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SOCIATION.

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lered it was essential that several
in the public streets should be
nights. Take for instance the
very dark, and there was not a
They should ask the Council to
t the matter stand till the next

ITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.
hat about the holidays for Whit-
you any suggestions?
we ought to try and have the
ay observed as a holiday, so that
adespeople, and their assistants a-
t would be better if such an
made.
you will have a great difficulty in
of Whit Monday observed as a
ecially amongst the grocers.
you think so.
ould be better to have the whole
a holiday, and kept open on the
ey got the Monday, they would
y as well. I think myself we have
hink we should endeavour to have
ole days, and not so many half-
will have a great difficulty to get
despeople to do it.
are not sufficient members present
finite to be done to-night.
think we will be able to make a
motion of Mr Turner, seconded
resolved that the usual three half-
be observed at Whitsuntide.
OF THE ASSOCIATION.
orted that the Committee had
to extend the area of the Associa-
he districts of Blackhill, Shotley
, and give the tradespeople re-
etsa chance of becoming members.
gested that the publicans should
members of the Association.
the two Secretaries should be in-
n the tradespeople of Blackhill,
Leadgate, with a view of having
mbers.
that the Hairdressers of the town
in the Association.
SUBSCRIPTIONS.
t circulars should be issued calling
that all subscriptions should be
une.
TH OF THANKS.
e of thanks to the Chairman ter-

PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

l Band contest to be held on Whit
be a great success.
performed, will be of the very
ellence.
some of the best Brass bands in
this contest.
"Crack" bands has been retained
ay concerts.
committee have taken over the
ct Cricket Club Senior League
est.
team is a very strong one, namely
R. Co., intend running cheap
th Shields, Newcastle, Middlesbro,
n, Bishop Auckland, Crook, Tow
ction with this contest.
billiard marking board at the
d Recreation Rooms is not giving
rnamental than useful.
w books could be bought for five
cost of the new "toy."
rve a more useful purpose if the
were to turn their attention in
seems a very popular game just at
Wesleyan Sunday Schools are
g completion.
a most carefully finished block of
people connected therewith, are
their share of the expense of the
rge painting contracts are at a
the painters' strike.
de of amateur water-finders have
istrict, since Mr Stone's visit.
ack yards have been thoroughly
hat up to the present nothing has
ment, but disappointment

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BIRTHS.
domsley, on the 4th inst., the wife of
ter Taylor, of a daughter.

DEATHS.
—Winlaton Mill, on the 4th inst., aged
husband of Margaret Elliot Arm-
—Chester-le-Street, 2nd inst., aged 17
10 months, John Toward, second son of
Catherine Beveridge.
ey, on the 2nd inst., aged 24, Richard
n, husband of Georgina Foster, and
of Ann Ewen.
uth Africa, Vereeniging, on April 6th,
hn George, eldest and beloved son of
Elizabeth Hunter, of Medomsley.
nted by all who knew him.
kham, Washing Wells, on the 5th inst.,
ry, relict of late Edward Keen.
ateshead, 227, Askew Road, on the 5th
7, Robert Russell, formerly of Beamish,
gineer at Medomsley.
—Chester-le-Street, Main's House, on
ed 66, Helen Phin Martin, wife of John
uth Africa, aged 25, George Vickers,
beloved son of Joseph and Jane Vickers,
nley, late of White-le-Head.
nclifie, Dunelm House, on the 1st inst.,
llenor Welch, proprietor "Durham
ory of Frances, beloved wife of Richard
died at Tanfield Lea, on May 10th,
m sight, but still to memory dear."

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May 13th, 1895. 212u

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May 6th, 1896. 175u

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SOUTH MEDOMSLEY LODGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Will you please to insert the following in your next issue and oblige the committee and members of the above lodge:—At the usual weekly meeting held on Thursday night, May 7th, a vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Mr Taylor, printer, Dipton, who generously printed 200 circulars and declined to charge anything for them; also to the following lodges and especially to Leadgate Co-operative Society for their handsome gift towards the Relief Fund:—Leadgate Co-operative Society, £5; Westwood lodge, £2; White-le-Head lodge, £1; Black Prince lodge, £1; Dunston Chop Hill lodge, £1; Langley Park lodge, £1; Dunston lodge, 15s; Hamsterley lodge, 10s; East Tanfield lodge, 10s; Alma lodge, 10s—total, £13 5s. For this amount the committee feel very grateful. Also on Wednesday, May 6th, the first eviction in connection with the present state of affairs took place, when our respected delegate Jos. Robson was thrown into the street. One curious feature of the case is that Robson was never served with an ejectment warrant, Mr Policeman only showing it to him when he and the candy men came to do their dirty work. However, the case is now in the hands of those who assure us that something more will be heard of it in all likelihood in a court of law. Thanking you in anticipation,—Yours, &c.,

H. KIRK,
Secretary South Medomsley Lodge.

BLACKHILL STREET CORNERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—You have been good enough to insert letters from writers unknown to me, in regard to this greatly increasing nuisance, of people congregating together at street corners, at Blackhill, and in addition to obstructing the highway, using obscene language to passers, especially to ladies. Now, I am informed that such conduct is illegal. But I do not know whose duty it is to enforce the law in such cases. At any rate somebody should look after it. The most frequented place that I know, is where Baxton Burn Road joins Benfieldside Edge Road, just opposite to the entrance of the Board Schools. The railings erected there for use and ornament—and they are both, have become an ornamental curse. When children leave school, it is not an uncommon thing to see several of both sexes swinging round the railings. And almost every night numbers of young people meet there, and the language of the young women, as well as the young men is disgusting at times. And, moreover, there is a good deal of stone throwing indulged in about this same quarter.—Yours etc.,

A BENFIELDSIDE RATEPAYER.

THE DURHAM MINERS' CONCILIATION BOARD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—I observe in your issue of the 8th, inst., a letter of "Paul Pry's" respecting the recent ballot on the Conciliation Board, by the miners of the county. He gives five questions which he would like to have answered; with permission for space I will kindly give what I would say are the answers to such questions:—

Question (1).—"If the ballot shows a majority against the Board, what other means would be more effectual in the case of a wage dispute than a Conciliation Board, such as the present one?" Well, I must confess, I don't know that a Conciliation Board exists. There is a Board with that name, but whose results have been something different to conciliatory. "What would be more effectual?" Well brother Paul, all I think that could be more effectual is an every day practice by each individual, a strong belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and not a mere theory of fatherhood and brotherhood, that ends in individual's interests rather than the interests of the community being considered. That ends in injustice to the poor struggling mass of humanity rather than justice to all.

Question (2).—"Would it be advisable to form a National Coal Trust Association, such as the late Sir George Elliott propounded, etc.," No. I don't think it would. In fact no such trust would be required if all would seek fairplay to the community rather than private or company's interests.

Question (3).—"Would it be wise to form a National Federation outside the Federation of Great Britain?" No; I think it would be most inadvisable. We have at present a federation outside the Federation of Great Britain, and what is the benefit of it, to us, as at present constituted, viz., the National Union. In fact, how could it be National outside the Federation of Great Britain? We have too many federations already.

Question (4).—"Would it be advisable to join the Miners' Federation of Great Britain?" Well, dear "Paul," that depends upon how far we are willing to go in relation to the brotherhood principle. If we are not willing to make the sacrifice of one hour that our federated brothers may gain, what we have already gained, then I say we ought not to join their federation. To do so would be a farce—a sham of the most despicable type.

Question (5).—"Failing to comply with the request of the owners for a reduction, etc., what other means would be more successful for bringing about a satisfactory settlement than a Conciliation Board?" Under existing conditions I don't think anything would be more satisfactory than a Conciliation Board, I mean a Conciliation Board, and not a Board where one side is seeking to disclose some hidden figures (that vitally affects the dispute) while the other side are seeking to hide these facts and figures from the conciliator. Conciliation means to me a seeking to reconcile, and can only be successful when both sides of a dispute are ready for justice and fairplay, and will place all things asked for, that in any way affect the matter of dispute, before the conciliator. This the owners, part of the late Board, or perhaps to be more correct, the present Board, were not ready for, and therefore the Board has been nothing more or less than a split-the-difference-Board. I believe in conciliation, but even conciliation would not be necessary if all would adopt the principle of "Do unto others as ye would be done unto." If we were all Christian socialists rather than gold grabbing individualists, no dispute could last long—if it could exist at all. I do not simply refer to the rich, when using the term gold grabbing, for most of us as workmen are as given to it as the capitalist. If we would hew more with our brains, and less with the arm we should be benefiting the community.—Hoping for the time of righteousness and equity,

I remain, yours etc.,
JOHN PRY.

Cornsay Colliery, May 9th, 1896.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By The "Old Crow."]

There is no wish on the part of the writer to be thought astute, or as possessing more than an average amount of discernment, when the expression is here given to the opinion that, good as the weather is at the present moment for the holiday seekers, and holiday makers generally, it is far from being appreciated by the farmers, who apprehend serious consequences unless they are favoured with a generous rain within the next day or two. I had it from one who seemed to speak with authority, for he admitted having been brought up in the country, and more or less mixed up with farmers and farming from his boyhood—that at this moment, a couple of nights' steady rain are urgently required, and that if it does not come very shortly, it will ruin the turnip crops completely. What may happen between this time and the time these lines see the light, it would be unsafe to hazard an opinion upon. We may be in for a long spell of tropical heat thus early in the year. Be that as it may however, we need not hope for anything hotter than was the sample shown on Monday. Although not sufficiently inquisitive as to consult a therometer on that day, I'll wager that the temperature in the sun at noon on the day mentioned was, in Newcastle, almost as remarkable as on any of the hotter days of last summer. It is truly remarkable weather; but, oh! for a shower of rain!

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The Whitsuntide holidays are upon us once again, and if the engineers will only see to it that matters are managed with reason, there should be nothing to mar the enjoyment which is customarily participated in at this most popular of holiday seasons. The Wilson Brothers are on the alert again, and promise attractions at the Shotley Spa, on lines similar to those of previous years. As well as cricket matches, the services of the band of the 5th V.B. Durham Light Infantry have been secured and concerts will be given each day. On Whit Monday, as you have already seen, Stanley will be en fete with the Annual Brass Band Contest, which has now become quite an established event, and one of the most important, musically speaking, held in the county. Several splendid bands are down to compete, and it goes without saying that if the weather proves favourable, a big "gate" is assured.

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Then on Whit Saturday, you will remember, the Blackhill Band Contest will be held. Amongst others entered for this competition, is the Wyke Temperance Band, already so favourably known, amongst us. It must not be forgotten that on the Sunday following the contest, this band will give two concerts—one in the afternoon in the contest field, and the other in the Town Hall, Consett, in the evening. It will be within the recollection of readers that this same band gave similar concerts last year, and that they were highly appreciated.

FROSTERLEY DOG AND POULTRY SHOW AND BRASS BAND CONTEST.

The dog and poultry show held annually in the picturesque Rogerby Park at Frosterley practically open the Durham show season, and, judging by the excellent attendance secured at Frosterley on Saturday, when the show took place in beautiful weather, the season promises to be a most successful one. The North-Eastern Railway Company ran several excursions, and the show ground presented an attractive appearance. The entries, although about a dozen classes were omitted as compared with last year, came close to 1,000 in number. A special feature of the exhibition was the show of collie dogs, whilst the collection of poultry was an excellent one. A great centre of attraction was the band contest, the best bands in the district competing. Additional interest was also added owing to the fact that the famous Black Dike Mills Band had signified their intention of taking part in the contest. The judge, Mr. R. Stead, of Slaithwaite, awarded first prize to Black Dyke, West Hartlepool Old Operatic and Hartlepool Temperance taking second and third places respectively, while Tanfield Lea was fourth, and Consett Ironworks fifth. The judges were:—Poultry and eggs—Mr. R. Stainthorpe, Hawsker; W. Wardle, Gosforth. Pigeons—J. W. Dale, West Hartlepool. Rabbits—Geo. Hedworth, Darlington. Dogs—C. Thwaites, Durham. Lady Amateur Section—Mrs. Vickers, Eastgate House; and Mrs. Walton, Witton-le-Wear. Writing and Drawing—W. J. Anderson, High Grange; and J. E. Ellis, Tow Law. The secretaries, Messrs Chapman and Rutter, and an energetic committee, helped to make the exhibition a complete success. Prize-takers were as under:—

Lady Amateurs.—Quilted quilt, Mrs. Simpson; 2, Miss E. Simpson; 3, Miss M. J. Simpson. Quilted skirt, Miss M. J. Simpson; 2 and 3, Mrs. J. Simpson. Crochet or knitted skirt, Mrs. Cooper, Durham; 2, Mrs. Lear, Shildon; 3, Miss M. Hunter, Frosterley. Gentleman's wool shirt, Mrs. Simpson; 2, Miss E. Simpson; 3, Miss M. J. Simpson. Lady's night dress, Miss Brown; 2, Mrs. Cooper, Coundon Gate; 3, Mrs. G. H. Hutchinson. Patchwork, Mrs. Hayward, Durham; 2, Miss Kidd, Westgate; 3, Mrs. Storey, Wolsingham. Antimacassar, Miss Rigby; 2, Mrs. Belmont, 3, Miss Kidd. Macrame, Miss Hogarth; 2, Miss Preston; 3, Miss Williams. Crewel, Miss Dewhurst; 2, Mrs. Lear; 3, Miss Lawson. Knitted stockings, plain, Miss L. Salkeld; 2, Mrs. Jos. Bainbridge, Frosterley; 3, Miss M. J. Simpson. Do. Ribbed, Mrs. I. Simpson; 2, Miss M. J. Simpson; 3, Miss L. Salkeld. Darned stockings, Miss E. Simpson; 2, Mrs. J. Walton; 3, Mrs. I. C. Slee. Other variety, 1 and 2, Miss Hilton; 3, Mrs. Hayward. White Bread, Miss N. Littlefair, Stanhope; 2, Mrs. G. Hutchinson; 3, Mrs. Bainbridge, Wear Valley. Brown Bread, Miss Littlefair; 2, Mrs. Hildreth; 3, Mrs. E. Gibson. Plain butter, Miss A. Slater; 2, Mrs. J. Walton; 3, Mrs. Douglas, Frosterley.

Poultry.—The principal prizetakers were:—J. and T. Currah, Frosterley, 1 first, 4 seconds, and 4 thirds; Appleton and Hooper, Stockton; Hardcastle and Readman, Redcar; John Winter, Washington; T. Lockwood, R. Garlick, Kirby Lonsdale; John Robson, W. Armstrong, T. and W. Hope, Brampton; W. Frith, Chapel-on-le-Frith; T. Dunn, Middlesbrough; W. E. Alcock, Sunderland; T. Newall, J. Gailes, Tanfield Lea; S. Sugden, A. E. Wragg, Bakewell; T. Dowson, Milburn and Son, Tanfield Lea; Kidson Bros., W. Walton, Fortune and Son, W. and J. Ridley, R. Bainbridge, Mrs. Ewbank, East Yorks; J. G. Thomlinson, Bishop Auckland; P. Proud, H. Inman, John Christion, T. Dawson, R. Spark, Frosterley; W. T. Whitfield, Crook; W. Siddons, Newcastle; T. Hodgson, Cotherstone; W. Armstrong, M. Turnbull, M. Hanson, Brotton; G. Springett, Murton Colliery; F. and J. Heslop, Carlisle; G. Grand, Brampton; W. McKeag, Carville; J. T. Bradbury, Lincoln; H. Hewson, Backworth; Chas. Gibbons, Durham; M. Jackson, Silsden; J. Parker, A. Walker, R. Chapman, Geo. Barkas, Stanhope; L. Wilkinson, W. G. Urwin, Loftus; W. Pickworth, Holbeach Burn; T. Farrer, Sedburgh; John Bell, Lands Bank; and M. Clarke, Ryton.

Pigeons.—The chief prize-winners in this class were, G. Sugden, Rotheram; E. and A. Akers, Ripon; N. Cloughton, Guisley; J. W. Blair, Middlesbrough; A. F. Rose, Somerset; J. L. Nicholson, Northallerton; W. T. Rimer, Gateshead; W. Briggs, Middlesbrough; T. Blatchley, Ripon; F. Houston, Low Willington; R. Robson, R. Elliot, Sunderland; Geo. Cadwallader, Whickham, W. Woodhouse, Scarborough; Rose and Webster, Ripon; J. F. Loversidge; and Robson Bros., Todmorden.

Rabbits.—The following were the chief winners: R. Wright, Middlesbrough; P. Ward, Middlesbrough; J. Barugh, Stokesley; T. W. and C. Moses, Darlington; R. Robinson, West Hartlepool; Bell and Heckford, South Shields; F. Watson, High Shields; M. Alderson, Barnard Castle; Hearson and Baker, Newcastle; C. Turner, Middlesbrough; H. Yates, Haughton-le-Skerne; G. W. Smith, Darlington; J. Richardson, Darlington; R. J. Jennings, Middlesbrough; J. W. Carter, Northallerton; W. Brown, Esh Winning; Foster and Green, Northallerton; Miss L. Thimble, Stocksfield-on-Tyne; W. Metcalfe, Egglestone; J. Simpson, Darlington; F. West, Thornaby; J. Graham, London; J. T. Irwin, Old Cornsay; J. Chambers, Jarrow; J. Stephenson, Shildon, G. Dawson, Willington; J. J. King, Darlington; and A. Pickard, Wolsingham.

Dogs.—First and second prizes were awarded in the following order:—Rough Collie—T. Wallace, Ryton; T. Marshall, Jarrow. Bitch—J. G. Forster, Darlington; T. Wallace. Smooth Collie—J. Bell, Stanhope; S. Angus, Castleside. Bitch—W. and C. Palmer, Durham; J. Bell. Collie Pup—W. and C. Palmer, J. Bell. Collie (never taken first)—W. and C. Palmer, J. Bell. Greyhound—T. Tallentyre, Frosterley; T. Clark, Annfield Plain. Bitch—T. Clark (Belle at the Burn); W. Winter, Crook (Nestle's Milk). Smooth Fox-terrier—J. Cook, Newcastle; T. Foster, Castleside. Wire-haired—J. W. Grainger, Newcastle; W. Liddle, Durham. Spaniel—G. C. Roberts, Durham; W. C. Ridley, Jarrow. Pomeranian—E. G. Griffith, Stockton; J. Bewley, Wolsingham. Firsts in the "any vairety" classes were taken by R. Temple, Stanley; T. Clarke and W. J. Fenwick, Ryton.

WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the above Council was held on Thursday of last week at the offices, Whickham.—Coun. Henry Wallace, J.P., was re-elected chairman, and Coun. Blackbird, vice-chairman for the ensuing year. The various committees were also elected for the same period.—Coun. Garbutt having been absent from the council meetings for over six months, the clerk was instructed to write, asking him to show cause, why his seat should not be declared vacant.—The Clerk was also instructed to inform the owners of the property in Spoor Street, Dunston, that the paving of the street must be done by them forthwith.—In reply to a letter from the surveyor, complaining that during three days the inhabitants of Whickham, had their water supply cut off, the water company explained that it appeared that a workman, after executing certain repairs, had accidentally left the valve shut, thus causing the inconvenience; he had been suspended as a warning to others.—The Medical Officer reported that during the month, there had been 18 deaths, making a rate of 23.40 per 1,000 per annum, and 42 births, equivalent to a rate of 51.74 per annum; the abnormal death rate was mainly due to defective vitality of infants, the cause of which was the employment of incompetent midwives in the district.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES

MEETING OF THE GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope on Friday, Mr. Wm. Love presiding.—Mr. Mainprize moved that the Board petition Parliament against the adoption of the clauses in the Education Bill which substitute the County Councils for School Attendance Committees. The motion was carried unanimously.—The half-year's expenses for the Weardale Union were stated to be £2,071.—A county rate of 0½d in the £ was notified.—A letter was read from Mr. Crozier, County Surveyor, in respect to the repair of county bridges and adjoining roads in Weardale, asking the Weardale District Council to tender for their repair, and stating the quantity of road material required. The supply of road material proposed by the county was considered to be inadequate, as the bridges are in a very bad state.

MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Wm. Love presided at Friday's meeting.—The appointment of assistant surveyor was adjourned for a fortnight pending the reply of the Local Government Board on Mr. Egglestone's appointment as Surveyor.—The expenditure on the main roads was, for the month, £58 17s 9d; district roads, £95 15s 1d.—Mr. Curry protested against the accounts being lumped. The Surveyor suggested a plan dividing the district into sections to show the expenditure more in detail. This in effect was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Featherstone.—An election account in respect to the Wolsingham Ward election was very critically examined. Mr. Curry thought there was no need for two polling booths. Mr. Fenwick agreed, remarking that they had no right to provide extra booths for a lot of idle people. Mr. Thompson (the returning officer) showed, however, that on the ground of the number of electors Wolsingham was entitled to two booths, and Mr. Featherstone argued that there should be as many as possible in order to get people to vote. The account (£12 15s) was passed.—Mr. George Pattinson was appointed foreman roadman for Upper Weardale, and Mr. John Pattinson for Lower Weardale.—Tenders for breaking and leading stones for the various roads were let.

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THE BLACKHILL BAND CONTEST.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee, in connection with the coming band contest at Blackhill was held on Friday evening last under the presidency of Mr. Thos. Green. The other members present were Messrs Kirkhouse, Geo. J. Robinson, Williams, T. Leybourne, M. Hobday, T. Lowes, T. Vaughan, Jos Brown, Green, J. Jack, J. Davis, C. Stephenson, J. S. Murray, R. Routledge, C. Wiggans, Blair, E. Slowne, and W. Ramsay.

The Chairman said he had better explain the object of their gathering there that night. They were met to collect the guarantee money and in other ways to arrange matters for the day in question. He hoped the collecting of the guarantee money would be only a formal matter. He hoped the guarantors would get a big dividend returned. Thanks to their energetic secretary, matters were in a very advanced state and said well for the success of the gathering. (Hear, hear.) If they were only favoured with fine weather they expected a great success. (Applause.)

The Secretary then stated that the Wyke Temperance band had arranged with the committee to give two performances on Whit Sunday, one in the afternoon, and one in the evening. The admission to the afternoon performance would be by silver collection, and in the evening it would be by programme for which sixpence would be charged. The idea in having the programme was so that everybody who bought one in advance would be certain of a seat.

Mr. Kirkhouse remarked that it would be very awkward if somebody came without a programme and were refused admission even when they were prepared to pay more than the stipulated price of admission.

Mr. Jack said that one thousand programmes had been printed and he would like to know if the Town Hall would hold a thousand.

Mr. J. Stephenson said that they got 1,300 people into it last time, so he supposed it would probably hold 1,000 this year. (Laughter.)

Mr. Jack then asked as to whether it would be legal to sell the tickets on a Sunday.

The Secretary: We do not sell any tickets, we just sell the programmes and if people haven't programmes they can't come in.

STEWARDS.

The Secretary said it would be necessary to have stewards, to point out the route for the quick step contest. This matter was left in the hands of the Secretary to arrange.

THE STAND.

Several of the members present promised to assist in the erection of the stand which it had been decided to purchase in conjunction with the managers of the Catholic Sports.

THE TICKET ARRANGEMENTS.

Messrs Robinson, Lowes, the Chairman, Messrs Leybourne, J. S. Murray, Green, Jos. Eltringham, T. Siddle, McFeggan, and Wiggins were asked to assist in the distribution and collection of tickets, in addition to Mr. J. Richards, the gate-keeper, at the cricket field. Mr. Jack and Mr. J. S. Murray promised to see to the obtaining of a judge's tent and the equipment thereof. It was further decided to have six policemen present on the Saturday, and two on the Sunday, to assist the officials.

GUARANTORS.

The Secretary reported that there were about 70 guarantors and if each were asked to sell so many tickets it would be a substantial help even in the event of the day being very wet.

EXCURSIONS.

The Secretary then read a list of excursions which the Railway Company had decided to run, and drew particular attention to one from the Sunderland district. The Railway Company had only granted this trip on great pressure from him and after he had pointed out the expense and risk, (amounting to nearly £70), which the Committee were running. The former excursion on this branch had been a failure and if this were again the case they would never hope to get another and he therefore hoped that all those who had acquaintances in the Sunderland district would apprise them of the fact of the excursion. Mr. C. Stephenson said he had made arrangements for getting the Gateshead boy's brigade to deliver bills in Newcastle and Gateshead.

THE GUARANTEE MONEY.

Arrangements were then made for the collection of the guarantee money. It was decided after some discussion that all the money must be paid in before the Wednesday preceding the contest or the guarantors' names should be struck off the list if they would receive no dividend.

ENTRIES.

The Secretary reported that a capital entry had been received, the following bands having entered. Wyke Temperance, Rotherdam Temperance, West Hartlepool Temperance, West Hartlepool Old Operatic, West Pelton, The Consett Iron Company's Workmens Band, The Ashington Silver Model, The Frosterley Band, and the Tanfield Lea Silver Model Band.

This concluded the business.

GREENCROFT PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening of last week, in the Greencroft Board Schools. The members present were: Coun. T. Bowes (chairman) presiding, and Councillors J. Ward, R. Hall, J. Robson, Jackson, Dixon, Allsopp, H. Greener; and the clerk (Mr. J. T. Mitcheson).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which it was resolved to appoint a vice-chairman, and Coun. Jackson moved, and Coun. Robson seconded, that Coun. Greener be elected to the office.—This was agreed to.

COMMITTEES.

Plans and Footpath Committee.—The members elected to constitute the above committee were, Councillors Ward, Hall, Allsopp, and Dixon.

Sanitary and Dwellings Committee.—The members chosen for this committee were, Councillors Ord, Jackson, Robson, and Greener.

Finance Committee.—This committee elected being now composed of Counc. Ord, Greener, and Jackson.

The Joint Committees and the Burial Board.—Messrs Brown and R. Tindall were elected representatives on the above.

CHARITIES.

The charity representatives appointed were: The chairman and vice-chairman.

TRAIN SERVICE.

The representatives of the joint committee were appointed to act in connection with the train service on the Annfield Plain line.

INSANITARY CONDITIONS.

Coun. Ward moved, and Coun. Allsopp seconded, that the Council draw the attention of the District Council to the insanitary condition of the water way, alongside the turnpike from the north end of Greencroft bridge to Annfield Place, where the drain is stopped up with old buildings. It was pointed out that in the water way there were numbers of dead cats, chickens, old beef tins, salmon tins, and rubbish of all descriptions deposited.

The resolution was carried.

A DISPUTED FOOTPATH.

The question of the footpath leading from Moorside to Low Town was again brought before the Council. The following letter was read from Mr. Ritson, clerk to the Rural District Council, Lanchester:—"Your letter has been laid before this Council, and in reply thereto I am directed to say that the Council understand that the road from Moorside to Low Town, is open to foot passengers, in spite of the notice board to which you refer."

In the discussion which followed, it was shown that neither the land owner's agent, nor any of the tenant farmers had ever attempted to stop the road. The only person who was troubling himself about the matter was Mr. Cockrin's game watcher.

The Council wished the public to know, that the road in question, was open in spite of the notice board which had been erected.—The matter was then left over.

THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE.

A resolution authorising the clerk to represent the Council in any legal proceedings was passed, after which the meeting terminated.

SPEN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Paul Pry."]

THE REV. A. T. GUTTERY'S VISIT.

The Rev. A. T. Guttery, of Newcastle, preached on Saturday afternoon last, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and lectured in the evening, his subject being: "A man's a man for a' that." Mr. W. Archer, colliery manager at Victoria Garesfield, was announced to take the chair, but from very pressing business transactions, he was prevented from doing so. He, however, sent a donation, and Mr. Brabbin, of Marley Hill, officiated in his absence. There was a very good attendance at the lecture, and Mr. Guttery received a kind invitation to pay another visit to the Spen shortly, a vote of thanks to the chairman and lecturer, brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

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THE RECREATION GROUND.

I am surprised to learn from last week's "Guardian" that your correspondent "Pastime" should have thought about making the present recreation ground into a "lovely park." It is a noble idea, but there are one or two things which I think makes this ground unsuitable for a park, and they are:—1st, It is too small; 2nd, It is too near the Colliery; 3rd, It is the resort of the donkey show; 4th, The Urban District Council will not enclose it with a fence; 5th, The children don't appreciate it much as a playground; 6th, It is time some other field was looked after for the children.

THE MAN WITH A THUMB

BY W. C. HUDSON

(Barclay North.)

CHAPTER XIX.

EUSTACE IN THE TOILS.

Leaving the Eustace Mansion, the old detective walked hastily to Broadway where he hailed a cab and ordered that he be driven rapidly to Twenty-ninth Street, to Dorison's apartments. Here he handed a note to the janitor, requesting that it be delivered at once to Mr. Dudley.

From thence he was driven to his own apartments in Bond Street, where he dismissed the cab.

A moment later a man with a black beard and bushy black hair left the house. Had he been followed, it would have been found that he made his way straight to Police Headquarters and into the office of Captain Lawton.

Ten minutes after the officer, who was now constantly in attendance upon Cathcart, left the house and hurried to Broadway.

In the meantime Dudley had received Cathcart's note and read it. It ran:

"It is as plain as a pikestaff. There was another son. I have it all in my hands. Come and see me this evening."

"Is the old man drunk or has he gone crazy?" exclaimed Dorison, bewildered, as he read the words: "What is as plain as a pikestaff? If there was another son who was his father? What is the old imbecile talking about?"

After a vain endeavour to arrive at a meaning of the strange epistle, and gathering as the only intelligence that the old detective desired to see him in the evening, he resumed his reading the delivery of the note had interrupted.

From his occupation, three hours later, he was aroused by the entrance of young Eustace, who, throwing his hat lightly upon a table and drawing off his gloves, walked up to where Dorison was seated.

"Look at me," he said. "Gaze upon me with thine eagle eye."

Dorison perceived that Eustace was not a little excited and irritated. He looked at him inquiringly without rising.

"Please get up," continued Eustace, "and examine my bumps of combativeness and destructiveness and see whether they are abnormally developed. Look at the top of my head and see whether there is a general depression where the moral faculties should lift it dome like. Peer into my eyes and observe whether they emit baneful gleams. Consider my jaw and determine whether it is square, angular, and cruel. Are my lips thin? Do I smile a spasmodic smile, mirthless, and mechanical? And when I do smile, does my moustache go up and my nose come down? Answer me, most potent and grave, would you from an hundred men, good and true, picked me out for a butcherous murderer?"

Dorison's heart gave a great leap into his throat, and falling back pounded at his ribs. It was only by a supreme effort he could control himself and reply as he desired.

"What do you mean by such rodomontade?" he asked, assuming a vexed pleasantry.

"Mean?" replied Eustace severely. "I mean the distinguished honour has been done your friend, by the intelligent police of our city, of entertaining the idea of the possibility of his having committed the Farish murders."

"For Heaven's sake!" cried Dorison, seriously alarmed and much agitated. "What can you mean? Tell me."

"I hardly know whether to be mad as blazes or to laugh consumedly," replied Eustace, drawing a chair in front of Dorison and seating himself. "Here is the woful tale. This afternoon about three o'clock I was sailing down Fifth avenue, in all the pride of my pomp and power, felicitating myself upon the havoc I was making in all the female hearts I met, when a man, with a high, long thin nose, between two ferret-like eyes, stepped up to me, with smooth, cat like movements, and said:

"'Mr. Charles Eustace, I believe.'

"Assuring him, with that distinguished grace, which is so peculiarly my own, that the expression of his belief did not do injustice to the fact, with less elegance than precision of speech, he informed me 'I was wanted.'"

"Not at that time having had the inestimable privilege of association with those gentlemen who, for a yearly consideration, undertake to guard our persons and possessions and to protect our morals I enjoyed later, I was unacquainted with the peculiar meaning they attach to simple words of our language, and so I said, 'What?' my tone being a happy blending of surprise and perplexity."

"'You're wanted,' he repeated.

"'My friend,' I remarked sweetly, 'there is a charming insufficiency in your information. By whom am I wanted and what for?'

"'They want you at Police Headquarters,' replied the mysterious one.

"'Who wants me at Police Headquarters,' asked I.

"'Captain Lawton, the head detective,' he replied with a grin.

"'For Heaven's sake,' I cried, as light broke upon me, 'what have I been doing?'

"'Blest if I know, if you don't,' replied he of the grin. 'They want you at once. They sent me to take you.'

"'I'm taken then, am I?' I asked.

"'You be,' he replied briefly, but positively and ungramatically.

"'Are you bound to carry me?' I inquired innocently.

"'Not if you will ride in the street-car,' replied he of the grin.

"'Then lead on, I'll follow.'"

"For heaven's sake!" broke in Dorison, "Get on to something important. You torture me."

"Do not interfere with my recital," replied Eustace. "I am giving this wondrous tale in my best realistic vein. Well, to pursue. We entered the street-car, and as we were borne rapidly over the bounding pavement—note the neatness of that—I devoted myself to a review of the evil deeds of my life. It is astonishing how pure and harmless that life appeared when put to the test of a calm review in a street-car on the way to Police Headquarters. I pledge you my word the only crime I could honestly charge up against myself, was the surreptitious and felonious purloining of a vagrant peanut from the stall of a child of sunny Italy, who took his pay in hurling maledictions after me in choice Tuscan."

"Oh, do not delay so!" cried Dorison, burning with impatience and most eager for the outcome.

"Well, then, if you are not satisfied to listen to a minute analysis of my emotions, I will say that in due course of time we arrived at the Palace of Public Protection in Mulberry Street, where, with great *éclat* and pomp, I was ushered into a luxuriously-furnished apartment by my taking guide, who immediately disappeared. In a moment I found I was in the presence of two persons—a rather fine-looking man, who sat in a chair at a desk, regarding me austerely; the other—a middle-aged, stout gentleman of medium height, with black beard and bushy black hair, whom I recollect to have seen dining in the Hoffman House café the night I had the honour of first making your acquaintance."

"Cathcart in disguise," muttered Dorison, under his breath.

"On that night he attracted my attention by reason of his keeping his black, beady eyes upon me during the whole dinner, the reason whereof was made plain to me in the subsequent proceedings.

"'Good afternoon, Mr. Eustace,' said the gentleman at the desk.

"'Good afternoon,' I returned courteously, adding, 'I am here because of a pressing invitation to call on Captain Lawton—I presume you are Captain Lawton. I am at a loss for its reason, for I can confess to but one crime, after a careful review of my life, and that is the felonious theft of a peanut yesterday morning. I would make restitution, but the sad fact is, and I freely confess it, I have eaten it.'

"The Captain, with just the *soupcon* of a merry twinkle in his eye, replied:

"'Perhaps when the business upon which you are brought here is made known, you will not show such levity.'

"Receiving this rebuke as best I could, I pulled myself into a corresponding serious expression and calmly awaited developments, taking a chair uninvited in the meantime, and assuming one of my favourite poses of grace and elegance.

"Reaching forward over his desk, the Captain removed a newspaper and took in his hand a plate with glass over it. Under the glass seemed to be a cheap fan, and on the fan something I could not in the light then make out. He handed it to me, saying:

"'Do you recognise that?'

"Imagine my surprise when I found carefully preserved under that glass one of my own gloves. I was so astonished I could not reply for a moment, and the while as I looked at it, both these kindly gentlemen bored holes into my face with their sharp eyes.

"'That, I take,' said I, when I could recover from my astonishment, 'to be one of my own gloves. I am aware that it is not a common glove—that there is a peculiar elegance about it, rarely achieved—but why the eminent Captain Lawton should preserve it so carefully under a glass, and a bell glass at that, I am at a loss to determine.'

