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No pledge is given to accept the lowest or any Tender.
J. WM. ROUNTHWAITE, A.R.I.B.A., Architect,
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14th May, 1891. 678e

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Plans may be seen, and other particulars obtained from Mr J. E. PARKES, A.M.I.C.E., Union Office, Lanchester, on or after Thursday, May 21st.
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Lanchester, May 14th, 1891. 700e

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Plan, section, specification, and form of Tender may be seen at the Local Board Offices, Parliament Street, Consett, on and after Saturday, the 16th inst.
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Dated this 14th day of May, 1891.
By Order of the Board,
695e THOS. WM. WELFORD, Jun., Clerk.

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Stanhope, 19th May, 1891. 731e

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CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

DEAR SIR,—I am quite willing and ready to deal with the several questions put by your correspondents "Ave" and "Semper Paratus," when they answer my letter, which they have not yet attempted to do. I stated that there was an impression abroad that the person who gave £45 5s for the last allotment got it at under 3 per cent., and I am informed that this impression was the result of statements made at the sale by the officials of the society. They have been publicly challenged on the statement, and until they prove they were right or admit they were in error, I decline to answer any of their questions. These letters appears to me to be contrived for the purpose of diverting attention from the point at issue, and until they deal with this, I am disposed to think the public will receive any further statement from them with the proverbial grain of salt. I will then give figures showing how I arrive at 75 ballots in 15 years. I would suggest that abuse is unnecessary for the present. When the correspondence is finished, the public will be able to judge who is "gullible by nature" and "floundering in chaos."

VIDE ET CREDE.

Consett, May 18th, 1891.

Football.

ASSOCIATION.

DIPTON JUNIORS v DOGGER BANK JUNIORS.—Played at Dogger Bank, and resulted in a victory for Dipton by two goals to nil.

DOGGER BANK ROVERS v SOUTH MOOR.—Played at Dogger Bank for a "Star Champion" football. The home team won the toss, and elected to play uphill in the first half. Play was even, and at half-time neither side had scored. On re-starting, the home team had the best of the game. Proud secured possession, and after a splendid run passed to Graham, who shot the first goal for the homesters before the second half was a minute old. The visitors appealed for off-side, but the referee awarded a goal to Dogger Bank, when the South Moor team left the field. The Rovers were represented by the following team:—Goal, Simpson; backs, Wilson and Spragg; half-backs, Stoker, R. Graham, and A. N. Other; forwards, H. Proud (capt.) and Vickers, right wing; P. Bell, centre; J. and S. Askew, left wing.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

On Friday afternoon, a meeting of the representatives of the local football clubs in North-West Durham took place at the Royal Hotel, Benfieldside, under the presidency of Mr Henry Prevell (Dipton Wanderers).

Mr W. G. THOMPSON (Medomsley), secretary *pro tem.*, read letters which he had received since the meeting on the previous Friday, the Tow Law club intimating that, although they were heartily in favour of the League being formed for West Durham, and hoped it would prove a success, yet, owing to the train service from Tow Law to the Consett district being so deficient, they could not very well play their fixtures with the West Durham clubs without considerable inconvenience to the members, who would have to lose a full day's work to do so. The club, therefore, could not see its way to join the League at present. They would, however, support the nomination of Messrs Prevell and Thompson as the local representatives on the Challenge Cup Committee.

The Leadgate Park secretary also wrote that his club had reconsidered the matter, and they had decided to withhold from the League.

The CHAIRMAN said there were practically six clubs left in to form the organisation, viz.:—Tanfield Lea, Leadgate Exiles, Medomsley, Dipton Wanderers, Langley Park Rovers, and South Moor Hedley Harriers.

On the proposal of Mr THOMPSON, seconded by Mr J. AGAR (Langley Park), it was resolved to style the combination "The North-West Durham Alliance," and that the number of clubs connected therewith should not exceed eight.

The rules and bye-laws were afterwards considered and adopted, and are virtually the same as govern the Northern Alliance. It was decided that the annual meeting should be held in May, the subscription being 5s per club each year. The Alliance will be controlled by a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and one representative from each of the other clubs, each club being entitled to send one representative, from whom the officers are elected.

It was resolved to have the rules, with the list of fixtures and the officials' names, printed.

The following officers were chosen, subject to their acceptance:—President, Ald. W. Jenkins, J.P., Consett Hall; vice-presidents, Hon. G. V. P. Vereker, Hamsterley Hall; Councillor Richard Murray, Benfieldside House; Councillor Jas Annandale, Shotley Bridge; Councillor Geo. Nicholson, Leadgate; Rev T. H. Archdall, Tanfield; Councillor J. A. Curry, Dipton; Rev R. Tuson, Dipton; Mr J. H. Morris, Medomsley; Mr W. Logan, Langley Park; and Mr T. Foreman, Leadgate. Committee: Chairman, Mr Henry Prevell, Dipton Wanderers; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr W. G. Thompson, Medomsley; Messrs John Costello, Leadgate Exiles; J. Smith, Tanfield Lea; J. Agar, Langley Park Rovers; and T. Wood, South Moor Hedley Harriers.

It was determined to leave the Alliance open for two other clubs connected with the Durham Association who may wish to join. Some formal business was transacted with reference to the appointment of referees, &c., and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

The object of the Alliance will be to ensure the playing of matches arranged by the clubs composing that body, and to improve the game in every way that is possible. We trust that the Alliance will be a great success.

"HOW TO BEHAVE," price sixpence.—To be had of Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

BARDSLEY'S ANTIBILIOUS PILLS.—For radically curing all impurities of the blood from the system they have no equal. They have never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.—Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 1s 1½d and 2s 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggist, Manchester.

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

The most wholesome and nutritious of confection is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate makers by special appointment to the Queen.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of fourpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson' bookseller, 9 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

DRUNKENESS CURED.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all knowing remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25, Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. Mention this paper.

HUMAN LIFE.—Fifty years' record of Facts, Principles, and Discoveries relating to the Origin and True Treatment of Disease, and the preservation of Human Life on Earth. By Dr Samuel Birley, M.D., Ph.D.; author of "Patriarchal Longevity Reattainable," "Earth-Life," &c., &c. A series of most valuable articles in 52-paged books, containing Diet Rules—what to eat and what to avoid in various complaints, together with other useful and valuable information. Invaluable to every Sufferer. Sound and Practical. Write to-day for presentation copy from the publishers, Messrs Gordon, Murray, and Co., 48, Theobald's Road Holborn, London, W.C.

Cricket.

Secretaries of clubs will greatly oblige by sending their fixture cards to our office as early as possible.

Secretaries of cricket clubs would greatly oblige us by despatching their reports so that they may reach our office not later than *Wednesday* morning.

Esh Church Institute, 81; Bearpark, 39.

HAYDON BRIDGE v RIDING MILL.—Played at Haydon Bridge, and resulted in a draw in favour of the home team. Score:—Riding Mill, 20; Haydon Bridge, 21 for two wickets.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT 1st v USHAW MOOR.

These teams met on the ground of the former at Blackfine. The home club placed a strong eleven on the field, and when the captain (Mr A. S. Godfrey) won the toss he decided to bat first. After compiling 85 for five wickets the innings was declared closed; but Ushaw Moor succeeded in playing out time, and when stumps were drawn they had made 47 runs for four wickets. The weather was bitterly cold, and showers of hail stopped the play at intervals throughout the afternoon. Score:—

CONSETT.		USHAW MOOR.	
A S Godfrey b Harding	29	C Smith c Williamson	0
G Epping b Harding	3	W Harding b Maddison	15
T D Dales b Lynn	27	J Gilroy b Epping	22
W Turnbull b Harding	15	G Browning not out	5
T Jameson c Hill b Lynn	7	R Hope not out	5
G Walton not out	0	J Hudson l b w b Epping	0
A Wood, M Williamson, T D Robinson, Dr Wynne, J Maddison — To bat.		W Woodhall, A N Ogg, W Hill, W Lynn, J Russell — To bat.	
Extras	4	Extras	0
Total	85	Total	47

NEWCASTLE PRESS v RYTON.

Played at Ryton, and resulted in a win for the Press by 42 runs. For the winners, Snaith bowled well, taking seven wickets at a very small cost. Score:—

PRESS.		RYTON.	
T Brown b Iceton	8	G Robson b Snaith	0
T Reed c Charlton	10	F Oliver c Clappison	26
G Clappison c Craig	1	F Iceton b Snaith	0
J Snaith b Iceton	0	J Snaith c Barthorpe	1
C Wilkinson c Iceton	9	N Charlton run out	1
J Clennen c Iceton	1	J Salter b Snaith	1
J McLean b Iceton	9	J Newton b McLean	2
W J Gibson b Charlton	9	E Craig b Snaith	1
T Barthope b Iceton	0	J Turnbull b Snaith	1
W Smith b Iceton	14	J Benson b Snaith	0
E Lixon not out	7	J Clark not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	2
Total	77	Total	35

CONSETT AND DISTRICT v SHERBURN.

Played at Shotley Spa on Whit-Monday, ending in an easy victory for Consett. Score:—

SHERBURN.		CONSETT.	
W Cummings b Jameson	0	A S Godfrey b Hunter	17
J Hunter c Wood b Dales	0	T Jameson b Whittingham	11
J Thompson st Walton b Dales	2	W Turnbull b Hunter	16
J Dixon c Dales b Jameson	1	T D Dales not out	51
J Whittingham c Jameson b Dales	0	G Walton c Curry b Thompson	9
N Glendinning b Dales	4	W Gibson b Hunter	12
T Clement b Dales	0	A Wood not out	0
T Barr b Dales	5	M Williamson, T D Robinson, Dr Wynne, J Maddison — To bat.	
W Curry c Williamson b Godfrey	1		
W Clement st Walton b Dales	0		
G Clement not out	1		
Extras	8	Extras	8
Total	22	Total	124

CHESTER-LE-STREET v PHILADELPHIA.

Played at Chester-le-Street, and resulted in a win for the home team. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		PHILADELPHIA.	
J Bewicke b J Lee	16	W Lee c W Middleton b Bewicke	17
E Burnett b W Lee	3	J Lee b Crichton	37
T Middleton b J Lee	8	J Harrison b Crichton	0
L Gray b W Lee	3	J Saxon c Crichton b Gray	9
D Crichton lbw b J Lee	0	W Laidler b Crichton	2
G Kerrich-Walker not out	78	T Harrison b Gray	1
G Halliday c Saxon b J Lee	1	R Redpath b Crichton	14
J Brown b J Harrison	6	H Middlemast c Halliday b Crichton	1
W Middleton c W Lee b Laidler	23	T Watson b Gray	1
T Hall b W Lee	10	J Sharpe not out	5
C Groves b W Laidler	6	J Boyd b W Middleton	0
Extras	16	Extras	2
Total	170	Total	92

NORTH DURHAM v STANHOPE.

Played at Stanhope, and resulted in a win for North Durham. Score:—

NORTH DURHAM.		STANHOPE.	
T Thompson c Shepherd	2	T Moore lbw b Thompson	3
G Hodgson b Dixon	5	J J Woodall b Thompson	0
E Dodds c Shepherd	37	J Curry b McQuillen	2
G M Hunter b Rowe	15	Shepherd b Thompson	2
G Forster b Shepherd	4	Soales b Hodgson	3
G Walton run out	5	J Moore not out	7
G B McQuillen run out	0	J Pulleine b Thompson	4
E L Forster run out	2	Rowe c G Forster	4
C Bland c Rowe	9	Finch b Hodgson	0
J Hunter b Pulleine	0	J Dixon b Hodgson	5
T E Main not out	2	R Thwaites c Dodds	1
Extras	7	Extras	0
Total	88	Total	30

BLAYDON v WHICKHAM.

