum.

1814. The Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa adopted the 1807 "Gesangbuch" (hymn book) but still, especially in the Dopper congregations she clung to the old-world Psalm of Dathea.

1814-1815. Chaka, or Tshaka, the illegitimate son of Senzangakona, chief of a small tribe of Zulus, on the death of Dingiswayo, became paramount chief, or king, of the Zulus nation.

1820. The Cape Town auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society formed.

1820. Port Elizabeth, Algoa Bay, founded by Sir R. S. Donkin, Governor of Cape Colony, and named in honour of his wife, Lady Elizabeth Francis Donkin.

1824. Twenty English settlers established themselves on the site of Durban, Natal, then under the sway of Chaka, the founder of the Zulu nation.

1825. The Rev W. Threlfall, J. Links, and J. Jagger, assassinated north of the mouth of the Orange River. (August.)

1826. The Scriptures translated into the Namaqua language by the Rev. G. H. Kronliev.

1827. Tshaka, the Zulu king, despatched a large expedition of Zulus against a numerous and rich tribe living to the north of the present Lydenburg on the Palula or Olifant River. This expedition nearly all perished by cholera.

1828. As Chaka lay dying he said to his murderers—"You will not rule by slaying me; for behind you I see the white man coming from the south, and ou and yours must serve him." The grave of Tshaka, who was the "Attila of South Africa," is shunned by the natives even at the present day.

1829. Lieutenant Farewell and a company massacred by Kaffirs in Northern Kaffraria.

1829. Alexander Cowie, M.D., and Mr Green perished south of Delagoa Bay.

1829. Native Magna Charter in South Africa proclaimed—"All Hottentots or other free persons of colour legally residing within the colony declared to be entitled to every right, benefit, and privilege to which any other British subject is entitled."

1834. Establishment of a Supreme Court in South Africa, consisting of a Chief Justice, and two Puisne Judges, and a jury of nine persons to try criminals in the colony.

1835. England occupied Natal by treaty with the Zulus through Captain Allan Gardiner.

1836. A number of Fingoes, the remnants of a scattered race who were held in bondage by the Kaffirs up to 1834 and 1835, were released after the war, and located by the Government in the Peddie district in Eastern Cape Colony.

1837. A Legislative Council, consisting of five officials and five crown nominees, created in Cape Colony.

1837. The Matabeles established themselves in Southern Zambesia, devastated the districts on the borders occupied by the Mashonas and others who had densely populated the country by pastoral tribes, and dominated the country for fifty years.

1838. By instructions from the Secretar of State, the system of disposal of lands in Cape Colony, which had been the prerogative of the Crown, exercised by the Governor, were set aside, and that in future all lands were to be alienated by public sale. (May.)

1842. The Boers after beseiging Durban for twenty-six days, were compelled to retire from the coast, and formally submitted to Colonel Cloete. (July 15th.)

1843. Colonel Cloete visted Panda, the Zulu king, who acknowledged the British supremacy and agreed that the Tugela River should form the boundary between Natal and the Zulus, and he also ceded St Lucia Bay to the British.

1843. The redemption of quitrent and the conversion of the tenure into freehold on the payment of fifteen years' purchase of lands in Cape Colony was sanctioned as a temporary measure, in order to replant the Colonial exchequer.

1844. At the first land sale in Cape Colony under the measure for the redemption of quitrent and the conversion of tenure into freehold, sanctioned in 1843, the upset price was by rule fixed at two shillings per acre.

1846. Martin West, the Lieutenant Governor of Natal, visited Panda, who in his message of submission and welcome begged for permission to "wash his spears" in his Amaswazis foes. Such permission, however, was refused, and Panda was informed that the Amaswazis as well as the Zulus were under British protection.

LINTZ GREEN.

Gelingnite Explosion.—A young man named Frederick Johnston, residing with his father William Johnston, miner, at Low Friarside, near Lintz Green Station and employed as a hewer and putter by the South Garesfield Colliery Company, returned home from work on Wednesday week, and placing a gelingnite cartridge upon the table while putting off his work clothes, the explosive was picked up by his younger brother, George Johnston, who tried to pierce it with a pricker. The cartridge exploded blowing off three fingers and shattering the palm of the lad's hand. He was removed to the Newcastle Infirmary, where it was deemed necessary to amputate the right hand at the wrist.

CANON BODY AT DIPTON

The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Dipton, was favoured with a visit from the Rev. Canon Body, of Durham Cathedral, on Sunday. The rev. gentleman preached two impressive sermons, the subject for the morning discourse being the Eucharist. In the course of his sermon Canon Body gave a lucid explanation of the institution of the Eucharist and the purpose of the institution. The spiritual life of all true Christians he said was obtained through the Sacrament, which was not the life, but the channel through which that life was conveyed. Only converted Christians—Christians who were conscious of their acceptance—could partake of the Eucharist to profit, just as new bread was given for the strengthening, preserving, and supporting of a healthy person, so the same bread would prove the death of an unhealthy person, and just as the Sacrament was partaken of by real Christians it was the support of Christ in his professed followers, but those who partook of the Sacrament unworthily only ate and drank condemnation. The subject for the evening sermon was selected from the Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 23, verse 34, "Then said Jesus, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'" It was the first of those seven wonderful sayings which our Lord Jesus Christ uttered from his Cross in the hour of his bitter passion, and which presented to them, if they contemplated them in their due order, as the teaching of the Spirit in a wonderful brief form the whole doctrine of the Cross. In those words Christ led them first into the peace of forgiveness; then into the blessed hope of everlasting happiness; then into the peace of quiet trust in him to meet their every necessity as they went upon their way through life; then into the peace of patience, as his people learned in union with Christ to endure all those hard spiritual experiences wherewith God in his loving wisdom loved to train his elect; then on into the peace of a full obedience to the will of God of a life lived in absolute conformity to the Divine will; then into the peace of quiet restful assurance that He who had begun His good work in them would perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ. Spiritual life began and was continued and crowned in the great blessing of the forgiveness of sin. The first condition of living a right life was that they should be living in right relations with God. Sin was the willingness in the first place to do or not do something that God commended or forbade. When man took his will out of conformity with the Divine will of God immediately there was separation between man and God. If man was ever to rise from the death of sin into the life of righteousness, he must first be restored to right relations with God, which could only be done by God's forgiveness. The discourse throughout was thoroughly evangelical, and the exposition of the doctrine orthodox and scriptural. The services were well attended, and the offertories taken were in aid of the parish funds.

FATAL COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT PELTON

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Tuesday evening, whilst a deputy named Richard Brown was in the act of drawing timber in the Busty seam, at Pelton Colliery, a fall of stone took place, with the result that he sustained serious injuries. Brown was at once conveyed to his residence where he was medically attended to, but despite the best attention he expired on the following morning. The deceased, who was fifty-five years of age, had been employed at the same colliery for about 21 years and was much respected. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and grown-up family. The remains of the deceased were interred in Pelton Churchyard on Saturday in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends.

THE INQUEST.

At noon on Friday, Mr. Coroner John Graham and a jury sat at the Newfield Inn, Newfield, to investigate the circumstances attending the death of the deceased man. Mr. Walker, H.M. Inspector of Mines, was present, while Mr. R. G. Wilson was present on behalf of the Colliery Company.

Mr. Miller was appointed foreman of the jury.

A plan was submitted by Mr. Wilson showing the nature of the surroundings where the accident took place. Mr. Wilson explained that at the time of the occurrence the deceased was engaged drawing timber. Deceased was in the act of knocking a prop out when the stone came away. The deceased was making away when the stone caught him. Had the deceased left the chock in then the accident would not have happened, as the stone would have kept up. Mr. Wilson explained that in his opinion the deceased man had such confidence in the nature of the roof that he thought the stone would not fall, and that he could knock the chock out. The deceased had been employed for 21 years at the colliery, and was in charge of the pit at the time.

Wm. Brown, son of the deceased, who resides at 5, Foundry Lane, Chester-le-Street, and is a sinker to trade, deposed that his father was 55 years of age, and was a deputy-overman employed at Pelton Colliery. Witness was informed that whilst his father was drawing timber in the Busty seom he had been injured by a fall of stone. Deceased was brought to his home at 26, James Street, Newfield, where he expired on the 2nd inst. The deceased told witness that he was drawing timber when some stone came down upon him. Deceased complained of injuries to his left ribs and bowels, and it was found that three ribs were fractured.

George Wm. Heel, residing at 8, Bloomfield Terrace, Pelton Fell, said he was employed as a timber leader at Pelton Colliery. Witness was assisting the deceased, on May 1st, in drawing timber in the Tribley second west-way north flat, Busty seam, Pelton Colliery. It was just at the close of their shift when the accident happened, and the stone fell without any warning. The stone knocked deceased out over. Witness raised the stone up at one end as it was pressing on Brown. The deceased crawled out, and witness trailed him out-bye to a place of safety, and then went for assistance. The deceased was subsequently removed home. The deceased had drawn some chocks out before he went to remove the "balks," and his reason for removing these "balks" was, witness understood, because he thought that he might not be able to get them out afterwards, as they might be too tight. That was the custom of the deceased during the eight months that witness had worked with him—to remove the chocks first.

By Mr. Walker: Did he make any examination of the roof timber?

Witness: He was afraid at first, and left one "balk" in.

Mr. Walker: What examination did he make?

Witness: He said that it was bad, and that he would leave one "balk" in to protect him.

The Coroner in reviewing the evidence said that as usual this was the case of an experienced man whose judgment had unfortunately been at fault. The deceased had been more anxious to save the timber than to keep his own life safe. The temptation was great to try and get these chocks out while it was easy to draw them. (The Foreman: It has been the chocks that he was looking at.) The Coroner: That is what has taken him off. The Coroner, continuing, said that the chocks would have been difficult to get out if the pressure was upon them, and the deceased would probably think that his credit was at stake, and that he would be called a useless fellow, or something of the kind in not doing his work. It was the pride which the deceased had taken in doing his work properly that had led him to be incautious with his timber. His own life had paid the forfeit, and they could say nothing but express their regret that a good man had gone in so simple a way.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed."

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Lord Durham's Rent Audit.—On Monday, at Mr. Tom Burn's Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, the usual May rent audit for Lord Durham's Lambton, Langley, and other estates was held. His Lordship was represented by Mr. John Tully, Bowes House, and assisted by Messrs Chas. Gilchrist, and W. Gray. After the serious part of the business of the day was completed, the tenantry were entertained at dinner, Mr. Tully presiding, with Mr. James McLaren, Offerton, in the vice-chair. The usual toasts were duly honoured, that of the noble landlord, proposed by the vice-chairman, being heartily received.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington and Co., 24, Crutched Friars, London, state:—It must be admitted that our particular branch of trade has not presented a very gratifying aspect for some few months past; and the intervention of the Easter holidays necessarily tended to diminish business. Demand from the chief provincial centres has probably reached a normal level, but complaints of paucity of orders in the Metropolis are prevalent on all sides. The initial cause of this want of animation has been so frequently discussed that it seems futile to again refer to the subject; however, we can rest assured that the depression will quickly pass away, when our supremacy is once more, and for all time, established throughout South Africa. The sales at public auction, though reasonably well attended, have necessarily suffered, and the prices realised, notably for an important parcel of Claret, must be very disappointing to those immediately concerned. Champagne continues to hold its own despite adverse circumstances; the 1892's and 1893's are readily dealt in at fair prices, whilst the 1895's steadily increase in favour. The shipments of Port for April amount to 9,174 pipes (Great Britain 2,606 pipes) making 35,536 pipes for four months against 35,649 pipes in 1899. The sherry shipments were 4,446 butts, making 16,420 butts for four months as compared with 15,992 butts for the corresponding period of last year. A fair average trade has been transacted in both Brandy and Whiskey, but neither market manifests any special feature of interest. Rum maintains the pride of place for activity; a good steady demand exists for nearly all varieties, and prices are very firm. Samples of the new season crop of Jamaica are now being shown, and command nearly 9d per gallon in advance of last year. Reports from the various vine growing centres continue very hopeful; the critical period of "la lune rousse" is now upon us and should the vines escape serious injury from the much dreaded spring frosts, there will be good reason to anticipate a bountiful vintage.

Social and Presentation at Shield Row

On Thursday evening a large gathering assembled at the Board Inn, Shield Row, the occasion being a presentation to the genial landlord, Mr. Chas. Hansen, Mrs. Hansen, and their assistant, Mr. Jas Lawson. The presentation took the form of a gold-mounted umbrella, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Hansen; a gold brooch, also inscribed, to Mrs. Hansen; and a silver-mounted pipe and case, to Mr. Lawson. Mr. Thos. Gibbons, who occupied the chair, in handing over the presents said that the idea of giving some tangible expression of their esteem for the Host and Hostess and Mr. Lawson was a spontaneous one. There had been no canvassing. As soon as the idea was mooted it was responded to readily and heartily by everyone. That, he thought, was sufficient evidence of the regard and esteem the recipients were held in by their customers. They were engaged in a business where it was much easier to make enemies than friends; but he supposed everyone who had ever come in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Hansen would testify to the unvarying geniality, courtesy, and intelligence with which they conducted the business.—Mr. Hansen, who has been in the army, and has seen active service, stood up proudly wearing his medals, and in a neat and effective speech expressed his thanks, not only for the presents made to them, but also for the expressions of good-will entertained towards them by those present.—Mr. Thomas Charlton interested the company by some reminiscences of Shield Row of fifty years ago.—Mr. Thos. Brown also spoke, and said it showed a great deal for the respectability of the house and gathering when the ladies who were invited remained with them the whole night and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. (Applause.)—Messrs. Thos. Gibbons, Jno. Duce, and Jos. Kingston were the committee, who carried out all the arrangements in excellent fashion.—During the evening refreshments were handed round. Songs, recitations, and pianoforte solos were rendered by Mr. Wm. Rule at intervals, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

THE LANCHESTER COMMON ACT

LETTER FROM MR ATHERLEY-JONES, M.P.

The following letter has been received by Mr J. W. Winter from Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., in reply to a resolution sent from the Executive of the North-West Durham Liberal Association. The letter was dated from the House of Commons on Monday last:—

Dear Mr Winter,—I am obliged for your intimation that on the motion of Mr Wm. Pattinson, seconded by Mr Ralph Walton, it was resolved to call my attention to the working of the Lanchester Commons Act, and request me to bring into Parliament some amending Act whereby the local owners many be made responsible for surface damage. It is not the first time that my attention has been drawn to the serious grievances under which surface owners and lessees labour through the oppressive conditions of the Lanchester Commons Enclosure Act and the legal interpretation that has been placed thereon. The difficulty that has always confronted me has been that legislation could alone meet the mischief, but unless a private member be so fortunate as to secure a good place in the ballot it is practically impossible to formulate any legislation on this or any other important subject without the co-operation of the Government, which, I need hardly say, would not in this case be forthcoming. Nevertheless, I will prepare and introduce a bill as requested, but I shall require in the first place to be put in communication with some local gentleman who can give me particulars as to any special instances of hardship and otherwise give me information I may desire. Please assure the North-West Durham Executive, and also Mr Pattinson and Mr. Walton, of my full sympathy with the object they have in view, and my readiness to render every assistance in my power.—Believe me, yours truly.

L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.

Benfieldside Joint Burial Board

The annual meeting of the Joint Burial Committee for the parishes of Benfieldside Consett, and Knitsley was held at the Cemetery, Blackhill, on Thursday last, when there were present—Messrs R. Eccles, A. Stoddart, J. Davison, J. Kempson, H. Carss, T. Knox, E. Sloane, J. Whinney (Clerk), J. Moore (Superintendent), and J. Hamilton (Deputy-clerk.)—Mr Robert Eccles was elected chairman for the ensuing year.—Messrs Aynsley, Carss, Lowes, and Davison were elected to form the Finance Committee.—Msars Sloane, Kempson, Stoddart, and Knox were elected to form the Grounds Committee.—It was decided to hold all future meetings on the Thursday nearest the 10th of the next month following each quarter.—The rules and regulations as revised by the subcommittee were adopted, a copy of which will be published at some future date, together with the revised list of charges.

WOLSINGHAM.

Vestry Meeting.—At the vestry meeting held recently the following officers were elected, viz.:—Rector's warden, Mr. J. J. Devey; people's wardens, Mr. Gage and Mr. W. Shaw; sidesmen, Messrs Hawdon, Burns Wooler and Hallimond; church council, Miss Hewitson, Messrs Brown, Stobbs Wiseman, Knaggs, and Parkin.

WALDRIDGE.

The Compensation Act.—At the Durham County Court on Monday, before his Honour Judge Meynell, Joseph Sewell, coke-drawer, of Waldridge Fell, sued for £50 compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1897, from the owners of the Priestman Collieries for injuries received whilst working in their collieries at Waldridge.—Mr. Joel represented the applicant, and Mr. Mundahl represented the owners.—It appeared that whilst working for his employers on the 18th of April, last year, applicant was struck in the body, hernia following. Applicant was treated at the Newcastle Infirmary, where he underwent an operation.—The question was as to whether the hernia was due to the accident, or whether it was a natural growth.—Mr. Joel called several medical gentlemen, who were of opinion that the accident had caused the growth, and against this, Mr. Mundahl called medical evidence which suggested that the growth was natural, and in the end, his Honour found for the defendants.

DEATH OF MR WILLIAM SMITH

OF LEADGATE.

We extremely regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Smith, which took place on Thursday of last week after a short illness. Deceased, who had acted as landlord of the Black Bull Inn for some five years, came from Hill Top, Dipton, and was very popular with all who knew him. Although of a quiet and unostentatious disposition, he took an interest in most of the gatherings promoted in the place, and was a vice-president of the Hardy Cycling Club and the Leadgate Park A.F.C. He was 44 years of age. The funeral took place last Sunday, the burial place being Tanfield. Despite the fact that rain fell heavily there was a large attendance to show their last tribute of respect. There were many conveyances in the procession as it left Leadgate, and also a good number on foot, who dropped out at Redwell Hills. At Dipton the "cortege" was largely reinforced, and others joined it at White-le-Head, Tantobie, and Tanfield. The service in the Church and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Archdall (vicar.) The bidders were Messrs W. Black and M. Speeding, of Leadgate, whilst Messrs A. Burnhope (Consett), J. Burnhope, W. Ker (Leadgate), and G. Robinson (Redwell Hills) acted as under-bearers. In addition to the relatives we noticed the following amongst those present:—Mr T. S. Longstaff, Leadgate; Mr and Mrs R. Calvert, Leadgate; Mr W. Young, Dipton; Mr Jas. Kelly, Leadgate; Mr Jas. Teasdale, Leadgate; Mr A. Goldsmith, Consett; Mr R. Wilson, sen., Medomsley; Mr M. D. Greener, Leadgate; Mr J. Kershaw, Leadgate; Mr J. Nicholson, Lanchester; Mr R. Robson, Leadgate; Mr C. Burnhope, Newcastle; Mr Jas. Wiseman, Leadgate; Mr [illegible]; Mr R. Birtley, Leadgate; Mr W. Gibson, Dipton; Mr G. Robinson, Leadgate; Mr. J. H. Brown, Leadgate; Mr W. Herron, Dipton; Mr John Shield, sen., Leadgate; Mr G. Brown, Dipton; Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Dipton; Mr R. Gladders, Leadgate; Mr Geo. Snaith, Leadgate; Mr. J. Ross, jun., Leadgate; Mr F. Turnbull, Dipton; Mr M. Black, Leadgate; Mr T. Hall, Leadgate; Mr T. Kinleside, Whickham; Mr Jos. Snaith, Leadgate; Mr T. Hewitt, Leadgate; Mr R. Brankston, Dipton; Mr J. Black, Leadgate; Mr T. Sinclair, Leadgate; Mr W. Goody, Leadgate; Mr F. Lockey, Leadgate; Mr R. Ramsey, Dipton; Mr. R. Richardson, jun., Leadgate; Mr C. Atthey, Leadgate; Mr Graham, &c. Mr Jos. Slater, Leadgate, acted as undertaker, whilst Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co. supplied the hearse, and the same firm and Mrs. Christopher provided the mourning coaches and other conveyances.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT

FAMINE PRICES AT KIMBERLEY. WAR EXPECTED TO FINISH AT THE END OF MAY.

Dronfield,
24-3-1900.

Dear Parents,—I write hoping this will find you quite well as it leaves me at present. We have had a very busy time of it lately. We shifted from Spyfontein into Kimberley, where we had a stay of about 30 hours. Then we went on reconnaissance in force to a place called Boshof, where the Boers had got wind of an English column advancing, and they evacuated the village. We got two of our officers taken prisoners by the Boers, one belonging to the Kimberley Light Horse, the other to the Cheshires, I believe. Then we commenced our march back to Kimberley again—a distance of about 36 miles—which we marched in two days. We all enjoyed the march until we got to Kimberley, when the rain came down in torrents, and we all looked as if we had been thrown in the river and pulled out again, and I can tell you we all felt very uncomfortable in our wet clothes, and with no more to change them with. Next day we were allowed to pass out from 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. I went out on pass and had a good look around Kimberley. The place is all right, and does not look as if it had stood a siege like the one we have all read about. Two or three of the houses were shown to me by different people, and they said they had lost friends and relations through the shelling by the Boers guns. The worst of Kimberley is that everything is so very expensive—sixpence for a small glass of beer or 2s 6d a bottle. Fruit, such as grapes, pine apples, and pears, is very plentiful, and very cheap. Public-houses open from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., so there is not much time to get a drink, but that did not stop some of our fellows, amongst others being myself, stopping absent. The time seems to fly when you are enjoying yourself. The next day we had to get ready to march the following morning to Dronfield, where we are lying encamped at the time of writing. How long we are to remain here I do not know, but it looks as if they are forming a column for the relief of Mafeking. We are all delighted to hear, and, I suppose, all the people at home were as well, of General Roberts bing in Bloemfontein and the English flag flying there. Where we are now there has been a battle, and we had to bury dead horses and Boers. The stench is something terrific, especially when the sun goes down. The miners in Kimberley, when we left, were willing to bet 100 to 1 that the war would be over in another month, but I will give it to the end of May. No more at present from your loving son—

W. J. GREEN.

P.S.—You can put this in the "Guardian" if you wish.

Weardale Board of Guardians

Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over the fortnightly meeting on Friday.—A circular letter was read from the Portsmouth Guardians containing a resolution to the effect that they were of opinion that the time had arrived when the principle of pensioning the widows and orphans of officers of the sea and land forces of this country should be extended to the widows and orphans of all below that rank not otherwise provided for, and that compensation should be given in the case of men of either branch of the service who may be incapacitated while on active service, and that copies of the resolution should be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Minister for War, First Lord of the Admiralty, and all members of both Houses of Parliament.—Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. Philipson seconded, that the resolution be supported, and it was carried.

Weardale District Council

Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over the fortnightly meeting at Stanhope on Friday.—A letter was read from Mr. Gibb, general manager of the N.E.R., in regard to the additional trains placed on the Wear Valley branch, in which he stated that their continuance depended upon the advantage taken by the travelling public.—The shot firing question again came up for consideration, and Mr. Walker, local manager of the Rogerley quarries, was present at the meeting as the result of certain complaints as to the danger of this practice from two or three residents who are reported to have had narrow escapes. The question was discussed, and the Council asked Mr. Walker to take further steps towards the protection of the public.—The question of the roadmen's wages came up out of an application for an advance of wages. A discussion ensued on the point. The Chairman said they were enjoying good times, and wages were universally high. They were losing some of their best men, and the question of a general advance might be considered, a view that was also taken by Dr. Grey.—Mr. Monkhouse said they could get plenty of men in the dale to do the work for £1 a week.—Ultimately on the Chairman's suggestion a committee, consisting of Dr. Grey, Mr. Snowdon, and Mr. Monkhouse was appointed to report on the subject to the next meeting.

LEADGATE.

The Rev. Father Rickaby, of Newcastle, has been transferred from St. Joseph's Millfield, Sunderland, to The Brooms, Leadgate. The Rev. Father Jos. Kinleside, who was educated at St. Cuthbert's Grammar School, Newcastle, and is a brother of the present postmaster of Leadgate, succeeds Father Rickaby at Sunderland.

BLACKHILL.

We understand that the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company have appointed Mr. John McGurk assistant stationmaster at Blackhill.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Wheeler."]

The members of the Consett Forget-me-Nots club had a most enjoyable run to Sunderland on Saturday week, and witnessed the great league game between Newcastle and the Wearsiders. About 20 members made the journey, and everything passed off without the slightest hitch.

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Just a dozen members of the Medomsley club put in an appearance for the ride to Sunderland on Saturday week, and they enjoyed the spin immensely, the only drawback being the dust. The party were fortunate to have the wind behind them, or else it is doubtful whether they would have reached their destination, as they passed scores of cyclists coming the opposite way puhing their machines and nearly blinded by the dust. On Wednesday night week there was a large muster for the run to Lanchester, and the outing was much enjoyed despite a pretty high wind.

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From letters received by friends of the City Imperial Volunteers, one gathers that the bicycle is not quite useless in warfare, indeed for many duties they have proved most useful. The authorities here at home seem to recognise this fact more, as the decision to form extra cycle corps and to offer the members greater inducements and advantages clearly shows. The meet of wheelmen at Chester-le-Street the other week for the purpose of forming a cycle corps, comprising sixty experienced riders for service with the 4th V.B.D.L.I., resulted in nearly fifty patriotic cyclists placing their services at the disposal of the authorities. The authorities are acting wisely in encouraging the formation of volunteer cycle corps, for in time of an invasion they would prove invaluable as scouts and dispatch bearers. They have this advantage over cycle corps attached to the reguler army, that they would be acting in a country the roads of which they were well acquainted with, whilst the regulars, taking part in a campaign in a foreign land, would be distinctly at a loss in the matter of topography, and consequently less able to execute their mission as either scouts or dispatch bearers.

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The number of free-wheels seen this year is most noticeable. Much has been said for and against the latest—I almost said fad—but perhaps had better say invention but to my mind free-wheels are of very little, if any, practical use, and unless fitted with strong brakes, back and front, they are positively dangerous. It may be fine fun coasting a long hill with one's feet at perfect rest, but as a set off against this it is not very nice to be pulled up dead by a stiff gust of wind and flung into the dust, for it is well-known that unless the forward pressure is maintained with a free-wheel the feet suddenly develop a nasty habit of coming to a standstill, with results that can easily be imagined.

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I notice a few local enthusiasts who have caught the free wheel fever are having free wheels fitted to their ordinary mounts. For my own part I should not care to risk my neck on a machine so "brought up to date." A machine thus converted, at least the one I saw, was without a back wheel brake, and simply depended on a not over powerful rim brake attached to the front wheel, and applied by a small lever from the handle bar. Well, would anyone with any respect for his neck ride such a dangerous machine? To have no brake at all and to depend wholly on the old-fashioned back peddling, is by far the safer way to my mind.

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On Wednesday afternoon of last week a goodly number of the members of the Dipton District Cycling Club journeyed to the historic village of Ryton and enjoyed the outing immensely. Having arrived there the inhabitants were soon aware that the place was infested with a tribe whose sole idea was to have as much fun as possible at their expense. Some members of the fair sex astonished a butcher into whose shop they entered, and helped themselves to whatever they fancied, while the butcher, who was speechless was utterly unable to offer resistance. This was not the most daring adventure of the day, for the same party on espying a member of the "broadcloth," immediately sought his acquaintance. Schoolboys also were no objection to these prepossessing damsels, who adapted themselves to their circumstances with marvellous rapidity. Having had their fill of mischief, the party adjourned for tea, and I doubt not that they would partake of a splendid repast after having had such a successful raiding expedition, in which the principal booty was some nice tasty tripe.