"'You are very frank,' sternly said the Captain. 'Do you know where that was found?'

"'I do not,' I replied as calmly as I could, but in reality trembling in the most minute fibre of my body, while visions of wrathful and murderously-inclined husbands and lovers swarmed upon me, and the suspicion that Mr. Blackbeard was one of them, presented horrible consequences.

"'Near to,' said the Captain impressively, 'and under the murdered body of Mrs. Farish.'

"'Oh dear,' I ejaculated weakly, for I was unable to recall the lady. 'How did you get it there? Who did you say?'

"'Mrs. Farish.'

"'Madame Delamour,' grunted Mr. Blackbeard.

"'Oh, the costumier,' I cried, my wits in operation under the suggestion.

"'Ah, you know her then," said the Captain. 'Now, how did that happen to be there?'

"'Upon my word, I don't know,' I replied, innocently but truthfully, 'unless I dropped it on the floor the night I called upon her.'

"'You did call upon her, did you?" said the Captain eagerly. 'Now, be very careful in what you say.'

"A little astonished, I said in return:

"'Perhaps you will kindly tell me what you two amiable gentlemen are driving at?'

"'Mrs. Farish was murdered,' answered the Captain, with owlish solemnity. 'Her body was found ten or twelve hours after the deed was done. Upon the floor near the body was found this glove. Since inquiry has determined that Mrs. Farish received only one male visitor, it became necessary to find out to whom this glove belonged. It was found to be yours. With this explanation, perhaps you can see that it became necessary for us to send for you, to explain its presence at that place at that time?'

"To say I was taken aback is perhaps unnecessary. For a moment I was stunned. I failed utterly to perceive the humour of the situation.

"'And you supposed I committed that murder,' I blurted out.

"'We charge nothing. We give you an opportunity to explain the presence of that glove at that place at that particular time.'

"The wild absurdity of the idea finally broke upon me, and I 'larfed a larf' of blended mirth, contempt, and annoyance.

"'Gentlemen,' I said, 'you will be compelled to call in your dogs and send them on another scent. Tell me, when did this murder occur?'

"'On the fifth day of last October,' replied the Captain.

"I took from my pocket my memorandum book, and turning to the page of that date I said:

"'Yes, I called upon Mrs. Farish at No. — East Sixteenth Street on the night of that day. However, she was alive and well when I went there, and she was alive and well when I left her.'

"The two gentlemen exchanged looks after this crushing blow, and appeared to be somewhat mixed, so to speak. I politely and magnanimously waited for them to recover from the effects of the blow.

"'What was your business there?" asked Mr. Blackbeard.

"'Charity,' I promptly replied—, charity on both ends. I went to see her about costumes.'

"'But that was not her place of business,' persisted Mr. Blackbeard.

"'True,' I replied, 'but if you will bear with me I will tell in detail how I came to go there. Last October Mrs Bushnell, a lady of charitable inclinations, was interested in an uptown hospital, for the aid of which an entertainment, of which tableaux were to be a feature, was proposed. As I had had some experience in those things, I was asked to take charge. In the management of this affair I called upon Mr. Newton, a real estate broker, to ask that his daughter might participate. During our conversation he asked if I had engaged costumes, and learning I had not, said he was greatly interested in a person who had just rented apartments in a house in Bleecker-street, of which he had charge, in which to conduct a costumier's business. He imagined, he said, she was in want of assistance in starting. And, if I could do as well with her, he would like me to see her and give her the business. But, he added, that he did not believe she was fairly open for business yet, and that, though Madame Delamour was her business name, I could find her as Mrs. Farish at No. — East Sixteenth-street. Willing to oblige him, I went that evening to see her. I did not do any business with her, however, for finding out what I wanted and how soon, she thought her business was not far enough advanced to undertake so large an order to be filled in so short a time. So I left her, and, as it appears, my glove also."

"'Had you ever known her before?' asked Mr. Blackbeard.

"'No, sir,' I replied, as respectfully as two peas.

"'Never had heard of her?' he persisted.

"'Never knew such a person existed until Mr. Newton talked of her,' I replied.

"'Did you not read of her being murdered,' again asked Mr. Blackbeard.

"'Oh yes,' was my reply.

"'Why didn't you speak of it then?' he demanded.

"'I did in my family,' I answered.

"'To your father,' he suggested.

"'Perhaps. I spoke of it at the table, but whether my father was present or not I do not recollect. My talk was with my mother and sisters!'

"'Um,' grunted Mr. Blackbeard. 'Why didn't you speak to the authorities about it?'

"'Why should I?' asked I in return. 'I couldn't contribute anything to the general or special information, and my name was not mentioned in connection with the affair.'

"'You had lost your glove there," persisted Mr. Blackbeard! 'Were you not afraid you would be charged with the murder?'

"'In the first place!' I returned, 'I did not know. I had lost a glove there. In the second place, not being engaged in murder as a fine art, or as a trade, it did not occur to me that anyone would charge me with it.'

"That delicate and entirely ingenuous reference to De Quincy was a settler for Mr. Blackbeard. The Captain came at me then:

"'You have studied surgery, haven't you?'

"'Well, I have pretended to'—thus me, most modestly.

"'Mrs. Farish was killed by one who knew how to reach the carotid artery with a lancet and with great precision,' he suggested, and I thought maliciously.

"'I never reached a carotid artery with a lancet or precision, or with any other kind of an instrument.'

"That brilliant witticism was lost upon them, for neither even smiled.

"'It is as I expected,' said Mr. Blackbeard. 'Ever since suspicion was directed toward him, I have not doubted he could explain the glove business.'

"This was addressed to the Captain in so lugubrious a tone that my sympathies were excited.

So I said:

"'Sir, I greatly grieve to have been the cause of such disappointment. The next time I lose a glove, where a woman may fall upon it, so as not to grieve you, I will engage in the gentle pastime of assassination.'

"At this the Captain laughed outright, and we all became quite merry. After which he said:

"'I think you have satisfactorily explained your connection with the case. You ought not to wonder at our wanting to see you, in view of finding your glove there.'

"'What time did you call on Mrs. Farish?' inquired Mr. Blackbeard, by this time having recovered from my settler.

"'I should think at about half-past eight,' I answered, holding no malice against him.

"'Was her daughter with her?'

"'Her daughter,' I repeated. 'No, I saw her alone. And now that I recollect, she said she wished her daughter would come in, not alone because she wanted to consult her as to the possibility of undertaking my work, but because she was worried over her delay in returning from business.'

"'Um,' grunted Mr. Blackbeard. 'It is as a I supposed. Her daughter was killed first.' Then to me, 'You have no other incident to give us?'

"'None!' I replied.

Whereupon the Captain, rising and giving me his hand, said:

"'We will detain you no longer.'

"So, after exchanging our distinguished considerations, as became dignitaries, I went out into the free air—a free man."

"With the end of this o'er true tale," concluded Eustace, "comes this reflective inquiry—how the deuce did they discover that glove to be mine?"

Dorison had listened to Eustace intently and with varying emotions. It was with difficulty he could prevent expressing exuberant satisfaction over the outcome. He was inexpressibly glad that the test Eustace had been subjected to had ended as it had—that is to say, in a triumphant clearance of Eustace. He made no doubt of it, and as he thought then he did not believe he had ever judged Eustace to be anything but innocent. As it was, he said warmly, he was glad it had ended so well, since he had been greatly frightened.

"You take it too seriously, my friend," said Eustace.

"No, I do not," replied Dorison. "But that you were enabled to present names to substantiate your story you might have been in an awkward predicament, with annoying publicity."

"Bless my heart, but I never thought of that," said Eustace. "I think you are right. And I also think it is time to dine. Come with me, and after dinner we'll go to the theatre."

"I'll dine with you, but I have a business engagement for this evening," he replied, as he prepared to go out with his friend.

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LOCAL HEALTH REPORTS

The report of the medical officer of health, for the Durham County Council for the quarter ending March 31st, 1896, contains the following:—Scarlet fever continued epidemic in several parts of the county during the quarter, more especially in the Stockton, Brandon, and Chester-le-Street districts, but generally its prevalence was not so marked as in the previous quarter, though the case mortality increased. Unfortunately the fear of scarlet fever among the working population of the county is so slight that often not the slightest precaution is taken to prevent a patient from infecting other members of his family or even his neighbours, and the difficulties in the way of stamping out the disease when once it has broken out in a populous village are consequently very great. Cases of enteric fever were reported from nearly every district in the county during the quarter, but, except at Riseburn in the Auckland Rural District and in the Blaydon district, its prevalence was not very serious, and was in marked contrast to the previous quarter, when it was epidemic in many parts of the county. I have prepared a special report on the epidemic of enteric fever in the Consett urban district during 1895, and it will be laid before you. Copies of it have already been forwarded to the Consett District Council for their consideration. For some considerable time my attention has been called to the very large number of uncertified deaths in certain districts in the county, and I have ascertained that the non-certification of such deaths is the result of medical practice by unqualified persons. The districts in the county where this illegal practice is most prevalent are Spennymoor, Blaydon, and Hetton urban, and portions of the Chester-le-Street rural districts, and the effects of such practice, judging by the vital statistics, on the public health appears to be so prejudicial as to require your serious consideration. Then again, in districts where the Infectious Diseases Notification Act is in force unqualified medical practice, when it exists to any extent, must largely nullify the benefits that usually result from the adoption of that act, for unqualified medical men are under no obligation to notify cases of infectious disease under the act, and should they do so they are not entitled to any payment for the notifications.

CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT.

Although action has been taken by the District Council with the object of remedying some of the insanitary conditions mentioned in my September quarterly report, I regret to say that many of them still remain unabated. A house at 14, Pitt Street, which was unfit for habitation has been pulled down, and water-closets are being erected on the site for the tenants of some adjoining property. A privy which was against a dwelling-house in Rippon's Lane has also been replaced by a water-closet, but the houses in this street which six months ago I reported as unfit for habitation, are still occupied, though they have neither yards, drainage, nor conveniences. The grossly insanitary conditions in Pitt Street and John Street also still exist, and the same remark applies to similar conditions between Pitt Street and Trafalgar Street, though I understand these latter are about to be remedied. The houses in William Street are mostly provided with water-closets, but few if any of the closets have any water supply, and several of them are in a most disgraceful condition. During a recent inspection I found the ashpits in William Street and Pitt Street in a very filthy overful condition, and the scavenging had evidently been entirely neglected for many weeks. There could be no stronger evidence of the necessity of the District Council undertaking or contracting for the proper scavenging of the town than the disgusting state of the ashpits in these streets on my last visit. If such conditions are allowed to exist the town will probably experience another epidemic of typhoid fever at no distant period.

CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL DISTRICT.

Closing Orders.—An application by the County Council for a closing order under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, with respect to a house in North Bourns, Chester-le-Street, has been dismissed by the magistrates, who, prior to giving their decision, inspected the property. The decision appears to be a somewhat curious one, inasmuch as the Bench expressed an opinion that the house, which was about to be vacated, should not be allowed to be re-occupied until its sanitary condition had been improved. In my opinion the house was not in a habitable condition when the application was made for a closing order, and it appears to me very desirable that the plaintiff should have the same right of appeal to Quarter Sessions against an adverse decision of the magistrates under the Housing of the Working Classes Act as is allowed to the defendant. The District Council have obtained closing orders from the magistrates with regard to two of the houses at Lumley, scheduled in paragraph 48 of my September report, and the other insanitary houses mentioned in that report have either been made habitable or are being repaired. Several of the insanitary houses at Fatfield are also being repaired.

Fatfield.—In a letter dated March 14th last, the Clerk stated that the District Council had resolved "that a survey of Fatfield be taken, with a view to having the village properly drained; also to the bringing of the sinks within a reasonable distance of each village." During the past three months a considerable sanitary improvement has been effected in the village, many houses having been spouted and repaired. An analysis of the drinking water at present supplied to the village from three wells points to its being subject to surface pollution in each instance, and not a safe source of supply, and in the interests of the health of the inhabitants it is very necessary that a purer and better distributed supply should be obtained with as little delay as possible.

Lumley.—The sanitary condition of this village is gradually improving, and during the last four months a fair amount of work has been done in repairing and spouting houses and providing privy accommodation. The nuisance which existed at the west end of the village owing to sewage discharging into an open ditch has been removed, the sewage now being carried on to a field at some distance from any houses.

Low Flatts.—No sanitary improvement has yet been effected to the houses, though a few of them are at present unoccupied, but in a letter dated March 16th last the Clerk to the District Council states that "10 of the cottages are to be converted into 7, flooring and ceiling to be raised, 1 is to be repaired, and the 4 remaining are considered fairly good. With respect to a water supply for this hamlet, Mr Tully, Lord Durham's agent, has consented to allow the Council to obtain a supply from Pelaw Grange Farm a few hundred yards distant), where the tenants use the Newcastle and Gateshead Company's water. As soon as arrangements can be made the required extension will be made and a supply given to each house. The place is also to be drained."

WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT.

Marley Hill.—The sanitary condition of the colliery village is still very unsatisfactory. The houses are nearly all back-to-back, consisting of only one room downstairs and an attic above, into which much of the vitiated air from the living room passes. The ventilation of the houses is, from their construction, very insufficient, and many of them are so over-crowded as to seriously endanger not only the health but the morals of the occupants. In one of these houses there were 10 persons of both sexes living, none of them younger than 13 years of age: in another there were 9 persons, the youngest being a girl aged 13; while several others were tenanted by families of 5, 6, and 7 persons. Surface channels have recently been laid down for the drainage of part of Cinder Oven Row and Middle Row, but many of the drain openings in Post Office Row and Middle Row are untrapped, and a serious danger to health. The condition of the ashpits on the occasion of my last visit was disgraceful, as they were all full, and in several instances tons of refuse were lying around them. At Marley Hill High Rows, and at Byer Moor also, many of the ashpits were overful and insanitary, owing to the scavenging having been neglected. At The Hold the back rooms of the houses are still damp, owing to the back walls for two or three feet high being built against a bank of earth. The back walls are boarded on the inside, and the dampness is, therefore, to a great extent hidden, but the rooms are none the less damp and insanitary, and the District Council should insist that the soil be excavated from against the houses. Some of the drains to these houses have been properly trapped, but a few are still badly trapped.

Byer Moor.—The drainage of the houses at this place consists of brick surface channels, which are defective and objectionable. At each of the Long Rows the sewage from these channels discharges into a large cesspool which is situated only a few yards away, and from which a brick sewer passes under the floors of some of the houses, and discharges into a ditch emptying into a quarry about a hundred yards from the lower row. The condition of the quarry is very objectionable, and in hot weather must cause a great nuisance. The tenants of some of the houses under which the sewer passes complain that smells are often noticeable in their rooms, which they attribute partly to the sewer itself and partly to the proximity of the cesspools. The open channels and cesspools should be taken up and a covered system of drainage laid down in such a manner that none of the sewers should pass under the houses. A number of the houses at Byer Moor and at Marley Hill High Rows require to be spouted.

Middle Town.—The houses are still without any proper spouting, the common backyard is very defective and requires to be paved, and the ashpit-privies are very large, uncovered, and insanitary.

Fell Side.—There are about a dozen houses here without any water supply except what is obtained from a spring several hundred yards away. A proper supply of drinking water is much needed for these houses.

CONSETT OCCASIONAL POLICE COURT.

MONDAY May 11th,—Before Mr. J. T. Potts and Mr. J. W. Davison.

SLEEPING OUT.

A labourer named Henry Ward, was brought up and charged with committing an act of vagrancy, by sleeping out at Consett on the previous (Sunday) morning.—P.C. Carruthers attested that about two o'clock on this particular morning, he visited the coke-ovens at Consett belonging to the Consett Iron Company, where he found the defendant laying on the top of the ovens, fast asleep. He aroused the prisoner, and then found that he had no fixed abode. There were a great many complaints about this nuisance. Only a week or two ago a man had the clothes nearly burnt off his back, by sleeping near these ovens. It was a very dangerous practice.—Prisoner said he was working at Waskerley for Mr. Scott. On Saturday after receiving his wages, he proceeded to South Moor to pay a man some money. On the return journey he felt very tired, and went and took up his abode at the coke-ovens.—The officer further stated that when he found the prisoner the lower portion of his body was hanging right over the top of the oven, and if he had fallen he would certainly have injured himself.—Mr. Potts pointed out that prisoner had no right to make use of other people's property for sleeping purposes. However, the Bench had decided to take a lenient view of the case, and he would promise not to commit the offence again, the charge would be dismissed.—Prisoner having made the promise, was allowed to leave the dock.

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... action has been taken by the District ... th the object of remedying some of the ... conditions mentioned in my September ... report, I regret to say that many of them ... n unabated. A house at 14, Pitt Street, ... unfit for habitation has been pulled down, ... closets are being erected on the site for the ... some adjoining property. A privy which ... t a dwelling-house in Rippon's Lane has ... placed by a water-closet, but the houses in ... which six months ago I reported as unfit for ... are still occupied, though they have neither ... nage, nor conveniences. The grossly insani... tions in Pitt Street and John Street also ... and the same remark applies to similar ... between Pitt Street and Trafalgar Street, ... understand these latter are about to be ... The houses in William Street are mostly ... with water-closets, but few if any of the ... e any water supply, and several of them are ... disgraceful condition. During a recent ... I found the ashpits in William Street and ... in a very filthy overful condition, and the ... had evidently been entirely neglected for ... s. There could be no stronger evidence of ... ty of the District Council undertaking or ... for the proper scavenging of the town ... sgusting state of the ashpits in these streets ... visit. If such conditions are allowed to ... town will probably experience another ... of typhoid fever at no distant period.

...TER-LE-STREET RURAL DISTRICT.

... ORDERS.—An application by the County ... r a closing order under the Housing of the ... Classes Act, 1890, with respect to a house in ... urns, Chester-le-Street, has been dismissed ... gistrates, who, prior to giving their decision, ... the property. The decision appears to be a ... curious one, inasmuch as the Bench ex... n opinion that the house, which was about to ... d, should not be allowed to be re-occupied ... sanitary condition had been improved. In ... n the house was not in a habitable condition ... application was made for a closing order, and ... s to me very desirable that the plaintiff ... ave the same right of appeal to Quarter ... against an adverse decision of the magistrates ... Housing of the Working Classes Act as is ... o the defendant. The District Council have ... closing orders from the magistrates with ... two of the houses at Lumley, scheduled in ... 48 of my September report, and the other ... houses mentioned in that report have either ... e habitable or are being repaired. Several of ... nitary houses at Fatfield are also being ...

...LD.—In a letter dated March 14th last, the ... ated that the District Council had resolved ... survey of Fatfield be taken, with a view to ... he village properly drained; also to the ... of the sinks within a reasonable distance of ... age." During the past three months a con... sanitary improvement has been effected in ... many houses having been spouted and re... An analysis of the drinking water at present ... to the village from three wells points to its ... ject to surface pollution in each instance, and ... source of supply, and in the interests of the ... the inhabitants it is very necessary that a ... d better distributed supply should be obtained ... ttle delay as possible.

...Y.—The sanitary condition of this village is ... y improving, and during the last four month a ... nt of work has been done in repairing and ... houses and providing privy accommodation. ... sance which existed at the west end of the ... wing to sewage discharging into an open ditch ... removed, the sewage now being carried on to ... some distance from any houses.

... FLATTS.—No sanitary improvement has yet ... ected to the houses, though a few of them are ... nt unoccupied, but in a letter dated March 14th ... Clerk to the District Council states that "14 ... ottages are to be converted into 7, flooring and ... to be raised, 1 is to be repaired, and the 4 ... ng are considered fairly good. With respect to ... r supply for this hamlet, Mr. Tully, Lord ... 's agent, has consented to allow the Council to ... a supply from Pelaw Grange Farm (a few ... d yards distant), where the tenants use the ... tle and Gateshead Company's water. As soon ... ngements can be made the required extension ... made and a supply given to each house. The ... also to be drained."

... WHICKHAM URBAN DISTRICT.

...EY HILL.—The sanitary condition of this ... village is still very unsatisfactory. The houses ... arly all back-to-back, consisting of only one ... ownstairs and an attic above, into which much ... ritiated air from the living room passes. The ... tion of the houses is, from their construction, ... sufficient, and many of them are so over-crowded ... eriously endanger not only the health but the ... of the occupants. In one of these houses there ... of both sexes living, none of them ... r than 13 years of age: in another there were 8 ... s, the youngest being a girl aged 13; while ... others were tenanted by families of 5, 6, and 7 ... s. Surface channels have recently been laid ... for the drainage of part of Cinder Oven Row and ... Row, but many of the drain openings in Post ... Row and Middle Row are untrapped, and a ... danger to health. The condition of the ashpits ... occasion of my last visit was disgraceful, as ... were all full, and in several instances tons of ... were lying around them. At Marley Hill High ... and at Byer Moor also, many of the ashpits were ... ul and insanitary, owing to the scavenging ... g been neglected. At The Hold the back rooms ... houses are still damp, owing to the back walls ... o or three feet high being built against a bank of ... The back walls are boarded on the inside, and ... dampness is, therefore, to a great extent hidden, ... he rooms are none the less damp and insanitary. ... he District Council should insist that the soil be ... ated from against the houses. Some of the drains ... se houses have been properly trapped, but a few ... ill badly trapped.

...E MOOR.—The drainage of the houses at this ... consists of brick surface channels, which are ... tive and objectionable. At each of the Long ... the sewage from these channels discharges into ... e cesspool which is situated only a few yards ... and from which a brick sewer passes under the ... of some of the houses, and discharges into a ... emptying into a quarry about a hundred yards ... the lower row. The condition of the quarry is ... objectionable, and in hot weather must cause a ... nuisance. The tenants of some of the houses ... which the sewer passes complain that smells are ... noticeable in their rooms, which they attribute ... to the sewer itself and partly to the proximity of ... sspools. The open channels and cesspools should ... ken up and a covered system of drainage laid ... in such a manner that none of the sewers should ... nder the houses. A number of the houses at ... Moor and at Marley Hill High Rows require to be ... ed.

...DLE TOWN.—The houses are still without any ... r spouting, the common backyard is very ... tive and requires to be paved, and the ashpit... s are very large, uncovered, and insanitary.

...L SIDE.—There are about a dozen houses here ... out any water supply except what is obtained ... a spring several hundred yards away. A proper ... y of drinking water is much needed for these ...

...ONSETT OCCASIONAL POLICE COURT.

...NDAY May 11th.—Before Mr. J. T. Potts, ... and Mr. J. W. Davison.

SLEEPING OUT.

... labourer named Henry Ward, was brought up ... charged with committing an act of vagrancy, ... eeping out at Consett on the previous (Sunday) ... ning.—P.C. Carruthers attested that about ... o'clock on this particular morning, he visited ... oke-ovens at Consett belonging to the Consett ... Company, where he found the defendant ... g on the top of the ovens, fast asleep. He ... d the prisoner, and then found that he had ... ed abode. There were a great many complaints ... this nuisance. Only a week or two ago ... n had the clothes nearly burnt off his back, ... leeping near these ovens. It was a very dan... is practice.—Prisoner said he was working at ... kerley for Mr. Scott. On Saturday after receiv... his wages, he proceeded to South Moor to pay ... n some money. On the return journey he felt ... tired, and went and took up his abode at ... oke-ovens.—The officer further stated that when ... ound the prisoner the lower portion of his body ... hanging right over the top of the oven, and if ... ad fallen he would certainly have injured him... —Mr. Potts pointed out that prisoner had no ... to make use of other people's property for ... ing purposes. However, the Bench had ... ded to take a lenient view of the case, and he ... d promise not to commit the offence again, ... charge would be dismissed.—Prisoner having ... the promise, was allowed to leave the dock.

LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Thursday, in the Board Room, of the Union Buildings, Lanchester—Mr. William Logan, J.P., (chairman), presiding. The other members present were Rev. Father P. C. Fortin (vice-chairman), Messrs T. J. Muse, W. Gray, George Hobson, Thos. Wilkinson, W. Collier, W. Johnson, J. W. Taylor, William Charlton, William Young, Henry Greener, R. Burleigh, W. Robinson, P. Kirkup, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), the Inspector and Surveyor (Mr. J. E. Parker), and the assistant Surveyor (Mr. Cumming.)

AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION.

The Chairman said it was only right to state that he represented the Council at the foundation stone laying ceremony in connection with the new Shire Hall, Durham, for the Durham County Council. Being an important function he thought it was only right that they should be represented, and accordingly went and witnessed the Lord Lieutenant for the county lay the stone. There was a large gathering, and everything passed off most satisfactorily.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The Chairman said the Amending Order for the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board had now come to hand, and included the representation of the district of Tanfield on the Board. There was no other alteration of any importance beyond the fact that after this year the representatives would not be elected annually; but remain the representatives till the expiration of their three years' office.

This was considered satisfactory.

The next business was the election of members on the Hospital Board.

The Chairman explained that the ex-officio members were the Chairman of the Lanchester Rural Council, and the Chairman of the Consett, Benfieldside, Leadgate, Stanley, and Tanfield Urban Districts Councils. The elected members consisted of one representative from each of the five urban districts, and eight representatives from the present Council.

On the proposition of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the following seven of the old representatives were re-elected:—Rev. P. C. Fortin, Messrs T. J. Muse, James Oliver, W. Robinson, William Young, R. Burleigh, and W. Collier.

The Chairman accordingly moved, and Mr. Robinson seconded, that Mr. Taylor should fill the vacancy on the representation caused by the death of the Rev. Peter Cameron, deceased.

This was agreed to.

FORMATION OF A NEW PARISH.

An order was read from the Durham County Council pointing out that it was proposed to convert Craghead into a separate parish. The order would take effect not later than one month from the 15th day of August next, the date of the meeting for the election to be fixed by the Clerk, and the Chairman of the Lanchester Parish Council. The new Parish Council is to consist of eleven members.

The Chairman thought there would be no objection to what was proposed to be done. They were represented at the inquiry, and desired the petitioners to extend the boundaries of the new parish. According to the plan he found this had been slightly done; but not to the extent they wished. The alterations in the boundaries could be seen from the plan which was now lying on the table. There was one point in the order which he considered the attention of the Durham County Council might be called to. They might ask the County Council to allow the representation for Lanchester on the Council as before, because this particular township still remained a very large one, with an immense population and rateable value. The order allowed one Rural Councillor for Craghead, and one for Lanchester. It would only be right that Lanchester should still retain its full representation on the Council.

Mr. Taylor: We had better take steps to have the matter remedied.

The Chairman: Will some one move a motion that the attention of the County Council be drawn to the matter.

Mr. Taylor: I will move that this be done.

Mr. Collier seconded.

Carried.

THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

The Chairman: What has the Committee decided to do in this matter. Perhaps Mr. Taylor will give us the report.

Mr. Taylor said he could not attend the conference that was held at Kyo, owing to having to attend a meeting of the County Council, which was held on the same day.

Mr. Hobson said he was chairman of the meeting referred to, which was held at the Railway Inn, Annfield Plain. They considered the request from the Kyo district for additional facilities for registering births and deaths. It was pointed out to the Superintendent of Births and Deaths, Mr. George Neasham, that there was a feeling abroad that an additional registrar was needed for the Kyo district. It was pointed out at the meeting that the Registrar-General would never give his sanction to the proposal. With regard to the attendance of the registrars to the several stations from fortnightly to weekly, the Committee recommended no change for the present.

The Clerk said it was agreed that greater publicity of the various stations should be given. He was going to take steps to have enamelled plates put up, the same that was at Consett and Leadgate districts. A list of the registration stations would be published in the local papers, with the hour of attendance at each station.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that the public were not aware of the days that the registrars visited the several stations. The Committee recommended no change beyond the fact that better publicity of the various stations, along with the days and hours the registrars attended, should be given. If this did not meet the requirements, then they would have to take other steps.

Mr. Taylor: It would have been better if the registrars could make weekly attendances instead of fortnightly to the several stations.

Mr. Muse: It would be very desirable if it could be done. I was pleased the press gave publicity to the discussion respecting the question of certificates at burials. The people know now what can be done.

Mr. Taylor said the Chairman put it very clearly at the last meeting about these burial certificates. It was perfectly true the clergymen like to have the certificate presented on the day of burial.

The Chairman: The clergymen can't object; but they like to have the certificate on the day of burial, so as not to give further trouble.

Father Fortin said if the certificate was to hand within seven days after the burial it was quite sufficient. There was no doubt it did sometimes cause a considerable amount of trouble when the certificate was not presented on the day of burial. This could easily be avoided if the necessary notice was given. He had buried the dead frequently without the certificate being to hand. If relatives can produce a doctor's certificate no clergyman could object to bury. Some time ago he brought forward the question of having notices put up in the porches of all the public places of worship, stating when the registrar attended the districts. This had not been done to the extent that he would have liked to have seen.

Mr. Taylor: The notices are far too small.

Father Fortin: Yes; I think a varnished card would have been better.

The Clerk said that he carried out his instructions. The enamelled plates had been put up at some of the districts.

Mr. Taylor: It is 15 months since this was recommended to be done.

The Clerk: I don't know whether I am at fault or not. I have not yet heard from the Superintendent Registrar as to what more plates were wanted, and whether permission had been obtained from the property owners to have the plates put up.

The Chairman said the enamelled plates should be put up stating when the Registrar visited the districts.

Father Fortin stated that notice cards should be hung up in the porches of the public places of worship. He would move this should be done.

Mr Johnson seconded.

Agreed to.

The Chairman: It will also be agreed to that the enamelled plates should be purchased and put up at once.

Mr. Taylor: Yes.

Mr. Burleigh said the card containing the information when the Registrars visited the several districts might be hung up in the reading rooms.

The Chairman: That could also be done.

The question dropped.

NUISANCE AT CORNSAY VILLAGE.

A letter was read from the Cornsay Parish Council calling attention to a nuisance through water standing near some cottages at Cornsay Village.

Mr. Kirkup: There is not an outlet for this water, and nothing can be done with it till such is provided.

It was agreed to write the Parish Council pointing out that they could do nothing with the water till a main sewer was provided, and this would be done at no distant date.

BLACKHALL MILL DRAINAGE.

Messrs Robinson, Watson, and Charlton, were appointed a local Committee for the Blackhall Mill drainage scheme.

THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Durham County Council's Medical Officer, (Dr. T. Eustace Hill), dealing with the sanitary condition of the Council's district:—

Closing Orders:—The insanitary house at the Barracks, Dipton, has been closed, and notice under the Housing of Working Classes Act has been served by the District Council on the owner of the insanitary house at Wilkinson's Buildings, Dipton. With the exception of one house, where some defects still exist, the property at Forster's Yard, Hill Top, has now been put into a habitable condition. In the Front Street, Hill Top, Dipton, there are two houses in a damp, defective condition and with very insanitary surroundings.

Ushaw Moor.—The houses in this village are generally in good condition, with thorough ventilation, proper spouting, and drainage, but the ashpit-privies to several of the rows are objectionable, being large, uncovered, and with roofs of the privies sloping towards the ashpits. At the low end of the village there are twelve house known as the Huts, which are built of wood, and generally in a poor state of repair. They have no drainage, and at the time of my visit several of the ashpits were in a dilapidated condition. These Huts are certainly not desirable dwelling-houses, and it is doubtful if they are fit for habitation. The sewage and surface water of the village nearly all pass into an objectionable cesspool under the road, the overflow from which finds its way into the Dearness stream.

Esh Winning.—There are a number of back-to-back houses in this village, but the houses are all spouted, and provided with proper drainage and water supply, and as a result of action by the District Council a large number of the ashpits have been covered over. The yard paving of many of the houses is, however, defective, and the yards of several houses recently erected are unpaved. It is certainly desirable that the District Council should obtain powers to enable them to insist that the yards of all new houses should be either cemented or properly paved.

Esh Hill Top.—A number of houses are in need of spouting and general repairs, and the privy and ashpit accommodation is in several instances defective, and some houses are without any ashpits. There is no system of drainage to the houses here, but the want of it does not appear to cause any serious nuisance, as the houses are not at all crowded together, and mostly have plenty of land for the disposal of the sewage. Many of the inhabitants depend on wells for their water supply, the water of which is said to be satisfactory, though it is desirable that it should be periodically analysed. Many of the ashpits were in an overful condition.

Esh Village.—The houses are generally of fair construction and kept in good condition, though a number of them have no through ventilation. The village is properly sewered and the drains are all trapped, but there is no system of sewage disposal. The sewage discharges into a ditch, which passes for part of its course by the side of a footpath leading from Langley Park. The condition of this ditch is undoubtedly offensive, especially in hot weather, to people passing along this path, and the sewage should not be allowed to discharge into it. The scavenging of the village does not appear to be satisfactory, as many of the ashpits were overfull.

Quebec.—The houses have all through ventilation and self-contained paved yards, but the paving of many of the yards is very defective, and many of the ashpit-privies are in need of repairs. A good deal of improvement has lately been effected to many of the houses as a result of the owners having been served with notices by the District Council. At present there is no paving in front of the majority of the houses, and they would be much improved and rendered more comfortable if small cement footpaths were laid down in the front streets. The drainage of the village consists of open channels which are very insanitary, but the District Council have decided to provide the village with a proper system of sewerage and sewage disposal. The scavenging of the village is undertaken by the colliery and appears to be well performed.

Cornsay Colliery.—The houses generally are of fair construction, have through ventilation, and with a few exceptions are properly spouted. The ground round many of the houses is paved, but in some streets there is no paving and the rain water sinks into the foundations, causing dampness. The drains in the village are mostly trapped with a form of dipstone trap which is not satisfactory. The sewerage of the Cross Rows is in some respects very unsatisfactory, as in each street the sewers empty into two cesspits near the houses from which the main sewer passes under some of the houses. The cesspits are said to smell very badly, and several of the houses are infested with rats. The cesspits should be abolished and the course of the sewer so altered that it does not pass under any of the houses. In Commercial Street there is also a defective sewer which the District Council are dealing with. The whole of the sewage of the village discharges unpurified into the Priest Beck. One of the most objectionable features of the village is the enormous size of the ashpit-privies, and all the ashpits are uncovered. In Liddle Street and Chadwick Street the middens are especially insanitary, and throughout the village they are a standing danger to health. In some instances the ashpits are used also as a receptacle for the surface drainage of part of the village.

Hamsteels Village.—The houses have through ventilation, and are for the most part of fair construction, though many of them are in need of spouting and other slight repairs. The Hamsteel Huts, however, consisting of 16 houses, are in a very insanitary condition, and not fit for habitation, but though notices were served on the owners some months ago under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, nothing has yet been done to improve their condition. The other houses in the village have mostly self-contained paved yards and large covered ashpit-privies. The drainage of the village, except for one row, is by surface channels, which are not satisfactory, and in the West Row the channel empties into a catchpit placed in the yard of one of the houses, close to the back door—a most insanitary arrangement. The whole of the sewage of the village passes unpurified into the Priest Burn, and a proper system of sewerage and sewage disposal is much needed for the village.

Cornsay Village.—This is a small isolated village with no system of drainage, and in some parts of it nuisances exist from sewage stagnating near dwellings. A good water supply has recently been laid on to the village, but up to the present most of the inhabitants obtain their drinking water from two springs. Except for the want of a system of drainage, the condition of the village is fairly satisfactory, a number of sanitary improvements to property having been carried out in recent years, as a result of action taken by the Sanitary Authority.

Hedley Fell.—The houses are of fair construction, and have through ventilation, but some of them are in need of spouting. The whole of the drainage of the village is by open channels, which are in many parts defective, and cannot be considered sanitary. The whole of the sewage of the houses passes into a cesspit, and then, without any purification, into the Priest Beck, which it grossly pollutes. The ashpits are covered over but they are very large and objectionable. At Cowsley Cottages, near Hedley Fell, the surface channel, which is the means of drainage, is defective and the sewage discharges unpurified into the beck.