Played at Whickham, and resulted in a victory for the home eleven, with three wickets to fall. Score:—

BLAYDON.		WHICKHAM.	
A Tebb b Lawson	9	T B Mowbray c Rodham b Agar	11
W Wilson c Clark b Lawson	0	R Mordue b Tebb	2
W Latimer b T Atkinson	5	W Burn b Tebb	10
J Rossamp b Lawson	0	T M Burn b Tebb	2
R Agar b Lawson	0	J Clark b Tebb	1
E Latimer st T B Mowbray b Atkins'n	4	M Lawson b Tebb	6
A Brownless run out	5	T Atkinson not out	0
W Poole b Atkinson	1	H Cook b Agar	2
J Tingate c Lawson	0	J Mowbray not out	0
R Dunn c Hickson b Atkinson	0	T Hickson to bat	
B Rodham not out	9	J Barron „	
Extras	2	Extras	4
Total	35	Total	38

CONSETT EXCELSIOR v CONSETT COMING CHAMPIONS.

Played on the Fell ground on Whit-Monday, and ended in a victory for the Excelsiors. A. Swainston (18) played a good game for the victors. Score:—

EXCELSIORS.		CHAMPIONS.	
J Nichol b Smith	0	W Wood c Swainston b Nichol	4
A Swainston b Wood	18	G Winter b Nichol	0
Geo Smurthwaite b Wood	5	B Smith c F Nichol	10
R Pearson b Wood	2	J Longhorn b Nichol	3
F Nichol b Smith	5	J Skelton run out	1
J Allison b Wood	1	J Anderson b Nichol	0
A Robinson b Wood	0	A Snowball st Nichol	0
J Little c Anderson b Smith	8	J Bibbons b Swainst'n	0
J Davison b Hull	0	T Morgan c Smurthwaite	0
W Robson c Hull b Smith	0	J Hunter not out	6
T Atkinson not out	0	E Cockburn b Nichol	0
Extras	14	Extras	5
Total	53	Total	29

MEDOMSLEY v CORNSAY.

Played at Cornsay, the visitors gaining an easy victory. Score:—

CORNSAY.		MEDOMSLEY.	
R Davies lbw b Campbell	4	M Charlton b Milburn	6
J Slater b R Cant	0	W Simpson run out	4
W Johnson c M Charlton b Campbell	0	R Cant b Lowes	26
J Hodgson b R Cant	12	M Milburn c Lowes b Slater	12
J Aston run out	1	W Cant not out	12
J Milburn c Campbell b G E Milburn	7	R Campbell b Lowes	5
E Aston c G E Milburn b Simpson	0	G E Milburn, W E Charlton, J Walton, G Moon — To bat.	
W Grey b R Cant	22		
J Raw c W E Charlton b R Cant	4		
G Lowes b W E Charlton	6		
W Hodgson not out	1		
Extras	6	Extras	4
Total	63	Total	69

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v EAST END 2ND (NEWCASTLE).

Played at Medomsley, the home team winning easily by 42 runs. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		EAST END.	
W G Thompson c Hawdon b Bethell	18	J Clark b Baron	14
W Baron c Clark b Tindall	11	C Hawdon b Baron	0
T Walton b Bethell	1	J Lonsdale b Thompson	3
J Ross c and b Tindall	15	F Tindall b Thomps'n	0
W Hunter b Bethell	5	M Taylor b Thompson	2
J Hunter b Bethell	0	J Bethell b Thompson	9
M Murphy b Bethell	2	J Leighton c Bramley b Thompson	1
T Bramley b Bethell	4	R Charlton b Baron	0
J Veitch b Taylor	9	F Murphy b Baron	0
Jas Hunter b Bethell	2	B Wild c W Hunter b Baron	0
A Hedley not out	0	M Hunter not out	0
Extras	7	Extras	3
Total	74	Total	32

MEDOMSLEY v NEWCASTLE CO-OPERATIVE.

Played at Medomsley on Whit-Tuesday, the home team being easily victorious by 47 runs and five wickets. Score:—

MEDOMSLEY.		CO-OPERATIVE.	
R Cant run out	18	Baker c M Milburn b G E Milburn	7
W Cant b Wade	3	Page c Mann b R Cant	8
G Moon b Wade	0	Phillipson b R Cant	3
G E Milburn lbw b Baker	15	White run out	0
M Charlton not out	18	Wade c Moon b R Cant	5
W E Charlton lbw b Baker	7	Rannie b G E Milb'rn	0
M T Milburn not out	8	Eckford b G E Milburn	1
Dr Mann, W Simpson, R Campbell, J E Taylor — To bat. Innings declared closed		Pearson c M Milburn b G E Milburn	0
		Pattison c Mann b R Cant	1
		Hay b G E Milburn	0
		Thompson not out	1
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	80	Total	33

CONSETT FELL v CASTLESIDE.

Played on the Fell ground, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. Williams, Longworth, and T Charlton played well for the home team, and Stanton and Gray for the visitors. Score:—

CASTLESIDE.		CONSETT FELL.	
J Proud run out	2	T Charlton c Temperley b Proud	16
J Robinson b T Charlton	0	J M Williams c Stanton b Temperley	27
W Walton c Wilkinson b Charlton	0	T Longworth not out	23
Proud c and b Wilkinson	5	G Charlton b Temperley	1
J Raine b T Charlton	5	J Lowes b Stanton	4
H Stanton c Charlton b Lowes	15	W Bell not out	2
G Temperley b G Lowes	10	W Walker, G Lowes, J Wilkinson, C Harrison, A Kempster — To bat.	
R Gray not out	16		
G Ellison c and b Charlton	0		
G Fleming b G Lowes	0		
W Temperley b Charlton	7		
Extras	5	Extras	11
Total	66	Total	84

SOUTH MOOR v TANFIELD.

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

TANFIELD.		SOUTH MOOR.	
J R Jones b Brass	37	M Baker c Charlton	9
J Charlton c Baker b Wilkinson	7	M Siddle b Charlton	0
M Pattison b Elliott	13	W Brass c Wallace	0
W Hetherington b Elliott	0	W Dixon hit wkt b Charlton	0
A Watson b Welch	2	W Greathead b Charlton	8
E Reay b Elliott	3	R Nichol b Charlton	3
W Charlton c Siddle b Wilkinson	20	T Wilkinson b Charlton	0
W Wallace not out	17	Elliott b Charlton	0
W Robinson b Brass	0	Welch b Charlton	0
M Carr b Brass	0	G Storey not out	4
Substitute b Brass	0	W Nichol c Reay b Wallace	11
Extras	7	Extras	4
Total	107	Total	40

OXHILL v WALLSEND.

Played at Oxhill, and resulted in a draw, the home team occupying the wickets till the call of time. Score:—

OXHILL.	
J Middlemast run out	6
J Ritchie b Lavery	5
J Mordue run out	35
W Raine b Houghton	8
R Henderson c Lavery b Houghton	0
R Palmer b Polson	9
J Richardson run out	3
R Beaney b Gargett	0
R Ritchie c and b Houghton	6
J Charlton run out	1
E Graham not out	2
Extras	20
Total	95

Wallsend did not bat.

BURNOPFIELD v GREENSIDE.

Played at Greenside, and ended in a win for the visitors by 36 runs. Score:—

BURNOPFIELD.		GREENSIDE.	
G Purdy b Hall	11	C Emmerson b Purdy	4
W Hogarth b Armitage	11	H Richardson b Purdy	5
H C Wood b Hall	2	J Hall, sen., c Potts	3
G Cooper b Armitage	8	J Fellows c and b Hogarth	0
J G Ramsey b Armitage	1	T Armstrong b Hog'th	1
G Lamb b Emmerson	3	M Pyle b Purdy	5
R Ferguson b Hall	10	J Hall, jun., b Purdy	0
J Potts b Hall	7	T Maud c Wood	2
N Lamb b Emmerson	8	W Rochester not out	7
W T Allan c Maude	0	G Forster b Purdy	2
J G Allan not out	0	J Armitage b Hogarth	1
Extras	11	Extras	7
Total	72	Total	36

WOLSINGHAM v ELDON.

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

WOLSINGHAM.		ELDON.	
J. Vasey b Catterson	0	J Burns run out	9
R Wilkinson b Gradon	3	M Meehan c Renahan b Vasey	0
W Renahan b Catterson	4	R Houghton run out	1
T Wharton b Catters'n	7	T Gradon b Wilkinson	0
M Lambert b White	3	J Catterson b Wilkinson	0
J Coulson c Nicholson b Gradon	10	J White b Wilkinson	2
G Herron run out	0	J Blanchard run out	7
P Burke not out	10	H Wilson c Wilkinson b Vasey	0
T Bell not out	5	C Storey b Wilkinson	1
T Iley to bat		W Cooper b Wilkinson	0
G Turt „		J Nicholson not out	2
Extras	10	Extras	8
Total	57	Total	30

THE LIZZIE v CATCHGATE.

Played at The Lizzie in miserable weather of rain, hail, and snow, when the home team proved victorious. Score:—

LIZZIE.		CATCHGATE.	
T Stobbart b Burton	0	Wm Thompson b F Thompson	5
S Smith b Blakey	42	J Burton b T Stobb'rt	10
T Thompson b Burton	7	A Blakey b Thompson	4
W Porter c Blakey b Burton	1	J Leeman c Thomps'n	0
T Tindale b Blakey	2	J Bell b Stobbart	2
L Simpson b Blakey	11	J Brown b Porter	4
R Stamper st Leeman	0	C Gales b Porter	4
H Herdman b Blakey	3	J Barnes b J Stobbart	11
J Stobbart b Blakey	0	R Coates run out	6
J Mason not out	6	W Ellis not out	2
J Bullerwell b Burton	1	Wm Simpson b L Simpson	0
Extras	17	Extras	10
Total	90	Total	58

BURNHOPE v CRAGHEAD.

Played at Burnhope, and resulted in a draw in favour of Burnhope. Score:—

BURNHOPE.		CRAGHEAD.	
R Ridley b Wood	9	A Wright b Gair	18
A Heckels b Young	24	J Maughan run out	5
J Robinson b Young	12	T Allen not out	0
G Heslop b Wood	9	J Fairley c Fenwick	0
C Cummings b Allen	10		
J Gair c Allen	18		
J Mason c Young	5		
R Fenwick b Young	2		
T Dyson c Allen	5		
J Moffatt b Young	0		
M Heslop not out	7		
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total	107	Total	31

NOVOCASTRIANS v CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

Played at Shotley Spa on Whit-Tuesday, and resulted in a win for the visitors. T. Thompson took seven wickets for 29 runs. Score:—

CONSETT.		NOVOCASTRIANS.	
W Gibson b Hodgson	7	S Anderson c McTaggart	25
G Walton c Lawson	4	R Lawson c Walton	17
T D Dales b Thompson	4	W H Farmer retired	12
W Turnbull b Thompson	5	R Wright b Dales	1
J McTaggart c Thompson	15	G Hodgson run out	0
A Wood not out	15	T Thompson c Williamson	20
Matt Williamson c Hodgson	6	A Kirton c Walton	3
W Wilson b Hodgson	1	H Dixon run out	2
Dr Wynne c Wright	1	A Brumwell run out	0
D Robinson b Thompson	7	H Young lbw b Maddison	2
J Maddison b Thompson	0	E A Robinson not out	0
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total	64	Total	84

CRICKET NOTES.

[By "L.B.W."]

Saturday last proved another most miserable day for our summer pastime. The weather reminded one very forcibly of November, what with wind, snow, and hail, and was much more suitable for football than cricket. However, so far as I have learned, in no case was the arranged fixtures cancelled, and in nearly every instance full time was played. It is to be hoped that we shall shortly have a glimpse of real summer weather—that is, supposing we are to be favoured with any summer this year.

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CONSETT GETTING INTO FORM.

For their first home match, that against Ushaw Moor, on Saturday, Consett placed a very strong team in the field. Godfrey turned out for the first time this season, and I. Richards and Jameson journeyed from Newcastle to assist their old club. The consequence was that the home eleven's performance showed a vast improvement on their previous displays. Having the advantage of first innings, Consett put together 87 for the loss of only five wickets, when they "declared," and decided to put their opponents in to bat.

