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JACK RANDALL AND JACK MARTIN.

This fight came off at Crawley Downs, on the 4th of May, 1819.

ROUND 1. Upon the combatants meeting at the scratch, the fine condition of Martin claimed the peculiar attention of the amateurs. The human frame could not possibly have attained a higher degree of perfection. He wore elastic drawers, and, from his hips downward, the symmetry was so complete that a sculptor could not have wished for a finer model. Randall was equally prime, but from comparison of height and weight the chance appeared against him, if it had rested upon these points. Reports had gone abroad that Martin meant to risk his fortune in the first two or three rounds; also that Randall could not bear punishment, and the baker was determined to smash him on the outset. The confidence of Martin rather alarmed a few of the amateurs, but the steady calculators were not to be moved; and the recollection that Randall had won eleven battles in succession—that he had never been defeated—and he had likewise gained a victory over the skilful Turner, heightened their opinion, and induced them to lay it on thicker. The vast multitude seemed in breathless suspense on the men assuming their attitudes, and every ogle was on the stretch for the attack. Martin was cautious, and some time passed in sparring for an opportunity to make a hit, when he at length let fly with his right hand, which reached his opponent's body slightly. Randall made a hit, but the baker's length of arm stopped it, when the latter, in endeavouring to make a return, received a one two on the right and left side of his face, which instantly created a pinky appearance. Long sparring occurred, and both on the look out to obtain a favourable opportunity. Martin made a hit, but Randall got away in style; when the latter was not long in planting a blow on the body. Counter-hits took place, and Martin, rather encouraged from this circumstance, pursued Randall to the corner of the ropes. The Nonpareil, as heretofore, when placed in this perilous situation, extricated himself with all the promptness of a Wellington. He put in two facers, and Martin went staggering away, the claret issuing from his mouth. He now raised himself upon his toes, when Randall, finding that the length of the baker was not yet practicable to get over, planted a severe bodier. Martin went to work, and in closing, some sharp blows passed, and both went down, but Martin uppermost.

2. Randall's left ear was slightly bleeding from the last encounter. Martin made a hit on Randall's shoulder, and he also stopped the latter in making a return. Randall, however, was not long in putting in a bodier that left the marks of his fingers as strongly imprinted as if they had been painted with vermilion. In closing, the Nonpareil fibbed Martin severely; but the baker obtained the throw, and was uppermost.

3. Martin made a good nobber, and smiled at the event, but it was only temporary. Randall put in some body blows with great dexterity, which affected the wind of Martin, and, in closing, he not only fibbed his opponent tremendously, but fell upon him.

4. Martin's face was bleeding and flushed all over, and distress was coming fast upon him. He, however, made a hit, which was stopped, when Randall, like lightning, put in so severe a facer that his head went with great force against the stakes. He appeared quite stunned, but did not go down, and came up tottering to fight with his opponent. In closing, he again received heavily, and was undermost.

5. The upper crust of the baker was now cracked, and Randall went in sharply to gain another point, adding more punishment, but in closing he was undermost.

6. Martin got away from a tremendous hit, and some long sparring occurred. This was a severe round, but Martin was knocked down, and Randall fell heavily upon him.

7. The Nonpareil had now commenced his work, and satisfied the amateurs that he meant to finish it as his leisure; he had "got him," as it is termed. This was a short round, when Randall again spoiled the upper-crust and got his opponent down.

8. The face of Martin was not only red, but his mouth appeared full of claret. He made a hit, but Randall got away; he, however, again pursued him to the ropes, when Randall hit him on the right eye, and he went staggering away. Some struggling took place for the throw, but Randall got Martin down.

9. Martin sparred a short time, seemed tired, and endeavoured to pull up his drawers; when Randall was going in to mill the baker smiled, and soon prepared for action. In closing, Randall threw his opponent.

10. Martin slipped from a hit, but he received such nobbers, and appeared so bothered, that it was observed the Master of the Rolls had mistaken his place, and got into the Court of Chancery. Randall fell very heavily upon his opponent.

11. It was evident that Martin could not gain a single point to change the battle in the slightest degree towards victory. He received a dreadful blow in the wind, and Randall got away from nearly all his blows. The fibbing system was also again renewed with severity, and Martin was thrown.

12. Randall put in such tremendous hits, that in struggling Martin fell down exhausted.

13. This was a short round, and Martin was hit as he was going down in the struggle for the throw. "Foul, foul," was loudly vociferated; and it might perhaps have appeared so to those persons at a distance from the ring, but the umpires, who were close to the ropes, and watched every movement, declared it to be fair.

14. Another dreadful bodier was put in by Randall, and Martin went in rather furious, but he was knocked down.

15. The talent for serving out, and improving the chance towards victory, exhibited by Randall in this round, electrified all the spectators, and astonished the most experienced and accomplished pugilists on the ground, for in the very short space of time that Martin was falling to the ground from struggling, Randall planted three tremendous blows upon him.

16. Martin still kept fighting, and this was a sharp round, but he was hit staggering away both on the head and body.

17. Martin determined to try it on, and broke away from a close. Some exchanges took place, but he was hit down severely.

18. It was all up; the dead man's chance was now floored, and Martin was hit so severely that he fell upon his face. A guinea to a shilling was offered, but no takers.

19 and last. It was doubtful whether Martin could come again. He did, however, appear at the scratch, in a most terrible state, but it was only to be floored *sans ceremonie*. The fight occupied 49 minutes and 10 seconds.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

A DRAW AT BLACKFINE.

Bishop Auckland managed to draw with Consett and District last Saturday. The match was played on the Consett enclosure, a large number of people being present. Consett played the same eleven as that which overcame Chester-le-Street, the week before. The homesters were fortunate in winning the toss, and elected to bat, Siddell and Richardson scoring 77 before being separated. The former, who was unwell, contributed 24, making his average 41 for three games. Walton failed to add a run, and Martin could only obtain a single. Captain Godfrey, however, made a better stand, and the century was hoisted, before the fourth wicket fell, Richardson being caught by Forster. Lambert reached double figures, and the innings was declared closed for 155, the not-outs being Lindsay and Carlill, Grey having to bat. Auckland commenced their innings at 4-30, their task of scoring 155 in an hour and a half having the appearance of being a very arduous one. Hirst and Robinson opened the innings, but 10 runs had only been registered, when the former was clean bowled by Godfrey. Lodge, the famous footballer, took the place of Hirst, and succeeded in knocking off seven runs. The only batsmen to give any trouble were Robinson and Milner, the latter being not out for 12. Arrangements had been made to have the stumps drawn at six o'clock, and it was within four minutes of that hour, when the last Auckland batsman went in. The batsmen maintained their stumps intact until the hour arranged upon, and the game ended in a draw, much in favour of the Consett men. Had the homesters "declared" at four o'clock, they would have won comfortably.

THE HOME BATTING.

Richardson was the best batsman on the Consett side, obtaining 66 in a comparatively short time. He twice during his fine innings drove the Auckland bowlers into the adjoining field, and secured numerous boundary hits. He gave a couple of chances, Dowson and Lodge muddling a fine catch when his contribution stood at 45. Both the Auckland players ran for the ball, but it ultimately reached the ground, to the delight of the home supporters. The second opportunity Richardson afforded the visitors of bringing about his dismissal was when he had scored forty-nine. Hirst caught the ball, but failed to hold it, and the Consett batsman reached the half-century amid applause. His score, on the whole, was well deserved, and during his stay at the wickets he exhibited some vigorous cricket. Siddell batted well for 24, his innings including several boundary hits. Jake has scored 123 runs this season, his average for the first three games reaching the respectable figure of 41. Godfrey's contribution numbered twenty-three, which is the highest he has obtained this season. Tom Lambert reached double figures, his innings including a couple of three hits. Wood batted carefully for seven, the only men to further trouble the bowlers being Lindsay and Carlill, who obtained six and five respectively. The innings concluded for the handsome total of 155 for nine wickets.

THE FIELDING.

The fielding on Consett side was very good, Walton being the most conspicuous. He was several times applauded by the spectators, and never allowed a chance to be lost. He made a fine catch, and just missed another, the ball striking the top of his fingers. Lambert was, as usual, in fine form behind the wickets. H. Forster was the best fielder on the visiting eleven.

CONSETT'S BOWLING.

Richardson was the most successful trundler on the home side, capturing three wickets for four runs, bowling altogether seven overs, two of which were maidens. Wood, who only bowled a couple of overs, secured a wicket for five runs, Martin's average being 14. Taking into consideration that the Consett professional bowled five maiden overs, all against the wind, his performance is very creditable. Captain Godfrey bowled eighteen overs, seven being maidens. He took three wickets for thirty-two runs, or an average of 10·6 per wicket.

AUCKLAND'S DISPLAY.

Auckland's display with the willow was a very feeble one, the only batsmen to reach double figures being Robinson and Milner, who obtained sixteen and twelve. Hirst was expected to offer stubborn opposition, but, before the expiration of Godfrey's second over, he was bowled by the home skipper, having scored six. Lodge and W. Forster, whose career on the football field is not unknown, played well, but Jimmy Brown only performed moderately. Pattinson was the most destructive bowler on the visiting eleven, obtaining five wickets for forty runs. Hirst captured a wicket for forty-seven runs, and both Brown and Lodge proved expensive, the joint number of runs scored against them being fifty-six for two wickets. The Aucklanders were very lucky in making a draw, as they were ninety-two runs behind, with only one batsman to fall. Tudhoe meet the District at Blackfine, on Saturday, when a grand game is sure to be witnessed.

A NARROW DEFEAT FOR TOW LAW.

Tow Law and Malton met on the ground of the latter Club, on Saturday afternoon. Neither team appeared to be in excellent form, and only Simpson (Tow Law) attained double figures. Had it not been for the contribution made by the last-named player, the visitors would have presented a sorry spectacle, and been beaten by more than two to one. Thanks, however, to his brilliant display, Tow Law were only worsted by the narrow margin of six runs. The fall of Nattrass and Moralee for a "duck" and two runs respectively was disheartening to the whole team, but continued and painstaking practice will do much to improve the play of both elevens. Race and Grainger were the highest scorers for their side, obtaining nine and nine, not out, respectively. Carr, Simpson, and Hildreth each managed to secure wickets for Tow Law, the first-named being signally successful. Ramsey, however, did the greatest execution with the leather, himself securing no less than seven of the visitors' wickets. The fielding of the Tow Law eleven, largely owing to want of practice, was not by any means up to the mark. No less than fourteen byes were registered against them. I shall look for a more brilliant display on both sides when the teams again meet later in the season.

A CLOSE GAME AT BENWELL.

Medomsley opened their season on Saturday by meeting the Benwell eleven on the latter's ground. Four of the home team secured double figures, namely, F. Pittington (14), W. Willets (13), Caisley (10), and Denham (10). Medomsley did not on the whole give a very brilliant display, and the verdict was obtained by the prowess of two batsmen, R. Charlton and T. D. Dales, who made more than half a century between them. Denham and Harvey obtained the best results in bowling for the homesters, whilst Dales and Robinson shared the honours for the visitors—in somewhat unequal proportion, however, Dales having the best average.

WARDLEY V. SPEN COLLIERY.

The newly-formed club at Spen Colliery visited Wardley on Saturday, but had to return home beaten by five runs. Neither side did anything sensational in the batting line, save that Mr "Extras" was responsible for 11 runs on behalf of Spen. M. H. Brown played very nicely for his 12 runs for Wardley.

MEDOMSLEY II. BEATEN.

Medomsley II. met the Castrians (Newcastle), on Saturday, and were defeated by the narrow margin of eleven runs. The highest scorer for the victors, and the only one who recorded double figures, was Sparke, who scored eleven runs. The same total was reached by two players in the home team, namely, Murphy and Brown. Thompson was very effective with the leather, obtaining six of the Newcastle wickets.

BLACKHALL MILL V. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

These two old rivals engaged in a friendly match, on the ground of the former. The visitors went to the wickets first, and compiled a total of 57. The chief contributors to this score were S. Leadbitter (11), J. K. Annandale (9), J. R. Surtees (9), and J. Postle (8). The remainder could do nothing with the deliveries of J. Wood and the veteran, Mason. On the home team wielding the willow, they soon lost two wickets for five runs, but, on Taylor joining Embleton, they completely collared the bowling, and raised the total to 34 before Embleton (13) retired. Lonsdale helped Taylor to carry the score to 74, when the latter was brilliantly caught behind the wicket by Postle for 28. W. Wood shaped well for 10, and, the rest doing very little, the total reached 76. The fielding of both sides was rather slack, but J. W. Forster fielded exceedingly well at point. J. Seed, who, like J. Wood, was bowling against a strong wind, trundled in very good style, and captured six wickets. An exceedingly pleasant game ended in a win for the home team by 19 runs.

PICKERING NOOK BOARD V. SOUTHWICK BOARD.

A correspondent sends the following.—These teams met at Jarrow, on the Monkton ground, before 1,000 spectators. A high wind prevailed, which marred good play. The Nookites won the toss, and kicked with the wind and advantage of hill. Southwick kicked off, but the Nookites pressed, Fenwick skimming the bar. From the goal-kick, Gladders (left back), sent in a huge kick, which sailed beautifully through, and scored for the Nook within five minutes. The game was very fast. The Nookites tried hard to increase their score, but failed. Randall, who was never seen to play such a grand game, was badly fouled. A penalty ought to have been allowed. He had dribbled three-parts of the ground, and had only the goal-keeper to beat, when the backs tripped him. Forster took the kick, but the ball went through without anyone touching it. When the interval arrived, the Nookites were leading one to nil. On resuming, Southwick took up the running, and pressed severely, but could not get through, Hallam in goal, being quite a treat. On one occasion, he saved in a marvellous fashion, the ball being returned on three occasions and got away. After this the Southwick lads began to fall away, and the Nook lads held them well in, check and came very near scoring. On the signal being given to stop play, a big cheer went up for the country lads, who won a hard fight by one to nil. This is the first occasion Southwick has been beaten, while Pickering Nook's record is still unbeaten. The winners meet Jarrow Hibs in the final. I may point out that the Nook have played 21 games, won 21, scored 126 to 14, while Jarrow have played 19, won 18, drawn 1, and scored 134 to 10.

FINAL FOR SAMBOTTEE CUP.

The final for the above will be played at Monkton, on Saturday. Teams:—Pickering Nook—Hallam, Forster, Gladders, Huggins, Davison, Clark, Buglas, Hardy, Randall, Hindhaugh, and Trewick. Jarrow Hibs—T. Barnwell, P. McLarney, A. Ferguson, T. White, L. O'Brien, P. McLaughlin, C. Duffy, T. Laffey, M. Curran, J. Husband, and T. Noon.

PICKERING NOOK BOYS

visited Monkton, on Saturday, and vanquished the Southwick Board School after a tough struggle by one goal to nil, the goal being scored by one of the full backs within five minutes of the start. The Nook are a clever set of lads, having gone right through the season without tasting defeat. Their performance is deserving of practical recognition.

FOOTBALL AT TANTOBIE.

The following is the record of the Tantobie Co-operators Football Club during the season just concluded:—First team—Played 28, won 13, drawn 3, lost 12, goals for 55, against 55. Second team—Played 11, won 5, drawn 5, lost 1, goals for 24, against 12. Wednesday team—Played 7, won 2, drawn 1, lost 4, goals for 16, against 18.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

Several interesting matches were decided on Saturday in connection with the above League, and some big scoring was witnessed. Norton whacked Philadelphia to the tune of nearly four runs to one. Reg. Williams topped the batting list with a dashing 87, and J. F. Whitwell exceeded the half-century. W. F. Whitwell, the ex-skipper of the county team, captured six wickets at very small expense, and H. S. Crosby also bowled well. Durham City were fortunate in only obtaining a draw against Tudhoe. Batting first, the "Cits" scored 199 for four wickets, the chief scorers being Tom Hutton (not out, 71), Hoar (62), and Canon Firth (40). Tudhoe responded by scoring 40 for four wickets. Gregory scored 16.

CRICKET AND FOOTBALL MEMS.

Robinson, the Derby County goalkeeper, has created a sensation by signing on for New Brighton.

Notts cricketers have found two promising recruits in Dench and Mason. The former is a very promising bowler, and Mason is a steady batsman.

Bobby Abel has again scored the first century in first-class cricket. Good old "Guvnor!"

C. L. Townsend is showing some excellent bowling.

A. N. Hornby is as lively as the proverbial kitten, and as keen on cricket as ever he was. There are too few sportsmen like the old Lancastrian.

Bedale and District Eighteen surprised the champion County team by conquering them by a wicket. The finish was intensely exciting.

Sunderland footballers next season will be very different to last. Many familiar faces will be missed. Even the matchless Donald Gow and the renowned Johnny Campbell have had to go.

Blyth Football Club concluded the season with a debt of £100.

Schofield Haigh will be heard of in the Yorkshire ranks during the summer months.

BIG SCORING AT SHOTLEY SPA.

Shotley Bridge II piled up 125 runs against Blackhall Mill II at Shotley on Saturday. This is well worthy of note, establishing an excellent precedent in second eleven matches. The highest scorers were R. Gorman (30), Lishman (28), and Clark (17). The display made by the visitors was indeed poor, not one attaining double figures. Moody (8) was the highest scorer. The Blackhall Mill bowling was much below par, but Clark and Hope did capitally for Shotley Bridge.

DURHAM AMATEUR CUP WINNERS.

On Tuesday evening last, at the Red Lion Hotel, Birtley, the Birtley eleven and a few friends were entertained to a supper provided by Mr and Mrs Innes. The splendid repast was done full justice to, and reflected credit upon the hostess for the admirable way in which it was arranged. After the removal of the cloth Mr Hobson was voted to the chair, and in his remarks said he would rather be a footballer than a carver as he had been that night. He ultimately called upon Mr Stoker to make the presentation of medals to the team, who had won the Durham Amateur Cup. Mr Stoker in a few chosen remarks said he was pleased to see the Cup there that night, as he had often wished to see it at Birtley, and the team who had won had his hearty congratulations for their performance. Commenting on the play of the team at the beginning of the season, he was glad to find that the selfish play which seemed to predominate then, had entirely died away; the players worked more together, and it was to that spirit of union and unselfishness, that they owed their present position in being holders of a cup such as was before him. The players who took part in the final at Jarrow were then presented with medals. The team's record for the season reads as follows:—played 40, won 22, drawn 6, lost 12. In the Amateur Cup ties 7 were played, 6 won, 1 drawn, and 27 goals scored against 4.

ANNFIELD PLAIN A.F.C.

Annfield Plain Celtic have just ended a successful season, carrying off the Tyneside League championship. It is a highly creditable performance of the Celts to carry off the cup and gold medals during their first season in the League. The following is their record:—

	Goals		Goals
Celts	5	Wolsingham	2
Hexham	4	Celts	1
Celts	5	Gateshead	2
*Celts	2	Axwell	1
Celts	4	Wallsend Celtic	2
*Celts	5	Ouston	2
Prudhoe	1	Celts	2
*Stanley	6	Celts	1
Wallsend Celtic	1	Celts	1
Willington	2	Celts	1
Heaton	0	Celts	1
Celts	1	Leadgate Exiles	2
Celts	5	Brandon	0
Dipton	2	Celts	1
*Celts	0	Axwell	3
Celts	2	Shotley	1
Celts	6	Heaton	1
Mickley	2	Celts	0
Bill Quay	2	Celts	2
Hobson	1	Celts	1
Wardley	2	Celts	2
Celts	2	Mickley	1
Celts	2	Prudhoe	0
Celts	1	Wallsend Park	0
Consett Swifts	2	Celts	4
Wallsend Park	1	Celts	3
Celts	7	Bill Quay	0
Celts	0	Hobson	0
Celts	3	Wardley	1

DERWENTWATER.

FOOTBALL.

SAMBOTEE CUP.

SOUTHWICK BOARD v. PICKERING NOOK.

Played at Monkton. Southwick kicked off, but Pickering Nook, with the wind, immediately pressed. After about five minutes' play, the Nook right back scored. Southwick then pressed, but could not score. Pickering Nook then got down, and had hard lines in not scoring, the ball striking the cross-bar. The Nook again had a shot, which went over the bar, but a great deal of argument ensued amongst the spectators as to whether it went under or over. Half-time:—

Pickering Nook .... 1 goal
Southwick Board .... Nil

The second half commenced with Southwick pressing. After they had received a corner, three shots were put in, two of them striking the cross-bar, and the other being saved by the goalkeeper. Southwick Board had hard lines near the finish, but could not penetrate the Nook defence. Final:—

PICKERING NOOK .... 1 goal
SOUTHWICK BOARD .... Nil

N.E.R. MINERAL v. N.E.R. LOCOMOTIVE.—To be played on the Celts' ground on Saturday. Teams:—Mineral—Goal, W Black; backs, J G Moore and W Richardson; half-backs, W Watchman, W Humphrey, and T Eltringham; forwards, J Stephenson, G Brown, W Dodds, J G Graham, and J Curry. Locomotive—Goal, M Ainsley; backs, W Reed and T Wilson; half-backs, T Elliott, O Coxon, and W Jardine; forwards, H Bainbridge, C Rutherford, R Moore, W Watson, and R Ingram.

JOTTINGS.

Sep Chisholm, who last season batted well for Stanley 2nd, is said to contemplate throwing in his lot with Tanfield cricketers.

Emmy Beckwith only scored two for South Moor on Saturday. He will have to improve on that if he means to keep his word to score 100 against Stanley 2nd.

Bob Henderson is doing splendid service for Stanley 2nd.

Willy Rutherford, of Catchgate, is showing a great improvement on his last season's form.

Fred Horne was the hero of the Craghead v. Burnhope game last Saturday, his batting and bowling alike being champion.

Ironside played a fine innings for Burnhope.

Peel has, as yet, not realised the expectations formed of him at Craghead.

Craghead 2nd easily managed South Moor. Dick Hann (19) and Willy Robinson (the slender youth) (16) were top scorers for their respective teams.

Cummings bowled well for Craghead, his five wickets only costing a dozen runs.

Benfold's success last Saturday has secured his reappointment as Press pro.

Wm. Wallace and Tom Irwin, of Tanfield, are the latest additions to the ground staff of the "All-conquerors."

Tanfield are confident of carrying off the cup competition. So far this season they have done consistently well, their three fixtures all having ended in triumphs.

Jacky Watson is not overburdened with luck this season. He got another "duck" on Saturday, being out to a fine one-handed catch.

Tom Irwin also got a "duck," but he still has an average of 58, and is praying hard, and practising harder, to maintain it.

Ned Gailes, of Tantobie, batted well against Consett 2nd on Saturday. Twenty-seven is a very decent score.

Captain Wallace also hit well. He is evidently "coming on."

The Rev. T. H. Archdall has promised to take a drink out of the cup when Tanfield brings it home.

The rev. gentleman is an ardent cricketer, and occupies the post of president to the Tanfield club.

What price Stanley 2nd now? They did whack Spen and district handsomely on Saturday.

Captain Benfold led his men in splendid fashion. He makes an ideal skipper.

George Shield was the hero in the batting line, hitting with great vigour for 43. Hard lines for talent money!

Those grand old "vets," Nichol Summerbell, Ralph Noble, Peter Harkness, and Captain James H. Benfold all managed double figures, and the splendid total of 135 was attained.

The Spen spectators were quite delighted at the brilliant exhibition afforded them, and some of them are said to have intimated their belief that the visiting skipper was "W. G.," playing under an assumed name.

George Clough sent down some expresses, and two longstops had to be utilised by the Stanleyites. By the way, "Mr Extras" got over 20 of the 135.

South Moor were again beaten on Saturday, Craghead 2nd being their conquerors.

Raine, the South Tanfield captain, had a big share in beating Burnopfield on Saturday. His bowling was A1, and he also topped the scoring list.

Wanted, a few capable batsmen. Apply Mr. Hogarth, sec., Burnopfield Cricket Club.

Spen and District are not quite champions.

Felling Temperance appear to be in want of a wicketkeeper.

Sacriston scored 56 against them on Saturday, 32 of which were extras. Dreadful!

Pelton Fell proved a trifle too good for Chester-le-Street 2nd; 72 to 47 were the scores.

I saw Mr Joseph Robinson watching the Stanley v. Elswick match on Saturday. Is he preparing to "take up" Mr Ritson's challenge?

I offer my services as umpire for the Stanley president.

A single wicket match has been arranged; the brothers Gibson, of Stanley, *versus* Stanley 2nd captain and "Athlete."

Extras was topscorer for Whitburn against Burnmoor on Saturday.

Councillor J. W. Winter has accepted the challenge of Councillor T. W. W. Ritson to play at cricket, football, and billiards.

Burnopfield spectators complain greatly of the conduct of the South Tanfield umpire.

Jimmy Benfold did *not* bowl any wides on Saturday.

Morton are going great guns in the Durham Senior League.

Jake Siddle maintains his form, though Franky Richardson certainly carried off premier honours on Saturday.

Jim Martin has scarcely got into his proper stride yet.

Tom Welsh, the popular South Moor secretary, ought to develop into a good change bowler.

The Policemen are making great preparation for their game with Stanley Wednesday on June 9th. Heavy practice is being indulged in, and the whole of the chosen team are to spend a week at Roker prior to the game.

Mr Robert Walker is to be the chief bowler for the Wednesday on the great day. His express deliveries are expected to terrify Sergeant Wood.

Mr Robert Pearson's puzzling slows are also expected to do great execution, and Councillor Joseph Robinson will doubtless do great things with the willow.

A Stanley policeman tells a funny story about a local scribe who became possessed of mighty ideas in the cycling line.

He imagined himself to be a Zimmerman, and hired a bike to show the admiring multitude his "scorching" powers.

Having ridden fully 30 yards at break-neck pace, he was horrified to hear the tyre burst.

He carried the machine mournfully back to its owner, and is now blessing "bikes" and cycle dealers in general.

Consett and District had hard lines in their match against Auckland.

They declared with 155 for eight wickets.

Auckland ran up a total of 63 for nine wickets, when the stumps were drawn.

Richardson was the shining light of the home team.

He scored sixty-six, and took three wickets for four runs.

He gave a couple of chances.

The first wicket did not fall until the handsome total of 77 runs was reached.

J Siddell scored 24, and Godfrey obtained one less.

Martin bowled very well against the wind, securing a wicket for fourteen runs.

Godfrey and Martin tossed up before the game as to who had to bowl with the wind. The home skipper won the toss.

Walton was conspicuous for his fine fielding.

The District meet Tudhoe on Saturday, when a grand game is sure to be witnessed.

Johnny Campbell and Harvey have signed on for Newcastle United.

CHAT ON LOCAL CRICKET.

[BY "PLAYFAIR."]

INVINCIBLE CRAGHEAD.

The Craghead cricketers were again invincible on Saturday, and three more victories were added to their list of triumphs. The first team tackled their neighbours and stout rivals from Burnhope, and, although playing without their captain, Wm. Railton, and Reggie Higginbottom, they again pulled through victorious after a stiff contest. Much of the credit of the victory is due to the splendid, all-round performance of Fred Horne, who, in addition to scoring 23 runs, captured half-a-dozen Burnhope wickets for 21 runs, a capital afternoon's work. Old Jimmy Hunter turned out once more, and had scored five when he was unfortunately run out, and Bell shared a similar fate after contributing a couple. Turnbull was scarcely as successful as usual, his wickets costing 26 runs, whilst only five resulted from his bat. George Potts was top scorer with a freely-hit 27, and Hughie Young proved what a useful player he is by notching 17.

BURNHOPE

are not so strong as they were last season, and, on the whole, they are deserving of congratulation for making such a gallant fight. John Ironsides re-appeared on the team, and carried off the batting honours by scoring 22, the runs being got in his most polished style. He also made a couple of catches. Heckles and Liddle also batted steadily for 23 and 16 respectively. Joe Robinson was, of course, the foremost in the trundling department, but his five wickets cost no fewer than 45 runs.

SOUTH MOOR

tackled Craghead 2nd, also in a friendly, but the Moorites came off second best, the Craghead boys winning handsomely by almost two to one. Dick Hann topped the Craghead scores with 19, got by steady cricket, and Cummings (17) and Johnson (16) both played very well. Martin Dodds again failed to come off, but Willy of that ilk managed nine ere he fell to one of Tom Welsh's "curlies." Billy Robinson (16) and Moss (10) were the only double figure contributors. Cummings and Johnson shared the South Moor wickets between them, the former, however, having the better analysis, as his five only cost 12 runs to his colleague's 20. Emmy Beckwith was the best bowler on the losing team, his four wickets being obtained for four runs apiece. Not bad work, Emmy!

CRAGHEAD JUNIORS,

not to be outdone by their seniors, obtained an easy victory over South Moor Juniors in the first match played in connection with the Stanley and District Junior League. Thirty-nine and 18 were the scores. J. Hunter and M. Bruce were chief scorers for the winners, and F. Brass played well for the losers. Young and McMahone, for Craghead, and Hodgson, Gibbon, and Clark, for South Moor, showed some creditable bowling.

TANFIELD STILL WINNING.

Tanfield continued their victorious career, on Saturday, by gaining a handsome victory over Consett 2nd in their first home fixture. The start was not particularly promising; indeed, to be quite honest, it was a wretched beginning. Five runs only were scored when the first wicket fell, and without any addition to the score, two more good men went wrong, the two including Tom Irwin, who, by receiving his quietus from Laybourne, was dismissed for the first time this season. Once out for 58 runs, however, is a very decent record. Of course, this state of things would not do, so Christopher, a batsman of the Scotton or Louis Hall stamp, and Neddy Gailes undertook to make an alteration, and a mighty alteration it was, too, that they effected. After scoring 11, Christopher was caught out, but Gailes continued to hit freely, and had 27 to his credit ere he foolishly ran himself out. Later in the innings, Charlton, the ex-Burnopfield player, Athey, and Captain Wallace knocked the bowling all over the field, and the capital total of 90 was realised before the last wicket fell. Consett never looked like overtaking this score; indeed, the early part of the innings somewhat resembled a procession to and from the stumps. Not a single player exceeded half-a-dozen, and the total only realised 31. Tom Irwin, though he failed with the bat, bowled in splendid style, and obtained four wickets for seven runs. He bowled against the wind all through the innings, yet half his overs were maidens. Well done, Tom!

ALLENDALE CONQUER TANFIELD 2ND.

The Tanfield second stringers found themselves outmatched on Saturday, when they tried conclusions with the newly-formed Allendale Club, and, ultimately, they were beaten by 19 runs. Going in first, Tanfield totalled up 39, no fewer than 30 of which were claimed by Messrs Pattison (17 not out) and Keilor (13). Four of the team were greedy enough to steal "ducks" whilst away from home, and I was sorry to observe that the worthy secretary of the club was amongst the culprits. Pattison's was a dashing innings, and the news of it created quite an outburst of joy in the Tanfield neighbourhood. Allendale responded by hitting up 58, 28 of which were from the bat of Tom Richardson. Sword, Mossom, and Armstrong bowled well for Tanfield, and Parker was the most successful of the home trundlers.