East Hedleyhope.—This village consists of five rows of houses, some of which are lined with wood, and only one storey high. The houses have through ventilation and are fairly spouted. The ashpit-privies are placed between the rows, and are covered over, but they are of large size, and not of good construction. The scavenging of the ashpits appears to be well performed. The only drainage for the village is by open channels, which are made of brick and generally very defective. At the ends of the rows they empty into cesspits, from which the sewage passes without any purification into the river Dearness. The village is much in need of a proper system of sewerage and sewage disposal.

Langley Park.—The whole of the colliery houses are of fair constuction and have through ventilation, but a number of the private houses in Quebec Street and Durham Road are back-to-back, and in these streets many of the yards are unpaved or badly paved and in a bad state. The ashpits erected to the newer houses are all covered, though often of too large a capacity. In Quebec Street and Durham Road many of the middens are large, open, and insanitary, and with the exception of one row, the ashpits of the colliery houses are also uncovered. The scavenging of the colliery houses appears to be very well done, but in several instances the ashpits belonging to private property were over full. The village is provided with proper sewers which are ventilated, and most of the house drains are properly trapped, but in South Street the drains are not trapped, but in the two Cross Streets the drainage consists of open channels discharging at the end of the streets into untrapped catchpits, which are very objectionable. At present the whole of the sewage passes unpurified into the river Browney, but plans have been approved by the District Council for the proper disposal of the sewage on land on the other side of the river.

Lanchester Village.—The houses in this village are generally in a fair state of repair, though many of them are very old. Many of the surroundings of the houses are, however, very insanitary, owing to want of proper drainage, unpaved yards, and offensive middens of bad construction. At the Blue Bell Yard, and to a number of houses in the front street the above defects are especially noticeable. The greater part of the village is properly sewered, but a number of houses are not connected with the sewers and their sewage, as does that of the whole village, finds its way into the river Browney. A good water supply has recently been laid on to the village, but most of the inhabitants still obtain their water, the quality of which is said to be good, from springs. At Dorman's Buildings the houses are unspouted in front, and the ashpits are uncovered and receive the drainage from the privy roofs. The scavenging of the village appears to be very badly performed, as many of the ashpits were, on my visit, in an overful and filthy condition. In many respects the sanitary state of the village requires early attention. It is only fair to state that notices have been served and other action taken by the District Council to remedy many of the defects which I have noted as existing in the above-mentioned villages, and it is to be hoped that during the present year many of them will be removed.

During recent years a very great improvement in the condition of the Lanchester Rural District has been effected as a result of the action of the Sanitary Authority in causing every populous portion of their district to be provided with a pure and plentiful water supply. Great improvements in the sewerage and sewage disposal of many of the villages have also been carried out, though a good deal of work still remains to be accomplished in this direction. In no portion of their district does the District Council undertake or contract for the scavenging or cleansing of the ashpits, but in several villages where this duty falls upon the tenants nuisances are of frequent occurrence owing to the ashpits becoming overful. It is frequently impossible for the occupant of a dwelling-house in a populous district to arrange for the regular and proper removal of excreta and house refuse from his premises, and it is certainly desirable in such cases that the District Council should either undertake the work, or contract for its being properly done.

The Chairman said he was very glad the County Medical Officer had mentioned the huts at Ushaw Moor.

Mr. Taylor: The Medical Officer also speaks strongly respecting the size of the ashpits in some of the villages.

The Chairman: I would suggest that the Surveyor call the Medical Officer's attention to the huts at Ushaw Moor, and see if something cannot be done.

The Surveyor: There was a report submitted a short time ago dealing with these houses; but since then they have certainly gone into a dilapidated condition.

Mr. Kirkup said that the Medical Officer complained of the surface channels at Cornsay emptying themselves into cesspools. This was not true, as they were two filtering tanks. It was the people that caused the cesspools by throwing their slops into the channels. He would like to see the Surveyor take some action to stop this.

The Surveyor said action could be taken by prosecuting those who insisted upon causing this nuisance, after they had been cautioned.

Mr. Kirkup explained there was gulley traps close to the house so as to take away the refuse water; but the people would not travel to the same, and consequently just threw their slops into the channels. He had drawn attention to it repeatedly.

The Chairman said the matter could be referred to the Surveyor.

A letter was read from the Durham County Council requesting the Council to take action for to have two houses at Hill Top, Dipton, closed.

The Surveyor reported that the property was being repaired.

The Clerk was instructed to write the County Council to this effect.

The Chairman said if they read the whole of the reports issued by Dr. Hill, they would find that the report dealing with their district would compare favourably with any other in the county.

Mr. Muse stated that Dr. Hill told him that their district surpassed many of the urban districts.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—I have received a number of tenders for road material, cartage, and stone breaking, which are put into schedule form, and submitted herewith.

The County Surveyor has sent a form of tender, specification, and schedule inviting your Council to tender for the repairs to the roads on the county bridges and approaches thereto, and I beg to submit an estimate of the cost of repairs to these bridges which are within your district. The erection of the Blackhall Mill Bridge has necessitated the extension of the southern approach and the rolling of the same. This work is now in progress, and I have ordered specially 30 tons of limestone to cover the road of such approach that the work may be completed by the time of the official opening. The slight diversion of the road approaching the bridge has made it necessary to substitute a covered drain for the open ditch which existed at this place, and this work has been carried out. The contractor for the bridge, and the Surveyor to the Blaydon Urban District Council, both have asked for the use of your steam rollers to roll the roadway executed under contract, and that executed by the Urban District Council respectively, and I have granted their use at the usual prices. I may here add that the ford by the Blackhall Mill Bridge was finally closed for traffic on the 23th ultimo. The well protecting the culvert which conveys the stream parallel to the main road, through Lanchester Village is very dilapidated, and the coping stones are in danger of being carried away by floods. Messrs Thos. Hedley Bros., have requested permission to fence with a creosoted post and rail fence that portion of the Holmside Hall Lane which lies between the Craghead Road and Holmside Hall. At present the road passes through fields with gates at the several fences. The roadway at Harperley Gate is still subsiding a little owing to subjacent mining operations, and the water of the head race of the mill occasionally flows the road.

The steam rollers have been engaged in rolling the following roads—viz., at Long Edge, Dyke Nook, Eliza, Humber Hill, Knitsley, Hole House, Durham, Old Road, Cornsay Lodge, Hedley Hill, Cornsay Colliery, Square House, Stonehouse, Hamsteels, Bleach Green, Broom House Tower, and Gorecock. I have given instructions for the vans and water-carts to be painted, and put into order for the Work of the ensuing season.

The junction of the new road diversion, with the Durham and Shotley main road, near Prospect House, Leadgate, is unsatisfactory, and I have requested the railway contractor to put the matter right. Each of the steam rollers should be provided with a brass name plate. The footpath from Hamsterley Colliery to Blackhall Mill has been fenced across, and a turnstile inserted by the land-owners.

SANITARY.

The work of laying the water mains to Kyo West Houses is about to be proceeded with as required by notice from your Council. The lanterns at Annfield Plain, Dipton, and Lanchester have been removed from the columns, and stored in the store rooms at the respective places. The tanks at Dipton sewer outfall are full, and they should be emptied more frequently. The out-office accommodation at Red Houses near Wallnook Bridge, is inadequate, and there is a general want of spouting and repairs to the houses. The Blackhall Mill Joint Sewerage Committee should meet after the 12th inst, to open the tenders for the proposed sewers at that place. Sewers have been flushed during the fortnight at Esh Winning and Burnhope, and they are in a good working condition. The open channel which conveys the sewerage from South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton, is defective in places, and nuisances arise therefrom. Quebec sewers are progressing satisfactorily. I think the colliery owners should take advantage of the present favourable weather, and get the houses and out-offices at Quebec and Hamsteels put into a proper sanitary condition. The huts at Hamsteels which were reported as unfit for habitation are still occupied. Twenty-six visits have been made by the Assistant Inspector and myself to villages and hamlets since your last meeting, and the matters arising therefrom are reported in my journal. The following houses are ready, or shortly will be ready for habitation:—

1590.—One house, Catchgate, for T. Pearson.

1611.—One house, Catchgate, for J. G. Jackson.

1661.—Three houses, Catchgate, for Beckwith, Smith, and McKie.

1658.—Two houses, Catchgate, for Mr. Simpson.

1678.—One house, Catchgate, for Mr. Green.

J. E. PARKER.

The report was adopted.

ANOTHER SEWERAGE SCHEME.

A Committee was appointed for the Esh and Brandon Joint disposal works.

THE WATER SUPPLY AT HEDLEY HILL.

Mr. Burleigh brought forward the question of the extending of the water pipes in the Hedley Hill district so that the farmers could be supplied with water. Mrs. Piercey Taylor Smith was prepared, if the pipes were laid to a certain point, to convey the water on her farms.

The Chairman: A Committee had better be appointed to go into the question.

Mr. Burleigh: I will move that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, along with the Councillors for Esh, Cornsay, and Hedleyhope be the Committee to report on the roads and the water supply.

This was seconded by Mr. Gray.

Carried.

TENDERS.

A considerable amount of time was taken up in considering the tenders for limestone and cartage for the district during the ensuing year.

The tenders were all let.

EDDIS BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Muggleswick Parish Council calling attention to the fact that the bridge at Eddis' Bridge was out of repair.

The letter was referred to the Surveyor.

STATEMENT OF WAGES.

The Chairman stated that the Surveyor had prepared a statement of wages received by each roadman employed by the Council, a copy of which would be sent to each Councillor.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE OF WAGES.

A letter was read, signed by the workmen, making application for an advance of wages.

Mr. Muse said he would like to see the Council do something in establishing a sort of superannuation fund for their workmen.

Mr. Taylor: It would be better if we could give the workmen a good wage, and do away with a superannuation fund.

Mr. Taylor moved that a sub-committee should be appointed to consider the application.

Mr. Young seconded.

The Chairman: How would it do to have a special meeting of the committee.

Mr. Taylor: I am quite agreeable.

It was eventually resolved that a special meeting should be convened this day fortnight, at three o'clock, to go into the whole question of wages and hours.

This was all the business.

A RACE FOR LIFE is taking place in our midst every day, and too often, alas, the result ends in death. People as a rule, are apt to look upon some slight ailment which may overtake them with contempt, and they thus ignore the simple remedies which would speedily restore them to health. When too late they see their error, and bitterly bewail the folly which brings them to a premature grave. Holloway's Pills, if taken in regular doses according to directions, enrich and purify the blood. Disease is thus prevented from weakening the system, and the blessing of a sound constitution is enjoyed. At this season, when fevers, dysentery, and stomach disorders are common, this wonderful medicine is specially useful.

BLAYDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual and ordinary monthly meetings of the Blaydon Urban District Council were held on Thursday evening last at the Council Chambers, Blaydon. The members present were:—Councillors W. Patterson, W. Crooks, H. Atkinson, J. Cunningham, Scott, R. Carr, T. Bracken, Jos. Robson, E. Aiston, W. Paxton, the Rev. A. B. Tebb, Mr. Dalton (clerk), Mr. Simpson (surveyor), and Mr. Biggings (sanitary inspector).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Coun. Robson said he had great pleasure in moving that Coun. Patterson be re-appointed as chairman, for the next twelve months.

Coun. Bracken seconded. He said no one would question the fact that during his past term of office as chairman, Coun. Patterson had filled the duties with great carefulness, and had succeeded in doing that which did not fall to the lot of everyone in a similar position, namely that of pleasing everyone of the members by the way in which he had conducted the proceedings of the Council. That was a good argument which spoke of the fitness of Coun. Patterson as chairman. Coun. Patterson had only held the post for a comparitively short time and he (the speaker) had no doubt that with a little additional experience he would give even greater satisfaction. Since their last meeting there had been a little change effected in the constitution of the Council, and that fact alone ought to give them cause to consider the advisability of the chairman continuing in office for another year.

Coun. Tebb supported the motion. He thought that twelve months was scarcely a long enough time to try a member in the position of chairman, because he was only getting into harness as it were. Perhaps Coun. Patterson was yet new to the duties of chairman of the Council, but seeing that the complexion of the Council had undergone no change, they could not do better than re-elect him for the next twelve months. That was the stand he would take and he would be pleased to see the members unanimous in their choice.

Coun. Crooks also supported the motion. He said he did not think that the office was one which should be continually filled by the same member, but it was owing to Mr. Patterson having shown such exceptional fairness that he supported him for the chair on that occasion.

Coun. Paxton said he had been approached by different members to accept the chair this year, but he had replied that he preferred that Coun. Patterson should be given the office. Coun. Patterson had done everything that could be wished for, and had proved as good a chairman as could be expected. No doubt there were other members in the room who were equally fitted for such a post, and perhaps they could effect a change next year, but for the ensuing period he thought they could not do better than re-elect Coun. Patterson.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Coun. Patterson said: I cannot tell you gentlemen how grateful I am for the kindness you have done me in re-electing me chairman of this authority. In the office last year I did my best and it is very flattering to hear such remarks as have been made about me to-night. I cannot express my thanks to you as I would like. My shortcomings, I am sure are very many.

Coun. Tebb: That's all in your favour, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman (continuing): I will endeavour to be very impartial in my ruling, and hope that the best of feeling will be displayed during the next year.

THE VICE-CHAIRMANSHIP.

Coun. Aiston said now that the chairman had been re-elected the Council could not do better than re-elect Coun. Paxton as vice-chairman. On occasions when the chairman had been absent Coun. Paxton had, he said, filled the vacancy with credit to himself.

Coun. Robson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

THE COMMITTEES.

The different committees were then arranged as heretofore.

PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT ACT.

Coun. Crooks explained that in committee the Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, had been considered, clause by clause, and they were of the opinion that by its adoption the Council would have increased powers with one or two items, especially in relation to the inspection of urinals and factories. He now moved that the Act be adopted by the Council, as recommended by the Bye-Laws Committee.

Coun. Tebb seconded.

Coun. Robson asked if that meeting had power to pass the resolution, as he was of opinion that notice would be required to be given of such a step.

The Clerk said the matter would require a month's notice, and it would be the July meeting before the rules could be adopted. Coun. Crook's motion meant that notice be given to the members so that the rules could be put in a position to be adopted.

Coun. Crooks explained that it was not desirable that the Council should decide to put the bye-laws into print until the members and the Local Government Board had had an opportunity of looking over them. Eventually they would be printed but at present they were only dealing with the preliminaries.

Coun. Paxton said there were a good many of the bye-laws and Coun. Crooks evidently meant by his resolution that the adoption of the Public Health Act be inserted in them and that the rules be allowed to lie on the table for perhaps a fortnight in order to give the members an opportunity of examining them, and so be able to deal with the question on another occasion.

This was agreed to.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

This committee reported that the Inspector's report had been laid before them, when it was agreed to recommend the Council as follows:—That as a contractor for scavengfing was not carying out the work in a satisfactory manner, the Inspector have power to deal with the matter, also that the Surveyor be instructed to remove an untrapped gully opposite Mr. Humphrey Atkinson's, Summerhill, and substitute a proper trapped gully a little further away from the house. A letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Airey resigning their appointment as caretakers of the Isolation Hospital, and it was agreed to recommend the Council to advertise at once for someone in their place, on the same terms as before.

Coun. Crooks moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Robson seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Clerk pointed out that the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Airey would take effect on the 25th. inst. He supposed that the matter would be left with the Health Committee to make the appointment.

Coun. Braken moved, Coun. Scott seconded, and it was resolved that the Health Committee be empowered to make the appointment.

LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

The Lighting Committee reported that a letter had been received by them from Mr. H. G. Barras proposing to supply eleven lanterns for Veritas lamps for Barlow, at an extra cost of 11/6 each, making his price 26/- each, and he would take the old lamps for his expenses. It was agreed to recommend the Council to offer Mr. Barras 10/- per lamp, and to give him the old lamps. A letter was also received from Mr. Thos. Dixon, contractor for lighting the street lamps at Lintzford, asking for some extra remuneration, as he considered the price he had for lighting and attending to the lamps too small by 3/- per lamp, and it was agreed to recommend the Council to give him no extra remuneration. It was also resolved to recommend the Council to accept Mr. Archer's offer to provide a place for stocking the lanterns and lamps during the summer for an acknowledgment of one shilling per annum.

The report was adopted.

OFFICES COMMITTEE.

This committee recommended the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for a grant towards the erection of a Technical School and offices.

Coun. Carr moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Cunningham seconded, and it was agreed to.

STREETS COMMITTEE.

The Streets Committee reported that the Surveyor's report was laid before them, and it was agreed to recommend the Council as follows:—That the surveyor be allowed to retain the services of Mr. W. H. Stephenson for one month to assist him in completing the drawings, etc., for Blaydon Bank Private Street Works. A letter was received from Messrs J. A. Philipson and Turnbull, solicitors, Newcastle, stating with reference to the drain near Blackgreen, that it appeared to them that it was the duty of the Council as the Highway Authority, to scour and cleanse the drains, and if it was not attended to the damage done to the land might be considerable; it was agreed to recommend the Council to inform Messrs Philipson and Turnbull, in reply, that the Council have nothing to add to their former letters on the subject. A letter was received from Messrs Jos. Murray and Jas. Punton, asking the Council to form a footpath and channel in front of their premises on the main road, High Spen, and it was agreed not to recommend the Council to accede to this request at the present time. It was agreed to recommend that the following plans be approved and signed by the chairman:—Plan presented by Mr. R. F. Simpson on behalf of Messrs M. Taylor and Co., for alterations to the Red Lion Hotel, Blaydon; amended plan presented by Mr. T. C. Nicholson, on behalf of Winlaton School Board for schools at Rowland's Gill; amended plan presented by Mr. J. R. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. T. Parker, for house in Co-operative Terrace, High Spen; plan presented by Mr. T. Robson, on behalf of Mr. R. Whitfield, for one house at Winlaton; plan presented by Mr. T. Robson, on behalf of the Blaydon Co-operative Society, for fourteen houses in Tyne Street, Winlaton; and that the plan presented by Mr. J. R. Stewart, on behalf of Mrs. Ramsey, for two cottages back-to-back, at High Spen, be disapproved.

Coun. Tebb, in moving the adoption of the report, explained that it was resolved to recommend the Council to retain the services of Mr. Stephenson with the understanding th... services be dispensed with at the end of th... month.

Coun. Atkinson seconded.

Coun. Paxton: What street is this? In the field?

The Chairman: Yes; there is a lot of cementing to do, and if we don't get it done this summer, the work will have to lie over until next summer.

The adoption of the report was then carried.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had visited, periodically, various parts of the district, and had dealt promptly with various nuisances that had come under his immediate notice. He had also met several owners of property in regard to repairs to property and drainage, and he had also met the members of the Winlaton School Board, in reference to the drainage there, the work of which was being carried out at the present time.

The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the yield of water from Blaydon springs had slightly decreased, and he was now taking water from the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company to make up the deficiency. The Chopwell springs had slightly increased during the month. The yield was still sufficient to meet the requirements of the two districts without boring. Though he feared it would not last much longer. He had not yet completed the drawings for the Rowland's Gill water supply, as he had gone far enough down to enable him to make out the estimated cost, which he estimated to be £685 17s 9d, exclusive of water-leave and local expenses.

Coun. Braken moved that the boring operations be proceeded with.

The Surveyor advised the Council not to pass such a resolution, as he was afraid the matter would prove a complete failure. He would suggest that the Water Committee meet at the place as soon as possible.

Coun. Braken: I will make that my motion, then.

This was unanimously agreed to.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Coun. Crooks said the Finance Committee had examined the accounts, and taking them generally, they were found in order. There were one or two items, however, which they would like to have had Mr. Simpson's opinion upon one of the items was the trap hire—£3 15s 0d.

The Surveyor: That is up to the end of April.

Coun. Crooks: Then there is the slag. Mr. Simpson has got more slag from Newcastle at 4/6 a ton. Is it not possible to get that from Jarrow at a considerably less rate?

The Surveyor: That what we have got comes from Jarrow.

Coun. Crooks: But we understand that it can be got direct from Jarrow for something like 1/11 unbroken, and that it can be broken for 2/2 a ton.

The Surveyor: We always pay 2/6 a ton for breaking.

Coun. Brooks: You might inquire into the matter Mr. Simpson. I was told by a member of the Fenham Council that they got it for something like that figure. I move that the accounts be passed.

Coun. Aiston seconded.

Coun. Braken: Are all the accounts paid for last month yet?

The Clerk: Not yet. I have no doubt that we will get money in during the month to pay them all. Of course we will pay the oldest ones first. The cheques required amount to £653 12s 10d. If the cheques were issued that we signed at the last meeting the bank would be overdrawn £320, but as yet the bank is not overdrawn. The collector will get part of the money in before the next meeting, and then cheques that will be signed to-day will be kept back until the others are paid.

The accounts were then passed.

HEALTH REPORT.

The medical officer reported that during the month 19 cases of scarlatina, five of diphtheria, and three of enteric fever, had been notified; these were all cases of a very mild character, and attendance upon them constituted nearly the whole of his work, for in other respects the district was almost entirely free from even the ordinary form of disease.

BLACKHALL MILL SEWERAGE.

Coun. Aiston moved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with Lanchester Council re. the Blackhall Mill sewerage scheme.

Coun. Tebb seconded.

The Clerk remarked that the agreement had been examined by the surveyor and himself, and it was in accordance with what was agreed upon before.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

A LOAN OF £450.

The Clerk intimated that the sanction of the Local Government Board to borrow £450 for the Blackhall Mil Bridge had been received, repayable in 30 years. He consulted with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and they came to the conclusion that in order to save time, seeing that they were in so much need of money, the best course would be to advertise in the "Local Government Chronicle" for tenders for the loan, stating the annual interest required, and the inclusive sum for law costs and procuration. Eight tenders had been received, varying from £3 2s 6d. to £3 10s 0d. per cent, and the procuration fees from £9 9s. to £10 10s. The lowest one was from Mr. Raynor of London, who offered the money at £3 2s 6d. the law costs and all expenses being £9 9s. inclusive of stamp duty.

Coun. Tebb moved that the lowest tender be accepted.

Coun. Crooks seconded, and it was agreed to.

SCAVENGING AT CHOPWELL AND BLACKHALL MILL.

The Clerk informed the Council that for the scavenging for one year of the Chopwell and Blackhall Mill districts, tenders had been received. They were as follows:—Mr. Charlton, of Pear Tree Farm, £25; Mr. William Richardson, Chopwell, £49; Mr. William Bowman, Blackhill Farm, £43; Mr. Musgrove, Hebburn Quay, £60.

On the motion of Coun. Bracken, Mr Charlton's tender was accepted.

SCAVENGING AT WINLATON.

Coun. Aiston moved that tenders be advertised for, for the scavenging of Winlaton.

Coun. Braken seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

GARDEN PLOTS AT THE SPEN.

The Clerk reported that there had been three applications for garden plots at the Spen. Mr. Jos. Morland's offer of 10/- per annum per acre, and Mr. J. Hall's for 15/- were granted.

FROM SWALWELL TO BLAYDON.

The Clerk intimated that £150 had been granted by the County Council towards the making of the road from Swalwell to Blaydon. That amount had been expended, and the road was not yet completed.

It was resolved to apply to the County Council for the completion of the road.

The Council shortly afterwards rose.

A VILLAGE SENSATION.

WHAT THE DOCTOR ATTRIBUTED IT TO.

When I called at White House Farm, Brinkworth, Wilts (writes a "North Wilts Herald"), I was introduced to Miss Webb, who, with her father and mother, expressed perfect willingness to relate to me a remarkable and almost tragic experience which she has had. I was surprised to find Miss Webb in excellent health and spirits.

"About two years ago—in January, 1894," said Miss Webb, "I was very ill. Previous to that I had enjoyed the best of health, and had attended school regularly. I was then only fourteen years of age. The first symptom was a dizziness in the head, and this was followed by a constant 'shaking' in the left arm. In time the shaking extended to my side, and eventually to my legs and feet. It had such an effect on me that I was absolutely helpless."

"Yes," interposed Mrs. Webb, "so helpess that I had to dress and undress her as I would a little child. She could not keep still. She could not hold a cup and saucer."

"I suppose you consulted a doctor?"

"Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Webb, "a doctor was called in. He told us that our daughter was suffering from St. Vitus' Dance, and that she might recover in time. She had several bottles of medicine. Nothing seemed to do her any good, however, and seeing in the "Herald" an account of the many wonderful cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, I determined to give them a trial. Their effect was astonishing, for my daughter immediately derived benefit, and after taking a second box was completely cured."

THE DOCTOR'S OPINION.

Miss Webb added: "I now feel as strong as I ever was, and have never suffered a recurrence. The doctor has seen me since my recovery, and the attributes the cure to the wonderful effect of the Pills."

She was enthusiastic in her praise of the remarkable remedy, which had been attended with such satisfactory results in her case, as in that of thousands of other sufferers from diseases arising from the nervousness and an impoverished state of the blood, such as St. Vitus' Dance, hysteria, paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, sciatica, anæmia, pale and sallow complexion, green sickness, muscular weakness, depression of spirits, loss of appetite, palpitation, shortness of breath, pains in the back, nervous headache, loss of memory, early decay, all forms of female weakness; also of all diseases arising from vitiated humours in the blood, which cause scrofula, rickets, hip-joint diseases, chronic erysipelas, consumption of the bowels and lungs. These Pills are genuine only with the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and are sold by chemists and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, 46, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., at 2s. 9d. a box, or six for 13s. 9d. They are unrivalled as a tonic and strengthening medicine for both sexes.

HOW TO PROVE A WILL, price 6d, supplied by ROBERT JACKSON, "Guardian" Office, and 21, Newmarket Street, Consett.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The annual meeting of this Board was held on Thursday afternoon in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester. The members present were Messrs W. Logan, J.P., T. J. Muse, Father Fortin, W. Gray, W. Young, W. Charlton, E. Sloane, J. W. Taylor, W. Robinson, George D. Powell, W. Collier, R. Burleigh and the Clerk, (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

On the proposition of Mr. Muse, seconded by Father Fortin, Mr. Logan was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

TIME OF MEETING.

On the motion of Father Fortin it was resolved that the meetings should be held once a month, dating from next fortnight.

THE QUORUM QUESTION.

The Clerk stated that he had received a reply from the Local Government Board to the effect that three members constituted a quorum of the Board. It will be remembered that at the last meeting it was stated that seven members was a quorum.

The Chairman said at the last meeting there was a little bother through it being alleged that at one of their meetings there was not a quorum present, and the business had to be done over. Article ten of the Order clearly stated that three members of the Board constituted a quorum.

Mr. Muse: Hear, hear.

Mr. Taylor: Does that dispose of all the points that were raised.

The Chairman: It disposes of the point that was raised respecting the number that constituted a quorum.

Mr. Taylor: There was another point.

The Chairman: It does not dispose of the question of the letting of contracts. When this was going to be done in the future the Clerk would have to give each member notice.

Mr. Taylor: That is the point I wished to be clear upon.

Father Fortin said he had gone carefully into the question and he thought the Order clearly disposed of everything.

SALARY OF TREASURER.

On the motion of Mr. Sloane, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was resolved to pay the treasurer the usual salary.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed:—Local Committee for Leadgate Hospital.—The elected members of the Benfieldside, Consett, Leadgate, Stanley, and Tanfield Urban District Councils and Messrs T. J. Muse, Jas. Oliver, W. Robinson, and William Young.

Committee for Langley Park Hospital.—Messrs W. Logan, Father Fortin, R. Burleigh, W. Collier, Kirkup, J. Green, T. J. Muse, Jas. Oliver, and Thos. Lowdon.

OPENING OF THE LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL.

The Chairman said that the members of the Board should all be present at the opening of this Hospital. They should fix the day when it will be opened.

On the motion of Mr. Muse, it was agreed that the Hospital should be opened on Wednesday, May, 20th, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A NEW ORDER.

The Clerk reported that he had received the Order from the Local Government Board amending the original order for the constitution of the Board.

LAND AT LEADGATE HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the Consett Co-operative Society offering to dispose of an acre of land near the Leadgate Fever Hospital for £150.

The Chairman said the Co-operative Society were not asking an unreasonable sum for an acre of land.

Mr. Muse: It is a reasonable offer and should be accepted.

The Chairman accordingly gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the offer of the Consett Co-operative Society for an acre of land be accepted.

ADDITIONS TO LEADGATE HOSPITAL.

The Chairman: Will anyone move a motion that the contract for additions to Leadgate Hospital be sealed.

Mr. Burleigh proposed that the seal of the Board be affixed to the contract.

This was seconded by Mr. Sloane.

Carried.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—Since the date of my last report four patents have been admitted to the Leadgate Hospital. The first case was one of enteric fever from Stanley, which only lived four days. It was admitted on April 9th. The next was also enteric fever from Langley Park, on April 27th. The patient is now convalescent. On April 30th a case of scarlatina was sent in from Leadgate, and on May 4th, another from the same place. Both are doing well. The nursing and general management have given me every satisfaction.

GEO. RENTON, M.D.

The report was adopted.

MORE ADDITIONS WANTED.

A letter was read from Mr. J. W. Routhwaite, architect, Newcastle, stating that the caretaker to the Leadgate Fever Hospital wanted the pantry enlarged.

The Chairman said it could not be done at present.

ACCOUNTS.

Cheques to the amount of £159 18s 9d were signed.

A VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Burleigh said if they had the power it would be better to have a vice-chairman appointed, and thus prevent a repitition of what took place at the last meeting.

The Chairman: I am afraid we cannot do it. It is the duty of the meeting to appoint a member to act as chairman when I am not present.

This was all the business.

AN ADDER AT CHOPWELL

A few days ago an adder was killed in Chopwell Woods. A correspondent in a Newcastle contemporary, writing on the subject says:—"Believe me there is nothing extraordinary in this, because adders have in all times been abundant there; and, as far as I know, are to this day. There is one part of the plantings lying down towards Blackhall Mill where these reptiles used to be especially very common; and I verily believe that anyone acquainted with the habits of the adder or common viper might come upon one there almost at any time. About one-and-twenty years ago I was living in London, and was anxious to have both an adder and a slow-worm for a certain purpose. I sent word of this to my friend Mr. Isaac Clark, of Blaydon, than whom no man knows Chopwell Plantings and its living tenants of all tribes better. He went straight to the place where the reptiles are to be found, found them there, and despatched them to me by post. At this season of the year these serpents are often to be found in company, not having parted since they lay entwined together in a torpid state during the winter months. They are to be found during the summer months in dry sandy heaths and waste places all over Great Britain, and all over Europe as far as I know, except it be in Ireland and in Malta. These are two snakeless isles, St. Paul having banished all reptiles from one and St. Patrick from the other. Everybody knows that there is venom in the adder's bite, but it is very generally believed that a bite from it never proves fatal on this account to a human being, the poison not being powerful enough. I doubt the truth. I remember well that a distinguished professor of natural history, at whose feet I sat as a University student, told us on one occasion at least in which a victim of the adder's bite died. She was a peasant girl cutting grass by the wood side when the reptile bit her on the forearm."

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Business Announcements.

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LOOK OUT for the LANGLEY PARK SPORTS, June 13th, 1896.
206u JOHN VICKERS, Junr., Sec.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY BRASS BAND SPORTS on JULY 11th. RUNNING, QUOITING, &c.
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NOTICE to the Members of the TANTOBIE FORESTERS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—There will be a CHURCH PARADE on SUNDAY MORNING FIRST, May 17th, 1896. Meeting at Tantobie at 9 30. By Order.
207u JOHN NICHOLSON, Sec.

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T. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.
Council Office, Tanfield,
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In connection with Durham County Senior League Competition will also be played,
South Shields v. Consett and District.
JUVENILE SPORTS & CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS (See Bills).
ADMISSION: 6d, Children under 12, Half-price.
SUNDAY CONCERTS (WHIT-SUNDAY)
By the Famous WYKE TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND (Champions of 1895). Afternoon Concert in Contest Field, Blackfine, at 2·30, admission: Silver Collection. Evening Concert in the New Town Hall, Consett, at 8, admission by programme, 6d each; may be had from the North-Eastern Banking Co., Blackhill; Marshall & Sons, Jewellers, New Town Hall, Consett; Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge; Mr John Power, Stationer, Leadgate; Mr Wm. Robinson, Jr., Draper; and Mr Ross, Medomsley.
189u J. STEPHENSON, Hon. Sec., Blackhill.

Public Notices.

MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, Wear Terrace Bishop Auckland.—Head Teachers: Misses Cleminson, assisted by English Mistresses, French Governess, Parisian and Visiting Masters. Large and Airy Class Rooms. Good Tennis Lawn. 112u

NORTHUMBERLAND LIVERY STABLES
DERWENT PLACE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
THOS. STEPHENSON begs to inform the public that he has commenced the Hacking Business at the above address, where all orders will have strict attention. 975t

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

NOTICE.—The Members of the Beamish Brass Band and Flower and Vegetable Society will hold a BRASS BAND CONTEST on August 22nd, when up to
IN PRIZES £30 IN PRIZES
will be given for Bands that have never won above £15 for a Set of Valses, their own choice, and One Quickstep.
GEO. BOWMAN & THOS. HALL,
229u Secretaries.

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!
ST. MARY'S ANNUAL WHIT-MONDAY SPORTS, May 25th, 1896, at Blackhill. £10 for 120 yards Handicap, entrance 1s, close May 20th, Thursday's Post in time; A. Daley, Handicapper, 15, Thomas Street, Consett. 200 yards Hurdle Race. 12 Silver Medals with Gold Centre for Football Competition, entrance 2s 6d per team. Football Competition, open to all Schools, for which a Ball will be given. Other Events.
JOHN MOORE, Secretary,
185u St. Mary's Sports, Blackhill.

STANLEY WESLEYAN CHAPEL.
ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
ON SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 1896,
REV. F. R. SMITH,
Of St. Anne's-by-the-Sea,
WILL PREACH IN THE ABOVE CHAPEL,
In the Morning at 10·30 and Evening at 6 o'clock,
Collections in aid of Trust Funds. 200u

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL,
BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY (HOBSON).
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
A KNIFE AND FORK TEA will be held on Saturday, May 23rd. Tea on the tables at 4 o'clock. Tickets for Tea 1s., Children, half-price.
PUBLIC MEETING after Tea, to be addressed by Councillor J. W. TAYLOR, Councillor H. C. WOOD, J.P., Rev. GEORGE AYRE (Newcastle), and Rev. R. CAMPBELL, Circuit Minister. Chair to be taken at 6·30 p.m. by Councillor THOS. BRABBAN, of Marley Hill.
On WHIT-SUNDAY, May 24th, Rev. GEORGE AYRE, of Newcastle, will preach—Morning, 10·30; Evening, 6 o'clock. Collections in aid of Trust Fund. 196u

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.
ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th of May, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave BLACKHILL at 2·25 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH, returning from Tynemouth at 8·45, and Newcastle at 9·10 p.m., the same day. 247u

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.
FOUR DAYS' EXCURSION TO SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, BRISTOL, &c.
ON SATURDAY, the 23rd of May, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 10·15 a.m. (with bookings from Blackhill, &c.) for SHEFFIELD, CHESTERFIELD, MATLOCK BATH, BUXTON, DERBY, BURTON, TAMWORTH, BIRMINGHAM, WORCESTER, CHELTENHAM, and BRISTOL for Four Days, returning from Bristol (Temple Mead) at 8·50 a.m., Cheltenham at 10·30 a.m., Worcester at 11·5 a.m., Birmingham (New St. Station) at 12·5 p.m., Tamworth at 12 40 p.m., Burton at 1 p.m., Matlock Bath at 12 9 p.m., Buxton at 11 50 a.m., Derby (Midland Station) at 1·20 p.m., Chesterfield at 2·5 p.m., and Sheffield (Midland Station) at 2·45 p.m., on Wednesday, May 27th. 248u

TWO AND FIVE DAYS' EXCURSION TO LONDON.
ON MONDAY, the 25th of May, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12·5 a.m. (with bookings from Blackhill, Lintz Green, &c.) for LONDON for Two and Five Days. Passengers holding Two Days' Tickets return from King's Cross Station, London, at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26th, and those holding Five Days' Tickets by 10·30 p.m. ordinary train on Friday, May 29th.
For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, May, 1896. 249u

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

VICTORIA SALE ROOMS, CONSETT.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD WILL SELL on MONDAY FIRST, May 18th, a Large Quantity of HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE, Pianoforte in Walnut Frame, Bedroom Suite &c. Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt. Big Lots. 238u

MR J. CRAWFORD has been instructed by Mr Raine, 24 Palmerston Street, who is leaving the District, to REMOVE AND SELL at his Sale Rooms, on MONDAY FIRST, May 18th, his VALUABLE FURNITURE, consisting of Table Piano, Sewing Machine (Singer), Rocking Chair, Armchair, Clock, Washstand and Towel Rail, Two Bedroom Chairs, Bath, Carpet, Lamp, Dog Kennel, Poss Tub, etc. 250u

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

By Mr. J. Lowes.