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Godfrey led the way with a stylish 29, made in his best form, and Dales was an excellent second with 27. I was pleased to see Turnbull approaching something like his old form, and his 15 was a creditable display. The time proved too short to dispose of Ushaw Moor, who showed up very well, and at the call of time had lost five wickets for 47 runs. Gilroy played a nice innings of 22. The game thus ended in a draw decidedly in favour of Consett. It is to be hoped that the home captain (Godfrey) will be able to assist his club regularly.

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A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

Medomsley journeyed to Cornsay on Saturday to fulfil their return fixture with the latter club, and, notwithstanding that they were a man short, they achieved a clever victory. The homesters first assumed the defensive, their aggregate ultimately reaching the respectable total of 63. Gray (22) and J. Hodgson (12) showed capital form for the Cornsayites, the remainder of the team rendering them very little assistance. R. Cant was the most successful of the visitors' trundlers.

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M. Charlton and Simpson commenced the task of getting the necessary runs, but were cheaply disposed of. A capital stand was then effected by R. Cant (26) and M. Milburn (12), which practically settled the game. Both batsmen played splendid cricket, and W. Cant displayed good form for 12 (not out). At the drawing of stumps, Medomsley had totalled 69 for five wickets, and thus gained a most meritorious win by six runs and five wickets. The winners are at present playing in fine form, and will take a lot of beating.

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ANOTHER EASY VICTORY.

On Whit-Tuesday, Medomsley entertained the Co-operative team of Newcastle. The visitors won the toss, and elected to field—a somewhat unusual proceeding. W. Cant and Moon were soon got rid of, but R. Cant and G. E. Milburn made a splendid stand, and put on runs rapidly. When well set, Cant was unfortunately run out, after playing an admirable innings. Milburn was also seen to advantage for 15, and M. Charlton put on 18 (not out) in capital style. When the total had reached 80 for five wickets, the home captain adopted the closure, leaving the "Co-op's" 45 minutes' batting.

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This short time proved quite sufficient to dispose of the visitors, as, barring the first two batsmen, none of them made the semblance of a stand. All they could muster was the poor score of 33, and they were thus decisively beaten. G. E. Milburn and R. Cant followed up their good display of batting by some splendid bowling—Milburn securing five wickets for seven runs, and Cant four for eleven. The fielding of the home team was very good, Dr Mann and M. Milburn each bringing off a couple of smart catches.

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A PROMISING PLAYER.

Those of my readers who were acquainted with Jack I'Anson, and especially the members of the Leadgate Cricket Club (which club he assisted last season) will be pleased to hear that he is displaying splendid form for Richmond. Playing on Thursday week for Richmond against Northallerton, he put together an excellent 61 out of a total of 155. Northallerton were dismissed for 66. I'Anson acts as professional to the Richmond club, and is very popular with the members.

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CONSETT AVENGE THEIR CUP-TIE DEFEAT.

The majority of the visitors to Shotley Spa on Monday no doubt expected to witness a close and exciting game; but in this they were disappointed, as the contest turned out to be of the most one-sided character. Going in on a good wicket, Sherburn were actually dismissed for the paltry score of 22, of which number Mr "Extras" claimed no less than eight. The innings appeared more like a procession than anything else, as the visitors were totally at sea with the slow breaks of Dales. Naturally their display caused great disappointment, as they were reckoned to be a very strong team.

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Consett, of course, had not the slightest difficulty in obtaining the runs. The Sherburn bowling did not appear to be very deadly, and most of the batsmen scored freely off it. Dales followed up a splendid bowling performance with an equally good display with the willow, and when Godfrey closed the innings, he had 51 runs to his credit, and was still not out. Godfrey (17), Turnbull (16), Gibson (12), and Jameson (11) contributed materially to the total of 124 (for five wickets). Dales may truly be said to be the hero of the day, his bowling, batting, and fielding being magnificent. Those in the district who take an interest in cricket are now asking how in the name of all's that wonderful did Sherburn defeat Consett in last year's cup-tie? I give it up.

WHICKHAM AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

Whickham certainly is showing up in good form this season. Blaydon were the visitors on Saturday, but made a rather poor show against the excellent bowling of Lawson and Atkinson, Tebb and Rodham each scoring nine. The home team did not show up too well in the batting line, but managed to come out on the right side by three runs and three wickets. T. Mowbray played nicely for 11, and Burn—good old "Billy"—again got into double figures. Tebb trundled splendidly for Blaydon, who scarcely seem to be so strong as usual.

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TANFIELD BEAT SOUTH MOOR.

Although several fresh names figure in the Tanfield team, they seem to have a pretty fair eleven, as they were at South Moor, where they on Saturday [illegible] easy victory. Jones showed first-class form [illegible] gained an easy [illegible] W. Charlton (20), Wallace (17 not out) for 37, and [illegible] (13) were seen to great advantage. [illegible] and Pattison [illegible] of 107 was far too many for the homesters, who could only muster 40. The visitors' total [illegible] The last man (Nichol) was the only one to reach double figures. Charlton bowled capitally for Tanfield, who should experience a successful season.

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GREENSIDE BEATEN AT HOME.

Greenside entertained Burnopfield at home on Saturday, and just succeeded in scoring half the runs obtained by the visitors. Burnopfield's 72 was a pretty even display of batting, Purdy and Hogarth putting on 11 each, and Ferguson 10. The home team shaped very moderately with the willow, the bowling of Hogarth and Purdy being too much for them. Rochester (7 not out) proved top scorer, the aggregate reaching 36. Hall was the most successful of the Greenside trundlers.

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THE "CITIZENS" DISTINGUISH THEMSELVES.

Chester-le-Street accomplished one of (if not the very best) performances they have ever achieved on Monday. Philadelphia were the visitors to the ancient city, and as the home club had only beaten the former by a narrow majority a week or two back, great interest was centred in the match. The feature of the "citizen's" innings was a magnificent 78 (not out) by Kerrich-Walker, who is displaying splendid form this season. W. Middleton showed good form for 23, and Bewicke (16) and Hall (10) helped to swell the excellent total obtained by the homesters—170.

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Philadelphia, who were without the services of J. Young (who was assisting the county), proved totally inadequate to the task imposed on them. Jack Lee played a capital innings of 37, and his brother contributed 17 and Redpath 14, but most of the others failed, the total ultimately reaching 92. Chester-le-Street thus gained a splendid victory by 78 runs, and are to be heartily congratulated on their excellent performance. The winners seem to be improving every time they play, and will take some beating by the best of our teams. The brothers Lee showed the best form with the ball for the losers, and Crichton for the other side.

Sporting Items.

THE FOOTRACE AT DIPTON.—The foot race arranged between H. Penno, of Tanfield Lea, and J. Stevenson, of West Stanley, to run 100 yards level, for £20, at the Dipton grounds, on Whit-Monday, has fallen through, Penno paying the forfeit.

PIGEON FLYING FROM NEWCASTLE TO CONSETT.—A pigeon flying handicap, promoted by Mr Thomas Beattie, of the Park Hotel, Consett, the route being from Stephenson's Monument, Newcastle, to Consett, a distance of 14 miles, secured 12 entries and resulted as follows:—Howard's Saddle, 1, £3, in 16min 21secs; Pollock's Monitor, 2, 20s, 16min 29secs; Wilkinson's Wandering Willie, 3, 12s, 17min 35secs. The day was favourable, and the record is regarded as an exceptionally good one. A lot of money changed hands.

ANGLING CONTEST AT WOLSINGHAM.—An angling contest, in which 13 fishers took part, was held at Wolsingham on Whit-Monday. The party met at Mr Price's (president), the Grey Bull Inn, and drew lots for ground. The result of the three hours' fishing was as follows:—1, £1, Mr Johnstone, Wolsingham, 16½ ounces; 2, 10s, Mr J. Price, jun., Wolsingham, 8½oz; 3, 5s, Mr G. Watson, Wolsingham, 11oz; 4, fishing line (given by Mr Pickard), Mr John Whaston, Wolsingham, 8oz.; 5, 2s 6d, Mr J. Thompson, Bedley Hill, 5½oz.

TANFIELD LEA BRASS BAND SPORTS.

The members of the Tanfield Lea Prize Brass Band held their first annual pic-nic, musical entertainment, and sports on Saturday afternoon, in a field at Tanfield Leith Farm, kindly lent by Mr J. Robinson, the event having been postponed from Easter Monday on account of the unpropitious weather. The day was exceedingly bitter and cold, snow falling at intervals, but notwithstanding this fact nearly 400 spectators watched the sports, while that number was considerably augmented in the evening, when a ball was held in the spacious tent, Mr H. Scott being the M.C. A capital programme of music was performed by the Tanfield Lea Band, under the direction of Mr E. Kerkeys. Mr W. C. Hindmarsh, of Tantobie, acted as secretary of the sports. Details:—

QUOITING, 10 yards on the sward. 20 competitors. —The final issue was that T. Brown, Dipton; L. Robson, Dipton; J. Robinson, Dipton; and J. Thomas, Rowland's Gill, divided the stakes. Martin Beck, Tantobie, was referee.

£2 15s 120 YARDS FOOTRACE HANDICAP, 43 entries.—Heat 1—G. Mudd, Tanfield Lea, 21 yards, 1; J. Hindmarsh, Blaydon, 18, 2; A. Dodds, Quebec, 12½, 0; T. Murray, Dipton, 17½, 0. Won by three yards. Heat 2—Void. Heat 3—W. Robson, Corbridge, 11, 1; W. Hall (a boy), Tantobie, 21, 2; G. Nicholson, Tantobie, 20, 0; J. Henderson, Gateshead, 15½, 0. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 4—H. Penno, Tanfield Lea, 18, 1; J. Watson, Tantobie, 20, 2; W. Basle, Beamish, 15, 3; M. Dixon, Pelton Fell, 15, 0. Won by a couple of yards. Heat 5—Johnson, Blaydon, 13½ w.o. Heat 6—T. Johnson, Tanfield Lea, 16½, 1; J. Elliott, Tantobie, 18, 2; J. Railson, Newbarn, 19½, 0; W. Dixon, Addison Colliery, 12½, 0. Won by three yards. Heat 7—T. Marsh, Blaydon, 18, 1; H. Hunter, Greencroft, 18, 2; J. W. Wilson, Benfieldside, 21, 0; J. Black, Leadgate, 18, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 8—J. McKenny, Westwood, 14, w.o. Heat 9—Void. Heat 10—Void. Heat 11—C. Boardman, Hebburn, 15½, 1; J. Kender, West Stanley, 2; J. Winter, Consett, 20½, 0. Won by a foot. Heat 12—W. Eldon, 17½, w.o. Second round—Heat 1—Mudd, 1; Robson, 2. Won by a yard. Heat 2—Penno, 1; Johnson (Tanfield Lea), 2; Johnson (Blaydon), 3. Won by half a yard. Heat 3—Marsh, 1; McKenny, 2. Won easily. Heat 4—Eldon, 1; Boardman, 2. Won by a foot. Final heat—Mudd, 1, £5; Marsh, 2, £1; Eldon, 3, 10s; Penno, 4, 5s. Won by a yard, half that distance separating the second and third, while the fourth man was close up. Betting: Evens on Mudd, 2 to 1 each against Marsh and Penno, and 10 to 1 Eldon. Mr George Kennedy, Dipton, officiated as handicapper and pistol-firer, Mr W. Evans, Dipton, being the referee.

WRESTLING for 12st men. Ten entries.—First round—J. Young, Westwood, threw J. Robinson, Newcastle; Charlton, Newcastle, threw Dobson, Westwood; J. Liddle, Newcastle, threw J. Twentyman, Tantobie; T. Raine, Newcastle, threw R. Russell, Tantobie; A. Ferguson, Tantobie, threw J. Temple, Dipton. Second round — Raine threw Charlton, Liddle threw Young, Ferguson, a bye. In the final tie Ferguson threw Liddle twice in succession, and won, Raine being placed third.