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It is with much regret that I chronicle the death of Mr. W. Smith landlord of the Black Bull Inn, Leadgate. The deceased gentleman was not a cyclist himself, but his family took a warm interest in the pastime and his hostelry was the headquarters of the Leadgate Hardy Club. He was of a genial nature, and was much liked by those who made his acquaintance. I noticed that the Hardy boys were well represented at the funeral last Sunday. The sympathy of all will be extended to the widow and children in their bereavement.

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In a conversation with a friend the other day he asked my opinion as to the best method of making club runs successful. The first thing to be observed, I take it, is for the members all to keep together. In some clubs it not unfrequently happens that there is a scorching brigade, and a lagging brigade—both of which do much to spoil the pleasure of a run. The scorchers cannot resist "showing off," whilst the laggards stop behind for a "drink of water"—so they tell you. If you want to enjoy a club run, and are anxious for the welfare of your club, then see to it that you do your utmost to keep all the members together in a body. Once you indulge in either scorching or lagging the remainder become disgusted, and the result is usually the breaking up of the club. Of course, there are several other matters connected with club life that I might dilate upon, but this week I only intend to refer to club runs—excellent things when properly carried out.

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One is continually coming across inventions in connection with cycling. The other day I met my friend, Mr. E. J. Sloane, who had his front wheel fitted with a most ingenious device which reduces vibration to a minimum. I did not inquire the cost, but I should think it would not be very heavy. It is really a capital idea, and, in my opinion, only requires to be known to be pretty generally used.

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There are few smarter machines upon the road than the Osmond. A friend of mine at Blackhill who has only seriously taken to the pastime of late has a beautiful little machine of this make. It is fitted with a brake is geared to 80, and only weighs 26lbs. all on. He informed me that one day last week he did the journey from Blackhill to Scotswood Bridge in about 50 minutes, which is good going. Everything about the Osmond is of splendid finish, and the machine well deserves the excellent name it gets.

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I understand that this district was fairly well represented at the Stannington Church Parade. The roads were in a very dusty condition, but the rain of the afternoon effectually laid this.

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A cyclist coming out from Whickham last Sunday had a rather curious experience. Before reaching Hill Top he happened to espy a lamb in the middle of the road, but did not take much notice of it. However, the lamb did not budge as the cyclist came nearer, and the result was that the rider, machine, and lamb all became mixed up. The roads were in a somewhat dirty condition owing to the rain, and consequently our hero presented a lively spectacle when he had managed to sort himself from among the wreckage. His hat was bulged in, his trousers torn, and he had perforce to carry away with him a considerable quantity of mother earth. Fortunately he fell in with some good Samaritans, who washed and brushed him up, so that he did not look so bad when he came out of their hands. To see him before one might have been forgiven for thinking that he had been on Spion Kop. He swears that he will carry a gun the next time he makes the journey, and that he will shoot every lamb that crosses his path.

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On Wednesday night week 18 members of the Medomsley club had a splendid run to Lanchester; and on Saturday, in very windy weather, 11 members left for Frosterley show. They started about 2.30, and went via Knitsley and Satley, which although on the heavy side, amply repays anyone for their trouble by the beautiful woodland scenery to be seen "en route." The party made the return by Sanhope and Crawleyside (which is rightly named), everyone being satisfied with their outing. On Saturday the club leave at 1.30 for Tynemouth, and on Wednesday go to Whickham, leaving at 6.30 prompt. To the latter run the ladies of the district are invited.

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"The Strand Magazine" for May should be an especially interesting number for northcountry readers, containing as it does personal reminiscences of the late Mr. Joseph Cowen from the pen of Mr. H. W. Lucy, in his monthly article on "The House of Commons, viewed from behind the Speaker's chair." In a district where so much has been written and spoken of the loss sustained by the death of this great man, his appreciation from the pen of one who knew him in the days of his Parliamentary career, comes to us with delightful freshness, as the incidents given will be new to readers of this popular monthly. In a letter to Mr. Lucy Mr. Cowen tries to controvert a previously expressed opinion of Mr. Lucy's in reference to his oratorical gifts. In it Mr. Cowen says:—"I have few of the attributes of the genuine orator—enthusiasm, imagination, and bursts of fiery words. All I aspire to is a clear and terse exposition of principles and facts. I am too imperfectly endowed with the ordinary incentives that move men in public life—the yearning for applause or the desire of power. A kind of tranquil indifference deprives me of the oratorical skill to please, conciliate, or persuade." Then Mr. Lucy goes on to give a quotation from the pamphlet which had called forth the eulogium, and in this quotation, taken from the speech delivered by Mr. Cowen at the Diamond Jubilee celebration in Newcastle, he gives us, as he rightly says:—"A passage illustrating his oratorical style and testifying to the lofty spirit of sane imperialism of which Mr. Cowen was an apostle long before it became the cult of to-day. As a piece of glowing eloquence it is is worth preserving." We also think that this bit of one of his great efforts cannot be too often repeated, and therefore take the liberty of reproducing it for the benefit of those who as yet may not have read this particular speech. In it Mr. Cowen says:—"There have been empires which have covered a large area, and some which have possessed a greater population, but there have been none at once so dissimilar and yet so correlative, so scattered and yet so cohesive, as that of Great Britain. There have been races who have rivalled us in refinement, but none in practical ability. Greece excelled us in the arts of an elegant imagination. But she was more ingenious than profound, more brilliant than solid. Rome was great in war, in government, and in law. She intersected Europe with public works, and her eagled legions extorted universal obedience. But her wealth was the plunder of the world; ours is the product of industry. The city states of ancient, and the free towns of mediæval, times aimed more at commerce than conquest. Wherever a ship could sail or a colony be planted, their adventurous citizens penetrated, but they sought trade more than territory. Phœnicia turned all the lines of current traffic towards herself. But she preferred the pleasant abodes of Lebanon and the sunlight quays of Tyre to organising an empire. Arms had no part in her growth, war no share in her greatness. Carthage, which, for a time, counter-balanced Rome, robbed the ocean of half its mysteries and more than half its terrors, but she did little to melt down racial antipathies. Venice, in the zenith of her strength gathered a halo round her name which the rolling ages cannot dissipate. Holland, but her alliance and liberty of commerce and liberty, sailed from obscurity into the world's regard. Spain and Portugal drew untold treasure within their coffers, but its possession did not conduce to national virtue. None of the States, with their diverse qualities and defects, had imperial aspirations, except Spain. Most of them were only magnified municipalities. But the volume and value of their trade, although large for the time, was meagre when compared with ours. British wealth is unparalleled in commercial history. Add Carthage to Tyre, or Amsterdam to Venice, and you would not make another London. All things precious and useful, amusing and intoxicating, are sucked into its markets. But mercantile success, although it implies the possession of self-reliance and self-control, of caution and daring, of discipline and enterprise, if unaccompanied by more elevated impulses, will not sustain a State. Wealth is essential; it must not, however, be wealth simply, but wealth plus patriotism. It is by the mingling of the material with the ideal, the utilitarian, that the British people have secured their influence and elasticity. These qualities have enabled them to dot the surface of the Globe with their possessions, to rule with success old nations of every race and creed, and civilise new lands of every kind and clime." For this month's "Strand" there should be a large demand among the legion of admirers of Mr. Cowen in the North of England.

"**The Sunday Strand**" **for May.**—A new serial story entitled "Daddy's Girl" by Mrs. L. T. Meade, commences in the May Number of "The Sunday Strand," and will continue month by month for the rest of 1900. "Daddy's Girl" gives promise of being a beautiful story, and is a sister volume to Mrs. Meade's world-famed book "Daddy's Boy" written about thirteen years ago. "The Life of Jesus Christ" by Ian Maclaren is to run for twelve months, and will then be published in book form. Among other leading features is a beautifully illustrated article on "The Queen's limner (Sir Noel Paton) and his art, "The Children's Hospital," a pathetic article on "The Great Ormonde Street Hospital for Sick Children," "Mrs. Hugh Price Hughes" by Ignota, her work in the West End being fully illustrated, and "The Passion Play at Selbach," specially interesting in view of the great drama at Oberammergau, etc.

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Excursions

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY. EXCURSION TRAIN FROM CONSETT. WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 at 1·30 p.m., for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.

For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,

York, May, 1900. General Manager.

Public Notices.

BROOMS SPORTS. BROOMS SPORTS

JUNE 23rd 688M'S

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,

572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

LEADGATE PARK DRAW.—WINNING NUMBERS.—2006, 2013, 2121, 2122, 1839, 2302, 1767, 1447, 1456, 51, 980, 57, 1491, 692, 1440, 2429, 2034, 1653, 1436, 968, 2388, 1084, 844, 763, 2110, 463, 894, 451, 2322, 223, 2198, 2341, 1483, 1073, 2038, 674, 1225, 2263, 457, 1042, 911, 1470, 1814, 1453, 2260, 2105, 655, 1849, 851, 989.—Apply to either of the Secretaries. 673h

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LANCHESTER COMMON ENCLOSURE ACTS, 1773 AND 1779.

EX-PARTE JAMES OLIVER.

A MEETING of the Ratepayers interested in the above, will be held in the Cooperative Hall, Leadgate, on THURSDAY NIGHT, MAY 17th, 1900, to consider the position to be taken with regard to the Payment of the Rate. Chair to be taken at 7·30 o'clock. 685h

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ALLENDALE COTTAGES INSTITUTE SPORTS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th, 1900.

120 Yards Foot Handicap, £20.—MR. JOHN CHARLTON, Victoria Garesfield, Handicapper. Quoiting, £3 17s 6d; Wrestling, £6; also other events.

529h GEO. SCOTT, Secretary.

URBAN DISTRICT OF TOW LAW.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the Accounts, together with all the Rate Books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts, mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will on the 19th day of May, 1900, be deposited in the Office of the Urban District Council of the above-named District, and be open between the hours of 10 and 3 to the inspection of all persons interested, until the 28th day of May, 1900.

AND THAT on the 29th day of May, 1900, at the hour of 10·30 in the forenoon, the District Auditor will attend at the said Offices to audit the said Accounts, when and where any Ratepayer or Owner of Property in the District may be present, and may make any objection to such Accounts before such Auditor.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1900.

EDWARD MILBURN,

676h Clerk to the District Council.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.
(38 and 39 Victoria, c. 55.)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894.
(56 and 57 Victoria, c. 73.)

BENFIELDSIDE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF AUDIT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the AUDIT of the accounts of this Council for the year ended March 31st, 1900, will be held on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1900, at 10·45 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Offices of the said Urban District Council, Bank Buildings, Shotley Bridge.

A Copy of the Accounts together with all Rate Books, and other matters mentioned or referred to in the Accounts, will be deposited in the Office of the said Council, and be open during Office hours, to the inspection of all persons interested, for seven days before the Audit.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 1900.

J. B. LAZENBY,

636h Clerk to the Council.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

THE

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the above Association will be held in THE NATIONAL SCHOOLS, QUEBEC, ON SATURDAY, MAY 12th, 1900, at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Delegates in attendance will be entertained to a TEA at 5.30 o'clock, in the Schoolroom, on the invitation of the Quebec Polling District Association.

To be followed by a

SMOKING CONCERT

at Seven o'clock.

Chairman:—

J. D. PIERCY TAYLOR-SMITH, Esq.

All Conservatives and Unionists are invited to the Meeting and should communicate with Mr. R. L APPLEFORD, 12, Middle St., Consett.

603h J. G. MURRAY, Hon. Secretary

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The present Season's great Star Company the best money can produce.—Miss Lizzie Baker, High Tight Rope Dancer; Bros. Rozelle, Horizontal Bar Performers; Prince, The Fire Horse; Baker Midgets, Trapezists; Eugene Henery De Paulo, Horse Vaulter; Little Mick; Master Tom Baker, Champion Somersault Rider; Miss Viola, on the Silver Piano Wire; Black Eagle, the Talking Horse; just added the Celebrated Wrestling Lion; the largest addition is the Untameable Lion (Spitfire), which caused the death of his Trainer in Sunderland last December, Daniel Gordon will risk his life at every Performance; Isodora, will perform with Serpents; Miss Lilian Sivado; The Flying Men, leap for life; Five Clows. Performance for Children, at 4·20, Admission 1d. Prices of Admission, Reserved Seats 1s., others 6d and 3d. 678h

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Public Notices.

NOTICE.

VISITORS TO SOUTH SHIELDS for Holidays or Week-end, will find Home Comforts, at reasonable charges, at

F. A. MACDONALD'S BOARDING HOUSE, OCEAN ROAD,

between Pollard and Baring Streets; Five minutes' walk to Public Parks, Baths, Pier and Sands. References: Messrs. J. and G. Gair, Annfield Plain; Levi Whitfield, Leadgate; and Geo. Toward, Castleside. 897g

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WESTWOOD PRIZE BAND.

The above

BAND CONTEST & SPORTS

Will be held on Saturday first, May 12th, 1900, when the following Events will be competed for.—Brass Band Contest, Football Competition, Wrestling, Quoiting, etc.

JOSEPH ELLISON, Secretary,
40, Westwood,
665h Medomsley, R.S.O.

BIRTLEY

SECOND ANNUAL

SPORTS AND BAND CONTEST.

Will be held

ON SATURDAY, MAY 12th.

Upwards of £60 Given for Band Contest, 120 yds. Handicap, Quoiting, &c., other Minor Sports (see bills).

19 of the best Brass Bands in the North of England will compete in this Contest.

Bands please note:—Quick Contest commence at 12·30, on account of large entry.

Excursions from all parts. Large entry for Handicap.

670h THOMAS FISH, Secretary.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1900.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

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And Whit-Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th,

Bicycle Racing,
Pony Racing,
and various other Sports.

FOR PARTICULARS SEE BILLS.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION.

TRANSVAAL WAR.

ALL APPLICATIONS for Temporary Relief by the dependents of Soldiers (where the breadwinners are serving with the Colours) not already receiving Grants from Local Funds, should be made personally or by letter to Mr. J. B. Lazenby, Hon. Secretary, for the Petty Sessional Division of Lanchester, at his Office, Bank Chambers, Shotley Bridge.

The following information should be supplied with each Application:—*Name of Parish, Full Name of Soldier, Age, Married or Single, No. of Children, Wife, Mother, or Relatives, Dependent, Regiment, Regimental No., whether in Receipt of any, and if so what Relief or Government Allowance.* 446g

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HON. SECRETARY:—MR. T. W. WELFORD, CLERK, CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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COMING EVENT.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1900,

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QUOIT HANDICAP.............£5

WM. INDIAN, Secretary,
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612h Durham.

Church Notices.

NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, CHOPWELL.

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WHIT MONDAY.

See Future Announcements. 526h

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

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OPENING OF

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BY

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Rev. Richard Roberts, Rev. E. J. Brailsford, Rev. J. D. Brash, Rev. Thos. Waugh, Rev. Jos. Bacon, Rev. W. Wakinshaw, Rev. Marshall Randles, D.D., Rev. M. Guy Pearse, and others will officiate at various Services. 611h

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Stud Notices.

THE CLEVELAND BAY STALLION,

"LUCKY PRINCE,"

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Public Notices.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rural District Council of Lanchester intend, after the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the first publication of this notice, to apply to the Local Government Board for CONFIRMATION OF BYE LAWS with respect to New Houses and Buildings, and Nuisances in the Rural District of Lanchester.

A Copy of the proposed Bye Laws will be deposited at the Union Offices, Lanchester, and will be open during office hours to the inspection of the Ratepayers of the District for one calendar month from the date of the first publication of this notice without fee or reward

Dated this 9th day of May, 1900.

W. H. RITSON,
Clerk to the said Rural District Council,
703h Lanchester, Durham.

Sales by Auction

By Mr John S. Murray.

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Saturday
May 19th. — Sale of Furniture at Blackhill, removed from Shotley Lodge and Ruffside.
May 23rd.—Greencroft Grass Parks.
May 30th. — New Town Hall, Consett, Gas Stock.
May 30th.—Freemasons' Arms, Consett, Shares.
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For particulars and date see next week's issue. 69?h

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By Mr. Jackson Green.

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60 Ewes and Lambs, 120 Hogs, 1 Young Bull, Geld Cows, Bullock and Heifer Stirks.

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20 Fat Cattle, 100 Sheep, 1 Cow, newly calved, Lambs, Calves, Pigs, 2 Geese, 1 Gander, and 12 Goslings, ½ Ton Potatoes.

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Dipton

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday evening the ladies connected with this chapel held a grand pie supper to raise money for the purpose of purchasing goods for the sewing meetings, which are being held in aid of the new chapel building fund. The pies were generously given by several kind friends, to whom the ladies tender their sincere thanks. The tables were presided over by Mrs. T. Hardy, Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Robson. The proceeds amounted to between £7 and £8. On Sunday Mr. R. Brown, of Sunniside preached two sermons.

Rowland's Gill

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Saturday evening a grand service of song was rendered by the Burnopfield Wesleyan Choir, entitled "In His Steps." The reading was contributed by Mr. Wm. Forster, and was calculated to leave some good impressions. The music was splendidly rendered, the leader being Mr. T. Boast, jun., and the organist Mr. Pyle. Altogether a profitable evening was spent. The proceeds were in aid of Sunday School Funds.

Stanhope

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mrs. Barney, the "Elizabeth Fry" of America, visited Stanhope on Wednesday and lectured to a large and appreciative audience.

URBAN COUNCIL.—The annual meeting was held in the Board Room on Monday night Councillor J. Wears was elected chairman, and Mr. J. W. Roddam, J.P., vice-chairman for the ensuing year.—It was decided unanimously to spend £2,000 over a new Town Hall for Stanhope. The site having been already purchased. The feeling of the Council was to build a hall worthy of the place.

Sales by Auction.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

WILLIAM ATNSLEY, 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. ☞ DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, May 11th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

A Splendid Programme. Mr. Samuel Leybourne, the energetic and popular secretary of the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club, has just issued a most comprehensive programme for the ensuing season. Successful as was the first year of the newly-formed society the one we are just about to enter upon seems extremely likely to eclipse it. The Saturday afternoon circular walking tours proved a popular feature last season, and four of them have been arranged for the months of May, June, July and August respectively. The first of the ordinary monthly meetings is fixed for May 26th, when a visit will be paid to Witton Gilbert and Bearpark. Those who were present at the opening meeting at Lanchester last year will not soon forget it, and it is expected that the excursion alluded to will be equally as successful in every respect. Then on June 16th the members will journey to Minsteracres and Grey Mare Hill; on July 14th to Muggleswick and the Snap; on August 25th to Westgate (Weardale); and on September 8th to Ebchester. The above meetings all take place on Saturdays. There will also be Wednesday afternoon excursions to Durham (on June 27th), and Ushaw College (on August 15th.) From this it will be gathered that the members and friends of the club are in for a real good time. Various other items of information are given on the admirable programme issued by Mr. Leybourne, who is to be congratulated upon the excellence of his work. The Blackhill Society can now boast of a very large membership, and, as the officials are a most capable and hard-working body, there appears every reason to anticipate continued success and prosperity for the new institution.

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An Interesting Report. In his last report to the County Council, Mr. B. Scott Elder, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for the county of Durham, made use of some interesting remarks respecting the operation of the Food and Drugs Act—that important statute that seeks to secure purity and genuineness in the common articles of human consumption. He says:—"During the quarter your inspectors have visited without notice 1,475 places of business, and inspected 14,318 weights, 3,952 measures, and 2,249 weighing instruments. In addition to several cautions given for slighter infringements, it has been necessary to institute proceedings in one case only. During these visits of inspection it is impossible not to observe the desire and even anxiety of the ordinary trader to keep within the strict limits of the law." Speaking under the head of food and drugs, out of 187 samples submitted by the inspectors for analysis, Mr. Elder said he had pleasure in reporting that in only 10 instances had prosecutions been necessary. "I have no hesitation," continues Mr. Elder, "in saying that the general food and drug supply within this administrative county is of a very satisfactory nature. When it is remembered that in the majority of cases it is only the questionable sample which is bought for analysis (many genuine articles well known to your inspectors being left alone), the small percentage of adulteration is almost to be wondered at. I am pleased, however, to give it as my opinion that there are many tradesmen who would not stoop to hand an adulterated article to a customer, many wholesale firms who would not knowingly permit the adulterated article on their premises, and many manufacturers whose name alone is a guarantee of purity." This is certainly a very reassuring statement on the part of Mr. Elder, who is a gentleman who knows what he is talking about.

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Consett Operatic Society. Rehearsals are now in active progress of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, "Patience," by the members of this society. Of course the exact date has not yet been fixed upon for the production of the opera, as this obviously is a question that cannot be definitely settled until the various performers are pretty well up in their several parts. However, if we mention November next as likely to be the month of the performance we shall perhaps not be far out of our reckoning. Nearly all the principals have been selected, and those parts not yet taken are expected to be filled up during the course of a week or so. The chorus is almost complete, and the rehearsals so far have passed off most satisfactorily. A gentleman from D'Oyly Carte's company is at present "coaching" the Newcastle Amateur Operatic Society for the performance of, we believe, "The Yeomen of the Guard," and we understand that an effort is to be made to secure his services on behalf of the Consett society for a few weeks. Supposing that the terms are not too high, this would be an excellent move on the part of the local body, and would be certain to be productive of great benefit to the performers. "Patience" is a charming and tuneful opera, and those who were delighted by the splendid manner in which "H.M.S. Pinafore" was rendered are almost sure to be looking forward with eager anticipation to see how our local amateurs acquit themselves upon the occasion of their next appearance in public. It is early yet to make a prophecy, but we entertain the opinion that they will come through the ordeal with the utmost credit.

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An Awkward Matter. The members of the Whickham District Council find themselves in a rather difficult position over what is known as the Dunston Building Estate. It appears that a syndicate are building a number of houses on this estate, which are being erected by a Mr. Frazer. The plans were placed before the Council, and were duly passed. However, after the houses were in course of erection the Council suddenly discovered that they had made a mistake, and instead of there being a forty foot roadway at one portion of the estate, it would be some ten feet less. Negotiations were opened with Mr. Frazer with a view to endeavouring to induce him to alter his plan, but naturally that gentleman was not inclined to set the buildings back without receiving some substantial amount of compensation. There has been a tremendous amount of discussion over the matter, and at the last meeting of the Council it was reported that Mr. Frazer wanted something like £600 or £700 to induce him to alter his plan. This offer the Council were not prepared to entertain. One or two of the Councillors were in favour of proceeding to litigation in the event of Mr. Frazer refusing to do as the Council asked, but others thought that they would have only a poor case, as they had already passed the plans, and the blame did not rest with the builder. Coun. Fletcher thought that Mr. Frazer would not accept any offer from them unless it approached £1,200, which would mean an increase of fourpence or fivepence in the pound. Ultimately, a resolution, moved by Coun. Snowball allowing Mr. Frazer to proceed with his buildings in accordance with the plan passed by the Council, was carried by five votes to three. The Council were undoubtedly in a tight corner, and have had to make the best they could of a bad bargain. Mr. Frazer held the trump cards, and the game is his.

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Railway Facilities. Coun. Dunne is again bent upon stirring the railway authorities up, and at the last meeting of the Consett Council suggested that an attempt should be made to secure a more regular circuit service. But the worthy councillor did not advocate making an application direct to the directors of the North-Eastern—he probably has had some experience in this direction—but suggested that the Council should approach Sir David Dale and ask that gentleman to help them. There is no doubt but that a circuit service two or three times a day would be welcomed, but the Railway Company, we believe, raise the objection of the steep gradient. Coun. Hyden was in favour of appealing to the proper channel—i.e., the Railway Company— first, and then if they were unsuccessful they might try and enlist the sympathy of Sir David Dale. Coun. Hall very appropriately raised the question of endeavouring to get the rates equalised on the two branches. This is a reform that is very much needed, as there is considerable grumbling at the fares charged on the Annfield Plain branch. It was eventually resolved that the Railway Committee should be instructed to try and get better facilities. Afterwards the Council went into committee on the byelaws, and we can easily imagine that what transpired would furnish very interesting reading were it allowed to see the light of day.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

IRISH BULLS.

It is quite unnecessary for Consettonians to go to Ireland for good samples of the Irish "bull." There are a good many Irishmen in Consett, and as a rule they are of the intelligent order. But some of them, despite their intelligence, are prone to get just a trifle mixed. Discussing the war one man declared that England had in the South African campaign difficulties to face just as she had had "in future days gone by." Another, passing a farm house and noticing some poultry asked the farmer if he had seen one of the excavators (he meant incubators), and then in a condemnatory speech against incubators he said they were the ruin of the country, for if they put some hens eggs in and they came out ducks they would never clock. All this was said seriously, and these are only a couple of samples of "bulls" I have heard about.

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SHORT BUT ADMIRABLE.

The Rev. W. D. James, of Stanley, who is vicar of St. Andrew's Parish, has addressed a short note to the Stanley Urban District Council, which I append without comment:—"Permit me to mention a matter which has caused me some unhappiness, that is, the fees for burials on consecrated ground under the Burials Act without the service of the Church of England, and which have hitherto been paid to the incumbent. Legally these fees are my dues, but I feel that morally they are not, and I do not wish to receive them; but desire you to accept this as my authority to pay them to any persons who may officiate at such burials."

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NEARLY A BLOCK.

The mischief of fewness in numbers on public bodies was illustrated on Tuesday night at the first meeting of the newly elected Healeyfield and Rowley School Board. All told they number a quintette, but owing to illness on the part of one member, and withdrawal on the part of another the important duty of electing officers for the triennial term was left in the hands of three. One of the three, finding himself deserted, practically took no part in the decisions, and we had the somewhat unusual spectacle of a gentleman seconding his own nomination to the vice-chair. It was not a pleasant position to be placed in, but had he not done so there would possibly have been a deadlock. Some rather scathing remarks were made at the outset, respecting the action of two old members, in leaving the ship when danger was apparent. They were, of course, not present to hear the critic, and therefore could offer no defence, otherwise there might have been a lively scene. There are rocks ahead for the Board, and it will take a careful skipper to navigate them safely through. They will have to choose between the demands of the Education Department on the one hand, or submit to the taunts and censure of the ratepayers on the other. Their plain duty is to take the bull by the horns and build. If they don't they will go on losing the grants, and the ratepayers will suffer in any case. That's the worst of School Boards.

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LANCHESTER COMMON ACTS.

There is likely to be considerable excitement—more than at present exists—in connection with the Lanchester Common Acts. Mr. Oliver's rate, or rather the rate made for him without opposition by the Court of Quarter Sessions, has raised the temper of the surface holders, and when the public get into a temper they are not always very particular as to what they say or do. Mr. Atherley-Jones for instance has been accused over and over again of being inactive because he held a brief for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. I believe he did once hold a brief for them, but holding certain views on the question of disestablishment, I think he preferred giving up the brief rather than his opinions. In another column will be found the real reason of the honourable member's silence. As all students of parliamentary procedure know it is a difficult matter for private members to get even a small bill through, however fortunate they may be in the ballot. Mr. Jones has promised to promote a bill to embody the desires of those who have asked him, but if he gets beyond a first reading before the dissolution, he will consider himself a lucky man indeed.