Alteration of Date.
Sale of Business Premises in Front Street, Stanley.
JOHN LOWES honoured with instructions will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 20th 1896, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, within his Sale-room, Anthony Street, Stanley, the FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES situated in Front Street, Stanley, and occupied by Mr A. Jacobs, Jeweller, etc. Annual rent, £50.
For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, Stanley. 193u

Important Sale of Valuable Freehold Property at Consett.

MR. JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from the Owner, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the house of Mr Edward Wylam, FREEMASONS' ARMS INN, Front Street, Consett, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th, 1896, at 7·30 p.m., prompt, all that VALUABLE FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, known as "PARK VIEW," Consett, containing on the ground floor—Drawing Room, Dining Room, and Kitchen; on the second floor—Bath Room, with Lavatory, Watercloset, and Large Bath, and 3 Bed rooms, with Large Wardrobe on Landing. Large Yard with Coal house, Stick house, and Watercloset. The Property is well and substantially built of Castleside stone, and was only built three years ago from plans prepared by the late Mr. John Smith, of Shotley Bridge. The house is well finished in every way. Electric Bells throughout. For further particulars and card to view, apply to Thos J. Jackson, Printer, Front Street, Stanley, R.S.O., or the Auctioneer.
Rose Villa, Stanley,
May 6th, 1896. 149u

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

Short Notice.
RAILWAY COTTAGES, WESTWOOD.
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION of Household FURNITURE, Books, and other Effects, belonging to John Hall, deceased, on WEDNESDAY, May 20th, 1896, at 2 p.m. For full particulars see posters.
W. ROBINSON, AUCTIONEER.
Sale Office:
3 & 4 New Fines, Medomsley, R.S.O. 240u

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.
Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

Sales by Pub[lic ...]
By Mr. J. [...]
Lanchester Stock M[art] ... Mr. JACKSON GR[...] MONDAY, MAY [...]
4 Dairy Cows, 6 Fat Cat[tle] ... Lambs, 6 Young Pigs and 1 P[...]
WEDNESDAY, MAY [...] SPECIAL [...] 6 Dairy Cows, 25 Store C[attle] ... and Lambs, and a quantity o[f] ... Further entries to time ... 246u JOHN [...]
By Mr John [...]
ROYAL AUCTION MA[RT] ...
MONDAY, MA[Y] ...
12 to 20 Prime Fat Catt[le] ... 60 to 100 Fat Sheep. 10 Fat Lambs. Veal and Keeping C[alves] ... Pork and Store Pigs. Dairy Cows and Heif[ers] ... H.B. Stirks. Coup Cart, Harness, Counter, Bin, R[...] miscellaneous lots ... 10 Bags of Potatoes. SALE AT ON[E] ... 241u
GREENCROFT [...] The Property of E. W[...]
THE ANNUAL LET[TING] (103 acres) by PUBL[IC] ... place on Wednesday, May [...] Lots—
Lot 1—Cottage Field ... 2—Middle Field... 3—Far Field ... 4—Hop Clover Fie[ld] ... 5—Horse Field ... 6—Big Stockerley ... 7—Quarry Field...
Conditions at the ... The whole of these Parks ... and have had a liberal To[p dressing] ... and Basic Slag during the la[st] ... greatly improved both the ... Luncheon at Greencroft ... Letting immediately after. J. S. M[...] Royal Auction Mart Sale O[ffice] ... Benfieldside.
JOHN SWINBU[RNE] ... THE AGRICULTURAL AU[CTION] ... AND GENERAL CO[...] ROYAL AUCTION M[ART] ... BENFI[ELDSIDE] ... Appointed by His Honour ... Distress for Rent, un[der] ... Distress Amendi[ment] ...
By Mr. Wil[...]
Durham Field, near Sh[otley] ... Freehold E[state] ...
MR WILLIAM RA[W] ... FOR SALE BY ... Wednesday, the 3rd day of ... in the afternoon, at the Sta[...] subject to the conditions ... all that pleasantly situate ... ESTATE, called DURHA[M] ... of Shotley Low Quarter ... berland, containing 108 ... meadow and pasture land ... of healthy plantation of ab[out] ... timber and other wood to ... at a valuation. The estate is well wa[tered] ... stock, with a good comfor[table] ... able outbuildings. Durham Field is about ... Shotley Bridge and three ... Consett, where there are g[ood markets] ... produce. The property i[s] ... Messrs Taylor as yearly ... show the estate. Further particulars ma[y] ... Auctioneer, Sale Office, ... county Durham; Messrs ... and KIDSON, Solicitors ... land; or Mr WILLIAM ... 49, West Sunniside, Sunde[rland].
WILLIAM RAW, VALUER, Land ... Agent. Auction Sales c[onducted] ... bility, and care. Prompt ... His Honour, Judge Mey[nell] ... Rent, under the New Law ... Act, 1888; also, Architect ... Houses designed, and Bui[lt] ... venience, Ease, and Comf[ort] ... Road, Blackhill.
SPECIAL ... A. PHILLIPSON, ... Land, and Emi[gration] ... take AUCTION SAL[ES] ... terms, and conducted in ... by Post will have promp[t] ... GOODS, FURNITUR[E] ... Cash. Appointed by His ... under the Law of Distres[s] ... Office—Front Street, Dip[ton].
IMPORTAN[T] ... T. D. DRY[DEN] ... Sales, Commissions, Va[luations] ... in all its Branches, at Mo[derate] ... Settlements. T. D. D[ryden] ... Judge MEYNELL to Levy ... the Agricultural Holdings ... tion Agent for the All[an] ... Other Lines. OFFICES—67, FRONT ... (Next Door to N[...])
Business An[nouncements] ...
CONSETT A[ND] ... PERMANENT BENEF[IT] ... Wm. Aynsley, ... SUBSCRIPTION ME[ETINGS] ... New Town Hall B[...] ... and 8 o'clock every alter[nate] ... after the Consett Iron C[o.] ...
MOST MO[...] a Silver Plate, Watche[s] ... other Precious Stones. P[...] &c.
J. & E. [...] The Oldest Established ... Business in the ... Establi[shed] ...
12, PILGRI[M STREET] (THREE DOORS BE[...]) PRIVATE ENTRANCE: ... NEWCASTL[E] ... CHEAP ... GENUINE ENGLISH ... SILVER GENEVAS ... SEE THA[T] ... THE ... OBSERVE PROJE[CTING] CLOCK O[...]
GLEND[...] BEEF & [...] Loca[l Agents] ... ANNFIELD PLAIN—J ... BLACKHALL MILL—T ... BLACKHILL ... BURNOPFIELD ... CONSETT ... LEADGATE ... MEDOMSLEY ... SHOTLEY BRIDGE ... SOUTH MOOR ... STANLEY ... SPEN ... TANFIELD ... TOW LAW ... CRAGHEAD ... FROSTERLEY ... DIPTON ... STANHOPE ... Agents in eve[ry] ... Prepared only by W. GLEND[...] 479t
A suitable souveni[r] ... Trotter founded on ... Seven beautiful Ph[otos] ... printed by J. S. ... 2/6 or by post 2/9 ... OFFICE, CONSETT. O[...]

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MINSON'S SCHOOL, Wear Terrace
Auckland.—Head Teachers: Misses
ssed by English Mistresses, French
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Rooms. Good Tennis Lawn. 112a

ERLAND LIVERY STABLES
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RIZES £30 IN PRIZES
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nd One Quickstep.
D. BOWMAN & THOS. HALL,
Secretaries.

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Y'S ANNUAL WHIT-MONDAY
S, May 25th, 1896, at Blackhill. £10
Handicap, entrance 1s, close May 20th,
ost in time; A. Daley, Handicapper,
treet, Consett. 200 yards Hurdle Race,
edals with Gold Centre for Football
entrance 2s 6d per team. Football
open to all Schools, for which a Ball
Other Events.
JOHN MOORE, Secretary,
St. Mary's Sports, Blackhill.

LEY WESLEYAN CHAPEL.
VERSARY SERVICES
ON SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 1896,
V. F. E. SMITH,
Of St. Anne's-by-the-Sea,
EACH IN THE ABOVE CHAPEL
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Tea 1s., Children, half-price.
MEETING after Tea, to be addressed
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GEORGE AYRE (Newcastle), and Rev.
, Circuit Minister. Chair to be taken
by Councillor THOS. BRABBAN, of Marley
T-SUNDAY, May 24th, Rev. GEORGE
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from Bristol (Temple Mead) at 8·50 a.m.,
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am (New St. Station) at 12·5 p.m., Tam-
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GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
ay, 1896. 249a

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By Mr. John Crawford.

TORIA SALE ROOMS, CONSETT.
JOHN CRAWFORD WILL SELL on
MONDAY FIRST, May 18th, a Large
of HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE, Piano
Walnut Frame, Bedroom Suite &c. Sale to
ce at One o'clock prompt. Big Lots. 238a

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Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

By Mr. J. Lowes.

Alteration of Date.
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IN LOWES honoured with instructions will
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Jacobs, Jeweller, etc. Annual rent, £50.
further particulars apply to the Auctioneer,
y. 192a

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EHOLD DWELLING HOUSE, known as
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Auctioneer.
Villa, Stanley,
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W. ROBINSON, AUCTIONEER.
Office:
4 New Fines, Medomsley, R.S.O. 240a

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
UCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.
's conducted on the most reasonable terms.

Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr. J. Green.

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Limited.
Mr. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER.
MONDAY, MAY 18TH, AT 3 P.M.
4 Dairy Cows, 6 Fat Cattle, 25 Fat Sheep, 12 Fat Lambs, 6 Young Pigs and 1 Porker, Ropes, Helters, &c.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, AT 1·30 P.M
SPECIAL SALE.
6 Dairy Cows, 25 Store Cattle of all ages, 20 Ewes and Lambs, and a quantity of Keeping Sheep.
Further entries to time of Sale to
244a JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MAY 18th, 1896.
12 to 20 Prime Fat Cattle.
60 to 100 Fat Sheep.
10 Fat Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
H.B. Stirks.
Coup Cart, Harness, Wringing Machine, Shop Counter, Bin, Ropes, Poultry, and other miscellaneous lots.
10 Bags of Potatoes.
SALE AT ONE O'CLOCK.
241a J. S. MURRAY.

GREENCROFT GRASS PARKS.
The Property of E. W. E. Balleny, Esq.

THE ANNUAL LETTING of these PARKS (103 acres) by PUBLIC AUCTION, will take place on Wednesday, May 20th, 1896, in the following Lots:—

Lot 1—Cottage Field	12	acres
„ 2—Middle Field	15	„
„ 3—Far Field	15	„
„ 4—Hop Clover Field	12	„
„ 5—Horse Field	8	„
„ 6—Big Stockerley	24	„
„ 7—Quarry Field	17	„
	103	acres

Conditions at the time of Letting.
The whole of these Parks have been Winter Hained, and have had a liberal Top Dressing of Phosphates and Basic Slag during the last two years, which have greatly improved both the Herbage and Growth.
Luncheon at Greencroft House at Four o'clock. Letting immediately after.
J. S. MURRAY, AUCTIONEER.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office,
Benfieldside. 242a

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

By Mr. William Raw.

Durham Field, near Shotley Bridge.—Valuable Freehold Estate for Sale.

MR WILLIAM RAW is instructed to offer FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1896, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, and subject to the conditions to be then and there read, all that pleasantly situate and valuable FREEHOLD ESTATE, called DURHAM FIELD, in the parish of Shotley Low Quarter, in the county of Northumberland, containing 108 acres or thereabouts of meadow and pasture land, and 9 acres or thereabouts of healthy plantation of about 39 years' growth. The timber and other wood to be taken by the purchaser at a valuation.

The estate is well watered, dry and healthy for stock, with a good comfortable farm house and suitable outbuildings.

Durham Field is about two and a half miles from Shotley Bridge and three miles from Blackhill and Consett, where there are good markets for farming produce. The property is now in the occupation of Messrs Taylor as yearly tenants thereof, who will show the estate.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Auctioneer, Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill, county Durham; Messrs KIDSON, McKENZIES, and KIDSON, Solicitors, 66, John Street, Sunderland; or Mr WILLIAM H. HERBERT, Solicitor, 49, West Sunniside, Sunderland. 193a

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, Land, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with experience, Ability, and care. Prompt Payments. Appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888; also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Houses designed, and Buildings carried out for Convenience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 102a

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
T. D. DRYDEN, AUCTIONEER, FRONTSTREET, CONSETT.
Sales, Commissions, Valuations, and Auctioneering in all its Branches, at Moderate Charges, and Quick Settlements. T. D. D. has been commissioned by Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress Warrants under the Agricultural Holdings' Act. Authorised Emigration Agent for the Allan, American, Guion, and Other Lines.
OFFICES—67, FRONT STREET, CONSETT
(Next Door to North-Eastern Bank.)

Business Announcements

CONSETT AND DISTRICT
PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. 648a

MOST MONEY LENT
on Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery Diamonds, and other Precious Stones. Plated Goods Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at
J. & E. WILSON'S,
The Oldest Established and Largest Pawnbrok Business in the North of England.
Established 1780.
12, PILGRIM STREET
(THREE DOORS BELOW BLACKETT ST)
PRIVATE ENTRANCE: FIRST SIX DOORS IN HIGH FRIAR LANE
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
CHEAP WATCHES.
GENUINE ENGLISH LEVERS £1 10s 6d
SILVER GENEVAS 10s 0d
SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMATING CLOCK OVER WINDOW.

GLENDENNING'S
BEEF & MALT WINE.
LOCAL AGENTS:
ANNFIELD PLAIN—J. LUMLEY, Railway Inn.
BLACKHALL MILL—T. ARMSTRONG, Wine Merchant
BLACKHILL—W. AYNSLEY, Grocers, &c.
" —R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel.
BURNOPFIELD—TURNBULL BROS., Grocer, &c.
" —W. WRIGHT, Burton House.
CONSETT—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
" —T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c.
" —N. ELDON, Wine Merchant.
" —JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer, &c.
" —T. MILNER, Chemist, &c.
" —G. PATTRICK, Chemist, &c.
" —W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
LEADGATE—W. TEMPERLEY, Commercial Inn
MEDOMSLEY—T. CALVERT, Grocer, &c.
SHOTLEY BRIDGE—W. GLENDINNING, King's Head Inn.
SOUTH MOOR—W. DIXON, Oak Inn.
STANLEY—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
" —T. ROBINSON, Chemist.
SPEN—R. BROWELL, Miners' Arms.
TANFIELD—JOHN IRWIN, Pack Horse Inn.
TOW LAW—J. MOSES, Post Office.
GRAGHEAD—S. LEIGHTON, Craghead Hotel.
FROSTERLEY—J. WHITFIELD, Foresters' Arms.
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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

OWING to pressure on our space this week several reports have been curtailed.

"PAUL PRY."—Your letter will appear next week.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, MAY 15TH, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

LET there be light! Thus we have been wont to soliloquize during the past few weeks, since the township of Consett has been in darkness at night. Unfortunately we cannot govern the moon, or, perhaps the residents of Consett might come to an unanimous resolution that light shall be given to us where and when it is needed. But on the other hand we can venture a voice on the question of lighting, and extinguishing the street gas lamps. Hence we claim the right to the above soliloquy. Why such an exhaustive explanation: There are a number of strange narrow-minded folk in this world that one has to assert himself carefully nowadays, and give reason for facts, or a flat denial will be unhesitatingly attached to the tail end of your statement. Ah yes; we see you beam with a smile. We understand; you have met many such people before. And, furthermore, we dare say that you have encountered several of those individuals who declare public concerns to be private matters.

HOWEVER, we are straying from the point; but we do so advisedly. For the past few days we have been in darkness at night, and,—if we may be allowed to proclaim the voice of the thousands—we have found it an uncomfortable experience. The members of the District Council, to whom we are indebted for so much, are now alive to the situation. Coun. Dunne has drawn their attention to the facts, and according to the tone of the discussion which ensued, matters are not likely to be remedied at once, but probably steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of (to use Councillor Dunne's words) "such a very undesirable and unpleasant state of affairs." Well said! But if we look a little further ahead, even an evil tendency can be imagined, for instinct naturally leads us to fear that may be the moral tone of our town must be made to suffer as a consequence. This, we say, is only a sentiment of fear, but we have yet to learn that such is not sure to prove to be the case.

THE REV. FATHER FORTIN, of Waterhouses, who has long since gained the esteem of many people in Durham, and especially the miners, as a result of his constant and strenuous advocacy of their cause, will celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination. During the 25 years he has been at Waterhouses, Father Fortin has distinguished himself not only by his labours for the sipirtual and temporal welfare of those immediately committed to his charge, but by the thoroughness with which he has thrown himself into and worked for any object that tended to the good of the district; and there is a universal desire to mark the occasion of the jubilee by some fitting testimonial. The Guardians and District Councillors of Lanchester have issued a circular to the same effect to the members of their respective boards, and the miners of the county of Durham will no doubt gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to show their appreciation of the efforts the good priest has made in their behalf.

FRIENDS of Mr. Duckworth—and they are legion—will be pleased to learn that he has regained health sufficiently to allow him to return to his duties as schoolmaster of the Castleside Board Schools. Mr. Duckworth has been suffering for a fortnight with catarrh in the stomach, and the attack has been very severe. Although the effects of his illness are yet seen in his appearance Mr. Duckworth is convalescent, and, with a few more warm days, he will be in his usual robust health. The chairman of the Board (County Coun. T. J. Muse) paid him a high compliment on Monday last at the Board meeting, and he was only echoing the opinion of the other members and a large number of parents, when he said that the whole school would sustain a great loss through Mr. Duckworth's absence, and that he was pleased to welcome his return. The tone of the schools, during the master's illness, has been very good, and this speaks well for the class of teachers the Board have under them.

IN ORDER to secure unity in principle, to establish better working hours among themselves, to discuss and deal with public matters affecting their business, and to raise a good feeling generally, are the chief aims of the Consett and District Tradesmen's Association. At first, the new brush swept clean, but unfortunately "the besom has quickly worn," and the members of the Association are showing an indifferent spirit. Only one aim of any importance, among the many, has been achieved—or rather resolved to be achieved—and now the meetings are attended by a mere handful of members. This is a great pity, for an Association locally, could not be formed with nobler objects. We admire the manner in which the few are striving to gain success, and at the same time we would take the opportunity of urging upon those, who have fallen against a neutral post, the necessity of taking their share of the work connected with their own association.

WE HAVE been asked to express an opinion upon a little unpleasantness that has arisen at Leadgate within the last few days, in connection with the Primitive Methodist Institute, and the congregation of the Primitive Methodist body at that place. The facts supplied to us are these:—Last week the members of the Institute sought to enhance their funds by holding a social gathering, such as are very popular at present amongst the working classes. When the evening arrived for the social, the senior members of the congregation "threw cold water" on the enterprise, and as a consequence, the undertaking was a failure. The only reason given for this course by the congregation is that objection is made to games of draughts dominoes, etc. Conduct as thus displayed is certain to experience a disastrous ending, for it is one of the first steps to induce young people to seek amusement elsewhere. And, what then?

TO THE notice of Liberals in North-West Durham we would commend the following paragraph which has appeared in a Tory paper:—"The Conservatives of the Lanchester District are busy im-"proving their organisation. The old Conserv-"ative Association has been reconstituted, and is "to be a centre of activity in that district. The "Central Association of Conservatives of North-"West Durham will hold its annual meeting at "Lanchester." This meeting takes place to-morrow (Saturday) and from the posters which have been billed round the constituency it can be gathered that the proceedings will be interesting to those who appreciate a Conservative assembly. The advertised proceedings will take the form of a business meeting, after which the delegates will be entertained to tea on the invitation of the Lanchester Polling District Conservative Association, and in the evening a smoking concert will be held. Mr. U. A. Ritson is to occupy the chair, and other speakers are also advertised to be present.

ANOTHER interesting gathering which will be of considerably more interest to a great many people than the one referred to above is that which will take place, under the auspices of the local Non-Conformists Council. Mr. Aaron Watson of Newcastle has kindly consented to preside, and addresses will be given by the Rev. Thos. Law, of London, and the Rev. J. Hirst-Hollowell, of Rochdale, on "Nonconformity" and "The Education Question." Of course there will be other speeches from prominent figures, but the two chief addresses will take up most of the programme. They are important subjects to discourse, and, from the name these gentlemen have already made for themselves as public speakers, some interesting hints may be expected. The promoters of the meeting have every confidence that a large number of people will be present to listen to the deliberations, and we hope that such will be the case.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

By "INCEDO."

AN INTELLECTUAL TREAT.

It will be seen by the advertising columns that Professor Hubert, President of the British Phrenological Association, is announced to deliver a most interesting lecture in the Baptist Sunday School, at Blackhill on the evening of Monday first. Professor Hubert has won for himself a well merited name and fame, not only in this country, but in America, and Monday will be his maiden visit to Blackhill, after having sojourned for more than three months with much acceptance in the city of Newcastle. Coun. C. Parnaby is announced to preside, and the programme will embrace upwards of 60 portraits of public men, which will be shown by a patent lantern, while the gifted lecturer will give the most salient traits of their respective characters with a master hand. I have also been informed that the learned professor will on the following day examine the craniums of such as are anxious to learn whether they were born to become great, or good, or wicked—for we have in the world all sorts and conditions of men. Shakspere put it on record that

"There's no art
To find the minds construction in the face,"

But men have learned a good deal since the bard of Avon tuned his magic lyre.

Local and District News

CONSETT.

WESLEYAN CHURCH SOCIAL GATHERING.—Last Monday evening, another of the series of social gatherings, in aid of the above, was held in the Gibson Street School-room, Mr J. Whitehead presided over a good attendance. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, and in the interval cakes, sweetmeats, &c., of various kinds were handed round. After the concert, the remainder of the evening was spent in games, &c. The gathering was under the auspices of the Infant Class, under the superintendence of Messrs Cummings and Grant, and the portion of the programme rendered by the children was much enjoyed and appreciated by the parents and adults present. A goodly sum was realised as the proceeds. Other two gatherings (representing the remainder of the Sunday School Classes) will follow shortly, which will conclude the series provided for in the scheme.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

FATAL FALL.—An inquest was held on Monday by Mr. John Graham, coroner, at the Smiths' Arms, Catchgate, on the body of John Nelson, aged 64 years, living at Annfield Plain. Deceased was a miner, and it appeared that on Saturday last he was assisting Mr. Miles Handy, a farmer, in carting hay from the stack to the farm. The deceased got on to the cart to load the hay when the horse moved forward, and Nelson fell off the cart to the ground, sustaining such injuries that he expired ten minutes after the accident.—The jury returned a verdict that Nelson had died from injuries accidentally received.

SERIOUS TRAP ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday week, as Mr. Jos. Lumley of the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, was driving a spirited young horse past the Pickering Nook Board Schools, near Burnopfield, the animal took fright, and dashed on towards Mountsett. The occupant was thrown violently from the conveyance. The horse was stopped by two men near the Plough Inn, and on returning they found Mr. Lumley lying in a semi-conscious state. He was conveyed home and attended by Dr. Benson and his assistant, of West Stanley. Mr. Lumley was found to be badly bruised and shaken, and had sustained a wound nine inches long on the head. He lies in a precarious state.

BLACKHILL.

We beg to call the attention of our numerous readers to the high class educational lectures, to be given by Prof. Hubert, at the Baptist School-room, Blackhill, on Monday evening next, at 7.30.

THE OSWELL FUND.—The promoters of this fund, which is in aid of the widow and family of the late W. J. Oswell, of Newlands, who did yeoman service as secretary to the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association, held a meeting at the Benfieldside Auction Mart for the purpose of closing the fund. Mr R. Gledson, High Field, Whittonstall, was voted to the chair. There was a capital attendance, most of the members of the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association being present. Mr Robert Moffitt, Medomsley, who has acted as secretary to the fund, stated that the sum of £110 had been subscribed. It was resolved that the money should be banked at the Blackhill Branch of the North-Eastern Banking Company, and Mrs Oswell will receive the same in quarterly payments. The following were appointed trustees:—Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak; Mr R. Gledson, High Field, Whittonstall; and Mr R. Telford, Cutlers' Hall. Mr Moffitt was again re-elected secretary, with Mr W. Ramsay as treasurer.

BLAYDON.

BLAYDON RACES.—There was a large attendance of publicans and others interested in the licensed victuallers' trade at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, on Monday night, on the occasion of the letting of sites for refreshment tents at the forthcoming meeting on Whit-Monday. As usual, Mr James Green conducted the business, and before putting the sites up for auction he intimated that there was great promise of this year's meeting being one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of the Blaydon Races Association. Mr Cooper further intimated that tentholders would not be allowed to convey their stock to the racecourse on the Sunday. It was desirable that this should be done on the Saturday or first thing on the Monday morning. Mr Cooper then proceeded with the letting, which resulted as under:—No. 1 refreshment tent, Mr T. J. Sutherland, Barley Mow, Sandgate, £15; No. 2, Messrs Cairns and Campbell, Newcastle and Sunderland, £23; No. 3, Messrs Cairns and Campbell, £23; No. 4, Mrs Hutchinson, Scotia Hotel, Newcastle, £22; No. 5, Messrs Jobson and Co., Gallowgate, Newcastle, £17; other tents, £1 12s; a total of £101 12s, which bears favourable comparison with former years.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A CHILD.—A correspondent writes:—Policemen do not always receive the thanks they deserve, neither are their manifold actions in behalf of the public welfare and safety rewarded or put on record as often as they ought to be. These things have just occurred in the case of P.C. Pringle, stationed at Chester-le-Street. The officer had just gone off duty, and when in Pine Street, he saw a two-year-old child fall off the causeway immediately in front of a milk cart moving along with all the celerity that characterises the youthful Jehus who drive them. The child's head was immediately in front of and under the wheel. The officer sprang forward, and was up in time, not to save the child from injury, but to save its life. He got the head removed from under the wheel, which took off a handful of the youngster's curls and also passed over its right hand, which he at once attended to in his usual practical and efficient manner. It is only fair to say that the youth in charge of the cart was in no way to blame, as from his position he could not possibly see the child. This is the third time that by his promptitude Pringle has saved life during his eight years' service in the police force.

EBCHESTER.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A SIGNALMAN.—On Tuesday afternoon, John Hall, 59 years of age, was found dead in his house at Railway Cottages, close to Ebchester Station. Hall was a signalman, in the employment of the North-Eastern Railway Co., and about six weeks ago, he had the misfortune to fall down the ladder leading to the cabin, injuring his foot, and was in consequence attended by Dr. Marshall, of Low Westwood. He lived alone in a five roomed house. He was last seen at 7.30 on Monday night by a postman named Robert Westgarth, and was apparently in his usual good spirits, but as nothing was heard of the man up to Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Geo. Charlton, the stationmaster, broke into the house, and found him lying dead in bed. The deceased had been employed for about 30 years as signalman at Hamsterley and Westwood Collieries. He lived by himself at Westwood Railway Cottages, being of a very retiring disposition. We understand that a good sum of money was found in his possession.

LINTZ GREEN.

FARM STOCK SALE.—Messrs R. March and Son on Wednesday submitted to public competition the stock on the farm of Hooker Gate, near Lintz Green, the property of Mr. Thomas Spearman, who is declining farming after a tenancy of thirty-six years. The stock comprised 35 cattle, 4 horses, 3 pigs, 40 head of poultry, and 84 lots of implements. The cattle being of remarkably good quality, met with a very dear trade, and a good clearance was effected. Prices:—Cattle—Cows, in calf, from £10 5s to £16; grazing steers, 2 years old, from £10 15s to £11 15s; steers and heifers, 1½ years old, from £5 7s 6d to £7 15s; stirks, from £3 10s to £5; young calves, from £2 12s 6d to £2 12s 6d. Draught horses, all aged, were sold up to £14 14s. Pigs, 10 weeks old, made £1 each. Poultry, from 1s 9d to 2s 3d each. The implements brought good prices.

OXHILL.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday three sermons were preached morning at 10.30 and evening at 6 by Miss S. Peart, the popular lady evangelist of Howden-le-Wear, and in the afternoon by Mr. G. S. Soulsby, West Pelton. On Monday evening a public meeting was ably addressed by Miss Peart and Rev. W. Gelley, circuit minister. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the Sunday School Fund.

LEADGATE.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—The committee of the above Association, together with their wives, held a social recently in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate. Refreshments were generously provided by Mr H. Whitfield and a few friends. Instrumental music was contributed by Messrs Marrs (Daisy Hill), and Charlton (Bradley Cottages) whilst Messrs Luke and O. Morgan rendered some capital songs. Master Salisbury gave a pianoforte solo, and Mr W. Hardy a couple of recitations. Coun. J. Armstrong (Derwent Cottages) occupied the chair, and delivered two able addresses on the Education and Agricultural Rating Bills. A very pleasant evening was spent, votes of thanks terminating the proceedings.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST INSTITUTE.—The members of the above institute held a social, for the benefit of the funds, last week, in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Leadgate, but only a moderate company assembled, the members of the society, for some reason or other, holding aloof from the affair, though why this should be so it is difficult to understand. Although the company was small a pleasant evening was spent, music being provided by Messrs Marrs and Charlton. Mr R. Pull ably occupied the chair. Unfortunately, the funds of the institute did not profit much as a result of the undertaking, chiefly for reasons explained above.

LANCHESTER.

A farm stock sale at Branch Villa, Lanchester, was held by Jackson Green, on Tuesday last, when a large company assembled to compete for a choice stock belonging to Mr H. Bell. The implements were first offered, and made good prices. Cows made up to £13 2s 6d, bought by R. Burdon; a black poll, three months calved, made up £12 15s, bought by W. Maddison, Hare Law; August calver made £12 5s, bought by Mrs Brown, Maiden Law; the calves sold well, making from 39s to 52s; a nice new calved heifer belonging to a neighbour brought £11 10s.

PELTON.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—A few days ago, Mr. and Mrs. M. Richardson celebrated in a quiet unostentatious manner, their golden wedding. They are both hale and hearty, and have eight children, several grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. Having an inherent aptitude for, and superior acquaintance with mining, Mr. Richardson, for many years, served in a responsible offical capacity at Stanley Colliery. Mrs. Richardson belongs to the Pattison family who are characterised for long-evity and have a tenacity of life positively Methuselish. May their last days be full of peace.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above association was held in the Iron Room, West Pelton, on Wednesday evening of last week.—Mr. Mark Richardson in the chair—when the following officers were elected for the year:—President, Mr. John Humble; vice-president, Mr. Mark Richardson; hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. Ridley; hon. treasurer, Mr. John Emmerson, and a committee of 30 electors. A long discussion took place upon the Education Bill introduced by the present Government, and it was eventually resolved to ask Mr. Samuel Storey (seeing that Sir James Joicey, M.P., is engaged with his Parliamentary duties in London) to address a meeting upon the subject, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. Before the close of the meeting the secretary stated he would be pleased to receive the names of all persons entitled to have their names placed upon the new register, so that the claims might be made out, and the committee decided to give him all the assistance possible in the matter.

SWALWELL.

THE PIT EXPLOSION.—An inquest on the body of Thomas Hindmoor, who died on Thursday from injuries received on the 27th ult., through an explosion of gas in Messrs Ramsey's pit at Swalwell, was opened on Friday afternoon, by Mr. Coroner Graham, at the Wherry Inn, Swalwell. Mr. Hedley, H.M. Inspector of Mines, was present. James Hindmoor said that deceased was his brother. He was a coal hewer, and died on the 7th inst., at Waterside, Swalwell, from the effects of injuries received through an explosion of gas in the 5¼ seam at Messrs. Ramsey's pit at Swalwell. Deceased made no statement before death. There was another man injured by the explosion.—The Coroner intimated to the jury that it would be necessary to adjourn the inquest until Wednesday, the 27th inst., and this was agreed to.

TOW LAW.

A RUNAWAY HORSE.—On Tuesday afternoon, a horse attached to a wagon of heavy groceries belonging to S. Lingford & Co., Tow Law, on its return from Bishop Auckland, when nearing North Bitchburn Colliery, took fright at a small locomotive, with the result that is bolted, and after dragging Mr J. Hall, the driver, a distance of 20 or 30 yards, the wagon overturned. With the aid of several of the colliery employees, the horse and wagon were righted, and beyond several pots of jam and treacle being broken, the damage was trifling.

WINLATON.

SUCCESS OF A LOCAL MUSICIAN.—Mr Thomas Jevons, formerly of Winlaton and now of Newcastle, has obtained his diploma from the Royal College of Musicians, London, as the result of a recent examinations.

WHICKHAM.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.—At the monthly meeting of the Whickham School Board, held on Monday, the following resolution was passed:—"That this Board protests against the Education Bill now before the country, because it will impede the formation of School Boards, and tends to the abolition of those that exist, and also imperils the liberty of conscience hitherto enjoyed by teachers."

WATERHOUSES.

THE REV. FATHER FORTIN'S TESTIMONIAL.—Amongst the gentleman who will receive and acknowledge subscriptions towards the proposed testimonial to the Rev. Father Fortin, of Waterhouses in celebration of his silver jubilee are:—Colonel Leadbitter Smith, Flass Hall; Rev. R. Myler, Newhouse Waterhouses; Mr W. Logan, Stobilee House, Langley Park; Mr G. Hobson, Harperley Mill, Tantobie, R.S.O.; Mr T. J. Muse, Castleside, Blackhill; Mr W. Brotherhood, Lanchester; Mr E. Taylor, Fir Tree House, Cornsay; Mr G. French, Esh New Winning.

WOLSINGHAM.

Mr. H. P. Friend, youngest son of Rev. Frederick Friend, superintedent minister of the Wolsingham circuit, has successfully passed his final professional examination as Licentiate in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

WEARDALE.

BENTS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The yearly meeting was held at Wearhead on Monday night, Mr. O. Monkhouse presiding. The prize list was revised, and the money increased. It was decided to hold the show on the Saturday previous to Bents Fair this year, at Cowshill and not on the fair day as heretofore.

THE DURHAM MINERS' GALA.