WRESTLING for 10 stone men. 18 entries—First round—E. Robson, Dipton, threw J. Bacon, Tanfield Lea; W. Ferguson, Tantobie, threw George Plummer, Blaydon Main; R. Ferguson, Tantobie, threw T. Willis, Tantobie; J. Twentyman, Tantobie, threw Joseph Ember, Tantobie; R. Russell, Tantobie, threw T. Wood, Tantobie; W. Ruddock, Tanfield Lea, threw D. Hayes, Tanfield Lea; J. Brown, White-le-Head, a bye. Second round—Brown threw Twentyman, R. Ferguson threw Robson, Russell threw Ruddock, W. Ferguson, a bye. Third round—Brown threw W. Ferguson, R. Ferguson threw Russell. In the final bout Brown threw Ferguson twice out of thrice, and won. Mr Temple, Dipton, was referee.

Darkness setting in prevented the 300 yards handicap (which secured 18 entries) and other events being brought off.

BLAYDON RACE MEETING.

Clerk of the Course, Handicapper, and Judge—Mr John Douglas. Starter—Mr T. Charlton. Clerk of the Scales—Mr Walter Grieve, M.R.C.V.S.

WHIT-MONDAY, MAY 18.

All the world and his wife seemed to have gathered on the Haughs at Blaydon on Monday last, and the weather being just as one could wish, everything contributed to an enjoyable afternoon. The North-Eastern Company provided special trains, which ran from an early hour in the morning, and until the hour of starting heavy were the loads of holiday-makers conveyed to the scene of racing. The road presented a crowded and lively appearance, traps of all sorts, from the stately brougham to the humble flat cart, carrying the festive Northumbrians to the famous brick-making village.

Something like 20,000 must have paid toll to gain an entrance to the Haughs. The weather was simply charming, and the outing was one that will not be forgotten by Tynesiders for a long time. The paddock and ring, which have been considerably enlarged since last year, were crowded to excess, and there is little doubt that the balance-sheet will show a neat sum on the credit side when it is made up. Despite the exertions of the officials, racing began behind the programme time, and dropped back during the afternoon, so that at the conclusion of the last event we were over an hour to the bad. The officials are to be complimented on working heartily together for the good of the meeting. Details:—

STELLA STAKES, value 30 sovs.; first 20 sovs., second 7, third 3; 7lb. allowed for every inch under 14 hands. About 1½ miles, on the flat.
Mr Enoch Wedge's Lucy (late Creeping Jane), aged, 8st 7lb ... H. Squire 1
Mr John Aiken's Duchess, 6 yrs, 9st ... J. Aitkin 2
Mr R. Armstrong's Polo, aged, 8st 7lb (carried 8st 13lb) ... J. Orrick 3
11 ran. Won easily by six lengths; a bad third. The rest beaten off.

The TOWNELEY STAKES, value 40 sovs.; first 32, second 5, third 3; weight for age; selling allowances. About 1 mile, on the flat.
Mr Anderson's Mantilla, 4 yrs, 10st 10lb ... Baines 1
Mr Wm. Martin's Mephistopheles (late Lord Westmorland), 3 yrs, 9st (car 9st 3lb) ... Scarborough 2
Mr J. M. Cantley's Little Finch, 4 yrs, 11st 3lb ... McBride 3
Six ran. Won easily by a length and-a-half, two lengths separating second and third. The winner was bought in for 40 guineas.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS' PLATE, value 40 sovs.; first 30, second 7, third 3; weight for age; winners extra; 7lb allowed for every inch under 14·3 hands. About 1½ miles, on the flat.
Mr R. Ayre's Shy Boy (late Cyprus), 3 yrs, 9st 7lb ... Thompson 1
Mr J. Binney's St. Vitus' Dance, 3 yrs, 9st 7lb ... B. Martin 2
Mr J. Lonsdale's Alfred, aged, 10st 10lb ... Hodgson 3
Six ran. Won by six lengths; a bad third.

The BRAES OF DERWENT HUNT HURDLE RACE, value 33 sovs.; first, a cup (intrinsic value 20 sovs.) and 5 sovs., second 5 sovs., third 3; professional riders to carry 7lb extra. About 2½ miles, over hurdles.
Mr Thomas Bell's Vagabond, 5 yrs, 12st 12lb ... J. Hall 1
Mr G. W. Gray's Greyhound, aged, 13st (car 13st 7lb) ... Gray 2
Mr T. Charlton's Whalton, aged, 12st 7lb (car 12st) ... Henderson 3
Eight ran. Won by a length, four lengths separating second and third.

BLAYDON STAKES, value 100 sovs.; first 80, second 15, third 5; weight for age; winners extra. About 1½ miles, on the flat.
Mr Williams's Frankfort, 4 yrs, 11st 6lb ... Fitton 1
Mr J. Hall's King Cup, 4 yrs, 10st 10lb ... Hall 2
Mr R. Ayre's Shy Boy (late Cyprus), 3 yrs, 10st 7lb ... Thompson 3
Mr Wm. Galley's Tomboy (late Peterfield), 5 yrs, 11st 7lb ... Ridley disq.
Ten ran. Tomboy came in four lengths in front of Frankfort, King Cup being a similar distance behind the second. An objection was laid against the winner for carrying insufficient weight, and the committee, after considering the case, disqualified Tomboy, and awarded the race to Frankfort, King Cup being placed second and Shy Boy third.

LADIES' PLATE, value 30 sovs.; first 22, second 5, third 3; weight for age; winners extra; selling allowances. About 1 mile, on the flat.
Mr J. Hall's King Cup, 4 yrs, 12st 3lb ... J. Hall 1
Mr R. Elliott's Rosemary (late Bab), 6 yrs, 11st ... Fitton 2
Mr W. Martin's Mephistopheles (late Lord Westmorland), 3 yrs, 9st ... Scarborough 3
Won by a length and-a-half, a length separating second and third.

Cycling Notes.

NEW CLUB FOR TANFIELD.—A most successful meeting was held at the house of Mr J. Irwin, Pack Horse Inn, Tanfield, to form a bicycle club. It was resolved that the club be called the Tanfield Lea Amateur Cycling Club, and the following officials were selected:—President, Mr R. W. Asquith; vice-presidents, Rev T. H. Archdall, Messrs T. Pringle, Aynsley, M. Starford, Thos. Pringle, jun., and J. Irwin; captain, Geo. Greener; vice-captain, John Milburn; buglers, Wm. Ridley and A. Gardner; secretary, J. A. Smith; treasurer, S. Taft. Committee, W. Pattinson, W. Fletcher, and M. Bell. Colours, dark blue velvet cap.

DEATH FROM INFLUENZA AT TOW LAW.

A man named Cowen has died at Tow Law from an attack of influenza, pneumonia supervening.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Rev Canon Bailey, of St. Hilda's, South Shields, has been offered and has accepted the living of Ryton, in the place of Rev Canon Chester.

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By the will of the late Mr Robert Watson, of Victoria Street, Bishop Auckland, under date of November last, the sum of £400 has been left to the poor, payable over a period of ten years. In Bishop Auckland, Hamsterley, and Wolsingham, £30—that is, £10 for each place—will be distributed annually.

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Rev E. W. Jenkins, of Highgate Baptist Church, Blackhill, preached the Association sermon before the members attending the Baptist Conference for the northern district, at South Shields, on Whit-Monday.

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Mr Samuel Little, of Mickley Square, and Poor Law Guardian for Prudhoe, has generously left in the hands of the Master of the Hexham Union sixpence each for the children at the Workhouse School who will accompany Mr John Ridley's trip to Tynemouth on Monday next.

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Mr Lindsay Wood, J.P., The Hermitage, Chester-le-Street, has forwarded £10 to the treasurer of the Smiles Orphan Fund. Mr W. Mitchell, Chester-le-Street, has also sent £2 2s.

SCHOOL INSPECTION IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr R. R. Taylor, headmaster of Willington Board School, has received from Mr John Wilson, M.P., Mid-Durham, the following information, which will be read with interest by all teachers in the county of Durham:—

"Durham, May 12, 1891.

"Mr R. R. Taylor.

"Dear Sir,—The following is a series of questions I submitted to Sir W. H. Dyke, and the answer he gave me.—I am, yours respectfully,

"JOHN WILSON."

"To Sir W. H. Dyke, Vice-President of the Council on Education.

"Sir,—I have a letter from the teachers in Durham in which they express their pleasure at the answer you gave in relation to their grants under Mr Bernays's examinations, and they desire me to ask you for information on the following points:—(1) The average attendance of scholars for the year ending August 31st, 1890, in Mr Bernays's District (Durham), who earned the special merit grants. Article 109 (B). (2) The average attendance of children who earned the first and second class subject grants. Article 109 (F). (3) The same for England and Wales. (4) What percentage of the upper departments in Mr Bernays's district has received the "good" mark for English grammar? (5) What percentage have obtained the same mark in Mr Newton's district and in Mr Swettenham's? (6) What proportion of the schools marked good in grammar were examined in the subject by Mr Bernays himself? I prefer putting the questions privately, but if you desire I will ask the question publicly.—I am, sir, yours respectfully.

"JOHN WILSON."

Copy of Reply.

"May 11, 1891.

"Sir,—I am directed by Sir W. H. Dyke to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, and to state in reply that he is unable to give a detailed statement of the figures asked for by the teachers on whose behalf you write, but that the Department are aware, from the information in their possession, that considerable difference exists between the results of examinations conducted by Mr Bernays and those conducted by inspectors of adjoining districts, and an inquiry has been ordered into the circumstances with a view to securing greater uniformity of treatment, to which it is needless to say that the Department attach great importance. You are aware that by the abolition of the merit grant less scope is offered for the deviation of individual inspectors from the general standard.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"A. FITZROY.

"John Wilson, Esq."

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MR H. M. STANLEY AT CONSETT.

"TWENTY-THREE YEARS IN AFRICA."

If the people of Consett and district had been informed of the fact a year or two ago that Mr H. M. Stanley, the eminent explorer, who had discovered Livingstone, and rescued Emin Pasha, was coming to pay the town a visit at no distant date such a thing would have been laughed at. Nevertheless such an event has come to pass, and on Saturday Consett was honoured with seeing the great African explorer in person. Few ventures have been treated so shabbily by the residents than the present one, and the reason why Mr H. M. Stanley had not a much more numerous audience to hear him recount his thrilling adventures and experiences was owing to the exorbitant prices of admission. It is true that the gentlemen comprising the committee, who took it upon themselves to bring the explorer, know their own affairs best; but it is quite evident, judging from the company that did assemble within the walls of the New Town Hall, they did err on this point, and we can say confidently that had the prices been within reach of the working-classes, there is no doubt but what the spacious building would have been crowded to excess. However, every body in this world is liable to make mistakes, and we regret that the undertaking of the committee was not rewarded as it should have been, and that Mr Stanley did not receive the welcome that he really deserved. Taking all things into consideration, there was a fairly large company, which was presided over by Coun. James Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge.

The CHAIRMAN said he had no doubt they would all feel that it was a red-letter day in the history of Consett. They had the honour of welcoming a great explorer, and he might safely say a heaven-born explorer. (Applause). Mr Stanley had spent the best part of his life in Africa, and they had come to hear him recapitulate his adventures. How much more they knew about the country generally at the present time compared to 42 years ago. Many remarkable things had been discovered by Mr Stanley during his last journey, and he would now introduce that gentleman to them as one of the greatest explorers that ever lived. (Cheers).

At the outset, we might state that in the lecture there was a good deal of repitition of subjects which have by this time become tolerably familiar to the English public, but the freshness and energy with which the lecture was delivered amply compensated for whatever may have been lacking in the novelty of the theme. We are unable to give a full account of the lecture owing to the heavy pressure of news.