NOTICE TO QUIT.

[By J. McQuillen.]

My father had been a shrewd business man, and had made money. His friends used to say that he was always on the "make." Be that as it may, I know he was very successful: all his ventures turned out satisfactorily, and what is more that which he did gain was clean money. He was open as daylight, and as fair. Every penny he possessed was come honestly by. That's more than can be said of some people's wealth.

When he thought he had enough he retired from business—to give younger men a chance, he said, but in reality to enjoy home comfort. His work had occupied him early and late—never a moment, so to speak, to call his own. He had to eat and he had to sleep, it is true; but then these were necessary, or he would have done without both. There were only the two of us, father and I. I was Barbara; he was James Stevens. Well as I was saying, father retired; and a good time he—that is we—had of it. He was no niggardly cheese-parer, he never had been, but was generous even to a fault.

"Bab," he would say, when I argued with him over unnecessary extravagance in the matter of a new gown or hat; "Bab, my lass, it's all right. I can afford it; there's more where that came from." Yes, he was a good kind father to me—so good and kind that when young men came, some from one motive and some from another, and asked my hand, I without hesitation said, "No! My father needs me; till he doesn't, I will stay with him." So that it how I came to be thirty-four years of age, and still a spinster when he died.

We enjoyed our life, as I was saying; neither of us could have been happier; and this had gone on for some years when suddenly my father became smitten with an idea—that he would leave me an heiress!

"Bab, my lass, you have been a good daughter to me; you have sacrificed your prospects I know you have, to stay by an old hulk. But you shall not suffer by it; I will leave you rich beyond the dreams of avarice."

To accomplish this end he began to dabble a bit on the Stock Exchange. He had his head screwed on the right way had my father. He knew when to buy and when to sell. "Bulls" and "bears" were no mystery to him; and right well he did. Riches just rolled in to him.

"Father," I would say to him—"Enough. Do not tempt fortune too far. You have sufficient to keep me, if I live to be twice a natural age."

"Toots, lass, you will live in style, and have a position to keep up. Why should we refuse the pieces the gods send?"

At last it came when he thought he had enough. "One more deal, lassie and ease and comfort once more." He had been feeling the strain, night and day his brain must have been working; his foresight was extraordinary. Men gazed at him with wonder and followed his lead. "Stevens is buying," they would say, and they bought; or "Stevens is selling out" and they did likewise. It was an operation in railway shares, something which he had been watching on the quiet; his sagacity was never at fault. "Take my word, Bab, we are in for a good thing this time, we will plunge—neck or nothing, lassie."

Luck went with him—as soon as he touched the railways away they went. Then he went at it might and main; feverishly he bought all he could lay hands to; everything that came into the market became his; still the inflation continued, the value of his holdings doubled, trebled three times over. "Sell, father," I pleaded with him. "Sell; be content with having done well."

"Nay, we are not at the top yet. The boom will last. Do not let us lose for want of a bit of nerve." Up she goes, and he was right. Every telegram showed a further rise.

"Bab, it's a millionaire you are going to be; we will have to look out for a duke for you. What do you say to a coronet?"

"A quiet home is more to my taste," I made answer. "No worry, no pretensions. Oh, father, let us get back to the old life again. We were happy then. You are wearing yourself to a shadow. You will break down; no man can stand the excitement, the mental anxiety, that you have; sell out." I put my arms about him and coaxed him. "Dear daddy do take my advice. Sell, you have done splendidly. I do not mistrust your wisdom; but we have enough, let younger men have the rest." My using his own words convinced him.

"All right, Barbara," he replied, gravely stroking my hand. "All right my pet, it shall be as you say. Tomorrow we will sell out and you will have"—and he named an amount which seemed fabulous.

"It's that Bab, if it's a penny," and he kissed me. I knew he would do as he had said. He was a man of his word.

The morrow came, and so did the breakdown I had unconsciously predicted. My father was raving mad. It came upon him in the night. His shouts were terrible. Brain fever, the doctor said, brought on by overstrain. For day no conscious moments came to him. The intensity of the fever left him, and he was as a little child. He bobbled incoherently about things which lived only in his poor confused mind.

In the midst of the trouble the boom burst, down came the market like a pricked balloon. The savings of a lifetime were swallowed up. The consequences were utter ruin.

Father, poor man never recovered sufficiently to know what had become of his money, and for that I am thankful. It was a merciful dispensation of providence. He lingered on for about twelve months and then he died.

The house we lived in was my own, given me in the good old days, before the speculating nightmare took possession of him, so I had that to fall back upon. My best plan was to sell it and do something with the money. Accordingly I advertised the house as it stood—everything—a going concern, as my father would have styled it. I dreaded the day when I should cross the threshold for the last time; but the inevitable had to be faced, and, like my father, I possessed nerve.

It turned out, however, that I had not to leave, for when Mr. Brown bought the house (he gave me my own price for it, never bid me down a shilling), he asked me where he could get a housekeeper, as he had no one to act in that capacity. I offered myself and thought myself lucky when he jumped at the offer.

"Please yourself, Miss Stevens, don't bother me with details. Do exactly as you wish, and we will get on well enough together," were the only instructions he gave me, and we did get on well.

I took to him at first sight—tall, soldierly—with fine face and eyes, and hair just touched with grey; a man of few words and wants, courteous at all times and very considerate; he was just no trouble at all.

Sometimes, but not often, he would ask me in to play to him at nights, and thank me when I had finished, as if he appreciated my playing. Occasionally an unruly thought would tremble in my mind after such an evening, which would bring a blush to my cheeks and a sparkle to my eyes. I was not so very old after all, and not altogether uncomely. I've always had a trim figure, and the gowns I wore—if not expensive—were always neat and in good taste. He had no lady friends that I knew of; he evidently appreciated home comforts so if some day he were to ask me, the flutter at my heart told me unmistakeably what my answer would be. The past did not trouble me much, the present not at all. My father had made his money because he could not help doing so, and he lost it in the same way. Where was the philosophy in grumbling. So I told Mr. Brown more than once when he spoke of our family reverses, and he thought I took a very sensible view of the situation. I think a good deal of his opinion.

It was many months after—a Christmas morning to be strictly accurate—I was at the breakfast table. I left to bring in the coffee when Mr. Brown took his seat after wishing me seasonable compliments. I noticed that he looked agitated, but as it was none of my business I said nothing. When I returned to the table a note lay by my plate. I hardly knew what to do, but thought it best to put it in my pocket, for after all he was my master, and it might contain a Christmas gratuity he might not want to hurt my feelings; but also, he was a man of few words, it might be something vastly different. My heart throbbed, I flushed and cooled again, and experienced a storm of wild emotions throughout that meal. It was over at last, thank goodness, and Mr. Brown had left the room with eager haste. I opened the epistle—for a moment I could not read—but when I could my heart grew cold. "Dear Miss Stevens," the note ran "I am about to change my life and habits, and in my new arrangements I will not require your services as housekeeper. I trust your next situation will be a more congenial one than this has been.—Yours truly, Archibald Brown."

To say that the shock was great is a mild way of putting the fact. The room swam round about me; tears came unbidden to my eyes; indeed in all the world there was not a more miserable creature—to be turned adrift, to be told that you were not wanted, to receive in short a notice to quit, it was hard, bitterly hard. I did what any woman in a hundred would do, I gave way, and was having a good cry to myself when the door opened, and Mr. Brown came in. His note was lying at my feet. With a supreme effort I pulled myself together, though the moisture still lingered about my eyes, and busied myself over something. Apparently he observed my distress, for he said kindly, "Are you sorry to have to resign your post."

"Sorry or otherwise Mr. Brown, I am your servant; when you wish to dispense with my services I can only obey, but honestly I am sorry."

"You will feel leaving your old home."

This was too much. I could not bear it. I collapsed sank weeping into a chair. It was a silly thing for me to do, but then I was broken-hearted, and hadn't the spirit of a mouse.

Mr. Brown came over and stood beside me, putting his firm hand upon my shoulder.

"Miss Stevens, I am sorry I will not need you as a housekeeper any longer, but if you wish—if you will stay on as my wife. My life has hitherto been empty of love; you have filled it; you have taught me many things, the chief being that you are necessary to my happiness. Let me teach you." He took my hand and kissed it, and waited in his kindly deferent way.

I could not speak; my heart was full, but he read my thoughts, and took me in his strong arms and kissed me, and made me happy ever after. A tenant for life.

WEARDALE NOTES

[BY "STANHOPE."]

FROSTERLEY SHOW.

Frosterley Poultry Show on Saturday was again a grand success. The committee were favoured with a fine day and a good company. The music of the bands was a great attraction and a treat as well, and the pony trotting and racing competitions also excited considerable interest. The exhibits were also numerous and of a high-class quality. The arrangements reflected great credit on the committee and secretaries. The only drawback was the number of drunken people in the field and the streets.

SUMMER VISITORS.

Our summer visitors have arrived again. The welcome notes of the cuckoo were heard between Stanhope and Frosterley last week-end. Numbers of swallows were also seen on Sunday disporting themselves between Stanhope and Eastgate. The corncrake has also arrived, and is to be seen in numbers east of Wolsingham. The British Isles are the great centre of attraction for most of the bird life of the world. Millions of birds come here to nest and rear their young from all parts of the world.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.

Stanhope asked for next year's Primitive Methodist district meeting. It was there 18 years ago, but has been in the dale at Westgate since. However, the delegates did not manage to secure it for Weardale. It is to be held at Great Ayton.

THE ROMAN MILITARY SYSTEM.

The Bishop of Richmond is to read a paper on Saturday night first at the Field Club meeting, on "The Roman Military system."

HONOUR FOR A STANHOPE MAN.

Mr. G. Coatsworth's son, of Stanhope, who joined the army a few years ago, and who is now stationed in India, has risen to be Major Veterinary, the highest position he can take in that line.

IN ACTION.

Our local Yeomanry in South Africa were in action the other day, under Colonel Meyrick and General Hunter, near the Vaal River, and distinguished themselves by their gallantry. Several Wear Valley men are among them—three from Stanhope.

Local and District News.

Consett.

London College of Music.—At the Practical Examination held in Newcastle, the following pupils of Mr Geo. Dryden, A.L.C.M. Consett, successfully passed in Pianoforte playing. Senior Section Honours Miss Mary Bell, Medomsley. Advanced Senior Section, Honours Miss M. E. Curry, Tanfield Lea, awarded the book prize having obtained the highest marks at Newcastle Centre (Xmas Exam.)

Sale by Mr. Elsdon.—Mr. N. Elsdon offered for sale at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday night, the house No. 27, George Street, containing six rooms with good yard and conveniences. Mr. J. Forkin started the bidding at £200, and bids came quickly up to £295, at which price it was withdrawn. It was, however, afterwards sold to Mr. W. Thompson for £300. Mr. McCartan was solicitor to the vendor.

Parish Church.—On Wednesday evening, the rite of confirmation was administered by Bishop Sandford. There were sixty-seven candidates in all. The parishes contributing were:—Consett, 36; Leadgate, 15; Ebchester, 13; and Muggleswick, 3. In te Consett band there were 12 adult candidates. The service began with the hymn, "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest." Previous to te act of confirmation Bishop Sandford delivered a forcible and direct address, and another concluding address after the "Laying on of hands." In the first he dealt with the candidates' position and preparation, and in the second their after life as full members of the church. His words were marked by much earnestness. A large congregation of parents friends of the candidates, and members of the church were present. Other hymns sung during the course of the service were, "O Jesu, I have promised," and "Thine for ever, God of love." The candidates knelt at the chancel step.

Property Sale.—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. J. S. Murray, auctioneer, held a sale of property and building sites situate at Consett and Blackhill, at the Mount Pleasant Hotel, Newmarket Street, Consett. The first lot comprised two superior dwelling houses containing four rooms each, wash-house, yard, and all necessary out-buildings, being Nos. 15 and 16, John Street, Blackhill, let at a yearly rental of £31 4s. Mr. Murray offered No. 15 first and only received two bids, the first of £100 and the second of £150. Both houses were withdrawn from the sale at that price. The auctioneer next offered three dwelling houses, Nos. 13, 14, and 15, Harvey Street Consett, and let at a rental of £41 12s. The first offer was one of £200, and at £300 the lot was withdrawn. The next item on the programme was a house of six rooms, and bath room, West View, Blackhill, with a frontage of 40 feet and two large bay windows. There was no offer made for the lot, and it was accordingly withdrawn. The following lot comprised building sites, joiner's shop and yard, cottages, &c., in Ritson's Road, Blackhill, with a frontage of 350 feet. There was only one of the lots bid for, and it was withdrawn at £90. Offered as a whole the property was withdrawn at £300, the only offer made. The next lot consisted of 18 building sites in Medomsley Road, with a frontage of 18 feet and a depth of 66 feet each. A bid of 2/6 a yard was made, but was declined. Two four roomed houses on Castleside Road were next offered but there were no offers. Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley were solicitors for the vendors.

Blackhill.

The Steam Laundry Company.—On Tuesday afternoon the annual meeting of the shareholders of the North-West Durham Steam Laundry Company was held in the offices, Park Road, Blackhill.—Mr. W. Aynsley, J.P. presiding. Mr. J. M. Nicholson the secretary, submitted the accounts up to the 31st of March, which were considered satisfactory and adopted. The retiring directors, Messrs W. Aynsley, R. Park and C. Parnaby were unanimously re-elected. At a meeting of the directors held afterwards Mr. Aynsley was re-appointed chairman of the Company.

Muggleswick

Farm Stock Sale at Eddis Bridge.—Mr J. S. Murray sold on Saturday the surplus farm stock of Mr. Wm. Archer, who is leaving Eddis Bridge for Cornsay Farm. There was only a limited quantity of implements, which sold fairly well, but a fair amount of stock, for which there was a spirited competition. There were 135 mule hoggs, 2 Leicester tup hoggs, 10 mule ewes and lambs, 20 Scotch ewes with mule lambs, 25 cattle, and 15 hens. Mule hoggs, 24s to 31s; Leicesters, 48s to 52s; mule ewes and lambs, 50s per couple; Scotch ewes and lambs, 78s. Heifers to £14 10s; bullocks to £11 17s 6d; outlying heifers to £10; small stirks, £4 10s to £7 10s each. Poultry, 2s each. A few lots of stock from neighbouring farmers were included, the whole of which were sold with the exception of one cow, and this was disposed of afterwards.

Rowlands Gill

Sale at Hollin Hill.—On Wednesday., Messrs R. March and Sons, sold by public auction farm stock belonging to Mr. John Dodd, of Hollin Hill, near Rowland's Gill, who is retiring from farming. The catalogue comprised 21 shorthorn cattle, 58 sheep, 5 horses, 55 head of poultry, and 80 lots of implements. The weather was cold and dull, and resembled the month of November rather than May. Nevertheless, a numerous company attended. Mr. Dodd is well respected in the Derwent Valley, and many old friends came from a distance to witness the disposal of his stock. He had farmed 25 years under the Marquis of Bute, and his career has been a successful one. The cows were shown in fine bloom and evoked lively bidding, as also did the implements, which were in good order. The poultry sold remarkably well, the price obtained being the highest this season. The following prices were secured:—Half-bred grazing hoggs, 28s 6d; half-bred mule hoggs from 38s to 40s. Cows, calved and to calve, from £10 2s 6d to £18 10s; farrow cows £14 15s; heifers, newly calved, £17 12s 6d; stirks from £4 10s to £5; young calves £1 10s. Draught horses realised 18gs., 10gs., and 5½gs.; whilst a half-bred mare made 16½gs., and a pony 4½gs. Forty-six hens brought 3s 9d each, and ducks sold for 3s 4d each. The principal lots of implements sold as follows:—Grass cutter, £6; hay bogie, £5; turnip drill, £3; metal roller, £4 7s 6d; horse hay rake, £4 5s; long cart, £5; coup cart, £7 10s; trap, £5 5s; drill plough, £2 2s. One hundred lots of furniture were sold at good prices. The sale commenced at 1.35 and finished at 5.54 p.m.

Birtley

Band Contest and Sports.—The second annual Band Contest and Sports will be held on Saturday first. Nineteen of the best bands in the north will compete in the contest, and there is a large entry for the handicap.

Shotley Bridge

Hirings.—The half-yearly statutory hirings for single farm servants took place on Wednesday at Shotley Bridge, in cold, damp weather. There was a fairly good demand, but not many servants were on offer. Engagements were entered into principally at the following rates:—Men, from £13 to £16; youths, £10 to £12 10s; women, £9 to £12; and strong girls, from £7 to £9 10s.

Stanley

Victoria Theatre.—A strong attraction is to be found at the Victoria Theatre for this week in "The Stowaway." Judging by the cordial and spontaneous reception accorded on Monday evening a successful week may be predicted. The merits of the piece are sufficiently known to all play-goers, and need not be here recapitulated. All that remains to be said is that the production is in capable hands, and nothing is lacking on the part of the performers to make the play a success—an end which is achieved. We would strongly advise a visit, which is sure to afford satisfaction. Next week, Dr. Bodie is announced.

Alleged Theft of a Horse and Flat.—At an occasional court held at Stanley Police Station on Saturday, before Mr. Jonathan Green, a young lad named Charles David Allwood, 12 years of age, residing at Oxhill, was charged with stealing a horse, flat, and harness, the property of Edward Milligan, Oxhill.—Evidence was tendered by P. C. Ayre to show that on Thursday the prisoner took possession of the horse and flat at Oxhill, which he drove to Newcastle, where he sold a quantity of hay, alleged to have been stolen from a stack belonging to Mr. Henry Hardy, Oxhill. The prisoner was apprehended in the Bigg Market, on Thursday night, when he admitted having stolen the horse and flat, also a quantity of hay and a watch belonging to Mr. Robson, Oxhill.—Prisoner, in his defence, said he had had a stroke, and could not help these things.—Sergt. Leadbitter applied for a remand, and the prisoner was accordingly remanded to Lanchester Petty Sessions.

Alleged Assault on the Police.—At an occasional court held, before Mr. Jonathan Green, at the Stanley Police Station on Saturday, David George, miner, residing at Stanley, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, also with being drunk and disorderly, also assaulting P.C.s Phizacklea and Millions, and farther with refusing to quit the Queen's Head Hotel, Stanley, and doing wilful damage to glasses, etc.—Only sufficient evidence was tendered to justify a remand which was applied for by Sergt. Leadbitter. The evidence went to show that P.C. Phizacklea was called to assist a barman in ejecting the prisoner from the Queen's Hotel. When the accused was eventually got outside he became very disorderly, and the assistance of P.C. Millions had to be procured. On the way to the Police Station the prisoner behaved in a very disorderly manner, and assaulted the officers by kicking them. A couple of civilians kindly went to the officers' assistance, and the accused was eventually locked up.—Prisoner was remanded to Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THE METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE.

Early Opening.—It will be interesting to all who are in any way connected with or in sympathy with Christian work and endeavour to know that the Metropolitan Tabernacle—probably the most famous Nonconformist place of worship in this or any country—will shortly be re-opened. It will be remembered that the old building, in which the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon preached the first sermon on the 25th March, 1861, was destroyed by fire on April 20th, 1898. For thirty-one years the world-renowned pastor carried on a work there which, apart from the mervellous eloquence of the preaching, was unique for the many useful agencies originated, including the Pastors' College and the Stockwell Orphanage, so dear to the Pastor's heart and which are still in vigorous operation. It is well known that the late pastor refused to preach in the old Tabernacle until every penny of the debt incurred in its building had been paid. The same laudable feeling actuates Pastor Thomas Spurgeon and the Deacons in regard to the new building—of which Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon says, "Of all the memorials raised to the dear memory of my beloved husband this one should have the pre-eminence in our affections." Roughly speaking, only about £4,000 more is needed to complete the Tabernacle without leaving any debt; and the pastor and officers feel that they can confidently appeal through the Press, to Christians of all denominations to assist inspeedily raising the amount still required on the necessary funds. Donations may be addressed to Pastor Thomas Spurgeon, Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, S.E.

FOOTBALL.

Chester-le-Street Association Football League.—Applications are invited from good clubs to join the "Joicey Cup" division of the above league. Applications to be in by May 17th, to R. Bland, Newfield, Chester-le-Street.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

Salt is excellent for scouring milk pans. Don't spare the salt, and be careful to rinse thoroughly.

To test coffee, pour cold water upon it. If it is pure the water will be very slightly coloured; if adulterated with chicory, the water will take a brownish hue.

Stains on mattresses may generally be removed by applying to them a paste made of soft soap and starch. When dry, scrape off with a blunt knife, or a metal spoon, and then wipe off with a damp—not wet—sponge.

A SAFE VERMIN DESTROYER.

Make a very strong solution of alum in hot water and apply it to furniture and crevices in the wall with a paint brush. This is sure destruction to insects of all sorts, and is harmless otherwise.

TO STAIN WOODEN FLOORS.

Mix about 1oz. of permanganate of potash in about a pint and a half of boiling water, and paint it over the floor with a large painter's brush. If the appearance is not dark enough, a second coating may be given, or a little more permanganate of potash added to the mixture. Leave until quite dry, and then polish with beeswax and turpentine.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

The very brightest and best room in the house should be used for the nursery, for little children, like tender plants, are very dependent on fresh air and sunshine. Brightness and cleanliness should be the keynote of the nursery, and there should be no unnecessary draperies and curtains, for they collect the dust, and dust often breeds disease. Venetian blinds will serve to darken the room sufficiently without curtains, but if curtains be necessary for the sake of warmth they should be taken down frequently to be shaken out of doors, and every few weeks they will be better for being washed. Varnished papers, which can be washed with a damp cloth, are the best for the walls, and linoleum or cork carpet makes the nicest covering for the floor.

TO MAKE THE HAIR SOFT AND GLOSSY.

The use of this shampoo will keep the hair in perfect condition, rendering it soft and glossy. Shake the yolk of an egg in half a pint of alcohol till thoroughly mixed. Strain, and you will have a clear fluid left which will keep for an indefinite period. Into each basin of water used for washing the hair put one or two tablespoonfuls of this liquid. Rub well into the scalp and through the hair. Rinse in clean warm water. Rub with a linen towel till partly dry, and then take a large Japanese fan, and fan vigorously till perfectly dry, when the hair will be delightfully soft and glossy.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF SALT.

We are told that too much of a good thing is an evil, says a writer in *Enquire Within*. Salt is a good thing, a very good thing, but too much salt is a great evil. The use of salt as a condiment is so general, so universally believed in as necessary, that we rarely hear a word against its excessive use. And yet there are hundreds of people who eat far too much salt; they eat it on, or with, everything—meat, fish, and potatoes, tomatoes and turnips, in butter, in bread, and in many other foods too numerous to mention. To so great an extent is it used that no food is relished which has not a salty taste; yet this hides more or less the real taste, which is often very delicate. Now, high authorities tell us that the amount of salt required in the human system is comparatively small, and, if the food has been properly compounded, very little is necessary. Some people go so far as to discard the use of it altogether, but whether this is wise or not I will not discuss now—I think, however, it is unwise. I am drawing attention to the evils of the excessive use of salt. They are to paralyse the nerves of taste, or to pervert them, so that anything which has not a salty flavour cannot be enjoyed. Another evil is that there is a direct tax on both the skin and the kidneys in having to remove this extra salt from the blood. Whether the skin is harmed by the extra tax imposed upon it by this excessive salt I do not know. Possibly it is not very greatly injured, yet comparatively few people possess a really healthy skin. It takes only a little time to learn to enjoy many kinds of food without salt. Without, however, advising my readers to discontinue the use of salt, I do suggest that they should try and diminish the use of this condiment, and I believe they will be the better for doing so.

UNVEILING OF A STAINED GLASS WINDOW AT BYER MOOR CHURCH.

THE GIFT OF MISS SURTEES.

On Sunday last the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph took place, the unveiling of a stained glass window in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Byer Moor. It is intended as a companion to the one placed in the sanctuary of this Church some time ago in memory of the Rev. P. T. Mathews, the first priest of the mission. The donor, Miss E. A. Surtees, of Hamsterley Hall, solemnly unveiled it in the presence of a large congregation assembled to witness it, and to listen to the impassioned eloquence of the Rev. Dr. Larkin, of Birtley, who kindly undertook to fill the pulpit on the occasion. In the course of a very practical and moving discourse, he drew the true portrait of a saint, as formed by the Catholic Church, and not as depicted by the world—not as a monstrosity, or, at least, a most singular being, very different from the rest of men—not at an etheral person far above his fellow beings—more worthy of admiration than of imitation. He showed that a saint was of the same flesh and blood as ourselves, one with the same human nature, with feelings akin to ours, swayed by passions like to those which swell in the bosom of any ordinary man, under the influence of joy and sorrow which tinged his character and made him compassionate the miseries of those around him, as well as enter into the hopes and pleasures of others. He described a saint as a being having his mind and heart centred in God—turned to him as a flower is turned to the sun, and receiving from him a flood of heavenly light and grace—filled with the love of his Creator, and the creature, being ready at every moment to spend himself, and be spent in order to advance their interests and welfare. From this the preacher deduced that a saint was not a morose, narrow-minded individual, intent on himself, and regardless of the happiness of his fellow-beings; on the contrary he was a most amiable, loving, and charitable being, endowed with a heart filled with the milk of human kindness. As an illustration of his words, he pointed to the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, whose figure forms the subject of the window. She lived in the 13th century and was the daughter of Andrew, King of Hungary. From her infancy she was marked out as a child of grace, and spent much of her time in prayer and good works. In accordance with her holy life she manifested a sweet and amiable disposition, and won the affections of all with whom she came in contact—ever yielding to the desires of others, and giving up her own will to please them. The characteristic virtue of her life was her unbounded charity, which she carried to an heroic degree—feeding every day large numbers of poor persons who assembled at the gates of her palace, and solicited her alms. In the time of famine she opened the public granaries to supply the wants of the needy, and sold all her treasures to purchase food for the hungry. Charitable and kind as St. Elizabeth was, she still had enemies, who, after the death of her husband, inflicted upon her many indignities. She was cast out of her own castle and sent destitute into the world, and compelled in the midst of winter to seek a shelter, for herself and her little orphans, in the streets. She bore this cruelty with the greatest patince, and thereby touched the hard hearts of her persecutors, who at last restored to her her dowry, along with a provision suitable to her rank. From this short sketch of the life of this saint, the preacher invited his hearers to learn a lesson of fidelity to God amidst all their trials on this earth, and to imitate her in the virtues of love and charity to one another, which she showed even to those who treated her with such inhumanity. This window nearly completes the circle of windows placed around the Sanctuary of this Church, and does credit to the artistic skill with which Atkinson Bros., of, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, have executed the work.

Consett Parish Church

SALE OF WORK: THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The sale of work, on behalf of Church funds, opened, as we reported, on Wednesday, May 2nd and was continued on Thursday afternoon and evening. The opening ceremony was at 2.30. The Vicar, in introducing Mrs. Henry Palmer, Medomsley, said how grateful they were to all kind friends who had so continually crowded the room on the previous day. They all knew the objects of the sale, and he would ask Mrs. Palmer to declare it open.