NOMINATION OF SPEAKERS.

The following have been nominated as speakers at the Durham Miners' Gala, in July next:—Mr J. H. Wilson, M.P., Mr W. Allan, M.P., Mr S. Storey, Mr R. Cameron, M.P., the Right Hon. J. Morley, M.P., Mr T. Burt, M.P., Mr M. Davitt, M.P., Mr B. Pickard, M.P., Mr C. Fenwick, M.P., Mr T. D. Sullivan, M.P., Mr S. Woods, Mr J. Burns, M.P., Mr T. Mann, Mr W. M. Thompson, Mr J. Samuels, M.P., Mr T. Ashton, Rev. A. T. Guttery, Mr L. A. Jones, M.P., Mr T. Healy, M.P., Mr J. Dillon, M.P., Mr T. Sexton, Mr J. W. Ragan, Mr Keir Hardie, Lord Rosebery, Mr B. Tillett, Right Hon. Sir C. Dilke, M.P., Mr H. Labouchere, M.P., Right Hon H. H. Asquith, M.P., Mr T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Mr A. Henderson, Mr R. Blatchford, Mr C. Robertson, Mr J. Arch, M.P., Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P., Dr S. Watson, Mr W. Whittle, Mr H. Gladstone, M.P., Mr Trow, Mr E. Harvey, Justice Grantham, and the Rev. H. P. Hughes.

WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING.

THAT the Healeyfield School Board paid a compliment to Mr. Hydra in selecting an old pupil of his to the vacant situation under them, from among eleven other applicants.

THAT a chess match has been arranged in the House of Commons between eight supporters of the Government, and eight of the opposition.

THAT Mr. Atherley-Jones is to play Mr. Bonser.

THAT the Association is not receiving the support which its objects merit.

THAT many anglers are now visiting the Derwent, where capital baskets are made by the lovers of the rod.

THAT the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Show this year is sure to be a success.

THAT a capital field has been selected for the show site.

THAT the Consett Iron Company is sure to take prompt measures for the safety of the foot passengers over the railway crossing on the day of the show.

THAT the new road from Consett to Leadgate is sadly in need of a visit by the water cart.

THAT perhaps we will see the water-cart in that vicinity on a wet day.

THAT the opening of the new railway from Consett to Annfield Plain, will take place before the next flood.

THAT this is suggesting an extreme. Maybe the line will be opened for traffic in the course of a few weeks.

THAT at least this is to be hoped, for much dissatisfaction is being expressed.

THAT the date is fast approaching for the Stanley Band contest.

THAT already the committee are "up and doing," and capital entries are being forthcoming.

THAT the Lanchester Board of Guardians have decided not to support the ticket system for casuals.

McGINNIS.

LEADGATE [illegible] FOOTBALL [illegible]

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this most successful club was held on Monday evening at the headquarters, Mr. Ralph Calvert's, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. Mr. J. E. Parker (chairman of the committee) presided over a large attendance, which included—Messrs Wm. Brears, J. Burnhope, R. Birtley, W. Eales, W. J. Foreman, J. G. Bates, R. Wilson (captain), W. Johns, W. Goudie, A. Graham (hon. sec.), W. Bell, J. Shield, J. Haggerstone, R. Graham, R. Forster, A. Burnhope, H. O. Foreman, W. Hagan, R. Calvert, J. Veitch, C. Burnhope, J. Hunter, T. Cartmell, T. Barnes, Jos. Wilson, J. Crowther, T. Smith, T. Calvert, J. Day, J. Ross, jun., J. Calvert, &c.

The Chairman, after pointing out that rules had been drawn up and printed in the fixture-cards, said the time had now come when the Park committee had to give an account of their stewardship for the past season. The latter had been one of the most successful seasons the Leadgate Park club had ever experienced—both from a financial and a playing point of view—and they had wiped off some old scores in a manner which reflected great credit upon them. (Applause.) They had figured as the representatives of the district in the Junior Cup by winning all their games up to the semi-finals, when they were drawn to play away. They played a very excellent game at Darlington, but had hard lines. For some reason or other teams always seemed to play better on their ground. He thought they had to be congratulated when they remembered that although they had met such clubs as Sunderland A, Gateshead N.E.R., and others of like calibre, they had only been beaten once on their own ground. (Applause.) As he had said before, the secret of a club's success was having a good reserve, and they had been able to draw upon good reserves. At the commencement of the season they had several members injured but they had been able to fill their places with reserve men of good capabilities. (Applause.) The reserve team had also been able to call upon the juniors, who were incorporated with the club last June, and there were some very excellent players amongst them. The juniors had also joined a league, but after experiencing what they thought unfair treatment they withdrew from the league. It was unnecessary for him to say that they had achieved the double event in carrying off the Tyneside and Derwent Valley Leagues. (Loud applause.) Last season they won the championship of the Tyneside League, and they still retained it. The Reserve were last year runners-up for the Derwent Valley League, but this year they had carried off the championship. (Applause.) This was very satisfactory, and he hoped the club would go on and prosper. They thanked the whole of the members for the loyal way in which they had come forward when called upon. The committee of course were not infallible, but he believed honestly and fairly that the Leadgate Park committee had done their level best for the success of the club. (Applause.) Everybody had pulled together harmoniously and successfully, and they had now come to the end of a very successful season. (Loud applause.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The report of the secretary (Mr. A. Graham) showed that during the past season the first team had played 34 matches, of which 20 had been won, eight lost, and six drawn; goals—for, 104; against, 44. (Applause.) The reserve had played 23 matches—won 13, lost 4, and drawn 6; scoring 54 goals to 22. (Applause.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Chairman explained that owing to the late arrival of several bills they had been unable to properly audit the accounts; and it was agreed that the same should be fully read over at the club social.

The treasurer (Mr. W. Johns) stated that roughly the receipts had been £156 16s 4d, and the expenditure £137 5s 5d, leaving a balance in hand of £19 10s 11d. (Applause.)

The Chairman remarked that they were in a flourishing condition. (Applause.)

THE RULES.

At the request of a member, the Chairman read over the new rules, and stated that any alteration could now be made in the same.

Mr. Brears moved that the rules be confirmed.

Mr. J. Burnhope seconded.

Mr. R. Wilson thought that the captains of the teams ought to be full members of the committee, and not only members when the business of their different teams was being discussed. He moved to this effect.

Mr. Day seconded.

This was carried; and the rules, as amended, were then adopted.

A WELL DESERVED COMPLIMENT.

The Chairman said there was one thing he wished to mention, and that was the high appreciation the committee entertained of the services rendered by Mr. A. Graham as secretary during the past season. (Applause.) Mr. Graham had had a tremendous amount of work to do, and he thought all the members would agree with him when he said that they had an excellent secretary. (Applause.) Mr. Graham had carried out the duties devolving upon him in splendid fashion. He was not going to propose a resolution, but he wished to express the club's thanks to Mr. Graham for the admirable manner in which he had done his work. (Loud applause.)

THE ENGLISH AND DURHAM CUPS.

Mr. H. Foreman proposed that the club enter for the English and Amateur Cups.

This was seconded by Mr. J. Burnhope, and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Wilson, it was agreed to enter for the Durham Senior Cup, and also for the Junior Cup, should the team be ousted from the qualifying stages of the former competition.

THE RESERVE TEAM.

Mr. Bell moved that the reserve team remain members of the Derwent Valley League.

Mr. R. Wilson seconded.

Mr. Hunter pointed out that if the first team obtained admission to the Northern Alliance, the second team would probably have to enter that body.

The Chairman said personally he did not think that the Second Division of the Alliance had been altogether satisfactory.

The motion was carried.

THE PRESENTATIONS.

The Chairman said the Derwent Valley League had behaved admirably towards the club during the past season. He wished he could say the same with regard to the Tyneside League over the Wallsend game. The Chairman then asked what steps should be taken with respect to the presentation of the gold medals to the first team. The Derwent Valley League had agreed to hold their meeting at Leadgate for the presentation of the trophy and medals to the reserve. That would be a public function in itself. However, the Tyneside League would not have a meeting at Leadgate, and would probably take the same course as last year.

Mr. H. Foreman proposed that the proceedings in connection with the presentation be similar to last year—viz., a social in the Co-operative Hall.

Mr. R. Graham seconded the motion, which was adopted.

THE MEDALS.

The Chairman said that, similar to last year, they had to take a hard and fast line with respect to the medals. Of course, they only received eleven medals from each league, and they had to draw the line somewhere. They had taken into consideration the men who had played for both first and second teams, and added the games together, and decided to draw the line at four games. Any person who had played in four or more league games was entitled to a medal, and the club would make up the deficit. The committee passed the resolution simply on its merits, and did not consider persons in any way.

In reply to questions, the Chairman said that Messrs J. T. Willey, H. O. Foreman, and Jas. Haggerstone (trainer) would receive gold medals in addition to the regular playing members of the first team. In the reserve, Messrs Veitch, Mansell, Makepeace, Willis, Temple, Thompson, Hamilton, and Smith (trainer) would be awarded medals besides the regular players.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Mr. Goudie, seconded by Mr. A. Burnhope, Mr. T. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S., was unanimously re-elected president.

The following were appointed vice-presidents:—Rev. Thos. Varley, Rev. C. Shrewsbury, Dr. Henley, Mr. W. J. Foreman, M.R.C.V.S., Coun. G. Nicholson, J.P., Coun. L. Nicholson, Coun. J. W. Winter, Coun. J. Dormand, Coun. J. H. Morris, Messrs J. E. Parker, J. Parker, C. F. Scott, W. Brears, W. Rowe, R. Calvert, W. Eales, G. Watson, J. M. Nicholson, J. Bass, jun., C. T. Foreman, W. Brotherhood, J. Nicholson, M. Willey, W. Whitfield, J. Bennison, Coun. M. D. Greener, J. Shield, M. Robson, W. Lumley, G. Dixon, and G. Newsham.

Mr. Bell moved the re-election of Mr. R. Wilson as captain of the first team.

Mr. R. Graham seconded.

Mr. R. Wilson proposed that the voting be by ballot for all the officers, as he thought that the fairest way.

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

Five candidates were proposed for the captaincy, but Mr. R. Wilson received a large majority over all the other candidates, and was therefore declared re-elected amid applause.

There were several nominations for the other offices, but Mr. R. Graham was chosen vice-captain of the first team; Mr. R. Forster captain, and Mr. G. Forster vice-captain of the reserve team.

Mr. A. Graham, notwithstanding that he expressed a wish to resign, was unanimously appointed secretary, with Mr. J. Calvert as his assistant.

Mr. W. J. Foreman was elected as treasurer, and Mr. R. Forster as financial secretary, Mr. C. Burnhope declining to again accept the latter position.

There were 13 members nominated for the six seats on the committee, the voting resulting in the following gentlemen being elected:—J. E. Parker (33), W. Goudie (29), A. Burnhope (23), J. G. Bates (23), W. Johns (19), and R. Birtley (18).

Mr. Parker returned thanks for his re-election, and assured the members that his best efforts would be devoted towards carrying out the work devolving upon him as a member of the committee to the best of his ability, and he felt sure the others would do the same. (Applause.)

Messrs W. Bell and W. Hagan were appointed auditors.

TRAINERS.

The trainers were chosen as follows:—First team, Mr. Jas. Haggerstone; second team, Mr. J. Day.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS.

Mr. A. Burnhope moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the chairman and members of the committee, the captains of each team, and the other officers for the valuable services they had rendered to the club during the past season.

The motion was carried by acclamation; and Mr. Goudie responded, remarking that the committee had done their best in the interests of the club, and although what they had done might not please everybody, their aim had always been to advance the welfare of the club. (Applause.)

Hearty votes of thanks to the chairman and Press terminated a most successful and enthusiastic gathering.

At the conclusion of the business, a sort of impromptu "smoker" was held, a most enjoyable time being spent with toast and song, the party breaking up by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

SUICIDE OF A WEARDALE FARMER.

Mr Wm. Featherstone, White Stones, near Ireshopeburn, cut his throat in a fatal manner on Wednesday morning at his homestead. Deceased, who was formerly a miner, was a well-known and highly-respected successful farmer, and for some weeks had been in delicate health from a serious complication of ailments, producing extreme nervousness and despondency. His lamented death excites deep sympathy with his widow and grown-up family.

Another report says:—Mr Featherstone retired to rest in the ordinary way, nothing unusual being noticed. In the morning he got out of bed, stepped towards the shelf close by, on which the razor lay, and in a moment moved towards the pantry and inflicted a fearful gash in his throat ere his intention could be guessed at, and fell on the floor. Mrs Featherstone, who with her daughter were the only inmates, the sons being absent, screamed, and the unfortunate man, only breathed once after his neighbour, Mr W. Charlton, entered. Deceased was upwards of 60 years of age.

THE ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR BENFIELDSIDE.

THE POLL.

MR GEO. ELTRINGHAM ELECTED.

On Wednesday, an unusual amount of interest was centred in the election of District Councillor to fill the vacancy on the Benfieldside Urban Council, caused by the death of the late Mr Wm. Wheatley, of Shotley Bridge. No less than three candidates—Mr R. G. Barclay, bank manager, Shotley Bridge, Mr Geo. Eltringham, gentleman, Benfieldside, and Mr Henry Cars, confectioner, Shotley Bridge—were nominated for the seat, and they all went to the poll. It is needless to say that the candidates are well-known in the district, and each hold decided opinions upon the many questions affecting the ratepayers in the Benfieldside district. Mr Cars was the first to enter the field, he presenting himself to the electors at a meeting of the Benfieldside Ratepayers' Association held a week or two ago. Mr Cars, who is a sturdy Radical, was extremely popular with a certain section of the voters; whilst it is true Mr Cars entered the field first it is not taken for granted that he was the favourite. The other two gentlemen nominated proved themselves to be powerful candidates, and were eminently fitted to become Councillors, Mr Barclay being personally connected with many movements, having once occupied a seat on the old Local Board, and during his period of office proved himself a worthy representative of the people. Besides, at the last election he was only defeated by a small number of votes. We may also point out that Mr Eltringham is an exceedingly popular figure in the district, and throughout the election has been aided by an energetic and able band of workers. The Returning Officer was Mr E. H. Hayward, Shotley Bridge, and the arrangements for the election were of a complete and satisfactory character. There were three polling booths provided for the convenience of voters, and were as follows:—

No. 1—Council Chambers, Shotley Bridge. The presiding officer was Mr W. Wilson, with Mr W. W. Wilson as poll clerk.

No 2—Benfieldside Board Schools. The presiding officer was Mr E. W. Hayward, with Mr J. Hamilton as poll clerk.

No. 3—Benfieldside Board Schools. The presiding officer at this booth was Mr J. W. Osborne, whilst Mr J. W. Forster acted as poll clerk.

The polling was fixed from twelve to eight. The candidates made it their duty to visit the several polling booths during the afternoon, and worked most assiduously so as to ensure success. After one o'clock the polling was exceedingly slow till five o'clock. Only about 100 of the voters recorded their votes in four hours, and those in charge of the booths had a most weary time of it. After five o'clock things began to be a little livelier, and there were indications of a little excitement here and there throughout the district. People began to take a keener interest in the election by discussing the merits of the three candidates. Speculation was rife as to who would be the successful candidate. Public opinion seemed to be divided between Mr Barclay and Mr Eltringham. After six o'clock there was a continuous rush of voters, and Mr Hayward and his staff of assistants found themselves fully occupied in dealing with those who availed themselves of the opportunity of recording their votes. The number of voters on the register is something like 1,200. After the booths were closed at eight o'clock the boxes were conveyed to Shotley Bridge, where they were opened yesterday morning and counted. The Returning Officer declared the result of the poll shortly after eleven o'clock, as follows:—

ELECTED.	VOTES.
ELTRINGHAM	209
NOT ELECTED.	
CARSS	169
BARCLAY	168

WEARDALE NOTES.

The "gate" at Frosterley show on Saturday realised close upon £130, last year it was £105.

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Good reports come from the grouse moors of Weardale this season, which is favourable for nesting. Jack daws in some places are reported to be sucking the eggs.

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There is abundance of bloom this season on the fruit trees in Weardale, many of which are literally covered with it, but caterpillars have made their appearance both on black currant bushes, and apple trees.

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Frosterley Poultry Show on Saturday was a grand success. Magnificent weather, good show, splendid music and a big "gate" breaking the record. About £130 was realised which is capital for spirited little Frosterley. It shows what can be done even in a small place with good secretaries, a good working committee, and a sympathetic public backing them up. The class of exhibits were also excellent, and hailed from nearly all over England.

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The musical treat afforded the public was also par excellence. Seldom if ever, has such a band as the Black Dyke Mills been heard in Weardale. I heard the greatest expert of music in the dale say: 'it was as near perfection as could be attained by the finite creature man.' They played like an organ, all together. There was a oneness and unity, and a harmony about their music seldom heard in the dales. Some of the other bands were also good. Altogether it was a thorough musical treat of the first water.

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Great praise is due to the secretaries (Messrs Chapman and Rutter) for the success of the show, much of the success of any institution depends upon the secretaries, and Frosterley is fortunate to secure two such pushing men, of course they are well backed by the committee, and by the public of Frosterley as well. What an object lesson for proud Stanhope. Everything there is doomed to failure. The Committees there nearly all play the game of the Kilkenny cats, they fight until there's just their tails left. The funeral cards of their Flower Show are just being distributed.

The Weardale Naturalists' Field Club has succeeded beyond the highest expectations of the most sanguine, and is likely to become one of the first in the county, new members are being enrolled every week, and the membership bids fair to reach 100, and among them is the best talent in the county, and some of the best in England. Astronomers who are known to fame in every land as discoverers of new stars; scientists who have made discoveries which astonish the world, by photographing through metal; ornithologists whose collections are second to none in the British Isles. The Field Club also embraces in its membership botanists who are now botanising in Germany, and sending rare specimens of botany to this country. It also includes geologists who have risen from the ranks, to become County Council teachers of the popular science, and who are recognised by the South Kensington Science and Art departments. There are several lecturers in connection with it, and some splendid lectures on scientific subjects may be anticipated in various parts of the dale. The President of each section is expected to give lectures on his branch of science.

Weardale has got a new magistrate this week. The Stanhope Urban Council at their annual meeting on Monday night, did a graceful act in electing as its chairman, Mr. Wm. Rippon, and Mr. D. McCullum vice-chairman. In deference to seniority these gentlemen were honoured by their colleagues, having served the public both long and well. The chairmanship of the Urban Council carries with it, by the Parish Council Act, the honour of being J.P. Honour to whom honour is due.

Cricket.

Secretaries of cricket clubs can be supplied with scoring sheets *gratis* on application to the *Guardian* Office, Front Street, Consett.

SWALWELL v. WALKER.

Played at Swalwell. The visitors batted first and compiled 63 runs, and after four of the Swalwell men had put on 19 runs, the game was brought to a sudden termination owing to a dispute.

SENIOR LEAGUE COMPETITION.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v. NORTH DURHAM (GATESHEAD.)

In local cricket circles the most important match on Saturday was the meeting of the above Senior League teams on the Blackfine enclosure. Queen's own weather prevailed, which no doubt was the means of attracting a large concourse of lovers of the summer pastime. It was a quarter-of-an-hour after the advertised time that the bell rang for a commencement. The wicket, which had been prepared by "Jim" Martin, the Consett pro., reflected great credit upon his capabilities as a groundsman, and was all that could be desired. Opinion was much divided as to the result of the game. Last year it will be remembered Consett were beaten by North Durham at Gateshead by a small number of runs, and a draw resulted at Consett, rain putting an end to the game when Consett had 62 runs for the loss of no wickets. This year, however, both teams are much stronger, and the result of Saturday's match was uncertain. With one exception, Consett played the same team as advertised, E. Carill taking the place of Tom Jones, who was unavoidably unable to be present owing to pressure of business. The spin of the coin fell in favour of the visitors, and E. G. Chatt (the North Durham captain) elected to bat. Details:—

Woodhouse (pro.) and J. P. Mollard commenced for the visitors, Martin trundling down the initial over, which proved to be a maiden. Richardson took the ball at the other end and did ditto. Woodhouse soon lost his partner, Martin beating him with a beauty. Simpson took Mollard's place, and Woodhouse drove Richardson for three, which was followed by a boundary to Simpson. The pro. sent Martin to the ropes for four, and Carill here showed active form on the field, doing some good work. Simpson sent Frank to the boundary with a grand late cut, after which Martin appealed against Woodhouse for lbw, but the umpire decided in favour of the batsman, who, however, fell a victim to Martin just after. Two for 16. Winnard joined Simpson, who drove Richardson for two, followed by a smart cut for three. From Martin's next over Richardson accepted a chance from Simpson at 33. Galloway joined Winnard, who got his leg in front of a straight one from Richardson. Chatt followed in, only to see Galloway "c and b" by Martin. Wickets now fell very rapidly, the home pro. doing most praiseworthy work with the ball. Diver was the next batsmen, and made things pretty lively for a time. The new-comer drove Martin for a single, which Williamson made into five by throwing in wildly. Diver now opened his shoulders and hit three fours and a brace of twos in quick succession. Walton took a catch from the bat of Chatt off Martin at 53, and with the succeding ball the same bowler upset Garrett's sticks. T. D. Robinson now bowled for Richardson, and Diver hit his first ball for a quartette. Wood made a fine attempt to take Diver in the long field, but failed. Robinson dismissed Thomas, who had partnered Diver at 64. Diver here hit the home pro. into the adjoining field for four, but in trying to steal a short run was run out, having hit hard for his 35. The North Durham venture ended with the score standing at 74.

After the usual ten-minutes' interval, Godfrey and Richardson opened the home innings to the attack of Diver and Simpson. After Richardson had made 10 he was dismissed by one of Diver's expresses. Siddell joined Godfrey, and Simpson bowled a maiden over. Siddell sent Diver to the boundary thrice in succession, scoring 12 in the over—rather expensive for the fast bowler. Garrett relieved Simpson, the latter changing ends. Godfrey was given out lbw off Simpson at 31, and Wood joined Siddell, and remembering the score of the former last week he was greeted with applause. Siddell hit a beautiful four off Garrett, and was bowled next ball for 19, making three wickets for 35. Martin followed, and Wood was clean bowled by Simpson for a "duck." Gray, the next batsman, was "yorked" by Simpson in the same over, and Lindsay became Martin's partner, but was very soon dismissed. Geo. Walton took his place, but fell a victim to Garrett without scoring. Williamson followed in, and careful play now ruled, no particular attempt being made to score, although Williamson sneaked five, and Martin drove Garrett for four. The game at this stage was very exciting. The home pro. now began to score very freely, and Diver displaced Garrett, who had being bowling splendidly. Williamson made the winning hit amid loud cheers, and the next ball was missed at long field by Chatt. After this the batsmen indulged in some free hitting, the score rising rapidly. Galloway, who was fielding at point, was cheered several times for his brilliant display. Martin played patiently for a well-earned 45, when he was dismissed from a ball which he spooned up, Winnard catching it. Williamson was caught at 112, the wicket having put on 74 runs. Carill and Robinson now occupied the wickets, the former getting a ball to leg for four, and following up with a single, a two, and a four in quick succession. Simpson cleaned bowled Robinson after making three, and the innings closed with the total at 131. Full score:—

NORTH DURHAM.		CONSETT.	
Woodhouse b Martin	12	A S Godfrey lbw b Simpson	2
J P Mollard b Martin	0	F Richardson b Diver	10
F Simpson c Richards'n b Martin	17	J Siddell b Garrett	19
W Winnard lbw b Richardson	1	A Wood b Simpson	0
H E Galloway c and b Martin	0	Martin c Winnard b Mollard	45
E G Chatt c Walton b Martin	4	G Gray b Simpson	0
G A Coning b Martin	0	T Lindsay b Garrett	0
G Diver run out	35	G Walton b Garrett	0
J Garrett b Martin	0	M Williamson c Galloway b Mollard	29
J Webster not out	1	E Carill not out	11
J R Thomas b Robinson	1	T D Robinson b Simpson	3
Extras	3	Extras	12
Total	74	Total	131

BISHOP AUCKLAND v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		BISHOP AUCKLAND.	
J Middleton c Milner b Tindale	28	E Fairless b Crichton	74
D Crichton b Smith	6	Smith c & b Crichton	81
G Halliday lbw b Smith	32	B Robinson b Crichton	0
Rev J P Day b Tindale	0	T Patterson b Child	3
J K Bewicke b Tindale	15	J Wilkinson b Child	5
J Bewick c Milner b Tindale	11	G Tindale b Child	1
R Walker b Smith	0	W H Livesey b Child	0
J W Morgan b Tindale	3	E Forster not out	4
T R Hall b Tindale	14	T Wilkinson c & b Child	0
Child not out	12	J Milner b Child	0
C Groves st Milner b Tindale	7	W Hirst to bat	
Extras	19	Extras	21
Total	149	Total (for 9 wkts)	189

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

BURNHOPE v. CRAGHEAD.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the former. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		CRAGHEAD.	
A Heckels st Holmes b Turnbull	4	W Railton b Gair	0
J Newton run out	7	H Young c Newton b Heckels	0
J Dyson c J Hunter b Turnbull	5	J Hunter b Heckels	10
J Robinson c J Hunter b Horne	104	G Turnbull lbw b Gair	5
T Dyson c J Hunter b Railton	10	W Dyson b Gair	5
J Richardson b Turnbull	0	R Holmes b Gair	3
T C Charlton b Turnbull	0	F Horne c Robinson b Heckels	0
J W Moffatt b Turnbull	11	A Howgate b Gair	1
W Liddle b Turnbull	0	G Hunter b Gair	8
R Brown not out	3	N Musgrove not out	36
J Gair to bat		M Liddle run out	10
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total (for 9 wkts)	151	Total	82
Innings closed.			

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION.

OUSTON WANDERERS v. TANTOBIE.

Played at Ouston, and resulted in a win the home team. Score:—Ouston, 92 (for 5 wkts); Tantobie, 50.

CONSETT 2ND v. BURNOPFIELD.

Played at Burnopfield, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Brewis (39), Cooper (27), Liddle (25), Cuthbertson (20), and Potts (15) played well for the winners. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		CONSETT.	
J Potts c Morland b Heymer	15	G Morland b Allan	0
R Brewis run out	39	T Lynn b Allan	0
H C Wood b Morland	0	L Stephenson run out	2
J Cuthbertson b Morland	20	R Heymer c Weedy b Bell	0
G Bell c Nicholson b Morland	0	J M Nicholson b Allan	0
J Weedy lbw b Heymer	8	J Barnett b Bell	2
J Cooper b Heymer	27	Dr McClay b Bell	2
W McIntosh c McClay b Morland	3	J Thirlwell b Allan	1
J G Allan b Heymer	7	W Wilson run out	1
W Liddle b Stephenson	25	J Elringham b Allan	0
J Charlton not out	11	A Smith not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	8
Total	169	Total	16

SOUTH TANFIELD COLLIERY v. TANFIELD

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a win for the home team by nine runs. Score:—

SOUTH TANFIELD.		TANFIELD.	
J Middlemast c Watson b Bowes	8	M Ledger b Vyne	1
G Collin b Bowes	0	M Robson c & b Raine	13
W Palmer not out	20	E Gallies c Middlemast b Raine	3
W Raine run out	9	F Rockett run out	2
R Henderson b Wallace	2	J Watson b Raine	15
J Wilson b Bowes	5	T Irwin b Raine	0
J Siddle b Irwin	5	M Armstrong run out	1
H Middlemast b Irwin	6	T Christopher not out	0
W Wilson b Bowes	0	E Bowes b Vyne	5
B Smith b Irwin	1	W Wallace b Raine	3
J Vyne not out	1	W Robinson b Vyne	1
Extras		Extras	4
Total	57	Total	48

SACRISTON v. KIMBLESWORTH.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy win for the homesters. Score:—

KIMBLESWORTH.		SACRISTON.	
Lee run out	1	Jameson c & b Smith	36
Roscoe b F Robson	11	Swindle b J Kaye	14
Carr hit wicket	2	Shepherd c Carr b Smith	22
Short st Taylor b Jameson	6	J Robson lbw b Smith	6
J Kaye b Jameson	4	F Robson b Smith	9
Young run out	5	Green c Kaye b Smith	6
T Kaye b F Robson	0	Henderson c Sub b Moore	4
Pewney lbw b Robson	0	Taylor lbw b Moore	21
Curry b F Robson	0	Rowe c & b Moore	1
Smith not out	7	Turnbull not out	0
Moore c Shepherd b Jameson	2	Golightly b J Kaye	0
Extras	8	Extras	16
Total	40	Total	135

BEAMISH v. STANLEY 2ND.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the former. Score:—

STANLEY.		BEAMISH	
W T Brown b Laybourne	1	M Laybourne st Bennett b Clough	4
R Noble b Cooke	0	R Dorling b Clough	0
T Liddle b Cooke	2	A Kerr retired	55
J Charlton b Laybourne	2	F Mole b Jewitt	4
J Henderson c Finlay b Laybourne	3	H Cooke b Jewitt	6
J Dixon run out	36	G Humble c Dixon b Charlton	6
P Harkness c Bryson b Cooke	13	J Scott run out	16
T Jewitt st Lee b Finlay	21	W Stoddart run out	0
J Bennett c & b Cooke	0	G Finlay b Smith	5
M Smith b Laybourne	7	J Bryson not out	0
G Clough not out	0	J Lee b Clough	0
Extras	9	Extras	7
Total	91	Total	102

MEDOMSLEY v. ROCKCLIFF.

This friendly game was played on the new ground of the Medomsley club, before a good number of spectators. The result was a draw in favour of the home team. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		ROCKCLIFF.	
R Cant c Murray b Hebron	9	A F Hebron b Robinson	4
M Hedley c & b Farmer	50	J E Cherry c Robinson b Dales	0
T D Dales lbw b Murray	41	W H Farmer not out	9
J R Lowes c & b Farmer	1	L Johnson not out	0
M Charlton c & b Hebron	14		
W Cant lbw b Hebron	18		
W E Charlton c & b Hebron	11		
G E Milburn b Murray	6		
J Robinson not out	0		
W Simpson b Murray	2		
Extras	27	Extras	1
Total (for 9 wkts)	179	Total (for 2 wkts)	14
Innings closed.			

BURNMOOR v. WHICKHAM.

Played at Whickham, and resulted in a win for the visitors. Score:—

BURNMOOR.		WHICKHAM.	
A W Gowland b Cooke	8	T M Burn b Butler	6
Rutherford b Cooke	2	T A Snaith b Gowland	0
Butler (pro) b Mowbray	54	J Mowbray c Anderson b Gowland	3
C Selby b Cooke	2	T B Mowbray b Butler	0
W Nesbit b Cheesman	3	W Thynn c & b Gowl'nd	12
E Anderson run out	2	W Cooke c & b Gowland	0
T Bulmer b Mowbray	0	R Mordue run out	5
W Atkinson not out	0	T Cheesman c Bulmer b Gowland	0
G Blunt c Mowbray b Mowbray	0	G Cheesman not out	0
B Rutherford run out	5	W Mowbray b Butler	0
R Ellison b Mowbray	0		
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total	82	Total	28

CORNSAY I.O.G.T. v. PELTON FELL LITERARY INSTITUTE.

Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in an easy win for the homesters. Score:—

I.O.G.T.		PELTON FELL.	
J Dodds b Stoker	1	D Bankhead b R Lynn	1
T Mason b Smiles	5	H Winn not out	37
J Lynn b Stoker	5	W Stoker run out	0
G Whitfield c Winn b Bankhead	32	G Bland c Rowe b Whitfield	4
F Hardy b Stoker	4	A Bloomfield b Whitfield	6
R Lynn c Bankhead b Smiles	1	J Bolton b R Lynn	5
R Harrison c Winn b Emery	5	J Emery c R Lynn b Dodds	30
W Rippon c Marshall b Emery	4	W Marshall c Hardy b Whitfield	0
J Cooke b Emery	0	J Kirkup not out	10
T Cooke not out	3	J Smiles to bat	
J Howe c Smiles b Bankhead	4	E Proctor to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	71	Total	97

BLACKHALL MILL 2ND v. BLAYDON ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

BLAYDON.		BLACKHILL MILL.	
T Hills b J Anderson	3	J Little b Thompson	0
J Jewitt b J Anderson	0	J W Moody c Jewitt b Thompson	11
O Biggins run out	2	J W Anderson run out	32
T Brownless b Nichol	2	J Anderson run out	1
J Ward b Nichol	6	R Dodds b Ward	3
J Thompson b J Anderson	15	T Richardson c and b Thompson	1
J Reynoldson b J Anderson	2	J Rooney b Thompson	0
P Douglas b Nichol	2	H Brown b Thompson	5
J Prudhoe b J Anderson	15	J Nichol b Thompson	11
J Cunningham b J Anderson	2	T Dodd not out	6
W Chilton not out	9	E Embleton b Thompson	0
Extras	4	Extras	17
Total	62	Total	87

WEST WYLAM v. SPEN.

Played on the ground of the former, and ended in an easy win for the home team. Score:—

WEST WYLAM.		SPEN.	
J Outerside b Robinson	25	G Webster b Outerside	3
J Simpson b Robinson	8	R Aymers b Outerside	13
W Barron c Webster b Birkett	3	G Dunn b Outerside	0
W Lashley b Birkett	13	J Birkett b Barron	6
R J Cairns b Birkett	1	A Carter run out	0
J May b Webster	10	R Eltringham b Outerside	1
J Willis b Birkett	2	J Armstrong c Wallace b Outerside	1
W Simpson c & b Robinson	6	R Ripley b Barron	3
E Wallace b Robinson	2	J Ripley b Outerside	0
J Liddle not out	6	T Eltringham c Simpson b Outerside	2
J Anderson b Birkett	3	F Robinson not out	0
Extras	26	Extras	9
Total	105	Total	38

LANCHESTER v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Played at Lanchester, the home team batting first, but only Ross could make any stand against the bowling of Seed, who took six wickets for 17 runs. Score:—

LANCHESTER.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
V Ward b Seed	1	J Postle b Ramsay	3
J Sinton b Seed	0	J Lancaster b Jackson	0
J Kirtley b Surtees	5	J W Forster c Wilson b Atkin	21
C Atkin b Seed	2	J K Annandale b Ramsay	0
J Ross c Annandale b Robson	20	J Leadbitter c Sinton b Ramsay	5
W Ramsay st Postle	2	A Charlton run out	0
M Brabban b Seed	0	S Leadbitter c Sinton b Ramsay	1
J McHatton b Seed	2	R Robson c Atkin b Ramsay	5
W Jackson b Seed	2	J R Surtees b Atkin	2
J Grey b Robson	3	J Seed not out	5
G W Wilson not out	0	W R Town c Atkin b Ramsay	3
Extras	2	Extras	3
Total	39	Total	49

WINLATON v. BENWELL HILL 2ND.

Played at Winlaton, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

BENWELL HILL.		WINLATON.	
T H Shaw b Blenkinsop	2	W Brooks b Laws	1
J Lawson run out	4	R Tebb lbw b Laws	1
J White b H Tebb	10	J Blenkinsop b Laws	0
J E Shaw c & b Reed	0	J Reed b Laws	16
A Kirton run out	2	A Tebb c Bullock b Oliphant	10
R Drysdale b A Tebb	2	B Nicholson b Laws	1
J Bullock b Reed	1	H Tebb c White b Oliphant	4
J Oliphant lbw b A Tebb	13	H Pattison st Kirton b Laws	0
G Arthur not out	0	W Latimer c and b Oliphant	8
P Laws b A Tebb	0	H Forster b Laws	3
G Short b A Tebb	0	A Laidler not out	0
Extras	13	Extras	12
Total	47	Total	54

GREENSIDE v. TYNE DOCK.