STANLEY 2ND TRIUMPHANT.

Stanley 2nd visited Spen on Saturday, to oppose the newly established district team, and returned home, having won a glorious victory by nearly 100 runs. The wicket was not of the best, but Captain Benfold, on winning the toss, speedily decided to bat first, and sent those two "vets," Ralph Noble and Nichol Summerbell, in to break the Spen bowling. This did not prove a very difficult task, the bowlers being scarcely up to county form, and 30 runs were up ere a wicket fell. Messrs Noble and Summerbell each claimed double figures. This good example was industriously imitated. Bob Henderson, who is developing into a first-rate wicketkeeper, played steadily for nine, and Peter Harkness showed all his old skill in contributing 15. Geo. Shield was, however, the hero of the game, and his 43 was a really capital innings. Later in the innings, Jimmy Benfold came out of his shell, and scored 10 without being out. Mr Extras was also in good humour for scoring, 22 of the runs being placed to his credit. The Spen batting, like their bowling, was "canny," six of the team being content with "ducks." English, who made the biggest hit of the match, was top scorer with 19, whilst Laing was responsible for 11 and Mr Extras 10 of the remainder. Clough, Noble, and Benfold all bowled excellently for the winners, and the fielding exhibited by Stanley was distinctly superior to that of their opponents.

A CLOSE CONTEST.

Elswick Works, the club with which the name of Tom Lambert will be for ever connected, but which is now shorn of some of its glory, visited Stanley on Saturday, and were defeated by the narrow margin of 9 runs, after a game which would have been interesting, but for the exceeding coldness of the day. On such a day as Saturday, cricket enthusiasm becomes well-nigh extinct, and the company of spectators present was far larger than I had expected. The visitors were late in arriving, and it would be close on four o'clock ere a start was made. Geor[illegible] Stewart seemed to have picked up a luck[illegible] somewhere for he was again the winn[illegible] toss, and for the third time in success[illegible] ley took first innings. At no time [illegible] innings could it be said that the Elswi[illegible] was mastered, and though run-getting [illegible] tediously slow, wicket capturing [illegible] frequent. Sam Wood topped the [illegible] with 17, the runs being quickly ta[illegible] Sammy scarcely appears to me to [illegible] his proper stride as yet, and the b[illegible] missed him beat him "as clean [illegible] Rutherford played the steadie[illegible] Dixon hit clean and hard, and [illegible] ball. Charlton's slogging cam[illegible] but 'twas only a short time. [illegible] the innings were undoubtedly the dismissal of Jimmy Shield by the first ball of the match, and the fall of Captain Stewart's wicket from the first ball he received. Swinburne had the best analysis amongst the Elswick bowlers, and he is undoubtedly a capital fast bowler, though as a "slow" he is not a success. Robinson kept a good length throughout, but Bacon was a trifle expensive. The Elswick fielding was very smart throughout.

THE ELSWICK INNINGS

looked at the onset very much like a rot, the first four wickets going down for 9 runs. Thanks to some admirably steady cricket by Bacon, and to some slashing hitting by the two Robinsons, the fortunes of the day were altered, and at one time it appeared quite on the cards that the homesters would lose. The effort was not, however, quite successful, and as all the local cricket world knows by now, Stanley pulled off the big event by a majority of 9 runs. Much of the credit of the victory is due to Rutherford, who followed up his success with the willow by taking half-a-dozen wickets for 22 runs. On a day such as Saturday, when a batsman presents himself at the wicket in a half-frozen state, the lightning deliveries of the popular Catchgateite are not to be sneezed at, and that the good men and true from Elswick realised to their sorrow on Saturday. Jewitt, though more expensive, also bowled a splendid length, whilst the general character of the fielding left little to be desired. Bennett was scarcely as good as usual behind the sticks, and two somewhat easy chances were missed.

SOUTH TANFIELD SMOTHER BURNOPFIELD.

South Tanfield visited Burnopfield on Saturday, and sat upon the representatives of that village by over two to one. Much of the credit of the victory was due to the grand all-round play of Billy Raine, the South Tanfield captain, who besides scoring 18 by steady cricket, captured half-a-dozen wickets very cheaply. He kept a splendid length right through the innings, and the home batsmen never seemed comfortable against him. The Burnopfield fielding was very loose, and, as a consequence, 17 extras were obtained. Five players failed to score. Allen and Purdy were the best of the home bowlers. The Burnopfield batting was wretchedly weak, four of the team failing to score, whilst Councillor Woods' 5 was the highest individual score. Harry Middlemast backed Raine in sturdy fashion, and claimed four of the home wickets. South Tanfield are making a splendid bid for the Junior League championship.

WHICKHAM

had an easy thing on with Ovingham on Saturday, beating them by 82 to 17. Tom Cheeseman scored 33 for the winners, and the brothers Thynn both claimed double figures. The Ovingham batsmen could offer no resistance to the splendid bowling of G. Cheeseman, and the brothers Cook.

AN EXCITING CONTEST

was that between the neighbouring teams of Greenside and Winlaton. The former pulled off victorious by 43 to 41.

COUNTY V. COLTS' MATCH AT CONSETT.

At a meeting of the County Committee, held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on Tuesday night, Mr W. Ramsay presiding, the following teams were selected for the above match:—County XI—J F Whitwell, W F Whitwell (Norton), Canon Firth and T Hutton (Durham City), T K Dobson (Whitburn), F Simpson and J Lee (Philadelphia), Dr McGregor (Darlington), T D Dales, Lambert, and Martin (Consett and District), Middlemass (West Hartlepool), J Bousfield (Bishop Auckland), Copeland (North Durham), Nichol (Sunderland), and Gregory (Tudhoe). Colts—E W Elliott and J Taylor (Sunderland), J Siddell and F Richardson (Consett and District), W Winnard and G Diver (North Durham), C Dobson (Whitburn), Rev R Thornton (Langley Park), Jos Robinson (Burnhope), J Whitfield (Eppleton), G Turnbull (Craghead), J Gardiner (Washington), W Swindale (Sacriston), D Crichton (Chester-le-Street), J W Harvell (Tudhoe), J Black (Usworth), T Burt (Sherburn), J Thompson (Littletown), J Purdy (Ryton), W Kirtley (Philadelphia), G Gowland (Burnmoor), W Stonehouse and J Roe (West Hartlepool), and W Harding (Hetton). The wickets will be pitched at 11 a.m. Luncheon at 1·15.

APPLICATION FROM CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Prior to the meeting of the County Committee, on Tuesday evening, there was held a meeting of Senior League teams, Mr W. Ramsay presiding. Application was made by Chester-le-Street to play G. Robson, late of Wallsend, and now residing at Low Fell, in their League fixtures. The Committee declined to grant the application, on the ground that the player named was without residential qualification. Discretionary power was given to the Honorary Secretary (Mr E. G. Chatt) to select neutral umpires when desired by competing Clubs, and it was decided that the system of scoring should be upon the same basis as that of first-class cricket.

MEDOMSLEY

visited Benwell Hill, on Saturday, and, after an exciting contest, succeeded in winning by three runs. Benwell batted first, and hit up seventy-one, against the bowling of "T. D." and Robinson. Four of the team managed double figures, though Pittington's fourteen was the highest individual contribution. Three of the team obtained "ducks." On Medomsley going in, T. D. Dales again demonstrated what a useful player he is by topping the score with a carefully compiled twenty-six. Bob Charlton, who is improving vastly, ran him a close race with twenty-five. The rest of the team did very little, no fewer than four of them failing to notch, and they were somewhat lucky in scraping home victorious.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND BEATEN.

Medomsley 2nd were visited on Saturday by the Castrians, a Newcastle organisation, and a very even game resulted in favour of the visitors by 11 runs. Going in first, the Castrians rattled up a total of 51 runs, of which 11 were contributed by Sparks. W. G. Thompson bowled splendidly for the homesters, and seven of the wickets fell to his deliveries, five of them being clean bowled. Small as this score was, it proved quite sufficient to ensure victory, for the homesters only totalled 40, Murray and Brown, with 11 runs each, being the highest scorers. Patterson, Sparks, and Deas divided the wickets amongst them.

LANGLEY PARK TRIUMPHANT.

Langley Park added another to their list of victories on Saturday, when they defeated Hamsteels by a majority of 70. The victory was largely due to the dashing batting exhibited the Rev. R. Thornton. The rev. gentleman hit with great vigour all round the wicket, and had contributed 63 ere he was stumped in running out to a good ball. M. Crawford, who is batting with great consistency this season, put on 25 by steady cricket, but the remainder of the batsmen did very little. J. B. Johnson, with 13, was the only double figure contributor to the Hamsteels score. The fielding on both sides was exceedingly good.

THE SECOND TEAM

failed to imitate the excellent example of their seniors, and in their game against Malton Colliery 2nd, they were whacked by 63 runs. J. Williamson knocked up 53 for the winners by free and resolute cricket.

MALTON BEAT TOW LAW.

Tow Law visited Malton Colliery, on Saturday, to oppose the newly-formed club at that village, but after an interesting game in which scoring ruled very low, the "hill toppers" were beaten by half-a-dozen runs. "Mr Extras" with 14 was the only Maltonite to reach double figures, and George Simpson was the only Tow Lawite to do anything with the willow. The old footballer played a dashing game for 21, this being more than the rest of the team obtained between them. He also captured three wickets. Carr and Hildreth were the other successful bowlers for Tow Law, and Ramsey carried off the trundling honours for Malton, his six wickets being very cheaply obtained.

NOTABLE SCORES.

To score 25 on a local cricket ground is generally considered to be as good a performance as scoring 50 on the faster county grounds, and, so as to give full credit to batsmen deserving of honour, I have decided to publish a weekly list of all local players scoring 25 and above:—

Frank Richardson	66 for Consett v. Auckland
Rev. R. Thornton	63 for Langley v. Hamsteels
J. Williamson	53 for Malton C. v. Langley II.
Sam Wood	43 for Stanley W. v. Chilton
George Shield	43 for Stanley II. v. Spen
J. Raw	36 for Cornsay v. Willington
T. Cheeseman	33 for Whickham v. Ov'ham.
T. Gorman	30 for Shotley Bridge II. v. Blackhall Mill
H. Lishman	28 for Shotley Bridge II. v. Blackhall Mill
Taylor	28 for Bl'khall Mill v. Shotley
George Potts	27 for Craghead v. Burnhope
Edward Gailes	27 for Tanfield v. Consett II.
Tom D. Dales	26 for Medomsley v. Benw'llH.
J. Hodgson	26 for Cornsay v. Willington
T. Lowery	26 for Cornsay v. Willington
M. Crawford	25 for Langley v. Hamsteels

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Norton	2	2	0	0	2
Consett	2	1	1	0	1
Craghead	1	1	0	0	1
North Durham	2	1	0	1	0
Bishop Auckland	1	0	1	0	0
Durham City	1	0	1	0	0
West Hartlepool	0	0	0	0	0
Sunderland	0	0	0	0	0
Whitbu[illegible]	0	0	0	0	0
[illegible]lhoe	2	0	1	1	−1
[illegible] Shields	1	0	0	1	−1
[illegible]-Street	1	0	0	1	−1
[illegible]hia	1	0	0	1	−1

DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
[illegible]mperance	2	2	0	0	2
[illegible]ield	2	2	0	0	2
[illegible]or	3	2	1	0	1
[illegible]on	3	2	1	0	1
[illegible]ns	2	1	1	0	0
[illegible]	2	0	0	2	0
[illegible]	2	1	1	0	0
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[illegible]	2	0	2	0	−2
[illegible]	3	0	2	1	−2

FIXTURES.

Saturday's fixtures include the following:—

- Burnopfield v. Whickham
- Burnmoor v. Seaham Harbour
- Chester-le-Street v. North Durham
- Consett v. Tudhoe
- Durham City v. Craghead
- Medomsley v. Jarrow
- Philadelphia v. Whitburn
- Rockcliffe v. Stanley
- Tanfield v. Beamish
- Stanley 2nd v. Burnopfield 2nd
- South Moor Juniors v. South Moor P.M.
- Spen v. Consett 2nd

CRICKET.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. BISHOP AUCKLAND.

[BY "THE BRADLEY BOY."]

These elevens met on the ground of the former, before a good attendance. The weather was very cold, a strong wind blowing across the field. Consett were again fortunate in winning the toss, and sent in Siddell and Richardson to the bowling of Hirst and Brown. Siddell obtained one off the last ball of Hirst's over, and Richardson drove Brown's fourth delivery to the boundary for three. He supplemented this by cutting Hirst for one, and Siddell drove the same bowler for a single. Frank again cut Hirst for a brace, and Siddell drove Brown for one.

RICHARDSON ELICITED APPLAUSE

by driving Brown to the boundary for three, and the same batsman added a couple off Hirst. Siddell hit Hirst to leg for a couple of singles, and Richardson sent him to the boundary for three. Twenty went up, and Siddell cut Brown nicely for two. Hirst's next over was a maiden, and Siddell hit both bowlers for one. Richardson got Hirst through the slips for a couple, and Brown also bowled a maiden over. Richardson then despatched Hirst to square leg for four, amid applause, and 30 was hoisted. Siddell cut Brown for two, and a change was effected in the bowling, Lodge replacing Hirst. Richardson saluted the new bowler by driving him for a single, and the ex-Blackhall Mill player made a nice on-drive off Brown for two. Frank, who was now batting finely, drove Brown for three, and 40 went up. Richardson augmented his score by a single off Lodge, as did Siddell. Hirst again came on, taking the place of Jimmy Brown. Richardson cut Hirst for two, and Siddell drove him for a brace. Jake hit Hirst to leg for a couple, and the half-century went up. Richardson was applauded for a fine drive off Lodge for four, and Pattinson displaced Hirst. The new bowler was saluted in the same manner as Lodge, Richardson driving him to the boundary.

FORSTER WAS APPLAUDED

for some fine fielding, and 60 went up with a single by Siddell. Richardson again drove Pattinson to the boundary, and Dowson and Lodge missed a grand chance off Richardson when the latter's contribution stood at 45. Siddle cut Pattinson for a single, and followed this up by hitting the same bowler to square leg for two, and cutting him for an equal number. The score now stood at seventy, and Siddell made a big drive off Pattinson for one. Another change was effected in the bowling, Brown going on in place of Lodge. The former's first over was a maiden, and Richardson added another three off Pattinson. The pair were soon separated,

SIDDELL BEING BOWLED

by Pattinson having obtained a useful 24. Walton filled the vacancy, but returned to the pavilion for a "duck." Pattinson clean bowled him with the score unaltered. Martin was the new comer, and scored a single off Brown. Richardson cut the same bowler for a similar number, but in the next over, Martin was bowled by Pattinson, having contributed one. Two wickets for one run. The home captain next took up the defence, and Hirst missed a fine chance off Richardson, the latter reaching the half-century, amid well-earned applause. Richardson added another off Brown, and drove Pattinson clean to the boundary for four. He supplemented this with a drive for a trio off the same bowler, and Godfrey scored his initial run off the left-handed trundler.

NINETY WAS HOISTED

and Brown bowled a maiden over. Lodge superseded Pattinson in the bowling department, and Richardson cut him for a unit. A couple of byes followed, and Richardson drove Brown to the boundary for a trio. Franky completely mastered the bowling, and drove the first delivery of Lodge's next over, into the next field for four. The next wicket to fall was that of Richardson, he being caught by Forster, off the bowling of Lodge, having contributed 66. The out-going batsman received well-earned applause on his way back to the pavilion. The century was hoisted, and Lambert came in. Godfrey cut Brown to the boundary, and Lambert scored a single off the same trundler. Hirst came on again, and Godfrey drove him over the boundary for four. Lambert drove Brown and Hirst for one and three respectively, and Tom cut the former for one. Hirst had again to give way in place of Pattinson, and Lambert drove the latter for a single. Godfrey cut him for three, and Lambert hit Pattinson to leg for another trio.

BROWN BOWLED LAMBERT

with the second ball of his over, the retiring batsman having scored 10. Wood next faced the music, and drove Brown for a couple, and Godfrey hit Pattinson for an equal number. Wood hit Brown to leg for one, and Godfrey cut him to the boundary for three. Wood made a drive for a couple off Brown, and 130 went up. Godfrey added a single, and drove Pattinson to the boundary for three. Two byes followed, and once again the bowling was changed, Hirst displacing Brown. Wood drove Hirst for a single, and Godfrey added one off the same bowler. Godfrey drove Pattinson for another unit, and 140 went up. Godfrey cut Hirst nicely for two, but was caught off Hirst's next delivery by Lodge, having obtained 23. Matt. Williamson came in, and cut Hirst for one. His stay at the wickets, however, was not of long duration, as he was caught by Lodge off the bowling of Pattinson. Lindsay next faced the bowling, and Pattinson bowled Wood, the Consettonian having registered 7. Carlill came in, and

LINDSAY DROVE HIRST TO THE BOUNDARY

for four. He added another off the same bowler, and Carlill cut Pattinson for three, and Consett declared their innings closed for 155, the not outs, Lindsay and Carlill, having scored six and five respectively.

Auckland opened their innings at 4·30, Hirst and Robinson opposing the bowling of Godfrey and Martin. Hirst drove Godfrey for two, and supplemented this by driving the same bowler for a trio. Martin's first over was a maiden. Hirst cut Godfrey for one, and Robinson hit the home captain to leg for a couple. He also obtained a single, and

WALTON WAS APPLAUDED

for some fine fielding. Martin's second over was also a maiden, and Robinson drove Godfrey for one. Godfrey, however, bowled Hirst with his next delivery, the out-going batsman having obtained six. Lodge came in, and drove Godfrey for a single. Robinson also added another off the Consett captain. Lodge cut Martin for one, and Godfrey's next over was a maiden. Lodge drove Martin for three, and Robinson cut him for one. The last-named made a drive off Godfrey for a single, and Lodge drove the same bowler for a trio. Robinson hit Godfrey to leg for three, and cut Martin for one. Before the expiration of Martin's over,

LODGE WAS RUN OUT,

having contributed seven. A. Forster came in, and Robinson hit Martin to leg for two. Godfrey again bowled a maiden over, and Robinson drove Martin for one. Godfrey clean bowled Robinson, whose contribution had reached 16. Dowson filled the vacancy, and two byes followed. Forster was nearly caught at point, Walton making a fine attempt. Richardson took the place of Martin, and his first over was a maiden. Dowson drove Godfrey for a single, and Martin, who was bowling alternately with Richardson, was cut by the same batsman for one. A. Forster was bowled by Martin, the out-going batsman failing to add a single run. W. Forster was the new comer, and drove Richardson for one. He supplemented this by getting Godfrey to square leg for a trio, but before the home captain's over was ended,

DOWSON WAS CAUGHT BY WALTON.

The retiring batsman obtained two, and it was not long before another wicket fell, Forster being bowled by Richardson with the score unaltered. Brown and Milner filled the vacancies, and the former drove Richardson for one, but this proved to be his only contribution, as he was caught and bowled by Frank. Milner hit Godfrey to leg for two, and Pattinson, the new comer, drove Richardson for one.

MARTIN AGAIN BOWLED,

and Milner drove him for a single. Pattinson drove Martin for one, and another change was effected, Wood being entrusted with the trundling at the pavilion end. Milner welcomed him by hitting him to the leg boundary for three, but with the last ball of his second over, Pattinson was bowled, having notched four runs. Milner scored another unit, and Ryder, who had taken the place of Pattinson, was bowled by Richardson, having obtained a "duck." Beachall next faced the music, and a little excitement was now manifested in the game, as the stumps had to be drawn at six o'clock. It was within four minutes of the time when Beachall appeared.

MILNER DROVE GODFREY FOR TWO,

and Beachall obtained a couple of singles. The umpire declared time up, the game ending in a draw, Auckland scoring 63 for the loss of nine wickets. The following are the scores and bowling analyses:—

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CRICKET.

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

Siddell, b Pattinson ... 24
Richardson, c Forster, b Lodge ... 66
Walton, b Pattinson ... 0
Martin, b Pattinson ... 1
Godfrey, c Lodge, b Hirst ... 23
Lambert, b Brown ... 10
Wood, b Pattinson ... 7
Williamson, c Lodge, b Pattinson ... 1
Lindsay, not out ... 6
Carlill, not out ... 5
Gray, to bat
Extras ... 12
Total (for 8 wickets) ... 155

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
77	77	79	100	121	142	143	151

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Hirst	14	1	47	1	47
Brown	17	4	36	1	36
Lodge	8	0	20	1	20
Pattinson	12	1	40	5	8

AUCKLAND.

Hirst, b Godfrey ... 6
Robinson, b Godfrey ... 16
Lodge, run out ... 7
A Forster, b Martin ... 0
Dowson, c Walton, b Godfrey ... 2
W Forster, b Richardson ... 5
Milner, not out ... 12
Brown, c and b Richardson ... 1
Pattinson, b Wood ... 4
Ryder, b Richardson ... 0
Beachall, not out ... 2
Extras ... 8
Total ... 63

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	25	29	33	39	39	41	54	63

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Godfrey	18	7	32	3	10·6
Martin	14	5	14	1	14
Richardson	7	3	4	3	1·3
Wood	2	1	5	1	5

STANLEY v. ELSWICK WORKS.

[By "Athlete."]

Stanley had an interesting fixture down for Saturday, when the famous Elswick Works' team tackled them in friendly opposition. Unfortunately, the weather was bitterly cold, and neither players nor spectators spent a very enjoyable time. Captain Stewart was again fortunate in securing choice of innings, and he deputed Messrs James Shield and R. Gibson to first handle the willow, trundling operations meanwhile being confided by the Elswick skipper to Messrs Bacon and Robinson. The start was certainly sensational, as, from the first ball of the match, a fullpitcher from Bacon, Shield had his pegs disturbed. Joe Dixon followed in, and soon raised a cheer by driving Bacon to the leg-boundary, following it up with a single from Robinson's first ball. A two and a single from the same batsman came from Bacon's second ball, but Gibson played very quietly. Robinson's second over was a maiden, but seven runs resulted from Bacon's next attempt, Dixon pulling him to leg for three, and Gibson driving a high-pitched ball clean

OUT OF THE FIELD.

With no addition to the score, however, both batsmen were clean bowled, Robinson and Bacon each claiming a victim. Rutherford and Wood were now partners, and, for a time, neither of them appeared comfortable. Each bowler sent down maidens, and then Wood got Bacon away for two, and Rutherford made a two and a single off Robinson. The Catchgate player also drove Bacon to the three boundary, and a two and a three to Wood resulted from Robinson's next over. Bacon was relieved by Swinburn, but Wood appeared to like the deliveries of the newcomer (slow), for he punished his first over to the extent of seven runs, all over-drives along the ground. In his next over, however, Swinburn reaped

A HANDSOME REVENGE,

his first ball (swift) clean bowling Sam Wood, whilst his next delivery proved too good for the home Captain, George Stewart. Jewitt prevented the operation known as the

HAT TRICK,

but only five runs were added, when he was caught and bowled by Robinson, who had played a good innings for fourteen. Robinson joined Charlton, and the latter got one or two good drives, but, at fifty-nine, he was out to a mis-hit, Robinson being out in a somewhat similar manner directly afterwards. Bennett joined Brown, and the wicketkeeper got a lucky snick to leg, off Swinburn, but immediately later, he was

CLEAN BOWLED BY ROBINSON,

and the innings concluded for seventy runs. Fawcett and Buckham opened the Elswick innings to the bowling of Rutherford and Jewitt, and the start was very depressing, for, after Fawcett had neatly cut Rutherford for two, Buckham was easily caught at longslip off Jewitt's third ball. May followed in, but the weather—though it be the merry month of May—was not to his liking, and, without troubling the scorers at all, he was

EASILY CAUGHT BY STEWART.

With but eight runs on, Fawcett pulled a ball from Rutherford right into Jewitt's hands, and Harry Jeffrey was the next victim, an express from Rutherford just disturbing the bails. The batsman did not appear to approve of the decision. Swinburn and Bacon effected a slight improvement in the aspect of the game, but at eighteen, Swinburn fell to Rutherford. N. E. Robinson and Bacon brought the score from eighteen to thirty, the former swiping heavily at the bowling. He was the first to leave, clean bowled, but another of the family—W. Robinson—took his place, with results advantageous to the visitors, for hereafter ensued

THE BEST STAND

of the innings, the score being carried from thirty to fifty-one. Robinson, who had contributed a dashing thirteen, including three three's, was then out to a neat catch by Wood, off Jewitt. Afterwards, Bacon could get no one to stay with him, and the innings concluded for sixty-one, leaving Stanley victorious by nine runs. Scores and analyses—

STANLEY.

R Gibson, b Bacon ... 4
J Shield, b Bacon ... 0
J Dixon, b Robinson ... 10
W Rutherford, b Swinburne ... 14
S Wood, b Swinburne ... 17
G Stewart, b Swinburne ... 0
T Jewitt, c and b W Robinson ... 1
J Charlton, c May, b Swinburne ... 7
J Robinson, c and b W Robinson ... 6
W T Brown, not out ... 2
J Bennett, b Robinson ... 3
Extras ... 6
Total ... 70

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	15	15	45	45	50	54	59	65	70

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Bacon	8	2	19	2	9·5
Robinson	16·1	6	27	4	6·7
Swinburne	9	2	18	4	4·5

ELSWICK.

Fawcett, c Jewitt, b Rutherford ... 5
G H Buckham, c Shield, b Jewitt ... 0
J May, c Stewart, b Jewitt ... 0
H Jeffery, b Rutherford ... 8
W Swinburne, b Rutherford ... 5
Bacon, not out ... 14
W Robinson, c Wood, b Jewitt ... 13
N E Robinson, b Rutherford ... 9
J Taylor, b Rutherford ... 2
J Wardropper, b Rutherford ... 2
E Heward, run out ... 0
Extras ... 8
Total ... 61

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	6	8	9	18	30	51	57	61	61

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Rutherford	14	5	22	6	3·6
Jewitt	16·1	5	26	3	8·6
Wood	3	1	5	0	—

CRAGHEAD v. BURNHOPE.

These rival teams met in friendly opposition at Craghead, on Saturday, when after a capital contest, the homesters proved victorious by a wicket and 13 runs. Ironsides, M. Heckles, and W. Liddle were the chief scorers for Burnhope, whilst Potts, Horne, and Hugh Young did good service for the winners. Horne also bowled admirably. Scores —

BURNHOPE.

J Ironsides, c Fox, b Horne ... 22
J Richardson, b Turnbull ... 0
J Dyson, b Horne ... 3
T Dyson, b Horne ... 0
J Robinson, b Horne ... 2
M Heckles, c and b Peel ... 20
W Liddle not out ... 16
J W Moffatt, b Young ... 2
G Elliott, c and b Horne ... 4
J Moffatt, c Turnbull, b Horne ... 0
G Heslop, b Turnbull ... 1
Extras ... 4
Total ... 74

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
Horne	12	4	21	6	3·5
Turnbull	11·3	2	26	2	13
Young	6	0	16	1	16
Peel	6	3	7	1	7

CRAGHEAD COLLIERY.

J Hunter, run out ... 5
G Turnbull, c Robinson, b Dyson ... 5
H Young, c Ironsides, b Robinson ... 17
J Peel, run out ... 2
G Potts, b Robinson ... 27
G Hunter, b Robinson ... 0
F Horne, lbw b Liddle ... 23
A Howgate b Robinson ... 0
R Holmes, not out ... 4
Robt Gill, c Ironsides ... 2
Extras ... 2
Total ... 87

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Aver.
J Robinson	16	5	35	5	7
Dyson	12	1	39	1	39
[illegible]	3	0	11	1	11

TANFIELD v. CONSETT 2nd.

These teams met in a cup fixture at Tanfield on Saturday, the game resulting in a very easy victory for the homesters. Batting first, Tanfield started badly, the first three wickets all falling with but five on the board. Steady play by Christopher and Gailes brought the score to 30, at which total, however, both Christopher and Watson were dismissed, the latter falling to a one-handed catch by Spencer. Rockett gave little trouble, but Charlton and Gailes made another prolonged stand, and, ere they were separated, the score had reached 68. Athey and Wallace both hit freely later on, and the innings realised the capital total of 90. Consett gave another feeble batting display. Half the wickets were down for 14, and the total score was only 31; Tanfield thus winning easily by 59 runs. Tom Irwin and "Push" Robinson bowled splendidly for the winners. Scores:—

TANFIELD.

M Robson, b Laybourne ... 4
J Cloe, b Raw ... 1
T Christopher, c Lynn b Laybourne ... 11
T Irwin, b Laybourne ... 0
J Watson, c Spencer b Hanning ... 0
E Gailes, run out ... 27
F Rockett, b Laybourne ... 3
J Charlton, c Turnbull b Laybourne ... 17
W G Robinson, b Laybourne ... 0
T Athey, b Laybourne ... 10
W Wallace, not out ... 11
Extras ... 6
Total ... 90

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	5	5	30	30	39	42	42	68	90

CONSETT.

T Hall, b Charlton ... 0
T Lynn, c Robinson b Charlton ... 5
W Wilson, lbw b Irwin ... 0
J Askew, c Robinson b Irwin ... 2
J J Raw, b Charlton ... 2
J Spencer, b Robinson ... 6
J Turnbull, c Charlton b Robinson ... 1
Hanning, c Wallace b Robinson ... 4
J Carr, not out ... 6
J Smith, c and b Irwin ... 2
W Laybourne to bat
Extras ... 3
Total ... 31

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	1	3	8	14	19	19	26	31	31

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Charlton	10	4	13	2	6·5
Irwin	15·2	8	7	4	1·7
Robinson	6	1	8	3	2·6

BENWELL HILL v. MEDOMSLEY.

This match was played on the ground of the Benwell club. The home men went to the batting first, and were all dismissed for 71. Only four of the batsmen reached double figures. The visiting club made a very poor show against the home bowling, the first two batsmen only raising the score to 10.

BENWELL HILL.

O Pauletich, c Charlton, b Robinson ... 8
J Parkes, b Dales ... 1
G Denham, c M Milburn, b Dales ... 7
F Pittington, b Robinson ... 14
F Willets, st Charlton, b Robinson ... 13
A Howse, c Robinson, b Dales ... 3
T Asquith, b Dales ... 0
J Caisley, not out ... 10
J A Harvey, c Gray, b Dales ... 0
T Denham, run out ... 10
J R Jackson, run out ... 0
Extras ... 5
Total ... 71

MEDOMSLEY.

M T Milburn, c Willets, b Denham ... 2
G Grey, run out ... 4
R Charlton, c Pauletich, b Denham ... 25
R Campbell, b Harvey ... 1
J Robinson, c T Denham, b Harvey ... 0
T D Dales lbw b Harvey ... 26
S Wheatley run out ... 0
W Hunter, b Denham ... 0
M Hunter, not out ... 6
W Cant, c Pauletich, b Denham ... 0
Mortlock (sub), st Jackson, b Harvey ... 2
Extras ... 8
Total ... 74

MALTON v. TOW LAW.