Mrs. Palmer, who was very well received, said that the object of the sale—to provide funds for Church purposes and work—had her full and hearty sympathy. She felt sure all present wished the undertaking every success. She was much pleased if she could be of any use at such a time. The parish, the Church, and the schools all had a claim upon them, and she hoped they would generously support them. She had pleasure in declaring the sale open. (Applause.)

Mr. T. L. Gledstone proposed that the best thanks be given to Mrs. Palmer. They were more especially indebted to her for venturing through such bad weather as they were experiencing.

On being seconded it was carried with acclamation.

The sale then went briskly forward, especially as evening came and went. The "Tableaux Vivants" and rhymes worked smoothly and with precision, and were much appreciated. At the close of the evening the gross receipts from all sources during the whole sale amounted to £108.

CRICKET

MEDOMSLEY v. SEGHILL.

Played at Medomsley on Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Dales was in rare form with both bat and ball for Medomsley, whilst the brothers Cant and Campbell also rendered useful service. Liddle and Smith batted well for the visitors. Score:—

SEGHILL.

R. Slater c Lovat b Dales	8
P. Liddle, c Campbell, b Whiteley	22
J. Landreth, run out	5
T. Lascelles, st. Walton b Dales	1
G. Taylor, c Wilkinson, b Dales	0
T. Mulby b Dales	21
M. Smith, c and b Dales	9
R. Nichols, b Dales	0
R. Wood, b Lovat	1
A. J. Walton b Lovat	3
E. Lascelles not out	0
Extras	5
Total	75

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.O	R.	W.
T. D. Dales	12	3	34	6
A. Whiteley	7	1	23	1
W. Lovat	5	0	13	2

MEDOMSLEY.

R. Campbell c Wood, b Liddle	15
R. Cant, c Wood, b Lascelles	29
W. Cant c Landreth, b Smith	10
Rev. A. C. Blunt, b Liddle	1
T. D. Dales, c Mulby b Smith	35
T. Walton, b Lascelles	2
A. T. Whiteley, b Lascelles	0
J. Robinson, c and b Lascelles	0
G. E. Milburn, b Lascelles	1
W. Lovat, c Walton, b Slater	9
M. Wilkinson, not out	7
Extras	5
Total	114

NORTH DURHAM LEAGUE.

LEADGATE TEMPERANCE v. DIPTON.

This return game will be played on the Temperance ground when the following will represent Leadgate:—J. Monaghan (capt), J. Birtley, T. Greener, Sergt. Newton, J. Turnbull, J. Crowther, T. Atkinson, E. J. Kennedy, W. Turnbull, T. Seymour, and W. Brown. wickets pitched at 2.30.

Chester-le-Street

Death of Mr. G. Lee.—We have to record with sincere regret, the death of Mr. Geo. Lee, which took place at his residence, Grange Villa, on Thursday. Mr. Lee acted as permanent secretary for many years for the Bud of Hope Lodge, Pelton, and at the time of his death was district treasurer. He was much respected by his brother Oddfellows, and all who knew him. The funeral took place on Sunday, at West Pelton Churchyard. A large number of deceased's friends and Oddfellows attended the funeral. The first part of the service was held at St. Paul's Church, the Rev. C. Tweedie officiating; then the Rev. D. Kyles, P.M. minister, of which society Bro. Lee was a member, gave an address, after which the beautiful words of the Oddfellows' funeral ritual were impressively read by Bro. Ralph Johnson. The brethren then filed past the grave, each dropping a blade of grass on the coffin. Bro. Lee leaves a widow and grown-up family.

FAIRY AND HYSSOP SOAPS.

RESULT OF THE APRIL CONPETITION.

1st Prize of £25—Mr. John Endean, 101, Philip Street, Newcastle.
2nd Prize of £10—Mr. George Tait, Choppington, Morpeth.
3rd Prize of £5—Mr. Lewis Legg, 79, Hamilton Street, Newcastle.

26 PRIZES OF £1 EACH.—Mrs Sawyers, 3, Lord Nelson St., Tyne Dock; Mrs Snowdon, 18, Pit St., Newcastle; Mrs M. Arrowsmith, 47, Claremont Rd., Newcastle; T. White, Kensington House, Saltburn; R. Miller, 5, Blagdon St., Blyth; F. Thornley, Stickford, near Boston; Mrs A. Joyce, 6, Prospect Ter., Billquay; Miss Shepherd, Broughton, Linc.; Mrs Dobson, 61, Greenhow Ter., New Benwell; Mrs Hallas, Stead Lane, Hoyland Common, Yks.; C. Cooper, Christon Bank; Mrs Best, 102, Stanhope St., Newcastle; J. Ayton, Long Row, R. Crook; G. W. Caverick, Cairns' Buildings, Seaton Burn; Mrs Woodmas, 5, Brunell Ter., Newcastle; J. G. Hetherington, Bank Top, Darlington; S. Temple, 51, Leonard St., Birmingham; Mrs Teasdale, Garden House, Whickham; Miss M. Pearson, 11, Crosby Ter., Stockton; Mrs Dawson, 29, Ravensdale St., Scunthorpe; Wm. Peacock, 22, Albany St., Monkwearmouth; Miss H. Langhorne, 11, Branksome Ter., Darlington; Mrs D. Mason, Dinnington Colliery; T. Burton, 64, Burton St., Byker; Mr C. Hopwood, 11, Delaval Ter., Benwell; Mrs Hill, 18, Alexandra Road, Gateshead.

101 PRIZES OF 10s. EACH.—Mr T. H. Davidson, 58, Osborne Rd., W. Hartlepool; Mrs A. Faill, 110, Clavering Aven., Dunston; Mrs C. Tidyman, Greatham; Mrs Burn, Queen St., Barnard Castle; Mrs M. Sedgeley, 6, Newcombe St., Elswick; F. Topliss, Donnington-on-Bain, Linc.; Mrs W. Barnes, Helpringham, Lincs.; Mrs. Thompson, 19, Brunswick St., W. Hartlepool; Mrs. Knott, 2, Row St., Southwick, Sunderland; Mrs Graham, 15, Ogle Ter., Southwick, Sunderland; Miss A. Jennings, 127, Percy St., Newcastle; Mr Wallace, 13, St. Anne's Ter., Newcastle; J. Brown, 12, Bowran St., Stockton; Miss Burton, 64, Burton St., Byker; Miss Bunniss, 34, Rushford St., Middlesbro'; Mrs W. Baker, 25, Clarence St., Haverton Hill; H. Cook, Robson's Buildings, Wrekenton; Miss Dobbs, Church Lane, Selston, Notts.; Mrs Swan, Strawberry Place, Newcastle; Mrs E. James, Winter House, Hexham; Mr T. Gowdy, 41, Southwick Rd., Sunderland; Miss Hill, Middle Rasen, Linc.; Ralph Dodds, Hewitson Ter., Felling; Mrs S. Gotts, 15, Cowan St., Walker; Mrs Patterson, 54, Beresford Rd., Byker; Mrs. Cook, 42, Greenfield Ter., Gateshead; Mrs C. Hewitt, Moulton, Spalding; Mr J. D. Burton, 60, Burton St., Byker; Mrs Appleton, Big Blagdon St., Newcastle; Mrs I. Gibson, 2, Plotina Ter., S. Shields; Mr Cable, 783, Old Kent Rd., London, S.E.; Mr Hunter, Thrunton, Whittingham, R.S.O.; Miss J. Greener, 7, Barrington Place, Bensham; Mr Wm. Burton, 60, Burton St., Byker; Mrs T. Crowe, Greatham Stockton; Mrs N. Gough, King St., Rotherham; Geo. Hartley, Thirlby Thirsk, Yorks.; Miss H. Urton, Gleadless; Mr J. Wilkinson, Choppington; Mrs Brown, Comley Heugh, Wark.; Mrs Devine, 71, Dunston St., Hebburn; John Breton, 440, New Cross Rd., Wingate; J. Eskdale, 39, Church St., N. Shields; Mrs Fenwick, 17, Dock St., Tyne Dock; Mrs. J. Robinson, Station Road, Beighton; Miss E. Lindley, Midge Hall, Doncaster; Thomas Kirtley, 141, Victoria St., Monkwearmouth; G. Lingard, Redbourne, Kirton Lindsay, Linc.; Mrs E. Harvey, Hornby Castle, Bedale, Yorks.; Mrs Edwards, 108, Shipley St., Byker; Mrs Dawson, Moulton, Spalding, Linc.; Mrs Bird, Hainton, nr. Lincoln; Mrs Glendenning, Nether Tofts, Hawick; Mrs. Balster, 14, James William St., Sunderland; Mrs Proctor, West Victoria St., Consett; Mrs Fife, Gateshead; Mrs Thompson, 65, Ridley Ter., Heworth; Mrs E. Anderson, Harbottle, Rothbury; Mrs M. Smith, Whittingham, R.S.O.; Mrs Brown, Railway Cottages, Bellingham; Mrs Frogarth, 55, Hill St., Elsecar; Mrs C. Doubleday, Halgate, Moulton; Mrs C. Wright, Newton, Chathill; Mrs M. Benson, 4, Hall St., Barnard Castle; Mrs M. Rochester, The Lane, Whittingham, R.S.O.; Mrs Cowie, 18, Grainger St., Blyth; Mrs Cowley, Church Row, Billingham; Miss I. Howey, West Hepple, Rothbury; Miss M. Mitchinson, Aspatria, Cumberland; Mr T. Wilson, 108, Porter St., Hull.

NOTICE.—The next competition does not close until July 30th, when there will be an increased number of prizes given, particulars of which will be advertised.

In the April competition a number of prizes were not taken—one wrapper would have secured a 10s. prize; therefore send in your wrappers, however small the number, as you stand a good chance to secure one of the prizes. 706h

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT HORSE PROCESSION.

On Wednesdey afternoon, the third annual procession was held in a field adjoining the Cricket Field, Burnopfield. Unfortunately the weather was not of an ideal character, as a drizzling rain prevailed during the former part of the day, and coupled with a cold bleak wind, tended to militate against the success of the event. The entries, numbering some eighty exhibitors, were greatly in advance of last year, an incontestable proof of the increasing popularity of the event. The many prizes given by local gentlemen were for the best groomed horses and the best kept harness, driving, trotting, scamper, and the neatest pit ponies. The difficult task of judging was efficiently discharged by Messrs Nesbitt, and Mott, Newcastle; Mr. Stephens, Durham; Mr. W. F. Foreman, Leadgate; Mr. Simpson, Ebchester; and Mr. Daglish, Crook; while Mr. G. Humble, of Newcastle, was handicapper and judge in the trotting handicap. The Marley Hill Brass Band was in attendance and played a suitable programme of music. Refreshments were obtainable on the ground at popular prices, and were supplied by Mr. J. Wilkinson, Gateshead. After the judges had finished their work the procession formed up, and paraded by way of Crookgate, Hobson, Toftgate, Lintz, High Friarside, Leazes, and returned to the field in order to receive the judges' decision. Despite the adverse elements a large company of visitors patronised the novel event. After the horses had been judged they paraded the field, and looked well. In addition to the ordinary prizes there were several special and extra specials given for the best decorations, and best decorated horses. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr. J. L. Weedy, than whom the committee could not have secured a more energetic and trustworthy officer. The stewards were Messrs G. Humble, G. Lough, Cuthbertson, and T. Abbott. The procession was led by Messrs G. Mallom and W. Cuthbertson, assisted by Messrs W. J. Cawthorn and J. Wilson. Mr Allison, of Hamsterley Mill, was the starter of the sports. Mr W. Holmes, J.P., of Tantobie, kindly supplied a brake for the convenience of the band, which headed the procession. The following is a list of awards:—

Class I.

Pair of horses in rolley—First prize, £2; second, 15s; third, 5s.—1, T. Errington, Burnopfield Co-operative Society; 2, T. Masterman, West Stanley Co-operative Society; 3, E. Henderson, Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

Special prize for best decorations—First prize, 10s (given by Mr T. Wright, Burton House); second, 5s.—1, E. Henderson, Burnopfield Co-operative Society; 2, Anglo-American Oil Company, Blaydon.

Class II.

Single horse in coup cart—First prize, £1 10s; second, 12s 6d; third, 5s.—1, W. B. Atkinson, Winlaton; 2, R. Weedy, Burnopfield Co-operative Society; 3, D. Stalker, South Tanfield.

Special prize for best decorated horse—First prize, 10s (given by a Newcastle gentleman); second, 5s (given by Mr Barkus, newsagent)—1, W. B. Atkinson, Winlaton; 2, R. Weedy, Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

Class III.

Single horse in spring cart, flat or rolley—First prize, £2; second, 15s; third, 5s.—1, T. Burdon, West Stanley Co-operative Society; 2, T. Davison, Burnopfield Co-operative Society; 3, W. Robinson, West Stanley Co-operative Society.

Special prize for decorations, given by Messrs Turnbull:—1, Turnbull Bros., Leazes; 2, W. Harrison, Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

Class 4.

Pair of horses in plough harness—First prize, £1 5s; second, 10s—1 and special, R. Pears, Crawcrook; 2, A. Thompson, Barcus Close.

Class 5.

Riding horse.—First prize, £1; second, 10s; third, 5s.—1, J. Allison, jun., Hamsterley Mill; 2 and special, I. Richardson, Burnopfield. The special prize was a riding stick given by Mr G. Biggins.

Class 6.

Driving Class (Open.)

For horses that have never won a first prize.—First prize, £2; second, £1; third, 10s.—1, A. Phillipson, Dipton; 2, G. Charlton, Rick Lees; 3, W. Boyd, jun., Byer Moor.

Class 7.

Pit Ponies

First prize, 15s; second, 5s; and a special prize of a silver medal for the driver of the best decorated pony—1 and special, Stella Coal Company; 2, Marley Hill Company.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The special prize of £1 for the neatest turnout in Class 3, given by Mr. Nesbitt, Cab Proprietor, Newcastle, was won by T. Davison, Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

A splendid silver cup given by Mr. J. Nevins, Lintz Colliery, for the best groomed horse in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 was won by Mr. T. Burdon, West Stanley Co-operative Society.

The extra special prize for the neatest tradesman's turnout for customers of Mr. Biggins, saddler, Burnopfield, of a carriage whip of the value of one guinea, was awarded to Dr. Boland, of Burnopfield. A silver medal given by a Newcastle tradesman was awarded to the Anglo-American Oil Co., Blaydon. The prizes for the best kept harness the first of which was a set of carvers of the value of one guinea, given by Messrs Emley and Son Newcastle, was won by T. Masterman, Stanley Co-operative Society; the second, a timepiece given by Messrs Tanner and Prest, being secured by T. Errington, of Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

TROTTING HANDICAP (OPEN.)

For this event there were 21 entries. The following won in the first round:—Heat 1, Cowan's Jessie, 225 yards. Heat 2, Pearson's "Bitter Beer," 50 yards behind scratch. Heat 3, Watson's "Fairy Queen," 100 yards. Heat 4 Robinson's "Mary Jane." Final—1, Cowan's "Jessie;" 2, T. Pearson's "Bitter Beer;" 3, Watson's "Fairy Queen;" 4, Robinson's "Mary Jane."

SCAMPER HANDICAP.

First prize, £2; second prize £1; third, 10/-:—1, W. N. Nixon's "Wasp;" 2, T. Turnbull's "Flash Light;" 3, Elsom's "Miss Murray."

CONSOLATION SCAMPER.

For horses in classes 1, 2, 3, 4 5, and 6:—First prize, £1 given by Mr. T. Pearson, (Catchgate)—1, Freck's Billy (Dipton), 2, Mr. Allison's horse.

LETTERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

A FORMER MEDOMSLEY MAN AT THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Mr. Jos. Bell, of 84, Highgate, Blackhill, has received the following letter from his son, Gunner Chris. Bell, R.A., who is with the 5th Division in South Africa:—

Elandslaagte,
South Africa,
April 8th; 1900.

Dear Father and Mother,—I write these few lines hoping to find you well, as I am at present. I received your letter of the 5th March on the 6th April. I also received the 'baccy, and it was a treat. I see that you got the news of the relief of Ladysmith. We had a good fight before we got in. It was one of the best sights I ever saw, especially the artillery fire, which blew the Boer trenches up wholesale. The infantry also did good work. They charged trench after trench, bringing the Boers out at the point of the bayonet. It was a severe defeat for them. When our column marched into Ladysmith it was lively, as the troops that were in Ladysmith during the siege lined the streets and cheered us in. We left Ladysmith on the 3rd April. I expect we will be back again before you receive this letter You say that young Dixon is coming out. He will find a change, for there are no feather beds here. He will be glad to roll himself up in his great coat. You ask me if I could do with socks. I could do with a small muffler for my neck. It is very cold at nights and terribly hot in the day. I can say no more at present, I think. Give my respects to Joe Egan and Billy Robb, and best love to Carrie and her husband. Accept the same yourselves from your loving son,

CHRIS. BELL.

A BLACKHILL MAN IN FIVE BATTLES.

NOTHING TO EAT FOR TWO DAYS.

SOMEONE STOLE HIS BISCUITS.

Mr. J. Smart, of Murray Street, Blackfine, has received the subjoined letter from his brother, R. Smart, of the 1st Battalion Mounted Infantry:—

Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Dear Brothers and Sister,—I now write you a few lines, hoping they will find you well. I am all right myself, and in plenty of work, of which I have had a fair share. I have not had any news from you lately, and I have been thinking that something has happened to you. You have not had any from me recently, but I have not had any time for fighting and marching. I have been in five battles since you had any news from me. It has taken me a week to write this letter. We are expecting another battle soon on—about the 18th of this month. The last battle we had was on the 21st March, and I won't forget it in a hurry. It was a hot corner for us. We had a few casualties—29 killed, 300 wounded, and 300 odd prisoners. We also lost our convoy, and had nothing to eat for a couple of days. We had no blankets to lie on. It rained heavily, and we were wet through, as we had to lie on the wet ground. Two days before we took Bloemfontein someone stole my biscuits from off my horse when I was on outpost duty. We went into Bloemfontein hungry, but still we chased the Boers out of it. We stayed there for a couple of days, and then went 21 miles east of the town to guard the waterworks at Skwaunas Post, where the battle took place on the 31st March. We thought we had finished fighting in the Free State, as they let us alone for a fortnight; but we won't be long before we drive them out of the Free State into the Transvaal, and then the war will soon be over. However that might be another six months yet. You might send me some more tobacco, as we can't get any here, and it is very uncomfortable when we are under fire, and perhaps would like a bit, and have none. No more at present from your loving brother,

R. SMART.

Fatal Accident in Consett

On Monday afternoon last George Cant, 40 years of age, residing at 113, Durham Road, Blackhill, and employed as a sinker in the Saints Pit, Delves Lane, Consett, met with an accident which had a fatal termination on Wednesday morning. The unfortunate man, together with his brother, Thomas, and a man named Thomas Thompson, entered the kibble at 4.45, and in the course of the descent something struck him on the head, the missile having fallen down the shaft. Cant was stunned by the blow, and became unconscious. Thompson seized hold of him, and when the serious nature of his injury was ascertained he was brought to bank and conveyed to the Infirmary, there to receive medical attention. He, however, never regained consciousness, and died, apparently from concussion of the brain, at 8.30 on Wednesday morning. He leaves a widow and four children. The Coroner was at once communicated with.

Chester-le-Street Petty Sessions

WEDNESDAY, May 9th, 1900.—Before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker (presiding), Lieut. Colonel Cook, and Mr. C. R. Barrett.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

James Perry and John Hancock were summoned by P. C. Craggs for commiting a breach of the peace by fighting at Pelton on the 28th ult. Margaret Burnside and Hannah with having committed a breach of the peace by fighting at Chester-le-Street on the 28th ult.—All the defendants were bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Elias Burnside, John Watson, James Gill, Frank Brown, George Coulson, and Henry Atkinson were summoned by P.C. Parkinson for playing at pitch and toss at Chester-le-Street on the 29th ult.—Burnside, Gill, and Atkin were fined 1/6 and costs and the other defendants 2/6 and costs each.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Daniel Thirlaway was charged with doing wilful damage to a fence, the property of Joseph Anderson at Lamesley.—Evidence was given as to defendant breaking down the fence.—A fine of 1/-, 1d damage, and costs was imposed.

GAME TRESPASS.

Richard Taskey was summoned for game trespassing on the Ravensworth estate on the 16th ult.—Jas. Spinks spoke to seeing defendant with two dogs.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 5/- and costs.

Robt. Watson and Thos. Anderson were summoned for a like offence, on the 27th ult.—Sergt. Grey stated that he found a hare in Watson's pocket.—Watson stated that [illegible] Burnside [illegible] were charged by P.C. Parkinson found the hare on the road.—Defendants were each fined 5/- and costs.

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MRS. SMITH, 71, Linney Street, off Platt Lane, Wigan, writes:—"My daughter came home from the mill with a very severe attack of influenza. She was very feverish and had pains in the chest. She had suffered for nearly a week with a nasty hacking cough and at night she could not sleep for coughing. I got a bottle of your Lightning Cough Cure for her and it cured her completely. She has never coughed since and is back at her work again.

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LANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Rural District Council was held on Thursday last in the Board Room at the Workhouse. Mr. W. Logan, J.P., (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs J. Oliver, R. Mitchinson, W. Robinson, E. J. Wardle, W. Gray, T. Lowdon, G. Ritchie, U. A. Ritson, jun., J. Pumphrey, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

BLACKHALL MILL BOUNDARY.

In reference to the inquiry to be held at Blackhall Mill on the 14th inst as to the proposed alteration of the boundaries, Messrs H. Palmer, J.P., W. Robinson, U. A. Ritson, jun., and J. Hunter, were appointed representatives to attend.

EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

In response to an invitation from the Tanfield Council to hold a conference of local authorities respecting the education of defective and epileptic children it was resolved to send representatives of the Council.

BUNKER HILL SEWERAGE WORKS.

Tenders for the sewerage works at Bunker Hill and Bradley Cottages were received as follows:—John Atkinson, Knitsley, £435 14s 3d; M. A. Armstrong, Blaydon Bank, £458 18s 8d; and John Carrick, Durham, £464 7s.

On the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Wardle, Mr. Atkinson's tender was accepted.

THE BYE LAWS.

The bye-laws for new streets and buildings, nuisances, and slaughter-houses, were laid before the Council, and on the motion of Mr. Oliver were sealed and signed.

The contract for a sewer in Ford Lane, Lanchester, was also sealed, and plans for a joint sewer at Ushaw Moor were referred to a committee who agreed to meet on the ground on the 18th, and inspect the place.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Bolton reported that the following cases of infectious diseases had been registered during the month:—one case of typhoid fever at Elm Park, and one case at Hamsterley Colliery; one case of scarlet fever, and one case of erysipelas at Hamsterley Colliery. The Ebchester district was free from disease.

Dr. Wilson reported that the following were the fresh cases of catching diseases in his district:—One case of erysipelas at Langley Park and five cases of measles at Ushaw Moor; one case of erysipelas and nine of influenza at Esh Winning, and three cases of measles at Durham Road, Esh Winning; 11 cases of scarlet fever, two of measles, 37 of diarrhœa and 10 of influenza at Craghead; two cases of scarlet fever, two of measles, 37 of diarrhœa, and six cases of influenza at Burnhope; two cases of influenza at Maiden Law, and one of typhoid fever at Malton Colliery; four cases of diarrhœa and one of whooping cough at Hollinside Cottages; two cases of influenza at Lanchester; one of measles at Bargate; and one of scarlet fever at at Workhouse. All the scarlet fever cases were removed to Langley Park Hospital.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. J. R. Lupton reported that there were two houses at Cornsay village owned by Mr. Gascoigne and two owned by Mr. Wm. Wall, in a dilapidated condition apparently caused by subsidence of the ground. In their present condition they were unfit for occupation and should be closed or forthwith made safe and put into a habitable condition. The Hamsterley Colliery Company were now proceeding with the ceiling of the houses in South Row and Dene Row. The privies and ashpits were being rebuilt and it was expected that the whole of the houses would be put in proper order during the month. During the past quarter one of the pipes between the meter and the flushing chamber at Hedleyhope had been damaged by the frost, causing a waste of water. He would suggest to the Council the desirability of considering whether the syphons should be used or not. He considered that three of them were altogether unnecessary. There was a good gradient in the sewer, the last fall being one in 16. The water company charged 3s 7d per quarter for each meter, with a minimum charge of 6s per quarter for each tank whether any water was used or not. He might say none of these three syphons were used during the dry weather of last summer, the sewers being quite clear. The one behind Commercial Street would have to be retained as that was the only flushing chamber for the flat sewer along the low road. During the past week he had made an inspection of the private property in the Esh Parish, and found that the scavenging was far from satisfactory. It was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain any person to scavenge and many of the most respectable tenants complained that though willing to pay they could not find anyone to do the work especially during the summer months. There was also a difficulty in regard to suitable places to deposit the refuse. Many of the houses had but one ashpit for the two houses, and it very frequently happened that while one of the tenants was anxious to keep the place in decent order the other tenant did not care whether the place was decent or not. Under these circumstances he felt it his duty to suggest to the Council the desirability of adopting the scavenging clauses for the parish of Esh as desired by the Parish Council. In the near future all thickly populated districts would be compelled to adopt these clauses, and, in his opinion, Esh parish would be benefitted by the adoption.

It was resolved to serve notices on the owners of the houses at Cornsay Village, and to communicate with the Esh Parish Council respecting the scavenging.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr W. Cummings reported that both ends of the Low Mill bridge near Partridge Close should be fenced. The approaches to the bridge were high, and there was no protection whatever. He had received a petition from the roadmen asking for an advance of wages and shorter hours. At present the wages paid were:—One roller driver 5s 10d, one roller driver 5s, three foremen 4s 4d, eight foremen 4s, 29 roadmen 3s 9d, one roadman 3s 4d. Mr B. Cochrane, of Greencroft Hall had had the use of No. 2 roller at a charge of 30s per day.

The wages question was not entertained, and with this exception the report was adopted.

WATERHOUSES STATION.

The Chairman submitted a report as to the road to Waterhouses Station. The committee were of opinion that the Railway Company ought to give something towards the cost of the road, and then the Council would take it over. They did not need to troble themselves much about the matter, because it affected Mr Kay more than it did them. If, however, the Railway Company would pay, say £50, then the Council could take the road over.

It was resolved to write to the Railway Company to that effect.

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS.

The Clerk of the Healeyfield Parish Council wrote stating that he had been instructed to ask the District Council to take into consideration the desirability of making a footpath in front of the new houses at Maudville.

The Chairman: This is a main highway.

Mr W. Robinson: There is a footpath on the opposite side.

The Chairman: We cannot, or rather will not, make it on a highway.

The Clerk: It is for the property owners to make it.

The Chairman suggested that they should reply to the effect that as they had already made one footpath on one side of the road they could not see their way clear to make one on the other side. If they made a footpath on one side and a man built a house on the other side for his own benefit and to put money into his own pocket, he could not expect the Council to pay.

The suggestion of the Chairman was agreed to.

The Witton Gilbert Parish Council wrote respecting the footpath from Bleach Green to West House. They said they had been successful so far as their Council was concerned, and they would like the District Council to continue the work.