Mr STANLEY, who was enthusiastically received, explained that he had gone into Africa seven times, and had spent the best part of life there. He then proceeded to state that twenty-three years ago, when engaged as a special correspondent in Spain, he was summoned to Paris by Mr Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the *New York Herald*. On his arrival in the French capital, Mr Bennett, with insidious graciousness, began to unfold his views of what a metropolitan journal should be, and then asked him to undertake a series of missions. He wished him first to proceed to Egypt to describe the inauguration of the Suez Canal; then to ascend the Nile and interview some of Sir Samuel Baker's officers about the expedition up the White Nile; to return and note the explorations carried on in the underground Jerusalem under General Sir Charles Warren, and the condition of the Ottoman empire as it might be observed at Constantinople. Mr Bennett was anxious to receive graphic descriptions of the state of the Crimea, and to know what steps were being taken for the invasion of Turkestan by a Russia general; then, after a gallop through Persia, he was to take a voyage to Zanzibar, and he was to proceed somewhere into the interior of Africa and ascertain what had become of the long-lost missionary and traveller, David Livingstone. (Loud applause). He asked Mr Bennett deferentially whether there was anything else to be done after the discovery of the lost traveller. "Well," said Mr Bennett, deliberately, "you might proceed to China and outdo that famous Chinese traveller, Father Huc, and tell us what possibilities there are in that part of the world." "Anything else?" asked Mr Stanley. "No," replied Mr Bennett. "That will be enough, I think, and then you can return by way of Japan and San Francisco." "Yes," answered Mr Stanley. "Good night," and that was the last he saw of Mr Gordon Bennett for three years, when he reported to him that all his commissions had been executed excepting the one to China. (Applause). Proceeding to give an account of his first expedition into the interior of Africa in search of Livingstone, Mr Stanley described the nature of that well-known undertaking, and his memorable meeting with the doctor. For ages the world had believed that the African interior was a desert. Livingstone, Speke, Burton, and Baker's explorations had disproved that, but their incomplete discoveries had left four geographical problems which could never be settled by wordy dispute in Leeds or in London. They first related to the size of Lake Victoria, which Speke had outlined into a sea covering 28,000 square miles. The second related to the mighty river flowing northward, about four degrees south of the Equator, discovered by Livingstone, and believed by him to be the Nile. The subject of the third was Lake Tanganyika, whose outlet was as yet undiscovered, and that of the fourth was the Albert Nyanza. Sir S. Baker had imagined that lake as extending to infinite distance to the south-west, and stated its altitude to be 2,720 feet above the sea level. Livingstone's giant river, at a height of 2,000 feet, called the Central Nile, ran north. One of the important questions to decide was whether that lake and river met. Those were the problems it was desired to solve, and he accepted the commission. One hundred-and-three days after his departure from the Indian Ocean he reached the noble Lake Victoria. He stayed with King Mtesa of Uganda, who was almost persuaded to be a Christian, and in response to whose appeal a subscription was raised in London of £13,000, out of which was equipped the first Christian mission into Equatorial Africa. He then described his adventures with natives of Bumbire Island. In 57 days he circumnavigated the Victoria Nyanza, then discovered the Albert Edward Nyanza, and found Lake Tanganyika to be 365 miles long, with an average breadth of 25 miles. He had predicted, as it had no effluent at that time, that if the rise continued for three or four years more at the rate maintained for the previous 30 years the surplus waters must make their exit down the Tukuga towards Livingstone's Lualaba, and this prediction was subsequently fulfilled. In November, 1876, the expedition had reached the farthest spot attained by Livingstone during his investigation of the Lualaba. The river was about 1,700 yards wide, and its sources about 1,400 miles, to the south-west, between Lukes Nyassa and Tanganyika. Down that river, he and his companions had sailed through trackless forests, over successive rocky terraces and rapids, beyond Stanley Falls and into Stanley Pool, until in the month of August, 1877, after a river voyage of 1,800 miles which lasted for five months, and in which he passed 57 rapids and cataracts, and had sometimes to draw his vessels over mountainous abutments, and journeys over 7,000 miles up and down and across Equatorial Africa, he again reached the Atlantic Ocean with his tasks fulfilled. (Applause). The explorer's next commision in Africa was received from King Leopold of Belgium, and had reference to the development of the Congo. The mouth of the river was reached in August, 1879, there being a flotilla of steamers to meet him. In the first year, owing to the difficulties that had to be overcome, himself and party only advanced 52 miles, although they had marched 2,300 miles to effect that advance. He gave a very amusing account of his dealings with Ngalyema, chief of the Stanley Pool district, and proceeded to say that in August, 1884, he had advanced 1,400 miles into the interior, and had established regular communication between Stanley Falls and the sea. To-day a railway was being rapidly pushed forward from the Atlantic to Stanley Pool; there was a flotilla of 30 steamers on the Upper Congo, and a police force of over 3,800 men, recruited from the fierce tribes which in 1877 chased them day and night in their voyage on the Congo. By 1894 he hoped that the railway would be open to the Pool, and then would arrive the time for consummating the last purpose which the founders of the Free State had in view—namely, the complete suppression of slavery within its borders, the diffusion of fair trade principles along the 1,600 miles of river bank, and the planting of garrisons for the repression of savage excesses, the preservation of order, and the administration of law. (Applause.) The expedition in search of Emin Pasha, and the thrilling incidents in connection with that famous march, were next dealt with. The distinguished idiosyncracies of Emin were pointed out and the principal events up to the time when he became anti-English and resolved to go back to Africa to occupy a position under the German Government narrated. That expedition had been, said Mr Stanley, set on foot by the people of this country and the Egyptian Government in response to cries for help that were daily being heard and to save Emin Pasha from such a fate as had befallen General Gordon. At the time it was sufficient to know that Emin was in peril and that he needed aid. No one stopped or cared to inquire whether he deserved it. It was heartrending to read day by day that one of Gordon's officers was in danger of falling a victim to the fate that had come upon his self-sacrificing chief at Khartoum. The cry "Too late" was still ringing in the ears of the English people, and once the expedition had been got under way, "despatch" was naturally its watchword. That was the great reason why on arrival at Stanley Pool it was decided that one-fifth of the party should remain, while the four-fifths commanded by himself, Captain Nelson — (applause) — Mr Jephson, and other officers proceeded on their way through the trackless forest. The difficulties that had to be encountered in that perilous march were now well known, but every effort possible was made to reach Emin before it was too late, and afterwards to return to the rear column. After finding Emin the expedition had the mortification of not being able to ascertain from him whether he would make up his mind to accompany the expedition to the sea, as the Khedive wished him, or remain. Had he known that a delay of four months would not have endangered Emin's safety, he could have built a fort on the verge of the forest, placed his sick in it as a garrison, and destroyed the Arab slave traders who had caused them so much trouble on the march. Still in doubt, Emin was left under the care of Mr Jephson, while he (Mr Stanley) returned to the rear column, only to learn the disasters that had attended it. Meanwhile, too, Emin and Mr Jephson had been taken captives, and it was not without much difficulty that they were released, and that the return journey to sea was at length commenced, and to find at the end of it that the Pasha was nearly killed by a fall from a balcony, and that he afterwards became decidedly anti-English. Great advantages had undoubtedly resulted to civilisation from these expeditions. Zanzibar, for instance, which had taken three months to reach from Bombay in 1870, was now only 25 days' steaming from England. Telegraph cables girdled the Dark Continent. Intending explorers no longer shivered with terror at the mention of Africa. They no longer reminded themselves of the fate of Mungo Park on the Niger or of the terrible mortality which overtook Tuckey's expedition on the Lower Congo in 1816, or of the murder of Von der Decken on the Jub, Fischer on the Nyassa, Maizan at Bagamoyo, Miss Tinnee by the Tuaregs, or of the hundreds of other unfortunate travellers who have succumbed to native hostility, deadly climate, and exhausting fatigue. For to that appalling list of mortalities, murders, and failures they could oppose a long list of names distinguished for their successes, and the terrible continent bore that sombre and sinister bar no longer which terror had drawn across. (Applause). Men went inland and returned with as little concern and distrust as a Newcastle commercial traveller would cross the Atlantic on a White Star or Inman liner. The mind of old Africa had been known for some centuries, but its interior had remained a vague and shadowy immensity, but the monstrosities and puerilities with which the old geographers decked the map of Africa had been removed, and fresh-water seas edged with blue, the crooked course of voluminous rivers with varied tribal limits and national frontiers, well-watered pasture land and tropic forest, snowy mountains and hill ranges, grassy plateaus and populous valleys in beautiful alternation had usurped their place; and more than that, more than a half of the hitherto tameless continent had been parcelled out among the European nations. Great Britain had absorbed two and-a-half millions of square miles, Italy a million, Germany one and-a-half millions, France a million, and poor, whining Portugal—(cheers)—Portugal had been obliged to be content with three-quarters of a million. A thousand military and civil officers represented civilised government, and were to guarantee law and order. There was a flotilla of thirty steamers on the Upper Congo, the waters of the Lakes Nyassa and Tanganyika were ploughed by the sharp prows of steam launches, and in five months from now a small steel navy would be riding on the waves of the Victoria Nyanza. (Applause). Over fifty missionary stations dot the late dark heart of Africa, that precept and example might not be wanting for the regeneration of the pagans. To prevent the relapse into darkness which had been predicted by the timid and despairing, Africa was being fettered to civilisation by rigid bars of metal which formed the all-conquering railway. Rails were being laid to the Victoria Nyanza from Mombasa on the east coast, from Bagamoyo to Dar Salaam by the Germans, and by the Belgians from the Atlantic to Stanley Pool. When these were completed, Moloch and Beelzebub would be utterly cast down, and all the powers of darkness could not restore them again. (Applause). The old continent would never become the home of the white man in the same sense that America had become, but it was bound to become a nursery of dark nations infinitely superior to any yet seen there. There were children in Consett who would live to hear the good news that millions of central Africans had learned to love the summons of the Christian Church bells, and to join in the refrain first heard under the stars over Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and goodwill towards men." (Loud applause).

Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

The lecture was illustrated by a large map of Central Africa.

On leaving the building, Mr Stanley was enraptuously cheered by an exceedingly large crowd which had gathered at the front entrance of the hall.

A WOMAN FOUND DROWNED AT CONSETT.

SAD CASE OF SUICIDE.

About five o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Mr G. T. Egglestone, the local foreman for the Consett Water Company, observing something like a human body floating on the water in the service reservoir belonging to the Consett Water Company, behind their offices in Sherburn Terrace, Consett, Inspector Benzies and P.C. Haw were communicated with, and rescued the body, which was afterwards identified as that of Margaret White, aged 35 years, the wife of Robert White, a steelworker at Consett Works.

An inquest was held at the Police Station, on Monday afternoon, before Mr John Graham, coroner. Mr Adam Bredie was elected foreman of the jury.

Robert White, charge-wheeler at the Consett Steelworks, Consett, said he lodged with Charles Abray, at the Imperial Hotel, Harvey Street, Consett, for five years. He identified the body of his wife, who was 35 years old, and he last saw her alive on Saturday night at nine o'clock. He had not previously had any quarrel with her, nor was she in low spirits. His wife came to see him in Mr Cassidy's, Turf Hotel, and had a half of rum there. Witness subsequently ascertained that his wife had two drinks later in the day. Within the last twelve months, his wife had lost two sisters and a neice, and seemed to be affected by their deaths. He learnt that she had a glass of beer in the Wellington Inn (Barnard McAleers), and that occasion was the last he could hear about her.

By the Jury: She must have thrown herself in the pond on Saturday night, as she was not alive on Sunday.

Mary Ann Abray deposed that she saw Mrs White alive about 9.30 in the bar of the house. Deceased had not bonnet on her head; but she had a shawl over her. She had a drink of beer at dinner time.

Geo. T. Egglestone, foreman for the Consett Water Company, and living at 17 Sherburn Terrace, Consett, deposed that about 5.30 on Sunday evening, he perceived a woman's dress floating on the surface of the water in the service reservoir behind the Company's Offices at Consett. He came to the Police Station, and with the assistance of the police and Mr Wiles (secretary) rescued the dead body of the woman. The reservoir was fenced round by a wall from seven to ten feet high, and contained a million gallons of water. There were some marks on the wall. There was on the other side a low wall, upon which she had climbed. Upon the grass he traced the footprints of one person across the adjoining field.