At Malton on Saturday, in fine weather. Scores:—

TOW LAW.

J Nattrass, b Ramsay ... 0
J Moralee, b Ramsey ... 2
G Simpson, b Ramsey ... 24
H Slater, c Ramsey b Kitson ... 0
J Hildreth, b Ramsey ... 4
G Woodhall, b Ramsey ... 3
G Lawson, b Sadler ... 5
T Carr, b Ramsey ... 1
T Wilkinson, c Ramsey b Sadler ... 0
T Mellias, b Ramsey ... 1
J Moore, not out ... 0
Extras ... 4
Total ... 44

MALTON.

Sadler, b Carr ... 7
Kitson, run out ... 0
Williams, c and b Carr ... 0
Ramsey, b Simpson ... 2
Ross, b Simpson ... 0
Ward, b Carr ... 6
Race, c Simpson b Hildreth ... 9
Thompson, b Simpson ... 0
Wilson, c Mellias b Carr ... 1
Shipley, b Hildreth ... 2
Grainger, not out ... 9
Extras ... 14
Total ... 50

SOUTH MOOR v. CRAGHEAD 2nd.

Played at South Moor on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 41 runs. The bowling analyses were as follows:—

Craghead Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Beckwith	9	3	16	4	4
Joyce	7	0	22	1	22
Gibbon	8	1	21	2	10·5
Welsh	9	2	20	2	10

South Moor Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
M Dodds	6	2	11	0	—
Cummings	13	4	12	5	2·4
Johnson	7	1	20	5	4

Appended are the scores:—

CRAGHEAD.

R Hann, c Welsh b Gibbon ... 19
W Dodds, b Welsh ... 9
J Mayer, b Gibbon ... 0
J Fairley, b Welsh ... 4
J Johnson, b Beckwith ... 16
J Cummings, c Morton b Beckwith ... 17
M Dodds, c Welsh b Joyce ... 1
N Sheraton, b Beckwith ... 0
J Conway, b Welsh ... 7
A Chapman, b Beckwith ... 5
M Dobson, not out ... 0
Extras ... 6
Total ... 84

SOUTH MOOR.

J Morton, b Cummings ... 0
W Robinson, lbw, B Johnson ... 16
H Joyce, c Sheraton b Cummings ... 0
T Gibbon, b Johnson ... 3
T Welsh, c Hann b Johnson ... 6
E Smith, c Mayer, b Cummings ... 0
E Beckwith, b Johnson ... 2
E Theobald, c Sub, b Johnson ... 0
J Moss, not out ... 10
J Nicholson, b Cummings ... 0
J Brown, c Mayer, b Cummings ... 6
Extras ... 0
Total ... 43

STANLEY 2nd v. SPEN AND DISTRICT.

This cup tie fixture was decided at Spen on Saturday, and resulted in a very easy victory for the visitors by 88 runs. Stanley batted first, and Noble and Summerbell carried the total to 31 ere a separation was effected. Subsequently George Shield hit vigorously for 45, and useful contributions by Harkness, Benfold, and Henderson brought the total to 135. No fewer than 22 extras were recorded. English and Laing were the only batsmen who made any show against the excellent Stanley bowling. Scores:—

STANLEY.

R Noble, b A Emmerson ...
M Summerbell, b English ...
R Henderson, b English ...
G Shield, c English b Laing ...
P Harkness, b A Emmerson ...
W B Wood b A Emmerson ...
G Clough, b Laing ...
R Walker, run out ...
J H Benfold, not out ...
A Bowman, b A Emmerson ...
J Pickard, b English ...
Extras ...
Total ...

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
31	37	49	97	97	107	111	119	126	135

SPEN AND DISTRICT.

J English, st. Henderson b Noble ... 19
A Emmerson, b Clough ... 0
W Robson, b Clough ... 0
H Archdall, c and b Benfold ... 2
J Rogers, b Clough ... 0
H Barker, b Benfold ... 0
Phillipson, c Henderson b Noble ... 0
J Emmerson, b Clough ... 1
T Blakey, b Noble ... 0
J Laing, b Noble ... 11
A Rogers, not out ... 4
Extras ... 10
Total ... 47

Wickets fell as under—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	9	9	13	18	22	27	28	28	47

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Clough	10	1	16	4	4
Benfold	3	0	7	2	3·5
Noble	6·3	0	14	4	3·5

ALLENDALE PARK v. TANFIELD 2nd.

Played at Allendale, and resulted in a victory for the homesters by 19 runs. M Pattison (17 not out) and G Keilor (13) were the chief scorers for Tanfield, and Richardson (28) was the highest scorer for the winners. Scores:—

ALLENDALE.

J Walton, c Pattison, b Mosson ... 5
E Parker, b Sword ... 3
R Ashley, b Sword ... 4
T Richardson, b Sword ... 28
T Parker, c Armstrong, b Mosson ... 0
G Brown, b Mosson ... 0
T Shearer, b Armstrong ... 2
J Davidson, not out ... 4
N Coulson, run out ... 1
J Knox, b Armstrong ... 1
J Burdiss, c Knox, b Sword ... 7
Extras ... 3
Total ... 58

TANFIELD.

N Wilkinson, b Parker ... 0
R Armstrong, run out ... 1
T Mosson, b Parker ... 0
W Richardson, b Parker ... 2
T Sword, b Parker ... 2
G Keilor, b Burdiss ... 13
J A Nicholson, b Parker ... 1
M Pattison, not out ... 17
J Temple, b Burdiss ... 0
J Knox, b Walton ... 0
D Foune, b Burdiss ... 1
Extras ... 2
Total ... 39

BURNOPFIELD v. SOUTH TANFIELD

Played at Burnopfield, on Saturday, before a large number of spectators, the visiting team winning easily by 28 runs. Raine (18), and Clark (17) not out, did yeoman service for the winners. Not one of the home team reached double figures, and this was easily accounted for by the splendid bowling delivered by Middlemast and Raine. Scores:—

SOUTH TANFIELD.

R Henderson, b Allan ... 0
J Middlemast, b Purdy ... 6
M Ledger, c Purdy, b Allan ... 0
R Coates, b Purdy ... 0
W Raine, c Potts, b Walton ... 18
H Middlemast, l.b.w., b Allan ... 4
G Collin, b Allan ... 2
J Siddle, l.b.w., b Allan ... 3
W Hunter, b Allan ... 0
J Ledger, b Purdy ... 0
N Clark, not out ... 1
Extras ... 17
Total ... 51

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
J G Allan	21	5	20	5	4·2
G Purdy	18·2	10	13	4	3·25

BURNOPFIELD.

H C Wood, b Raine ... 5
J Potts, b Raine ... 1
G Cooper, b Raine ... 0
J H Cuthbertson, c Middlemast, b H Middlemast ... 1
G Purdy, c Henderson, b Raine ... 0
J G Allan, b Raine ... 0
R Walton, c Ledger, b H Middlemast ... 0
R Dent, b Raine ... 2
W Reay, b H Middlemast ... 2
R Brewis, not out ... 2
McIntosh, c Ledger, b H Middlemast ... 5
Extras ... 5
Total ... 23

MEDOMSLEY II. v. CASTRIANS (NEWCASTLE.)

Played at Medomsley, the game ending in favour of the visitors. Scores:—

CASTRIANS.

Curley, c Walton, b W G Thompson ... 1
E Dodds, b Thompson ... 2
H Muras, b Jos. Walton ... 3
N McLeod, b Thompson ... 6
T Sparks, thrown out ... 11
E P Deas, b Thompson ... 1
A Davenport, b Thompson ... 9
F Gibson, b W Thompson ... 0
R Davison, c Bramley, b Thompson ... 0
F Walton, b Brown ... 9
T Patterson, not out ... 0
Extras ... 9
Total ... 51

MEDOMSLEY II.

M Murphy, c Gibson, b Patterson ... 11
G Moon, b Patterson ... 0
Jos Walton, c and b Sparks ... 2
M Walton, b Sparks ... 0
T Bramley, b Deas ... 9
W T Hunter, c Walton, b Pattesson ... 1
W Starford, c Patterson, b Sparks ... 3
T Walton, b Sparks ... 2
W Brown, not out ... 11
W G Thompson, b Deas ... 0
T Bell, c Dawson, b Deas ... 0
Extras ... 1
Total ... 40

BLACKHALL MILL v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Played at Blackhall Mill, and resulted in a win for the home team by 19 runs. Scores:—

SHOTLEY.

J W Forster, b W Wood ... 4
J Leadbitter, c Charlton, J Wood ... 1
J K Annandale, l.b.w., J Wood ... 9
Lancaster b J Wood ... 4
S Leadbitter, b J Wood ... 11
Seed, b Mason ... 1
Postle, b Charlton ... 8
J R Surtees, b Mason ... 9
Lister, b Mason ... 3
Wilkinson, not out ... 1
Bell, b Charlton ... 0
Extras ... 6
Total ... 57

BLACKHALL MILL.

Bell, run out ... 2
Embleton, b Seed ... 13
Dodd, b Seed ... 1
Taylor, c Postle, b Seed ... 28
W Wood, b Seed ... 10
Lonsdale, b J Leadbitter ... 9
Greener, c S Leadbitter, b Seed ... 7
Mordue, run out ... 0
Charlton, c Lister, b Seed ... 3
J Wood, b Surtees ... 0
Mason, not out ... 1
Extras ... 2
Total ... 76

CORNSAY v WILLINGTON.

These teams met at Willington, on Saturday, the visitors being in fine form, their total reaching 160, whilst the home eleven only managed to secure 40. Raw (36), Hodgson (26), T Lowrey (26), and R Hope (20), were the principal scorers for Cornsay, good service being rendered also by Milburn and Dawson. Amongst the Willington men, Adamson and Fatherley were the only men to secure double figures, the bowling of Groucett and Slater disposing of most of the home men. Appended are the scores:—

CORNSAY.

J Hodgson, c Allison b Fatherly - 26
J Slater, c Willson b Fatherly - 0
H Winter, c Foster b Fatherly - 4
R Hope, lbw b Fatherly - 20
W Hodgson, b Fatherly - 5
S Groucett, b Fatherly - 0
J Milburn, c and b Fatherly - 17
T Lowery, b Willson - 26
J Daglish, c Heslop b Willson - 9
W Dowson, not out - 14
J Raw, run out - 36
Extras - 3
Total - 160

WILLINGTON.

A Willson, c Winter b Slater - 0
S Heslop, b Groucett - 2
W Foster, c Winter b Slater - 0
F Weatherall, run out - 1
...Mitchell, b Groucett - 4
...therly, b Groucett - 14
...on, c Hope b Slater - 1
...on, b Slater - 2
...ey, b Slater - 0
...son, b Groucett - 14
...hire, not out - 2
...tras - 0
Total - 40

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
[illegible]	10	3	19	5	3·8
[illegible]	10	2	21	4	5·2

WARDLEY EXCELSIOR v SPEN COLLIERY.

These elevens met at Wardley, on Saturday, before a fair attendance. The home team batted first, and ran up a total of 30, Brown being chief scorer. Spen responded with 34, the chief contributor being Mr "Extras," who had 11 to his credit. Scores—

WARDLEY.

C Dixon, c Richardson, b Robinson ... 2
M H Brown, b Robinson ... 12
J Howley, b Birkett ... 1
J Hoyle, b Robinson ... 1
C Ellison, c Robinson, b Birkett ... 2
R Brown, b Birkett ... 6
A Thompson, b Robinson ... 3
W Short, b Robinson ... 0
G Preston, run out ... 0
D Davidson, not out ... 5
W Bell, c Robson, b Birkett ... 1
Extras ... 6
Total ... 30

SPEN.

A Amers, run out ... 6
T Richardson, b Howley ... 1
J Eltringham, b Dixon ... 0
J Birkett, run out ... 6
G Dunn, b Dixon ... 1
L Hall, b Howley ... 3
P Robson, run out ... 0
A Carter, b Dixon ... 4
W Craigie, not out ... 2
Joe Armstrong, b Howley ... 0
F Robinson, c Davidson ... 0
Extras ... 11
Total ... 34

LANGLEY PARK v. HAMSTEELS.

Played at Hamsteels on Saturday, and resulted in a decisive victory for the visitors. The Rev. R Thornton hit up a splendid 63, and M Crawford played steady cricket for 25. Scores—

LANGLEY PARK.

Rev. R Thornton, st T Jones ... 63
J Peel, c Lyons, b Coone ... 0
T Eccleston, c Bailes, b Coone ... 0
R Peel, lbw b Bailes ... 0
H Ardley, b Bailes ... 11
T Moreland, b Coone ... 0
J Lowes, b Johnson ... 7
M Crawford, c Lyons, b Jones ... 25
J Plews, b T Jones ... 3
J Lawton, b Jones ... 0
R Bell, not out ... 2
Extras ... 10
Total ... 121

HAMSTEELS.

J Lyons, c Lawton, b Ardley ... 9
W Coone, c and b Lowes ... 7
J B Johnstone, c Morland, b Lowes ... 13
W Appelby, b Lowes ... 3
W Fordham, b Ardley ... 6
T Ruddick, c and b Lowes ... 5
G Fordham, b Ardley ... 1
A Bailes, c Thornton, b Ardley ... 0
N Hancock, b Lowes ... 1
B Jarvis, c Bell, b Lowes ... 0
T Jones, not out ... 0
Extras ... 7
Total ... 52

WHICKHAM v. OVINGHAM.

Played at Whickham, and resulted in an easy win for Whickham. The feature of the game was the good display of Tom Cheesman with the bat. Score:—

WHICKHAM.

H Cook, b Turner ... 3
W Thynn, b Hall ... 11
G Cheeseman, b Hall ... 1
W Cook, b Turner ... 5
T Cheeseman, c Turner, b Hall ... 33
T M Burn, b Turner ... 2
R Cook, c Irving, b Turner ... 0
T A Snaith, run out ... 9
R Thynn, not out ... 12
W Cheeseman, b Nevin ... 0
F Mowbray, b Wright ... 2
Extras ... 4
Total ... 82

OVINGHAM.

J Wright, b W Cook ... 4
W T Lee, c R Thynn, b G Cheeseman ... 1
C Wright, b W Cook ... 1
E Oswald, b W Cook ... 0
W C Turner, c R Cook, b G Cheeseman ... 5
W Irving, c G Cheesman, b W. Cook ... 0
R Hall, b H Cook ... 1
J Nevin, b G Cheeseman ... 0
T Atkinson, not out ... 1
C Smith, b W Cook ... 0
J Carr, b H Cook ... 0
Extras ... 4
Totol ... 17

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2nd v. BLACKHALL MILL 2nd.

Played at Shotley Spa, and resulted in a win for the home team. Scores:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE 2nd.

T Gorman, run out - 30
R Hope, b Anderson - 6
J Scott, b Dodds - 5
W Clark, c Moody b Dodds - 17
J Fox, b Nichol - 4
H Lishman, b Moody - 28
G Thompson, c Moody b Nichol - 0
N Richley, b Anderson - 0
T Raisbeck, not out - 15
J Ayton, b Anderson - 0
J Grant, c and b Nichol - 8
Extras - 12
Total - 125

BLACKHALL MILL 2nd.

T Dodds, c and b Clark - 1
J Oxley, c Raisback b Clark - 2
J T Little, b Hope - 3
E Embleton, c Scott b Hope - 0
J Anderson, run out - 1
J Moody, not out - 8
J Aran, c Gorman b Hope - 1
F Hume, b Hope - 0
T Bowman, c Raisbech b Clark - 0
J Nichol, b Hope - 1
J Milburn, run out - 0
Extras - 1
Total - 18

LANGLEY PARK 2nd v. MALTON COLLIERY 2nd.

Played at Langley, on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors by 63 runs. J. Williamson scored 53 for the winners by dashing cricket. Scores:—

LANGLEY PARK.

E Rutter, c Hunter, b Ardley ... 0
J Smith, c Mace, b Ardley ... 3
Wright, c and b Hunter ... 3
J Elwick, c Hunter, b Ardley ... 3
Cant, c Tilley, b Ardley ... 10
J Ardley, c Potter, b Ardley ... 0
Alook, c Potter, b Ardley ... 7
T Elwick, b Hunter ... 0
Lowes, b Ardley ... 9
Vickers, not out ... 5
Peels, c and b Ardley ... 0
Extras ... 3
Total ... 43

MALTON COLLIERY.

Walker, c Lowes, b Smith ... 1
Williamson, b Elwick ... 53
H Ardley, c Peel, b Elwick ... 4
Liddle, c Rutter, b Smith ... 2
Potter, stumped Elwick ... 2
Hunter, b Elwick ... 0
R S Aynsley, c Smith, b Vickers ... 9
H Mace, b Vickers ... 5
Pringleton, c Caunt, b Vickers ... 6
Tilley, b Elwick ... 12
W Shipp, not out ... 4
Extras ... 8
Total ... 106

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

SOUTH MOOR JUNIORS v. CRAGHEAD JUNIORS.

These teams met in a league fixture at South Moor, on Saturday, the game resulting in a victory for Craghead by 21 runs. Scores:—

CRAGHEAD JUNIORS.

A Pomeroy, b Hodgson ... 5
J French, b Clark ... 0
L McMahone, b Hodgson ... 0
W Young, b Clark ... 1
R Patterson, b Gibbon ... 5
M Bruce, b Hodgson ... 9
T Brown, c and b Gibbon ... 0
J Hunter, run out ... 12
J Bell, c Proudlock, b Clark ... 3
G White, b Hodgson ... 1
W Muncaster, not out ... 0
Extras ... 3
Total ... 39

SOUTH MOOR JUNIORS.

G Gibbon, st. Pomeroy, b Young ... 0
F Brass, c Bruce, b McMahone ... 5
A Hodgson, st. Pomeroy, b Young ... 0
J Wilson, b Young ... 0
G Colas, b Young ... 3
A Lavery, run out ... 2
R Clark, b Young ... 3
R Proudlock, b McMahone ... 2
W Thorn, b Young ... 0
L Dawson, not out ... 0
H Foster, b McMahone ... 0
Extras ... 1
Total ... 18

GREENSIDE v. WINLATON.

These local combinations met at Winlaton, before a large concourse of spectators. Greenside won the toss, and elected to bat, Raisbeck and Callandar opposing the bowling of Blenkinsopp and Tebb. The first wicket to fall was that of Raisbeck, who scored an unenviable "duck." Wickets fell very quickly, the home bowler being in fine trim. Rev. A. C. Bell and George Forster gave stubborn opposition, the former securing ten, whilst the latter was not out for twelve. Tebb and Blenkinsopp opened the home innings, the first over being sent down by Fewster. Blenkinsopp failed to obtain a run, Fewster bowling him. Tebb cut Raisbeck for two, and Reed, the newcomer, was caught by Bell, having secured a "duck." Eight wickets were down for little over twenty runs, but, thanks to some fine batting by Nicholson, the score was brought up to 41, or two behind the visitors ere the last wicket fell, Greenside running out victors by two runs. J. Fewster took six of the home wickets for eight runs. Scores—

GREENSIDE.

C Raisbeck, b Blenkinsopp ... 0
J Callendar, c Blenkinsopp, b A Tebb ... 2
W Nesbitt, b H Tebb ... 3
R F Simpson, c Watson, b Blenkinsopp ... 5
T Armstrong, b H Tebb ... 2
T Fewster, b Blenkinsopp ... 2
Rev A C Bell, b Blenkinsopp ... 10
J Fewster, b Blenkinsopp ... 1
G Forster, not out ... 12
H Brown, c Nicholson, b Blenkinsopp ... 1
A Dodd, c Blenkinsopp, b Reed ... 2
Extras ... 3
Total ... 43

WINLATON.

J Blenkinsopp, b Fewster ... 0
H Tebb, c Brown, b Raisbeck ... 6
J Reed, c Bell, b Fewster ... 0
P G Watson, b J Fewster ... 4
G Smurthwaite, b J Fewster ... 0
T Robinson, b J Fewster ... 3
T Hyding, c Bell, b Nesbitt ... 0
B Tebb, b Fewster ... 2
H Forster, run out ... 0
D Nicholson, not out ... 13
A Tebb, c Forster, b Nesbitt ... 6
Extras ... 5
Total ... 41

FIXTURES.

South Moor Juniors v. South Moor P.M.—This match will be played on the ground of the former, in the Stanley and District Junior League. The following will represent the South Moor P.M.:—E Wilkinson (Capt.), Wm Handy, Wm Fawell, Wm Elliott, S Clark, C Davison, T Brass, J Bentley A Pratt, R Rutherford, and A Mitchell. Reserves, G Black and A Harrison.

Crook v. Cornsay.—At Crook on Saturday, the visiting team being represented as follows:—J Hodgson, J Slater, H Winter, J Milburn, W Hodgson, S Groucett, J Raw, J Daglish, T Lowery, A Newton, and W Dowson. Mr R. Johnson will act as umpire.

CYCLING NOTES.

[By "Spoke."]

Cyclists light up on Saturday, May 15th, at 9.4 p.m.

CYCLING CLUBS.

After the miserable attendance at the meeting of the Consett and Blackhill Cycling Club, held in Mr Courtney's Cocoa Rooms on Saturday night, the question might well be asked, "Are cycling clubs a failure in Consett?" Surely there are plenty of cyclists in the district to form a good club. If Consett, as a place of meeting, is unsuitable, why not try Blackhill?

ADVICE TO NOVICES.

The number of cyclists is increasing every day. Upon many of our quiet lanes may be seen numbers of novices, rushing wildly into hedges and inoffensive passers-by in their attempts to master the secrets of the wheel. With such I have much sympathy. Every rider has gone through the same mill, and a few hints from experience may be of some help, especially to the lady novices. In the first place, take plenty of time. Don't hurry; and try to keep your body straight in the saddle. In mounting, watch the position of the pedal; and never attempt to mount with the pedal on the ascent, or the machine will naturally run back. The pedal must be on the downward stroke, and by a little practice you will soon find the proper angle. The chief thing in dismounting is to bring the machine to a stand-still; then gradually bring your right foot over your left, and so on to the ground.

CYCLIST TOURS.

Every cyclist possesses the tourist fever. In fact, it is not possible to know cycling at its best without touring, and in order to assist those anxious to get about, I shall be glad to advise all who are intending to travel long distances. All communications should be addressed to "Spoke," *Chronicle* Office, Consett.

DRAUGHTS.

PROBLEM 40.

[By Mr. J. H. Benfold, Stanley].

BLACK.

WHITE.

Black to Move and Win.

Key to Draught Board.—At the commencement of each game the black men always occupy squares 1 to 12, and the white men from 21 to 32.

Solution to Problem 39:—

7–11 14–18 24–27 30–26 21–30 28–19
16–7 5–16 32–23 Black wins.

Correspondents are requested to address their letters—"Draughts Editor," *Consett Chronicle*.

NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

The first field meeting of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club was held at Jesmond Dene, on Saturday afternoon, and, despite the wind and dust which prevailed during the day, and which tended to make out-door pursuits somewhat disagreeable, there was a good muster of members present to share in the afternoon's enjoyment. When the club's first meeting was held last season, on May 9th, 1896, the trees in the Derwent Valley were arrayed in their full beauty of foliage, and the hedgerows were clad in white blossom. But at this year's first meeting scarcely a trace of hawthorn blossom could be found. It was noticed, in passing through Heaton Park, that the various flower plots with their gorgeous display of tulips, hyacinths, &c., though carefully looked after, had not altogether escaped the severity of the season. After visiting the aviary, which contains a few pretty canaries, the party moved forward to King John's Palace, and an interesting sketch of its history and architectural features was given by the President, Mr Hurst. On entering Jesmond Dene, the profusion and variety of bloom evoked many expressions of delight, and the difference between this sheltered place and the higher and more exposed positions was freely commented on. Few places can boast of such a varied collection of flowers as is to be found in Jesmond Dene. The barberry is growing in abundance, and an interesting fact respecting the sensitive character of its flowers was pointed out by the botanists of the party. Much astonishment was expressed when it was seen that on the pistil of the flower being touched with a pin, the stamens immediately moved towards the centre, as if to grasp the intruding body. At various parts of the Dene, the holly fly (*Phytomyza Aquifolia*) was seen by the many withered leaves on the hollies to be doing some damage. This species is one of the many leafminers. The female leafminer deposits her egg on the surface of the leaf, and in due time the larva is hatched, and bores itself through the cuticle, and continues to make its galleries in gradually increasing dimensions as the grub increases in size, between the two skins of the leaf. This goes on until the larva is full fed; it then makes a small hole from which, after passing through the chysalis stage, the perfect insect can escape. On reaching the old mill, a halt was made for the purpose of contemplating the superb scenery in this part of the Dene. The old waterwheel, which is said not to have done duty for 47 years, is now in a decayed state. The party now crossed to the opposite bank of the Ouse Burn, and reached Newcastle at 5.30, after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

CASTLESIDE.

Memorial to the Late Mrs W. J. Scott.—On Sunday next, a stained glass window, placed in the Parish Church by Mr W. J. Scott, in memory of his late wife, will be unveiled. The window consists of a single light, representing the figure of "Hope," and will be filled in with a canopy, and base of very fine ornamental work, in white and gold. The drawing and colouring throughout is refined, and the whole thoroughly artistic.

Generous Gift by the Vicar.—The Vicar of Castleside, the Rev. J. Wallis, has given three large and powerful lamps for use in the Parish Church. They will, we understand, be lit for the evening service on Sunday first.

PRESENTATION AT TANFIELD.

On Saturday evening, a pleasant ceremony was enacted at Mr John Irwin's Pack Horse Inn, Tanfield, the occasion being a presentation to Mr M. J. Starford, who has recently been promoted from Tanfield Lea to the management of Messrs Joicey's Beamish Collieries. The presentation, it may be stated, consisted of an oak secretary, gold albert, and appendage for Mr Starford, with a broach and ring for Mrs Starford. The contributors towards the purchase of these tokens of respect, consisted of the workmen and officials of the Tanfield Lea, East Tanfield, and Tanfield Moor Collieries, and also a few outside friends. A sumptuous dinner was provided by Hostess Irwin, to which a large gathering did ample justice. After the tables had been cleared, Mr Tom Pringle took the chair, with Mr Nichol Wilkinson in the vice-chair, whilst the company present included:—Mr M. J. Starford, Mr J. W. Anderson, Mr Offord, Mr Gladders (White-le-Head), Mr Ed. Fawcett, Mr T. Adamson, Mr Gibbons, Mr Lemon, Mr Richardson, Mr J. Pringle, Mr G. Herron, and many others.

The toasts, "The Queen and Royal Family" and "Army, Navy, and Volunteers" having been duly honoured,

The Chairman, who was well received, said that he would now ask them to join in performing the pleasant duty which had called them together, namely, to do honour to their esteemed friend and guest, Mr M. J. Starford. He might state at the outset, that he was well aware of his inability to perform the duty as he would wish, or as he knew some amongst them could have done it, but he trusted that they would pardon his failings, and take the will for the deed. He could assure them that he appreciated the honour they had done him, in asking him to do honour to their guest. (Applause). He had known Mr Starford for thirty years, and had worked as a colleague with him for a considerable time. He was pleased to say that they always worked in harmony, both being at all times willing to assist each other as far as possible. He was sure they would agree with him when he said that in Mr Starford they had a good workmate, a genial companion, and a staunch friend. When they knew that their guest was to leave them, it was decided to mark the occasion by giving him some token of esteem, and he was glad to state that their efforts had been crowned with success, as the presents which it was his duty to hand over, were of a substantial kind, and such as both the donors and recipient might well feel proud of. He would now ask their guest to accept the secretary and albert, and also the brooch and ring for his better half, to keep them in remembrance of their Tanfield friends. He wished that they might be spared many years to enjoy the gifts, and hoped that Mr Starford might meet with every success in the important position to which he had been promoted. (Applause). They considered that he was well able and worthy to occupy that position, and wished him every happiness and prosperity in his new sphere of labour. (Applause.)

Mr Starford said that he was very grateful to Mr Pringle for the kind expressions he had used, and to each and all who had contributed towards the handsome presents. A few weeks ago, he was informed that a movement was on foot to make him a presentation, but he never expected anything so valuable as that of which he had been the recipient. He could but wonder what he had done to merit the favour of so many people, but it afforded him pleasure to thank them for their generous gift, which would be cherished as long as he lived, and handed down to posterity. He had made Justice his motto whilst amongst them, and had tried to do justice between man and master; and he intended to try and do the same at Beamish. (Applause). He left many friends at Tanfield, but would have to try and make many where he had gone. (Applause). In conclusion, he again thanked them heartily both for himself and on behalf of his wife. (Applause).

Subsequently, a most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being contributed by Messrs Lemon, Fawcett, Wilkinson, Curry, Anderson, and others. Mr James Lynch acted as accompanist.

PROPOSED VOLUNTEER CORPS.

At the beginning of last year, we referred to the advisability of forming a Volunteer *corps* in connection with Consett and the surrounding district. Subsequently, a number of letters were published in the columns of the *Consett Chronicle*, each and all favouring the proposal, and expressing surprise that some practical steps to secure its accomplishment had not been taken at a much earlier stage in the history of the town and its environments. It appears now that definite and decided action is extremely likely to be adopted. Mr A. Russell, Mr M. Cowen, and other gentlemen are displaying considerable enthusiasm and activity, and, should they meet with anything approaching the response from the public that they anticipate, the establishment of a battalion, whose headquarters will be at Consett, will speedily become an accomplished fact.

It may not be generally known that Mr Matthew Cowan, of Consett, is at present a sergeant in connection with the 1st V.B.N.F., whose headquarters are at Hexham. He at present holds the Mountain Challenge Cup, and is a bronze medallist. Our representative called upon him recently, and obtained some interesting particulars concerning the steps that are likely to be taken in connection with the movement, which he thinks must assuredly prove an unqualified success. The Consett Water Company, he pointed out, supplies water for upwards of a hundred thousand people who are practically without any volunteer *corps*. There are at present five battalions in Durham. The first has its headquarters at Stockton, the second is supplied from Spennymoor and Castle Eden; the headquarters of the third, fourth, and fifth are at Sunderland, Durham City, and Gateshead, respectively. If one be formed for Consett and District, it would form the 6th battalion, as all the others are already up to their full strength, the limit being one thousand men each. It is suggested that companies should be formed at different places, such as Leadgate, Lanchester, and Annfield Plain, the headquarters, of course, being at Consett. The first step will be the selection of field officers, three of whom are required, namely, one colonel and two majors. Each company would, in addition, have to be officered, these being chosen from the immediate districts in which the companies are located. The initial stage has, we understand, already been reached, and arrangements are on the way for the convening of a public meeting, at which names of intending volunteers will be enrolled. Then the Lord Lieutenant will be requested to formally accept the services of the battalion, the rejection of the same being highly improbable.