The Chairman said the success of the Parish Council extended to this, that there was a footpath awarded across a small portion of Charlaw Common in the same way as there were footpaths on Lanchester Common, and once awarded it was always so. From that the Parish Council claimed that there was a path from the border of the common extending through the whole of the Langley Estate. The matter had been before a parish meeting, and after careful enquiry the conclusion come to was that the public had no right to the use of the paths in question. The parish meeting refused to move in the matter at all. The matter was also before the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council, and after inquiry they failed to find the case proved. He moved that the Clerk write to say they had no evidence to enable them to deal with the matter.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion, which was agreed to, and after transacting other business the meeting terminated.

Presentation to the Rector of Blaydon

At the monthly meeting of the directors of the St. Cuthbert's Temperance Club Company, limited Blaydon, held last week in the Board Room, the Rev. M. Greene, M.A., chairman of the Board, was made the recipient of a very handsome smoker's cabinet as a mark of the very high esteem and appreciation in which he is held by the board of directors.—Mr. Cuthbert Robson, secretary to the company, made the presentation in a few well-chosen remarks, and the rector very feelingly responded. He said their club had commenced in a small way, through the offer of a friend of his of a billiard table on most reasonable terms. They were actuated by a desire to provide innocent amusement for the young men of the parish. So successful had their efforts been, so large a membership had they attained, that they had developed into a limited liability company, with well-appointed rooms, furnished with three billiard tables, reading room and appliances for chess and other games. He was extremely sorry to vacate the chair, but he felt assured the interests of the club were in good hands. He knew the directors, though not unmindful of dividends, were more anxious to provide a healthy recreative institution for the young men than to get a large return for their capital. He wished them God-speed in their good work, and would in his northern home treasure their kindly parting gift.—The Rector was afterwards entertained to supper by the Board. The cabinet bore the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. M. Greene, M.A., by the directors of St. Cuthbert's Temperance Club Company, Limited. Blaydon-on-Tyne, 1st May, 1900."

Wolsingham Petty Sessions

TUESDAY May 1st, 1900.—Before Mr. C. J. Backhouse (chairman), Rev. T. H. E. Espin, Mr. J. W. Rodham, and Mr. C. Bainbridge.

DRUNKENNESS.

The undermentioned persons were fined for drunkenness during the month:—Richard Metcalf, 12/6; L. Beadle, 10/-; W. Proud, 12/6; J. Proud, 10/-; E. Williams, 10/-; J. Murphy 10/- and 7/6; E. French, 7/6; M. Murphy, 12/6; W. Johnson, 7/6; R. Temperley, 7/-.

NO LIGHTS.

Thomas Lowther was charged with driving without lights on his trap at Tow Law, on the 17th ult.—Fined 1/- and 7/- costs.

William Brougham was charged with riding his bicycle in Tow Law after hours without having a light on it.—Fined 3/- and 7/- costs.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

Thos. Cloughton was charged with using bad language in the streets at Tow Law.—Fined 10/-, including costs.

LICENSING PROSECUTION.

Thos. Archer, landlord of the Railway Hotel, Tow Law, was charged by Sergt. Taylor with filling drink to a drunken man (Joseph Proud), on the 24th March.—The defence was that Archer who had kept the house for 22 years and had never had a case against him before, had always conducted his house well, and on the day in question he ordered the man out two or three times and would not fill him any drink except a small soda.—The police officer deposed to seeing Proud drinking some coloured drink out of a glass. The bar was a long one, and was crowded.—The solicitor for the defence intimated that Proud might have taken some other person's glass up and drank it.—The Bench retired to consult, and on returning the Chairman said they could not agree, so the case would fall to the ground.—A number of witnesses were called, and the case excited considerable interest.

CONSCIENTOUS OBJECTORS.

W. Brown and L. Carr, Wolsingham, desired exemption from having their children vaccinated on conscientious grounds.—Exemption in both cases was granted.

ONLY LENT.

Frederick J. Humble was charged with keeping a dog without a license.—Another man came forward saying he had two dogs and produced two licenses. He said the dog was his, and was only lent to defendant until the other pupped.—Case dismissed.

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WHICKHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE DUNSTON BUILDING ESTATE.

AN AMUSING LETTER: STRAINING AT GNATS AND SWALLOWING CAMELS.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday evening last in the Council Chamber, Whickham, Coun. R. Winship, J.P., presiding. The other members present were—Couns. R. W. Berkley, R. T. Swinburn, R. Rutherford, E. Taylor, Geo. Forster, T. Brabban, Wm. Blackbird, Wm. Fletcher, G. H. Snowball, the Deputy-clerk (Mr Dobson), Mr J. McGregor (Surveyor), Mr J. Dinsdale (Inspector), and Mr R. Atkinson (Collector.)

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported that during the past month the sum of £121 16s 2d had been paid to the treasurer. The Council's banking account at that time was overdrawn by £40 0s 7d. After the cheques had been signed the account at the bank would be overdrawn by £482 8s 1d.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr A. D. Attwater) report that during the past month there had been 22 deaths—five at Whickham, four at Swalwell, three at Marley Hill, and ten at Dunston, which was equal to a death rate of 25.63 per 1,000 per annum. The number of births had been 28—seven at Whickham, five at Swalwell, three at Marley Hill, and eight at Dunston, which was equivalent to a birth-rate of 26.79 per 1,000 per annum. The report went on to state that in spite of the high death-rate the health of the district was fairly good. Three cases of infectious disease had been notified during the past month, viz., a case of erysipelas, the result of an accident at Marley Hill, and two cases of diphtheria at a house in Edith Terrace, in the occupation of a man named Wigham and his family. The Medical Officer stated upon visiting the house he found both it and its occupants in a very dirty condition, and the middle of the back-yard overflowing with night soil and other refuse. The doctor order the building to be emptied at once, and the house cleansed and disinfected. The Medical Officer now advised the Council to have the whole of the drains in this terrace inspected, as some more cases of diphtheria had proved fatal in that locality.

Coun. Swinburn enquired where Edith Terrace was, but none of the members could answer his query.

The Inspector, however, came to the rescue, by perhaps known to them as Terrace was perhaps known to them as "Slater's Cottages," which were located at the top of Whickham bank.

Coun. Swinburn: In the new houses?

The Inspector: Yes.

The Chairman: Do you know what the doctor says about it?

The Deputy-clerk here read the Medical Officer's report.

The Inspector: There are other cases a little higher up, but they will not come in until next month.

The Chairman: Have you taken notice of what the doctor says?

The Inspector: Yes.

Coun. Swinburn: There is a case at the bottom of West Street.

The Inspector: Yes. There is another at West Street reported to-day and they have all come out of the school at Whickham. The first was a little girl seven years old. There was nothing about the yard. I examined it as soon as the doctor reported it to me. The closet had evidently been cleaned out by someone. I gave them a notice a few days afterwards to clean the house; it was very dirty, especially downstairs.

The Chairman: They are all right now I suppose?

The Inspector: They have plenty of room.

Coun. Berkley: The Doctor points out that there are a lot of people in the row getting diphtheria.

The Inspector: There are two cases reported to-day, and they are very clean people.

Coun. Berkley: In the locality—living close together?

The Inspector: In the terrace of houses.

The Chairman: There is no action we can take to-night.

The Inspector: They have had disinfectants, and every attention has been paid to them. At West Street I have been there as well.

Coun. Berkley: You have inspected them?

The Inspector: There is nothing I can find with either the drains or the traps. I have written to Mr Slater as there is about a foot square in the yard broken opposite the sink where the two cases are to-day. They are perfectly clean, and I don't know that anything possible can arise.

The Chairman: I think it will be advisable for you to go down and see the schools if that is the report.

The Inspector: That is from the enquiry I have made.

Coun. Berkley: You have had a complaint about the cleansing out of the ashpits?

The Inspector: I reported that to Mr McGregor once before.

The Chairman: Alright. I suppose it is quite understood that you are going down to the schools.

The Inspector: I am going down to-morrow morning.

The Chairman: You don't want to take any other action?

Con. Swinburn: I don't think we can to-night.

The matter then dropped.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Dinsdale) reported as follows:—On Saturday, the 7th of the past month your Medical Officer reported to me two cases of diphtheria in Slater's property, Swalwell Bank, named Jane and Hannah Wigham. The former aged three years died, the latter aged seven years recovering. I supplied the necessary disinfectants, but could find nothing out of order with the drains, there being no insanitary matter connected with the premises.

AN AMUSING EPISTLE: POTS, PANS, AND PAILS!

STRAINING AT GNATS AND SWALLOWING CAMELS.

The Inspector further reported as follows:—Nuisance, Liddle Place.—The Liddle Place nuisance caused by Mr R. Cairns having deposited several cart loads of broken pots, pans, pails, glass, etc., in front of Liddle Place, Dunston. In this case Mr Lambert kindly drafted me a copy notice under bye-law 2 page 28, of the Council bye-laws, which I copied and posted to Mr Cairns, on the 27th of the past month, to which Mr Cairns sends me the following elaborate letter of explanation, and questions, etc. The letter was dated April 30th, and read as follows:—Sir,—I have once more a notice from you, and I expect it is evidence that even in your ashes lives fire. (Loud laughter.) The subject of your notice in this case was ordered to be deposited on land in my occupation, to be in readiness to be used for the foundation of a road, as soon as the weather is dry enough to permit a deviation for the traffic. At present it is not in the condition and I don't design to make the road impassable for the local traffic, it would be so during the time the improved road is being made. In the meantime I deny absolutely that there is anything whatever either "noxious" or "offensive" to the sense of smell in the district. (Laughter.) If any bones or manure is there, neither have been deposited there by my orders, but exactly contrary thereto. I have, however, failed to find even a specimen bone in the lot—(laughter)—and I shall be glad to pay you 6d per stone for all you can find there—(laughter)—which price is about double what is paid to collectors of such articles. (Renewed laughter.) If anyone can prove that they have been injured by the deposit in question, I should be quite willing to pay double their damage—(laughter)—but such claim must be founded on material damage, and not on sentimental grounds. (Loud laughter.) Tastes of course varied in this instance. The complainant appears to prefer stagnant water and mud for six months of the year, to a deposit being laid for a few weeks, which will put an end to such a state of matters. (Laughter.) I am quite willing that such a case as this should be tried, but if material such as this should be declared a nuisance, what about the heaps of raw ashes (which contained all the articles in your notice) being allowed to be laid all the year round at the side of the public road, about 100 yards north of Norwood? and what about the deposit of articles similar to what I have placed, as alleged, and which are to be found in "Nannie's Wood," within a foot of the pathway. (Laughter.) The only difference is that in the one case the articles have been carted direct from the manure heap, whilst in my case the manure has been spread on the land, and the land ploughed, and then harrowed, and the said articles brought to the surface. Soil is generally said to be the best destroyer, but in this case your contention must be opposite. (Laughter.) If you require a "complainant" before taking action then I now make a "complainant"—(laughter)—in each instance I have named, and demand that you shall no longer continue to strain at snails and swallow camels at the same time. (Loud laughter.) Years ago the Whickham U.D.C. did their best to prevent me carrying out a great improvement in the making of that improvement. (Laughter.) Did I injure a single man, or woman, or child? (Renewed laughter.) If any, let them come forward, or let the Council produce them, and I will pay them double. (Laughter.) I say the same in this instance. The articles have been where they are for some weeks. If they are injurious to anyone, let the injured come forward. (Laughter.) In conclusion, I give you notice of a question that you will have to answer when the case comes into Court. You saw the material very soon after it was deposited; did you think it was injurious to health at that time? If you did think so, why did you delay your action for a month? If you did not think it a nuisance then, why is it a nuisance now? If there was anything injurious it must now be less than it was at first. The only conclusion I can come to is that you did not see cause to interfere, and that someone has influenced your action now. (Laughter.) I shall wait your explanation with interest, and the W.U.D.C. can do what they like in this matter. (Laughter.)

The Inspector added that he had acknowledged the letter, stating that the same would be laid before the Council.

The Chairman: I would not take any more notice of the matter.

THE LIGHTING OF DUNSTON.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to the fact that since the lamps had not being lighted at Dunston a number of people complained that they could scarcely find their way into the houses owing to certain of the streets now being broken up by workmen, etc. They thought that the nuisance might be removed if a few of the lamps were lighted, and he saw no reason why the Council should object.

It was decided that the Chairman should confer with the Clerk with a view to having some of the lamps lighted.

THE HOUSING OF THE LAMPS.

Coun. Blackbird enquired if the Council was going to make any provision for the housing of the lamps, seeing that they would not be lighted during the summer evenings; or were the Council going to let them remain and get broken? A good number of the lamps were already broken and the Council would have to pay for the damage done. As far as Swalwell was concerned half of the lamps were broken.

Coun. Forster pointed out that when the agreement was made with the Gas Company the Council took over the responsibility of all breakages, etc.

Coun. Blackbird: There has not one or two stones gone through, but fifty have gone through.

The Chairman thought that perhaps the best way out of the difficulty would be for Mr Lambert to go into the matter, and to ascertain exactly where the responsibility lay, and for him to make arrangements with the Surveyor in regard to the matter.

This proposal was agreed to.

LISTEN TO THE BAND.

The defective condition of the Sand's Bridge, Swalwell, was again brought forward.

Coun. Blackbird said that when the youths got upon the bridge and began to shake the same it was like a band playing. (Laughter.)

Coun. Fletcher: When I went over on Tuesday morning it was like to come down. (Renewed laughter.)

Coun. Blackbird: It will come down soon. (Laughter.)

Coun. Taylor: I went over this morning, and it was disgraceful.

It was subsequently decided to communicate with the Blaydon Council in regard to the contribution towards repairing the bridge.

THE CUTTING OF HEDGES.

The Surveyor reported that the whole of the persons served with notices had had their hedges cut, with the exception of certain persons whom he had named, and also the hedges on the roadside from Whickham to Crookgate.

Coun. Swinburn thought this was very unsatisfactory.

The Chairman: What steps would you take? Summons them?

The Deputy-clerk pointed out that the Council could not do anything in the matter just now.

Coun. Swinburn said that his complaint was in regard to the negligence on the part of some of the Council's officials, as had the work been carried out at the time it was ordered to be done, a great public improvement would have been effected and the work completed.

The Chairman: I am sure we are in the same position as a lot of other Councils, and we should be thankful for small mercies.

Coun. Swinburn: I am thankful for small mercies. I am compelled to be. (Laughter.)

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A WATER CART.

The Sanitary and Highway Committee recommended the purchase of a water cart, and it was decided to ask for tenders for the same.

PROPOSED HOUSES AT CROOKGATE.

The plans submitted by Mr J. Cuthbertson, for five houses, proposed to be erected at Crookgate, were rejected on account of not showing a 20 feet back street.

SWALWELL MISSION ROOMS.

Plans were submitted on behalf of the Rev Ed. Rush for a porch propostd to be erected at the Swalwell Mission Room.

These were satisfactory, and were passed.

PROPOSED NEW OFFICES.

Coun. Fletcher, speaking in regard to the proposed new Council offices, said he would like to propose that the Council ask Mr. Carr-Ellison if he would be kind enough to give the Council sufficient land, and the garden adjoining the Whickham Church green, so that they might be able as a Council to build new offices.

Coun. Rutherford: "Give" or "offer?"

Coun. Fletcher: Give.

The Chairman: I have a strong objection to this resolution. I am prepared to debate it, but it will take far more time than we have to-night. I think the Parish offices should be in an entirely different place.

Coun. Swinburn: Indeed! (Laughter.)

Coun. Taylor: Yes, I say "indeed" as well. (Loud laughter.)

Coun. Fletcher: There will be two or three nights wasted over the suggestion of the chairman.

Coun. Taylor: I shall be very glad to have the opportunity of "wasting" a night over the proposed alterations to the offices when the opportunity offers itself, but I am waiting for the opportunity. (Loud laughter.)

It was subsequently pointed out that the matter had been previously relegated to a committee, but that committee had not met.

It was decided that the committee should meet on the following Thursday to discuss the matter.

DRAINAGE AT WHICKHAM.

The committee appointed to go into the question of the drainage of the Tethercock and Dhaggs Estate were reported not to have met.

Coun. Fletcher: I must honestly admit that I am sick about this committee not doing their duty.

The Chairman: Well give us some resolution.

Coun. Fletcher: What are you going to do upon this question?

The Chairman: That is a matter for the committee.

Coun. Taylor: I must say that we are prepared to go into the matter, but when the weather was so bad we could not go. I am prepared as soon as the meeting is called to attend.

Coun. Swinburn: What can the committee do? We are at a standstill.

The Chairman: I will tell you what the committee can do. They can go over the land and suggest some method of connecting it with the scheme that we have already for Whickham, as to where it shall go. Of course, we have this other matter about Sunniside coming on, but I think we should deal with the Tethercock and Whaggs entirely separate.

It was resolved that the committee should meet on the following Thursday.

PROPOSED FOOTPATH.

A communication was read from Mr C. Carr in reference to the Council's proposal to make a footpath down Carr's Bank, Whickham, which stated that the writer would be pleased to meet a deputation from the Council.

A deputation was appointed to meet Mr Carr.

THE DUNSTON BUILDING ESTATE.

Coun. Berkley reported that the committee appointed to meet Mr Frazer in regard to the Dunston building estate had done so. Mr Frazer said that he would be open to an offer from the Council. He (Mr Frazer) would not be in any way averse to receiving a money offer from the Council providing that it was an adequate one. Coun. Berkley gathered that an adequate offer meant something like what Mr. Frazer specified in his former letter to the Council, which they knew was £1,200. In regard to making the alterations Mr Frazer considered six or seven hundred pounds an adequate offer to induce him to alter his plan. It seemed to him that this six or seven hundred pounds was more than the Council could offer for the thing, and it was more than it was worth. £700 was a sum that Mr Frazer would not accept, and he had therefore come to the conclusion that it was not worth while the Council making an offer.

Coun. Swinburn: I understand that the committee did not recommend the payment of this £600?

Con. Berkley: The committee did not make any resolution.

Coun. Snowball: Evidently the offer he is open for is a large one.

Coun. Taylor said that they had never made a definite offer yet. He could quite agree with what Mr Berkley had said, and he thought he had given a good report of what took place. He had an impression that if an offer was made to Mr Frazer it might be decided that way.

Coun. Snowball thought it would not be wise for the Council to pursue the thing any further, because in his opinion £600 was more than double what they should give for the improvement. He thought that the amount asked was larger than the improvement they had got at that place. To his mind the best plan would be instead of paying a sum, which would mean something like 4d or 5d in the £ out of the rates, they should let the thing go as it was at present, and to let Mr Frazer go on building according to the lines which he showed upon the plan passed by the Council. There had been a talk of going to law in the matter, and trying to compel Mr Frazer to put the line of his buildings back; to his mind the result would very doubtful and uncertain. They did not seem at all to have a good case to go upon, and the "modus operandi" to be adopted would be expensive. He would not run the chance of risking any of the ratepayers' money in going to law. He would like to move a resolution to the effect that seeing that the endeavours of the Council to come to an amicable arrangement with Mr Frazer, as to setting his buildings back, had become abortive, it was therefore resolved that the resolutions of meetings held on such dates relating thereto be and hereby are rescinded, and that Mr Frazer be allowed to go on with his buildings in accordance with the plans passed by the Council.

Coun. Blackbird said he had been at Dunston and saw the place, and in his opinion it was not worth the spending of half the £600 to have the property set back, and he would therefore second the resolution.

Coun. Swinburn said he felt that he would be bound to follow the course he had taken on previous occasions, which was to the effect that the Council should enforce a forty-five feet roadway. If he became a party to Coun. Snowball's resolution he should be agreeing to a resolution that was confirming what they knew to be an infringement of the bye-laws. He would therefore have to move the same amendment as he did at the previous meeting:—"That the Clerk be instructed to at once take such steps as are necessary to force a forty-feet roadway as provided by the bye-laws, and in accordance with the resolution already agreed to by the Council on March 26th."

Coun. Taylor seconded the amendment. There had been a great deal of time occupied, and an amount of trouble, in endeavouring to arrive at a solution of the difficulty. He thought that they as a Council had a public duty to perform, and that they ought to have used their best endeavours to enforce—he used the word enforce—a forty-feet roadway at that point. He believed that in a short time a great difficulty would arise in connection with that road. One portion—and a congested portion—of the road would only be about 28 feet wide. On these grounds he felt that he ought to unhesitatingly second the amendment.

The Chairman: Any other remarks?

Coun. Fletcher: Can you tell us what portion of the road will be 28 feet?

Coun. Taylor: That portion where the cottage is.

Coun. Fletcher said he had an impression that if their case went to law it would be a very doubtful one in a Court of Law. He was not a member who intended to waste money in litigation at all, because he well remembered the case that they had with the North-Eastern Railway Company, and their strongest point, he believed, that went before the committee of the House of Commons was that the Council proved that the road was an awarded road and 33 feet. Now that evidence had been published—he had not got a copy of it—and the evidence that the Council then gave of it being an awarded road and 33 feet, would simply be brought up against the Council. Coun. Fletcher, continuing, said that no matter what offer they made to Mr Frazer, if it was not approaching £1,200, it would not be accepted. That being so, why waste any more time over the question? He, for one, would never offer £600 or £700, which was a long way short of £1,200. If they went to court they would be spending the ratepayers' money unnecessarily, and perhaps increase the rates by 4d or 5d or even 6d in the £, and the improvement in the long run would not be worth the candle. That being so he had made his mind up to support Coun. Snowball's motion.

Coun. Snowball said that what struck him when he visited the place was the immense improvements they were making at that place. He did not see why the Council should pay such a large amount to get the little bit extra that they should have. In regard to the word "abortive" he used, Coun. Snowball explained that they had made endeavours, earnest endeavours; they had written to Mr Frazer and sent deputations, Mr Frazer had sent them by letter the ultimatum—they must chose one or the other.

The Chairman said he did not feel inclined to enter into the debate. He had wished many and many a time that he was sitting at the side of the table, instead of being in the chair, seeing that he was a little interested in the thing. At the same time they must remember this: that they as Dunston members—everyone of them—had been just as anxious as anybody else in getting all the benefits they possibly could for Dunston. The matter of that road had been a vexed question. The chairman then went on to deal with the time when the plan was passed, remarking that they met upon the spot. Some of them did not take an active part in the discussion, but they believed at that time that they were acting strictly legal, and getting something for Dunston that they had been waiting for for about 20 or 30 years. Continuing, he said that they heard nothing more about the matter until it was raised in the Council Chamber. As far as the right or wrong of the question was concerned he would not express any opinion.

Coun. Swinburn's amendment: "That the Clerk be instructed to at once take such steps as are necessary to enforce a forty-feet roadway, as provided by the bye-laws, and in accordance with the resolution already unanimously agreed to by the Council on March 26th," was now put to the meeting, when there voted for it Couns. Swinburn, Rutherford, and Taylor.

Coun. Snowball's motion, which was to the effect that seeing that the endeavours of the Council to come to an amicable arrangement with Mr Fraser as to setting his buildings back had become abortive, it was therefore resolved that the Council's resolutions previously passed be rescinded, and that Mr. Fraser be allowed to go on with his buildings in accordance with the plan passed by the Council, was now put to the meeting, when there voted for it Couns. Blackbird, Fletcher, Brabban, and Berkley.

The motion was therefore carried by five votes to three.

Coun. Forster, who was an interested party, did not take any part in the deliberation.

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was decided to adjourn the meeting till the following Thursday.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE READING-ROOM INSTITUTE

The May quarterly meeting of the above institute was held in the Reading Room, Messenger Street, on Thursday evening, when there was a very large attendance, over fifty persons being present. Mr. Anderson, of the Briary, was elected chairman.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said he remembered when that institute was commenced several years ago it was said that it would not continue long, but he was glad to see by the large attendance that night it was not only continued, but had added to its membership, and increased in interest. Their object was to interest the young men of the neighbourhood, and provide them healthy recreation in reading and innocent pastimes. So great was the increase of interest that increased accommodation was to be provided, and several improvements were to be carried out in the games' room, etc. He only hoped the institute would continue to prosper in the future as it had done in the past. (Applause.)

HANDSOME GIFT FROM THE PRIESTMAN FAMILY.

The Chairman next reported that the committee had received a handsome contribution from the Priestman family of £130 towards the alterations about to be carried out, and it was thought that sum would cover the entire cost. (Applause.)

Mr J. Nixon, as a young man and a representative of the young men of that institute, moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Priestman family for their generosity. He said he could testify to the amount of good such an institute accomplished by providing a comfortable place of social intercourse, as a counter-attraction to the public-house. The village was all the more indebed for this kindness, because the Priestmans procured their wealth from another neighbourhood; therefore the donors were free from any obligation in the matter. He hoped that the tradesmen and friends generally would follow their example, and see that such a healthy and beneficial society never went down. (Applause.)

Mr. Wilkinson Forster, in seconding, pointed out this was not the first act of generosity shown by Messrs Priestman, as they had annually subscribed to their funds, and not long ago fitted a splendid billiard-room up and presented a good billiard-table free of any charge whatever. (Applause.)

The motion was carried with much enthusiasm.

CARDS.

It was proposed that cards be allowed among the games of the room. After a good debate this was granted by a small majority.

The Chairman pointed out that gambling in any form was most strictly prohibited.

A LIBRARY.

Mr J. Nixon then proposed:—"That we recommend the committee to provide a library of suitable books for the Mutual Improvement Class." He pointed out that the Mutual Improvement Class was a recent innovation of great interest. Not only was it well attended, but the young people had shown considerable intelligence in the debates, and deserved encouragement from the committee. He suggested Sir J. Lubbock's "best 100 books," and that a good dictionary lie on the table for general reference.

Mr Jas. Grant seconded. He thought it was the duty of the members to develop the literary side more than they had done.

The Chairman suggested that they should wait until the improvents were completed.

Mr J. Bruce, in supporting the motion, thought a commencement might be made with some of the more necessary books.

This was carried unanimously.

NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

It was proposed that the following papers be taken for the quarter:—Newcastle "Leader," "Chronicle," "Journal," London "Standard," "Evening Leader" and "Chronicle," "Weekly Chronicle," "Consett Guardian," "British Weekly," "M.A.P.," "Athletic Journal," "London Illustrated News," "The Sketch," "The Sphere," and "The Union Jack."

A vote of thanks to Mr Anderson for officiating brought to a close a most interesting meeting.

AN OBSTACLE TO BEAUTY

To a pretty girl or a handsome young man pimples are an abomination. To have perfect features spoiled by little red blotches all over the face is exceedingly annoying, to say the least, yet all young people of the present day are troubled more or less with this complaint, which, by the way, cannot be treated properly by use of cosmetics. The only real remedy for pimples is the one that will prevent impure matter circulating in the blood vessels, and this can only be done acting on the liver and various digestive organs enabling them to clear all waste matter out of the body. This latter office is the special object of Charles Forde's Bile Beans, and acting, as they do, direct on the liver, causing it to create the natural purgative for the body, i.e., the bile, they obtain a beneficial result in the safest, surest, and quickest manner. They enable the stomach to do its work quickly and thoroughly, help the liver to help itself, and do away with constipation and indigestion. Rich blood is the result, and with a stream of pure blood flowing through your veins pimples will be a thing of the past. All Chemists sell Bile Beans, or you may obtain them direct from the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company, 119 and 120, London Wall, London, E.C., by sending 1s 1½d for small box, or 2s 9d for large one.