Sergt. Tones said there was no marks of violence upon the body. The woman had frequently threatened to do away with herself. Some coppers were found in her pockets.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Suicide by drowning."

OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM THE WATER COMPANY.

We are informed by Mr Wiles, secretary to the Water Company, that this reservoir is filled with water each week end, and from the time the sad occurrence must have happened until the body was recovered, no water was flowing from the reservoir into the pipes. As soon as possible all the valves leading from the reservoir were closed, and the water has been run off and the place is being thoroughly cleansed.

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Whitsuntide Festivities.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The annual field-day took place on Whit-Monday afternoon, in the enclosure rented by the Consett Fell Cricket Club. The children were regaled to tea, and a number of sports were indulged in, till the shades of night began to appear.

CONSETT BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Whit-Tuesday, the teachers and scholars identified with the above school held their annual field-day and tea in a field near Templetown. Previous to proceeding to the field, the teachers and scholars marched through the streets of the town, headed by the Consett Mission Band. A public tea was provided, and was partaken of by a good number of friends. A very enjoyable time was spent in various harmless games.

BLACKHILL PRIMITIVE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL.—The anniversary of this school was celebrated on Sunday, and on Monday the children attending the school received their usual treat in a field at Blackfine.

BLACKHILL FREE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—The teachers of this school gave the scholars their annual treat. The children were regaled with a plentiful supply of tea, buns and cake in the school-room, after which a public tea was provided. Games and other amusements took in a field behind Foundry Row.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The anniversay of this school was held last week end.—On Saturday, a public tea was provided in the Reading-Room, when a numerous company partook of the good things provided. After tea, a public meeting was held, when stirring addresses were given by several local gentlemen.—On Whit-Sunday, three services were held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. In the morning, Mr H. Ashby, of Thornley, preached a temperance sermon, and in the afternoon and evening he conducted the services when the children recited portions of scripture, poetry, and dialogues. Collections were taken in aid of the school fund at each services.

WEARDALE.—Whit-Monday was observed in Weardale as a holiday. Most of the public works and places of business were closed, but the weather resembled Christmas more than Whitsuntide. It was extremely cold, and during the forenoon there were showers of snow. A cricket match came off at Stanhope on Monday between North Durham and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors. Stanhope Band was present and played selections of music.

CAMP-MEETING AT SOUTH MOOR.—On Whit-Sunday, the members in connection with the Primitive Methodist Society at South Moor, held their annual camp-meeting, and although the weather was unfavourable, the whole of the morning was spent in the open air. The afternoon services were held inside, when the following brethren preached:—Messrs J. Clough, T. Robinson, W. F. Urwin, F. Reid, and J. Johnston, conducted by P. Reay. In the evening, a good old-fashioned love-feast was held, and at the close one soul obtained the blessing of pardon.

TOW LAW PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Connected with the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Tow Law, a new library was inaugurated on Saturday night by the resident minister, Rev M. Cuthbert. A programme of music, recitations, &c., was also rendered during the evening. The Sunday School anniversary was celebrated on Sunday.

NEW PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL AT BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY.—The Primitive Methodists of Burnopfield Colliery secured a site by the side of the west of the village, and from plans prepared by Messrs Davidson and Bendle, of Grainger Street, Newcastle, architects, a chapel has been built capable of seating 250 adults, and at the rear is a large vestry which can be opened into the main building by folding doors. The work has been carried out by Messrs A. and R. Davis, Burnopfield, masons, and Mr W. Maughan, of Lemington, joiner. The opening services were held on Saturday, when the Rev J. Hallam, president of the Conference, preached to a large company in the afternoon. After the service, tea was served in a marquee to 380 people. A crowded public meeting was held in the evening, presided over by Mr T. Brabban, of Marley Hill.—Mr J. W. Bell, secretary to the chapel trust, read a report showing that the chapel had cost £750, towards which £406 had been raised.—Addresses were given by the Revs J. Elliott (of Blackhill), J. Hallam, and M. Johnson (White-le-Head). Mr N. Smailes presided at the organ (which has just been supplied by Mr Jones, Consett), and Mr R. Gibson conducted the singing. The services were continued on Sunday by Mr Jas. Bell (Durham), and Mr T. Brabban.

TOW LAW.—All the collieries were idle and the shops closed, and the town wore quite a holiday appearance. In the morning a number of excursionists went to Redcar and Saltburn. In connection with the Primitive Methodist Sunday school anniversary, a public tea meeting was held in a field near Thornley Terrace, and various amusements were provided for the scholars, the Salvation Army Band being also in attendance.—The Wesleyan scholars held a field-day at Thornley Pit House, and they, along with their parents and friends, partook of tea and other refreshments.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN SABBATH SCHOOL.—The children connected with this school were treated to their customary tea in the school-room on Whit-Monday afternoon, after which they proceeded to a field behind Cemetery Road, where an enjoyable "outing" was spent.

WOODLANDS.—On Tuesday afternoon, the choir and teachers connected with the Consett Wesleyan Society, held a pic-nic on the Woodlands estate. The day being fine, and through the kindness of Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., a jolly time was spent by all.

LEADGATE PRIMITIVE METHODIST FIELD-DAY.—On Whit-Monday afternoon, the teachers and scholars of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath-school held their annual field-day and tea in a field near Bunker Hill (kindly lent for the occasion). There was a large company present, and a variety of pleasant games were indulged in by both young and old. The gathering was a success.

LEADGATE WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The teachers of this school regaled their 300 scholars with tea in the school-room. A public tea was subsequently held, and was partaken of by a good number of people. After tea, the teachers and scholars, headed by the Leadgate Mission Brass Band, marched in procession to a field near Billingside Farm, where various games were indulged in.

CONSETT WESLEYAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The anniversary of this school was celebrated on Sunday by holding three services in the New Town Hall, Consett. The service in the morning was conducted by Rev J. H. Taylor, superintendent minister, who preached a most eloquent discourse. In the afternoon, Mr Wm. Thompson, of Newcastle, gave an address to parents, teachers, and scholars in his familiar style. In the evening, Mr Thompson preached a stirring temperance sermon, pointing out the evil effects of strong drink. Despite the inclement state of the weather, the services were well attended, especially that in the evening, when the spacious building was crowded to excess. The children, as usual, recited portions of scripture and catechism, at each service, in a manner that speaks volumes of praise for the careful training that they had received from their instructors. Indeed the piece-saying was up to the customary standard of perfection. Coming to the singing, everybody who heard the children and choir on this occasion must admit that their vocal efforts were *par excellence*. Never yet has any school in the district attempted anything like it. The large orchestra was crowded, and Mr Wm. Lowrie (conductor), and Mr C. Stelling (organist), are to be complimented upon their sound judgment in having the different parts equally balanced. The rendering of "O Father Almighty," "The Lord shall comfort," "As pants the hart," "Hail to the brightness," and "Jubilate deo," were thoroughly admired. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the Sunday-school funds.—On Monday, the children's annual treat was held. The scholars assembled at the school and a procession was formed, headed by the Consett Mission Band, which paraded the principal streets of the town. On returning to the schools again the children were regaled with tea, buns, and cake. After tea, the teachers, scholars, and friends proceeded to a field near Templetown, kindly lent by Mr George Hardy, farmer, Knitsley. Games and competitions were indulged in by the little ones. During the afternoon a programme of music was rendered by the band. The proceedings were a financial as well as a spiritual success.

WEST STANLEY BAND CONTEST AND SPORTS.

On Whit-Monday afternoon, the annual brass band contest and sports took place in a large pasture field at West Stanley, kindly granted by the West Stanley Co-operative Society. The committee offered £60 in prizes, with the result that some of the leading bands in the northern counties competed. This fixture appears to be increasing in popularity year after year, as on this occasion it was patronised by an enormous crowd from all parts of the district, the attendance being variously estimated at between 15,000 and 20,000. The weather was favourable, but somewhat chilly. The place was all alive with shows, roundabouts, and stalls, and although the committee had taken it upon themselves to prohibit spirituous liquors to be sold in the field, this obstacle was overcome by Mr R. Johnson, of the Peacock Inn, Tanfield, erecting a marquee in the adjoining field, belonging to Mr Moor, farmer, and thereby providing a drop of "something short," which was very acceptable to those who had travelled through the dust a long distance that day. Everybody turned out in their "Sunday best," and appeared to enjoy themselves to their heart's content. A vast multitude gathered around the band stand while the contest was in progress, others were interested in witnessing the cricket and football matches, some watched the quoiting, and the rest concentrated their energies on roundabouts, &c. Mr W Indian acted as secretary, being ably assisted by a committee. The undermentioned bands entered the competition (each consisting of from 20 to 24 performers):—Leeds Forge—conductor Mr A. Owens; South Derwent (Annfield Plain)—Mr Geo. Raine; West Pelton—Mr T. Wood; Barrow-in-Furness—Mr R. Wood; Tanfield Lea—Mr G. Keskeys; Whitworth—Mr T. Durham; Cockerton—Mr W. Watson; Holborn Hill—Mr G. Rudge; and Beamish—Mr J. Rodham. Mr J. Gladney, of Manchester, officiated as judge, and gave his awards as follows:—Quickstep contest, played through the village—1st prize, £3, South Derwent; 2nd, £1 10s, Leeds Forge; 3rd, 10s, Holborn Hill. Selection contest, test piece, "Zinda di Chamounix," Messrs Wright and Round, of Liverpool—1st prize, £25 Leeds Forge; 2nd, £15, Whitworth; 3rd, £10, South Derwent; 4th, £5, Holborn Hill; 5th, £3, Tanfield Lea; 6th, £2, West Pelton.—A programme of sports was decided, the following events having been concluded:—Cricket—West Stanley, 89; Bath Lane, Newcastle, 41. Quoiting, ten yards on the award, 32 entries—Stake divided between A. Robson, Dipton; L. McKenna, Tanfield Lea; H. Rostrum, South Moor; and J. McBryde Pelaw Main. The Association football competition secured a good entry.

ST. MARY'S (CONSETT AND BLACKHILL) WHITSUNTIDE SPORTS.

The fifth annual sports in connection with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Blackhill, were held in a field situate in Delves Lane, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr D. Donnolly, on the afternoon of Whit-Monday. Mr John Moore acted as secretary for the fixture. About one o'clock in the afternoon the children attending St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Day Schools, the total number being about 1000, marched in procession (headed by the League of the Cross Band, led by Mr T. Gray) through the principal thoroughfares of Consett and Blackhill to the field, were games were participated in. There was also a vast attendance of the general public. The scholars were provided with their usual repast, and tea for the adults was supplied in a large marquee by Miss McCurley, Shakespeare Street, Consett. A capital programme of sports was brought off as follows:—

120 YARDS HANDICAP, 11 entries—Final—A McNally, Consett, 16, 1; E Miller, Blackhill, 14, 2; J Wright, Benfieldside, 13½, 3; J Winter, Consett, 12, 4. Mr J J Allan, Blackhill, acted as handicapper.

TWENTY MINUTES' GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE, 7 entries—J Atkinson, Sleekburn, scratch, 1; F Swinburne, Benfieldside, 18, 2; E Ashman, Castleside, 10, 3.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION, 8 entries—Newcastle Addison Rovers beat Consett League of the Cross II. Final—Consett League of the Cross I beat Newcastle Addison Rovers by seven goals to nil.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT, 28lbs—W Loughran, Consett, 21ft 3in.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE (for youths)—F Mee, Blackhill, 1; F Kelly, Blachill, 2; T Seaton, Consett, 3.

RUNNING HOP, STEP, AND JUMP—J Atkinson, Consett, 35ft 7in.

Subjoined are the result of the children's sports:—

GIRLS' SKIPPING CONTEST (most turns in one minute)—1, Annie Moore, 186; 2, Mullen, 181; 3, Sarah Donnelly; 4, Mary McArdle, 179; 5, Polly Duffy, 175; 6, Maggie Rafferty, 173.