The regulations, we may point out, require sixty drills for each volunteer during his first two years, but sometimes two are put in in a single night. After the first two years, only seven or nine drills are required every twelve months. Each man would need a suitable outfit, but this is provided for by the Government, who pay 35s per annum for each member, and £4 for each sergeant. A drill hall would be required, at anyrate in Consett, but here, again, the expense would be borne by the Government, and no rates would have to be paid in connection therewith.

The advantages of the formation of a volunteer *corps* is Consett are undoubtedly great. Apart altogether from the healthy recreation and excellent training it would afford our young people, it would be a means of bringing a large amount of trade, which is necessarily entailed by the equipment of such a body, into the town.

We have no doubt that the movement, once started, will meet with wide-spread sympathy and support. The late Mr Gray, of Annfield Plain, had the names of eighty young men from Annfield Plain alone, who would gladly have volunteered had the opportunity been forthcoming. Stanley, too, would undoubtedly contribute a large share of support. We trust that the movement will be taken up with determination and enthusiasm.

THORNLEY.

Special Services.—On Sunday last, Mr George Shield, of Bishop Auckland, conducted special services at this place of worship. Mr Shield was formerly a very acceptable local preacher upon the Tow Law Wesleyan plan. The attendance at the evening service was unusually large.

IVESTON.

Evening Continuation School.—The report of H.M. Inspector on the above School has just come to hand, and is of a most satisfactory character. The School, which was under the auspices of day school managers, had an average attendance of 30·3. The subjects taught were arithmetic, geography, mensuration, and chemistry, and as the highest grant was awarded on each subject, the result reflects great credit on the master, Mr Goulden.

WITTON GILBERT.

Girls' Friendly Society.—A grand social was held in the National Schools, Witton Gilbert, on Monday night last, when above 200 people assembled to spend a very enjoyable evening. Dancing commenced at seven o'clock, and was thoroughly appreciated. Messrs T. Hardy and J. Lawton provided the music. Mr T. Appleby acted as M.C. Amongst those present were the following:—Mr and Mrs Watts, Misses Watts, Mr Smythe, Mr and Mrs Bainbridge, Mr and Mrs Wallace, Mr and Mrs Laidlaw, Mr and Miss Holmes, Mr and Miss Bartley, Mr and Mrs Lowes (Sacriston), Misses Mole, Mr Wardman and Miss Kendle, Mr and Mrs Cunnigan, Misses Wilson, Miss Forster, Mr L. Allison, Mr and Mrs Allison, Messrs J. Peel, G. Morland, W. Clark, and J. Wardle (Langley Park). The following entertained the company with songs, &c.:—Mrs Watts, Miss Bartley, Mr J. Hunter (Durham), Mr Russell (Durham). Mr E. Waddington, B.Mus. accompanied on the piano.

Business Announcements.

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WILLIAM S. SHELL,
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Taylor Street, Consett,
May 12th, 1897.

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For further particulars see Bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB,
York, May, 1897. General Manager.

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on and after the Thirteenth Day of May, 1897, RIVERDALE HOUSE, Front Street, Lanchester, will be the Temporary Register Office for the Lanchester District.

GEORGE NEASHAM,
6 May, 1897. SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I have appointed Mr Philip C. Neasham Deputy Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for Lanchester District.

GEORGE NEASHAM,
SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR.
Register Office, Lanchester,
6th May, 1897.

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FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1897.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Anti-Tobacconist, Blackhill.—Thanks for your communication! It is, however, scarcely of sufficient interest to warrant its insertion.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

CONSIDERABLE interest is at present centred in the policy which is being pursued by the members of the Tanfield School Board. Some time ago it was decided to enlarge the West Stanley Board Schools at an estimated cost of £2000, and to erect a new block of buildings at Tanfield Lea. To both these schemes the Tanfield Ratepayers' Association has offered sturdy and uncompromising opposition, which has found full and free expression at public indignation meetings, and, on Tuesday evening last in the visit of a deputation to the Board itself. The representatives of the Association were courteously received, and were accorded a long and ptaient hearing. The CHAIRMAN (Mr H. C. Wood) then entered upon an able and exhaustive exposition of the Board's policy, and of the circumstances which, in the opinion of the members, justified the proposed expenditure. Briefly, the objection to the proposed scheme, was that the accommodation already provided was adequate, and that, therefore, the expenditure suggested was a waste of the Ratepayers' money. To this the CHAIRMAN responded by the production of a tabulated statement, showing that the existing provision was glaringly insufficient, and that the Board were in reality adopting a policy, which would in the end, prove both economical and efficient. He further pointed out that the School Board rate was at present, and would be—at any rate for the next six months—much less than it had been during the reign of their predecessors. Father THOMPSON had urged the adoption of an eight feet basis, but this the law will not permit, and, even if that were not the case, it is surely wiser and better for the Board to ensure conditions which make for the health and happiness of the children in their schools. Mr DUFFY contended that the Tanfield Ratepayers were paying for the education of children out of their own immediate district, and that fifty per cent of the scholars attending Causey School were from Lamesley. This was promptly contradicted by the CHAIRMAN, who pointed out that there was only about twenty-six per cent of the children upon the register who could be denominated outsiders, whilst no less than sixty-seven from the Tanfield district were being educated by the Kyo Board. He also remarked that the Tanfield Board obtained grants to the amount of over £60 from outsiders who attended the Causey School. The CHAIRMAN's explanation was, as we have already intimated, full and exhaustive, and formed a masterly exposition of the policy of the Board. We are extremely glad, however, that the Tanfield District Ratepayers' Association, have taken the matter in hand, and have demanded the explanation which was so freely given. This is another instance of the utility of Ratepayers' Associations, and we trust that they—and other similar organisations—will continue to demand comprehensive and detailed statements concerning the why and wherefore of the expenditure of public money by public representatives.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A GENEROUS OFFER FROM TOW LAW.

The respected Vicar of Tow Law (the Rev. Mr Espin) is, as is generally known, an expert in the art of the X-Ray photography. He has been of considerable service to patients who have had to undergo operations for internal complaints. He has again expressed his willingness to place his services at the disposal of those who may have need of them, and we have no doubt but that his kind offer will be greatly appreciated.

CASTLESIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The first meeting of the newly-formed School Board for the townships of Healeyfield and Rowley took place on Tuesday evening last. All the members were present, ...ugh one or two of them did not arrive ...ter the time when the proceedings ...nced to commence. From the ... indescribable sombreness and ...ed the room, and one could not ...hat something entirely unfore...cur. For the most part, the ...ed anxious and ill-at-ease, ... countenances of some sat a ...solve ...o do and dare. ...ness was commenced, and ...ed to the chair *pro. tem.* ...nounced that their first

THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Again, there ensued a brief, but significant hiatus, broken only when Mr Pattinson moved the re-election of Mr Muse. Quietly, but forcibly, the speaker described and dwelt upon the claims of the late chairman. "For twenty-one years," he said, "Mr Muse has presided over the deliberations of the Board. With admirable disinterestedness he has toiled in the interests of the children and the parish generally, and the least we can do is to re-appoint him to the position he has so well and worthily occupied." Then Mr Pattinson resumed his seat, and it would be difficult to describe the deep, death-like silence which ensued. To slightly parody a line from a well-known poet,

Each looked to floor, and roof, and wall

but no one rose to second Mr Pattinson's nomination. Mr Elliott, the new member, was the first to break in upon the chilling stillness, by proposing that

MR J. W. GOLIGHTLY

be elected Chairman. Mr Elliott based his recommendation, not upon years of toil and thought devoted to the interests of the ratepayers and the children, but on the general principle that changes were desirable and beneficial. This was seconded by Mr Wallis, and agreed to. Mr Golightly, we may remark, is a comparatively new member of the Board. He was formerly a teacher at the Castleside Schools, but subsequently received an appointment in the Consett Iron Company's Offices. His election to the post has created considerable excitement in Castleside and its vicinity. The next item on the agenda was the appointment of

VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Muse immediately proposed Mr Pattinson for that position, and referred to his nominee's indefatigable service as a member of the Board. This was immediately seconded by Mr Wallis, but to the evident amazement of all present Mr Pattinson refused to accept the post, remarking on the evidence that had been forthcoming of the Board's unwillingness to reward long and faithful service. This was followed by the election of Mr Wallis, who, however, only accepted the position for twelve months.

MR T. J. MUSE.

We cannot congratulate the Board upon their action in rejecting Mr Muse. He was by experience, sympathies, and ability preeminently fitted to preside over the meetings, and certainly no member of the Board—past or present—has worked more assiduously, or sacrificed more, for the interests of the children than the gentleman referred to. It would have been only courteous and dignified to have re-appointed him to the position, and we shall be greatly surprised if the ratepayers of Castleside endorse the action of a majority of their representatives. To deliberately replace a gentleman, who has held the position so honourably for twenty one years, by another member whose experience is considerably less, and whose influence is by no means so extensiv,e must be regarded as a mistake in policy, a breach of courtesy, and an error of judgment.

MR ELLIOTT ON CANVASSING.

Mr Elliott laid great stress upon the fact that he had not canvassed for votes, and had not appealed to the electors through the columns of the local newspapers. We cannot, however, see where any objection can be sustained against the practices referred to. If a vote is worth having at all, it is worth asking for, and a personal canvas of the ratepayers puts the latter into touch with their would-be representatives. Equally true is it that the issue of an address through the Press gives a candidate an opportunity of expressing his views, and indicating the lines upon which, if he be successful, he will conduct the business entrusted to him.

THE EXPENSES OF DEPUTATIONS.

At the meeting of the Annfield Plain Council, on Tuesday, it was decided that the Chairman (Mr J. W. Taylor) together with the Surveyor should visit Newcastle, as a deputation from the Council. The Chairman, in reply to a question, remarked that he would have to pay his own expenses, as they were not allowed to charge them to the Council. All officials, he said, received an allowance, but private members were not permitted to travel at the expense of the ratepayers. This evoked from Mr Johnson the opinion that public life and honours were not without their disadvantages—a sentiment that will be emphatically endorsed by many.

STANLEY & DISTRICT GOSSIP.

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

MR WIGHAM'S FIRST VOTE.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," and even the office of Urban Councillor has its pains and penalties, as well as its pleasures and privileges. Mr Edward Wigham has not been long in learning this truth, for ere the shouts of triumph at his glorious victory have died away, certain of his constituents have commenced grumbling. His first vote has given offence to some of the more economical of the electorate. I certainly think, however, that Mr Wigham was justified in recording his vote in favour of increasing Mr Heslop's salary. The Council have a good servant, and they did well to keep him, even at the additional expense of £30 per year.

A WHITE-LE-HEAD VETERAN.

Mr George Gedling, of Tanfield Moor Colliery, is worthy of a high place amongst the celebrities of North-West Durham. He is about ninety years of age, and yet he follows his employment as a blacksmith day by day, and appears likely to do so for years to come. He has worked for Messrs Joicey ever since they became owners of the Colliery, and altogether he has followed colliery work for three score years and ten. Sir James Joicey recently had a pleasant chat with the grand old blacksmith.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

Up to the present, nothing has been done, as far as Stanley is concerned to celebrate the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign in any special manner, and the suggestion mooted in the *Chronicle* some weeks ago, "that the Urban Council should erect public baths" in celebration of the event, has apparently not commended itself to the judgment of our city and fathers. The people of Annfield Plain have got to work in the matters, and have decided to furnish the children and the old people of their village with free teas on the "glorious 22nd," and it is also intended to light a bonfire on Pontop Pyke. The Vicar of Tanfield has also moved in the matter, and has persuaded the loyal Urban Council of that parish to accept an invitation to attend divine service at St. Margaret's on the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne.

WILL ERRINGTON.

A year has flown since Will Errington passed away in the prime of youth. I feel sure that there are many in and around Stanley, who will feel their sorrow renewed by the anniversary of the death of the sterling half back, who in his day did such splendid service for the Lilywhites. His equal, we may sometimes see, but his superior never.

SCHOOL BOARD EXPENDITURE.

The deputation appointed by the Ratepayers' Association made their appearance before the Tanfield School Board, on Tuesday, and, as predicted in this column last week, they received information which placed a different aspect on the questions at issue than was given at the public meetings, held under the auspices of the Association. The members of the Board seemed to have made every preparation for the visit of their friends, and the result of it all must have been to make the deputationists sadder, even though wiser, men. To commence with, it was clearly demonstrated that some of the statements made at the public meetings were

VERY MISLEADING.

Mr Duffy had stated that fifty per cent of the children attending the Causey School came from Lamesley Parish. As a matter of fact, just about twenty-six per cent. of the children attending that school hail from outside the School Board area. There is a material difference between fifty per cent. and twenty-six per cent., and it is strange how agentleman possessed of Mr Duffy's ability should make such a gross error.

FATHER THOMPSON

had also gone wide of the mark when he stated that the Board ought to adopt the eight feet basis, instead of the ten feet basis in their schools. Article 85 of the education code, 1897-98, says that "Schools already receiving annual grants will be regarded as accommodating the number of scholars for which they have been hitherto recognised by the Department, providing that in no case shall there be less than eighty cubic feet of internal space, and eight square feet of internal area for each unit of average attendance. If, in the neighbourhood of any school there is a deficiency of school accomodation, which is being supplied with due despatch, the accommodation of that school may, with the consent of the Department, be temporarily calculated at eighty cubic feet and eight square feet for each unit. The minimum of eight square feet of internal area and eighty cubic feet of internal space for each scholar in average attendance is required in all schools, but in schools provided by aid of loans, the average attendance may not exceed that for which the plans were approved, even if the internal area and space exceed the minimum named above." The Board certainly have not the power of adopting a general eight foot basis, and Father Thompson, in giving publicity to this idea, has made a mistake, and caused a wrong impression in the minds of many, who are not thoroughly acquainted with the subject.

THE DEPUTATION.

did not appear eager to discuss the question of a Higher Grade School, and though openly challenged to again speak on the Central class question, Mr Holmes decided to maintain a discreet silence.

THE BOARD'S JUSTIFICATION.

The fact, that a penny in the pound at the outside, will clear the entire expense, and that the alterations will give better accommodation, and lead to a considerable saving in staff expenses, are strong arguments in favour of the policy adopted by the Board, whilst the statistics quoted by the chairman go far to dispel the effects of all charges of extravagance; and in so doing, justify entirely the expenditure which the Board has made. Reference to this subject would be incomplete without a word of praise to Mr H. C. Wood for the exceedingly able manner in which he had explanied the policy of the Board.

MR WOOD'S SUSPICIONS.

During the course of the discussion, the chairman expressed grave doubts as to whether the Ratepayers' Association was animated entirely by the motives which it is represented to be, and his words were something more than a suggestion to the effect that the Religious question had something to do with the activity displayed by certain persons connected with the association. I trust, and believe that the suspicions of Mr Wood are unfounded, for if an association of this kind is to be useful, it must be entirely independent of either political or religious creed.

NOTES FROM LEADGATE.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT].

I hear that a cricket club is to be formed in our village this season. There are several youths who are wishful to take up the willow. I hope a strong eleven will be raised, as, if the game were properly played, it would become as popular as football in Leadgate.

Although the football season is ended, the Park is filled every evening with devotees of the dribbling code. The Brooms School lads, who, by the way, have not been going so strongly as last season, visited Jarrow on Saturday week to play the famous "Hibs.," who are recognised as the champion school team in the North. The Leadgate lads were, as was generally expected, beaten, the game ending in favour of the homesters by 6 goals to 1.

The recent social held by the Leadgate Exiles A.F.C. was a great success, over 80 couples attending. The music was supplied by Mr George Richardson, and during the evening, songs were contributed by several of the players.

A meeting was held last Tuesday evening, with a view to the erection of a memorial in respect to the late Mr J. H. Morris, of Medomsley. Mr H. Palmer, of Manor House, presided, and there was a large number of people present.

Billiards is very popular at Leadgate. Two of the Leadgate Councillors are very good cueists and "Cross-bar," the renowned champion of Stanley, would find it no easy task to beat them.

I hear that the scheme for the erection of a Council Chamber and Free Library is to be proceeded with. The Miners' Hall is to be utilised for the purpose, and, it is said, that the money is to be paid out of the rates.

Neither of the Leadgate football clubs have been so successful as to carry off a cup this season. The Tyneside League Cup, which has been held by the Park for the last two years, goes to Annfield Plain, whilst the Derwent Valley Trophy, which has been held by the second organisation for a similar period, has been removed to Blaydon.

The Liberal Association intend holding a pie supper and concert in the Miners' Hall at an early date. Several local artistes will appear.

The North-Eastern Railway Company have decided to run excursions from Leadgate this summer. There has only been one excursion run from Consett and Leadgate since the opening of the new line last August.

The examinations in freehand and geometry, taught by Mr Brears every Monday evening, took place on Tuesday of last week. A large number of candidates offered themselves for examination. The continuation classes, held in the Bottle Bank Schools, have proved very successful, the highest possible grant being obtained. The classes were held by Mr W. F. Lane, who is deserving of every credit. The classes held at Iveston have also earned the highest possible grant, the teacher being Mr Goulden.

I see that some improvements are being made to the footpath facing the houses on the west side of the Co-operative Hall.

The usual weekly dance, which has been held in the Co-operative Hall, has just been brought to a close.

Fires have been very numerous in Leadgate during the past few months. Both Mr Keenleyside and Mr Craig have had stacks burnt, whilst stables and pig-sties have been seen ablaze.

The Consett Councillors are to be congratulated on their efforts to secure a permanent magistrate or two for the town. I think Leadgate should stir itself up in the matter. We have several gentlemen well adapted for the position, some of whom have already had the honour of sitting upon our local bench.

Whatever form our celebrations are going to take on Jubilee Day, it is time some arrangements were made, so that everything is not put off to the last minute.

The Leadgate Park A.F.C. are to have a Social before long, to celebrate their many victories during the season just ended. Undoubtedly, they have displayed some good footballing to get into the semi-final of the English Amateur Cup, which is no mean performance. The Park are very fortunate to have a gentleman of such influence as Mr J. E. Parker to look after their interests. The trainer, Mr J. Haggerston, has also been very attentive to his duties.

SPEN.

FARM STOCK SALE.—Mr John Crawford, auctioneer, held a successful sale of farm stock and implements at Parson Birks Farm, near the Spen, belonging to Mr Anderson, last Monday. Prices were good, and there was a large attendance.

CORNSAY.

GOOD TEMPLARY.—On Saturday afternoon last, the 32 quarterly session of the mid-Durham conference of lodges, took place in the Methodist New Connexion Chapel, the gavel falling at 2 o'clock. A public tea was also held, of which a large number of friends partook. In the evening, a public meeting took place, an address being given by Mr D. McMillan, solos, recitations, &c., being given by the members. The chair was taken by Mr Joseph Taylor, and the proceedings, as a whole, proved to be highly satisfactory.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday evening in last week, an interesting ceremony took place, when Miss Newham, who has been for eleven years past the infant mistress of the British School, was made the recipient of a handsome davenport writing desk. Mr Coxon made the presentation, and in the course of a short speech, said that the subscribers, who consisted of the managers and teachers of the school, desired to show their appreciation of Miss Newham's services as a teacher, and the unvarying courtesy which had characterised her residence in their midst. The desk bore a silver plate, bearing a suitable inscription. Miss Newham, who has left to fulfil a similar position at Newark-upon-Trent, has for some time past, enjoyed the good opinion of the inhabitants of Cornsay, and her removal has occasioned much

CONSETT.

CRICKET MATCH.—At the County v. Colts match, on Wednesday first, Messrs W. Ramsay and J. Adamson (Blackhill) will officiate as umpires.

HONOUR TO A LOCAL SCHOOLMASTER.—Mr Hyden, the headmaster of the Consett British Schools, has been selected to give evidence before the Royal Commission, in London, on the existing system of instructing pupil teachers. Mr Hyden will leave for the Metropolis on Monday, and has prepared a comprehensive mass of evidence on the subject.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday morning, a Consett Iron Company's locomotive was pushing a train load of empty trucks from the "gantry" above the blastfurnaces, and after passing over the bridge which spans the roadway at the bottom of Consett Terrace, four or five of the foremost trucks ran off the rails. However, the engine was brought to a standstill before any serious damage resulted.

PRESENTATION.—Mr Jas. Wass, recently appointed under-manager at Consett Colliery, was on Saturday the recipient of a valuable gold albert and seal from the members of the Ferryhill Lodge of Oddfellows. Dr. Shirlaw made the presentation, and Mr Hopper presided at the after gathering. Mr Wass, before going to Consett, served 13 years at East Howle Colliery, and for 11 years held an official position in the Foresters' Lodge.

THE CONSETT WATERWORKS' EXTENSIONS.—On Tuesday afternoon, the directors of the Consett Waterworks' Company, accompanied by the engineer (Mr R. Asquith) and other officials, paid a visit of inspection to the new extensions at Waskerley, and expressed themselves gratified with the progress of the works by the contractors. It is stated that there is more water in the main reservoirs at the present time than there has been since 1893.

SEWAGE FARM.—The annual grass letting at this farm took place on Wednesday afternoon. There was a large number of people present, and prices were very much up to last year's. The following were the purchasers:—Bog Field, Mr Thompson, Allansford; Standpipe Farm Field, Mr Kirton, Rowley; Middle Field, Mr M. Murray, Consett; Road and New Laid Field, Mr Walker, Castleside; Meadow Field, Mr White, Blackhill. Mr John Crawford conducted the sale.

NEW THEATRE.—Mr Fred. Cooke's company is this week presenting two dramas to the public. The first, which was staged during the earlier part of the week, is entitled "On Shannon's Shore." It is by no means a creditable production, and can most fitly be described as a mass of absurdity and sensational unreality. "The Diver's Luck," which is booked for to-night (Friday) and tomorrow, is well-worth witnessing. Some remarkably good scenery, and many powerful and dramatic situations, are graphically presented. "The Diver's Luck" should draw excellent houses.

THE COLD WEATHER.—The weather in the Consett district still wears a wintry aspect, and at present there seems to be no prospect of brighter meterological conditions. On Monday night there was a heavy fall of snow, and again on Tuesday showers of snow and hail came down at intervals. A piercingly cold north-east wind prevailed, and caused people wrapped up in their thickest overcoats to shiver. Instead of being in the "merry month of May," we seem to have harked back into the middle of December. Vegetation is practically withered up; plants have perished by the cold, and what scanty herbage grew in the so-called spring is totally blighted. Snow first appeared in the Consett district in the early part of last October, and has fallen intermittently ever since that time, so that winter has virtually covered a period of eight months.

LIST OF LODGINGS AT PLEASURE RESORTS.—The North-Eastern Railway Company have issued a neat Guide, containing particulars of farmhouse, hotel, seaside, and country lodgings, to be obtained during the holiday season, in Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham, and Yorkshire. The book, which contains a capital introduction, describing all the principal tourist resorts in the North-Eastern district of England, as well as a numberof well-executed illustrations of places of interest on the North-Eastern Railway, can be obtained free on application to the Superintendent of the line, North-Eastern Railway, York, the Stationmasters at any of the Company's Stations, or will be sent to any address, post free, 2d. It may also be obtained at the Railway bookstalls at any of the Company's stations, price 1d.

DEATH OF MR S. ALLEN.—We regret to have to announce the decease of Mr S. Allen, which took place at his daughter's residence in Consett Terrace on Friday evening last. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, was well known in the district, and very highly respected. He had been for a considerable time employed as a coke drawer by the Consett Iron Company, but prior to that served as a soldier, passing through several campaigns. He was a member of Christ Church. He is survived by two daughters, both of whom are married. The interment took place on Tuesday afternoon in the Blackhill Cemetery, the Rev. C. S. Wilson being the officiating clergyman. The bearers were Messrs T. Alderdice, and W. Glasgow, Derwent Cottages; N. Willis, Crookhall; W. Rice, T. Allen, and A. Harper, Consett. The principal mourners were Mr and Mrs Hayes, Mr and Mrs Stewart, and Mr T. Kennedy (Waterhouses).

PRESENTATION TO MR J. G. GUY.—On Tuesday, last the officials and a number of workmen met at the registered office of the Hindley Field Coal Co., Ltd., Bickershaw, near Wigan, for the purpose of making Mr J. G. Guy (late of Peases West, Crook, and Consett) a present on the occasion of his having been promoted from the position of certificated manager to general manager for the Company.—Mr Jno. Needham, secretary to the Company, who was asked to make the presentation, said that he had been requested to perform a very pleasing duty, but felt that the work could have been put into more able hands. He was, however, pleased to have the opportunity of saying that during the three years that Mr Guy had been at Bickershaw, his officials had always found him to be a very good and considerate master, and the present he was about to receive would show better than any words of his (the speaker's) the very high degree of esteem in which he was held by his officials and workmen. He had pleasure in asking Mr Guy to accept a handsome Gladstone bag, and silver-mounted ebony stick from the officials and workmen, as a token of esteem and respect. He trusted that Mr and Mrs Guy would have long life and prosperity. Mr Guy, in responding, said that he could hardly find words to express his surprise and pleasure in receiving such a handsome present, and for the very kindly feeling that it expressed. It was most gratifying to any manager to feel that his officials and workmen thought so highly of him, and he could only say that during the time he had been with them he had always received assistance from all, and took that opportunity of thanking them. Mr Guy then thanked the subscribers to the presnts, and the proceedings terminated.

BURNOPFIELD.

CONCERT AND PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening, a grand concert was held in the Temperance Hall, in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society. The artistes were—Miss Maggie Matthews (Blackhill), Miss Annandale (Lintzford), Miss Neilson (Derwentcote), Mr W. H. Bewley, humourist (Newcastle), Mr Hogarth (Burnopfield), and Mr W. Grey. Mr Randle (Garesfield) acted as accompanist, and also gave a laughable sketch, entitled, "Turned Out," assisted by Misses Ford and Nixon, and Messrs Bessford and Chapman. Altogether, a most enjoyable programme was performed, and heartily appreciated by the audience. In the interval, the Vicar (Rev. G. T. Dunne), on behalf of the Burnopfield C.E.T.S. members, presented Miss Annandale—the late hon. secretary—with a handsome engraving by Leader, entitled, "A summer morning," as a small token of esteem and affection, on the eve of her approaching marriage.

EAST HEDLEYHOPE.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The anniversary services, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Chapel, East Hedley Hope, were celebrated on Sunday last, sermons being preached by Mr Jas. Wilkinson, of Hamsteels. A musical service was also held, which was given by the Choir, assisted by Miss Haddison and Mr Thomas Davison, of Waterhouses. At the service Mr Wilkinson

LETTERS to the EDITOR.

As it is desired to make the *Consett Chronicle* a medium for intelligent discussion on its readers, Correspondence is invited from all who have useful information to communicate. But contributors must distinctly understand that all communications sent will be subject to the Editor's revision, and that all names and full personal, offensive, or inpolitic character will be unhesitatingly expunged. Correspondents should always criticise the action or the practice complained of, and not the person whom they consider to be at fault. Communications from workmen on matters of public interest are frequently the most valuable, and Correspondence of this class is especially invited. The Editor will most carefully consider the letters of those who favour him with their contributions.

The name and address of the writer must accompany all communications. These will not be given to the public unless he wish it, but his identity to be known; nor will they, in any case, or under any circumstances whatever, be given to inquirers. Correspondents *replying* to letters which have appeared in the *Chronicle*, bearing the names and addresses of the writers, are expected to do so over their *bona fide* names.

Letters ought to be forwarded not later in the week as possible. Communications of this description will be received up to nine o'clock Wednesday morning, but on no account can they be inserted if sent after this hour.

PROPOSED SHOP ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—I read with interest your report of the public meeting held last week by the Consett Tradesmen's Association, and am confirmly believe that the Association is capable of performing much excellent work, and I regret to notice that it is shrinking from tackling certain questions, on the ground that they are not in accordance with the unanimous feeling of the shopkeepers in the town. I am now referring to the Early Closing matter of early closing. I venture to assert, Sir, that many shop assistants are ruined in health by the very long hours at present worked, they are expected to toil in the interests of their employers. It is said that many of the tradesmen would prefer to fall in with a general arrangement for early closing, but I am of opinion that if they were put to the test, all shopkeepers would gladly consent to some measure of early closing, providing that it could be unanimously adopted. It is only business jealousy, arising from keen competition, that has interfered with this desirable boon becoming an accomplished fact. Then, too, would the assistants be free to close their establishments at a reasonable hour, they would have nothing to do but to go home and rest, whereas now after the step. The public would then do their shopping in the day time, or early in the evening.

Now, what I propose is that we shop assistants should form ourselves into an association to protect our interests. Similar bodies have been organised with great success in other places, and have come to be recognised as a power in the localities wherein they exist. The work is not necessarily aggressive. I do not suppose that we should set ourselves in antagonism against the masters. I would suggest that we unite with one purpose and resolve, which we should attempt to bring about by persuasion and continual pegging away. I am, yours truly,

SHOP ASSISTANT.

Consett, May 8th, 1897.

POSTAL WORK ON SUNDAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—I notice from your issue of the 7th inst., that the Consett Tradesmen's Association have decided to request the authoritiesto arrange for a despatch of letters on Sundays. I am sorry that such a step has been taken, and I was glad to notice that the resolution was only carried by a majority of one. What demand is there for a Sunday despatch? As Mr Foster pointed out at a previous meeting, letters can always be sent on Saturday for them down to Blackhill, and when the matter is really urgent, the extra penny payment is not of such tremendous moment! Mr Patrick does not think the alteration would entail much extra work. This, however, is the *opinion* of one tradesman, who is probably unacquainted with the labour involved in the proper despatch of letters. But, whether or not much extra labour is entailed, it is certain that extra cost would be involved, and that after all is the principal consideration. It is a question of principle. There is not such a thing as a penny in wrapt. Apart altogether from all religious considerations, a day of beauty to their health and happiness of all workers. Why, then, should *any* labour be entailed upon the post officials? Mr Patrick expressed the opinion at the Tradesmen's meeting that, if the town were canvassed, a majority of the residents would favour the proposal. Here again Mr Pattrick was speaking without his host. I shall certainly strongly oppose any attempt to bring about extra Sunday labour in Consett, and I believe that Mr Pattrick to prove his statement, re. the employment of Sunday labour.—I am, yours obediently, TRUTH.