Another Railway Accident at Lintz Green

An Engine leaves the Line.

Shortly before two o'clock on Thursday afternoon last another accident occurred on the Derwent Valley Railway at Friarside, near Lintz Green. At the time stated an engine was proceeding in the direction of Friarside Colliery sidings for the purpose of carrying on shunting operations, when it suddenly left the rails, doing damage to the permanent way before it could eventually be brought to a standstill. The driver stuck to the engine, which fortunately remained upright. Where the accident occurred there was only one line in working order, the other having been rendered unfit for traffic owing to the landslip which recently took place near by, and consequently passenger traffic was delayed. The passenger train which left Newcastle at 2.35 p.m. could proceed no further than the scene of the mishap, and the passengers had to be transferred into another train. The train which left Blackhill station at 3.25 p.m. likewise could not pass beyond the locale of the accident, and the passengers had to be transferred into another train. About 3 p.m. the breakdown van, in charge of Mr. Bennett, arrived from Gateshead, and no time was lost in repairing the damage. Inspector Gill was also present. It is a somewhat singular coincidence—writes our Swalwell correspondent, who visited the scene of the mishap—that the accident occurred almost directly opposite the place where the recent serious landslip happened.

The Great Success that has rewarded the philanthropic efforts to provide the public with good music in our parks, is shown by the large and appreciative crowds who linger with evident delight, near the various bandstands. The creation of the healthy taste for harmony will, in time, yield good fruit in giving the people a liking for a higher state of civilisation and a yearning for that which is good, noble, and true. Holloway's remedies work a similar miracle with the organisation of the body. The Pills, by their purifying influence cleanse the blood, and the Ointment gives strength and energy to the system. Disease is driven out of its stronghold, and health once again resumes its sway.

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FROSTERLEY SHOW

The annual show took place on Saturday afternoon in Rogerley Park Frosterley, kindly lent by Mr. V. A. Rippon. During the day trips were run into the quiet Weardale village and there was a good attendance at the show. As regards the exhibits there were about 1,170 in all, which were classified as follows:—Poultry 564; rabbits 203; cats 13; cavies 67; dogs 187; lady amateurs 73; trotting, etc., 29. The committee this year introduced a new feature in the form of trotting handicaps, pony scampers, and driving classes. These attracted a considerable crowd during the afternoon. The poultry, as usual was the largest section in the show, and prominent winners in this department included Messrs Currah, P. Widdas, Foster and Shield, and A. P. Stoker. The dogs were a fairly good class all round. Mr. T. Wallace, of Ryton-upon-Tyne, secured three firsts in the collie classes, whilst Mrs. Day, of Newcastle, and Mr. J. Bell of Stanhope were also prominent prize-takers. Taken all round the show was a good one it generally being admitted to have been one of the best within the last six or seven years.

THE BAND CONTEST.

During the afternoon it was most pleasant to sit upon the grassy slopes of the park and listen to the music of the competing bands in the miniature valley below. When it is considered that the competitors included Wyke Temperance, Batley Old, and West Hartlepool Old Operatic it will be readily understood that the contest afforded a musical treat. The Wyke Band particularly received a hearty round of applause at the conclusion of their selection ("Beyreuth"), their conductor being Mr. Swift, the well-known professional bandmaster of the North. The judge was Mr. Wadsworth, of Holmfirth, near Huddersfield. The draw resulted as follows:—1, Cornsay Institute; 2, West Hartlepool Old Operatic; 3, Hartlepool Temperance; 4, Wyke Temperance; 5, Batley Old. The result was declared as follows:—1st, £25, Wyke Temperance, selection, "Bayreuth;" 2nd, £16, Batley Old, selection, "Valkrie;" 3rd, £8, West Hartlepool Old Operatic, selection, "Dr. Walkure;" 4th, £4, Hartlepool Temperance, selection "Faust;" 5th, £2, Cornsay Institute, selection, "Meyerbeer." At the conclusion of the contest the bands played the "Heroes of Trafalgar." The secretaries of the show, to whom every credit is due for the success of the gathering, were Messrs Greenwell and Boon. The judges in the various sections of the show were as follows:—Poultry, Messrs G. E. B. Muzeen and G. Hall; dogs and pigeons, Mr. G. Hall; rabbits, cats and cavies, Mr. T. C. Sutton; lady amateur work, Mrs. Vickers, Tow Law, and Mrs. Rutherford, Egglestone; trotting, etc., Messrs Wm. Green, Spennymoor, and Rutherford, Egglestone.

TROTTING.

Considerable interest was manifested in the trotting handicaps. In the open event (distance about a mile) Richard Parrington, of Swaledale took first prize; Thomas Dickinson, Romaldkirk, second; and Thomas Toward, Swaledale, third. Handicap, confined to Stanhope and Wolsingham Parishes—1 and special, M. Sanderson, Stanhope; 2, Joseph Dowson Frosterley; 3, C. Hamilton, Wolsingham. Pony Hurdle Scamper—1, William Rawe, Crook; 2, Robert Steel, Crook; 3, Mr. Elsom, Ebchester. In a local driving class the prizes were awarded as follows:—1, J. Vickers, Frosterley; 2, W. Wearmouth, Wolsingham; 3, J. Dent, Eastgate.

LONDON CITY MISSION

The Annual Report of the London City Mission which was deeply interesting and most encouraging in its record of results, showed that on the 31st March there were 458 Missionaries on the staff of the Mission, four more than at the same date in the previous year, a number which the Committee earnestly appeal to the Christian public to enable them to augment. The subscriptions and donations for the year amounted to £40,607 9s 8d, which represented a decrease on the previous year's income of £1,576 1s in the ordinary receipts of the Society. A large and unexpected legacy of £40,215 1s 1d had been received, but for which the year's expenditure would have been no less than £4,491 12s 5d in excess of the income. This legacy had providentially come just in time to replace the reserve fund which had been swallowed up by the recurring deficits of the past ten years. The report outlined in some detail the general condition of the people amongst whom the society's agents laboured so far as it bore upon their religious and moral well-being, and pointed out some of the demoralising influences which were at work under the following heads: (1) Overcrowding, (2) Scepticism, (3) Secularization of the Lord's Day, (4) Drink, (5) Gambling, (6) Immorality. The existence of these evils would of themselves demonstrate the necessity for such work as the London City Mission undertakes while the results which the committee are able to point to, abundantly justify the appeal for further support.

To mention only the following, 1,492 drunkards are known to have been hopefully reclaimed during the past year, while 4,986 persons are known to have become regular attendants at places of worship, of whom 1,659 have become communicants, and 545 have been restored to church membership, through the blessing of God on the efforts of the Missionaries. One particularly interesting and pathetic part of the work is that of three Missionaries who visit the patients in hospitals some 17,000 persons being reached in this way in the course of a year; and another effort which at a first glance would appear almost hopeless, viz., the visitation of public-houses, is in the majority of cases, welcomed both by the publicans and their customers, and while the actual results so far as they can be known are, of course not proportionate with other branches of the Society's work, yet they are neither few nor inconsiderable, and several causes for encouragement were cited in the Report. A list of some 28 special trades or classes for whom Missionaries are told off in different numbers affords a good index to the wide and varied character of the Society's operations, and the selections given from the reports of the Missionaries supply many convincing proofs that the Gospel retains undiminished its power to soothe, to win and to convert the hearts and transform the lives of sinful men and women. The report concluded with the earnest prayer that a deeper sense of their responsibility for the needs of the heathen abroad, and of those at their doors, might be vouchsafed to the people of God in this land.

LOCAL PATENTS

The following list is specially compiled by Mr J. A. Harvey, chartered patent agent, 3, St. Nicholas buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from whom all information concerning patents, designs, and trade marks may be obtained

7,444. April 23rd, 1900. J. C. Nicholson, H. Clark, and T. Lumsdon, Newcastle. An improved device for rotating forgings, pipes, and the like.

7,446. April 23rd, 1900. H. M. Hill, Medomsley, R.S.O. Improvements in and relating to apparatus for generating acetylene.

7,469. April 23rd, 1900. Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth, and Co., Ltd., and E. S. Orde, Newcastle. Improvements in apparatus or burners for the combustion of liquid fuel.

7,860. April 28th, 1900. F. W. Carver, Stockton. An improved thrust block for shafting of marine and other engines.

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The Permanent Relief Fund

Annual Report

The annual meeting of those concerned with the Northumberland and Durham Miners' Permanent Relief Fund is to be held at Durham on June 2nd. The Board of Management's report for 1899 states:—"We have to record an increase in the membership and members' contributions, also an increase of expenditure in all the benefit departments, except the minor accident, which expenditure has fallen £354 12s 2d. The membership is 130,552, an increase of 2,988 on the previous year. The members' contributions are £106,172 1s 9d, an increase of £2,251 19s 2d on 1898. The owners' percentages are £45 15s 10d, which belonged to the previous year, but was outstanding when the accounts were audited. Interest on investments, £7,[illegible] 4s 3d. Honorary subscriptions and donations are £106 8s 6d. The total income for the year is £114,087 10s 4d. The total expenditure for benefit and management, £107,793 13s 2d, showing a balance on the year's business of £6,293 17s 2d. The present capital of the society is therefore £252,511 16s 3d. The number of fatal accidents to our members during the year has been 197, 115 of whom were married members, leaving 109 widows, 4 guardians, and 220 children chargeable to the fund; also 54 single full, and 30 half members. The rate of deaths per 1,000 members is therefore 1.5 per annum. The number of non-fatal accidents during the year has been 19,484. The number of applications for permanent disabled relief has been [illegible]. Last year it was 251. The number of aged members, 609; last year, 727, a decrease of 118." There are now 3,754 superannuation members, 609 of whom "came on" in 1899. The total amount paid last year to the aged miners was £39,667 5s 1d. The number of pensioners and the amount disbursed each forms a record, the number being 70 in excess of the previous highest, and the amount an increase of about £1,679 on the 1898 total, the previous high-water mark. Four of the aged miners were in the workhouse on December 31. Other permanent recipients are:—Widows 1,171; guardians, 63; children, 1,238; and permanently disabled, 820. There is a deficit of £267 16s 7d in the Management Fund, due to the increases, at the 1891 meeting, of the salaries of local officials from 7d to 9d in the pound, and the renumeration of the president from 10s to £1 per annum, and the committee men from 5s to 10s per annum. The local secretaries' and treasurers' salaries last year were about £4,111. Had they been calculated on the 7d basis they would have been £3,197. "We regret to state that the owners' percentages are being entirely discontinued, and that, in consequence, the loss to the society is about £4,500 as compared with two years ago. Owing to the prosperous tide in the coal trade and the consequent extra demand for labour, the true effects of the Compensation Act upon your society particularly the Superannuation Department, cannot be estimated at present. We regret to state that the death of the late secretary, Mr. Steele, took place on January 29, 1900." Mr. Daniel Reid is now general secretary.

A BRAVE WOMAN REWARDED

The courage and fortitude with which women bear heavy afflictions in silence is wonderful and admirable. Read for example, the ordeal undergone by a brave woman in Somerset, the wife of a man engaged on the railway. We cull the following from the local newspaper, the "Bridgwater Mercury," which took up the matter on receiving some scanty details. Mrs. Proule, an intelligent woman of about thirty-five, modestly stated:—

"After the birth of one of my children, four years ago, I was striken with a fever of a type that when the doctor first visited me he said not one person in twenty attacked recovered from it, and he expressed the opinion that I would be dead in twenty-four hours. Though I did not die, I cannot describe the dreadful state I was in, but so ill was I that the nurse expected me dead every time she came upstairs. I lost the use of all my limbs, and was insensible for a great part of three weeks, being kept alive with milk and brandy. The doctor told our clergyman, at length, that I had just strength enough to be alive, and that was all. After thirteen weeks' terrible suspense I got a little better, but was in a dreadfully weak state, and even when I was able to be moved I had to be carried up and down stairs, and where I was placed on being brought down, there I had to stay. For eight months I was too weak to even wash or dress my child, and this weakness lasted for eighteen months. During this period I also suffered from eczema; my arms, legs, and chest became in a frightful state. I was treated at Bridgwater for six weeks, but failed to derive any good."

One marvelled that Mrs. Proule, after passing through such suffering, was alive to tell the tale, until she continued:—"Twelve months ago my husband's cousin paid us a visit, and he suggested that I should try Dr. William's pink pills for pale people, as he knew a woman whom they had cured. My husband then bought a box of the pills. By the time I had commenced the second box I began to get back my strength, and I became stronger and stronger as I continued taking the pills. The eczema also has now entirely gone. My appetite had been very bad, but on beginning to take the pills I was able to eat and to get about quite well. Ever since they have continued to do me good. I have taken nine or ten boxes altogether, and my husband tells me I must never be without Dr. Williams' pink pills. I have done all that this morning," and Mrs. Proule pointed through the window to a row of spotlessly white linen hanging in the garden. "I can honestly say that there is no medicine like Dr. Williams' pink pills. Had I commenced taking them before, I should not have suffered as I have."

Mrs. Proule, who lives at East Huntspill, near Bridgwater, is now a bright and happy woman, able to attend to her home and children.

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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

THE DESECRATION OF GOOD FRIDAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent "C.C.W." (who very wisely conceals his name) endeavours to convict me of error—if not of a worse offence—in my sermon on the above subject. He asks:—"What authority has he (Mr. Rust) for stating that only one place of worship out of the five in Swalwell was open for Divine service on Good Friday?" I made this statement partly on information received, partly on my own observation, and I had no reason to doubt its truth, but to make assurance doubly sure I have been round this evening and made enquiries of a leading member of each congregation (whose names I could give if necessary) and they assured me that there was no service, and that usually for many years past there had been no service in the four Swalwell chapels. Again "C.C.W." asks:—"What authority have I for stating that the Primitive Methodists look to John Wesley as their founder?" I have the authority of "C.C.W." himself, and (that not being very trustworthy evidence) the authority of all who apply to this sect, the name of "Methodists." The name "Methodist" was given to John Wesley and his followers at Oxford, and was adopted by John Wesley himself. I have by me the original rules issued by Wesley entitled, "Rules of the Society called 'Methodists.'" If "C.C.W." claims to be a Methodist he claims to belong to a Society of which John Wesley was the founder. The reasons why I am particular about the reverend observance of the day of our Lord's death, which "C.C.W." further demands, I have already stated.

But now as to the grievous indictment which "C.C.W." brings against me. I have the Boys' Brigade marching to Church on a Sunday with the band playing the "Cock o' the North." This is quite true, though the statement following about sham fights on a Sunday is absolutely false. Though I am a fairly strict Sabbatarian I do not think it wrong to walk to Church on a Sunday, and marching is only walking in step, and in concert with others. The band does play "The Cock o' the North" and ("C.C.W." might have added) "Annie Laurie." These are at present the only tunes we know, and we play them Sundays and week days. If "C.C.W." finds fault with our playing secular marching music on a Sunday he will have to find fault with every band that ever marched to and from Church parade.

In his pursuit of useful information "C.C.W." further asks why I box and why I dance? I do very little of either, although in my younger days, I am proud to say, I used to be a good boxer. As to dancing I only wish that I was a better dancer than I am. Both of these are valuable forms of physical exercise, the former also involving a certain amount of self discipline, and both of them if they help to make a better man, as I believe they do, help to make a better Christian also. As to "C.C.W.'s" talk about "Pharisaism," "Christlikeness," "Toleration," and so on, I dare not follow him for fear of hypocrisy or blasphemy—two very near akin and equally shameful vices.—Yours truly,

EDWARD RUST.

White House, Swalwell,
May 4th, 1900.

HOSPITAL FUNDS AND EXPERIMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In a deprecating article on the memorial lately addressed to the Prince of Wales by the Council of the Metropolitan Radical Federation, in which it was alleged that the sick poor in hospitals are regarded by doctors and students "as so much material for experiment," and asking his Royal Highness to use his influence to prevent the use of money from his hospital fund, for the support of medical laboratories, a medical organ remarks that "the people need enlightening on these subjects." Nothing could be more true, though the enlightening of which the people are so greatly in need is of an entirely opposite character to that which the medical press would give them, who claim for medical experimentalists the most unalloyed altruistic motives. But what have they to say to the proposition to experiment on cancer patients to the ignoring of their personal suffering, which Sir J. Burdon Sanderson had the professional hardihood to make lately? Like all egotists, the medical variety thirst to secure a false monopoly of power in the social economy. They desire to be regarded as a sign and a wonder by their fellow-mortals, and as holding the issues of life and death. The advance in education, especially physiological education, has greatly narrowed the distance between medical authority and the enlightened section of the public, by enabling the latter to estimate it at a more approximate valuation. Mortified at this, they now resort to the subterfuge of anti-toxin or serum therapeutics, based on the mummeries and vagaries of the so-called science of bacteriology, a realm of physiological mystery into which they represent it as impossible for the uninitiated to follow them; but which the more candid members of the profession tell us is a mere bogey-land created by their grotesque speculations; and which persons of judgment recognise as consisting of a pedantic system of nomenclature representing chimeras and irrational theories founded on inductions from equally irrational experiments on animals. I am, sir, yours truly

MAURICE L. JOHNSON.

Marlborough Villa, Kingsdown Parade,
Bristol.

TOW LAW.

VESTRY MEETING.—The Rev. T. H. E. Espin presided and nominated Mr. William Atkinson as his warden, and Mr. R. Rawes was elected people's warden, in the room of the late Mr. Cuthbert Hall. Messrs R. Rogerson, W. Stevenson, and J. Gage were elected sidesmen. The receipts amounted to £100 1s 3d, the expenditure being £97 5s 10d.

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WEDDING AT HAMSTERLEY

The wedding took place recently at Medomsley Parish Church of Mr Matthew Johnson, third son of Mr Matthew Johnson, of Chopwell, and Miss Dinah Gray, daughter of Mrs and the late Mr William Gray, of Hamsterley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Cockin (vicar.) Miss Raikes, Hamsterley, and Miss Henry, Westwood, acted as bridesmaids, whilst the "best man" was Mr Alex. Johnson (brother of the bridegroom), with Mr R. Gray (brother of the bride) as groomsman. The bride and bridesmaids all wore cream dresses, with cream hats to match. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's mother, where a substantial repast was done full justice to, and the remainder of the day was spent in harmony and amusement. The following is a list of the presents:—

A Friend, pair of sheets.
A Friend, pair of sheets and tablecloth.
Mrs and Miss Parkin, half-dozen cups and saucers.
Miss Mason, pair of brackets.
Miss Maughan, pair of ornaments.
Miss Nichol, pair of towels.
Mr J. Holden, purse.
Mrs Gray, water jug and glasses.
Mr and Mrs Dodds, pair of pictures.
Mr and Mrs Waters, sugar basin and jug.
Mr and Mrs Waters, sugar basin and butter cooler.
Mr M. Archer, tablecloth.
Mr T. Johnson, water jug and glasses.
Mrs Keenleyside, half-dozen cups and saucers.
Mr and Mrs Morgan, pair of chair cushions.
Mr R. Morgan, pair of shades.
Mr and Mrs Holden, tablecloth.
Mrs Hodgson, pair of cooking towels.
Mrs Robson, tablecloth.
Mrs and Miss Mason, antimacassar.
Mr and Mrs Bushby tea spoons.
Mr and Mrs Keenleyside, towels.
Miss Johnson, plates.
Mr and Mrs Chippton, half-dozen glasses.
Mrs and Miss Allan, tablecloth and towels.
Miss Maitland, half-dozen glasses.
Mrs March, three cups.
Mrs Maughan, set of jugs.
Miss Nichol, cheese dish.
Mrs Maitland, half-dozen plates.
Mrs. J. Anderson, set of blacking brushes.
Miss H. Gray, pair of bowls.
Mrs Purvis, sugar basin and jug.
Miss Purvis, pair of brackets.
Mrs Laws, pair of towels.
Mrs Clark, pair of plates.
Miss Armstrong, pair of towels.
Mrs Forster, pair of bowls.
Mrs Brown, pair of sheets.
Miss Keenleside, tablecloth.
Miss Riggs, silver tea pot.
Mrs Little, tea pot.
Miss Henry, pair of ornaments.
Mr A. Johnson, clock.
Mrs H. B. Gray, two machines.
Mr and Mrs Johnson, pair of blankets.
Miss Jane Gray, silver sugar basin and milk jug.
Mr. M. Gray, brass rod.
Mr and Mrs Dodds pair of sheets, pillow cases and towels.
Mr Mason, scuttle and shovel.
Mrs W. Gray, pair of sheets.
Mrs Pritchard, fire screen.
Mrs Henry, pair of chair covers.
Miss M. Waters, pair of placques.
Miss Waters, pepper-box and salt-cellar.
Mrs Whant, half-dozen cups and saucers.
Mr Anderson, set of jugs.
Mrs Cowen, half-dozen glasses.
Mr Skidmore, pair of ornaments.
Mrs Patterson, pan and steamer.
Mr Patterson, pair of ornaments.
Mrs Winter, pair of pictures.
Miss J. Riggs, pair of towels.
Miss B. Riggs, pair of towels.
Mr Patterson, pair of ornaments.
Mr J. Riggs, pair of silver pepper boxes, pair of towels, and glasses.
Mr Riggs, silver tea pot stand.
Mrs T. Lillies, silver butter cooler and knife, and jam spoons.
Mr Phillipson and Miss Little cruet stand.
Mr W. Highway, silver jam dish and spoon.
Mrs. Ferguson, silver butter cooler.
Mr V. Charlton, silver cruet stand.
Mrs Brown, pair of sheets.
Mr Holden, two pans.
Miss Hutler, tablecloth.
Mrs Ledger, half-dozen plates.
Mrs Nowne, tablecloth.
Miss T. Little, water jug.
Mrs Skidmore, pair of sheets.
Mr and Mrs Laws, pair of pillow cases.
Miss Gray, milk jug and sugar basin.
Miss Gray, butter cooler.
Miss Brown, cup and saucer.
Mrs Bell, pair of bowls.
Mrs Allan, cheese dish.
Miss Holdon, toilet covers.
Mrs Ward, tea pot and butter cooler.
Miss Newton, cheese dish; and others.

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THE HOTTEST HEAT IN THE WORLD.

The most important article in the May number of the "Windsor Magazine" is a description of the marvellous electrical furnaces belonging to the Acheson Company, that owe their existance to the natural force of the Niagara Falls. "The furnace-room is a great dingy brick building, open at the sides like a shed. It is located only a few hundred yards from the banks of the Niagara River, and well within the sound of the great falls. Just below it, and nearer the city, stands the handsome building of the Power Company, in which the mightiest dynamos in the world whirr ceaselessly day and night, while the water of Niagara churn in the waterwheel pits below. Heavy copper wires, carrying a current of 2,200 volts, lead from the power-house to Mr. Acheson's furnaces, where the electrical energy is transformed into heat. There are ten furnaces in all, built loosely of firebrick, and fitted at each end with electrical connections. And strange they look to one who is familiar with the ordinary fuel furnace, for they have no chimneys, no doors, no draughts, no ashpits, no blinding glow of heat and light. The room in which they stand is comfortably cool. Each time a furnace is charged it is built up anew; for the heat produced is so fierce that it frequently melts the bricks together, and new ones must be supplied. There were furnaces in many stages of development. One had been in full blast for nearly thirty hours, and a weird sight it was. The top gave one the instant impression of the seamy side of a volcano. The heaped coke was cracked in every direction, and from out of the crevices and depressions and from between the joints of the loosely built brick walls gushed flames of pale green and blue, rising upward and burning now high, now low, but without noise beyond a certain low humming. Within the furnace—which was oblong in shape, about the height of a man, and sixteen feet long by six wide—there was a channel, or core, of white-hot carbon in a nearly vaporised state. It represented graphically in its seething activity what the burning surface of the sun might be—and it was almost as hot. Yet the heat was scarcely manifest a dozen feet from the furnace and but for the blue flames rising from the cracks in the envelope, or wall, one might have laid his hand almost anywhere on the bricks without danger of burning it. The materials used are of the commonest—pure white sand coke, sawdust, and salt. The sand and coke are mixed in the proportions of sixty to forty, the sawdust is added to keep the mixture loose and open, and the salt to assist the chemical combination of the ingredients. The furnace is half-filled with this mixture, and then the core of coke, twenty-one inches in diameter, is carefully moulded in place. This core is sixteen feet long, reaching the length of the furnace and connecting at each end with an immense carbon terminal, consisting of no fewer than twenty-five rods of carbon, each four inches square and nearly three feet long. These terminals carry the current into the core from huge insulated copper bars connected from above.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A QUESTION OF ACCOUNTS.—Messrs J. W. Lucock and Co., confectioners, Chester-le-Street, sued, at the Durham County Court, on Monday morning, the Rev. A. B. De Moleyne, rector of Chester-le-Street, for the sum of £8 16s 5d., money alleged to be due to them on account. The defendant alleged that he had already paid the bill, and owed the plaintiffs nothing. The case was heard at the last court, and was then adjourned for the plaintiffs to produce further evidence. Two assistants in the plaintiffs' shop were called, and each of them said that the defendant had not paid them the money alleged to be due. His honour Judge Meynell, after hearing the evidence, non-suited the plaintiffs.

SEQUEL TO A TRAP ACCIDENT.—At the Durham County Court on Monday, before Judge Meynell, Thos. Jarvis, draper, Chester-le-Street sued Edward Mallaby, deputy-overman, Waldridge Fell, for £3 18s 6d damages sustained to plaintiff's Whitechapel trap through the alleged negligence of the defendant on December 9th last. On the night of the day named plaintiff was driving a Whitechapel trap up Waldridge Fell when a collision occurred between his and the defendant's vehicle. Defendant's horse had run away, and when the accident occurred there was nobody in charge. The occupants of the plaintiff's trap were thrown upon the road, and the vehicle was very much damaged. The repair of the trap cost plaintiff £3 18s 6d, and it was to recover this sum that the action was brought.—His Honour entered judgment for the defendant, with costs.

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A match between Beamish and Sacriston Companies, of the 4th V.B.D.L.I., took place on Saturday. The weather was very good, with a troublesome wind at the longer ranges. The Beamish team won by 198 points. Scores:—

BEAMISH.	200	500	600	Totals
Pte. F. Stephenson	30	31	33	94
Sergt. J. Grundy	29	32	31	92
Corp'l T. Clough	29	32	28	89
Pte. W. Lockie	29	32	27	88
Pte. H. Wilby	27	23	29	79
Pte. R. Scott	29	25	21	75
Pte. J. Metcalf	22	23	28	73
Sergt. J. Johnson	18	27	27	72
Pte. J. Eland	23	24	24	71
Pte. W. Early	16	21	28	65
Total				798
SACRISTON				
Sergt. R. Melrose	30	30	31	91
Pte. S. Kenny	26	24	29	79
Pte. R. Elliott	26	27	24	77
Col-Sergt. Moore	22	26	26	74
Pte. Straker	24	16	29	69
Pte. Plummer	11	23	18	52
Pte. Dunn	19	13	14	46
Pte. Rigby	19	25	0	44
Pte. Johnson	25	7	4	36
Pte. Henderson	11	17	4	32
Total				600

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "ROWLEY."]

A HISTORICAL BUILDING.