Played at Tyne Dock, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 70 runs, for whom the Rev G. Bell made an excellent debut by scoring 54 not out in splendid style. Score:—

GREENSIDE.		TYNE DOCK.	
Callender b Ward	3	R Bradley b C Raisbeck	0
J Fellis b Robinson	2	J Bradley b Armstrong	2
J Hall b Ward	0	H Jordon b Armstrong	8
C Raisbeck b Robinson	3	R Tyall c C Raisbeck b Armstrong	2
T Armstrong b Ward	4	J McNeaney b Armstrong	0
Rev G Bell not out	54	T Dobinson run out	13
G Raisbeck b Robinson	15	M Ward run out	10
J Robinson run out	9	W Park b C Raisbeck	3
A Dodd not out	17	T Hall run out	1
C Fewster did not bat		J Batey b C Raisbeck	3
G Forster did not bat		J Robinson b C Raisbeck	0
Extras	9	Extras	4
Total (for 7 wkts)	113	Total	46
Innings closed.			

HEDLEY HILL v. HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.

Played on the ground of the latter and ended in a win for the visitors. Score:—

HEDLEY HILL.		HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.	
T Thompson c and b Stobbert	0	M Davinson b Green	2
J Blake b Waggott	7	G Hindmoor b Green	1
A Green b Waggott	0	R H Stobbert b Stones	1
A Tomlinson c and b Hayson	0	J Westgarth c Agar b Green	0
R Appleby b Stobbert	4	T Hayson b Stones	0
E Stones b Stobbert	2	A Lumley b Stones	1
A Close b Waggott	13	G Bainbridge c and b Stone	0
J H Agar run out	12	R Hayson b Green	0
P Fenwick c Mayor b Waggott	2	T Mayor b Stones	4
R Elliott c & b Waggott	4	H Waggott b Stones	0
F Tomlinson not out	0	T Jackson not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	4
Total	54	Total	13

CRAGHEAD 2ND v. SOUTH MOOR.

Played at South Moor, and resulted in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

CRAGHEAD.		SOUTH MOOR.	
M Dodds b Ashcroft	14	T Tindale b Dodds	1
W Wilkinson b Rutherford	0	E Smith b Linsley	4
J Fairley b Rutherford	1	T Welsh c Cummings b Dodds	0
W Dodds c & b Rutherford	1	H Joyce b Linsley	0
Dr Weatherspoon b Rutherford	0	T Gibbon c Peacock b Dodds	1
J Linsley run out	2	J Rutherford b Dodds	13
R Higginbottom lbw b Joyce	11	J Morton run out	9
R Hann b Ashcroft	2	E Beckwith b Linsley	1
R Peacock c Ashcroft b Joyce	0	W Robinson not out	0
J Cummings not out	0	J Ashcroft c Dodds b Linsley	2
W Ord b Ashcroft	0	J Dixon run out	0
Extras	9	Extras	5
Total	40	Total	36

BURNHOPE 2ND v. LANCHESTER 2ND.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the homesters. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		LANCHESTER.	
J Moffatt b Thompson	2	R Tindale b Ridley	1
G Heslop b Thompson	13	G Thompson b G Hesl'p	0
M Heslop b Thompson	0	G Kitchen b Ridley	7
M Heckels b Thompson	5	E Shipley c Ridley b G Heslop	1
G Elliott not out	0	G W Shipley c Ridley b G Heslop	1
P Cassidy b Thompson	0	J Liddle b Ridley	1
F Ridley b Thompson	0	J McHatton b G Heslop	1
M Rowe run out	4	W Burdon not out	7
J Siddle b Thompson	6	R Walker c Ridley b G Heslop	0
T Clarkson b Thompson	3	J Jackson b G Heslop	0
J Gibson b Thompson	0	G Parker b Heckels	0
Extras	1	Extras	6
Total	34	Total	25

ESH AND DISTRICT v. CORNSAY.

This match was played on the Esh ground before a fair number of spectators. The visitors winning the toss decided to bat. J. Raw (28), H. Winter (19), and J. Milburn did well for the visitors, who compiled a total of 102 runs. Though set a difficult task the homesters were determined to secure victory and right well did they do it, and with three wickets to spare. W. Adamson put on a total of 43 runs, while he was ably backed up by Buttery (23 not out), S. Growcett (19), and J. Cooke (11.) On the drawing of stumps Esh had put up a total of 118 runs with three wickets in hand. Score:—

CORNSAY.		ESH.	
J Hodgson b Growcett	4	W Adamson c Hodgson b Slater	43
W Dowson c Stewart b Coates	10	C Coates b Milburn	0
H Winter c Hare b Davison	19	R Stewart b Slater	3
J Slater b Growcett	6	G Bones b Milburn	0
W Gray b Growcett	0	S Growcett b Milburn	19
J Milburn b Growcett	18	Dr Hare c Winter b Milburn	1
J Daglish b Growcett	2	J Cooke b Milburn	11
J Raw run out	29	T Buttery not out	23
R Nicholson b Growcett	1	J Davison not out	7
J Daughtry b Davison	0	J Booth to bat	
H Lowes not out	6	M Brett to bat	
Extras	7	Extras	6
Total	102	Total	118

HAMSTEELS v. WEST AUCKLAND.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

HAMSTEELS.		WEST AUCKLAND.	
T Ruddock b Howe	8	W Howe b Bailes	0
R Newton c Fletcher	4	J Fletcher b Crone	6
W Crone b Howe	16	J Walker b Crone	3
G Fordham b Atkinson	5	R Atkinson b Crone	16
A Bailes c Howe	21	G Stevens c Bailes	1
J B Johnson b Howe	20	J Smith c Bailes	0
A Dodds b Walker	5	B Moore b Johnson	13
W Appleby b Howe	12	B Jarvis c Johnson	0
M Craven run out	8	J Hughes b Crone	0
H Gibbon b Howe	2	F Clark b Johnson	0
R Barkas not out	0	R Armstrong not out	0
Extras	8	Extras	2
Total	109	Total	41

BIRTLEY v. SOUTH HILL.

Played at Birtley, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

SOUTH HILL.		BIRTLEY.	
Lodge b Standley	5	Bolam c Lodge	12
Bamborough c Standl'y b Poole	12	Stobbs c Dawson	0
Thompson b Stobbs	3	Potter run out	3
Longstaff b Rutherford	12	Standley hit wicket	17
Elliott b Stobbs	0	McBride c Lodge	0
Humes c Humphrey	6	Harbottle not out	2
Herdman c Harbottle	1	Burnett b Humes	5
Twin b Rutherford	6	Humphrey b Thomps'n	9
N Dawson b Stobbs	0	Poole b Humes	17
Purvis not out	1	Rutherford b Longstaff	1
		McKay b Thompson	6
Extras	5	Extras	12
Total	51	Total	84

ROWLAND'S GILL v. SPEN.

Played on the ground of the former, and after a pleasant game ended in favour of the visitors. Score:—

ROWLAND'S GILL.		SPEN.	
R Patterson lbw	1	W Robson b H'therington	12
W Goodfellow c P Robson b C Emmerson	0	H Archdall c and b Hetherington	4
J Sewell c P Robson b C Emmerson	7	W Winship b Goodfellow	0
J Hetherington c Inglis b A Emmerson	7	P Smallwood run out	0
R Oliver b C Emmerson	10	J Inglis b Hetherington	5
W Robson run out	0	A Emmerson run out	10
J Stewart b C Em'erson	4	C Emmerson b Hetherington	2
A Goodfellow b A Emmerson	6	P Robson b Goodfellow	4
J S Forster b C Emmerson	1	J W Norman not out	5
M Riddle b Emmerson	0	E Barker lbw	1
R Wilson not out	0	T Blackburn b Goodfellow	5
Extras	2	Extras	10
Total	38	Total	58

CRICKET NOTES

[By "L.B.W."]

CONSETT TOO GOOD FOR NORTH DURHAM: MARTIN IN FORM.

In my remarks of last week on the game between Consett and Bishop Auckland, I made bold to say that our local team would make a different show against North Durham, and that there was no reason to be so very downcast because they had lost their opening game. As I pointed out, they were considerably handicapped by Martin's unfortunate injury, and, go so far as to say that had he been all right Consett would have proved victorious, I venture to assert that the issue would have been of a much closer nature. Last Saturday's game fully bore out the correctness of my remarks, as on this occasion Martin had considerably recovered from his injury, and showed the stuff of which he is made. Another satisfactory feature of the home display was the improvement in their fielding, which, although not yet quite up to the mark, was much better than that of the previous week.

After their performance against Chester-le-Street on the preceding Saturday, North Durham greatly fancied themselves, more especially as their ranks were strengthened by the inclusion of their fast bowler, Diver. Chatt was successful in the spin of the coin, and thus secured the advantage of batting first on a fine wicket. However, it cannot be said that the batting presented anything of a sensational nature—if I except the hitting of Diver, who put together 35 in a very short life by the aid of one 5, five 4's, one 3, three 2's, and a single. Woodhouse showed nice form for a dozen, the only other batsman to reach double figures being Fred Simpson (17.) The chief cause of the visitor's breakdown was the splendid bowling of Martin, who proved to be wellnigh irrestible, and always took a lot of watching. He kept an admirable length throughout, and may be said to have had the upper hand of the batsmen all through. Diver's slogging somewhat spoiled his analysis, but, still, seven wickets at a cost of only four runs each, is good enough for anything. As I have mentioned above the Consett fielding was pretty smart all round, and gives promise of better things. I append the figures of the home bowlers:—

	O	MO	R	W
Martin	10	2	28	7
Richardson	7	1	36	1
Robinson	2.3	1	7	1

The Consett innings was almost a repetition of that against Auckland. Seven wickets fell for 38, the next two men carried the same to 112, and in the end the total amounted to 131. Richardson made 10 out of the first 12, and was then beaten by Diver. Godfrey again failed to come off, but Siddell made some splendid strokes whilst scoring 19, being particularly severe on Diver, whom he thrice despatched to the boundary in one over. The two heroes of thes previous week—Wood and Lindsay—were each sent back for a "duck," and when Martin and Williamson became associated with the score at 38, the outlook for Consett was the reverse of promising. However, both men rose to the occasion in plucky fashion, the pro. hitting out brilliantly, whilst his partner for the most part was content to keep his wicket up. The score rose rapidly, and amid enthusiastic cheers the North Durham total was reached and passed, further applause greeting the hoisting of the century. With the bowling thoroughly tied up, Mollard was put on, and brought about Williamson's retirement at 112. Although it cannot be said that the last-named played very attractive cricket, he deserves the greatest praise for the gallant and successful effort he put forth—in conjunction with Martin—to win the game for his side. His runs were made at a time when they were sorely needed, as, had he failed, the verdict might easily have been reversed. Carlile showed good form for 11 (not out), but the hero of the day was undoubtedly the Consett professional, who, (not content with his grand bowling achievement, followed it up with an equally meritorious batting display, and to him the credit of the victory is certainly due. Martin had hard lines in missing his "talent" money by five runs only, but a subscription made on the ground realised nearly £1 15s. I heartily congratulate Consett on their first League success, and trust that is is only the forerunner of many more. Garrett and Simpson were the best of the North Durham bowlers, whose figures came out as under:—

	O	MO	R	W
Diver	8	1	40	1
Simpson	16	5	35	4
Garrett	9	4	20	3
Woodhouse	3	0	15	0
Mollard	4	0	9	2

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MEDOMSLEY IN FORM.

Having a vacant date on Saturday, the Medomsley club pluckily took on the strong Rockcliff combination, and, what is more, had time permitted, would probably have sent the visitors home well beaten. Unfortunately, the seasiders arrived shorthanded, but brought several prominent players with them. The weather was gloriously fine, and as a consequence there was a large attendance, when the home team (having won the toss) opened the run-getting. R. Cant was sent back after making nine, but then came a splendid stand on the part of T. D. Dales and Morton Hedley, who treated those present to some of the finest cricket seen in the village for a long time. Becoming partners with the score at 16 they raised the total to 109 before a separation could be effected. Young Hedley—undoubtedly one of the most promising bats in the county—just managed his 50. Dales being given out "l b w" for nine less. Medomsley are indeed fortunate in possessing two such grand cricketers, and they will doubtless do good service for the club for many years to come.

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After four wickets had fallen for 121, W. Cant (18) and M. Charlton (14), by good play raised the total to 151, the former's contribution not containing a single, but being made up of one 4, two 3's, and four 2's. Several others added to the aggregate, which, in the end, reached 179 for nine wickets—a very fine performance considering the calibre of their opponents. Hebron, Murray, and Farmer did the brunt of the trundling on behalf of the visitors. With the short time left for play it was a matter of impossibility to get rid of the Rockcliff men, but at the call of time they had lost two good wickets for 14 runs only. Robinson's wicket only cost three runs, and that of Dales ten. The draw was thus much in favour of Medomsley, who look likely to have a more than usually successful season.

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A SPLENDID WIN FOR BURNHOPE: JOE ROBINSON TOPS THE CENTURY.

Burnhope did a really grand performance on Saturday in beating Craghead away from home. The latter have come on so rapidly of late that it was fully expected that they would pull through, but then they had not reckoned upon such a magnificent batting display as was given by Joe Robinson. To begin at the beginning I may say that the visitors won the toss, and decided to bat upon a splendid wicket. Heckels and Newton opened the innings to the bowling of Turnbull and Railton, and when the score had reached 13 Newton was rather unluckily run out. J. Dyson secceeded, and without any addition to the score Heckels was stumped by Holmes in jumping in to drive. Robinson partnered Dyson, and both men batted steadily and well for a time, advancing the score to 38 ere Dyson was out to a good catch on the part of J. Hunter. Soon after T. Dyson had joined Robinson, W. Dyson dropped a rather hard catch from Joe, and this proved to be an unfortunate affair for Craghead, as the two men defied the bowling for some time.

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Change after change was resorted to, but in vain, Robinson being especially severe upon the bowlers, and registering a large number of boundaries. At 82 Dyson fell to J. Hunter for a useful 10. Neither Richardson nor Charlton gave any trouble, but on Moffitt coming in another stand was made, and the spectators were treated to some hard hitting before the new-comer was bowled for 11. All this time Robinson had been doing the major portion of the scoring, and eventually reached his hundred amidst loud cheers. Shortly after his superb innings was closed by J. Hunter accepting a difficult catch, the batsman receiving an ovation on retiring, and well he deserved it, his 104 being one of the finest performances ever witnessed on the Craghead ground. With the score standing at 151 for nine wickets, the Burnhope captain (J. Gair) declared the innings closed.

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After the usual interval, Railton and Young were deputed to open the heavy task set the home men, Heckels and Gair sharing the attack, and the former sent down a maiden, whilst Gair dismissed Railton with his fourth ball. J. Hunter came in only to see Young taken in fine style at the wicket by Newton, two wickets being thus down without a run having been registered. Turnbull did not survive long, stopping a straight one from Gair with his leg with the total at seven. Wickets now fell rapidly, seven being down for 23, and eight for 32. At this point Musgrove and Liddle made an unexpected and excellent stand, actually adding 50 to the total before Liddle was unfortunately run out, leaving Musgrove to carry out his bat for a capital 36. The victory of Burnhope was thus most decisive, and they are to be congratulated upon a really meritorious achievement.

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CONSETT SECOND MAKE A POOR SHOW.

The Consett second string appears to be very weak this season, for what reason I am unable to state, unless it be that they have such a number of new hands performing, whilst I miss the names of several who used to be considered the backbone of the team. Burnopfield made short work of the Consett men on Saturday, administering a severe beating to the visitors. R. Brewis (39) and J. Potts (15) made a promising commencement for Burnopfield, both men showing good form, whilst their example was afterwards well followed up by several members of the team, notably G. Cooper (27), W. Liddle (25), J. Cuthbertson (20), and J. Charlton (11 not out.) The total ultimately amounted to the formidable one of 169. Moreland and Heymer were the only bowlers on the Consett side who met with any success.

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The visitors made a miserable display with the willow, Allan and Bell doing pretty much as they liked. Not one of the first four batsmen contributed a run, and as a matter of fact only eight runs were scored off the bat. This, with a similar number of extras, made an aggregtae of 16. Allan had six wickets—five clean bowled—for seven runs, and Bell three for one. I trust that Consett will endeavour to secure a stronger team for their remaining engagments, as defeats like they have sustained at Medomsley and Burnopfield are apt to discourage the players, and knock a lot of interest out of the game for them.

A GOOD GAME AT BURNHOPE.

The meeting of the second strings of the Burnhope and Lanchester clubs aroused a good deal of interest, and a very good game was witnessed, Burnhope securing the verdict by the narrow majority of nine runs. G. Heslop was the chief performer for the visitors, scoring 13 runs, and taking six wickets. It will be seen therefore that he quite did his share of the work. The batting of the rest of the team was hardly brilliant, J. Siddle with six being the next performer, and M. Heckels with five being third in order of merit. The innings closed for 34.

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Seven was the highest score which any individual batsman on the Lanchester side could muster, this score being registered by G. Kitchen and W. Burdon. The teams tied in the number of "ducks," each side having a quartette of the undesirable foul, and five men on the Lanchester side scored one each. Thompson took eight wickets, clean bowling each one, M. Rowe, who was run out, and G. Elliot (not out) being the only ones who did not fall victims to his deliveries.

A NARROW MARGIN FOR CRAGHEAD SECOND.

A very exciting game was witnessed at South Moor on Saturday, when the South Moor team met the Craghead 2nd eleven. Four runs was the margin which accorded victory to the visitors, and as the Craghead players had nine extras to the homesters' five, it will be seen that the teams were even on actual runs scored. The chief scorers for the winners were M. Dodds (14) and R. Higginbottom (11), the others doing little or nothing.

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For the South Moor team J. Rutherford, with 13, was the top scorer, and J. Morton, with nine, was the second batsman. The home total was only thirty-six, and amongst this number, three "ducks" were recorded, the other members of the team only scoring nine amongst them. Four wickets fell to Rutherford, three to Ashcroft, whilst four wickets fell to Dodds, and an equal number to Linsley.

A CAPITAL STRUGGLE AT STANLEY.

Stanley second placed a pretty strong team in the field to meet Beamish on Saturday, the eleven including such players as W. T. Brown, R. Noble, T. Jewitt, Bennett, &c. The home team made a shocking bad start, losing five wickets very sharply before the bowling of Laybourne and Cook. On Dixon (36) and P. Harkness (13) becoming associated, however, things took a turn for the better so far as Stanley were concerned, and the score rose at a good pace, Dixon being unfortunately run out after showing capital form. Jewitt (21) still further helped to swell the aggregate, which reached 91—a much larger number than at one time seemed probable. Cook and Leybourne were the best of the visitors' bowlers.

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The feature of the Beamish innings was the fine cricket shown by A. Kerr, who retired after making 55, and to this batsman the success of the visitors may be chiefly attributed. Kerr made more than half the full total—102. His most useful assistant was Scott with 16. Considering the strength of the opposition, Beamish may certainly be said to have accomplished a good performance in winning away from home.

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AN EASY WIN FOR SACRISTON.

Kimblesworth visited Sacriston on Saturday to meet the latter club in the Durham Cup Competition, but had to put up with a crushing reverse. Batting first, the visitors found run-getting a difficult matter against the attack of F. Robson and Jameson, and could only muster 40, Robson taking four wickets for 11 runs. Roscoe (11) and Smith showed fair form, but the remainder did very little. Sacriston made light of the task set them, the first pair of batsmen—Jameson (36) and Swindle (14)—knocking off the required number before they were parted. Shepherd (22) and Taylor (21) also showed capital form, and when hostilities ceased the home team had passed the century by 35. Moore did an extremely creditable bowling performance for Kimblesworth, dismissing four batsmen at a cost of three runs each.

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ESH AND DISTRICT BEAT CORNSAY.

After a capitally contested game Esh managed to get the upper hand of their visitors from Cornsay. The latter won the toss, and electing to bat put together the excellent total of 102, the chief contributors to which were Raw (28), Winter (19), Milburn (18), and Dowson (10). Though they were set a pretty stiff task, the home team acquitted themselves in rare fashion, and eventually obtained a fine victory. Adamson was top scorer with 43, and, although he was missed once or twice, he certainly laid the foundation of Esh's ultimate success. Adamson was ably backed up by Buttery (23 not out), Growcett (19), and Cooke (11.) When stumps were finally drawn the score stood at 118 for seven wickets.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AGAIN BEATEN.

Although they made a very good show against Bishop Auckland on Saturday, the "citizens" were ultimately compelled to knuckle under to the strong "Bishops," who have Fairless (74) and Smith (81) to thank for their success, these two making 155 out of a total of 189. Fairless hit 12 fours and Smith nine. The "gate" was a record one for Auckland, and the hat went round for Smith in recognition of his big innings. The latter looks like turning out a capital man for the "Bishops," and his performance up to the present must have given every satisfaction to his new masters.

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Chester-le-Street gave a much more even batting display than the home team, no less than half-a-dozen men getting into double figures. Halliday led the way with a well-played 32, followed by Middleton (28), J. K. Bewick (15), Hall (14), Child (12 not out), and Jas. Bewick (11). Child was hardly as successful with the leather as usual, his slow leg breaks coming in for rough treatment from Fairless, who is very strong on the leg side. It is evident that Auckland are going to occupy a prominent position in the league this season.

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WELL DONE, PELTON FELL.

Pelton Fell Literary Institute received a visit form Cornsay I.O.G.T. on Saturday, and gained a clever victory. Thanks chiefly to some capital batting by Whitfield (32), the "blue-ribbonites" compiled the respectable total of 71. However, this number was not sufficient to ensure them success, as Wilson (who went in first and carried out his bat for 37), Emery (30), and Kirkup (10 not out), all played finely, and with three wickets yet to fall Pelton Fell headed their opponents' score by 16. Clubs having fixtures with Pelton Fell are requested to note that the secretary (Mr. R. Bland) has changed his residence, his address now being—High Howlet, Pelton Fell, Chester-le-Street.

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WHICKHAM BEATEN AT HOME.

It cannot be said that Whickham made an auspicious beginning at home on Saturday, Burnmoor inflicting a decisive beating upon the home men. The feature of the visitors' innings was the batting of Butler (pro.), the latter actually claiming 54 out of a total of 82, so that it will easily be seen that the others did nothing great. With the exception of Thynn (12), Whickham could do nothing with the deliveries of Gowland and Butler, being all out for 28.

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THE RIVAL HEDLEY HILL TEAMS.

Notwithstanding that Hedley Hill Terrace had choice of ground in their fixture with Hedley Hill, they had to take a back seat on Saturday, being clearly outplayed by their rivals, although the latter were short of a good man in Moralee. Close (13) and Agar (12) batted well for the winners. The Terrace venture partook much of the nature of a procession, Stones and Green having a rare time amongst the sticks. Six men failed to trouble the scorers, whilst the total of 13 included three extras, Mayor being top scorer with four. Stones was credited with six wickets for five runs, and Green four for the same number.

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LANCHESTER GO UNDER.

Owing to the extremely dry and warm weather, the Lanchester ground was in a bad state on Saturday, and really dangerous for the batsmen. Ross made 20 for the home team, but was weakly supported, the side only totalling 39. Seed did a noteworthy bowling feat, taking six wickets—the stumps being hit in every instance—for 17 runs. J. W. Forster (22) again played capital cricket for Shotley, and it was mainly owing to his exertions that the visitors were able to pull through by 10 tens. Ramsay trundled admirably for Lanchester, securing six wickets at a small cost.

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BLACKHALL MILL SECOND VICTORIOUS.

The Blackhall Mill second string are evidently a much-improved lot, and on Saturday accounted for Blaydon St. Cuthbert's in creditable fashion. Thompson and Prudhoe, with 15 each, did best for the "Saints," whose aggregate reached 62, James Anderson took six wickets for 38, and Nichol three for 18. J. W. Anderson (32) played a good innings for the winners, his most able supporters being Moody (11) and Nichol (11), and in the end Blackhall Mill left off victors by a matter of 25 runs.

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A CLOSE GAME AT OXHILL.

A close game, characterised by low scoring, resulted from the meeting of South Tanfield and Tanfield, on the latter's ground at Oxhill, on Saturday, the game being one in the Durham Cup Competition. Palmer, who went in at the fall of the first wicket, showed about the best cricket of the afternoon, carrying out his bat for 20 out of a total of 57. J. and H. Middlemast, Wilson, and Siddle were Palmer's most useful supporters. The visitors made a plucky attempt to pull it off, but could not quite manage it, their total stopping short at 48. Watson was top-sawyer with 15. Robson (13) being second. Bowes bowled well for the losers, as did Raine and Vyne for the winners.

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OUSTON OVERCOME TANTOBIE.

These teams met in the Durham Cup Competition at Ouston on Saturday, when the home side gained an easy win. H. Barras played an excellent innings of 41 for the winners, being followed by A. Barrass (17), R. Barras (17 not out), and J. R. Smith (12). Ninety-two were put on for the loss of five wickets. Tantobie started fairly well, scoring 49 for five wickets, but on Barras and Elliott taking up the attack the last five men were sent back for an addition of but a single run to the total.

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IN MEMORIAM.

It was with much regret that I learnt last week of the death of an old friend of mine in the person of Jack Hunter, son of Mr. Geo. Hunter, of Medomsley, who succumbed to fever at Vereeniging, South Africa, on Easter Monday. Deceased was well-known in the Medomsley district, and some four or five years since took a prominent part in various sports. He was a useful cricketer, and also played regularly for the Medomsley Football Club when the latter was in existence, figuring as a forward on the right wing. He was likewise a sprinter, and competed in a number of handicaps with varying success. Jack was a very quiet and decent young fellow, and as a consequence was extremely popular with all who knew him. I offer my sincere sympathy to his parents in their time of trouble.

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MEMS.

Martin on Saturday fully played up to the reputation which accompanied him to Consett.

He proved himself to be one of the finest all-round cricketers that we have had in the district, and I confidently look forward to him accomplishing many great things on behalf of Consett.

Those old and friendly rivals, Consett and Chester-le-Street, meet at the "city" to-morrow under the auspices of the Senior League.

Judging from what each team did against North Durham, Consett should just about win.

However, we all know that much faith cannot be placed in such a deceptive guide as this.

My hearty congratulations to Joe Robinson, of Burnhope, on being the first player in the district to register a century.

Robinson is one of the most popular of cricketers, and his success will be welcomed by all sorts and conditions of players.

I understood that Medomsley were going to be deprived of the valuable services of Morton Hedley this season.

However, the latter has apparently thrown in his lot once more with the old club, which is to be congratulated on the fact.

It is doubtful whether any club in the district possesses two more graceful batsmen than Tom Dales and Morton Hedley.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of fixture-cards from Consett and District, Stanley and District, Burnhope, Shotley Bridge, Templetown, South Tanfield, South Moor, Pelton Fell, and Hedley Hill.

Whilst many of these are fine specimens of the printer's art, the palm must undoubtedly be awarded to that of Shotley Bridge, whose little book is admirably got up, and contains a host of valuable information relative to the pastime.

Many people think that Consett could do with another good bowler.

This is certainly the case, as Martin wants another reliable man to back him up—such a one as Railton or Bradley.

I see that Liddle—whom I take to be the Hobson full back—has been distinguishing himself at cricket, having made 25 against Consett second last Saturday.

Diver worked himself into a rare passion last week owing to his inability to separate Martin and Williamson, and got himself well laughed at for his pains.

Shotley Bridge open their Competition games to-morrow by receiving a visit from Blackhall Mill.

Craghead will entertain Medomsley under the auspices of the Junior League, and this should be a most interesting struggle.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Hedley Hill have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up. Apply, W. H. Morallee, Hedley Hill, Cornsay.

Dipton West End would like to arrange games with junior teams; ages, 13 to 17; all dates vacant. Apply, R. Maude, Dipton, R.S.O.

Consett Excelsiors would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 15. Apply, J. Green, Spencer Street, Consett.

Tantobie have the following dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible:—Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 5, at home; Aug. 29, Sept. 12, away. Apply to sec., J. Tyson, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tantobie Library C.C. 2nd team have all dates vacant and would like to arrange with teams in the surrounding district. Apply, J. Tyson, Tantobie, R.S.O.

CYCLING GOSSIP.

[By "Wheeler."]

It is doubtful whether any other pastime has so rapidly gained a place in the affections of the people of this country as cycling, which is certainly one of the finest of recreations, and can be indulged in by all sorts and conditions of people. As scarcely any journal is now without its cycling column, the editor of the "Guardian" is determined not to be behind the times, and with this object has commissioned me to write some gossip each week during the season, which, I trust, will be found interesting to my readers, among whom are doubtless many hundreds of cyclists. I shall feel very much obliged if secretaries of clubs will forward me accounts of their weekly runs, &c., and also anything of interest connected with the several clubs. I shall also be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that may be forwarded to me in relation to the pastime. All communications should reach our office on Tuesday of each week.

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Lovely May is always welcomed by the large army of "knights of the wheel," and as she has put on her very finest garb this year there is consequent rejoicings throughout all cycledom. The trees and hedges and fields are looking their brightest, and a run into the country makes one glad to be alive and a cyclist. Numbers of busy workers in our cities and towns are now able, thanks to the speedy cycle, to get out "among the green," and he is a churl indeed who cannot appreciate nature at this time of the year. The cycle is one of the greatest blessings invention has given to this age, especially to those who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the "sweets of the country" without a big demand on their pockets to the benefit of the railway companies. The roads generally appear to be in capital condition, and altogether the season seems likely to be a most successful and enjoyable one.

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"One of those things which no fellah can understand" is why we have not a large and flourishing club in Consett. The town boasts of any number of cyclists—may of them very speedy and skilful—and to me it has always been a matter for wonder that we have not a strong cycling organisation. I am aware that recently there were two clubs—the Consett Amateur and "Charlie"—but I am afraid that if they are not dead, they are, like Rip Van Winkle, indulging in an extremely long sleep. On reading the preliminaries of the Stannington Church Parade I was somewhat surprised to come across the name of the Consett A.B.C as one of the clubs who were going to take part. Whether they did or not I cannot say, but I hope so, as it shows that there is still some amount of vitality amongst the members.

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Now, what I would like to suggest is an amalgamation between the two clubs, as I think it has been proved that a couple of organisations cannot be successfully run in Consett. With a little bit of give-and-take, and some amount of energy on the part of the leading spirits of each club, I see no reason why we should not be able to form one of the very best and most powerful clubs in the north, and, perhaps, in the course of time, be able to successfully carry out a race meeting. This latter, I feel certain, would prove an immense draw in Consett and the district. I throw out the suggestion as above with the desire to see Consett take her proper place in the cycling world, and were the scheme once floated I am sanguine enough to predict that it would be warmly taken up. Personally, I shall be pleased to do anything possible in furtherance of this object.

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The handicappers for Grangetown sports did not deal too gently with W. Summers, the Pelton Fell cyclist. In the half-mile bicycle race he was accorded 35 yards, this being only 20 in advance of "Tommy" Summersgill, the Yorkshire crack. He fully justified this treatment, however, and won his heat in the half-mile very easily. In the final he again showed his marked superiority over the other competitors. Summers rode in the rear for the first lap, and then challenged Longstaff, of the Teeside Cyclers, at the final bend, and coming up the straight in fine style won by about a wheel.

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In the mile scratch race Summers again rode in splendid form, and easily managed his heat. Longstaff was again looked upon as his most dangerous rival, he having beaten T. Summersgill in a tricky race by a few inches. W. P. Fawcett, of the Leeds club, proved the local man's closest adversary. The competitors rode in a bunch till the bell went for the last lap, and then Summers let himself go, but was soon challenged by Fawcett, who was not quick enough to get the inside berth, and Summers managed to head him off at the last corner and won the "big race" by about half-a-wheel in 2 min 35 secs. The Pelton Fell man rode in splendid style, and in scrupulously fair fashion, and was accorded a hearty reception by the crowd.

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For the edification of the tyro, who is at this season of the year ubiquitous, and whose dubious wobble is a familiar and often hazardous sight, unless, indeed, he is viewed from behind a wall, it may be pointed out that a common mistake is made in having the saddle in such a position that the rider is constrained to lean heavily forward upon his handle bars, with the result that he falls a victim in the long run, to what has been termed "the bicycle hand." That is, a sensation as though the hand were "asleep," and often an extreme numbness, which is easily obviated by taking care to be seated in such a position that it is possible to steer without putting any weight at all upon the wrists.

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There were a large number of cyclists present at the Frosterley Poultry Show on Saturday, this being a favourite run with scores of wheelmen. Several local wheelmen made the journey, including a merry little party from Leadgate, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They managed to run over and kill a dog or two, and generally had a "high old time of it." "Splash" greatly astonished the simple dalesfolk with his wonderful performance on the bugle. There are few prettier spots than Frosterley, and as the inhabitants invariably extend the most cordial hospitality towards strangers, it is little wonder that the place is so popular with cyclists. Many pleasant recollections of bygone jaunts in Weardale linger in my memory; and I hope to pay at least one visit to beautiful Stanhope ere the season closes.

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Under the new cycling laws that have recently been passed in France, riders are allowed, so long as they are not in thickly populated districts, to take to the footpaths, if the roads should be unrideable, on the understanding that they shall proceed slowly when passing pedestrians. The rule is an eminently sensible one, and it is a pity there should not be its equivalent in our own country. One often rides out into the country, to find the highways in a state of indescribable irregularity as regards surface, and though to be sure the course is often taken of adopting the footpath and risking it, still the very fact that the risk exists, is one to be lamented. Lamentation on the part of the wheelman, however, is not generally much regarded by the authorities.

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The increased dangers to horsemen, drivers, and pedestrians arising from bicycle riding was pointed out to the Durham County Council the other day by the Rev A. D. Shafto in a very amusing manner. In a discussion addressed by the Chief Constable of the County drawing attention to the urgent need of legislation to confer on police authorities means of identifying cyclists offending against the law Mr Shafto expressed the opinion that there was now the additional danger of becoming entangled in ladies' petticoats! Recently, when riding a young and somewhat restive horse, the rev gentleman was very nearly run into by an offending cyclist. When asked why he did'nt ring his bell the cyclist replied, "'Cause I hasn't got one, but I'se got a horn." "Then why the deuce didn't you blow it?" rejoined Mr Shafto. The Court was convulsed.

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It seems as though the lady riders are pretty coolheaded, if one may judge by a little incident which occurred in Consett a few days since. A young lady and a boy were riding together, when the lady turned a corner more sharply than her escort had anticipated. He made an attempt to avoid a collision, but in vain. The lady's machine struck his front wheel, and down he went in company with his machine. The lady made some remark, apparently not complimentary to the spilled one's skill, as she continued serenely on her course. The lad picked himself up, and, as he did so, shouted "All right; go on." The latter part of the ejaculation scarcely appeared to be necessary, as the young lady was "going on."

SWALWELL.

Band of Hope Anniversary:—The members of the Swalwell Band of Hope celebrated their eighteenth anniversary on Saturday, when all the members, numbering about 450, marched through the village, headed by the Dunston Wesleyan Brass Band. They afterwards assembled in the Board Schools, where each member, and also the widows of the village, received a free tea. After tea a concert was given, Mr. W. Thompson, of Heaton, occupying the chair.

Sporting Items.

QUOITING.

BLAYDON.—Mr. Robinson's quoit handicap was resumed on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a numerous company of spectators, when the two following heats in the second round was decided:—Tones (Addison), scratch, 41; Stewart (Blaydon), 16, 33; Hart (Teams), 7, 40; G. Smith (Blaydon) 16, 41; Mr. M. Kelly, was referee. The handicap will be resumed on Saturday first.