Consett, May 11th, 1897.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—So Consett is awakening at last! I really thought that it was becoming noted as the sleepiest town in North-East Durham. Modern customs, and up-to-date business facilities really seemed to be quite out of its existence. As it was in the beginning, so I believed it would continue to the end. Fancy a town in the north of England—supposed to be growing, waxing strong, and flourishing root and branch—without delivery or despatch of letters on Sundays! The thing seems positively incredible. Thankful we ought to be that Consett can boast of such a combination as the Tradesmen's Association, and that it has such a public spirited citizen as Mr Pattrick. Thanks to the latter gentleman's energy and determination, some action is to be taken, and the authorities are to be given to understand that we—the residents of the district—do not desire to be hanging back upon the fringe of progress. I am only sorry that the gentleman I have named did not go further, and suggest that the Postal Department be informed that the good people of Consett do not like, and will not like to spend Sunday in lugubrious wailings and dismal forebodings of what the next day's post may bring forth. Well done, Tradesmen's Association! Let critics growl and bark as they like, so long as we continue to do your duty manfully and well!! The Council should next take the matter in hand, and second the efforts already made for it. Why should we not gain the approving epithet of "Progressive"? Hoping I am, yours faithfully, EVER ONWARD.

Middle Street, Consett, May 10th, 1897.

SUGGESTED STIPENDIARY FOR CONSETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—I notice that, at the last meeting of the Consett Council, Sir Elsdon, one of the new members, stated that he was in favour of the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate for Consett. It was pleasing to notice that the afore-mentioned gentleman had the courage to give expression to his convictions in this direction. Probably no other utterance on single word in condemnation of any of the gentlemen who at present administer justice in our local police courts, I do think that the interests of the town, the appointment of a magistrate, who should devote the whole of his time to the work, is essentially to be desired. The work, at present, is conducted by the bench, cannot be deemed to be satisfactory, for the fact that the magistrates are any other than high-minded and cultured men, but they are business men, and therefore have not the time at their disposal to devote to the duties which they are called upon to perform. Neither are they versed in the subtilties of the law. The consequence is that cases, which should be speedily disposed of, occupy a considerable time, whilst there is a very great disparity in the punishment meted out to offenders even against the supreme majesty of the law. Consett and the surrounding district are rapidly growing and developing, and I do not think that the expense would be out of proportion to the benefits, which would be derived from such a course. Personally, I believe that Mr Elsdon will continue to press this matter upon the notice of the Council, and I am sure that by so doing he would win the approval of the whole of the ratepayers in the district. I should like some more powerful scribe than myself to take this question up. Certain it is that if the town were to vote upon the matter, there would be a very large proportion of electors in favour of the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate.—I am, yours faithfully, JUSTICE.

Derwent Street, Blackhill, May 12th, 1897.

IS SMOKING HARMFUL?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

DEAR SIR,—It is only my reverence for the Bible, which induces me to write a letter on the second effusion of "Anti-Tobacconist," of Blackhill. It is possible that this great standard of human life was ever be dragged through the slough of ignorance, and made the excuse for the flippant distortion of the glorious truth of the Decalogue? Surely not. The benighted offensiveness is only equaled by the impudence and presumption of the writer who, with much pomposity, gives a choice of moderate smokers with idolatry.

In the face of such impertinence, argument is wasted, and for pity's sake I am compelled to withdraw from further notice of such crude and thoughtless contention.—I am, yours fruitly, A SMOKER.

Consett, May 10th, 1897.

THE EASTER CARNIVAL AND THE BENEFICIALDAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—The Easter Carnival has now, of course, and will probably become an annual event in the annals of the town. I do not here venture to refer to a practice which, I trust, will be discontinued in connection with all future festivities, but to the side of goods during Wednesday afternoon. This was evidently a contravention of the Sunday regulation. Only a limited number of tradesmen could possibly take stalls, and it seems to me that it was unfair to the dozens who carry on business in the town, and who have large stalls in the Drill Hall, that their shops should be closed, whilst business was being briskly transacted at the Carnival. I presume that the matter was overlooked because the affair is still fresh in the minds of the people, and I trust that the promoters, to whom great credit is certainly due, will see that in all future carnivals, the half-holiday rules are not infringed.—I am, yours truly,

May 10th, 1897. CONSISTANCY.

THE CONTINUITY OF THE CHURCH

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT CHRONICLE."

SIR,—As a man speaking no guile, I consider that things are best called by their proper names, and I have no hesitation in repeating that the Reformation, so called, was one huge lie and blasphemy of the Holy people of their ancient faith; that the pure springs of history have been poisoned, and unblushing lies have again and again been palmed upon the people of England regarding the Church of Rome. As I confidently affirm, Anglican Establishment has robbed us of our cathedrals, churches, and endowments—yea, of the very Roman Catholic mind—and upon the backs of our Catholic priests. It has been and is travelled over distorted by ceremonies, and the name "Catholic," by which we were known to all the world, is impudently arrogated by the successors of the Rev. A. Watts—of a communion that is founded in Isolation, and which is rotten-ripe in decay. His Church is best known by the name Anglican, but by that of "Catholic," never.

Blot 1. To enlarge upon all the repeated falsehoods of Mr Wilfrid's letter of April 24th, would prove an unsavoury task. He says, "The Church Reformed was, and is, the same as the Church Unreformed." To the most readers it is only too apparent, that it remains unreformed in all that is Absolute, and not only abolished abuses, of which there were very few, and those of discipline, but doctrines, Sacraments, beliefs, and rituals. For instance, whereas there were seven Sacraments before the Reformation, decreed that there were only two, ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel, t.e., Baptism and the Supper of the Lord. By the latter sacrament, a minister may remain in the Anglican Church and yet profess, contrary to the necessity of baptism, or the whole bag of tricks if he chooses. Where once stood the altars, and other broken up for the use of formation days was substituted a communion table, and the performers bowed down to the altars, and other broken up for the use of the consecrated altar stones, or laid them for profane use in such a way that many a modern might tread on the place where the sacred Body and Blood, or the sanctuaries and tabernacles, melted down the vessels, or turned them into money, or preserved them to lend to their friends, or to put to their revels. The Saints of God they disfigured, destroyed, defaced their images and casting their relics to the winds. The very fonts—the lovers of regeneration — they turned to the uses of ale and into troughs for pigs and horses! In spite of this, however, Rev. A. Watts and others daily persist in saying "I believe in the Communion of Saints, and the forgiveness of sins," in flat disbelief of the Article xxii., which declares "the Invocation of Saints is a fond thing vainly invented."

Part of the corporate body that has been the Catholic Church in England was declared schismatical by Pope Pius V., but that part was furnished with another head, and still it entered on a new existence. Everything now has to be explained by the Establishment. The New Religion was to be "by law established," and the very name of these things, in order to justify their actions stigmatised the Church of God as steeped in Popish idolatry. In 1,000 years it announced the Roman Pontiff as the man of sin and as anti-Christ, and the Church of Rome as the synagogue of Satan and the harlot of the Apocalypse. (See Homilies). We may well, then, stand aghast in open-mouthed bewilderment at the astounding claim of the Queen of a branch of the offspring of these selfsame—to be considered part and parcel of the Bride of Christ, the Catholic Church of all times.

Blot 2. Mr A. Watts admits that, when St. Augustine came to Kent, he found a Christian Church in the west, with rituals and ceremonies differing from those of Rome, and which were not idolatrous. Note, there was no difference in *doctrine* between the two, which may exist in various ways in every country. Take for instance the "blessed bread" at the parochial mass in Preston, and the additional Communion on Saturday in Rome. We are not to infer the existence of doctrinal differences either in this or St. Augustine's case.

Blot 3. Further he says, "the Council of Arles [314] was not summoned by the Bishop of Rome, but by the Emperor Constantine, who, without any such assertion, denied of text or authority. We deem, to him, that Constantine was the head of the Church, in much the same manner as Henry VIII., in thing unheard of before the Reformation. This is quibbling.

Blot 4. Again, Wilfrid (call him Saint at least) in 678, was imprisoned through his appeal to Rome, but, we are not told, that Pope John VI. honourably acquitted him, restored him in his "bishopric, and sent letters by an ecclesiastical envoy to the King of Mercia and Northumberland in favour of the persecuted Saint in his restoration to the bishop of Canterbury, Brithwald, to call a synod which should do him justice, in default of which he would excommunicate the latter their personal appearance at Rome (Spelman Con. 170). Brithwald refused, but (in addition to his former see) and the nephew of the King Ceonred—now on the throne of Mercia—effected by the holy father, travelled the world in 709, travelled to Rome with much pomp, and the Saxons—both of both put on the habit of monks. Mr Watts may call term this the tyranny and arrogance of the bishop of Rome, but it was the action of a single soldier or sabre in his service.

Blot 5. Mr Watts, alluding to Elizabeth, says, "Thus was religion *changed* in England and the Religion of Protestants established by Parliament (p. 6). Some may call it so, but both a writer of strong basis towards everything Protestant—admits, that at the end of Elizabeth's reign, "the vast body of the English were still Catholic. Just so, one Prior Sel asbey could write in his diary on the morning Deand of Durham. He was a pervert, and a victim of "cock sow learning."

Blot 6. "No claim of spiritual authority was made by Rome till 853. Now it is an historical fact, that not only at the Councils of Arles and Nice, but at Sardica in 347, the supremacy of Rome was acknowledged and subscribed to by British bishops. The appeal to the Pope in all Ecclesiastical causes from every part of the world was confirmed. (S. Athan Ushaw). "It is, say the fathers of Sardica, altogether according to the right order of things that the bishops of all the provinces should send their report to their head, that is, to the chair of Peter," (Gingard).

Blot 7. I challenge Mr Watts to disprove that the belief of the old Catholic Church in those doctrines now commonly held by the Church of Rome, such as confession, mass, &c. He has raved that the Immaculate Conception and Councils new fanged by the Councils of Trent and Vatican. Here is something. At the Council of Carthage held A. D., 401, the Anglo Saxon Church received and published the decrees of the Council of Milevis, A.D. 613. Popery and submission to Rome again! One of these decrees runs as follows:—"If any one shall not observe, in accordance with the teaching of the holy fathers, that the holy and venerable mass of the Immaculate Mary is properly and truly the Mother of God, let him condemned." (Wilkins, *Con.*, 153, Haddon and Stubbs, vol. 3). Again in Saxon times, calls her his "sweet love, his honour, his grund (foundation) his salvation, his way to Heaven, the flower of the field, the lily of the world, the fountain of life," and St. Bede wrote a hymn, I am told, in her honour, as "the Mother undefiled, the Virgin blessed beyond all others, &c." I quote the following for Mr Watts's special reprobation. The body of Henry VIII lay in the chapel for 12 days "with masses and *dirges* sung and said every day. Norray each day standing at the choir door and beginning with these words in a loud voice, "Of your charity pray for the soul of the high and mighty Prince, the late Sovereign King Henry VIII." Miss Strickland tells us, that by his will, Henry left £2,000 to Rome for masses to be celebrated for his soul's health. He died unreconciled his executors to bring up his son in the Catholic faith (Lord H. V., p. 165), Popery again!

Blot 8. Mr Watts is absorbed in his exxix. articles, and I really must take exception to his jumbling up doctrines and articles in his statements. The latter are the rules and laws of belief, and I may inform him that an article of faith is only the definition, or explanation, of a doctrine held and practised. The Catholic Church has no articles, and never will have them. She announciate fully, and impose dogmas or articles of faith contained in the Word of God, or at least in the principles which are contained, but as yet not fully declared and imposed. The dogma of purgatory, the dogma of the "Immaculate Conception," or the "Papal Infallibility" (not impeccability, she was right in declaring the latter a heresy centuries commonly accepted.

Blot 9. Mr Watts states "English Catholic's" argument on Transubstantiation, and his substitution of the "Mass" is an evasion. Again, he has more to learn. Transubstantiation is only a term used to express the fact of conversion of the bread at the consecration is changed into the substance of the very Body and Blood of Christ. As well might one take the shadow for the reality, or the abstract for the concrete, or the bare flight of a bird itself.

Blot 10. I challenged Mr Watts to produce one passage in the Bible, which is independence of Rome, and he advises me to read Hede and my own historian, Montalembert. Montalembert is not Scripture! I might "copy the example of toleration Hede has shown" with the exuberant of error, as exemplified by St. Polycarp, who met at Rome the heretic Marcion in the street. Describing the scene the bishop did not take that notice of him which he expected, he said, "I do not know you, Polycarp?" "Yes," answered the Isaiah, "I know you to be the first born of Satan."

Blot 11. I finally challenge him to produce authority for the dubiousdoctrine of the Supremacy of the Christian Bishops (*sic*, in 1831, disclaiming any title to Supremacy Absolute temporalities of the Church Establishment. A wrong principle become a right, and so are their successors yet claim as their own with unlimited wealth, the Minster of Durham, built up by the patient labours of monks in the days when Merrie England was "The Dowry of Mary," whose nothing was the "New Ministry"—men who are only appointed as the paid officials of the State. The Crown makes them, and the Crown unmakes them.

The writer, "C.S.C.," might have spared his readers the trouble of his rambling epistle, and his wild confusion of ideas about transubstantiation, which he confounds with impanation, and the gross joke perpetrated therein are too strange to be true. Both men and women in the middle of a vast plain with Macaulay the imperishable greatness of Rome, "when some traveller from New Zealand shall in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand upon a broken arch of London bridge to take the ruins of St. Paul's."—I am, yours faithfully,

Mayfith, 1897. AN ENGLISH CATHOLIC.

OBITUARY ANNALS
OF
NORTH-WEST DURHAM.

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In these papers it is proposed to give some account of the principal occurrences in the whole area of the Lanchester Union during a period of about fifty years. The object will be of interest to the readers of the *Chronicle*, and to the future historian by making the records as complete as possible. The most care will be taken to give nothing that would be likely to cause offence. Many of the events chronicled will be within the recollection of some of the readers, and the more we can get to receive additional facts relative to any of the events recorded the better. The record has been compiled with great care, and the names and births given may be considered absolutely correct. With a view to making this department of the *Chronicle* interesting, the editor will be glad to answer, free of charge, inquiries regarding the date of death of any person in North-West Durham during the period covered by the record.

1851.

10 Jan., Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Bee, leadminer, Fox Holes, Healeyfield, aged 42.

13 Jan., Thomas, son of George Atkinson, farmer, Andrew's House, aged 69.

14 Jan., Isaac, son of John Allison, mason, High Conside, aged 36.

15 Jan., Hannah, wife of William Smith, grocer, High Conside, aged 40.

2 Feb., John Shields, leadminer, Castleside, aged 56.

3 Feb., Elizabeth, aged 77, widow of William Bell, blacksmith, Consett Hall, died from burns accidentally received.

4 Feb., Thomas Hodgson, farmer, Eden Hill, Tanfield, aged 70.

11 Feb., Richard Pearson, boilermaker, Burnopfield, aged 54.

14 Feb., Susannah, wife of Beves Jackson, contractor, Greenfield, aged 46.

17 Feb., Mary, widow of Joseph Crozer, pitman, Stanley, aged 74.

18 Feb., John Snowdon, mason, Cutlers' Hall, aged 74.

20 Feb., John Craggs, mason, Satley Grove, aged 70.

20 Feb., William Spence, pitman, Shield Row, aged 56.

4 March, Margaret, widow of William Brown, joiner, Shotley Bridge, aged 72.

7 March, Mary, wife of Richard Harrop, aged 7 years, Leadgate, killed on the railway.

8 March, Isabella, wife of Thomas Watkins, aged 82.

10 March, Mary, wife of Robert Bulman, quarryman, Butsfield Abbey, aged 44.

12 March, Robert Robinson, blacksmith, Leadgate, aged 50.

15 April, Isabella, widow of John Handy, farmer, Castleside, aged 75.

15 April, Eleanor, wife of John Durance, gardener, Tow Law, aged 50.

16 April, Ann, widow of Joseph Eltringham, Tanfield, aged 82.

25 April, Elizabeth, widow of William Brown, farmer, Hedley Hope, aged 70.

26 April, William Oliver, labourer, Lanchester, aged 56.

26 April, Daniel Wind, aged 23, labourer, Lanchester, died from injuries received on the railway at Leadgate.

9 May, Jane, wife of William Dowson, blacksmith, Ouston, aged 42.

11 May, Mary, widow of John Castlin, Annfield Plain, aged 80.

12 May, George Dowson, farmer, Holmside Old Hall, aged 62.

13 May, John Johnson, farmer, Blackhill, aged 82.

25 May, Maria, wife of Anthony Joplin, farmer, Sunniside, Greencroft, aged 48.

27 May, Ann, wife of Thomas Crawford, innkeeper, Causey, aged 39.

1 June, Elliott, Mattoo House, Tanfield, aged 68.

3 June, George Anderson, publican, Ebchester, aged 48.

3 June, James Gibson, labourer, High Finings, Esh, aged 70.

5 June, Patrick Welch, aged 24, brewer, Berry Edge, Blackhill, killed by a fall.

14 June, Mary, widow of Thomas Milburn, carpenter, Tow Law, aged 80.

16 June, Jane, wife of John Stout, leadminer, Castleside, aged 42.

22 June, John Walton, miner, High Conside, aged 55.

27 June, Isabella, widow of Percival Turnbull, farmer, Low Barnhopeside, aged 84.

28 June, Mary, widow of Thomas Johnson, farmer, Consaya, aged 78.

29 June, Elizabeth, widow of John Bell, Snow's Green, aged 72.

12 July, Mary, wife of James Brown, farmer, Lanchester Mill, aged 50.

12 July, Thomas Richardson, 33, bankrider, and John Mann, 33, engine-keeper, both of Eden Hill, killed by an engine and tender falling upon them.

16 July, Isaac Atkinson, husbandman, Forest Hall, Leadgate, aged 73.

18 July, George Craggs, 22, hewer, South Moor, killed by the falling of the roof in Shield Row Pit.

19 July, Mary, wife of Samuel Knaggs, butcher, Blades House, Ebchester, aged 77.

1 Aug., Ralph Wilkinson, leadminer, killed in fight at Consaya Fell.

1 Aug., Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Barrasford, pitman, Ponton Pyke, aged 83.

2 Aug., Philip Miller, farmer, Esh Hall, aged 82.

4 Aug., Margery, widow of John Johnson, shoemaker, Shotley Bridge, aged 61.

12 Aug., Ann, wife of Thomas Pilgrim, Hobson Pit, aged 53.

13 Aug., Sarah, wife of Matthew Dodds, pitman, Shield Row, aged 64.

17 Aug., Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Ward, contractor, Watergate, aged 38.

18 Aug., Elizabeth, wife of William Brown, deputy overman, Tantobie, aged 47.

19 Sept., John Miller, farmer, Esh Hall, aged 82.

4 Oct., Mary, wife of George Dodds, linkeeper, Tanfield, aged 56.

16 Oct., William Ridley, pitman, White-le-Head, aged 71.

30 Nov., Mary, widow of James Fleicher, tailor, Consett, aged 80.

30 Nov., John Smith, pitman, Ouhill, aged 70.

30 Nov., Ann, widow of William Lonsdale, lead miner, Healeyfield, aged 70.

22 Nov., Jane, widow of William Storey, innkeeper, Tow Law, aged 70.

27 Nov., Elizabeth, widow of Christopher Bell, Leadgate, aged 72.

2 Dec., Isabella, widow of Joseph Hepple, shear grinder, Shotley Bridge, aged 67.

14 Dec., Ann, widow of James Holland, Leadgate, aged 81.

26 Dec., Mary, widow of William Bates, farmer, Iveston, aged 87.

FROSTERLEY BAND CONTEST.

The fifth annual band contest, promoted by the committee of the Frosterley Poultry Show, was held on Saturday in Frosterley Park. There was a large attendance, though, owing to the extensively agricultural state of the weather, it was not so numerous as usual. Seven bands entered, but two entries were received, being two less than last year. The programme was somewhat varied, but a sum than £55 being offered for competition. The bands taken part were Hartlepool Operatic, Hedley Dyke, the well-known Hartlepool Old Operatic, Hartlepool Temperance, Bands from Company's Workmen's, Tanfield Lea, and South Benwell.

HARTLEPOOL TEMPERANCE opened the contest with a selection from Meyerbeer's Works, and the playing was generally enjoyed, the audience crowds streaming towards the band stand. This band has improved much since last year, but a few weeks' practice will do a great deal to steady the performance of some of the men.

TANFIELD LEA followed with a selection from Rossini's charming overture, which was correctly performed in excellent style. The solo cornet was a pretty treat, the duet between euphonium and cornet being especially enjoyable. The remainder of this selection was played with great judgment.

SOUTH BENWELL followed next with Beethoven's "Battle of Vittoria," a piece which, we believe, by their talented teacher and conductor, Mr Arthur Wilson, of Newcastle. The effects can be produced by a good brass band in all their completeness. The various emotions of melancholy, despair, rage, triumph, and which Beethoven was unfortunately subject to, were portrayed with considerable skill. The cornet solo trombone, and euphonium were well played. The band has improved much since last year, both in tone, and is fast approaching something like perfection.

HARTLEPOOL OLD OPERATIC came next. The performance of this band is well known to all musical lovers. For brilliancy of tone, perfect time, and all the qualities which go to make up a first-class band, Hartlepool Old Operatic stands high up behind the four "cracks" of England, and, indeed, is not surpassed by them. The overture, although bristling with difficulties of all kinds, was rendered in a masterly and finished manner.

Then came the great treat of the day. From the opening bar to the end, BLACK DYKE surpassed all their former achievements of Berlioz's intricate music like clockwork. The cornet, which stands nearly on in the selection, was a perfect performance. The various changes, and added harmonies in the most skilful manner, were interpreted in a way that left nothing to be most artistic performance. All through this long and difficult solo, the band never once slipped. A very noticeable feature in this band is the playing of the euphonium soloist in the solos. They are always perfectly in tune, and never overstep every mark of expression being carefully attended to.

TANFIELD LEA COMPANY'S WORKMEN'S came next. This band played under most trying circumstances. First, in having to follow such a band as BLACK DYKE, and secondly, a very cold had now become so intense that it must to the conductor, and the consequent stoppage of their instruments. The tone of this band is not improved by the fact that the conductor beats horsen is a decided improvement.

The playing of the various selections was heartily appreciated, and elicited hearty applause to the greater part of the afternoon. Mr R. Stead, Staithes, acted as judge, and gave very great personal satisfaction by his decisions. A large crowd, which included many prominent local musicians, listened to the music discussed, which was of a very high character. The following is the result:—Black Dyke, £20, 1; Hartlepool Old Operatic, £16, 2; Hedley Dyke, £10, 3; Hartlepool Temperance, £6, 4; Consett Iron Company's Workmen's, £4, 5; Consett Iron Company's Workmen's, £4, 6; Tanfield Lea, £3, 7. Mr Stead says that the three last prizes were given to local bands.

Prizes were also offered for solo playing, and were eventually awarded to Mr Bentley (cornet), Hedley (euphonium), both of whom are members of the Black Dyke Band. Mr Stead specially commented them for the excellence of their performance.

ANNFIELD PLAIN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Council was held on Tuesday evening, in the Council Chamber, Annfield Plain. Chairman, Mr J. W. Taylor, presiding. There were also present, Messrs Fairbairn, T. Clark, R. Hall, W. Down, W. Eltringham, W. Watts, Jas. Johnson, R. Storey, J. Mason, J. G. Taylor, W. Young, T. J. Teasdale (surveyor), and W. Hutchman (clerk).

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The building Committee recommended that plans be dealt with as follows:—That Mr Pegson, on behalf of Messrs Welsh, for alterations to shop, Front Street, Annfield Plain, be passed; that Mr Wilson's estate plan, for building purposes, at Burnhope, be passed; that a plan for a public hall, &c., and Mr Brown's, for alterations to premises, Front Street, Annfield Plain, Mr Kellett's plan for five houses at Annfield Plain be disapproved; that Mr Hall's plan for alterations to his premises at Catchgate be not passed; and that it was recommended that 100 yards of agricultural pipes be obtained from Messrs Hall Works; and that particulars be obtained from Lanchester Union Guardians as to the cost of water through the South Moor Colliery Co.'s land.

A DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the Council wished to obtain particulars concerning the water from Messrs Lafferty's land, South Moor Colliery Company's land; Letters had been received from Messrs Longridge and Co., Newcastle, on behalf of the South Moor Colliery Company, and Messrs Cooper and Cooper, in connection of a new railway from Morrison Pit.

Mr. Longridge's letter stated the sewer referred to might interfere, rendering the scheme somewhat and expensive. The Company wished to meet the Council on the matter. Messrs Cooper and Messrs Goodger and Cooper suggested that a joint meeting should be held with a view to consider the position. He (the chairman) thought that the best plan would be to send someone to see Mr Longridge. It might be possible that they might have to compensate the Company to the extent of the expense that they would be put to in the construction of the railway.

Mr. J. G. TAYLOR moved, and Mr WALLIS seconded, that Messrs Goodger and Cooper should call upon Messrs Goodgeram and Cooper with a view to obtaining suitable arrangements.

THE EXPENSES OF DEPUTATIONS

The CHAIRMAN, in reply to a question that when authorised to attend deputations he could not claim any expenses, the Clerk, and all officials had the privilege was denied to members of the Council.—Mr. J. MASON.—Why not?

Mr WATTS.—We ought to be paid for it, and should allow something.

The CHAIRMAN stated that it was a matter of life.

Mr CLARK: We ought to be paid for our little expenses attending the meetings.

The Building Committee's report was adopted.

HIGHWAY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

The Highway and Lighting Committee recommended that the plans submitted by the Surveyor for the main road improvement at Annfield Plain be approved, and that the plan be submitted to the County Surveyor for his approval, before the next meeting of the Council; that the application of Mr Kay to enclose the garden in front of his property at Annfield Plain be granted; that the meeting of the Council, the Surveyor in the meantime to prepare a scheme for widening the frontage; that the letter from the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society re the account for £12 18s 4d, being half the cost of laying pipes in connection with the, be accepted as satisfactory, and the payment of the account in the ordinary course; that the Surveyor arrange for lists to be published in the district inviting tenders for carting the road material, also to arrange for the road material to be broken into 2½ inch and screening 3d a ton; that the Surveyor ascertain the ownership of the place called Diver's Garth, near Annfield Plain.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee had agreed that the plans should have a width of fifteen feet, whereas the plan presented only showed a width of nine feet.

Mr JOHNSON: I think we considered that fifteen feet was far too much.

Mr CLARK: I think so, too.

The Surveyor explained that he had carried the road as near fifteen feet as he considered safe.

Mr STOREY pointed out that the old Parish Council had carried a motion on the subject.

The CHAIRMAN: We have nothing to do with that.

Mr STOREY: But the Parish Council sent a resolution to the Lanchester District and Durham County Council.

The CHAIRMAN explained that a petition was sent to the Lanchester Council, who themselves forwarded it to the County Council. Plans were prepared, but were not considered satisfactory, and the Surveyor was instructed to prepare another plan, which should be an improvement on the present one, and make the one originally submitted. They eventually agreed upon the present plan, and Mr Storey's protest.

Mr STOREY: The wider the road, the better for all concerned.

Mr HALL moved, and Mr DUNNE seconded, that the road be fifteen feet wide.

Mr EITHRINGHAM approved of the plan be approved as presented.

The Chairman said he would consider the matter without any feeling. It will come up time to assemble to push it, and we want the thing to be suitably carried out. The Surveyor appointed a committee, who agreed upon fifteen feet. Would it be right to disagree with the recommendation?

Mr HALL seconded Mr Hall's motion.

The original resolution, recommending a width of fifteen feet, was then carried, the voting being—For, Messrs J. G. Taylor, Fitzpatrick, Storey, Hall, Dunne, the Chairman; against, Messrs Clark, Eltringham, Johnson, Wailes, and Mason.—The voting did not vote.

IMPROVEMENT OF FOOTPATH.

Mr DOWN drew attention to the footpath in front of the houses of the Colliery Company's houses at Annfield Plain. People, he said, had to step off the footpath on account of its not being sufficiently broad. He suggested that the Company be requested to extend it to the width of the road.

The CHAIRMAN said that this question might be considered when dealing with Mr Kay's application.

The Surveyor said that an additional three yards would make a good footpath.

Mr DOWN suggested that the application be granted, on the understanding that Mr Kay should be prepared to give up the concession.

Mr HALL moved a resolution in accordance with the Chairman's suggestion.

Mr DOWN seconded, and it was carried.

THE CATCHGATE NUISANCE.

It was suggested that tenders for the carting of road scrapings be called in addition to those for the carting of road material.

Mr WATTS complained of many persons having found the scrapings valuable for their land, and thought that they would cart it away free of charge. He did not think that the Surveyor should throw the ratepayers' money away.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the Surveyor ought to be withdrawn. There is no evidence that the Council have lost money anyway, since the time the Council came into existence.

Mr WAILES: That's a result in what I have said.

The CHAIRMAN: Then we differ in opinion. To say that we throw the ratepayers' money away is not fair.

The matter then dropped.

THE CATCHGATE CLAIM.

Mr HALL enquired if the Surveyor had obtained any information regarding the ownership of Dover's Cabin.

The Surveyor replied that he had not as yet received any information from the Lord Chancellor. The tenant alleged that he had permission from the Lord Chancellor to occupy it, and that he received the key from the late highway surveyor. The Surveyor was instructed to write to the North-Eastern Railway Company.

Mr HALL: I shall be satisfactory.

GENERAL DISTRICT RATE.

The seal of the Council was affixed to a general district rate of 4½d in the £.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Finance Committee recommended that cheques amounting to £142 6s 8d be signed, an estimate had been prepared for the next six months, the total amounting to £1,80 12s.

The report was adopted.

REGISTRATION OF A SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

Mr J. L. Leadbitter, solicitor, Durham, waited upon the Council with reference to Mr Edwin Lamplugh's application for registration of a slaughter-house, at Dipton, and made an appeal that the application might be favourably entertained. After some discussion, a motion was passed, stating the willingness of the Council to adhere to their former resolution.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had visited the Bird Inn, Hill Top, and found it in a satisfactory condition. He also reported that there were six tenements at Burnopfield requiring to be whitewashed. It was decided that the customary notices should be served.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Dewar) reported that nineteen notifiable, and forty other cases had been reported in the district, which was in a healthy condition.—The report was adopted.

FREE PARCELS' DELIVERY.

The Chairman read a letter from the N.E.R. Company, stating that arrangements had been made for the free delivery and registration of parcels at Field Plain Station.—The announcement was received with much satisfaction.

SUGGESTED POST OFFICE AT EAST CASTLE.

A letter was read from the Postmaster General, stating that he had considered the proposal to erect a letter box at East Castle, but that the Messrs Pattinson, Limited, had decided to erect a letter box at their own cost, and that it was not sufficient number of letters posted there to justify the outlay.

THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S SALARY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they could not sanction the appointment of Dr. Benson as Medical Officer until the salary was increased.

Mr WAILES moved, and Mr DOWN seconded, and it was agreed that the salary be increased from £30 to £40.

KOO QUARRIES.

Mr DOWN moved that the Surveyor be instructed to write to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, requesting them to forward the deeds for the above quarries, which, he said, had been handed over to the late Parish Council. He thought that, as the Council had taken over the responsibilities of the Parish Council, it would be wise for them to secure the deeds.

The CHAIRMAN said that, if they had to be content with the quarries, they would have to take needless necessary to prove their authority, no matter what it cost.