GIRLS' RUNNING SKIPPING CONTEST, 80 yards—1, Lizzie Canlin; 2, Margaret Ward; 3, Sarah Donnelly; 4, Bridget Smith.

GIRLS' HOOP RACE, 80 yards—1, Lilly Sloane; 2, Bridget Smith; 3, Sarah Donnelly; 4, Margaret Ward; 5, Polly Duffy; 6, R A McArdle.

BOYS' HANDICAP, 80 yards—1, Alex Reid; 2, John Kirkup; 3, J McConville; 4, John McGhee; 5, J McNally; 6, Robt Wilson. Handicapper and starter, Mr J J Allan.

BOYS' THREE-LEGGED RACE—1, P McKenna and Felix McIver; 2, Hugh Maskin and Chas McIver; 3, Thomas Robson and Joseph Doran.

BOYS' TUG-OF-WAR (Blackhill scholars)—First team—P McKenna, James Colgan, Felix McIver, P Vallely, Andrew Dempsey, and Robt Moore.

BOYS' TUG-OF-WAR (Consett scholars)—Philip Fox, Martin Higgins, E McGloghan, T Campbell, Peter McCangboy, and Thomas McQuade.

CHESTER-LE-STREET ROWING CLUB.

Whit-Monday was a red-letter day in the annals of this club, established in 1882, and for some time were tenants of Mr James Curry's boathouse, and also hired his craft for the use of their members. Since that time, however, there has been a growing desire among the members to have a boathouse and boats of their own at Chester-le-Street side of the river, and on Whit-Monday their new boathouse was opened in the presence of a large attendance, hundreds of people taking part in the proceedings. The house is 52 feet long, 16 feet broad, and about 12 feet high, and stands upon an enclosed site immediately in front of Lumley Castle. Every care has been taken by the committee to provide for the comfort and convenience of the members, and the house is replete with all the requirements of a club boathouse. The stock of boats consists of four open boats, a fine double-scull boat, and an open four-oar. In the unavoidable absence of Mr McLean — the donor of the McLean Challenge Cup — who had promised to open the boat-house, and christen the boats, a well-known supporter of the club formally opened the boat-house, and in a few brief remarks alluded to the struggles of the members, and pointed out the tangible and substantial proofs of success already achieved. He hoped that they would continue to prosper, and that the same pluck which had carried them through so many difficulties on land would serve them in their endeavours on the river. (Applause.) He wished the club every success. The boats were then launched and christened, the captain, Mr James A. Green, putting off first in the "James Arthur"—called after himself. The others were named respectively the Hannah McLean, Marjorie, The Mains; the double The Heroes, and the four The Crown. The flotilla of craft was then photographed on the river by Mr A. F. Fenton, amid ringing cheers by the spectators. During the afternoon an exciting incident occrred. Edward Hatchinson and Joseph Thompson were rowing in the double sculler, when by some means they suddenly capsized. Hutchinson is an expert swimmer, and was comparatively safe, but Thompson mounted the capsized boat astride, and was brought off amid some excitement by Mr Green seated in an open boat.—In the evening the members and friends of the club met for a social evening at Mrs Maclean's, Crown Inn, and spent a pleasant night.

ANNFIELD PLAIN UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL DEMONSTRATION.

On Whit-Monday, a large Sunday-school gathering was held at Annfield Plain which embraced the following Sunday-schools:—Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist and Wesleyan; Catchgate Lay Church and Free Church; Greencroft Primitive Methodist; East Castle and Kyo Wesleyans. The above schools all met at South Pontop, and formed a long line of procession by way of Annfield Place, Catchgate, Annfield Plain and Lizzie Colliery, on to Greencroft, to a field kindly lent by Mr James Smith, Greencroft, where tea was provided in abundance for the large gathering of children and adults. After the repast, a variety of harmless games were indulged in until a late hour, all seeming to fully enjoy themselves. Great credit is due to the Greencroft friends for the way and manner in which they carried out the arrangements. The procession was under the direction of Mr T. Reid, of Greencroft, and at intervals the children filled the air with sweet melodies from Sankey's Hymn Book.

SHOTLEY SPA GROUNDS.

On Whit-Monday, some thousands of people availed themselves of the opportunity, and visited these most picturesque grounds in the Derwent Valley. The lessees, Messrs Wilson Bros., provided a capital programme of music and sports. The weather was fine, although a cold wind was blowing, which no doubt prevented many from visiting the grounds and enjoying the scenery. The principal event was the cricket match, which was watched with a considerable amount of interest by a large concourse of people. The rival teams were Consett and District v Sherburn. A full report of the same will be found in our cricket column. A considerable amount of interest was centred in the horse-leaping contest which secured only three entries. The result was as follows:—Mr Trundle's Melton, 1, £9; Mr Bushby's Derwent Lass, 2, £1; Mr Fisher's Tibb, 3, 10s. The judges were Messrs Foreman (Leadgate), Dixon, and Eltringham (Blackhill). During the afternoon a capital programme of music was performed by the Newcastle Industrial Band, and the favoured pastime of dancing was indulged in by many. Tea was provided in a large marquee, and was well patronised.

On Tuesday afternoon, about 1,500 paid for admission to the enclosure. The weather was favourable, and a very enjoyable day was spent by all. The programme of music was again performed by the Newcastle Industrial Band. Details of the sports are appended:—

Cricket match—Novocastrians, 84, Consett and District, 64.—Hurdle race, for ponies not exceeding 14 h.h. Distance two miles. First, £5; second, £2. Heat 1—Mr Nicholson's Prism II., 1; Mr Browell's Come Away, 2; Mr Parkins's Tommy, 3. Won easily, the other two horses failing. Heat 2—Mr Murray's Prism, 1; Mr Watson's Mary, 2; Mr Fisher's Tib, 0; Mr Bushby's Derwent Lass, 0. Mary refused the first fence. Final heat—Prism II., 1; Prism, 1, 2. A most exciting race, won by a length only.—Hurdle race, for ponies 14 h.h., and under, distance 1½ miles. Heat 1—Mr Parkins's Tommy, 1; Mr Fisher's Johnie, 2. Won by three lengths. Heat 2—Mr R. Browell's Come Away w.o. Final heat—Come Away, 1; Tommy 2. Come Away won easily. One or two accidents occurred to the riders during the afternoon—one having his collar bone broken. The following were the officials:—Judges—Messrs J. Eltringham and J. Dixon; starter—Mr J. Marshall; stewards, Messrs A. Houlston, R. Hall, J. Bell, W. Wheatley, J. Lovatt, T. Wilson, and G. Thompson.

DURHAM COUNTY COURT.

TUESDAY—before His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL.

A TAILOR AND HIS CUSTOMERS.

BURDON v ALLISON.—Thomas Burdon, tailor, Langley Park, sued Robert Allison, grocer, Birtley, for £1 12s 6d, the cost of a suit of clothes supplied by the plaintiff. The case was adjourned from last court, in order that defendant might bring his daughter. The daughter, who now appeared, stated that she ordered the suit for her father, but he did not instruct her to do so. The defendant had, however, called on plaintiff to be measured for the suit of clothes.—Judgment was given for plaintiff for the amount claimed.

A BIRTLEY CASE.

ARCHIBALD v GRAY.—This action was brought by John Archibald, Birtley, to recover the sum of £3 8s from Jane Gray, widow, Chester-le-Street, that sum being lent to her late husband by plaintiff. Mr Harle, of Chester-le-Street, appeared for the defendant.—Plaintiff stated that he paid Capt. Gray a sum of £20 8s 10d, in order to carry on a corp of volunteers at Chester-le-Street, until they received the capitation grant. Of that sum, Gray had paid him £12 before his death. Capt. Turnbull, who, on Gray's death, took over the accounts of the company, paid him £3 6s 2d, and he had received £1 15s 8d from Mrs Gray. The balance now due was £3 8s. In cross-examination, plaintiff stated he would not have charged defendant for attendance on the plaintiff had she not turned obnoxious.—His Honour said he should not allow the claim for attendances, nor the £2 claimed as interest.—Defendant stated that the ammunition which she was charged with, was never used.—Judgment was given for 10s 6d.

VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

The first field meeting for the present season of the above society took place on Saturday last. Permission was obtained from Sir Henry Clavering to visit the park and grounds of Axwell. There was one of the best attendances of members that the society has yet had a field meeting. On their arrival at the park, Mr Marshall, the bailiff of the estate, met them, and conducted them by the side of the fish-pond towards the west end of the park. Thence they were led through among the tall old beeches of the woods to a place where they came across a number of the fallow deer kept within the park walls. These, to the members who had not seen live deer before, were objects of much interest. Passing behind the stables and farm-yards, their courteous guide led them into what is called the "North Gill." Here were found some splendid specimens of old yew trees, one of which would be between six and seven feet in circumference. From this part a fine view of the busy town of Blaydon and the reach of Tyne towards Elswick and Newcastle was to be seen. The gardens were next visited, where the vineries, the orchard-houses with trees bearing pears fully set and considerably advanced, the green-houses and kitchen gardens, the well-trimmed lawns with their beds gay with spring flowers, were shown and explained by the attentive and intelligent gardener, Mr Bolam. The next place which was reached was the Axwell Hall, which forms such a conspicuous object from the railway at Swalwell station. Here the company were received by the head butler, Mr Saul, who allowed them to inspect the furniture and pictures of the entrance hall, the library, and the ground floor drawing room. Having enjoyed this for a short time, tea was announced to be ready, when they were conducted into the dining room, the table of which was beautifully decorated with flowers and other appropriate ornaments. After an excellent tea, at which their wants were supplied by Mr Saul and his assistant, and which was presided over by the president, with Mr Geo. Ellison, of Winlaton, in the vice-chair, papers on Axwell and the Claverings were read by the chairman and Mr Wm. Bourn, of Whickham.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Sir Henry Clavering for his hospitality, the party was shown over the house by Mrs Martin, the housekeeper. The magnificent staircase, with its family pictures of the Claverings, was much admired. The grand drawing room, with its beautiful carpet and its two splendid fire-places, were objects of admiration in the eyes of the ladies, who were also shown over some of the principal bedrooms. After these had been inspected, photographs of the hall, groups of the company, and some of the fine old trees were taken. Among the plants noted by the botanists were the following:—*Oxalis acetosella, alchemilla vulgaris, Stellaria holostea, Adoxa moschatella, lychnis flos cuculi, caltha palustris, primula veris*, &c., &c. A walk to Swalwell station terminated a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

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NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

THE MEMBERS OF THE Consett and District Bicycle Club announce a smoking concert to be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday evening next. The club, for one so recently formed, seems to be making good progress and can boast a capital membership. For cycling, the roads in the district it is true are not of the best, but there may yet be a hope of matters in this respect improving in course of time. The Lanchester Highway Board in their resolution to purchase a steam roller are satisfied that at present, and for long enough, the roads have been by no means up to the mark, and that there is plenty of room for improvement. So that by-and-bye our cycling friends as they spin along spiritedly whistling the music of their own particular and exclusive song, "The Demon of the whirling wheel," may feel little apprehension on the score of "ruts" or the more formidable enemies of the tyre, loose stones and sundry of that ilk. I hope there may be a good muster of members and friends on Wednesday, and that a right royal evening will be spent.

THE RYTON LOCAL BOARD meetings are henceforth to be open to reporters, thanks to the strong action recently taken by the ratepayers, and expressions of opinion through the papers. The election of new members on the Board was a fitting time for the matter to be pressed forward to an issue for the very best of reason, and the ratepayers are to be congratulated on having gained the day. It was, however, inevitable. The result is the only natural one and causes no surprise. The wonder is that the Board should have been allowed to hold its meetings for so long a time under lock and key. That is the greatest wonder. Members of Local Boards may have the power, the law supporting them, but is is decidedly injudicious, as times go, for them to use an authority the exercising of which is so antagonistic to the wishes of the ratepayers, action to which reference has been made.