GOLF.

RYTON WORKMEN'S GOLF CLUB.—The following are the results of the whole tournament promoted by this club. Second round; T. Turnbull, 4 holes, a bye, v. B. Grice, 1 hole, absent; T. Ramsay, 1, beat R. Ramsay, 1, by 2 holes. M. Turnbull, 2, beat J. Orange, 0, by 2 and 1 to play; W. McCormack, 4, beat H. Ylelder, 0, by 4 and 3 to play; R. Newton, 4, beat W. Ramsay, 6, by 2 and 1 to play; T. Doby, 2, beat J. Stobart, owes 1, by 2 and 1 to pay; J. Ward, 4, a bye, G. Edwards, 10, absent; T. Stephenson, owes 1, a bye, W. Collins, owes 1, absent.

BILLIARDS.

BURNOPFIELD.—The members of the Burnopfield Constitutional Club propose to purchase a large billiard table to take the place of their present small one. A billiard handicap 100 points game, has just been decided, 32 competitors having entered. Results—Semi-finals—R. Abbott, owes 20, beat T. Oswald, scratch, by 11; J. L. Weedy, owes 20, beat J. Turnbull, owes 75, by 3. Final—J. J. Weedy beat R. Abbott by 9, and won, J. Turnbull beating T. Oswald by 10 points for third prize. Mr. W. G. Turnbull was handicapper and marker.

BOXING.

WINLATON.—On Saturday night, an interesting programme was provided in the Drill Hall, Winlaton. There was a very large attendance of local supporters present, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the proceedings. The chief event was a ten-round contest between Johnny McLaughlin, of Blaydon, and Dick Smith, of Winlaton, who boxed at catchweights for a £5 purse and another £5. Smith had the advantage in the matter of reach, and this benefited him to some extent. At the end of the tenth round the referee, Mr. Hall, of Denton Burn, gave the verdict to McLaughlin. Smith was seconded by his cousin and Mr. R. Evans, whilst Messrs J. Willis and J. Milburn performed a similar duty for McLaughlin. Mr. J. Magin officiated as timekeeper. Betting ruled at 6 to 4 on the winner. The next item was contributed by the McLaughlin Midgets, who boxed four rounds in a way that said much for their future career. Jack Milburn, of Gateshead, and James Willis, of Blaydon, then gave an interesting display of exhibition sparring which met with the thorough appreciation of the audience, and Joe Farrell wound up the entertainment by giving a skilful performance with the Indian clubs.

COMPETITION AND MATCH AT CONSETT.—There was an exceedingly large attendance of local sporting men in the Assembly Rooms, Trafalgar Street, Consett, on Saturday night to witness a series of competitions promoted on behalf of the "Fountain" Gymnasium Club; indeed the place was so full as to become extremely hot before the finish of the proceedings. The first item on the programme was a boxing competition, under the Marquis of Queensberry's Rules, with six ounce gloves, in a 15 foot ring, for a silver watch. The various rounds were watched with the keenest interest. Results:—An unknown of Shotley Bridge, knocked out Ward, of Consett, in four rounds; Mullen, of Consett, defeated Mulbearon, also of Consett, in five rounds; Keen, of Consett, was awarded the decision over Williamson, of the same place, after half-a-dozen rounds. There are four competitors left standing in, and the contest will be resumed next Saturday evening. The next event was a match for a purse of gold, between Hackey and Crozier, two Consett youths, the best of 15 rounds. The gloves were three ounces, the ring was also 15 feet in size, each round lasting two minutes, and the same rules were observed. "Scotty" Mellon and Jos. Jennings, both of Consett, acted as the principals for Hackey, while O. Murray, of Consett, was second for Crozier. Although Hackey was a few pounds heavier than his opponent, the latter seemed to be of stronger physique, and was decidedly the favourite amongst the onlookers. In the first round both antagonists exchanged some slashing blows, and the parties seemed to be about equally matched. In the second round Crozier opened with a stinging blow from the left, and his opponent retaliated with a well-directed blow on the shoulder. Crozier landed another stinging shot, and from now seemed to have the best of matters, his opponent confining his operations to acting on the defensive. In the third meeting Crozier had pretty much his own way, being compelled to follow his man round the ring, and he kept him pinned almost the whole time against the ropes; in fact, Hackey was so far exhausted that he had to retire to his corner 10 seconds befor time was announced. On the referee requesting the parties to commence the fourth round, the principals of Hackey threw up the sponge, and Crozier was declared the victor amid much enthusiasm. Mr. Ryan, of Consett, officiated as referee, Mr. Miller, of Consett, being the timekeeper for both events.

CRICKET.

WHITE-LE-HEAD Y.M.C.A. C.C.

The above club held a full meeting on Monday week, when the following officers were elected:—Presidents, Rev. Ed. Campbell, and Mr H. C. Wood, C.C., J.P.; Vice-presidents, Councillors J. W. Taylor and J. G. Taylor; Patrons, Sir James Joicey, Bart., Major Joicey, Councillors W. Harrison, J. Harrison, W. Holmes, J. Rodham, T. Pringle, Rev. T. H. Archdall, Mr Eden, Mrs Alexandra, Messrs W. Atkinson, W. Swallow, Dr. Benson, Mr L. A. Atherley-Jones, M.P., Fred W. Dixon, A. Lewins, Richard Gladders, T. Crisp, J. Dixon, J. Offord, J. T. Henderson, W. R. Bell, E. Fawcett, T. Ainsley, J. Reay, N. Watson, W. Johnson, M. Snowdon, J. Gladders; committee, Messrs G. Harrison, Jos. Pyle, W. Pyle, John Arthur; captain, J. W. Harrison; vice-captain, J. Cockrane; treasurer, T. Keeler; secretary, J. J. Nicholson, Liddle's Houses, White-le-Head, Tantobie, Co. Durham, R.S.O. All dates vacant for moderate 2nd teams.

VOLUNTEER INTELLIGENCE.

5TH V.B.D.L.I.

The third of a series of four shoots promoted by ... and Hon. Major W J. Douglass, the commanding officer of the H (Blaydon) Company of the above corps, took place on Saturday afternoon at the Bewes Hills range, near Blaydon. The competition is held with a view to selecting the five most competent members to represent the detachment at the Bisley and county meetings, and of the four shoots three are to count. Conditions:—Seven rounds and one sighting shot each at 200, 500, and 600 yards, the positions being kneeling, prone, and any respectively with Bisley 1894 targets and scoring; h.p.s., 105. The best scores were—Corporal W. March, 31, 30, 25—86; Colour-Sergt. T. Vallans, 31, 30, 23—84; Private E. Adams, 31, 33, 20—84; Private J. Chilton 25, 30 27—82; Lance Corporal E. Ormston, 31, 27, 22—80; Sergt. J. Marley, 29, 31, 19—79; Private R. Chilton, 28, 20, 30—78; Private G. Chilton, 27, 25, 18—70; Corporal W. Brown, 29, 22, 15—66.

In the competition held under the auspices of the I and K (Winlaton) companies for a Bisley and five county nominations, given by Capt. and Hon. Major T. W. Bagnall and Capt J. W. Thompson, the commanding officers, the penultimate stage was reached on Saturday afternoon, when the third shoot took place at the Bewes Hills range. The conditions were the same as those of the H Company, and the highest scores were:—Col-Sergt. W. V. Shotton, 31, 30, 29—90; Band-Corporal J. Grundy, 29, 29, 24—82; Corl J. Dixon, 26, 25, 30—81; Lance-Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, 30, 28, 17—75; Lance-Corporal T. Spark, 23, 28, 23—74; Private W. Farrow, 24, 24, 20—68; Private J. R. Newson, 25, 17, 18—60; Sergeant W. Dodds, 15, 23, 18—56.

TYNE AND DERWENT RIFLE CLUB.

The members of this flourishing organisation turned out in strong force on Saturday afternoon at the Bewes Hills range, to take part in the fourth handicap of the summer series. The conditions were similar to those given above the maximum number of points, exclusive of allowance, being 105. Scores: Private E. Adams, Blaydon (20 start), 31, 33 20—104 Colour-Sergeant W. A. Shotton, Winlaton (8), 31, 30, 29—91; Private W. Farrow, Winlaton (30), 24, 24, 20—98; Sergeant T. Armstrong, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers (9), 32 30, 26—97; Private J. Chilton, Blaydon (14), 25, 30, 27—96; Lance-Corporal T. Spark, Winlaton (22), 23, 28, 23—96; Corporal W. March, Blaydon (9), 31, 30 25—95; Corporal J. Dixon, Winlaton (11), 26, 25, 30—92; Private J. W. Clarke, Blaydon (30), 25, 25, 11—91; Band-Corporal J. Grundy, Winlaton (8), 29, 29, 24—90; Lieut S. O Ferry, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers (scr), 32, 27, 30—89; Private G. Chilton, Blaydon (19), 27, 25, 18—89; Sergt. J. Marley, Blaydon (7), 29, 31, 19—86; Private R. Chilton, Blaydon (8), 28, 20, 30 86; Lance Sergeant G. W. Stephenson, Winlaton (10), 30, 28, 17—85; Col-Sergeant T. Vallans, Blaydon (scr), 31, 31, 23—84.

BLAYDON RACES.—This popular local meeting will be held on Whit Monday, and there are already evidences that this year's venture will be every bit as successful if not more so than the preceding gatherings have been. The public interest in the event is as great as ever it was, and "Blaydon Races" is now an established institution. It is concomitant with the festivities of Whitsuntide, and it will always continue to be a favourite source of enjoyment and sport with North-Country votaries of the turf, so long as the present spirit of enterprise characterises the dealings of the management. The programme for this year's meeting will be slightly different from that of other occasions in the respect that there will be no hurdle race, the committee having found it advisable to dispense with this event, and substitute a flat race over a short distance. The course has undergone certain improvements during the past year, and there is now a nice covering of excellent turf. The entries are coming in pretty fast, and there are indications that big fields will be the order of the day. The letting of sites took place at the Douglas Hotel, Blaydon, on Monday night last, when the proceedings were, as usual, conducted by Mr. James Cooper, of the Crown and Thistle Yard, Newcastle.

Football.

ASSOCIATION

BROOMS R. C. v JARROW "HIBS."

This match was played on the Exile's ground at the Brooms. The visitors had the same team as won the Sambotee Cup on Wednesday week. The Brooms won the toss, and played towards the entrance goal. From the kick-off, Jarrow (who were a much heavier team than the homesters) steadily forced their way to the Brooms goal, but an excellent defence kept them at bay, the tackling of J. Hughes being admirable. Time after time he robbed the "Hibs" and returned the ball into mid-field. His partner (Loughran) was equally as good, and many times prevented the "stripes" from scoring. A combined run by the Brooms forwards now took play to the opposite end of the field, but Daly shot past. The "Hibs" again ran down, and obtained a free kick which McErlane put through, thus drawing first blood for Jarrow. On crossing over, the Brooms made a good start, but were pulled up by the Jarrow halves, who were the mainstay of the team, whilst the Brooms half-back line was the weak spot. After Dougherty had shot past the Jarrow goal, Lavery obtained from the free kick and put in a steady shot which beat the Brooms custodian, and made the final score—

Jarrow .... Two goals
Brooms .... Nil

Referee, Mr W. Foreman

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The monthly meeting of the above League was held at the headquarters, Towneley Arms, Rowland's Gill, on Saturday—Mr J. Bennett in the chair. The secretary (Mr W. Smith) read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted.

NEW CLUBS.

Blaydon United and Chopwell Athletic made application for admission to the League. The former were accepted, while the application of Chopwell was deferred till the annual meeting, the secretary being instructed to write and ask them to send representatives to lay before the committee the prospects of the new organisation.

PRESENTATION OF CUP AND MEDALS.

It was decided to hold the presentation of the trophy and medals to Leadgate Park Reserve and Consett (champions and runners up respectively) at the house of Mr Calvert, Leadgate, on Saturday, May 23rd, the proceedings to be prefaced by a dinner, the after proceedings to take the form of a "smoker." It was also decided to again ask Mr H. A. Murton (the donor of the cup) to make the presentation.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

After a brief deliberation, the annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, June 6th, at 4 p.m., and that applications for membership be left open till that date. Clubs may have further particulars from the secretary Mr W. Smith, Lintz Green.

CAUTION TO PLAYERS.

The League committee wish players to understand that close season players after the issue of this notice will be stringently dealt with, unless competitions for which they play have been sanctioned by the Durham Association.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.—The monthly meeting of the members of the above league was held on Saturday night at the Townley Arms Inn, Rowlands Gill, under the presidency of Mr. J. Bennett, of Byermoor. Several fresh clubs made application for admission to the League next season, but the selection was left over to a future meeting, when it will be determined how many clubs shall constitute the league. The presentations of the cup to Leadgate Park Reserve, as the champions of the league, and of medals to Consett Town as runners up, was fixed to take place at Leadgate on Saturday night, 23rd inst. It is expected that Mr. H. A. Murton, of Newcastle, the donor of the trophy, will make the presentations. It was agreed to hold the annual meeting of the league on Saturday, 6th of June, at the headquarters at Rowlands Gill

CONSETT SWIFTS A.F.C.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday evening, the members of this club held their annual meeting at the house of Mr. Edward Wylam, Freemason's Arms Hotel, Consett. There was a capital attendance presided over by Mr. Thomas Grayson.

The Chairman stated that he was sorry there was not a full attendance, as they had a considerable amount of important business to transact. However, they would have just to make the best of it, as the meeting had been duly advertised.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. Jos. Hamilton) submitted his report as follows:—

I have now great pleasure in presenting my report for the past season. In the first place I may state that it has been in nearly every possible way a successful one. Our history in connection with the Durham Junior Cup you all know; but we can look forward to a more substantial record in the ensuing season. A new feature has been the formation of a Wednesday team, which has been on the whole fairly successful. Their record being 14 played, 6 won, 5 lost, 3 drawn; goals against, 34 to 30 for. The most lamentable incident of the season was the unfortunate accident which befel Frank Bradley, one of our players. The members of the club at once brought to a successful issue a benefit match which realised the net sum of £5. The first team has done exceptionally well, and in finishing on practically even terms with the winners of the North-West Durham League. I think their form has been very consistent. The following is their record:—25 matches played, 15 won, 5 drawn, and 5 lost; and they have scored 72 goals to 28 scored against them. I may say that they have never been defeated by more than two clear goals. The average of the reserve team is as follows:—1 played, 9 won, 2 drawn, 8 lost 44 goals to 43. Of the four teams the Junior team has undoubtedly the most superior average. They have taken part in 24 matches, of which not one has been lost, 21 having been won, and the remaining three drawn. They have scored 87 goals to 10. You will observe the extent to which the club has grown, and an excellent feature is the very promising form shown by the junior members; amongst whom we can in future look with confidence for players. The financial standing of the club is correspondingly good; which you will observe from the balance-sheet. The balance in hand is satisfactory. On the whole I consider your second season to have been an exceptionally successful one, being an advance of the previous year in all respects, and it reflects great credit upon the committee as a managing body, and the members themselves, one and all: I hope that next season will be crowned with greater success.

The report was adopted.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Secretary next submitted the balance sheet, which showed that the accounts had been audited by Messrs J. Brodie and J. McArdle, auditors. The expenditure for the year amounted to £28 15s; whilst the receipts at the "gate" had realised £19 10s. After paying all expenses there was still a balance in hand.

The balance-sheet was considered satisfactory.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Allison moved that the election of officers should stand over till another meeting.

The Chairman stated that he did not see why Mr. Allison should make such a proposal. There were sufficient members present to do the business. If the other members could not find time to attend to do the business, let it be seen they could be done without.

Mr. George Hamilton: The members have known about the meeting for a fortnight, and yet they cannot find time to attend the meeting.

The Secretary: It will be better to proceed with the business.

Mr. Allison: It will not give satisfaction if we elect the officers to-night.

Mr. Bradley was of opinion that the election of officers should stand over.

The Chairman: It was decided that we should proceed with the business, and the officers must be elected at this meeting.

Eventually it was agreed that the officers should be elected:—

On the motion of Mr. J. White, seconded by Mr. G. Hamilton, Mr. Jos. Allison was unanimously re-elected captain of the first team.

Mr. W. Reed moved that Mr. D. McKie should be the vice-captain.

This was seconded by Mr. J. White.

Mr. A McDonald moved, and Mr. R. Bradley seconded, that Mr. J. Rafferty should fill the position.

On a vote being taken, Mr. Rafferty received 12 votes, and Mr. McKie 6.

The Chairman declared Mr. Rafferty elected.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Allison, seconded by Mr. Thos. Sanderson, Mr. J. Hamilton was unanimously re-elected secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. George Hamilton proposed, and Mr. J. Allison seconded, that Mr. J. McArdle be appointed treasurer.

Mr. J. Brodie was again unanimously re-elected auditor.

The other officers elected were:—Captain 2nd. team. Mr. George Hamilton; vice-captain, Mr. D. Elliott. Junior team—captain, A. Robson, vice-captain, E. Pratt; secretary, W. Walton.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES.

It was resolved that Messrs J. Hamilton, and Thos. Allison should be the League representatives.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Mr. Reid moved that the member's subscription should be four shillings for the season.

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

It was also decided that the Junior subscription be 2/6.

It was resolved that honorary members be asked to contribute 4/- for the season.

THE COMMITTEE.

A strong committee was appointed, to carry on the working of the club.

PRESIDENT.

On the motion of Mr. J. Allison, seconded by Mr. Reid, Mr. J. Petherick was re-elected president.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

A long list of gentlemen were proposed to become vice-presidents.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

On the motion of Mr. Allison, it was decided that the secretary should apply for the club's admission into the Derwent Valley League.

DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The secretary was appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Durham Football Association.

A SUPPER.

It was decided that the club should have its annual supper and "smoker," at an early date.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The customary votes of thanks to the chairman and secretary, terminated the meeting.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.—Mr. Vickers had forward 65 dairy cows and heifers, 15 fat cattle, 14 store cattle, 9 calves, 120 fat sheep and hoggs, 15 fat lambs, 21 ewe lambs. Cows made up to £17; fat heifers to £18 12s 6d, from the Right Hon. Viscount Boyne, Witton Castle; store cattle, £10 7s 6d; calves to 31s; fat hoggs to 49s 6d, from Mr. R. Herbert, Heworth; to 45s 3d, Mr. T. English, West Brandon; to 40s, Messrs Cochrane & Co., New Brancepath; to 39s 6d, Mr. G. Liddell, Kimblesworth; fat lambs to 41s, top Mr. F. Elliot, Wolsingham; mule ewes and followers to 55s 6d per couple.

BENFIELDSIDE, May 11.—Mr. Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 22 fat cattle, 7 cows and calving heifers, 28 lambs, 74 fat sheep, 2 calves, 10 pork pigs, 1 bacon pig, 16 small pigs, and 1 cob. There was a large company present, and a fairly good demand for fat stock, but prices a little disappointing. Cows a slow trade, but a good demand for good lambs and sheep. Prices:—Bullocks to £18 5s; heifers, £17 10s; fat cows to £16 10s; veal calves, 30s to 46. Lambs to 45s, from Messrs Annandale; hoggs to 45s 6d, from Mr. S. Brewis; do., from Mrs. R. Dixon, 47s 6d; do., from Mr. Simpson, Bradley, 49s; do., from Mr. W. Johnson, 49s; sheep to 61s, Mr. Pickering, Acton. Pork pigs, 39s to 44s; small do., 16s to 22s 6d. A very useful looking three year old cob from Mr. Walburn made £18 15s. Poultry, &c., made fairly satisfactory prices.

THE IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.

The summer meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute was held in London last week, Sir Lowthian Bell presiding. Several papers were read and discussed, the one of chief interest being by Baron Hanns Juptner von Jonstorff, of Austria, on the introduction of standard methods of analysis. He said the important point to be attained was to ensure that the analysis of ore and iron samples made by different individuals shall agree together, and give as accurate results as possible. That object was not at the present time attained in many cases, and the analytical differences frequently made themselves felt in an objectionable manner, not only in purely scientific researches, but also in many cases in practice. He suggested several causes that brought about the differences in analysis, and pointed out the course of investigation that should be adopted in order to arrive at some solution of the difficulty. In the discussion which followed, Mr. C. J. Snelus expressed the opinion that an international commission on the subject would have important results, and a hope was expressed that the paper would have a great deal to do with laying down truly scientific methods in the analysis of iron and steel. Other speakers followed, and the proceedings afterwards terminated.

NATURALISTS UP THE DERWENT

The first field meeting of the season of the Derwent Naturalists' Field Club was held at Shotley Bridge on Saturday, and a good number of members were present to share in the pleasures of the day, the Derwent Valley at present looking exceedingly beautiful. The beauty of the scenery between Rowland's Gill and Shotley Bridge evoked frequent expressions of delight. Before Shotley Bridge was reached several young birds were noticed strong on the wing. The hedgerows in the vicinity of Rowland's Gill and other parts of the vale were noticed as showing signs of abundance of blossom, which will in a few days be seen in its full beauty. The party reached Shotley Bridge shortly after one o'clock, and went to the Derwent Flour Mill, where they were met by Mr Telford, the courteous manager, who went round and explained the process of flour making from the receipt of the grain to its despatch as flour. The grounds of Mr J. W. Walson-Wilson were next visited. Amongst many other botanical specimens met with, the following were especially noted as blooming and growing in profusion:—Periwinkle *(Vinca minor)*, wood sorrel *(Oxalis acetosella)*, and marsh marigold *(Caltha palustris)*. Squirrels are common in these woods, and the habitations of several were observed. Several good specimens of coleoptera were obtained by one of the members. The company was next shown over the gardens by Mr Smailes, head gardener. A ramble over the farm of the Derwent Flour Mill Society was the next feature of the programme. An excellent tea was then provided by Miss Dobson, a member of the club. After tea several new members were elected.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

On Monday evening the usual monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held in the Board room of the Castleside Schools. County Councillor T. J. Muse presided, and there were also present Messrs M. Lee, W. Pattinson, and Jos. Proud (clerk.)

ATTENDANCE REPORT.

Mr. W. Walton, school attendance officer, reported that during the month the attendance at the school had, on the whole, been fairly good with the exception of a few cases, which if not better, he would serve a copy of the Board's bye-law notices upon them. He had made 64 absentee visits, and had also sent a list to other districts.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Pattinson.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. Thomas Duckworth, schoolmaster, reported that sickness had visited the staff of the school during the month. As they would be aware, he had been absent from school a fortnight, and now Miss Lily Jackson was unable to put in an appearance owing to a very severe swelling of the glands of the neck. He would like to remark that he was delighted with the rest of the staff for the hearty way in which they had responded to the strain put upon them, in sustaining the regular work of the school. It also augured well for the tone of the school, that not a single case of misbehaviour had been reported to him. He would also remind the Board that that was the time for fixing the Whitsuntide holidays. The school books had been examined and found correct.

Mr. Pattinson moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Lee seconded, and it was agreed to.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The Chairman said arising out of Mr. Duckworth's report was the question of Whitsuntide holidays. In previous years the scholars were granted one day holiday when the audit took place, and one day (Monday) at Whitsuntide. This year, however, the children had not had holiday on the day of the audit, and he would suggest that that being so, the school be closed on Monday and Tuesday in Whit week. In fact when the children were only granted one day, very few put in an appearance on the Tuesday.

Mr. Pattinson thereupon moved that the schools be closed on Whit Monday and Whit Tuesday.

Mr. Lee seconded, and it was agreed to.

The Chairman remarked that it was a great pity that the head master (Mr. Duckworth) and some of the teachers had been ill. He was glad, however, that Mr. Duckworth had regained health sufficiently to allow him to resume his duties in the school, for he had been felt to be a great loss, during his absence. Miss Jackson's health he was pleased to say, was improving.

SCHOOL DESKS.

Mr. Pattinson reminded the Board that at the recent school examination, the Inspector suggested that some new desks should be procured for school use. There were six required, and he thought that the time had arrived when steps should be taken to procure them.

The Chairman: Just so.

Mr. Pattinson: Would you advise us to get new desks, or old ones Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: New ones: I inspected a number of second hand desks the other day, and they were simply worthless. They become second hand soon enough.

Mr. Pattinson moved, Mr. Lee seconded, and it was resolved that the clerk be instructed to communicate with school furnishing establishments with a view to obtaining their respective prices for the supply of six new school desks.

ACCOUNTS

On the motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Pattinson, it was unanimously agreed that cheques be signed to the amount of £23, to meet the expenses of the Board.

AN APPOINTMENT.

The Clerk read the minutes of a special meeting of the Board which stated that Miss Sarah Patterson, of Consett, had been appointed ex-p.t., under the Board at a salary of £45 per annum.

The Chairman remarked that Miss Patterson was, from what he could gather, a pupil from Mr. Hyden's school at Consett, and was a promising young teacher. She had been selected from amongst ten candidates, and was anxious to settle down to her work.

This was all the business, and the Board rose.

5th. V.B. DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.—On Thursday se'night, the members of the H (Blaydon) and I and K (Winlaton) Companies of the above corps marched out to Path Head Wood for the purpose of receiving outpost instruction. There was a good muster of the Blaydon company, with Captain and Hon. Major W. J. Douglass in command, and they were met at Fenwick's Mill by the Winlaton detachment, with the band, under the direction of Bandmaster T. Grundy. The officers present included Captain J. W. Thompson, Lieutenant N. Simpson, Lieutenant J. Henderson, and Sergeant-Instructor E. Urry. Considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, there being a large number of spectators.

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OPENING CEREMONIES.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

The inhabitants of the Westwood and Blackhall Mill districts have just witnessed the completion of a new bridge over the Derwent, which, it is hoped, will be of the greatest possible benefit to the traders and the general public of the district. For many years a bridge, which would allow vehicular traffic to pass over it has been a crying need, and in spite of continuous and well-sustained agitation no move was made until some twelve months ago, when the Lanchester Highway Board took up the matter, and in conjunction with the Blaydon District Council, decided to have the bridge built. Before the erection of the bridge there were three foot-bridges in the vicinity, one an iron erection at Low Westwood, and about two hundred yards further up there is a stone and wood bridge of respectable dimensions. For the convenience of the inhabitants of the higher end of the village there is a small iron bridge, which has been the one principally used. This bridge is, perhaps, substantial enough, but at the present time looks somewhat ricketty, and as it was only waiting for some one to give it a final touch to complete its destruction. It is a few yards further up the stream than this that the new bridge has been erected. The work in connection with this structure has not been simply that of bridge building, for it has also been found necessary to make a considerable amount of new road as an approach to the bridge. The bridge itself is a massive structure of stone and iron, consisting of two spans, 45 feet each, the total length of the bridge being 95 feet. The breadth of the structure is twenty-four feet, so that it will be seen that there is ample room for both pedestrians and vehicles. The depth of the bridge is about five feet six inches, and the road is of tar macadam, a kind of road which practical experience has proved to be of the most excellent character. A well finished gutter runs along the road, though indeed everything connected with the bridge has been properly and thoroughly done under the supervision of Mr. Hilton, the well-known Bishop Auckland contractor. The bridge is finished at each end by solid freestone abutments, and the centre pier is a massive piece of stone work, being 35 feet long, and rising five feet out of the water. The new portion of the road has been well railed in, and various other minor improvements have been effected. The total cost of the bridge will be over £2,000, the cost being defrayed by the Lanchester Council (as successors of the recently defunct Highway Board), the Blaydon District Council, and the Durham County Council. The work was commenced in October last, the start having been delayed by the tardiness of the County Council in not agreeing to defray their share of the expense, but this august body eventually opened its purse-strings, and at the period mentioned the bridge was started with Mr. Fowler being placed in charge as clerk of the works. Before the existence of the new bridge, all the traffic which passed over the river, had to ford it at a point near the bridge, and not infrequently great delay and serious inconvenience was caused to the public. Though in fairly dry weather the river seems anything but formidable, in wet weather when it is swollen by the rains from the hills, it presents a very different aspect, and many are the occasions upon which serious loss has been sustained by the more daring of the traders who have attempted to cross the river when in flood. Happily these will now be things of the past, and with the new bridge a new state of things will be inaugurated, and henceforth commercial operations will be greatly facilitated, and the comfort of pedestrians greatly increased.

In order to fill the obligations imposed by the Rivers Pollution Act of 1876, the Lanchester District Council have during recent years carried out large and important works for the purification of the sewage generated in the more populous portions of their extensive district, and works for this purpose have just been completed at Croniwell which effectually clarifies and deodorises the sewage, which discharges through a system of sewers laid at Allendale Cottages, High Westwood, Low Westwood, Croniwell, Derwentside, and Blackhall Mill, the latter having had to be laid under the bed of the river Derwent. The works are situated at the foot of the steep slopes of the Medomsley hills, within 100 yards of the new Blackhall Mill Bridge, and at the confluence of the sewers laid at three levels—viz., the high level, the middle level, and the low level, the latter being from Blackhall Mill. The works are so arranged that the power for lifting the low level sewage to a height of about 12 feet is derived from the sewage, which is flowing from the high level system, and the apparatus is manufactured by Adams' Patent Sewage Lift Company, of York. The works "per se" consist of a mixing chamber and storehouse, a circular tank having within it another tank, having a series of short walls forming a regular polygon, which form a weir. This inner tank is divided into two parts, having a well at the centre which receives the sewage from the mixing chamber. The annulus formed by the inner and outer tanks is used as filters, and divided into four compartments. From these filters an outlet drain has been laid to the river Derwent. The process of purification takes place in the following way:—The dose of chemicals is put into the mixing chamber, through which the sewage flows; it is then conveyed by an iron trough along the central wall to the well. Here the sewage diffuses throughout the tank, and slowly flows over the almost continuous weir into the filters, depositing "en route" the solid matter produced by the action of the chemicals upon the foul portions of the sewage in the form of sludge. This process is called precipitation. After this the sewage is filtered through the aforesaid filters, and discharges quite clear and sweet into the effluent drain. When sufficient sludge has accumulated it is run into a separated tank, and the power turned on from the sewage lift, by means of which the sludge is lifted on to a sewage drying area to be there carted away. Mr. G. H. Bell, of Bishop Auckland, was contractor for the general work and Messrs Adams, of York, for the lifting apparatus. The whole scheme has been carried out from the designs and under the control of Mr. J. E. Parker, Assoc. M. Inst., C.E., of Lanchester, the Surveyor to the Rural Council, Mr. Jos Davison being Clerk of the works under his direction. The cost of the Sewage Disposal Works is about £1,600.

On Wednesday afternoon the new bridge and new sewage works adjoining were opened before a large and influential assembly. Amongst those present at the ceremonies were:—Mr. William Logan, of Langley Park; Messrs Wm. Atkinson, Winlaton; H. Atkinson, Winlaton; W. Crooks, Blaydon; R. Carr, Blaydon; Jos. Robson, Blaydon; Wm. Paxton, Blaydon; W. Patterson, Blaydon; J. Cunningham, Blaydon; E. Aiston, Blaydon; W. Scott, Blaydon; Wm. Archer, Blaydon; Wm. Tucker, Spen; E. Stoker, Spen; W. Bracken, Spen; A. Rowland, Ruffside; Thos. Copeland, Muggleswick; J. H. Morris, Medomsley; Jos. Towns, Lanchester; Wm. Down, Catchgate; W. Keenleyside, Buckshot, Edmondbyers; R. Crowe, Hedleyhope; R. Mitchinson, Catchgate; Rev. W. Featherstonehaugh, Edmondbyers; Wm. Aynsley, Consett; Wm. Rutherford, Mill House, Catchgate; Mr. Jas. Ross, West Butsfield; G. A. Wherley, Cornsay Colliery; R. Anderson, Moss Wood; Wm. Johnson, Ewehurst Head, Dipton; J. W. Taylor, Dipton; Wm. Young, Dipton; P. Kirkup, Cornsay Colliery; Wm. Charlton, Ebchester; Wm. Collier, Quebec; Rev. P. C. Fortin, Waterhouses; Thos. Lowdon, Quebec; Hy. Greener, Annfield Plain; R. Burleigh, Hedleyhope; J. Oliver, Consett; George Walles, Hare Law, Annfield Plain; Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mills, Tantobie; Wm. Gray, Burnhope; Thos. Wilkinson, Lanchester; Wm. Robinson, Medomsley; A. T. Watson, Burnopfield; R. Robson, Castleside; T. Nichol, West Shields, Satley; T. J. Muse, Castleside; Thos. Hylton, Bishop Auckland; G. H. Bell, Bishop Auckland; R. Biggins (inspector of nuisances), Blaydon; W. S. Simpson, Blaydon; Henry Dalton, Blaydon; Jos. Davison, Leadgate; T. Adams, York; Wm. Cummings, Lanchester; Philip Reay, Annfield Plain; John Parker, Leadgate; J. W. Winter, Leadgate; Dr. Bolton, Ebchester; Dr. Hemborough, County M. O. H.; Dr. Hill, County M. O. H.; Wm. Brotherhood, Lanchester; W. T. Fowls, Wolsingham; Richard Murray, The Ford, Sunderland; J. R. Gilchrist, Beda Lodge, Lintz Green; Henry Palmer, Medomsley; Rev. W. Cockin, Medomsley; Wm. Dixon, Lanchester; Wm. Allen, Hamsterley; J. W. Davison, Consett; H. C. Wood, Burnopfield; Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate; Jon. Green, Stanley; J. Lax, Shotley Bridge; Charlton Ward, Blackhall Mill; J. P. Dalton, Ryton; Dr. Marshall, Hamsterley; Wm. Richardson, Chopwell; H. J. Poole, Blaydon; Supt. Bensies, Consett, and others.

AT THE SEWAGE WORKS.

The company first proceeded to the sewage works where a verbal report of the sewage sub-committee was submitted by Mr. Logan, and adopted.

Mr. Logan at the outset explained that they had met together that afternoon to inaugurate a system of sewage works for that large and populous district which could boast of about 3,000 people in the immediate neighbourhood. To everyone of those houses round about there was a drain, but until now there were no works for the purpose of disposing of the sewage of these houses. It would be admitted that they had not then got a system up to the 19th century to deal with sewage matters, but now they had completed the scheme before them, which they trusted would prove to be a boon to the people of the neighbourhood. He would not attempt to describe the system, but leave it to the lot of Mr. Parker and Mr. Adams, who had been responsible for its construction. They had had similar works in operation for two years at Kyo, and their experience had led them to believe that it was a very satisfactory system—one that dealt with sewage effectually, and which left a fluid which would discharge into any stream without injury to horses, cows, or any cattle that might partake of it. For the information of the inhabitants of the district, he would say that these sewage ... very costly matters, for the work ... before them had been a cost to ... £1,600. There had been ... the work. Each ... very amicable ... people of the neighbourhood been completed tha... applause.) He woul... Mr. Parker to give them a description of the scheme. (Applause.)

Mr. Parker then gave a graphic description of the scheme, the detail of which will be found above. The account as given by Mr. Parker was closely followed by the on-lookers. On arriving at the patent sewerage lift he preferred that Mr. Adams, whose patent it was, should explain matters.