The motion was carried, Mr Wailes alone dissenting.

THE LIGHTING OF HIGHWAYS.

Mr DOWN moved that the Council negotiate with the Newcastle Electric Supply Co. for the extension by the lighting of the highway from Tow Law to the Field Inn.

The CHAIRMAN said that he would second the motion, if Mr Down would withdraw his proposition by recommending the lighting to be by gas instead of by electricity.

Mr ELTRINGHAM stated that he thought that the expense was unnecessary, and moved, as an amendment, that the matter be deferred.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Surveyor report the prices of the respective cost of lighting by gas and oil.

The Council then rose.

BENFIELDSIDE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S.—The Rev. J. Wright Reverend Bishop Sandford, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Durham, held a confirmation service in this church on Wednesday evening, May 6th. Twenty-five candidates were presented from St. Cuthbert's parish, seventeen from St. Aidan's parish, Blackhill, and three from St. Bede's, Ebchester, the total number being forty-five. The bishop gave two impressive addresses, one before and the other after the "laying on of hands." The following hymns were sung, "Our Blest Redeemer," "Come, Thou Holy Spirit," and "Thine for Ever, God of Love." The whole service was given at the chancel steps, marking the different stage of the Christian life, the font being at the font, near the entrance, and the Lord at the altar, for holy communion. In the choir were the clergy, viz., the Rev. J. T. Sorsby and the Rev. J. G. Gibson

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Authority was held at Lanchester, on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. F. C. Fortin presiding. There were also present:—Messrs R. Mitchison, T. Wilkinson, W. Collier, J. Oliver, Geo. L. Bainbridge, W. Ellis, Jas. Wilson, jun., E. J. Wardle, J. E. Parker (Surveyor), and W. and R. Wilson (Clerk).

CORNSAY WATER SUPPLY.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held at Tanfield, on Tuesday night, Mr H. C. Wood presiding. There were also present—The Revs. J. Thompson and T. H. Archdall, Messrs J. Green, M. G. Armstrong, W. Bulmer, W. Severs, and W. H. Ritson (Clerk).

THE BOARD AND DR. THOMPSON.

The Attendance Officer drew attention to the case of a boy, named John Mallburn, who had been kept from school for four months, through the orders of Dr. Thompson.

The CHAIRMAN said that they could get no explanation as to why the child was kept off. He thought that they ought to write to Dr. Benson, and get some explanation.

The Clerk said that he had seen Dr. Benson, who told him that Dr. Thompson was right, and it was no use the Board interfering with doctors. When they said that the children had to remain off school, they would have to do so.

The CHAIRMAN: But Dr. Thompson has no right to have his own way.

The Clerk: He is under Dr. Benson.

The CHAIRMAN: But we certainly ought to know why the children are kept off. We had better obtain a summons, and the certificates will then have to be produced in Court.

Mr SEVERS said he did not think they ought to take the case to Court.

The CHAIRMAN did not see how they could get to know by any other method, unless they made representations to the Urban District Council, whose officer Dr. Benson was. The Council could take the matter up.

On the proposition of Mr SEVERS, seconded by Mr BURLEIGH, it was agreed to write to Dr. Benson on the subject.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr Seymour Meddick reported that during the past month he had made fifty visits to schools, 451 absentee visits, served 12 bye-law notices, and reported 15 children to other officers. The attendance had slightly improved during the last month, the worst attendance at present being in the Burnopfield district. He had had to stop a boy, named John Mallburn, of Mountsett Fell, from working at the South Medomsley Brickworks, he being one of the family who were forbidden to attend school by Dr. Thompson. They had now been kept from school for over four months through the doctor's instructions.

THE BOARD'S EXPENDITURE.

RATEPAYERS' DEPUTATION.

A deputation consisting of Messrs Arthur Watson, Wm. Holmes, Wm. G. Turnbull, Duffy, John Lowes, and A. H. Swinburn now appeared before the Board, as representing the Tanfield Ratepayers' Association, to enquire into the expenditure of some £6,000 contemplated by the Board.

Mr WATSON said that the deputation had been appointed by two public meetings, one held at Pickering Nook about a fortnight ago, and the other at Stanley a week ago. At each meeting a resolution was passed to the effect "That the inhabitants and ratepayers of the Tanfield district objects to, and protests against, the proposed expenditure of about £6,000 chiefly on the extension of West Stanley Board School, and on the erection of a new school at Tanfield Lea; also to the closing of Tanfield School. It considers that the electorate ought to be consulted before such unnecessary expenditure be incurred." At both of these meetings the speakers entirely repudiated that they wanted to shirk education. They wanted children to have education, and to have the best possible education, but at the least possible cost. That was what they had come there for. They came with open minds, and if the members of the Board could correct any misapprehensions, they would be quite willing to be corrected. He would ask Mr Duffy to explain their position with regard to Stanley.

The CHAIRMAN said that there had been several matters referred to, and it would be better to confine themselves to one particular thing at one time, and get each item dealt with in that manner.

Mr DUFFY said that he was instructed to ask the Board to reconsider their decision, regarding the extension of the West Stanley Board School, as taking the returns to March 12th, they had a surplus accommodation in that district. The average attendance at East Stanley Mixed for that quarter amounted to 205; and they had accommodation for 238. In the Infants' department the average attendance was 105, and there was accommodation for 130.

The CHAIRMAN: We are beginning a new school year. Can you give us the numbers now at the school?

Mr DUFFY: No, it is impossible for us to get the figures until they are given in the returns.

Mr GREEN: That is not true.

Mr DUFFY: I am dealing with the returns up to March 12th. These are the returns which the Board in their wisdom have thought fit to go into this large expenditure over. I know nothing of what may have occurred in April and May; and I am not responsible for that, but my figures are from the returns for the four weeks ending March 12th.

The CHAIRMAN: You will allow me to give the number on the rolls now.

Mr DUFFY: The numbers on the registers are different to those of the attendances.

The CHAIRMAN: They are; but we will allow 10 per cent deduction for absentees.

Mr DUFFY: There are over 233 on the register for East Stanley Mixed, and there is accommodation for 238. In the Infants' Department there are 105 on the register, and there is provision for 130, this giving a total extra accommodation of 58 spaces. If there was a surplus attendance at West Stanley, what was to prevent the Board from transfering the children from there to East Stanley? At West Stanley, according to the returns to March 12th, there was room for 170 in the Mixed Department, and the attendance averaged 177, whilst in the Infant Department, with accommodation for 100, there was an average attendance of 95, so that even in this school, they had, according to the March returns, a surplus provision for 12.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean to add the Mixed and Infants together?

Mr DUFFY: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: You cannot do that. The Infant places are of no use for the Mixed Department, you must not mix them together.

Mr DUFFY: That makes it all the better; for in East Stanley there is a surplus accommodation of 33 Mixed, and 25 infants, and of 7 Mixed and 5 infants at West Stanley. At Stanley Central, they had an average attendance of 258 in the Mixed Department, with accommodation for 257. They admitted that 11 seats were required here, but it would be easy to transfer the surplus children to East Stanley, where there was provision for 33. In the Infant Department, with an average attendance of 61, there was accommodation for 103. So they had a surplus there. They (the deputation from West Stanley) had to ask if the Board did intend to make these extensions, and did carry out their resolution to provide accommodation for 470 more children, how they intended to use the surplus space at Stanley? These were the main points of the Stanley case.

Mr GREEN: Had we not better ask Mr Duffy to give his explanation of the accommodation on the 8 feet basis?

Mr DUFFY: I am quite willing to do that.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean to say so? I believe it was Father Thompson who made the statement that it was in the power of the Board to adopt the 8 feet basis if they choose.

Father THOMPSON said that he was correctly reported in having made a statement to that effect.

Mr DUFFY observed that he stated at Pickering Nook that the Board took over Stanley Central, which had been a Voluntary School, carried on on the 8 feet basis. He believed that the Board made a 10 feet requirement. He found that according to the educational code for day-schools "that schools already receiving annual grants," as this school had done, could be taken over, providing that not less than eight cubic feet were allowed for each unit. He was prepared to stand by that.

The CHAIRMAN: That was not the statement made by Father Thompson.

Mr DUFFY: Father Thompson got his idea from what I said at Pickering Nook.

The CHAIRMAN quoted from the report in last week's *Chronicle* of Father Thompson's speech. "If the Education Board allowed the 8 feet basis in Voluntary Schools, it would allow the same for Board Schools."

Father THOMPSON: It is true Mr Duffy protested against outside matters being dragged in. What they said as a deputation, they were responsible for.

The CHAIRMAN: But you agree that it is not optional for the Board to adopt the 8 feet basis for a new school, or in case of extensions.

Mr DUFFY: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: We could only have adopted it at the Stanley Central.

Mr DUFFY: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you advise that we, possessing schools at West Stanley and East Stanley, with the 10 feet basis, should work the Stanley Central on the 8 feet basis?

Mr DUFFY: I understand this—that I would advise the Board to work the 8 feet basis, because the children are quite as healthy under that basis as under the 10 feet. Any further enlargements, I agree, must be worked under the 10 feet basis.

Mr BULMER: What basis are the figures quoted from?

Mr DUFFY: They are given from the returns for March.

Mr BULMER: But what basis—8 feet or 10 feet?

Mr SEVERS: They are taken from the returns?

Mr DUFFY: It is no matter from what they are taken. Are they true?

Mr SEVERS: Yes.

Mr HOLMES, after expressing his feelings at appearing before the Board in such a position, said that the Board had done remarkably well. As each year had gone on, the Board had increased and improved the accommodation. These extensions and improvements he thought to be necessary seeing that the increase of the population was so great. This year, however, the expenditure was ... supplied, he found from them that they had sufficient provision for the needs of his district. Tantobie was where there was the largest increase of population, and it was the place most likely to go on increasing. Therefore he had taken the figures for the three schools—Tanfield, Tanfield Lea, and Pickering Nook—to which children were sent from Tantobie. He found that they had 168 on the register for the Tanfield Lea mixed; average attendance for the year, 159, and accommodation for 149. The total accommodation for the three schools he had mentioned was 559, and the number on the register was 505. Taking the average attendance for the year, they had altogether 81 vacant spaces. They as ratepayers considered that having the accommodation in the immediate district, and having spent so much this year at Stanley, it would have been much better to have utilised their space in the district schools. Mr Holmes proceeded to quote a statement made by Mr Green at a recent Board meeting regarding Tanfield village school. He objected to that school being used as only an infant school, especially after so much money had been spent on it. It would be very wrong to keep such a large school going on just for infants. When these children reached the age of six or seven years, they would have to be sent off to Tanfield Lea.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that Tanfield was not intended to be used entirely as an Infant School. The suggestion was that it would not be a full-Mixed School.

Mr HOLMES said that if the district population increased, additional schools would have to be provided.

Mr GREEN asked Mr Holmes to particularise the places where the Board were throwing the ratepayers' money away on ornamental buildings.

Mr HOLMES said that most of the schools were ornamental. Take Tanfield Lea school. The Board had two schemes before them.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean the schools we are contemplating, or the schools already built?

Mr HOLMES: Those already built. You (the Board) had two schemes before you, one to make additions to the present school, and the other to build a new one entirely. You passed the resolution to build a new one.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you mean the original school, or the one we are going to build?

Mr HOLMES: The one you have already erected. I believe in a good, plain, substantial school. I do not wish any child to be cramped for space. I would certainly go in for a 10 feet basis, as I do not believe in cramming the children into the 8 feet space. When the Board had the schemes before it for a school at Tanfield Lea, the Board came to the conclusion to build the new one. I have some little knowledge of building, and I came to the same conclusion as the Board, that a new school was certainly preferable.

Mr GREEN: That is a very satisfactory statement, so far as it goes.

Mr HOLMES: I will now take you to the Leazes. If you want an enlargement there, I fail to see where you can get it. It is too ornamental. If you had a good, plain, substantial building, you might be able to increase the accommodation without pulling it down.

The CHAIRMAN: You will be rather surprised to hear that the Leazes is about the cheapest school that we have built.

Mr GREEN: What about the Central Class?

Mr HOLMES: Well, I do not think that I need express myself here. A man can speak at a public meeting, but there is no need to bring it up here.

The CHAIRMAN: We can hold a public meeting if we choose, and make our own statement.

Mr HOLMES: If you ask us, we shall be very glad to come to it. At the meeting, I only expressed my own personal disapproval of the Central Class.

Replying to the Chairman,

Mr DUFFY said that he made the statement that of the children attending Causey School, 50 per cent. came from the parish of Lamesley.

The CHAIRMAN: Actually, there are 145 on the register at Causey, and to prevent any further misstatements, I may say that 39 come from outside the parish.

Mr DUFFY: Thirty-nine live at Andrews' House.

Mr ARCHDALL: Andrews' Houses are in the parish.

Mr DUFFY protested against what Mr Archdall had said. He would not allow it to go forth that Mr Archdall had "sat on" him.

Mr ARCHDALL said that he had no desire to "sit on" Mr Duffy. He had got a very comfortable seat where he was. (Laughter).

Mr DUFFY said that a very small part of Andrews' Houses was in the School Board district.

The CHAIRMAN: You stated that about 50 per cent. of the children attending the Causey School were coming from outside the parish. Actually, the percentage is 26·9. You will grant that you have made a serious mistake.

Mr DUFFY admitted that he had been in error. Another gentleman had made the same statement at Stanley.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, "as a fact." (Laughter). What do you suggest we should do with these children from outside the parish?

Mr WATSON: We suggest that the Board should refuse to provide them with accommodation.

The CHAIRMAN: What do you suggest, Mr Duffy?

Mr DUFFY: I am not here to dictate to the Board. If the Board had taken the spending of the ratepayers' money into careful consideration, they would have placed the school in a more suitable position. They could have placed it nearer Kip Hill, and thus relieved the pressure at Stanley, instead of placing it——

The CHAIRMAN: Within a very few yards of where the old one stood.

Mr DUFFY: It is half-a-mile away by road.

The CHAIRMAN: What has the Board to do with those children who live outside the area?

Mr DUFFY: I objected to certain things which the Board had done. I said that they built a school within 20 yards of Lamesley, and that 50 per cent. of the scholars belonged to Lamesley, and were receiving their education at the expense of the Tanfield ratepayers.

Mr GREEN: Would it surprise you to hear that it was Father Thompson who first suggested this site?

Father THOMPSON: I suggested Cornsay Hall first.

Mr DUFFY repudiated the insinuation that he had anything to do with what Father Thompson proposed. He was as independent of Father Thompson as any gentleman in the room.

A MEMBER: I am glad to hear it.

The CHAIRMAN said that there was another statement regarding the payment of £240 to some teachers.

Mr DUFFY: I beg your pardon; I never said that, and it never appeared in print. At any rate, it never appeared in the *Consett Chronicle*.

The CHAIRMAN: I suppose that the matter about the teacher's house is satisfactory.

Mr DUFFY: I never complained about the teachers' houses. I simply complained that the Board did not ask the Lameseley ratepayers to contribute to the erection of the master's house, and to the expenses of the school. I am led to believe that if the Board could erect teachers' houses, and take back the enhanced wages which they gave them, it would be a benefit to the ratepayers.

The CHAIRMAN: That is what the Board are doing. We are glad to have your support.

Mr DUFFY: I will say this, that the parents who have their children educated at the Causey school ought to provide the money.

Mr GREEN said that if they took the children out of their own parish who were educated by other Boards, the thing balanced itself. They had far more going to Oxhill school from Stanley than the numbers coming into the district.

Mr SWINBURN: What have we to do with that?

Mr DUFFY: My information is that only one child from Stanley goes to the Oxhill Board School.

Mr GREEN: Multiply that by 67.

The CHAIRMAN: We have 37 in the Mixed, and 30 in the Infants'.

Mr DUFFY: I was informed that there was only one.

Father THOMPSON: Are they from the Louisa Houses?

The CHAIRMAN: They are from our district.

Mr HOLMES: You have not informed us what the Board intend doing with Tanfield School?

The CHAIRMAN: What Mr Green said was that we intend to close it as a *whole Mixed* School. We can take out the higher standards.

Mr DUFFY: The Government grant would not be so high.

The CHAIRMAN: You must assume, Mr Duffy, that we are perfectly cognisant of what the children earn, and which is the cheapest mode of conducting the school. We know as much of education matters as any outsider is likely to tell us. We have at heart the education of the children, and the children shall have the best education which this Board can give, irrespective either of one class or the other. Another point that we intend to insist upon is this, that this education shall be given with reasonable economy. We are just as anxious to conserve the interests of the ratepayers as any of the deputation. We have as much anxiety and interest in the spending of public money as anybody outside the Board, and whatever we do, we will be found to have a much stronger reason for doing than the deputation anticipate. You must assume that we always act after great deliberation.

The deputation then withdrew.

The CHAIRMAN invited the opinions of the members of the Board on the matter.

Mr BULMER asked a question, regarding the attendance at Tanfield Mixed.

The CHAIRMAN replied that there were 19[illegible] names on the register, and there was an additional 31 in Standard I whom they intended bringing into the Mixed Department.

Mr ARCHDALL did not think that it w[illegible] possible, exactly to cover the whole of t[illegible] ground that was necessary, because they co[illegible] only cover the facts which the deputation [illegible] brought before them, and the assertions [illegible] they had made. They could not reply to [illegible] the remarks made, not only before them, but in another place. That was his own feeling, because he felt that in this matter he had been unfairly dealt with previously. It would be very unjudicious to reply that night.

Mr ARMSTRONG thought that they ought to have a reply now, and where they were. The Chairman was able to make a reply on behalf of the Board. He had the whole of the figures necessary, and if required, Mr Green could add to the Chairman's remarks.

Mr GREEN said that he himself was startled at the Stanley figures. They were as follows:—

West Stanley Mixed	207
East Stanley Mixed	389
Central	304
Roman Catholic	193
	1,093

whilst there was accommodation for 823, leaving 240 places needed.

Mr SEVERS thought that the Chairman, certainly, ought to make a reply. They had had two or three weeks' warning about the visit of the deputation, and ought to be able to provide an answer.

Mr BULMER enquired whether it was a fact that the ratepayers were losing 4s ordinary grant, and 1s 6d drawing grant, on each of the 31 Standard I children, who were being taught in the Infants' Department at Tanfield Lea?

The CHAIRMAN: You may safely assume that it makes a difference of 5s per head between these children being in the Mixed and the Infants' Department.

Father THOMPSON: How do you prove that?

Mr GREEN: The Mixed Department earn on the higher grant, and the Infants on the lower. That to begin with makes a difference of 2s per head.

Mr ARCHDALL: The Infants' must necessarily earn less than the Mixed Department.

The CHAIRMAN said that the earnings for last year were 20s 6d per head in the Mixed Department, besides £3 12s for needlework, whilst the grant for the Infants' Department was 15s per head, this being a difference of nearly 6s.

Mr SEVERS said that in reference to the ornamental business, he supposed that this was due to the Education Department. They could not build a square building as was talked about.

Mr BULMER: Father Thompson advocated the extensions at East Stanley.

Mr ARMSTRONG: But the deputation repudiate Father Thompson's remarks altogether.

Mr BULMER (vehemently): All that I want is that the thing should be done rightly. If it is done right, I don't care anything.

Mr SEVERS: Get your pipe out.

Father THOMPSON: They are sitting on me as well as your Mr Bulmer.

The deputation then re-entered the room.

THE BOARD'S REJOINDER.

The CHAIRMAN said that the members of the Board had given the matter some consideration before the deputation came, as well as since they had been before them. He thought that he could say, on behalf of the members of the Board, that they had some reason to complain of the very misleading statements made at public meetings, not entirely by members of the deputation. They had grave reason to complain of these misstatements made outside, and especially by a member of the Board itself.

Father THOMPSON: Can you substantiate these charges, because I would like you to do so?

The CHAIRMAN said that he would do so later on. He had endeavoured to grasp the exact particulars on which the charge of extravagance against the Board was based. In the Causey School, he did not think that there was any charge of extravagance, but even if there were, he could tell them that the Causey School was begun under the life of the old Board, and not under the present Board. It was actually decided upon when the majority of the present Board were in the minority. For that, they had only their individual responsibility, and were not responsible as a majority of that Board. Any charge against the erecting of that School must be laid against the majority of the past Board, the men who were distinctly elected to check the policy of the present majority. For the actions of the Board, Father Thompson bore a large share of responsibility. The only charge against them was that they had admitted to the school a large number of children from Lamesley Parish. He would like to point out that they had no choice in the matter. They could not turn them out if they would, and they would not if they could, —(hear, hear),—so long as they had school places to accommodate them. If they had a lack of school spaces, they could refuse to admit children from outside the district, but so long as they had one space to spare, they must admit them. The next point was that they had about 40 (actually 39) children that lived outside the district coming to the Causey School. The working of that school at present was a much more serious matter than was generally imagined, because it was a small school, and the small schools always proved most expensive. (Hear, hear). He could not state exactly, but he felt quite certain that the Causey School did not cost them less than from 10s to 15s per head more than the other schools in the districts. Each of these 40 children earned them £1 10s 5d if they were in the Mixed Department, and that amounted to £60 per annum. That was what they got from the Education Department for educating these children. If they took these 40 children out, he very much questioned whether they could do with a single less teacher, because the staff was required for the number of classes. They would thus lose £60 of income, and save nothing in expenditure. But assuming that they saved one female teacher, which was the most that could be expected, the salary of this teacher would range from £50 to £55, and they would still be losing money by the change. If the deputation had come with open minds, they would observe that the course taken by the Board in admitting the Lamesley scholars, was better than the other course advocated. The question of site and the expense of building belonged to the Board's predecessors who came into power to correct the errors and check the extravagance of those who were now again in a majority. They were paying 15s extra for a master's house, and if the present Board spent £500 on erecting a house, and borrowed it at 3 per cent, there was actually a saving of ratepayers money effected. With respect to the West Stanley Case he wanted to give them some figures which would correct the impressions. These were the numbers on the school registers to-day. At West Stanley they had 222 children on the register for the Mixed Department, and accommodation for 177. At Stanley Central they had 303 on the register, and provision for 258. At East Stanley they had 264 on the register, and accommodation for 238. If they added these together, they would find that there were 859 on the registers; and after allowing 10 per cent. for absentees, it still left 774 children to be provided for; whilst the school places amounted to 673, being a deficiency of 101 places in Stanley itself. If they took the Roman Catholic School, they would find that even there they had 35 more children on the register than there were places for.

Father THOMPSON: That is untrue. The number on the register is 251, and there is accommodation for 277.

Mr GREEN: In the Mixed Department?

Father THOMPSON: Mixed Department, and all together. It is one department.

The CHAIRMAN said that there were 101 school places to be provided. The question of overcrowding was not one of recent origin. It was brought up during the career of the old Board, and that Board decided to increase the School places at West Stanley two years ago, and did so, to the extent of 74 places. Actually, there were 176 children coming of school age in Stanley every year.

Mr TURNBULL: What is school age?

The CHAIRMAN: Five years.

Mr ARCHDALL: That is the compulsory age.

The CHAIRMAN: There are 198 names on the register for the Roman Catholic Mixed Department, and there are school places for 150.

Father THOMPSON: No, no. There is accommodation for 277.

The CHAIRMAN: According to our schedule, there is accommodation in the Stanley Roman Catholic School for 150 children.

Father THOMPSON: It is wrong.

The CHAIRMAN: If it be wrong, it is a matter you have allowed to go wrong up to now without complaint. There are 185 names on the register for the Mixed Department now.

Father THOMPSON: The total accommodation, according to your own schedule, is 280.

Mr ARMSTRONG: We are building for the Mixed Classes in West Stanley, and it is simply the Mixed which are now before the Board.

Father THOMPSON: It is all one department.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not given as one department on our schedule, and you have never objected to it till now. The figures prove that there is a very serious and objectionable over-crowding.

Father THOMPSON: Do you mean to say that there is a deficiency of places?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, I do. The old Board previously decided to increase the accommodation by 74 places at West Stanley, and we increased the accommodation at East Stanley to to the extent of 72 places a year ago, and actually, at present, we have a deficiency in the Mixed School. It was no use providing just the number of places that were actually needed at the moment, but they must look forward a few years. They did not want to be pulling down and re-building schools every now and then. It was the intention of the Board, he might tell them, to put the whole of the children from the Mixed Department at Stanley Central and West Stanley into [illegible] school at West Stanley, and all the in[illegible] Stanley and the Central into one [illegible] would have one department for Infants. They would, in [illegible] very considerable amount in [illegible], in fact, in salaries than the [illegible]ney they were borrowing to [illegible] would save £90 per year [illegible] Mistress's salary. They [illegible] Mr Darney, but, certainly [illegible]ture, they would do away [illegible]masters at West Stanley, [illegible] saving the ratepayers a[illegible] for the 10 years would be only £60, and this was the great expenditure about which so much indignation had been aroused. Besides they were providing better accommodation for the children.

Father THOMPSON: I wish to correct you on the point of accommodation at the Roman Catholic School; you have got mixed up.

The CHAIRMAN: I am not dealing with the infants at all. I am only dealing with the mixed school as they are given on our schedule, and have been given for years. I cannot accept any statement which is not given on the schedule. Father Thompson has been making a great deal to do about our expenditure. Proceeding he (the Chairman) wanted to speak plainly to them. When the question first came up, Father Thompson proposed that they should sell the present school and the site, and build another school in some other part of the district. Had that scheme been carried, he (Mr Wood) felt certain that instead of some £3,300, it would have cost over £5,000; and yet in the face of this fact, they had such statements being made at ratepayers' meetings.

Mr LOWES said that he quite agreed with Father Thompson about selling the present school and site. It was in an excellent business position, and would bring in £2 per yard.

Messrs GREEN and ARMSTRONG: Whist.

The CHAIRMAN said that they would do well to realise £2,500 for the school and site.

Mr LOWES: The land adjoining it sold for 39s a yard.

Mr BULMER: That is a recommendation to Father Thompson to sell his own place. (Laughter).

Mr LOWES: Perhaps he doesn't wish to sell it.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you consider that there is any extravagance involved in the alteration the Board contemplate at West Stanley? I have put the matter clearly before you what the Board intend to spend, and what they intend to save. I want you to speak now.

Mr TURNBULL: What percentage of children under five are attending West Stanley schools?

The CHAIRMAN could not say, but the Board were compelled to provide accommodation for every child above three years of age whether they went to school or not.

Mr ARMSTRONG: You (the Chairman) said that 176 children annually came up for places in the Stanley mixed schools. That will be so this year, and the reckoning does not include the new houses built since 1891.

Mr DUFFY: What is the number of children who leave school every year?

The CHAIRMAN: I would not like the deputation to believe that 176 children come into the mixed every year, and none leave, but anybody who knows anything about the educational requirements of Stanley, knows that they are growing rapidly, as is the population.

Mr DUFFY: What is the gradual annual reduction through children leaving school?

The CHAIRMAN: I cannot tell you.

Mr DUFFY: If you can calculate the 176 who require admission annually, you ought to be able to calculate the number who drop off.

The CHAIRMAN: We have the census of 1891 to aid us in calculating the increase.

Mr DUFFY: You should know by the same ratio how many children would become 13 years of age. If you can find out one, you could find the other.

The CHAIRMAN: We haven't the figures to hand, though doubtless we could obtain them.

Mr HOLMES: The figures you have quoted for the mixed departments are from the returns after the recent examination, and include the infants who have just passed into the mixed department.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr HOLMES: They will probably decrease considerably within a month through the older children leaving.

Mr DUFFY: It will largely knock the bottom out of the 176 argument, if we could get the number who leave every year.

The CHAIRMAN: I don't say that we *cannot* get those figures, but we *haven't* done so.

Mr HOLMES: There are two sides to every question.

The CHAIRMAN said that at Tanfield Lea Mixed they had 194 on the register, and 31 in Standard I., for whom they had not space in the Mixed Department. Allowing for 22 absentees, this gave a total of 203, and their provision was for 149, which left above 50 places to be provided.

Mr GREEN said that at Pickering Nook they had 224 on the register, and accommodation for for 203. Allowing 90 per cent. to be present, this worked out about equal.

Mr HOLMES: But you have Tanfield School.

The CHAIRMAN: I am going to be frank with you, and let you know what we are going to do. There are two courses open to the Board; but certainly they were bound to build. I don't think that there are two opinions about that on the Board. As Mr Holmes puts it, two plans were submitted to us; one for the alteration of Tanfield Lea School, and the other to utilise Tanfield Lea Mixed as a central class-room, and to build a Mixed School. One scheme was to cost about £1,600.

Mr ARCHDALL: Over £1,500.

The CHAIRMAN: And the other was to cost £2,000. In the first case, we were to get 150 additional places, and in the other, 330. Had we taken the first alternative, and enlarged the Tanfield Lea Mixed, we would have had a very poor school indeed. We would have had to do not what we would, but what we could. It would have been very badly lighted, and would have presented a very poor appearance. Very wisely, in my opinion, the Board decided that they would have a new school, to cost £2,000, and they would further consider what ought to be done with the Mixed class-room, besides using it for the central class. They intended taking Standards IV. and upwards out of Tanfield to Tanfield Lea, and thus save the considerable expense involved in maintaining Tanfield School. The present cost at Tanfield School was about £2 15s. per head, and the average over the whole of the Board's area was not much over £1 15s. That was not the way to go on. Mr Agar's case would receive the most serious and sympathetic consideration of the Board, so long as he was capable of performing his work. When they came to look fairly at it, the scheme did not seem a very extravagant one. They were now paying £15 house-rent for Mr Dawson (Tanfield Lea), and £15 for Mr Hodgson (Causey), and these sums would be saved. In fact, the whole scheme would effect a saving of the ratepayers' money. If Mr Agar were to retire, he would tell them at once that the Board would do it. All this agitation was alleged to have been got up for the purpose of saving rates. He only wished that there was nothing more behind it. It seemed a suspicious thing that they had had the drum ecclesiastical sounded. He noticed that at Pickering Nook they had had Father Wilson, Father Thompson and Miss Surtees; and at Stanley, Father Thompson and Miss Surtees. He knew that Miss Surtees had been using particular influences in getting up these meetings, which were not quite so spontaneous as they seemed.

Father THOMPSON said that he repudiated the insinuations made by the Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN said that he was speaking entirely to the Board as the question struck him. What he wanted to show was whether the School Board rates were increasing or not. The drum ecclesiastic had been beaten, and the people were being informed that it was due to School Board extravagance that they had to pay such high rates; "that by-and-bye their provisions would increase in price." He wanted to ask the deputation whether they had troubled to find out whether the School Board rate was increasing or not. The Board was formed in 1890, and the rate, as it appeared on the demand note for the first rate, was 1½d.

Mr TURNBULL said that the Chairman had publicly stated that the rate would never be more that 2d.