That historical building situate on the Dunston road which has done duty as a private lunatic asylum for the last seventy years or thereabout, is no longer such. The proprietor, Mr. Wm. Garbutt, has vacated Dunston Lodge, and removed to Whickham. The inmates placed under his care have been sent to another institution. Around the building there is almost woven a halo of romance, apart from its historical features, but it is upon the latter which I here shall touch upon.

THE FORMATION.

Local history tells us that in the year 1830, Mr. John E. Wilkinson founded a private asylum at Dunston Lodge. The proprietorship subsequently passed over to the late Cornelius Garbutt, who held that position until 1865, at which time his son William—the last occupier—succeeded him, and has continued to superintend the institution until a few days ago. He has resided at Dunston Lodge for about fifty years, having previously assisted his father in the management, and what the future destiny of the asylum is I am at present unable to say. It is interesting to learn that the institution is the last survivor of several in the district, for since the year 1852 the private asylums at Bensham, Low Fell, Wrekenton, and Spital Tongues have disappeared.

RELICS OF HISTORY.

We are told that in one of the Lodge sitting-rooms there might have been seen some handsome pieces of furniture, made of oak dredged out of the river Tyne, at a depth of twenty-feet below low-water mark. A souvenir of the battle of Waterloo was also to be seen in the form of a bugle, which was picked up on the field where the famous battle was fought, and not only fought, but won.

A GRAND EFFORT.

The prognostications which I ventured a few weeks ago in reference to the bazaar held in aid of the Whickham Church Chancel Improvement Fund have turned out correct. I now learn that the amount realised was £100 15s 1d, including an anonymous subscription of £5, which, together with the £16 realised by the supper and social gathering held in the workings of Axwell Colliery, through the kindness of Coun. and Mrs. R. Rutherford, brings the total up to £116 15s 1d. This speaks for itself. The Rector (the Rev. Arthur Allwork) in his monthly letter to his parishioners, through the agency of the Parish Magazine, says:—"The whole village is ringing with congratulations at the successful issue. All connected with it are receiving nothing but praise at the way in which it was managed and carried through, and never were praises more deservedly accorded." These are not idle sentiments, but solid facts, which can be verified, and I trust that the many well-wishers of our parish church will fully appreciate the improvements when they are duly carried out.

DELAYS AT FUNERALS.

For the guidance of those who do not secure a copy of the "Parish Magazine" I might mention that complaint is made about the unpunctuality of funerals, more especially those from Swalwell. It is said that on Sundays when there is less excuse for such delay, and punctuality is most important, the lateness of arrival is more marked than on any other day. There are so many engagements on Sundays that unless funerals are fairly punctual it is impossible for the Rector to take them without neglecting other duties. The notice goes on to state that, for the future, therefore, unless the funerals have arrived by a quarter-of-an-hour after the appointed hour, the service will have to be postponed. Personally I regret that our Rector has had cause for complaint, but frequently the delay arises through unforeseen circumstances. The hearse does not always arrive at the proper time, and the heavy bank leading to Whickham sometimes gives rise to delay. There are many causes responsible for the delay, but no doubt in the future those responsible will do their best to avoid a similar complaint. It is manifestly difficult to draw a hard and fast line in these cases.

CONSETT.

Miss Anna Griffith late of Hindley, near Wigan, and now Principal of Ainsdale Cottage, near Southport, has passed the recent examinations for Associates of the Royal College of Music, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is President, and gained the diploma of A.R.C.M. "with competent knowledge of harmony." Miss Griffith is a granddaughter of the late Rev. Thomas Griffith, many years ago Welsh Pastor at Consett, and of the late Mr. John Elliott, clerk to Consett Local Board.

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CAPTAIN LAMBTON'S HOME COMING

CORDIAL WELCOME AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Captain the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, the hero of Ladysmith, fresh from the enthusiasm of Portsmouth, and Windsor, and London, arrived on Tuesday afternoon in Chester-le-Street, and drove to the home of his forefathers at Lambton Castle. Here among the people who have known him all his years, the welcome that was given him was no less enthusiastic, no less cordial, than that contained in all the festivities of which the brave officer has recently been the centre. It was not known until about half past one o'clock, in Chester-le-Street, that he was to arrive so early, a message being received stating that he would come by the train reaching Chester-le-Street at 4.46 p.m. The news spread rapidly, and the inhabitants of the ancient city made up their minds on the moment, to give him a welcome worthy of his gallantry, and worthy also of themselves. It was but short notice they had; and, not anticipating so soon a coming, they had but little done in the way of decoration. But they rose bravely to the occasion, and, bringing forth all the resources of the place, made an exceedingly pretty display, so that the gallant captain, in his drive through the town, passed along an avenue of bright colour, and, better still, between ranks of warm-hearted inhabitants who cheered with all their lung power, and with all their hearts. It was, in its own small way a stirring scene, by which he to whom all Britain has been doing honour was unmistakably gratified.

The people had three or four hours in which to make their preparations, and in so brief a time they did wonders. Probably a good deal of the decoration was in readiness, and it was got out with quick despatch. One tradesman had given notice in his window that Captain Lambton was coming and he added, in black letters upon white paper, "Give him a hearty welcome." A placard in the neighbouring window bore the impromptu invitation "Welcome the 'handy man.'" A little further up, stretching across the front of a large shop, was a great inscription, white upon crimson ground—"Well done, Lambton"; and the people caught up the phrase, as one expressing their own sentiments, and echoed it everywhere. Chester-le-Street as most people know, is mainly one thoroughfare with shops upon either side of the great highway to the south. Because it is a hill, the people are, according to location, "upstreeters" and "down-streeters," and these appeared to rival each other in the outward evidence of their joy and their welcome. There was hardly a house without a flag of some sort from almost every window, and from the highest pinacles of many of the buildings there fluttered Union Jacks, and tri-colours or even bits of coloured cloth fastened upon sticks—anything to show that the people recognised and appreciated the brave deeds done by one of the house of Lambton. Happily, the weather was fair. Though rain threatened, it held off until the hurriedly-arranged reception was successfully over.

Chester-le-Street is not a big place, nor has it a very great population; but nearly all the inhabitants, apparently, turned out to witness the arrival, except those who secured excellent views from the windows. The old city—for it used to be the city—was crowded, up street and down street alike. On both sides of the steep thoroughfare the people stood closely, and the throng extended right away up to the station. Standing at the junction of the ways, one saw an attractive sight, especially looking down the slope, with its mass of spectators and its fluttering flags. Captain Lambton had travelled with the "Flying Scotsman"—the same train that bore the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Newcastle—as far as York, where he changed into the express that reaches Chester-le-Street at a quarter to five. He was accompanied by his brothers, Earl Durham and Major William Lambton, and by Lady Anne Lambton, his sister, who is Mayoress of Durham; and by Major Robert Cecil. At Durham, there was a small gathering upon the platform, but there was no demonstration. The train was a few minutes late at Chester-le-Street arriving just a little before five o'clock. The party travelled in a first-class carriage, and, upon alighting, were immediately recognised, and a cheer went up from the people on the platform, and was echoed lustily by the crowd outside, with much waving of handkerchiefs and hats and sticks. Shortly before the train arrived two carriages had been brought from Lambton Castle one open and the other closed. Into the former Captain Lambton entered with Earl Durham and Major William Lambton. Both officers were, of course, in mufti; but the Captain of the powerful, with his clean-shaven countenance, was readily identified even by those who did not know him; and the ovation was naturally enough, for him. The crowd surged after the carriage down to the main street of the town, cheering all the way; and, as soon as the carriage and its occupants were seen by the throng gathered on either side of the highway, the cheer was taken up there, and swept right down to the bridge at the foot of the hill. The hero of Ladysmith acknowledged the cordial salute of the multitude in the usual way, by raising his hat and bending his head. At the bottom of the hill the carriage turned to the right, on its way to Lambton Castle, and the people returned again to their ordinary avocations.

On Wednesday afternoon, at Lambton Castle, the tenants of the estate made a presentation to Captain Lambton, and on Thursday, during the festivities in Durham many of the shops and offices in Chester-le-Street were closed in order that the people might have the opportunity of sharing in the rejoicings in the Cathedral city.

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BLACKHILL.

PROPERTY SALE.—Mr. R. Flowers, auctioneer, Newcastle, offered for sale at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday afternoon, several lots of property, situate at Benfieldside and Shotley Bridge. The first lot consisted of four copyhold cottages with large yards and conveniences, being Nos. 82, 83, 84 85, Benfieldside Edge Road, let to four tenants at a gross rental of £47 9s per annum. Bidding commenced at £300 and was carried smartly up to £470, at which price it was withdrawn. The second lot consisted of a block of copyhold property situate in Durham Road, Blackhill, containing a dwelling house, grocer's shop, two cottages, butcher's shop and dwelling house attached, with ayrd in common, and conveniences, of a gross rental of £80 per annum. The first bid offered was one of £400, and the offers were gradually increased up to £650, at which sum the lot was withdrawn. The third lot consisted of two copyhold dwelling houses in Benfieldside Edge Road, each containing three rooms, scullery, with furnace pot and pantry, yard, and conveniences let at a gross rental of £20 16s, tenants paying the water rate. The first bid was one of £200, and only four more offers were made, the lot being withdrawn at £260. The fourth and last lot consisted of the freehold dwelling house, No 10, Summerhill, near Shotley Bridge Station, containing seven rooms, bath room, large yard and conveniences, let at an annual rental of £21. The bidding was started at £200 and taken on to £260, when the lot was withdrawn. Messrs Criddle and Criddle, Newcastle, were solicitors for the vendors.

LEADGATE.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—A new division of the order of Sons of Temperance, was instituted in the Wesleyan school-room, Front Street, Leadgate, on Saturday afternoon. The new branch will be called the "Endeavour" Division. The proceedings were conducted by the Grand Division officers of the Newcastle district, under the presidency of Bro. A. Richardson, G.W.P., of Blackhill, and were very successful. After the opening ceremony had been concluded, the following were elected the first officers of the newly-formed division:—W.P., Bro James Barron; W.A., Bro. Jos. Kell; R.S., Bro J. W. Bell; F.S., Bro. George Jopling; A.F.S., Bro. Wm. Hedley; Treasurer, Bro. Robert T. Kell; Chaplain, Bro. N. Phillipson; Con. Bro. Henry Robson; A.Con., Bro. Henry Bland; Sentinel, Bro. Jos Robson; and P.W.P., Bro. R. S. Iley. After the installation of the officers, addresses were delivered by Bro. Barron, W.P., and Bro. Wm. Scott, M.W. Chap., Winlaton, and Bro. Jas. Gibson, Newcastle, on behalf of the district, congratulating the division on its very auspicious commencement. A public tea followed in the school-room, which was well patronised. In the evening a public meeting was held, under the presidency of Bro. A. Richardson. The speakers were Bro. Richard Heslop, P.G.W.P., Newcastle, and Bro. Scott, whose remarks were very interesting, and elicited much applause. Music was supplied at intervals, the solos of Miss Mary Waters being greatly appreciated. The Leadgate Mission Band (who processioned the streets previous to the meeting) rendered selections in good style. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings, which were very successful throughout. We may mention that the capital of the Divisions in the district amount to £21,060, and the district also guarantees that all Divisions shall be worth at least 30/- per member.

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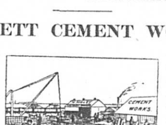

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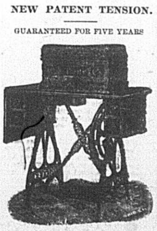

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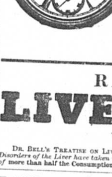

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It will be remembered that in our issue of April 27th we gave an article, accompanied by a plan, in reference to a public offer of small freehold estates between Blackhill and Shotley Bridge. The objects of the Northern Allotment Society were therein carefully described and need not now be enlarged upon. Anxious to ascertain the feeling of the district the Society called a public meeting, which was held in the Consett Town Hall on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance, the chair being taken by Mr. Joseph Dunn, of Annfield Plain, and those present including Mr. Joseph Wakinshaw, secretary; Mr. S. G. Ward, solicitor; Mr. James Scott (Messrs Watson and Scott, Newcastle), Surveyor; Messrs D. Ormerod, C. Davison, J. L. Watson, W. R. Jameson, T. A. Moffitt, R. Hisco, J. Eltringham, J. Davison, Anderson, G. T. Wilson, J. Williams, H. Davison, E. Lamb and others.

The Chairman said he had no practical acquaintance with the scheme and came there chiefly in search of information. He would therefore at once call upon the Secretary to make a statement.

Mr. Wakinshaw said he took it for granted that they all read the statement in the "Consett Guardian" and were familiar with the proposal. On behalf of the Company he might say that they would be prepared to afford any information in their power in relation to the proposal, and to answer any question. It seemed to him that the best thing he could do would be to go through the procedure involved in an estate like that. Although it might strike them as being a novel way of dealing with landed property there was nothing experimental from their point of view. They had done the same thing with half-a-dozen other estates, and were simply following an example which they had previously found to work out satisfactorily. The quantity of land they were prepared to offer was, as far as they at present knew, 89 acres. According to the Ordnance Survey they purchased 122¼ and had sold 33¼. Out of the remainder they expected four to six acres would be deducted for new roads. They proposed to reserve half-an-acre for public purposes, and half-an-acre for a quarry. So far as the Company was concerned they were prepared to surrender five acres, thus leaving 84 acres, and they further assumed there might be short acreage, and making allowances for everything they put the amount at 83 acres and the price at £100 per acre. That was the average price and any person applying that night, would, of course, not know as yet which particular acre of ground he would get. The proposal was to lay the estate out into allotments of one acre each or thereabouts. Mr. Scott had prepared a plan showing how it could be done, but they did not commit themselves to the plan; they merely submitted it as a proposition. They believed it to be the most economical way in which the estate could be laid out. They could make more roads but not less, but the object was not to let the estate with the object of crowding people upon it. In the event of sufficient applications the plan would be handed over to an independent valuer, who would be requested to apportion each lot up to a total of about £8,000. Having got the apportionment of the whole estate the purchasers would then have one of two courses—either mutual agreement or private competition. Each man could thus get the particular portion he wanted. The total amount of the purchase money might go beyond £8,000. No one could bid below par, so that whatever happened £8,000 was sure to be realised. If more than that was raised it would be a dividend among the purchasers, and would not go to the benefit of the vendors. That was briefly the outline of the procedure. If they found there was not sufficient demand for the estate within a fortnight, then the Company was under no obligation to proceed further.

Mr. H. Davison asked in what way the sewage would be dealt with?

Mr. Wakinshaw said the Company had made arrangements to sewer it to a certain point where it would become the duty of the Council. The Company would do the work, but it would be chargeable to the owners. They would act in the same way as the Councils.

Mr. Ward then read a draft agreement between the Shotley Bridge Estates Company Ltd., and the purchasers. He also read a summary of an agreement with Mr. Lewis Priestman as to certain land. Proceeding he said that assuming the sale went on it would no doubt be desirable that the purchasers should pass certain resolutions for the purpose of enabling them to carry out a mutual covenant as users. For that purpose he had drafted a copy of resolutions which he read to the Company. Replying to a question as to whether there was any part of the estate on the Lanchester Common Mr. Ward said with regard to that matter it had been very carefully investigated, and had not been absolutely identified, but the only claim made was for about six acres. With regard to the rest they had the ordinary common law right of compensation in the case of the surface being let down by colliery workings. As to the six acres a claim of 1/4½ had been made. They had not yet agreed to pay it, but that was what they charged.

Mr. Williams asked if the coal was worked out on this land?

Mr. Ward said they would have the right to compensation if it was let down.

Mr. Wakinshaw said the information was that the coal was worked out. That was the information given to him, and they must take it for what it was worth. He had never heard anything to the contrary.

Mr. C. Davison asked if it was freehold or copyhold?

Mr. Ward said it was entirely freehold.

Mr. J. Davison asked if a piece of the land could be sold for licensed purposes?

Mr. Wakinshaw said that matter would be left to the purchasers as a body. The majority could decide.

Mr. Scott explained that the purchasers entered into a mutual covenant, and determined the custom which was to exist.

Mr. Wakinshaw said they got Home Rule upon it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Ward referred to the practice on the East Denton estate, and said the Company would not dictate to the purchasers.

Mr. Wakinshaw said he had no doubt if a dozen or twenty men were to go on the property, occupy it and build upon it, they would speedily find the values increasing. If they did not it would be contrary to his experience. The first place they purchased they named Westerhope, after buying it for £40 an acre. It was four miles from any station and there was neither gas nor sewage arrangements. One of the land agents in the neighbourhood characterised their project as a wild one. Eight years ago he could have bought two acres of land for £95. He did not buy it because he did not want it. Last week when he did want it he could not get it under £350. He was quite sanguine that if a group of enterprising men went on to this property with its natural advantages they could make it "hum" within the next two years. He thought they might have faith, and make what was called a plunge.

Mr. Scott said it had just occurred to him that there might be gentlemen present who would like to be partners in a concern like that if there was a prospect of it going on. They might take it for granted that unless 50 acres were applied for neither the applicants nor the Company would consider it binding to go on.

Mr. H. Davison asked who would pay the legal charges for the purchase of an acre.

Mr. Ward explained that by a mutual understanding among the purchasers the charge would be reduced to a minimum. He thought about three guineas an acre all told would cover the cost.

After further remarks Mr. Wakinshaw moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and reminded the company that the offer would remain open for a fortnight. The property was not unmarketable as they had had more than one offer for the whole lot.

The vote was carried and acknowledged, and application forms having been handed round, the proceedings terminated.

TANTOBIE.

WOMEN'S BOX.—On Monday the annual tea of the members of the Women's Benefit Society was held at Mrs. Snowdon's Commercial Hotel. A good company was present, and an enoyable day was spent by all.

SMOKING CONCERT.—On Monday evening a few gentlemen assembled at Mrs. Snowdon's, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, and held a smoking concert in aid of the Indian Famine Fund. Coun. W. Holmes, J.P., presided and songs were sung by Messrs Weightman, Allen, Armstrong, and others while Mr. Webb supplied the accompaniments on the piano. The sum of 15/6 was collected and it was also resolved to canvass the village for subscriptions.

BLACKHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday last, the twenty-first anniversary of the above Church was celebrated when the Rev. A. H. Drysdale, M.A., of Morpeth, was the preacher for the occasion. There was a good attendance at both services, especially the evening, when the Church was quite full. At the morning service the rev. gentleman delivered a fine address to the children, and in the evening discoursed from the text, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." They were all sufficiently acquainted with the familiar proverb that "example was a teaching better than precept." They knew that however simple and reasonable a precept might be it was commended to them with peculiar force when they saw it drawn out in actual living characters. The only founder of a religion, so far as he was aware of, who was the perfect pattern and exemplar of his own religion was the Lord Jesus Christ. It was an easy thing for religionists to say, "Do as I teach you," but it was a different thing to be able to say, "Do as I do, be as I am." Now, Christ had left them an example that they should follow that pattern. Much had been said of late about the "mind of the Master" and about "what Jesus would do" under certain circumstances. They knew that it was very easy to imitate a person externally. The words commended to them here, however, were not the outward example, but "the mind" that was in Jesus Christ. There were many things which they had to do (and he said it with all reverence) which Jesus could not do. They had to retain sin, and there were several things which they had to do which Christ did not do, and there were many things which our Lord and Saviour did, but which they themselves dare not attempt to do, and further, the command in Scripture was not to do the things which he had done, but to "do as I do." They remembered for example that when our Lord would inculcate the lesson of humility he girded himself with a towel, and He acted the host toward the oriental guests, and He washed the disciples' feet, but He said, "I have done this unto you, not that you should do what I have done, but as I have done to you." They might outwardly imitate according to the very letter the things that Jesus did, and not be in any degree entering into the spirit or adopting his example or following his warning. Hence the text says they were not to follow Christ as their example, but rather "the mind" that was in Him. Now, this word "mind" in these modern days had always an intellectual sense. It referred to the intelligence, but as they found it in scripture it had a moral rather than an intellectual significance, and the word "mind" here was equivalent to our use of the word "disposition." They sometimes said, "I have a mind to do this," by which they meant, "I am disposed to do it." The word "mind" here referred to the spiritual and moral disposition. Let this disposition be in them as they saw it exemplified in Christ Jesus. Let him ask their devout attention for a little while on these three points:—(1) What is the mind? (2) how was this mind—this disposition exemplified in a large scope by Jesus Christ? (3) how this mind, being in Christ Jesus, should be a stimulus and an incentive to them and to him (the speaker) to have the same mind—it might not be the same degree, or according to the same sweetened extent, but the same kind of mind—the same quality of disposition—that was in their Lord and Saviour. The rev. gentleman continued:—First of all what is the mind that is here referred to? Let us look at the previous verse, "Look not every man on his own things but every man also on the things of others." Consider other people—consider their claims before your own, consider their requirements and how you can minister to them. Let this disposition be in you. Look not every man on his own things. Be not self-confined, be not self-centred. There was a way in which multitudes looked on the affairs of others, with no practical design, with mere curiosity. They look into the affairs of others not with the design of helping them but to gratify a prurient curiosity. That is not the mind that is here referred to. "Look not every man on his own things, but let every man have a regard for the things of others." Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves, but of course they are not. They were not to think anybody spiritually or in any way better than themselves if they were not; that would be false humility, that would be affected humility, so that what is meant here is, in lowliness of mind let each prefer the other to himself. Love their neighbours as themselves, just as themselves, nothing more, nothing less. They were pretty well all pre-disposed in their own favour rather than in the favour of other people. They were apt to think first of themselves and secondly of their neighbours. That was not loving their neighbours as themselves. He granted them it was a task. It was a very difficult thing to hold the balance evenly. To make the balance even they must regard others rather than themselves—give them the turn of advantage of the scale. They should prefer others in their interests and claims to themselves, and this needed great lowliness of disposition, and the two things that were opposed to lowliness of disposition were those of strife and vain-glory. Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory. They found people habitually acting and boasting that they acted in a spirit of partisanship. They choose a party and go for that party. That was doing things through strife or partisanship—they would sacrifice principle rather than party. He was not speaking of political parties or any other kind of parties here. They sacrificed scruples rather than interest. People desired to excel—was it that they desired to excel themselves or that they might excel other people? Rather the latter. Human nature was very anxious to be commended and very apt to do things to this end. To give subscriptions it might be in order that they might have the advantage of others being praised and gratified. It was a very difficult thing to lay down their own claims and their own interests and gracefully stoop down and lay aside something that belonged to them for the sake of others, giving them the turn of advantage, having the same love to others that they had to themselves, being of one accord, of one disposition. Let this disposition be in them as it was in Christ. Secondly, let them consider how this disposition was in Christ Jesus. Jesus existed in the condition of Godhead, yet they had the humbleness of mind given in the present rendering. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. He was entitled to do that; it was not robbery for him to assume equality with God. He did not regard his equality of condition of God as a something to be grasped at and retained. He was willing to forego it and to make Himself of low reputation; that is he emptied himself, and was not reputed in his outward condition to be on an equality with God. He emptied himself of that condition of equality because he was not thinking of his own things, he was thinking of the need and the mind of those He was going to help and lift and bless. He took upon himself the form of a servant—not His native condition, which was that of absolute and essential equality with the Father. This form which Christ took upon himself was a condition. Nowadays you heard the expression in connection with athletics. Young men who indulged in football were wont to say that so and so was in fine form, if a player has shewn exceptional brilliancy, meaning that the expression referring to the athlete's condition as opposed to his physical frame. To shew that He could carry out his great purpose Christ consented to humble himself and take up the position of servant and go through his work as a servant with obedience in Godly righteousness, for obedience unto death must have subjection. He therefore took upon himself the form or condition of a servant made in the likeness of man, for He might have been a servant and an angel. He might have been born in a palace, but being found in fashion as a man became as a workman, lived as a workman, and became subject to all the requirements of his conditions even unto death. There was a very distinguished man whom the Russian people almost worshipped, that was Peter the Great. Why did they call him Peter the Great? He thought of the vast territory and varied tribes of men over which he was Czar, some of them who were little better than barbarians. He felt it would be good for them to have some western ideas and western civilization. He denuded himself of his Czardom, but did not cease to be the Czar. He became a shipwright, came over to Woolwich, dressed as a common workman, laid aside his reputation for the sake of his people. It required a very great mind and a man of great power, force, and great self-sacrifice to do this, and so his name stands unequalled in the roll of the Czars of Russia. But this was a very small matter compared with what Christ himself did. How could they imitate an example like that? It seemed impossible, but just think for a little. They had seen a circle. They had seen a smaller circle—the smaller circle was perfectly even as the larger one in symmetry and every other point. They were not called to be as large as Jesus. In a very real and true way the very mind that was in Christ Jesus might also be found in them, and this was the way it was done, "Wherefore, my brethren, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." It was a privilege too to take hold of this salvation in its essence, its simplicity, and in all its fulness. They were to work it out into every thought of their mind—into every disposition of the nature, into every relation of their life, into every act and performance that they did. What was God's pleasure—it was that this mind which was in Christ Jesus should be found also in them. He was calling them to take hold of the great salvation which Christ had thus spiritually worked out for them. Let them take hold of it and work it out, and resolve not to go to Heaven alone, and not to share in the blessings alone; resolve to double their saving blessings by imparting them to others; resolve that they should feel no satisfaction in anything until the disposition that was in Christ was in some measure shewn in them, looking not everyone on his own things, but everyone also having a sacred regard to the claims and interests of others, and that the spirit of the Lord himself might incline us in some measure therefore to think and so to do.

The services were continued on Monday afternoon, when the Rev. J. Smyth-Wood, M.A., of Sunderland, delivered an able and eloquent sermon to a goodly congregation.

After the service a tea was held in the school-room, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, while the tables were beautified by an elaborate display of flowers. The school room was also utilised in the evening for the holding of a substantial supper. At both meals the numbers present were very large.

The following ladies presided at the tea and supper tables:—Mrs. Siddell, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Hogg, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Baillie, Miss Lumsden, Miss Jessie Richardson, Mrs. Jack, Miss Jack, Mrs. Wylie, Miss Walton, Miss S. Spence, Mrs. Dowson, Mrs. Bulman, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, and Mrs. Joseph Taylor.