Mr. Adams explained: The sewage of the Blackhall Mill district is created at such a level that it will not flow by gravitation to the filter beds; a separate sewer brings this sewage, therefore by gravitation to a chamber adjoining the filters, but below the filters themselves. The sewage flowing into a chamber at a depth of about 13 feet beneath the surface is raised automatically at this point by one of Adam's Patent Sewage Lifts made by our company at York, and Westminster. In operation, the sewage of the higher district (Hamsterley Colliery) flowing by gravitation to the filter beds is intercepted at a point upon the slope leading to the works, a portion of the supply being led to an automatic flushing tank, the surplus passing on to the sewer. When the tank becomes full its contents are discharged automatically by the syphon to a three-inch iron pressure pipe, and leads thus to a cast iron cylinder placed in the building here provided. The sewage then fills the cylinder I have referred to, under the pressure of the column of liquid in the cast iron pipe. The air from within the cylinder is expelled and sent by way of a 1¼ inch air pipe, to another closed cylinder, called the forcing cylinder, into which the sewage of the low level has gravitated. This cylinder has a four-inch rising main up which its liquid contents are forced to the height of the filter beds, where it joins, and its treated with the sewage from the high level gravitation sewer. The forcing cylinder is provided with a plain flap valve, which allows of the entry of the sewage, but will not allow of its exit excepting up the outlet pipe desired. A similar forcing cylinder is provided for the sludge, which is raised in the same at the wish of the attendant, by shutting off the air leading to the sewage forcing cylinder, and turning on that leading to the sludge. The maximum lift of the sewage is 13 feet six inches, and that of the sludge is 11 feet, the pressure exerted by the pressure column from the flush tank is 19 feet, and the amount lifted at each discharge being 66 gallons. To withdraw the liquid contents of the air cylinder, a plain syphon pipe is used, which is in excess of the height of the actual lift, but coming into operation after the whole of the sewage is discharged, withdraws the contents of the air cylinder. The whole operation is absolutely automatic, and noiseless, and combining the functions of an engine and pumps. There are no moving parts, but the simple single hinge flaps, admitting the entry of sewage to the cylinder from which it is forced. (Loud applause.)

AT THE BRIDGE.

The company then adjourned to the bridge, around which a large company had already assembled. Stretched across the centre of the bridge was a line of tape, the cutting of which was to indicate that the formal opening of the bridge was accomplished.

Mr. R. Murray was the first speaker. He said: Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted to be here to-day to meet you on the occasion of our opening of the bridge across the river Derwent. My friend, Mr. Chalton Ward and myself, together with many others too numerous to mention, some of whom have gone to the land from which they cannot return, have often had a great deal to say in former years, on the necessity of a bridge similar to that which has just been completed and which Mr. Logan is about to declare open this afternoon. I believe Mr. Ward and myself commenced the agitation for a bridge at this spot some 25 years ago. Amongst the gentlemen I have just referred to we first find the late Mr. Robert Watson, owner of the adjoining land, and from his son, who is proprietor of the "North of England Advertiser." I have received a telegram expressing his sorrow at his inability to being present; he, however, sent his congratulations to the joint committee on their success. Mr. Robert Ward was a gentleman who had tried for many years to obtain what we have just accomplished. (Applause.) The next party to whom I might refer is Mr. John Carr,—(applause)—owner of the adjoining colliery, and he, I am sorry to say is likewise now dead. Then we have in our remembrance the name of Dr. Watson, the owner of the land on the south side, who has been closely connected with the agitation of a bridge here. It was necessary to obtain a certain amount of land from Dr. Watson, and from this gentleman, the committee got sanction to take as much land from the south side as was necessary to make a good carriage road. In connection with the arrangements there was also a Mr. Mason Watson, who was agent for the Tongue Burn Estate, and through the energies of the committee we were enabled to get as Dr. Watson a carriage road from this bridge to his estate at Armonside. After the mention of Dr. Watson we come to the name of Mr. W. H. Watson—(applause)—who was also now deceased. I mention these names to show how many good men have who are now dead had helped us in the undertaking. We have had many difficulties to contend with, but, thanks to the perseverance of Mr. Charlton Ward we have brought our enterprise to a successful issue. I have now to ask our esteemed friend Mr. Logan—(applause)—to cut the tape and declare the bridge open for public use. Before doing so I would just like to express a wish that the interest Mr. Logan and other gentlemen who had taken in the work will be appreciated, and that the bridge will prove a boon to the people along the country side. (Loud applause).

Mr. Logan, as the chairman of the Lanchester Highway Board, who was warmly received, proceeded to perform the ceremony alloted to him. In doing so, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to being in that position that afternoon. His connection with the bridge, he said, did not date as far back as that of Mr. Murray, but he had wished for a bridge at that place for the past 18 years. Some correspondence passed between them (the Lanchester Highway Board) and the Blaydon Local Board,—now Urban District Council,—but it was not until eight years ago that they arrived at the conclusion that there should be a bridge erected. He remembered coming with a deputation to meet a deputation of the Blaydon Council and when they discussed the matter it was found that the differences between the two Boards were very small indeed. Operations were afterwards commenced and the Lanchester Board took the necessary steps to make an approach to the south side of the river, while the Blaydon Local Board took steps to make an approach to the north side. Then came the question of asking the Durham County Council for their aid in the matter. They asked the County Council to subsidise in the completion of the bridge and then, after they had themselves kept it in repair for twelve months to take it over and keep it in order. The bridge was in the County of Durham, but within a very few yards of it they were on Northumberland soil. The Durham County Council ultimately voted a considerable sum of money towards the expense connected with the erection of the bridge, and in September 1895 they were in a position to accept tenders for the work, and it was in the month of October when the first stone of the bridge was laid. Since that time rapid progress had been made and they were assembled that day in order to see their work opened for the use of the public. The bridge had been thoroughly tested and was found to be a good, sound, substantial one, two steam rollers weighing not less than 15 tons and 10 tons respectively have passed over it together, and there was a wonderfully small dejection. This showed that the contractors had carried out their work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. He would call it a county bridge, he would congratulate Mr. Charlton Ward of witnessing the fruits of his labours, for when he had the consolation of knowing that his labours had been successful he would justly feel inclined to exclaim "Nunc Dimittis." (Applause.) He had pleasure in declaring the bridge open and hoped that it would be a satisfactory erection to all who were to use it. (Loud applause)

Three hearty cheers were given as Mr. Logan severed the tape.

Mr. Geo. Charlton, chairman of the Leadgate Urban District Council, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Charlton Ward for the interest he had taken in the matter. (Applause) He had acted in a creditable manner as local secretary amongst the inhabitants and property owners, and his work had been carried out so assiduously that he had achieved great ends towards the erection of the bridge. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. Muse seconded. He remarked that Mr. Ward was now an aged gentleman, and he could assure him that he could not have finished his days better than by taking part in the erection of a bridge over the River Derwent. (Applause.)

Mr. Charlton Ward who was received with loud applause, briefly returned thanks. He thought the bridge would be a boon to the young and the old, the rich and the poor, and in fact to everyone who wished to cross that part of the river. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Mr. Patterson chairman of the Blaydon District Council moved, Mr. Paxton of Blaydon seconded, and it was unanimously carried that the best thanks of the gathering be given to Mr. Logan for the part he had taken in the day's proceedings.

Mr. Logan said he appreciated their kindness, but would reserve his remarks for the after ceremony.

The steam rollers referred to above, then passed over the bridge, after which it was intimated that the dejection, taken by accurate measurement, was not more than one-sixteenth of an inch.

THE LUNCHEON.

Luncheon was afterwards served at the Hamsterley British Schools, Mr. Logan, chairman of the Lanchester Rural District Council providing the spread, which was catered for by Mr. Stonehouse of the Ship Inn. Mr. Logan presided and was supported on the right by Mr. Patterson, chairman of the Blaydon District Council and Dr. Hemborough, medical officer of the Northumberland County Council and on the left by County Councillor T. J. Muse, and Dr. Hill, medical officer of health of the Durham County Council, the Rev. Father Fortin occupying the vice-chair.

... and duly honoured, after luncheon.

The Chairman briefly referred to the two functions which had just taken place that afternoon. He said he was chairman of the Joint Committee who supervised the erecting of the bridge and could say that from beginning to end there had not been a single unpleasant word passed amongst them. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They had met together on many occasions in connection with the undertaking and they had worked together so harmoniously and so well that there had not been the slightest discord. It was a matter of congratulation to themselves that two public bodies could appoint from their members a committee to form a joint committee to carry out an important work like that which had just been accomplished, without even an unpleasant smile to each other. (Laughter and applause.) To the third function, which he hoped was not of the least importance,—(hear, hear)—he gave them all a hearty welcome. As their host he was glad to see so many friends around him, and without the slightest egotism he could say that they were all equally pleased in having him amongst them. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.) Proceeding, he said, let them give credit where credit was due, and that was to the members of the Lanchester Highway Authority for their share of the work connected with the building of the bridge. (Hear, hear.) He was glad that so many old and new members had responded to his invitation. He would just remind them, however, that they were only the lesser lights, as there was the County Council looking down upon them and seeing that they performed their duties properly. He was pleased that amongst their gathering there were representatives of that august body. In conclusion he asked Mr. Charlton Ward to make a few remarks. (Applause.)

Mr. Ward who was again accorded a hearty reception addressed a few words in which he thanked all those who had assisted in bringing the proceedings to such a successful issue.

Mr. Stonehouse concurred.

The Vice-Chairman said as Mr. Ward wished to leave the gathering he thought the company could not do better than drink his health. In proposing the toast the rev. gentleman paid some complimentary remarks to Mr. Ward, who he said was now 82 years of age, and had resided in the district for 62 years. He went on to say that the sewage works at Kyo had quite justified the expenditure. From what he had seen and heard of the sewage works at Croniwell near Blackhall Mill he was of opinion that throughout the length and breadth of the country they would not be able to find a more complete system. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

The toast was well received.

County Coun. T. J. Muse next proposed "The health of the members of the Blaydon Urban District Council," coupled with the name of Councillor Patterson. He said this was an age of coincidences. Mr. Patterson and he were schoolfellows in the years 1857 and 1858, and he had never met him since then until now, and strange enough they now sat by the side of the chairman of the Lanchester Board of Guardians. Mr. Patterson and he had nearly run side by side in their public positions and he was glad to propose his health as being at the head of the Blaydon District Council. (Applause.)

Coun. Lax seconded. He said he did not know Mr. Patterson personally, but he had frequently read and heard of him. He had a feeling of fellowship that might be expected from one chairman of a public authority to another and he seconded the toast with pleasure. (Applause.)

The toast having being honoured, Coun. Patterson replied in a pointed speech.

The Vice-Chairman then proposed "The health of the Durham County Council," and in doing so referred to his 28 years connection with pit villages where he was glad to say the County Council had done good work in trying to improve the surroundings of those who lived there. Dr. Hill, as medical officer for the County Council had done a good work amongst them, and for that reason he coupled the name of Dr. Hill with the toast. Proceeding, the Rev. Fortin dwelt at some length upon unqualified medical practitioners in colliery villages, and instanced the case of a colliery village in his district when there had not been a qualified doctor for many years until the occasion occurred when he (the speaker) refused to bury one of his people who had died under an unqualified man. Concluding he said the Durham County Council rendered great assistance in the erection of the new bridge, and if it had not been for their help the bridge would probably never have been erected. (Hear, hear.)

Dr. Hill replied, after which

The Chairman proposed the health of "The various Urban Councils who were not concerned in the day's proceedings."

Coun. Davison, replying on behalf of the Consett Council said he was pleased to be one of the party that day in witnessing the opening of the new sewage disposal works and bridge. During his time of life he had been apprised of many dangers which had taken place through fording at that particular part of the river where the bridge had been constructed. At Consett they had sewage works in the shape of a farm of about 130 acres which they were now irrigating and finding to be very useful. He hoped the authorities who were responsible for the new works which had been opened that day would experience every success in their undertaking.

Coun. Lax returned thanks on behalf of the members of the Benfieldside District Council. They had found, he said, that the irrigation system was not generally a success on account of the nature of the soil of Durham land, and they had adopted the precipitation principle. Great sanitary improvements were being affected, and he had no doubt but that even better arrangements would be achieved in the future.

Coun. G. Nicholson of Leadgate Council said at Leadgate they could boast of a system of sewerage but a system of sewage disposal works, They had been looking around for a cheap scheme as economy was their watch-word. He trusted, however, that in the near future they would be able to obtain a complete sewerage system. In regard to the bridge he could conscientiously say that it was a credit to the authorities who had taken part in the work. (Applause.)

Coun. J. Green, chairman of the Stanley District Council also spoke. At Stanley they had a rateable value of £50,000. The work they had on hand was on a very large scale and they had unfortunately met with many difficulties in the shape of subsidence of land. He wished the new bridge and sewage works success.

The Chairman proposed "The Health of the Contractor and Engineers" to which Messrs Parker, Adams, Fowls, and Bell replied.

The Chairman next proposed "The health of the strangers present," coupled with the name of Dr. Hemborough as representing the Northumberland County Council.

Dr. Hemborough suitably responded.

"The health of the Chairman" was ably proposed and responded to after which the proceedings terminated.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday evening, at the Board-room, Leadgate. Coun. Geo. Nicholson, J.P. (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Councillors L. Nicholson, Thos. Foreman, J. Costello, W. Robson, T. Keenleyside, W. McIvor, H. Cheesemond, W. F. Lane, J. W. Winter, M. D. Greener; the clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland), and the surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff.)

KERBING AND CHANNELLING IN DURHAM ROAD.

A letter was read from the Works Committee of the Durham County Council, stating that they could not see any reason to alter the decision come to at the last meeting.

The Chairman believed the decision of the last meeting of the Works Committee was that they would find the kerbstone but no channelling. It seemed very bad treatment.

Coun. Lane asked if they would only receive the £35 when the work was finished altogether?

The Chairman: Yes. They might put down the kerbing and leave the channelling off altogether, as there were neither at the present time. They might put down the stone kerbing and have earth channelling.

After further discussion, it was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Lane, seconded by Coun. Cheesmond, that the Council accept the offer of the Works Committee of the County Council to kerb from Dr. Macintyre's surgery to the farm at a cost of £35.

THE ROAD TO CROOKHALL.

With respect to the stoppage of a road to Crookhall, a communication was read from Mr. H. Holliday, secretary to the Consett Iron Company, stating that they were in receipt of the Council's letter on the above matter, and that the road referred to was a different one from that which they had in their mind. They regretted that they could not see their way clear to do as the Council suggested.

Coun. Keenleyside said it was a big shame.

Coun. McIvor inquired if they had no means of making the Company make a road?

The Chairman said there was a good road by Number One, and they considered that sufficient.

The Surveyor remarked that he had met Mr. Oliver, who said he knew nothing whatever about the matter.

The Chairman thought there was no chance of forcing the Company to do it.

Coun McIvor said they had now to walk about a mile and-a-half to reach a point half-a-mile off.

The Surveyor thought the Company did not know how little it would cost to make the road, or else they would do it.

Coun. Greener moved that the Highway Committee meet the Company with respect to the matter, and try to obtain a different road to Crookhall.

The Chairman said he had had some conversation with the gentlemen interested, and they said it would be impossible to make the road by Crookhall foundry, as it would entail having a man there always.

Coun. McIvor said that was all twaddle. There was only a siding there. People went across this every day, and there was no man there.

The Chairman suggested that the Surveyor survey the land, and get the probable cost of the proposed road, and thus be prepared if a deputation attended upon the Company.

The Surveyor said he was willing to wait upon the Company if they thought proper, and explain matters to them.

Coun. Robson moved that the Surveyor interview the engineer and manager of the Company with respect to the Crookhall road.

This was seconded by Coun. L. Nicholson, and carried.

THE NEW RATE.

A rate of 1/4 in the pound was ordered to be stamped.

Coun. Lane stated that he would like to mention that there was a false impression abroad with respect to this rate. Some people appeared to think that the high rate was caused by the proposed purchase of the Miners' Hall. This was an erroneous impression, as the high rate was caused by the large amount of sickness that had prevailed in the place.

In reply to Coun. Winter, the Chairman said the rate was the highest for eight years. The rate was rather exceptional this time on account of the recent epidemics, which ran them into a deal of expense.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

The Highways Committee reported that they found a great encroachment at the Jolly Drovers' bridge. Instead of having 65 feet of highway, as set out in the Lanchester Common Act, the roads are seriously encroached. At a point on the west approach opposite the road leading to Brooms Farm the carriage drive is only 25 feet, and the footpath five feet. The sharp curve leading to the bridge is extremely dangerous. They suggested the making of a footpath from Mr. Brown's farm on to Brooms Lane original footpath, which has been destroyed. They also recommended that the road leading from Dipton be considerably widened. The kerbing and channelling on the south-east side of Watling Street bridge requires to be extended ten yards. The footpaths on the south side of the bridge require generally to be made up, being very irregular and uneven. The road leading from the Co-operative Store on to the road leading to Crookhall requires to be kerbed and channelled opposite the houses, 44 yards in length, and the road generally bottomed and macadamised to make it a passable road.

After a short discussion, the report was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER.

This committee reported that they had met and fully considered the estimate for the ensuing half-year, and thought it advisable to approve of the estimate adopted at the last meeting. They think there may be a surplus of about £20 at the end of the year, and they recommend that such surplus be set apart for kerbing and channelling required in the district. The committee had before them a letter from the Consett Iron Company offering the land adjoining the Miners' Hall at 2/6 per square yard, and they recommended that this piece of land be purchased by the Council. The committee also recommend that an architect be asked to examine the building, and give a pencil sketch of the proposed alterations, and the probable cost of the same. Your committee further recommend that a meeting of the Council be held at once at the Miners' Hall to arrive at the conclusion as to how the building shall be altered and what outbuildings erected, and the committee recommend that the ground floor be converted into two dwelling-houses of three rooms each, and that a second floor be made into three large rooms with a movable partition separting two of them. After the Council have inspected the building, and the architect has finished a plan and estimate of the cost, the committee recommend that the Council apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow money to purchase and alter the h...

THE ARCHITECTS.

It was resolved that the three local architects should be invited to submit a pencil sketch of the proposed alterations at the Miners' Hall, and be remunerated at the rate of one guinea each.

With this exception, the report was passed.

SURVEYOR'S AND INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

These reports were submitted and approved of, but did not contain anything of particular interest.

AN ALLEGED NUISANCE.

Coun. Winter called attention to what he considered a great nuisance, and although it was mentioned last year nothing had been done to abate it. It was evidently a stench caused by a drain coming into their sewer. He reported the complaint last year, and it was beginning again this, and if nothing was done they would perhaps be landed in the same place as last year.

Coun. Keenleyside: Where is it?

Coun. Winter: On the Busty Road, from whence a fearful stench comes.

The Chairman said the pipes were broken, and the sewer gas escaped. There ought to be a gully trap.

The Surveyor did not think it was open. It was not open to his knowledge. He was there when the weather was very hot, and noticed no smell.

Several members said they had never noticed any smell at this place.

Coun. Winter stated that he was going down the road on Sunday afternoon, and about a dozen people mentioned the matter to him.

The Surveyor said he had it open, but he heard of the complaint and had it closed. It was properly fastened up.

Coun. Greener: I was down there on Sunday night, and found no smell.

Coun. Winter: If there is a dispute about it, I can give the names of a dozen people who complained on Sunday.

The Surveyor said the place was only piped a short distance, and when the wind blew in a certain direction there was bound to be a smell.

The Chairman suggested that one of the Council's workmen should go round every Saturday and give the stench traps a copious supply of fresh water. Of course this was a matter for the Sanitary Committee. Besides, they ought to have a flushing at least once a fortnight.

Coun. Costello said he was going to move a resolution when the Medical Officer's report came up, but perhaps he might do it here. Seeing the epidemic of last year, he thought it would be wise if the Sanitary Committee met at least once a month during the summer months and reported. He moved to this effect.

Coun. Greener asked if it was not a common occurrence for the Sanitary Committee to meet once every month?

Coun. L. Nicholson: No. When the complaints were made about this road last year they went down, but could find nothing.

Coun. Costello pointed out that just previous to their visit the drains had been flushed.

Coun. Foreman seconded Coun. Costello's motion, which was carried, the Sanitary Committee to meet on the first Wednesday in every month.

The other matters were referred to the Sanitary Committee.

MEDICAL OFFICERS' FEES.

A letter was read from the Halesowen District Council asking the Council to support a petition to Parliament in favour of medical practitioners receiving one shilling each for notification of diseases instead of 2/6.

It was agreed to support the suggestion of the Halesowen Council.

AN UNSATISFACTORY FOOTPATH.

Coun. Lane called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the footpath leading from Leadgate to Iveston, which, he said was covered to such an extent with slag as to make it very unpleasant for pedestrians, who invariably took the road in preference to the footpath.

The Surveyor promised to remove at least half the slag in order to make it more comfortable for people using the footpath.

ORDNANCE SURVEY.

It was agreed to purchase a new ordnance survey covering the whole of the district.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Copies of this report, which appeared in our columns last week, have been printed and distributed amongst the members.

Coun. L. Nicholson said the infantile mortality had run their death-rate up to 19.9. With this off it would only have been about 12. The report further stated that the deaths of infants under one year of age have risen from 19 to 33, and that most of them were due to preventible causes.

Couns. Winter and McIvor thought this a very serious matter.

THE ASH-MIDDEN QUESTION.

Coun. McIvor called attention to that part of the report dealing with the ashpits and middens, which stated that there had always been a difficulty with regard to these receptacles, both with regard to their construction, their dimensions, to the fact that foundations is often below the level of the surrounding ground, that they are placed too near the dwellings, that there is no provision made for the proper and necessary admixture of ashes with the human excreta, and that the system adopted for their effective and regular cleansing is not satisfactory. The Medical Officer asseverated that this latter would never be effectual until undertaken by that Authority. The speaker said the rates had been going up as a result of the different epidemics, and he begged to move that the question of cleaning out the middens be left in the hands of the Sanitary Committee.

Coun. Lane pointed out that they met the Local Government Board's Medical Officer, who was quite satisfied with their arrangements in this matter. He (the speaker) did not think they could have a better system than that at present in vogue.

Coun. Costello thought that the Medical Officer referred more to private owners than to the Consett Iron Company.

NOTIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Coun. Costello remarked that the report stated: "In many instances cases did not come to my knowledge until the fever had subsided. It is also probable that many of the cases so notified were not fever at all."

Coun. Keenleyside said that Dr. Hill stated in his report that it was a fortnight and even three weeks before some cases were notified.

The several matters were referred to the Sanitary Committee; and the Council adjourned.

Late Sporting.

∴ Several sporting items arrived too late for insertion. Secretaries of cricket clubs should forward Saturday matches by Tuesday's post.—Ed. C.G.

HOMING.

PROPOSED SOCIETY AT TOW LAW.—A meeting of fanciers was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday evening, for the purpose of forming a homing society for Tow Law, Mr John Christison presiding. After a considerable discussion, various rules were selected from copies of the Wolsingham and Newcastle Societies. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr John Christison, Tow Law House; secretary and treasurer, Mr Chas. W. Hall, Campbell Street, Tow Law; committee, Messrs T. Pattison, R. Lawson, J. Graham, J. Hall, G. Simpson, and T. Potts. Owing to the formation of the society being so late it was decided to have only four races. The selected places were—Young birds, Aug. 1st., Northallerton; Aug. 15th., Alne; Aug. 29th, Selby; old and young birds combined, Sept. 12th, Doncaster. Suitable prizes will be awarded at the termination of the season to the member who obtains the best average velocity for the whole of the races.

FOOTBALL.

BROOMS R.C. v. PICKERING NOOK.

These teams meet on the Exiles' ground on Saturday, when the Brooms' team will be as follows:—B. Valentine, J. Hughes, P. Loughran, J. Jordon, R. McClain, J. W. Scott, M. Hughes, P. Croney, J. Daly (capt.), J. Gard'ner, and T. Marren. Kick-off at 4.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, MAY 16TH.

Consett and District v. Chester-le-Street, at Chester-le-Street.
Craghead v. Medomsley, at Craghead.
Shotley Bridge v. Blackhall Mill, at Shotley Bridge.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v. Blackhall Mill 2nd, at Blackhall Mill.
Stanley and District v. Chester-le-Street 2nd, at Stanley.
Medomsley 2nd v. Lanchester, at Medomsley.
Stanley and District 2nd v. Tantobie, at Tantobie.
Templetown v. Pelton Fell, at Templetown.
Consett and District 2nd v. Blaydon, at Blackfine.
Tow Law v. Peases' West, at Tow Law.
Burnhope v. Durham City 2nd, at Durham.
Burnhope 2nd v. South Tanfield 2nd, at Burnhope.
South Tanfield v. Craghead, at Oxhill.
South Moor v. Ouston, at South Moor.
Hedley Hill v. Cornsay Colliery 2nd, at Hedley Hill.

TEMPLETOWN v. PELTON FELL.

To be played on the Templetown ground on Saturday, when the following will represent the home team:—C. Lowes (capt.), T. Charlton, M. Lowes, T. Young, J. Lowes, T. Watson, T. Dunn, R. Lowes, J. Maddison, W. Sedgewick, and G. Charlton. Reserves, G. Emmerson, and A. Eustace.

TOW LAW v. PEASES' WEST.

On Saturday, the Tow Law ground will be opened for cricket with a return match against Peases' West. There ought to be a capital gate seeing that cricket has been absent from Tow Law for five years. The following will represent the home side:—T. H. Potts (capt.), E. Donaghy, H. Slater, Jno. Hildreth, G. Simpson, Jos. Hildreth, F. Ward, J. Kirtley, J. Allen, T. Carr, and J. Cheeseman. Umpire, Mr T. Wilkinson. Wickets pitched at 2 p.m.

DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v CHESTER-LE-STREET.

To be played at Chester-le-Street, when the visitors will be as follows:—A. S. Godfrey, G. Walton, Tom. Jones, J. Siddell, Geo. Gray, A. D. Wood, M. H. Williamson, F. Richardson, T. Lindsay, E. Carlill, and Martin.

CUP COMPETITION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. BLACKHALL MILL.

The above teams meet at Shotley Spa on Saturday, when the home team will chosen from the following:—W. R. Town, J. Seed, J. W. Forster, R. Robson, J. R. Surtees, J. K. Annandale, G. Hall, J. Postle, J. Leadbitter, A. Charlton, L. Urwin, E. Hall, and S. Leadbitter. Wickets pitched at 2 o'clock.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Benfieldside School was held on Wednesday, in the Board Room, at the Benfieldside Schools, under the presidency of Mr. W. Telford. The other members present being: the Revs. W. H. Ross-Lewin, A. Baillie, W. Jenkins, Messrs G. Robinson, and W. Ramsay.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee reported that vouchers had been received and examined, for the payment of last month's accounts, to the amount of £157 7s 8d. The accounts were found correct, with the exception of an account for £1 19s 0d. A cheque for that amount having been returned to the treasurer. Cheques were ordered to be issued for payment of salaries to the amount of £118 1s 8d.

THE BOYS' HALF HOLIDAY.

A considerable discussion ensued as to the half holiday which had been granted to the boys. It appeared that the boys had been promised a half holiday if their percentage of attendances reached 90. The boys had had a half holiday owing to the election which was taking place in their portion of the school.

Mr. Robinson thought that the boys had earned the extra holiday, and he most certainly thought they should have it.

The Chairman said he knew what the scolars would say about it if they were asked. (Laughter.) The boys said they would have had this holiday in any case, and he most certainly thought that they should be rewarded for their attention and dilligence.

Mr. Robinson said that if they did not grant this, it would be taking an advanatge of the scholars.

Mr. Baillie remarked that seeing the holiday was intended as a mark of encouragement to the scholars, he thought they should get it, more especially as this holiday would have occurred in any case.

The Chairman said it would be sufficient to refer the matter to the teachers, with a simple recommendation to the teachers to allow the half holiday, and it was eventually decided to do this.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Schools Committee recommended that the materials required by Miss Kinnear should be purchased. They also recommended the adoption of the Attendance Officer's report. They would also recommend that £5 be granted by the Board towards the establishment of a library for the Girls' School. They further recommended that subject to the approval of the Board, and providing that he produced satisfactory testimonials, the vacant post in the school should be granted to Mr. E. Gibson, of London, at a salary of £70 per annum.

A LIBRARY FOR THE GIRLS.

Mr. Ramsay explained that they had no library in the Girls' School. The Inspector on his last visit strongly emphasised the need of one. They had had a good library in the boys' section for years. The Inspector, however, would not consider this as part of the girls' library, and the Board had therefore no alternative, but to make this recommendation.

The Clerk said that according to the latest instructions to Inspectors, they were ordered to insist upon the provision of libraries, as a library must be considered an indispensable adjunct to the proper equipment of the school.

Mr. Baillie said it was very desirable that there should be a library attached to each school, and that the boys and girls should be encouraged to read proper literature, and there was now no difficulty in getting books of a suitable character.

Canon Ross-Lewin said they could now transfer the books from one library to another, according to the instructions contained in the Code.

Mr. Baillie moved, and Mr. Robinson seconded, that the report of the Committee anent the purchase of the library should be adopted.

Mr. Ramsay said he thought that the motion should appoint the School Committee and the head teachers to choose the books, and this was agreed to.

Mr. Ramsay said that of course the £5 mentioned was only intended as a beginning.

Mr. Baillie: You won't get much of a library for £5.

A DISAPPOINTING TEACHER.

The Cledk reported that Mr. McQuade, of Middlesbrough, who was appointed to the situation under the Board had, after accepting the appointment, written to him (Mr. Barclay), and said that as he had been appointed to a more responsible situation, he could not now fill his engagement. After some discussion, it was decided to write Mr. McQuade in terms expressing the dissatisfaction of the Board at the course pursued by Mr. McQuade, and to further communicate with Mr. E. Gibson, of London, for his references, in view to his appointment.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. A. McKean) reported that the percentage of attendances for the last month had been 87. He had entered five cases on the book of proceedings. The table of attendances was as follows:—In the Benfieldside Board Schools there were 236 on books, in boys' department, and the average attendance was 259, giving a percentage of 90. In the girls' school there were 317 on books, 266 in average attendance, giving a percentage of 83. In the infants' school there were 107, with 92 average attendance, showing a percentage of 86. In the Derwent Street Schools there were 98, with 89 in average attendance, giving 90 as the percentage. In Shotley Grove School 78 were in average attendance, out of 96 on the books, giving 81 per cent. In St. Mary's R. C. Schools there were 200 on books, with 178 in average attendance, giving a percentage of 89, and in the infants' school there were 80 on the books, and 70 in average attendance, with a percentage of 76. The total on books were 1,197, of these 1,042 were in average attendance, giving a percentage of 87. Thirty-four had been admitted, and three left.

This concluded the business.

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PRESENTATION AT WHICKHAM

A largely attended meeting was held on Monday evening at the Crown Hotel, Whickham, for the purpose of presenting Messrs Robert and William Potts, with two large splendid arm chairs. The proceedings were enlivened by various songs etc., from the following gentlemen, Messrs E. Liddell, Wm. Custance, T. Young, R. W. Swinburne, F. Thirlaway, J. Symons, C. Robson, J. Buckhurst, Wm. Havis, and Potts.

Mr. Arthur D. Carr, in making the presentation said:—I am pleased to see such a large number assembled here this evening to do honour to two of our friends. I may say it is pleasure in one sense, sorrow in another, that we shall lose two such worthy young men. We had no idea that it was proposed some two months ago to give the two friends of ours some recognition of their worth among the few of us, and I may say that they were good tillers of the soil, and that they are leaving Dunston Hill West Farm in 50 degrees better state, than when they came. Having resided at Whickham for about 25 years, more or less, I have never known a wrong word about them, and in presenting you with these two chairs, I trust that they will be of service to them for many many years, and therefore I trust you and your brother, may long be spared and may you both live many years. Mr. Arthur D. Carr then read the inscription which was as follows:—Presented to Messrs Robert and William Potts, on the occasion of their leaving Dunston Hill West Farm, as a token of esteem and respect 11th May, 1896.—Mr. Robert Potts, in responding said: Gentlemen, I am sorry that you will have an idea that I cannot express my feelings to night. I am sorry to have to leave so many friends, and I may say that when I use these chairs, it will bring you all back to my memory.—The meeting ended by a vote of thanks to the Chairman and committee.

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In the "Windsor Magazine" for May Mr. Lewis Hind gives a chatty account of Famous Painters at work. He tells us that "Sir Edward Burne-Jones has no liking for an ornate studio. His floors and walls are bare; and as for incompleted pictures, I have never seen such a collection. 'It would take me a hundred years to finish them all,' he sometimes remarks with a sigh. To Sir Edward it is always a delight to begin a new picture. He never finishes it straightway out of hand. They wait for the mood when he can do them justice; and with such a collection of fragments by him, it follows that he knows not the meaning of an idle day."

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MARRIAGES.

GREY—SINCLAIR.—At Wolsingham Registrar Office, on the 9th inst., Robert Grey, of Frosterley, to Miss Sinclair, daughter of Mr G. Sinclair, Park Head, near Stanhope.

WILSON—GIBSON.—At St. John Lee, Hexham, on May 16th, 1846, John Wilson, of Great Whittington, to Elizabeth Gibson, of Bingfield, now of Westwood, Medomsley. Golden wedding.

DEATHS.

DENHOLM.—Blackhill, at North View, Durham Road, on the 8th inst., aged 21 years, John James, son of Mary and the late James Denholm.

ERRINGTON.—West Stanley, 20, Evelyn Terrace, on the 12th inst., aged 19 years and 11 months, William, son of Thomas and the late Elizabeth Errington.

ELLIOTT.—Consett, 4, Bertha Street, on the 11th inst., aged 56 years, deeply regretted, Thomas Elliott.

HALL.—Railway Cottages, Westwood, Ebchester, on the 12th inst., aged 59, John Hall, signalman.

IONS.—Blaydon, Bridge Street, on the 11th inst., aged 22, Joseph, son of Robert and Elizabeth Ions.

JOPSON.—Burnopfield, on the 7th inst., aged 21, Annie, daughter of Mary and the late Robert Jopson.

KIRSOP.—Died at Banksville, P.A., U.S. America, on April 6th, aged 11 weeks, Albert, son of John W. and Edith Kirsop, formerly of Annfield Plain.

OAKLEY.—Chester-le-Street, Greenbank Terrace, on the 13th inst., aged 64, Mary, relict of the late Rev Henry Oakley.

PEARSON.—Stanley, 61, Towneley Street, on the 29th ult., aged 47, Jane, wife of John Thomas Pearson.

SHERWOOD.—Tow Law, on the 28th ult., aged 17, Emily Jane, daughter of Thomas Sherwood.

WARWICK.—Blaydon, 131, James Street, on the 6th inst., aged 46, Martha, wife of John Warwick.

WELCH.—Annfield Plain, Railway Cottages, on the 13th inst., aged 32 years, John Welch, beloved husband of Anne Welch. Interment at Hare Law, on Sunday, 17th inst., at 3-30 p.m. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

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In loving remembrance of James Taylor, of Blackhill, who fell asleep in Jesus on May 11th, 1891, aged 25 years.

Why do our tears in sorrow flow
When Jesus takes our loved ones home!
A ransomed soul from sin set free,
He is now before his Father's throne.

In loving memory of Kate McGarty, the beloved daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Handy, of Tanfield Lea, who died May 17th, 1895.

This loving daughter gone before,
And at an early age;
God thought it fit to give her rest
And take away her pain.
From father, mother, brother, and sisters.

In loving memory of John Sands, who died May 16th, 1895.

A year has passed, and friends around us
Think the wound is almost healed,
But they little know the sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed.
By his sorrowing wife and daughters.

In affectionate remembrance of Mary Jane, the beloved daughter of William and Margaret Johnson, who died on May 9th, 1893, at Lintz Colliery, aged 11 years.

Three years have passed, and friends around us
Think the wound is almost healed,
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