The CHAIRMAN thought that it was Mr Green who made the statement, but if he himself had said it, he would have to correct it. The rate in April, 1891, was 3½d, and in October 3d, making a total of 6½d. In 1892, the first rate was 4½d, and the second 7¾d, making a total for the year of 1s. In 1893, the April rate was 2d. Then the Board went out of office, and the new Board, with a majority adverse to the present Board, and intending to curtail the expenditure, and put matters right, took office, with the result that the October rate amounted to 9½d. In 1894, the April rate was 11½d, and the October one 10½d, making a total of 1s 9½d. In 1895, the April rate was 7½d, and the other one 6d, a total of 1s 1½d; and in 1896, the April rate was 5d. Then the old Board went out of office, and the present Board was elected, their first rate, which was issued last November, being 6d in the £. The rate they were now levying was 4d, making a total for the year of 10d. Father Thompson said that they were endeavouring to throw dust in the eyes of the ratepayers. He would like to ask Father Thompson if he was aware that they would have a balance of above £1000. They did not deny that the rate might be 10d for the year. Mr Watson would bear him out that the Medomsley district, with but one school, had a rate of 8d in the £; and he (Mr Wood) considered that if they could have eight schools carried on, educating 2000 children, for a tenpenny rate, they could lay the flattering unction to their souls that they were very good business men. If they studied the thing, the deputation would see that the Board were not doing so badly, or being so extravagant, as appeared on the face of the matter. They were there to do their best for the education of the district, and they intended to do it, with due regard to the interests of the ratepayers. (Applause.)

Mr HOLMES said that he went to the meeting at Pickering Nook as a ratepayer, and the statement that he went to entertain persons persuading people to attend was unfounded, so far as he was concerned.

Father THOMPSON quite endorsed what Mr Holmes had said. He himself never met with Miss Surtees before the Pickering Nook or Stanley meetings.

The CHAIRMAN: I do not withdraw anything, and what I say, I say with considerable knowledge, and very great responsibility. At a meeting of ratepayers, it seems to me that Miss Surtees was very much out of place, and Father [illegible] to express their own opinions. He was just a bit afraid that there was something more in this business than appeared on the surface. As to this affecting the rents, that was a falsity. The fact was that the owners of property were demanding exhorbitant rents. There needed to be not a Ratepayers' and Property Owners' Association, but a tenants' association, for the protection of tenants. (Hear, hear).

After further expressions of opinion, the CHAIRMAN said that he did not think the matter need go any further. The Board had met them frankly, and told them some things which they did not know. He had put the matter fairly, and if the deputation were not satisfied, they would have to remain unsatisfied. When the time came, the electorate would have to decide between them.

Mr LOWES said that if the ratepayers knew more about these matters, there would have been no need for any deputation to have attended.

The CHAIRMAN said that they had to live under misapprehensions, and, of course, life would not be worth living, unless they had such things. (Laughter). They had tried to get the ratepayers to assemble, and discuss such questions with them, but found great difficulty in getting them to attend. More than once they had gone to the expense of advertising meetings, but had been unable to get anything like a representative gathering. Had he received an invitation to the meeting at Pickering Nook, he would have been glad to have attended, and given a statement. He rather complained of the conduct of Father Thompson. He and Mr Green were with that gentleman the whole of the afternoon, and they were present at the Board meeting in the evening, but he never told them anything about the ratepayers' gathering which he was to address. Had he invited him, he would have gone.

Mr ARCHDALL: So would I.

Mr GREEN: Now with regard to the Central Class. A charge has been raised against the Central Class.

Mr HOLMES objected to discussing the matter.

The CHAIRMAN said that many Boards had Central Classes, and the best Boards had them. They must remember that it was a very serious thing for a young man to fail in his examination. It meant practically throwing him out of employment, with no trade to take up, save, perhaps, a clerkship.

Mr TURNBULL said that he had invited the Chairman to attend the Stanley meeting. He did not want it to go forth to the public that the members of the Board were not invited.

The CHAIRMAN explained that it was impossible for him to get to the Stanley meeting, even had he wished to do so.

The deputation then departed.

LOAN.

It was decided to accept the offer of a loan of £7,000 from Messrs Macardo Brothers, Sunderland, re-payable in forty years, with three per cent. interest.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

It was decided to take the Wesleyan iron Chapel, at a weekly rental of 8s per week, to be used as a school during the alterations at West Stanley.—Mr R. Murray offered the Albert Hall, for £1 a week, or £50 a year.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr J. Anderson (East Stanley) drew attention to the deficient staffing of his school, there being now 50 pupils for each assistant, and 60 for himself. Miss Burnip reported that the attendance at East Stanley Infants had been reduced owing to the prevalence of measles. Forty-eight children had been transferred to the Mixed department on May 3rd.

Mr R. W. Little (Stanley) reported that 105 children from the Central School had been admitted into West Stanley, on May 3rd.

Miss Storey reported that she had transferred 40 infants to Stanley Central School. There were now 87 names on the register.

Mr E. S. Dawson reported that the average attendance for last year was 157·5, being 9 above the accommodation.

Miss Middleton reported that 32 children had been transferred to the mixed department.

Mr Smith reported that the attendance at Pickering Nook Mixed had improved. Miss Davison reported that 28 children had been transferred to the mixed department.

Mr R. Abbott reported that the average attendance for the past year was 9 below that of the previous year, the attendance for the past year being very poor. The school staff required to be increased; and two monitors were required.

Miss Hogarth reported that 46 infants had been transferred to the mixed department.

Mr J. A. Hodgson reported that the attendance during the past month amounted to 95 per cent., six children having made full attendances. Lavena Netherton had never missed for four years. He drew attention to the staffing of the school.

Miss Greenhow reported that the attendance of infants at Stanley Central was very fluctuating.

The reports were adopted, after which the Board rose.

CASTLESIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The first monthly meeting of the newly-formed School Board for the townships of Healeyfield and Rowley, was held on Monday evening last in the Castleside Board Schools. There were present Messrs T. J. Muse, J. W. Golightly, T. C. Elliott, W. Pattinson, J. Wallis, and the Clerk (Mr J. Proud).

Mr GOLIGHTLY moved, Mr WALLIS seconded, and it was agreed that the Clerk should take the chair *pro tem*.

The CHAIRMAN said that the first business of the meeting was to elect a permanent Chairman for the ensuing three years, and he would be pleased to receive nominations for the office.

Mr ELLIOTT enquired if it were necessary to elect a Chairman for three years. In most bodies which were elected for three years, the Chairman was, he understood, usually changed every year.

Mr MUSE: I do not know of a case.

Mr ELLIOTT: It is done on town councils.

Mr MUSE: Not in the councils of which I am member. In the County Council, the Chairman elected for three years, but it does not matter.

The Clerk here read the Act relating to the subject, which stated that the election was for three years.

Mr ELLIOTT: That settles the question.

Mr PATTINSON said that he supposed that someone would have to take the initiative, as it was necessary, in accordance with law that they should have a chairman. Their late chairman (Mr Muse) had presided over their meetings for twenty-one years, and in courtesy to him—to say the least of it—they could not do otherwise than re-appoint or re-elect him to the office. He had fulfilled his duties honourably during his lengthened period of service, and therefore merited every consideration at the hands of the members of the Board. Mr Muse had ever distinguished himself by his constant efforts to benefit the schools, the children who attended them, and the village and parish generally. They could not possibly close their eyes to the fact that their late chairman had taken the deepest interest in the welfare of the schools, and the progress of education in their village. For the reasons he (Mr Pattinson) had stated, and because the present was the Jubilee year, he begged to propose the re-election of Mr Muse as chairman of their Board for the ensuing three years.

A long and painful silence ensued, but eventually

Mr ELLIOTT rose, and said that it seemed as though there was not going to be a seconder to Mr Pattinson's motion. His own opinion was that it was advisable to give every member of the Board a chance to share its duties, responsibilities, and honours. He had constantly upheld the view that changes were eminently desirable. Mr Muse had been a very good chairman, and had taken a keen interest in the work of the schools, but when all this was said and done it certainly was advisable now and again, if not every three years, for them to have a change. He moved that Mr Golightly take the chair for the next three years.

Mr WALLIS: I second that.

The resolution was put and carried, Messrs Pattinson and Golightly not voting.

Mr Muse, who had hitherto occupied the same seat he has so honourably filled for twenty-one years, then vacated it in favour of Mr Golightly.

The CHAIRMAN: I am much obliged to you, gentlemen. My opinion is that the honour should go round the Board, and on that ground I accept the position but only for three years. It must be understood that I will not occupy the chair for a longer period.

A BREEZE:

MR PATTINSON DECLINES THE VICE-CHAIR.

Mr MUSE: Of course, as you all know, I have been the chairman of this Board for the past twenty-one years, and the schools have been of special and peculiar interest to me. Had you waited other three years I would have resigned without being put out of the chair, but as it does not seem to be your wish that I should occupy it for a longer period, well and good. I have now to propose Mr Pattinson for the vice-chair. I think that length of service ought to be recognised and rewarded, when everything else is equal. Mr Pattinson has given a great deal of attention to the work, and is a highly capable and valuable member.

Mr WALLIS seconded, and explained that it was not out of any disregard to their late chairman that he had voted for Mr Golightly. The only reason was that he thought it would be better for them to have a change.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr PATTINSON: I certainly can say that I am obliged to you for the honour you have done me, and would especially thank our late and respected chairman for his very kind remarks concerning me, but I must decline to occupy the vice-chair for the term of three years. My reason for so doing is that it is evident that length of service is not appreciated. (Mr Muse: Hear, hear).

Mr ELLIOTT: I move that Mr Wallis occupy the vice-chair. We do not want to get into any tiff about the matter.

The Chairman seconded, and the resolution [illegible]

Mr MUSE: I do not want to cause any unpleasantness, but it seems that the voting of the electors is not to be taken into account. I received eighteen plumpers, and as many votes as the two bottom members put together.

Mr ELLIOTT: I am sorry that the voting has been mentioned, because it is altogether out of the question, and is no criterion of the feeling of the village. I was in the position of an attacking party, and from my nomination up to the close of the poll, I only asked one elector for a vote, though I did repeatedly ask for support for two of my friends. I did not appeal through the local newspapers. I did not canvas, neither did I use my influence at the school doors. When you take all this into consideration, and remember how people have been appealed to through the papers, by canvassing, and by means of editorial notices—ordinary and extraordinary—I think that you will agree with me, when I state that the voting is altogether out of the question. Then, you must remember the fact that the election was largely carried by means of cumulative voting. I had nine plumpers, and Mr Muse had eighteen, and forty-one of his majority was from nine plumpers. We fought the election with our hands behind our backs, and I do not think we should be challenged with the voting when from conscientious motives we declined to canvas.

The Chairman: No further good will result from discussing the subject. We had better proceed to the ordinary business.—The matter then dropped.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer (Mr J. Walton) reported that the attendance had been fairly satisfactory. He had made sixty-five absentee visits, and had sent lists to other districts.—The report was adopted.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.

The headmaster (Mr J. Duckworth) reported that there were 235 children on the registers. The average attendance during the past month was 177, and the percentage 88. The amount received in fees was £1 8s 10d. The attendance of the scholars had been very good, except in a few cases where a little more pressure might be used. He would remind the Board that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was approaching, and begged to suggest that a subscription list be opened for the purpose of giving the children a free treat. He himself would be pleased to contribute 5s towards such an object.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that circulars, stating the business to be done, should be sent out to the members prior to the meetings. This would enable the members to come prepared to discuss whatever business needed attention. They had been at some disadvantage in this respect.—The consideration of the matter was adjourned until the next meeting, but it was decided that the usual card, announcing the dates of meetings, should be published.

ALTERATION OF DATE.

Mr ELLIOTT said that Monday was the only day of the week upon which he found it inconvenient to attend the Board's meetings. He, somewhat confidently, appealed to the members for their kind consideration.—It was decided that future meetings should be held on Tuesdays instead of Mondays, as heretofore.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Mr ELLIOTT enquired if the Board would be prepared to join with the Parish Council in making preparations for the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee in Castleside? He thought it would be well if they could work together.

Mr MUSE said that he had intended proposing that the clerks of the Parish Council and the School Board should summon the members of their respective bodies, together with the secretaries of the flower show and general improvement scheme, to a general [illegible]. Something might then be done to make [illegible] general. He would certainly recommend that all the children have a free tea, and that there should be a big bonfire. He proposed that such a meeting as he had suggested be called.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that there seemed to be a concensus of opinion in the direction Mr Muse had indicated. He had spoken to several of the members of the Parish Council, and they agreed that it would be advisable for the School Board to take the initiative.

Mr WALLIS seconded Mr Muse's motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS.

Mr ELLIOTT gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would propose the adoption of standing orders.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR LEE.

Mr PATTINSON moved that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Mr Lee, who had retired from his position, for his long and valued services as a member. Mr Lee, he said, had served his day and generation faithfully, and, he believed, well. (Hear, hear). Twenty-one years was a fair apprenticeship to serve, and he thought that they should put on record the esteem in which they held the services that Mr Lee had so freely and honourably rendered in the interests of the welfare of the young people living in the district.

Mr MUSE seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The Board then rose.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR MORRIS.

A meeting was held in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, to consider the advisability of erecting a memorial stone to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr Morris. Mr Henry Palmer, of Medomsley, presided, and there was a good number of people present, including the principal tradesmen of the district. Before the commencement, Mr C. P. Scott explained the object of the meeting, stating that when the Committee sat last week, he thought that the people of Leadgate should be acquainted with the facts, and asked Mr Palmer to come over, and take the chair.

Mr PALMER then rose, and said that they knew perfectly well what brought them there that night. They all knew Mr Morris, and would feel his loss severely. He had gone from them, and the only thing for them to do was to erect something to perpetuate his memory. The idea of the workmen at Medomsley was to erect a memorial stone. A meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, and a Committee was appointed, consisting of an official and a workman from each of the collieries, with power to add to their number, along with Messrs R. Moffatt, T. D. Dales, W. G. F. Thompson, and G. E. Milburn. Mr Ramsay was appointed treasurer, and Mr Jacob Walton, whom they all knew, secretary. Mr Scott was good enough to ask him to come over to preside, and he gladly responded to the invitation. It was suggested, and agreed to, at the committee meeting that a fund should be raised, and that the balance remaining, after paying the expenses, be invested in the names of three trustees on behalf of the widow. Their meetings had been attended, not only by the workmen, but by the tradesmen, several of whom had promised subscriptions. (Applause).

Mr LONGSTAFFE next rose, and dwelt on the respect in which Mr Morris was held. He said he had no doubt but that the people of Leadgate would heartily support the object, and he for one would do his best. (Hear, hear).

Mr LUKE NICHOLSON said that it was a very sad matter that they had to discuss. He had been a colleague of the late Mr Morris at Lanchester, and had always found him to be an upright and honest man. He quite endorsed everything that Mr Longstaffe had said.

Mr H. CHEESMOND next moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting approves the action taken by the workmen employed at the Medomsley, Derwent, Hunter, and Westwood pits, together with the tradesmen and others in Medomsley Village to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial stone to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr J. H. Morris, and further resolved that the balance remaining (if any), after paying all expenses connected therewith, be dealt with as the committee shall decide." He said that he had several times come in contact with Mr Morris, not only in the pit, but in other matters outside the pit, and had always found him to be an honest man. He was upright and just in his ways, and his hand was always extended towards the poor. He saw the deceased gentleman only a few weeks prior to his death, and he (Mr Morris) appeared to be robust in health. The miners at the Eden Colliery had decided to contribute in the same manner as to the Fatal Accident Fund, namely, each man to pay sixpence, and every boy threepence. They could get the note payable to any member of the committee. The people of Leadgate, he was sure, would support any such fund.

Mr JAS. WATSON seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr JOS. MILBURN moved the next resolution, which ran as follows:—"That this vestry gives its heartiest support to the object, and hereby appoints and empowers Mr Thos. Longstaffe, Mr J. Todd, Mr Geo. Nicholson, Mr Jas. Hogan, and Mr R. Robson to solicit and collect subscriptions to the same."

Mr ROBSON enquired whether the collectors were confined to their district.

Mr PALMER replied that his advice was to get as much money as they possibly could. (Laughter).

Mr RAMSAY thought that the districts should be mapped out. Gentlemen might be asked for subscriptions by more than one person.

Mr PALMER said the collectors would manage that themselves. Every collector would be supplied with a memorandum, with a notice on the first page setting forth the object.

Mr CHEESMOND thought that the Council's area should be the division for the collectors.

Mr HOGAN asked what about the districts of Lanchester—(Mr LONGSTAFFE: I'll see about that.)—and Dipton.

Mr PALMER stated that some of the collectors might meet gentlemen in Leadgate from the districts named.

Mr M. CURLEY proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. He said that many of them had not seen him before, and they would be very glad to meet him. He thought he was one of the "good old sort."

The vote, having been carried, Mr PALMER rose to respond, and stated that he hoped that they had meant what they said about him.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday night, Mr Henry Palmer presiding. The other Councillors present were—Messrs Geo. Nicholson, Luke Nicholson, Wm. Robson, Thomas Foreman, Thos. Keenleyside, W. Whitfield, H. Cheesemond, W. McIver, J. W. Winter, J. Costello, F. W. Lane, the Clerk (Mr J. H. Coupland), and the Surveyor and Inspector (Mr T. Longstaff).

BOGGLE HOLE WATER SUPPLY.

The CHAIRMAN undertook to see that this matter was attended to, Mr McIVER remarking that there might be a scarcity of water before long.

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND LIBRARY.

The Building Committee reported that having considered the question of site, &c., for Council Chambers, they recommended (1) the purchase of the Leadgate Miners' Hall; (2) the conversion of the same into Council Chambers, the front half of the ground floor to be office for clerk, office for Council's surveyor, laboratory, and entrance lobby; back half of ground floor, a three-roomed caretaker's cottage. First floor—Council Chamber and technical class room, the present ante-room to the west end of the building to be used for technical class purposes; also to purchase the triangular piece of ground, measuring about 200 square yards, situated at the west end. It is expected that substantial assistance would be given by the Education Committee of the County Council.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that some exception had been taken to the foregoing report, because the special committee was not re-appointed at the annual meeting; but after consideration he ruled that the committee still existed.

In answer to Mr Geo. Nicholson, the Chairman, and Mr Keenleyside could not furnish the Council any information with regard to the probable cost of the building and alterations.

Mr LUKE NICHOLSON proposed, and Mr FOREMAN seconded, that the subject be deferred till next meeting.

Mr WINTER explained that they might legitimately expect a grant only for the rooms which would be used for technical purposes. The report inferred, however, that they would obtain a grant for the whole building. He hoped the report would be unanimously approved of as the business had entailed three hours' work on the committee. This everlasting system of carrying things forward meant that nothing would be done at all. He moved the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Mr LANE.

Mr COSTELLO'S objection to the scheme was the adoption of the Free Libraries' Act, and it was rather strange that those gentlemen, who were formerly against the proposal, were now in favour of it.

Mr WINTER pointed out that they were not discussing the Free Libraries' Act.

Mr COSTELLO delared that he should vote against the acceptance of the report.

Mr ROBSON strongly objected to the suitability of the building for the purpose. He would enlighten Mr Costello that he went against the plans on the last occasion, but they had now thrown them overboard. There were two or three things he was strenuously opposed to. The plans rejected were the ones he protested against.

Mr WHITFIELD said the plans which they had before the Committee, on Monday night, were the only ones they ought to consider at that Council.

Mr COSTELLO said the plans had been altered. If they adopted the report, there was no guarantee that the plans would not again be altered.

The CHAIRMAN explained that if the plans were again altered, any member could object to them. He would assure them, however, that nothing agreed upon that night would be altered.

Mr McIVER failed to see the good of continuing the discussion. If the Free Libraries' Act had been adopted, and put into operation, the whole subject would come before the Council.

In the course of further discussion, which was protracted to an interminable length, Mr Costello withdrew his objection to the report.

Mr LUKE NICHOLSON declared that 90 per cent. of the ratepayers were opposed to the Council acquiring the Miners' Hall for such purposes. He remarked that they could build a new place, in every way adapted to the requirements of the Council, for £1,200, and they would not only get substantial offices, Council chambers, but storage room for the Council's apparatus and stock-in-trade.

Mr WINTER retorted that he could prove that 75 per cent. of the ratepayers were in favour of buying the Miners' Hall for Council purposes. In support of his contention, he traversed a wide range of subjects, and concluded by remarking that the present was a favourable time for carrying out the project outlined by the Committee. The talk about the Council having to undertake the scavenging of the place was just about as remote as the millenium, because the work had hitherto been efficiently performed at Leadgate. Even when a local Government Board inspector came down to enquire into the matter, they thoroughly convinced him that the scavenging was done as well as it could possibly be performed, with the exception of a few solitary instances. If the Inspector would only rigidly exercise the powers entrusted to him, there would be no fault whatever to be found with the scavenging of the town, and neither the officials of the Local Government Board nor the Durham County Council would ever be enabled to charge the Council or its officers with neglecting this important duty. He, therefore, hoped the Council would carry out the report of the Committee.

Mr ROBSON said he would have been better satisfied if the originators of the scheme could give the Council some idea of the cost.

The CHAIRMAN: Are you taking into consideration the probable grants you will receive from the Technical Classes?

Mr ROBSON: Yes.

Mr WINTER stated, that with the assent of the seconder of his amendment, he would move that the report be adopted, conditionally that the hall be purchased and altered at a cost not exceeding £800.

The amendment, as altered, was then carried, only Mr L. Nicholson voting against it.

PROPOSED NEWS ROOM.

Mr WINTER next submitted a document, which, he said, related to a certain extent to the foregoing question. It was a memorial to the Directors of the Consett Iron Company, and read as follows:—

"We, the undersigned workmen of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, and the inhabitants of Leadgate, desire most respectfully to draw your attention to the great need that exists in Leadgate for a public institute, or news and recreation rooms. The population of Leadgate is upwards of 6,000; two-thirds of these are depending directly upon your Company, and at present there is little or no provision made for their intellectual improvement. Your petitioners are aware that the Consett Iron Company have hitherto supported the object to some limited extent by setting apart a room in a cottage. This room for various reasons is totally inadequate for such a purpose, and a large number of your petitioners are debarred from the benefits of such an institution. We trust that you will give our petition your generous consideration, and in this auspicious year of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee you will see your way to provide a public news room, &c., and thus place your workmen of Leadgate on the same advantageous terms as are enjoyed by other workmen, &c., in your Company's employ at other places."

Mr WINTER asked Mr Palmer and the other members of the Council to sign the memorial.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he was prepared to present such a petition to the directors of the Consett Iron Company, but he could not promise what the result would be. He would, however, support the prayer of the petitioners to the best of his ability.

Mr LUKE NICHOLSON said their idea was that the institution should be conducted on the same lines as similar institutions at other places. While the workmen of the Consett Company were paying 1s per quarter, the tradesmen and those persons not employed by the firm should contribute 1s 6d or 2s a quarter. Of course, the Consett Iron Company would have the strongest voice in the management of the institution.

Mr WHITFIELD concurred with Mr Nicholson, and stated that they, as tradespeople, would be quite willing to pay for the privilege of joining such an institution, in the same way as they were doing at Consett and Blackhill.

Mr COSTELLO considered it would have been better if the petition, before being submitted to the Council, had first been signed by the workmen who really experienced the need of such an institution. By adopting such a course, they would have strengthened the hands of the Council in taking up the matter.

The CHAIRMAN was inclined to agree with Mr Costello.

Mr COSTELLO further stated that at the last Government enquiry a large number of workmen expressed their satisfaction with the existing accommodation made for them by the Consett Iron Company.

Mr WINTER said he would undertake to get the signatures of 200 workpeople employed by the Consett Iron Company to the memorial in a couple of days.

Mr WHITFIELD quite saw the force of Mr Costello's objection, but the petition had been brought first before the Council as a matter of courtesy, so that the chairman and members could sign it.

Eventually, the CHAIRMAN returned the petition to Mr Winter to get it signed by the workpeople outside, and to bring the document to the Council next month for the signature of the members.

Mr GEO. NICHOLSON, reverting to the subject of transforming the Miners' Hall into Council Chambers, thought they ought to make a substantial job of it.

The Committee was deputed to obtain information as to the probable cost of the contemplated alterations.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

The Finance Committee recommended the workmen's wages be advanced 1s per week.

This was unanimously agreed to.

THE ALLEGED NUISANCE IN FRONT STREET.

The Local Government Board transmitted copy tant overseer of Leadgate, and asked for the observations of the Council on the matter. The communication drew the attention of their Lordships to a nuisance allowed to exist against his dwelling, owing to a wood slaughter-house, against the wall covering the whole of his kitchen and sitting-room on the ground floor. He appealed to the Urban Council, who had treated the matter with perfect indifference, although the Medical Officer for the County made a report that the place was a nuisance. The evil was a smell which has caused his wife and daughters so much illness, that they had to receive medical attendance, on more than one occasion. Then again they had been pestered with maggots coming under the spouting boards; and blood saturated the foundations of his house. They had taken all available means of avoiding the smell, but without avail. Mr Robson asked that the Local Government Board should send an Inspector to investigate the matter.

Mr WINTER stated that the committee authorised to investigate this matter last September came to the conclusion that Mr Robson had nothing to complain of. Their Medical Officer (Dr Renton) and Inspector agreed with the decision of the committee. He did think that the County Council Medical Officer specially referred to this particular place in his report.

Mr ROBSON considered the easiest plan would be to forward the Local Government Board the report of their Medical Officer anent the subject. He moved to that effect.

The CHAIRMAN said that Dr Renton in his report mentioned the nuisance as being merely a technical one.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE said that Dr Renton went further, and said that blood could not possibly get through into Mr Robson's house.

The CHAIRMAN: That is so.

Mr Robson's motion was carried.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE (speaking warmly) stated that Mr Robson mislead Dr. Renton by taking to him maggots which he alleged had been found in his house. The speaker proceeded to denounce Mr Robson in strong terms, when

The CHAIRMAN interposed, and said that Mr Keenleyside's remarks hardly bore on the question.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE: I say they do, and I am in a position to prove all I have asserted.

ALTERATION OF VOTERS' LISTS.

Mr WINTER next stated that the Local Government Committee of the County Council had had an important question before them; and he proposed that in future the voters' lists for the parish of Iveston should be printed according to the order of the sheets, and not in alphabetical order, as at present. He pointed out that this system was in vogue in all boroughs, and it might advantageously be extended to rural districts.

Mr COSTELLO seconded.

Some members referred to the disadvantages of the proposed system in finding the names of individuals, but not knowing the streets in which they lived.

The motion was passed.

THE CLEANSING OF ASHPITS.

On the recommendation of Mr COSTELLO, the Clerk was directed to write to the Consett Iron Company, asking them to clear out the ashpits and privies in summer in the early morning, and not during the day time.

FINANCIAL.

Cheques, amounting to £119 19s, were passed for payment, leaving the balance in the bank at about £40.

THE LATE MR MORRIS.

A letter was read from Mrs Morris, of Medomsley, thanking the Council for the expression of sympathy passed at the last meeting.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported having had the cement kerb laid, and the foundations cut and levelled, on the east side of Durham Road, and the same kind of work is in progress on the west side of Durham Road. The workmen had cleaned out the settling ponds, and they are now in fairly good working order. Iveston village green required to be levelled by the Council's workpeople, as soon as there was any money on hand. He also recommended the widening and flagging of Front Street from Mr E. Todd's past Mr T. Harrison's and also to lay down a portion of cement footpath every year in front of the Consett Iron Company's houses.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector, in his report, expressed a hope that the Council would secure a tip for depositing house refuse; but nothing was done in the matter.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Mr WINTER moved the appointment of a representative committee to take action to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, by giving a public tea to the children, and old folks over the age of 60 years.

This was agreed to.

CEMENTING FOOTPATHS.

Mr WINTER afterwards proposed that the Council should ashphalt the footpaths in front of colliery houses.

Mr CHEESEMOND seconded.

Mr GEO. NICHOLSON said that he preferred cement to ashphalt, and the CHAIRMAN concurred.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE said these were houses belonging to the Consett Iron Company, and they ought to bear the cost of improving the footpaths. In front of his own property, the Council put down the kerb and channel, but he had to defray the cost of cementing.

The Surveyor: But you have not told the Council that they gave you some land to make the footpath.

Mr KEENLEYSIDE replied that the Surveyor ought not to have made such an observation.

Mr Winter's proposal was seconded by Mr McIVER, and carried, it being understood that the Council will start with Watling Street, and do certain portions of streets each year.

The Council then rose.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon, Mr W. Telford presiding. There were also present the Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, Rev. A. Baillie, Rev. James Foran, Rev. E. W. Jenkins, Mr G. J. Robinson, Mr W. Ramsay, and Mr R. G. Barclay (clerk).

FINANCIAL.

Cheques were ordered to be issued in payment of the following accounts—Benfieldside teachers, Boys' Department, £50; Girls' Department, £36 6s. Infants' Department, £14 3s 4d; Derwent Street School, £15; Attendance Officer, £7 1s 8d; petty cash, £10; other accounts, £4 6s 1d. Total, £136 16s 1d. The cheques were signed by the Rev. E. W. Jenkins and Father Foran.

ATTENDANCE.

Mr H. McKean reported that during the past month the attendance had averaged 87 per cent., being the same as for the corresponding month last year.

PUPIL TEACHERS' CENTRE.

Mr RAMSAY asked what had been done with respect to the pupil teachers' centre?

The Clerk said that he had not yet had the opportunity of calling the managers of the various schools together.

The CHAIRMAN said that it was impossible for the Board to adopt any action until they heard what form the proposed Technical Institute would take.

The Clerk promised that he would call a conference, and have the question discussed.

This was agreed to.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

A letter was received from the Medomsley School Board, asking the Board what steps they intended taking to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Finance Committee had discussed the matter, and a suggestion was made to give the children five weeks' holiday at mid-summer, instead of the usual four weeks; also, to present each child with a medal or a mug.

Mr RAMSAY: Let us give the children a tea.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the children would rather have the extra holiday than a couple of teas. (Laughter). Whether they gave the holiday or not, they would not get many children to school during the Jubilee week.

Mr JENKINS said that nothing definite was settled by the Financial Court.

Mr ROBINSON: Do you propose to give the children an extra week's holiday, because you will not get them to attend school? (Laughter).

Mr BAILLIE thought the suggestion a very sensible and proper one.

Mr JENKINS suggested that the day and Sunday schools should amalgamate to celebrate the event.

Mr RAMSAY said that they could provide the tea for the price of the medals.

Mr ROBINSON pointed out that the members present represented four different denominations. They should say what they could do in the matter.

Mr JENKINS did not think that the religious denominations were doing anything.

Canon ROSS-LEWIN favoured the suggestion that the Board should take the matter up.

The Headmaster (Mr Teare) being invited into the room, he expressed the opinion that the children did not appreciate medals. He supported the idea of giving the children a tea, if sufficient funds could be raised.