After tea a meeting and concert were held in the Church when nearly every seat was occupied. The Rev. A. Baillie presided and was supported by the Rev. Richard Leach, Newcastle, and the Rev. A. Phimister, Newcastle, while among those present were Presbyterians from various parts of North-West Durham. After the singing of the 100th Psalm and prayer by the Rev. A. Phimister,

The Chairman said he was very pleased indeed to see so large a gathering. His first words, he thought, should be words of welcome to friends from other congregations who had come to support them and to show their sympathy with them in the work they were carrying on in that place as a Christian Church. They were after all but one Church although there were divisions. The Church catholic included all true churches and they as congregations were but as regiments in the one great army of the Lord. Each regiment was doing the work given it to do. He thought there was no reason why there should be any jealousy existing between the different denominations. When one Church was successful it ought to be a great joy to every other Church for it was the cause of Christ. It was the cause they had all at heart that was being promoted. They should wish each other all success in the great work given them to do. In the army now in South Africa there were brigades and regiments, but there was no jealousy between them. One regiment rejoiced at the prowess and victory of another. It was part of the army. The Union Jack waved over all and they as Christian Churches had one banner, and that was the banner of Christ. (Applause.) That was their Union Jack and under it they were fighting their battles. They had to fight against the principalities of vice and darkness. They were men of peace; they were servants of Him who was the Prince of Peace, but he thought it might not be out of the way for him to say that they all rejoiced at the news that had reached them that day from South Africa. Victories had been accomplished by splendid generalship and by magnificent bravery. Why did they rejoice? Not so much at the defeat or slaughter of the enemy, but because they hoped and believed that these victories were the harbinger of a near peace. They all prayed for that and hoped that a peace would be established which would continue for long. There was no doubt it would be well for the nations involved when the Union Jack waved over Pretoria. (Applause.) He hoped that day would soon come and put an end to all this terrible war and slaughter. (Hear, hear.) They were met that night to celebrate the 21st year, not of their congregational life, but of the history of the building in which they were assembled. It was not the congregation that had reached its majority for that was an event of the past. It was not their minister coming of age ecclesiastically, but it was that Church. They still persevered in calling it the new church, yet they had been there a long time however short it may have seemed. As to the congregation it was now about 43 years of age and had a very honourable beginning though a small one. They first commenced in Derwent Street, and they got a preacher appointed. So well pleased were they with the ministrations of Mr. Lauder that he received a permanent call. Progress was made by many worthy people who were not now with them. They gave liberally and they saw a way to proceed with the erection of that Church. They had worshipped there now for 21 years, and they had every accommodation for their work. The first turf was turned by one who took the deepest interest in the welfare of the Church, Mr. Andrew Annandale—(applause)—and then they came to the laying of the foundation stone by Miss Annandale, of Shotley Grove, and in due time the Church was opened. Some of them remembered that opening when the great Dr. Cairns, of Edinburgh, came and preached that magnificent sermon which could not be forgotten by any of them. The Rev. R. Leitch, as moderator, opened the Church and conducted the service. When they looked back they felt they had reason to be grateful to God for His great goodness. Their congregation had been a fluctuating one; they gained so many in the year and they gave so many away by removals to other places.

The Rev. R. Leitch said he had been told that Mr. Baillie's popularity was not waning but was increasing. They were there more to express their goodwill than to make speeches. Mr. Baillie had carried their minds back over 21 years, but he (Mr. Leitch) had told their pastor that he knew Blackhill before Mr. Baillie did, and perhaps before he knew there was such a place in existence. Mr. Baillie admitted it, and that showed his ignorance. (Laughter.) At the time of the opening of that Church he was moderator of the Presbytery of Newcastle. He had the privilege of preaching in the old Church, and he was sure no one rejoiced more heartily than he did when he entered that most beautiful church. He then addressed the audience briefly on the subject of Christian work. They were told that everyone of them could do something in the building up of the Church. Their friends in the choir did their part, the Sunday school teachers, the deacons, and the elders and so on, all could do their particular work. Mothers could do a great work in their home duties and Church work should be voluntary. The Chairman had referred to the war and he thought they might learn a lesson from the very great readiness with which their soldiers went forth as volunteers. Whatever opinion they might have of the war they as a Christian Church were engaged in a warfare which was in every way justifiable. The Prince of this world was invading the territories of the Prince of Peace. Their victories were bloodless, but they were nevertheless most glorious. The motive that should urge them on to Christian work was the life of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. A. Phimister said he had always derived pleasure and profit from their meetings at Blackhill. They had meetings there so often that it reminded him of the congregation which had four anniversaries every year and monthly collections once a fortnight. (Laughter.) He was delighted to be there when that beautiful church had attained its majority and he congratulated them. They had such a splendid view from outside that he thought their minister might send them away sometimes without a sermon. (Laughter.) On Sunday they had two sermons from his dear and honoured friend Mr. Drysdale, of Morpeth, and not satisfied with that they must have another sermon on Monday. Why, the people of Newcastle would not stand that, for if they opened out on a Monday nobody would come. They had had a good tea and after that meeting they were going to have a supper. That showed they had the digestive faculty. (Laughter.) Let Blackhill go on and flourish and their beloved pastor long be spared. Well they had just returned from the Synod at Manchester, and so good were they that the Moderator was able to let them away a whole day sooner than the Synod had ever been let away before. That was due to the fact that Dr. Watson ("Ian Maclaren") was essentially a man of peace. Long might he live to bear his laurels and win new glory both in the Church and in literature. Their friends in the Church of England were coming nearer and nearer to Presbyterianism for they had their diocesan councils which were simply synods. On the other hand they found similar work being carried on by Congregationalists. The Presbyterians were standing between the Congregationalists and the Episcopalians and were read to extend their hands and take them all in. (Laughter and applause.) He noticed they had a patron Saint. They were now called St. Andrew's of Blackhill. Let them endeavour to do what St. Andrew did. He was always bringing people to Jesus Christ. He brought his own brother Simon Peter. Let them try to bring somebody with them whenever they came to that sanctuary and so might St. Andrew's gain more success.' (Applause.)

Mr. J. T. Symington rendered the solo, "Nazareth," in soul-stirring manner, and was obliged to repeat part of the solo in response to the continued applause of the congregation. Miss Davison also contributed a solo.

The choir, under the conductorship of Mr Richardson, rendered several anthems, Mrs. Baillie ably presiding at the organ. The collections on Sunday were highly satisfactory, being largely in excess of previous occasions.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening, at the Board-room. Coun. H. Palmer, J.P. (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Couns. W. F. Lane, T. Keenleyside, J. W. Winter, G. Nicholson, C. Clegg, J. Costello, W. Robson, and H. Cheesmond; the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff.)

THE CHAIRMAN RETURNS THANKS.

The Chairman said, before proceeding with the ordinary business of the evening he wished to thank them very heartily for electing him as chairman for the current 12 months. He hoped that the coming year would be as satisfactory, pleasant, and prosperous as the year just past. He was very much obliged to them. (Hear, hear.)

THE APPROACH TO THE STATION.

The Chairman said he was sorry that he had not yet been able to arrange a meeting with Mr. Forsyth respecting the above matter. He was very sorry, as the matter had dragged longer than he liked. He hoped to have something definite to report at the next meeting.

The matter was carried forward.

BANTLING QUARRY.

Coun. G. Nicholson called attention to the above quarry, and said it was in a very dangerous condition indeed. If either a man or beast staggered over they would be killed. It was a matter that should have immediate attention. He thought the horses and carts and rails and posts should be at work at once.

Coun. Costello understood that the Annfield Plain Council had promised to look into the matter. It was very dangerous.

The Chairman said he could confirm what Coun. Nicholson and Costello had said. It was a really dangerous place.

Coun. Keenleyside: It is not our place to fence it.

Coun. Lane said the Annfield Plain Council were using it.

The Chairman understood that the fencing had been removed.

Coun. Keenleyside: Yes.

The Surveyor said that the Consett Iron Company put the fence next the highway. He had heard that they were busy getting gateposts made.

Coun. Costello moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the Clerk to the Annfield Plain Council pointing out the dangerous condition of the place, and asking for an early reply.

The motion was carried.

ROAD UNDER WATLING STREET BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Chas. A. Harrison, engineer to the North-Eastern Railway Company, stating that he had instructed his inspector, Mr M. Bone, to see the Surveyor respecting the repairs to the above road.

The Surveyor said he understood they were going to do the work.

The Chairman said it was quite evident that the Railway Company accepted the responsibility.

ASHPHALTING.

A letter was read from Mr. Hadfield, Sunderland, stating that he was sorry he could not quote a price for ashphalting at Leadgate, owing to having so many orders on hand.

Coun. Cheesmond asked if they had decided on ashphalting or cement?

The Chairman said they had decided for ashphalting.

Coun. Winter moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for doing the work in the two local and other papers.

This was seconded by Coun. Costello and agreed to.

A CURIOUS ANSWER.

With respect to the application of the Council to have the lists of voters placed in alphabetical order, a letter was read from Mr. R. Simey, stating that he did not know whether the County Council had the power to make the alteration as suggested, and asking whether the Clerk could point to any Act which gave them the power.

The Clerk said that he had replied to the effect that he could not point to any act which authorised the County Council to do this, but he explained that the County Council had made the previous alteration.

The matter was left over.

LIMESTONE.

With respect to an application from the Surveyor for limestone, Coun. Winter asked if there would be any saving if they got it broken?

The Surveyor replied in the negative. He said it cost 3s 10d per ton unbroken, and it cost 1s 9d to break it, which made a total of 5s 7d. To get it broken it would cost 6s. Then it employed a few old men in breaking it.

EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

A letter was read from the Tanfield School Board notifying that a conference was going to be held respecting defective and epileptic children, and asking the Council to send representatives.

It was agreed that Coun. Luke Nicholson and the Clerk should attend.

LOCAL INQUIRY.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Simey, pointing out that an inquiry would be held at Blackhall Mill next Monday regarding the proposal to make the river Derwent the boundary between the Blaydon and the Lanchester Councils.

The Chairman said that the Clerk would be attending the inquiry, and he suggested that Mr. Coupland represent them.

This was agreed to.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

A letter was read from the County Council anent this matter; and, on the motion of Coun. Winter, seconded by Coun. Costello, it was resolved that the Clerk should reply stating that plans were being prepared for the new sewage disposal works.

CHEQUES.

Cheques were signed for sums amounting to £115 10s 11d.

The Council then went into committee.

WESTWOOD.

BRASS BAND CONTEST AND SPORTS.—This popular event is fixed to take place on Saturday first, and, given fine weather, there should be a large attendance.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

On Tuesday evening an ordinary monthly meeting of the Tanfield School Board was held in the Council Chamber, Tanfield, under the presidency of Mr. H. C. Wood (chairman). There were also present—Messrs J. Green, J.P., Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., B. Mason, W. Bulmer, Rev. J. Thompson, W. Severs, M. G. Armstrong; Mr. W. H. Ritson (clerk), Mr. W. W. Thompson (deputy-clerk).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. S. Meddick, Attendance Officer, reported that since his last report he had made 40 visits to schools, 460 absentee visits, and reported 40 children to other officers. The attendance had considerably improved during the past month, the worst attendance being on the Friday afternoons. The average number of children on the registers over five years of age was 3,088; average attendance, 2,644; and the percentage of attendance, 85.6 per cent., which, if compared with last quarter, gave an increase of 17 in the average number on the registers, an increase of two in the average attendance, and a decrease of 0.4 in the percentage of attendance.

UNSATISFACTORY HOUSEKEEPERS: WANTS ONE MADE AT BRICKFLATS.

A man appeared before the Board to ask the permission to allow his daughter to leave school on the ground of his domestic circumstances. He said he had no wife, and had had three housekeepers, but declared he would have no more unless he got one made at the "brickflats," at which there was general laughter. The housekeepers had been very nice for a time.

The Chairman: I didn't know they made housekeeps at the brickflats. (Laughter.)

Rev. T. H. Archdall: Wonderful things are made now-a-days.

The Board resolved to grant the request on condition that he sent the girl to an evening continuation school.

The applicant said he would do that, and when he got married again he would send her to school again, and would invite all the members to have a cup of tea with him. (Laughter.)

APPOINTMENT OF A SCHOOL-MASTER.

On the motion of Rev. T. H. Archdall, seconded by Mr. W. Bulmer, Mr. A. Bolam, of Tanfield Central School, was appointed headmaster of Causey Board School.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The Chairman moved, in accordance with his motion on the agenda, that the salaries of some of the teachers be considered and increased. The Board had the question of some salaries of the teachers up a few weeks ago, and there was no definite resolution to do anything. He felt at that time and thought still that the whole question of the salaries of the teachers needed to be considered, and especially the headmasters wanted to have some little consideration at the hands of the Board generally, and the certificated assistant teachers, both male and female. They should be better classified than they were, and the scale needed to be improved with respect to them. He was either prepared to move on each case separately, or that there be a committee of the Board held to consider the whole question of salaries.

Mr. Archdall: I second the motion that a committee meeting be held to consider the question.

Father Thompson: They have not made application for any further advances.

The Chairman: Not since we had them before us and rejected them. But there was a feeling not against the advances, but because I rather objected to the advances being taken piecemeal, and that was my reason for voting against it. I move that a special meeting of the Board be held next Tuesday evening at Stanley to consider the scales of teachers, and to amend the same.

Mr. Archdall: I will second that.

Mr. Severs: I think it would be as well if the thing lie over. I am against an increase of salaries until we know how much we will get out of this new article that is coming out, and what the higher elementary schools are going to cost us. If they are going to cost us much I cannot see my way clear to vote for any advances.

The Chairman: If we cannot educate them with as little expense under the new as under the old regime that will be no argument against having the meeting.

Mr. Severs: No, certainly not.

Mr. Green: We want to know where we are going to with regard to the expenditure on the higher elementary education school.

Mr. Bulmer: Is it necessary to debate the question at all at this meeting?

The Chairman: No.

Mr. Severs: I expect the Chairman asked for an expression of opinion.

The motion was then caried.

MR. BULMER'S MOTION.

Mr. Bulmer moved that the salaries of the teachers be paid the same week as that on which the Board meeting was held, and at the time fixed. He thought that if a week elapsed after the salary had been worked for, it was too long for the teachers to wait. He thought the salaries should be paid not later than the Wednesday after the monthly meeting.

The Chairman: I quite agree with Mr. Bulmer that the salaries should not remain unpaid until the end of the week, but in some cases they were not paid until the following Tuesday.

Mr. Green: If Mr. Bulmer would amend his motion that the salaries be paid not later than Friday, it would be the unanimous decision of the Board.

The Chairman thought Mr. Ridley would not get the cheques until Thursday, and if they were paid on the Thursday it would be very quick.

Mr. Bulmer: I don't see there should be any difficulty. The treasurer knew that the salaries had to be paid, and he could not see why he could not have the cheques put into his hands that night, and in him arranging to pay the money by three o'clock on Wednesday afternoons.

The Chairman: You would not want the Clerk to go specially to put the cheques into his hands that night.

Mr. Archdall moved as an amendmnt, that the motion be substituted for the salaries to be paid on the Thursdays.

Mr. Bulmer: I am favourable to the Thursday, but will oppose the Fridays.

The Chairman: I think the teachers would be satisfied with the money being paid on the Thursday afternoons.

Mr. Bulmer: I see nothing to stop them from getting their salaries on the Thursdays.

The Chairman: It is impossible for the treasurer to go through all the schools in one day.

Mr. Bulmer: It is time the line was drawn, and it should be according to our decision. I will amend my motion that the salaries be paid not later than Thursday.

The Chairman: I will second the motion to get an amendment.

Mr. Severs: I don't think the treasurer could get round the schools in one day.

The Chairman: It is not a very small establishment. I think you are a bit tight, Mr. Bulmer, when you have taken the matter in hand. (Laughter.)

Mr. Bulmer: Well, but it requires me to be tight.

The Chairman: You must understand that the treasurer has been incapacitated for some time.

Mr. Bulmer: Yes, but has the treasurer got the cheques in time?

Mr. Ritson: The treasurer always gets the cheques on the Thursday mornings.

Mr. Bulmer: I will amend my motion to read that the salaries be paid not later than two o'clock on the Fridays.

The Chairman: Why two in preference to three?

Mr. Bulmer agreed to three o'clock instead of two.

Mr. Archdall seconded the motion, which was carried.

PRIZES FOR REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

It was resolved to give prizes to the scholars for regular attendance.

Mr. Bulmer moved that prizes be given to those children in the mixed schools who had made 400 attendances, and those infants whose attendances for the past year were 380.

Mr. Archdall moved that the attendances in all the schools be 400, excepting Pickering Nook, which should be 380.

After some conversation,

Mr. Bulmer amended his motion to read that the attendances be 400 in the mixed, and 380 in the infant schools, and that special information regarding the Pickering Nook, Causey, and other schools which had been closed owing to epidemics or alterations be obtained.

Mr. Archdall seconded the motion, which was carried.

TENDERS FOR PAINTING.

The tender of Messrs T. A. Waldy, painters, Newcastle, was accepted for the painting of Tanfield Lea, Tanfield, Pickering Nook, Causey, and Leazes Schools.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER.

The Chairman moved that Mrs. Clements be appointed caretaker of the Leazes Schools.—The motion was carried.

A COMPLAINT.

A letter was read from the Stanley Presbyterian Society complaining of the treatment of the caretaker of the Stanley Schools, when

The Chairman moved, and Mr. Archdall seconded, that the caretaker be asked to meet the Board on Tuesday next to give an explanation of the matter.

The motion was carried and the Board shortly after adjourned.

HEALEYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The first meeting of the newly elected Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Tuesday night in the Castleside School Room. There were present Mr. J. W. Golightly, Mr. W. Pattinson, Mr. A. Lowdon, the Clerk (Mr. J. Proud), and the head-master (Mr. T. Duckworth.)

The Clerk read the notice calling the meeting and asked for the appointment of a chairman pro tem.

On the motion of Mr. Lowdon, seconded by Mr. Pattinson, the Clerk was voted to the chair, and called for a nomination for the chairmanship

A LIVELY SPEECH.

Mr. Pattinson said he would like to say a few words prior to going on with the business. In the first place he would like to say he was pleased to learn that their friend Mr. Muse had returned from Edinburgh hale and hearty, and he had had the pleasure of seeing him, although he regretted he was not able to be with them that night. In the second place he had pleasure in welcoming their new member, Mr. Arthur Lowdon, whom he trusted would be actuated by the highest motives in the transaction of their business. In the third place he would like to say a word in reference to a note on the agenda respecting the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Elliott. All the world over Englishmen admired courage and hated cowardice in whatever form it might take. There never had been a time in the history of that Board when they had been faced with so many difficulties as they had to face that night and would have to face in the future. It would be patent to the Clerk and to Mr. Golightly that both the Rev. J. Wallis and Mr. Elliott gave their word of honour that they would not shrink from any difficulty. He found that for some reason best known to themselves one had failed to answer the roll-call, and the other had scuttled out after being nominated. He thought that was anything but honourable or gentlemanly on the part of their old members when they had to face an increased rate of 50 per cent. They must appoint a certificated mistress, they had the Education Department on their track, and the prospect of having to enlarge their premises. With those difficulties staring them in the face these two gentlemen had scuttled out. He believed their action might be traced to their action of three years ago. He knew they had violated the code, but the possibility was that they would not have been put into that position had different counsels prevailed. He did not cast any reflection upon their old chairman. He believed he did his best as a young man. Referring to Mr. Muse he said that gentleman was in touch with the Inspectors, and was a man of influence and standing in North West Durham. He thought if Mr. Muse had been in the chair they would not have been in the position they were in that night.

Mr. Golightly said he was not there to defend either Mr. Wallis or Mr. Elliott, but he hoped that Mr. Pattinson's statement would go forth as a personal statement, and not as one from that Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Pattinson said he asked permission to make a statement prior to the business being taken. He now moved that Mr. Muse be chairman for the next three years.

Mr. Lowdon seconded the motion.

Mr. Golightly asked if they had any assurance that Mr. Muse would take the position if appointed?

Mr. Pattinson said he would answer the question, but he did not wish to be tabooed in days to come or taunted that he had done any hole and corner work. He called upon Mr. Muse, who said that if it was the wish of the Board that he should act as Chairman he would be willing to do so.

The motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Lowdon moved that Mr. Pattinson be elected as vice-chairman.

Mr. Golightly asked if they were perfectly in order in appointing a vice-chairman in the absence of the chairman?

Mr. Proud: I think so.

Mr. Golightly said he only wanted to be perfectly sure that they were in order.

Mr. Proud said they were perfectly in order. There was nothing in the Act otherwise. They must have a chairman to preside over the meeting, and if the chairman was not present then they must have a vice.

Mr. Golightly said he fully realised his position. If he did not second the resolution there would be a block.

Mr. Pattinson said there need be no block. He would second the motion.

Mr. Golightly: Thank you. I have no wish to prevent the formation of this Board. I had no desire to cause a block, and would have seconded the motion.

Mr. Pattinson: I thought that you were not prepared to second it.

Mr. Golightly: I only said I realised my position that if I did not do so there would be a block.

The motion was then carried, and Mr. Pattinson took the chair. He said he could scarcely say he thanked them for the honour, but he would say he was prepared to do his duty, as he had hitherto done to the best of his knowledge, and he would be prepared to help Mr. Muse, whom he trusted would be restored to his wonted health. It had been hinted that seeing he (Mr. Pattinson,) lived outside the parish he would not be interested, and it would matter little to him how the rates were spent. He challenged anyone to lay a figure on one item to show that he had encouraged expenditure during the 12 years he had been a member of the Board. He would as far as possible husband the funds of the ratepayers, and would not lavishly spend one penny or aid anyone else in doing so. Those who had fears could lay them aside for he would do his best for the ratepayers—the school first, and the ratepayers second. He thought that was the duty of the Board. He then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Golightly for the very able manner in which he acted as chairman during the previous three years.

Mr. Golightly said he accepted the chairman's remarks with thanks.

THE VACANCY.

Mr. Golightly said he accepted

Mr. Golightly said he took it that it would be the duty of that Board to elect a member to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman suggested that they should meet in a fortnight for that purpose. Mr. Muse had promised his doctor not to do anything for a fortnight, and by that time he might be present. He moved that it be adjourned until May 24th.

Mr. Golightly seconded the motion which, after a short discussion, was agreed to.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. Walton reported that the attendance during the month had been fairly good. He had served notices in the cases of irregular attenders.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. Duckworth reported that the number of boys on the roll was 94, and girls 100. The average attendance was 170 and the percentage 87. In the infants the percentage was 41. Mr. Crompton, her Majesty's Inspector, visited the school, and asked for full particulars as to dismissed children residing outside the Board's area. He regretted the cause of their dismissal as it was likely to retard the prosperity of the school if it did not interfere with the efficiency, especially as the School had now reached a much more satisfactory position. The parents on Consett Road had petitioned to have their children sent to Castleside. The school was progressing satisfactorily.

EPILEPTIC CHILDREN.

The Chairman and the Clerk were appointed to attend the Conference promoted by the Tanfield School Board respecting defective and epileptic children.

CHEQUES.

Cheques amounting to £55 having been passed for payment, the meeting terminated.

SWALWELL.

THE CUCKOO.—The welcome notes of the cuckoo were heard at Swalwell on Thursday last, in the vicinity of Axwell Park. The corncrake may now also be heard in many places.

DUNSTON.

A WORTHY OBJECT.—On Saturday evening the Dunston Board Schools were crowded with a large and appreciative audience on the occasion of a most successful entertainment in behalf of the Haswell Moor aged miner's homes. The chair was taken by Mr. D. Davies, while Mr. J. A. Dixon occupied the vice-chair. The programme, which was an attractive one, was rendered by members of the Victoria Road (Teams) P.M. Junior Endeavour Class and consisted of songs, quartettes, recitations, duets, and an admirable minstrel entertainment, etc. The efforts of the young performers were much appreciated as was evidenced by the frequent outbursts of applause. The gathering was addressed by Mr. J. Johnson (miner's agent), Coun. R. Thubron, and also the chairman and vice-chairman. A good sum was realised, and the promoters have every reason to be gratified at the spontaneous response towards such a worthy object.

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Leadgate.

LANCHESTER COMMON ACT.—A meeting of ratepayers interested in the above will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Thursday night next, at 7.30, to consider what position shall be taken up with respect to the rate granted at Quarter Sessions.

CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.—Buff Bill and Boss Baker's circus and menagerie will visit Leadgate to-night (Thursday) and to-morrow (Friday), on the Football Field. The show will be at Consett on Saturday night. The company is a good all-round one, and well worthy of a visit. It has given great satisfaction at Dipton where it was last located.

Quebec

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this association will be held in the National Schools at Quebec on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. At 5.30 the delegates will be entertained to tea and a smoking concert will follow at seven o'clock, with Mr. J. D. Piercey-Taylor-Smith in the chair. All Conservatives and Unionists are invited to attend.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

ALDERSON—BURNS.—At Stanhope, on the 9th inst. at the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. R. Huddlestone, Mr. Christopher Alderson, Stanhope, to Miss Jane Burns, daughter of Mr. Wm. Burns, Rose Terrace, Stanhope.

FRANKS—DEFTY.—At Holy Trinity Church Wingate May 5th, 1850, by the Rev. I. N. V. Boydell, George Franks, to Eleanor, fifth daughter of Henry and Ann Defty, of Wingate, present address, Hawthorn Lodge, Ovingham-on-Tyne, Northumberland. Golden wedding.

Deaths.

ANDERSON.—Elm Park, Shotley Bridge, 4th inst., Annie, daughter of James W. and Mary I. Anderson.

BROWN.—Pelton Fell, 26, James Street, on 1st May, aged 56 years, Richard, husband of Mary Ann Brown.

CANT.—113, Durham Road, Blackhill, George Cant, beloved husband of Mary Cant, aged 40 years. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery at 3 p.m., May 12th. Friends please accept this intimation; also the members of the Derwent Valley Lodge Mechanics Friendly Society are requested to attend; the cortege to meet in Durham Road.

DIXON.—Armond Carr Farm, Tow Law, May 3rd, aged 65 years, Rebecca, beloved wife of the late John Dixon. Interred at Satley.

DRUMMOND.—Bridge Street, Tow Law, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Annie Drummond, daughter of late Thomas Hall, butcher, aged 37.

HUNTER.—Springwell Cottage, Sacriston, May 7th, William Bourn, son of Edward Ivison and Sarah Hunter, aged 6 years.

LEIGHTON.—Stella Staith, on 3rd May, aged 79 years, John, husband of Sarah Leighton.

LILLIE.—High Spen, 7th inst., aged 3 months, Henry Waterloo, son of James and Jane Lillie.

MARSHALL.—Pelton Village, 7th inst., aged 64, Ann, widow of the late William Marshall, Urpeth Colliery.

MOORE.—Tanfield Lea, 3rd inst., aged one year and 10 months, Mary Isabella, daughter of George and Mary Ellen Moore.

SMITH.—Leadgate, Black Bull Inn, on the 3rd inst., aged 44 years, William, husband of Judith Smith.

TODD.—Greenside, Ryton-on-Tyne May 8th, aged 79, Elizabeth Spencer, widow of the late William Todd, farmer.

TODD.—At Club Row, Pelton Fell, 8th inst., aged 59, Mary, wife of John Todd.

VICKERS.—At Stanhope, on the 4th inst., Mrs. Abigal Vickers, wife of Joseph Vickers, West Terrace.

In loving memory of our dear uncle, Featherstone Moses, who died May 9th, 1899, at the Butts, Stanhope.

Another year has gone, but still we miss him
Never shall his memory fade,
Loving thoughts shall ever linger,
Around the spot where he is laid.

In loving memory of our dear mother, beloved wife of Matthew Bell, who departed this life, May 8th, 1899.

Farewell, farewell, O mother dear,
In silent grief we drop a tear.
Our grief was great when you were gone,
But we shall meet you in the morn.

Ever remembered by husband and sorrowing family.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Wigham, Allendale Cottages, wife of Edward Wigham, who died April 29th, 1899, aged 15 years.

Ever remembered by husband and family.

In loving memory of John, the beloved husband of Mary Ann (Pollie) Walker, late of Bradley Cottages, who died on May 12th, 1895.

Afflictions sore long time he bore,
Physicians were in vain;
Till God did please to give him ease,
And freed him from his pain.

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