Mr ROBINSON said that the children ought to have a treat, and be allowed to enjoy themselves.

Mr RAMSAY said that he was strongly opposed to giving the children medals. He regarded it as a waste of money.

Mr BAILLIE proposed that the children be given five weeks' holiday, to commence on June 19th. Mr Ross-Lewin seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr ROSS-LEWIN expressed the opinion that a fund ought to be raised to give a treat to the poor children of the district. He also supported the giving of a mug to each child.

Mr RAMSAY said that they could do nothing better than give the children a treat, and let them enjoy themselves.

It was ultimately decided that the members of the Board, together with the school teachers, should form themselves into a committee to consider means for providing a treat for the chil-

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION FOR LANCHESTER.

A meeting, called for the purpose of forming a Ratepayers' Association for Lanchester, was held on Wednesday evening last, in Mr Snaith's Blue Bell Inn. There was a good attendance, which included Messrs John Urwin, Robert Innes, Jas. Humble, W. D. Ramsay, E. Dodds, R. Toward, John Hougham, T. Pallister, jun., A. Storey, Jos. Walton (Newbiggen), G. Bell, T. Jameson, J. J. Thompson, W. H. Ritson, R. Kirkpatrick, A. Hartley, C. Puckering, Jos. Wake, jun., A. H. Kirby, J. G. Brydson, J. Walton, and J. Gibson.

Mr URWIN was voted to the chair, and, at the outset, read a letter from Mr George Neasham, in which the writer stated that the formation of ratepayers' associations was, he thought, a step in the right direction. He was glad that one was being formed at Lanchester, and expressed a wish to become a member. He considered that it was the duty of every ratepayer to take an interest in the affairs of the Union—(hear, hear)—and he thought that Cornsay and Tanfield had set an example which was highly creditable to their independence and manhood. (Applause). He sincerely hoped that a ratepayers' association would be formed in every township throughout the Lanchester Union, not as a menace to the gentlemen who administered their local affairs, but as a check on what had come to be regarded as a wasteful and unjustifiable expenditure of the public money, not only at Lanchester itself, but in other parts of the district. The immense sums which were spent at Lanchester was a matter that had called forth expressions of strong dissent from all parts of the Union, and, as ratepayers, it was their duty to protest against further wasteful expenditure. That could best be done by the formation of ratepayers' associations. Such a combination would strengthen the hands or those of their representatives who discharged their duties faithfully, and enable them the better to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers. (Applause). He (the Chairman) quite agreed with the sentiments expressed in Mr Neasham's letter. He himself had lived in the County of Durham for half a century, and for the last seven years in the immediate neighbourhood. He had carefully followed the course of public events, and believed that now there were ominous signs arising in the district. There was a combination of circumstances which seemed to focus around a given point. He had had conversations with the auditor to the District Council, who, however, could not give him any information concerning the special rate which had been levied. The object of ratepayers' associations was, he believed, to obtain information respecting the expenditure of their governing bodies, and to put a check, as far as possible, upon needless spending of the public money. He thought that all ratepayers would agree with him when he declared that they had a reasonable right to demand to know what the special rate had been made for. (Hear, hear). Yet when he (the speaker) made enquiries on the subject, he could not obtain any explanation. He understood that even when the Clerk was asked, he did not know.

Mr RITSON: That is not so.

The CHAIRMAN (proceeding) stated that what he had said had come to him from a respectable source, though he could not himself vouch its accuracy. He severely criticised the action of the Council in pensioning their late Clerk and Surveyor. Then the area of the Union had been reduced.

Mr RITSON: It has not been reduced a single acre, but actually increased.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing) said that he was not infallible, and might possibly be mistaken. The speaker went on to refer to the rateable value of the towships of Consett and Knitsley, when

Mr RITSON interrupted, remarking that the statements made were misleading, as Consett and Knitsley were distinctly separate, the former being an Urban District, and the latter in the Lanchester Rural District.

The CHAIRMAN: Does not Mrs Elliott collect rates for both?

Mr RITSON: She is the assistant overseer for both, but that does not make them one.

The CHAIRMAN then went on to refer to the appointment of the Surveyor. They at one time had a Surveyor named Mr George Hall, who was an exceedingly capable man. He kept two horses at his own expense, and only received a salary of £200 a year. Now they had a young, inexperienced youth, with six times less work to do, and they were giving him £200 a year out of the rateyayers' pockets. He understood that there was a scheme on foot—he would not vouch for it — to buy old property, after spending about £5000 on new buildings. This, he thought had been opposed by the majority of members, and by the Local Government Board Inspector.

Mr RITSON: Wrong again, wrong again.

The CHAIRMAN: Then I do not know how such reports get abroad.

Mr RITSON: Nor do I.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, that is what I was informed. I should be the last man to make an unjustifiable attack. I do not object to rates, when they are legal and beneficial to the community, but I do strongly protest against any action which has as its object the enrichment and aggrandiement of private individuals. (Hear, hear).

Mr RITSON proposed, Mr Humble seconded, and it was agreed that a ratepayers' association be formed for Lanchester.

Mr RITSON said that he would have liked to have proposed Mr Urwin as their first president, but from the tone of his speech, he was afraid that there was something behind it. He was as large a ratepayer as there was in the room, and was pleased that an association had been formed, which he would join as a private member. He had pleasure in proposing that Mr Innes be their president.

Mr INNES declined to accept the position.

Mr HUMBLE then proposed, Mr Dodd seconded, and Mr Ritson supported a resolution asking Mr Urwin to become their president.

The CHAIRMAN briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Mr J. J. Thompson was appointed secretary, and Mr W. D. Ramsay, treasurer. The subscription was fixed at 2s 6d each member, and nineteen names were enrolled.

The meeting then terminated.

ESH.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—At the Old British Schools, on Monday evening, a supper and social were held in connection with the Esh Primitive Methodist Chapel. The carvers were Miss Peart and Miss R. Harrison; the bakers, Miss J. Moreton and Miss M. Trotter; the tea makers, Miss Pritchard and Miss A. Tucker; whilst the ticket sellers were Miss Hammells and Miss J. Harrison. During the course of the evening a capital programme of songs, duets, &c., was given. Altogether, the affair proved a huge success.

CONCERT.—On Tuesday evening last, a concert was given in the Old British School, Esh, for the benefit of Mr Isaac Welton, who was lamed whilst at work in the Esh coke-yard some five months ago. The following was the programme:— Pianoforte duet, "Duett in D," Miss Woodward and Mr J. B. Slack; song, "In old Madrid," Miss Dean; song, "The admiral's broom," Mr Percy Johnson; comic song, "Still his whiskers grew," Mr J. A. Smith; song, "Whisper, and I shall hear," Miss Jones; pianoforte solo, "Sonta Op. 2," Mr J. B. Slack; song, "How can you say good-bye?" Miss Viyard; song, "The verdict was—" Mr R. Green; dance, "Hornpipe," Miss Morley; song, "He's gat'em on," Mr G. Patterson; comic song, "I ain't agoing to tell," Mr J. V. Hunter; duet, "I know a bank," Miss Jones and Mr R. Green; pianoforte duet, Miss Lindsley and Mr J. B. Slack; song, "Allan Water," Miss Jones; song, "That was enough for me," Mr R. Green; comic song, "It's a great big shame," Mr J. V. Hunter; recitation, "Actor story," Mr G. Patterson; song, "The dear home song," Miss Viyard; song, "Drinking," Mr Percy Johnson; dance, "Jig," Miss Morley; song, "Close to the threshold," Miss Dean; comic song, "Silly Tommy," Mr J. A. Smith; song, "The bugler," Mr Percy Johnson; duet, "Money matters," Miss Jones and Mr R. Green. The chair was taken by Mr James Ogg, the pianists being Mr J. B. Slack, Durham, and Mr J. Kinsla, Quebec. The following acted upon the committee—Messrs Josiah Woodward, James Moffatt, James Vickers, John Sellett, M. Viyard, J. Chappel, Thomas Hall, Walter Hughes, John Dale, John Pallister, William Moreland, Fred. Morland, Robert Bowman, Henry Newsome, and Geo. Rugless. Mr J. R. Green acted as secretary.

WATERHOUSES.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL.—On Tuesday last, the scholars connected with this School were each presented with a medal for regular attendance, a half-day holiday also being granted.

WESLEY GUILD.—At the usual weekly meeting of this Guild, held on Thursday evening in last week. A capital paper was given by Mr W. Jackson upon "The journey of life." An interesting discussion ensued, in which all the active members of the Guild took part.

ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY. — On Wednesday evening, a meeting of the church members connected with the Waterhouses Baptist Church, took place. Mr James Newton presiding. The speaker was Miss Blenkinsopp, the subject being "Some things worth living for." During the course of the evening, a free parliament was held, when questions affecting both Church and Endeavour work were discussed. The meeting was preceded by a tea provided by the members of Y.P.S.C.E., to which a large number of friends sat down, the proceedings being

TOW LAW AND THE JUBILEE.

On Wednesday evening, a public meeting was held in the Auction Mart, Tow Law, for the purpose of taking into consideration the celebration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign. There was a large attendance, Mr John Graham presiding, and he was supported by the Vicar, and the Rev. T. E. Espin.

The CHAIRMAN said that there were numerous ideas afloat as to how they should celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Some suggested that the football field should be made a public park, and others that trees should be planted along Castle Bank. It was desirable that all the schools should join together, and have a treat for the children. (Applause).

Mr ESPIN said that the difficulty would be to know what to do in face of so many suggestions. Some had suggested a drinking fountain. In the summer time, they had hot weather, and this proposal would seem feasible. The question of tree-planting was new to him. They would have to get trees which would be suitable for such a climate as that of Tow Law. Another idea he had heard of, was a public clock. They needed one. He had never been able to discover whether they were before or behind the proper time at Tow Law. The burghers never agreed. (Laughter). The suggestion as to a treat for the children was certainly a good one. They did not know how long Tow Law might last. The other proposals—those of a permanent character—might serve as a monument of departed glory. With the children, however, it was different. They could rejoice in seeing them happy. They could give them medals, or mugs, in celebration of the event, if they chose.

The question was then raised, in view of giving the children a tea or treat—how were they going to define children?

Mr ESPIN said they could take those attending day schools.

Mr VICKERS said that three of the Sunday Schools had made arrangements for treating their scholars. They had scholars who were 21 and 22 years of age. They would have to know the opinion of that meeting before they could do anything.

Mr BAXTER wished to know what they intended to do with respect to the children of Thornley and Elm Park. They were not included on the register.

Mr VICKERS said that they were not there to interfere with any arrangements that had been made. They were in the habit of giving their scholars a treat on Whit-Monday. This year, however, they decided to have it upon Jubilee Day.

Mr J. J. GRAHAM said that he, for one, was in favour of something that was abiding. The planting of trees by the side of the new road was a good suggestion. Their town was an accumulation of bricks and mortar. He, for one, would like to see that meeting adopt the suggestion of planting the trees on the new road. (Applause).

Mr J. E. DIXON said that if the town were not inclined to give the children a tea, the Churches were. (Applause). They wanted something worthy of the day; also, let them go in for something more than mugs. (Applause).

Mr SPROATES said that children were sensitive. In his opinion, all the children should have a tea. The money would have to come from the public. It was a national rejoicing. They would all have their best suits on, and it was predicted that there was to be six hours sunshine on Jubilee Day. (Laughter). If he thought they were going to experience the same kind of weather as they were now having, he should die. (Laughter and applause).

Mr ROBERT DIXON said that most of them seemed to be in favour of giving a treat to the children, and they were not alone in that respect. The question which perplexed them was at what age did they cease to be called children? They had, in the three schools, 500 scholars, who would be over 5 and under 14 years of age. If they wished to give the children a medal, they were willing. He did not think that they should adopt a costly scheme. In the scheme for treating the children, they might rest assured of public support.

Mr WHEATLEY said that there were some attending Sunday-school who were stated to be 21 years of age. How about those who were 21, and had children of their own? How would the do with them? (Applause). Would they call them children? (Loud laughter).

Mr BREWER said that they had a register kept by Mr Garraway, which would solve the question. He would propose that a tea should be given to children who could toddle, up to the age of 16 years, and any over that age who were desirous of having tea.

Mr SPROATES seconded.

After further discussion, it was resolved that a tea and medals should be given to all young people under the age of sixteen years, and that a display of fireworks should be given in honour of the Jubilee.

The meeting then terminated.

LATE CRICKET.

STANLEY JUNIORS v. OXHILL JUNIORS.

A Junior League fixture between these teams was played at Stanley, on Wednesday night, before 200 spectators. Stanley batted first, but lost nine wickets for 17. Morton and Harrison then offered a determined resistance to the bowling, and 27 runs were added ere the last wicket fell. Oxhill were disposed of for 30, the chief scorers being Dixon and Hunter, and Stanley thus won by 13 runs. G. C. Sanderson took seven wickets for 11 runs, and Craig captured three for 9. Scores—

STANLEY.

J Hodgson, b J Armstrong	2
T Robson, b C McVitte	0
G. C. Sanderson, b McVitte	0
G Sanderson, b J Armstrong	3
W Craig, c Benfold, b Armstrong	0
T Morton, not out	16
P Harkness, b Armstrong	3
H Morgan, c Armstrong	0
R Bowden, c Armstrong, b Dixon	0
R Sanderson, b Dixon	0
G Harrison, c McVittie, b Dixon	11
Extras	8
Total	43

OXHILL.

J Hunter, b J C Sanderson	9
J Armstrong, b J C Sanderson	0
R Palmer, c Armstrong, b Sanderson	1
F Dixon, b J C Sanderson	9
C Kay, c J Sanderson, b J C Sanderson	2
T Benfold, c J C Sanderson	4
C McVittie, b Craig	0
T Kay, c R. Sandersan, b J C Sanderson	1
F Errington, c Harrison, b Craig	0
J Platten, not out	1
J Bell, b Craig	0
Extras	3
Total	30

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

SALE OF A FAMOUS DOG.—Councillor John Storey has sold his famous St. Bernard, "Champion Duke of Florence," to Mr Allison, of Hull, for 300 guineas.

CONSTITUTIONAL ASSOCIATION.—Mr Thomas Bowes has been appointed secretary *pro tem* of the local Constitutional Association.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION.—A meeting was held in the Hare Law Board School on Monday evening, to take into consideration the best mode of celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Mr Wm. Rutherford presided, and amongst thost present were the Rev. John Gornall, Mr James Strawbridge, Dr Morison, Mr Stephen Nicholson, Mr H. Brown, Mr Laws, Mr Wm. French, Mr W. Down, Mr W. Johnson, Mr Robert Bates, Mr W. Rutherford, Junr., Mr Wm. Eltringham, Mr Trowsdale, Mr L. Simpson, and others. It was decided to hold a public meeting in the Greencroft School, next Monday evening, the secretary (Mr French) being instructed to apply to Mr Miles Handy in the meantime for the loan of his field for the purpose of giving a public tea on Jubilee day to the children and old people of the district. He was also instructed to apply for permission to hold a bonfire on Ponton Pike, if possible in conjunction with the inhabitants of Dipton.

LEADGATE.

WESLEYAN EVENING SCHOOL.—The report of Her Majesty's Inspector, in connection with the evening classes held in the Wesleyan School, has just been received, the following being a copy—"A well graduated series of lessons in all subjects has been vigorously and skilfully taught to appreciative classes." This is the fourth year in succession that the highest attainable Government grant has been awarded for every subject taught in the night school. Such excellent results must indeed be eminently satisfactory to the Managers and to Mr Lane, the teacher. From a financial point of view, they have also been a conspicuous success, the amount of grant earned this year being £45 12s 6d.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

	W.	D.	L.
Hebburn Argyle	17	4	3
Newcastle United A	17	4	3
Shankhouse	14	3	7
Gateshead N.E.R	14	3	[illegible]
Jarrow	14	2	[illegible]
Blyth	10	4	[illegible]
Stanley	12	0	[illegible]
Willington Athletic	9	6	[illegible]
Birtley	10	4	[illegible]
Southwick	6	5	[illegible]
Rendel	4	4	[illegible]
St Peter's	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TOW LAW.

EASTER VESTRY.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. E. Espin) presided at the annual Easter vestry meeting held on Thursday evening in last week. Mr Atkinson presented the accounts which showed a balance in hand of £4 10s 8d. Messrs Atkinson and C. Hall were re-appointed church wardens, whilst Messrs Anderson, Geo. Roberts, and Geo. Fleming were appointed to act as sidesmen. Mr Robt. Rawes and Mr Geo. Gage were elected as representatives to attend the ruri-deaconal conference to be held at Wolsingham.

HOMING CLUB.—On Saturday last, the members of the Tow Law Pigeon Homing Society flew twelve of their birds from Melmerby, a place forty miles and half distant. The birds were liberated by the Station-master, against a northerly wind. Appended are the velocities of the respective members' birds—J. Brydon, 1,089; J. Hall, 1,079; W. Potts, 1,076; J. Brydon, 1,060; G. Simpson, 1,040; J. Harle, 1,003; R. Herron, 964; A. Lambert, 886; and W. Call, 715.

LOCAL WINNERS AT FROSTERLEY SHOW.—Amongst the successful competitors at Frosterley Show, on Saturday, were Mr G. Lowson, of Tow Law, who secured a second prize in the class for rough collie bitches, and Mr T. T. Patterson, Tow Law, who took a first in the class for smooth fox terriers. In the ladies' amateur section, for the making of plain butter, Miss Urwin, of Wolsingham, secured premier honours. Mr J. J. Devey, of Wolsingham, obtained a third prize in the poultry section, and Messrs Miller and Golightly, of Cornsay, in the class for Dutch rabbits, secured a third, the same distinction being obtained by Mr G. Anderson, of Hedley Hill, for his specimen of a Dutch rabbit under fourteen months.

WEDDING.—On Saturday morning last, Father Thorman performed nuptial mass in the Catholic Church, Tow Law, the contracting parties being Mr Stephen McGurk and Miss Elizabeth Murray, both of Tow Law. Mr Francis Hanlon, of Consett, acted as best man, the bridesmaid being Miss M. McGurk, sister of the bridegroom. The bride was attired in a light gray dress, the bridesmaid being similarly attired. There was a large attendance of friends and well-wishers at the ceremony. The presents, which were numerous and costly, included the following: Mr W. Smith, silver cruet; Mrs W. Smith, breakfast set and linen table cloth; Miss Lilly Smith, dozen silver spoons; Miss Ella Smith, silver tongs; Miss Mary Murray, pair of blankets; Miss M. McGurk, wrought quilt; the Misses B. and C. McGurk, silver teapot; Mr J. Murray, pair of quilts, as well as two sets of bed linen and china cruet; Miss T. McCue, half-dozen tea cloths and china plate; Mrs Gollagher bread board and knife; Miss K. Murray, two vases and two china cups and saucers; Mrs J. Smith, Sunniside, two green vases; Mrs Coyle, half-dozen dinner plates; Miss Kate Morris, silver jam spoon and butter knife; Mr John Keogan, table cloth and bath towels; Miss Kate Quinn, one dozen bath towels; Miss T. Rowell, china teapot; Mr Jas. McIntyre, linen tablecloth; Mr Albert Butler, silver teapot; Miss Susan Garvey, case of silver teaspoons; Miss Kate Smith, three silver tablespoons; Mrs Cheeseman, cut glass cake dish; Mrs Rinsella, china cheese dish; Mrs M. Donaghy, china cup and saucer and work basket; Mr Robson, china teapot and bread knife; Mrs McGurk, brass-mounted bedstead, a spring mattress, with other articles; Mr John Murray, pair of pictures; Miss McGurk, silver teapot; Miss L. McGurk, set of linen; Mr F. McGurk, brass-mounted kettle.

STANLEY.

FUNERAL OF MRS WALKER.—On Saturday afternoon, the funeral took place, at Gosforth, of Mrs Walker, late of Cox Lodge, but who, at the time of her death was residing with her daughter, Mrs English, of Joicey Square, Stanley. The deceased was over 80 years of age.

DEATH OF MR NEWTON.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Edward C. Newton, cashier at the West Stanley Colliery, which occurred on Tuesday morning, at his residence, in Benton Terrace. Mr Newton, who was 31 years of age, came to Stanley several years ago, to take an appointment under Messrs Burn. He had suffered from diabetis for many months, and had been unable to follow his employment for a considerable period. He was of a quiet, though amicable disposition, and was held in high respect by all acquainted with him.

CRICKET.—Stanley journey to the seaside, on Saturday, to oppose Rockcliff in a friendly game. The following team will do duty for the visitors:—Messrs Geo. Stewart (captain), W. Rutherford, R. Knox, T. Jewitt, W. T. Brown, R. Gibson, M. Smith, J. Charlton, J. Shield, J. Bennett, and S. Wood. Reserve, J. Robinson.—The second team chosen to oppose Burnopfield 2nd in a Cup fixture, at Stanley, consists of Messrs J. H. Benfold (captain), R. Noble, J. Robinson, G. Shield, R. Henderson, W. B. Wood, J. Pickard, H. Curry, P. Harkness, N. Summerbell, and G. Clough. Reserves, H. J. Curry and W. Wranghan.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—The "Penalty of Crime," which has been staged at the Victoria during the current week is an exciting melodrama well deserting of patronage. Much fun is caused by the comicalities of Mr James O'Brien as Peggy Sharp; whilst Mr Bensley Evans takes well in the ital of Bertie Chumley, albeit the absurd "Old Chappie" business appears to be overdone. Mr F. H. Constable is an agreeably disagreeable villain, and Mr Ernest Gray does full justice to the part of Martin Morris, the ex-convict. Mr Ernest Munro makes a capable hero, and Miss Olive Lanty is very attractive as Elsie Norris, the heroine of the piece. The minor parts are all well filled, and the scenery is excellent.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—On Saturday evening, the members of the Stanley Catholic Dramatic Society gave a performance of "The Octoroon," in St. Joseph's School, before a large and appreciative company. Mr W. Rowell acted as pianist, and Mr W. Cranson as violinist. Mrs Lindon kindly gave her services for the occasion. The proceeds, which amounted to about £6 6s, are in aid of the New Church Fund. The scenery was very attractive, and the general acting left nothing to be desired. The cast was as follows:—George Peyton, Mr F. Rock; Jacob Closby, Mr J. Gates; Salem Sendder, Mr J. Goldrick; Pete, Mr H. Fullerton; Sunnyside, Mr J. McEnancy; Leafauche, Mr J. Fullerton; Paul, Mr McMahon; Natts, Mr J. McCabe; Colonel Point Dexter, Mr W. Bergin; Jubes Thibadean, Mr P. Gilhespie; Jackson, Mr E. Blake; Solon, Mr J. McCarthy; Wah-no-tee, Mr J. Rodgers; Mrs Peyton, Miss Fiddess; Zoe, Mrs Lindon; Dora Sunnyside, Miss Flynn; Grace, Miss Brannen; Minnie, Miss Watson.

FUNERAL OF MRS COXON.—On Saturday afternoon, the mortal remains of Mrs Elizabeth Coxon, of Shield Row, were interred in St. Andrew's Churchyard, amid general manifestations of regret. Deceased, who was forty-six years of age, had lived in the district nearly the whole of her life, and both her and her husband (Mr John Coxon) were held in high respect. The funeral ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. W. James, and amongst the friends and relatives present at the graveside were—Mr John Coxon (husband), Mrs Jackson (mother), Mr James Coxon (son), Miss M. Coxon, Miss R. Coxon, Mrs Yorke, Mrs Holliday, Craghead; and Mrs Moore (daughters), Mr Yorke, Mr Holliday, Mr Moore, Mr W. Coxon, Mr and Mrs M. Smith, jun., Mrs Robinson, Silksworth; Mrs Harkness, Mr John Curry, East Stanley; Mr Thomas Curry, Mr H. Curry, Mr W. Curry, Mr and Mrs James Yorke, Miss Yorke, Mr H. Yorke, Mr A. Yorke, Mr W. Yorke, Mr and Mrs Light, Mrs Robson, Mr Brown, Mr and Mrs Murray, Silksworth; Miss Robinson, Silksworth; Mrs Adamson, Silksworth; Mrs Forsyth, Newcastle; Mr and Mrs McGuire, Mrs Holliday, Mr George Holliday, and numerous other friends from Stanley, Consett, and Tow Law. A number of beautiful wreaths were laid on the coffin, amongst the senders being Mr J. Coxon, Mrs Holliday, Mrs Yorke, Mrs Moore, and other friends.

BLACKHILL.

[illegible]RIAL BOARD.—At the quarterly meeting [illegible] Burial Board, held on Thursday evening [illegible] last Week, the following resolution [illegible]animously agreed to. The members [illegible] Board, having learned of the retirement of Mr Edward Sloane, from amongst [illegible] wish it to be placed on record, that [illegible] eply regret that they should loose a [illegible] of upwards of twenty years standing, [illegible] had during that period, given them [illegible] it of his council, and advise in every [illegible] of the Burial Board, and who [illegible]

LANCHESTER.

STOCK MART.—At a special sale held on Wednesday, Mr Green had forward 4 dairy cows, 3 geld cows, 25 stirks, 2 horses, 40 B.F. and cheviot ewes and lambs, and 10 keeping sheep. Considering the backward state of pastures, trade was fairly good.

SUNNISIDE.

ELECTION FACILITIES.—It has been decided by the County Council, for electoral purposes, that the village of Sunniside should be constituted a polling station. This has emanated from a request by the Crook Parish Council.

THE PROPERTY MARKET.

On Wednesday evening, at Mr George Canciek's Station Hotel, Blackhill, Mr Nathan Eldsdon, of Consett, offered by auction several lots of valuable freehold and copyhold properties, situated at Iveston and Tow Law. There was a large attendance at the auction, but for obvious reasons the bidding was not so spirited as might have been expected when such desirable lots were submitted under the hammer. At the outset, one or two interested parties objected to the sale of certain plots of ground, inasmuch as the vendor (Mr Moore) had already made bargains with them for the disposal of the land. The representative for Messrs Booth & Lazenby, the solicitors, explained that the vendor had no authority to dispose of these parcels of land without the sanction of the mortgagee, although he had power to let the land on lease. They (the solicitors) would guarantee the properties being duly conveyed to the respective purchasers.

Lot 1 comprised a copyhold farm house, with the adjacent outbuildings, and the freehold and copyhold closes of grass land behind the same, containing 2 acres, 2 roods and 23 perches, situated at Iveston, and now occupied on a lease by Mr Geo. Stoker. Only one bid of £300 was elicited, and the property was withdrawn.

Lot 2 embraced two copyhold closes of land, also located at Iveston, comprising 14 acres, and likewise let on lease to Mr Stoker. Bidding started at £300, and rose to £465, when the lot was likewise withdrawn.

Lot 3, a freehold close of land, of some 2½ acres, at Iveston, also occupied by Mr Stoker, had £100 offered for it, but was likewise withdrawn.

Lot 4 embraced a couple of copyhold closes of land, at Iveston, covering about 8 acres in extent, and likewise in the occupation of Mr Stoker, at a rental of £12 a year. The bids ranged from £250 to £330. This property did not reach the reserve, and was withdrawn.

For lot 5, a copyhold messuage and dwelling-house, with the outbuildings belonging thereto, and known as Bank Top Farm, near Iveston, together with two closes of land of about 3 acres connected therewith, now occupied by Mr John Best; only the solitary offer of £350 was forthcoming, and it was likewise withdrawn.

The last lot consisted of the copyhold messuage and dwelling-house of five rooms, known as Ward's End, Tow Law, with the outbuildings adjoining, and about half-an-acre of land, yielding an annual rental of £17 10s. Bidding commenced at £150, and rose to £190. This property was likewise withdrawn.

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Marriages.

FORSTER AND FOSTER.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 8th inst., Thomas Forster to Grace Foster, both of Annfield Plain.

BLENKIRON AND MADDISON.—At the Register Office, Lanchester, on the 8th inst., John Blenkiron, to Jane Maddison, both of Quebec.

MORALEE AND PATTINSON.—At Bensham Wesleyan Church, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Auston, Andrew Hall Moralee, of Blackhill, to Annie Pattison, of Blaydon.

Deaths.

At 11, Bertha Street, Consett, on the 12th inst., Ann, the beloved wife of the late Niel McCoy, Interment on Friday, at 3-15 p.m.

At Swalwell, on the 8th inst., aged 60 years, William Curry.

At Blaydon, on the 9th inst., aged 11 years, Isabella, daughter of Herbert Bowles.

At Marley Hill, on the 9th inst., aged 19 years, Bridget, daughter of Patrick Murphy.

At Quaker House, South Moor, on the 6th inst., aged 30 years, Mary, wife of Matthew Liddle.

At Sacriston, aged 50 years, Isabella Heaton.

At Crook, on the 10th inst., Jacob Ward.

At South Moor, on the 6th inst., aged 6 years, Sarah, daughter of Charles Keilty.

At Craghead, on the 6th inst., aged 64 years, Mary, widow of the late John Staff.

At Burnhope, on the 6th inst., aged 15 months, George, son of James Walker.

At Ushaw Moor, on the 5th inst., aged 40 years, Elizabeth, wife of Michael McEleavey.

At Lanchester, on the 7th inst., James, infant son of Joseph Parks.

At Malton Colliery, Lanchester, on the 9th inst., Sidney, infant son of Richard Swinback.

At Ushaw Moor, on the 9th inst., aged 23 years, Robert O'Neil.

At Hedley Hope, on the 11th inst., aged 61 years, Mark Hudson.

At Quebec, on the 11th inst., aged 77 years, John Purcell.

At Findon Hill, on the 5th inst., aged 27 years, John, son of Samuel Holmes.

At Rowlands Gill, on the 4th inst., aged 66 years, Margaret, wife of Joseph Shotton.

At 26, Pitt Street, Consett, on the 5th inst., Mary Camerine, infant daughter of Michael Thornton.

At 27, Consett Terrace, Consett, on the 7th inst., aged 50 years, Samuel Allen.

At 41, Edith Street, Consett, on the 9th inst., aged 61 years, Edward McMahon.

At 13, Furnace Row, Consett, on the 8th inst., Nora, infant daughter of Joseph Malpass.

At Low Westwood, on the 9th inst., aged 71 years, William Forster.

At 5, George Street, Consett, on the 9th inst., Janet Era, infant daughter of A. G. Heaviside.

At 4, Benton Terrace, Stanley, on the 11th inst., aged 31 years, Edward Cowper Newton.

At Lintz Colliery, on the 6th inst., aged 12 years, Ellen, daughter of Charles Livesley.

At 4, Shield Row, Stanley, on the 4th inst., aged 46 years, Elizabeth, wife of John Coxon.

At 44, Joicey Square, Stanley, on the 5th inst., aged 80 years, Esther, widow of Joseph Walker.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving Memory of JAMES, the beloved husband of Margaret Simpson, who died May 17th, 1896, aged 50 years.

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