THE QUESTION OF CERTIFICATES came up again for a short discussion at the last meeting of the Benfieldside School Board. It is a matter of some moment, and its consideration cannot be long waived. In the absence of a child from school on the ground of ill-health, the Board may require a doctor's certificate to be procured. The doctor, who has been in the habit of granting these in connection with the Benfieldside Schools, now refuses to sign another one unless he first receives payment. The question here arises as to who is responsible for the payment of the doctor's fee. The parent contends that the Board should pay and the Board holds that the parent must bear the expense. Now, it is quite clear that the one or the other is liable. Which is it? Where is the certificate required? I decline to allow my boy to attend school, say, because in my opinion he is too unwell to go. The Board says, "You must produce a doctor's certificate to that effect." I protest that is quite unnecessary, and urge that my word should be sufficient. This, however, is not held to be satisfactory, and a certificate is insisted upon. It is thus clear beyond a doubt that the certificate is procured at the instance of the Board for its own satisfaction. That being the case, on the face of the matter there looks to be something altogether unfair in the parent being mulcted in the full cost of the certificate. The law may be on the side of the Board in requiring that the parent shall pay, but, if so, the law seems to operate unjustly. The question is one of much importance and ought to be made perfectly clear as much in the interests of the Board as the parents.

THE WEST STANLEY BAND CONTEST proved, on Monday, a big success. The sun shone brilliantly all day, and if there was a trifle of chilliness in the air it was not very greatly felt. The prizes offered this year by the committee were very good ones, and as a result brought competitors from a distance, including the Leeds Forge Band, which took the first prize for the selection, South Derwent being again successful in securing the prize in the quick-step contest. There was an immense concourse of people present, and probably the attendance will rank as one of the best on record. Much interest was shown in the playing of the various bands, and plenty of criticism was given by the way. The judgment, however, of Mr Gladney, the adjudicator, was never questioned, and when he awarded the prizes general satisfaction was felt. They do things of this sort very well at West Stanley, and, what is more, seem able to keep the interest up year after year. It is funny that Consett does not hold its own better than it has of late years. The old genuine interest in music, if not altogether dead, is undoubtedly in a slumbering condition so far at any rate as applies to the Consett Iron Company's Band. Such a condition as this is deplorable as I have over and over again remarked in this column. It may be that with a splendid band-stand in the Park an interest in the direction indicated may be revived, and by and bye the Consett Company induced to use its influence in the establishment of the band once again on a firm and substantial footing. It may be taken for granted that as long as the Company withholds its sympathy and support, so long will matters remain in their present unsatisfactory state. Once let the Company throw out a helping hand and prospects will quickly brighten. Oh, let it be soon.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

One of the funniest things which has occurred in Stanhope recently has happened at the new bank. The family residing there has a Tom cat, lilly white, with pink eyes—a special favourite. The other night Tom had kittens, much to their surprise, and made his nest in the Sunday bonnet of a dapper young lady.

Nine months of winter and three of bad weather is the proverbial characteristic of our beautiful climate in Weardale—1,000 feet above the level of the sea. Said a tourist to a boy, the other day, when it was raining, "Does it always rain in Weardale?" "No," replied the precocious youngster, "it sometimes snows a bit."

The number of belted cruisers on the look-out on a Sunday evening, between Frosterley and Stanhope, is really surprising. It is the rendezvous of the youth of both sexes of the neighbourhood—a veritable lovers' lane, where, under the canopied avenues, the love-sick swains congregate. The ruling principle which obtains there is "All's fair in love and war," and putting each other by is all the go. It has been said that marriages are made in heaven, but a good many matches are made here. The match-making fraternity are all found on the north side of the water, but as they pair they take the south side, and it is there where you find them as they went into the ark, two and two.

The election by the Weardale Guardians of Mr W. Shaw as rate-collector for Wolsingham, has given great satisfaction in the old town.

The new Workhouse Master, Mr Thompson, did a graceful act on Friday. He placed a large number of splendid blooms of Marechal Neil roses all around the Board Room prior to the meeting of the Guardians, which made the place look charming, besides giving forth a sweet and odouriferous aroma to the atmosphere of the room. The act was highly appreciated. The flowers were grown in the greenhouse by some of the inmates of the Workhouse. A gentleman going to a funeral at Bishop Auckland the other day begged six to take with him. When going through Bishop Auckland market, he was offered six shillings for the half-dozen blooms—a fact which speaks sufficient respecting their value. They are perfection itself.

Mr John Crawhall took his seat on the Board of Guardians for the first time, on Friday last, for the Local Board district of Stanhope, having been elected to that position by a majority of over 140 above his opponent, who also is a good fellow, and would have made an excellent Guardian. Mr Monkhouse took his seat at the previous meeting, having had a walk over.

The Stanhope Primitives have had a very successful anniversary for their school this Whitsuntide. The choir, under the able leadership of Mr J. Temperley, rendered their services in a very excellent manner. Miss Temperley presided with her usual ability at the organ. Mrs Chung read the connective readings in the service of song very creditably. The children, as they always do here, acquitted themselves nobly and well.

The cricket match on Monday between the North Durham and Stanhope teams was badly patronised as regards the attendance of the public, but the weather was extremely cold—more like Christmas than Whitsuntide. Still this does not altogether satisfactorily explain the absence of the public, especially on a Whit-Monday. Their concerts on behalf of the club were also badly patronised during the winter, at a time when they should have had full houses. Can it be there is too much class distinction? Aristocracy and democracy in Stanhope do not fuse somehow. The reason should be looked up and faced, and, if possible, removed; and if Stanhope is to have a crack team, no stone should be left unturned to accomplish so desirable a result.

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Public Notices.

81 18 the WINNING NUMBER of the Bicycle drawn for as EDWARD STORER, Blackfine.

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NOTE.—The Annual BAND FESTIVAL of the Annfield Plain Y.M.C.A. will be held on Saturday, August 1st. 574

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY SPORTS will be held on June 6th. 87 10s for 110 Yds. Handicap, ½ Mile Handicap, One Mile Safety Bicycle Handicap, and other Sports. See Bills.

738c H. KIRK, Secretary, Dipton.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!! We, the Members of Hamsterley Colliery Lodge, D.M.A., intend holding our Annual GALA and SPORTS on June 6th, 1891, when £5 will be given for 120 Yards Handicap. Entrance fee, 1s. Entries to be made or sent in on or before June 1st, to JOHN BRIGGS, 96, Hamsterley Colliery, Ebchester, Hon. Sec. See Bills. 722d

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, LANGLEY PARK.

A LD. W. D. STEPHENS, J.P., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, will LECTURE in the above Chapel, on Temperance Wednesday, May 27th, 1891. Chair to be taken at 7 p.m., by Rev. R. H. SHEPHERD, of Durham. Admission: 6d. See Bills. 737c

CONSETT AND DISTRICT BICYCLE CLUB.

THE SMOKING CONCERT, in connection with the above, will be held on Thursday, May 28th instead of Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m., in the New Town Hall.

Tickets may be obtained of the Sec., W. Brand, Jun., or Mr J. PESCOD, Town Hall.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM

SPORTS, TEA, BALL, &c., will be held on Saturday, June 6th. £50 in Prizes, including £5 120 Yds. Handicap. Footraces, in entrance; no acceptance. Close June 2nd. Eleven Travelling Bags, 1st Prize, for Football, close June 2nd. Entrance 1s each Club.

GEO LAWSON, Secretary.

705e

STOBART'S SALVES may be had at North-Eastern Hotel, Hexham; White Horse Inn, Great Market, Newcastle; Wheat Sheaf Inn, Bigg Market, Newcastle; William Robinson's, Grocer and Draper, Medomsley; Railway Hotel, Consett; George Murray, Grocer and Druggist, Dipton: or by application to the Maker, GEO. R. STOBART, Broomhill, Medomsley, R.S.O. 606e

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MONDAY, May 25th, and during the Week, a Special Engagement of Humphries and Moore's Company in the Famous Drama, "TRUE TO THE LAST," with all the New and Magnificent Scenery.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Saturday, May 30th, at 5 o'clock p.m.

All Conservatives are invited to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a SMOKING CONCERT, particulars of which will be given in future announcements.

JOHN G. MURRAY, Unionist Agent, Consett.

SPEN SPORTS.

£50 IN PRIZES, on Saturday, June 13th. A large Programme. £12 10s for 120 Yds. Handicap (open); entrance 1s each, close June 6th. 80 Yds. Handicap; Quarter-Mile Handicap (open); 200 Yds. Hurdle Handicap (open); £4 10s for Quoit Handicap. CYCLISTS.—A Splendid Bugle will be given to the Club that forms the most attendants.—For further particulars apply to Mr. STORER, Secretary. See Bills. 684e

"IN DARKEST ENGLAND AND THE WAY OUT."

ON WHIT-WEDNESDAY, May 20th, 1891, the REV J. T. WARDLE-STAFFORD (of Prescot), will PREACH in the Wesleyan Chapel, Blackhill, at 3 p.m., and LECTURE in the Evening, on "In Darkest England and the Way Out. Chair to be taken at 7.45 by Joshua Lee, Esq., of Shotley Bridge. TEA provided at 4.30; Tickets 6d each. Tickets for Lecture, 6d; Tea and Lecture, 9d. Proceeds in aid of the Sunday-school Funds. 686c

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Terms on Application.

ADDRESS: 25, CORT STREET, BLACKHILL.

MEDOMSLEY FLOWER SHOW AND SPORTS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 1891.

£10 HANDICAP; Trials run off August 22nd. Finals on the above date.

For Schedules, apply

706e W. E. CHARLTON, Secretary.

SPORTS ! SPORTS ! !

REVIVAL OF THE BROOMS SPORTS.

THESE SPORTS will be held in the Field attached to the Brooms School, on Saturday, June 20th, 1891, when between £20 and £30 will be given in Prizes. £10 for 120 Yds. Foot Handicap. See further advertisement. Secretary for Stands, Mr J. E. KINLEY, Police Office, Leadgate; Corresponding Secretary, JOHN COSTELLO, Leadgate. 635e

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WEST STANLEY, MONDAY, MAY 25th.

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Preceded daily, rain or shine, at 1.30, by the Gorgeous Dress Parade and Outdoor Procession through the principal streets of this town. After which will be given TWO PERFORMANCES DAILY at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. Doors open at 2 and 7 p.m. Doors open half-an-hour earlier for the Inspection of Menagerie, Gallery of Illusions, Freaks, Herds of Elephants, Camels, &c.

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The prices of Admission are:—Grand Tier, 3s; First Class, 2s; Second Class, 1s; Third Class, 6d. Children under ten half-price to 3s. 2s, and 1s only.

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Public Notices.

I. JOHN BANT, formerly of Rose Cottages Barrow-in-Furnace, now of Lead City Lawrence Co., South Dakota, U.S.A., hereby give notice, that I will not be answerable for any Debt or Debts my Wife, ELIZABETH JANE BANT, may contract after this notice.

(Signed) JOHN BANT.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1891. 643e

BICYCLES from all the Leading Makers, £7 to £25. A Stock kept on hand, including the Ivel, Singer, New Rapid, Rival, Premier, Swift, Brooks, Scarborough, and others. Large discount to Cash Customers. Easy payments.

416e G. HUNTER, Medomsley.

CASTLESIDE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

REV J. HALLAM, President of the Conference, will Preach in the above place of worship on Sunday May 24th, 1891—Morning at 10·30 and Evening 6 o'clock. 677e

NOTICE. — ALL PARTIES applying for Ground for SHOWS, SWINGS, or any other sort of Amusement in Thomas Street and William Street, Consett, must apply to JAMES FROSDICK, Bill Poster, and not to Michael McNally, 733e

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Shares, £100. Subscriptions only 6d. per Week per Share.

Monthly Repayments 10s. per £100 borrowed.

The popularity of the "Model" System is shewn by the fact the 1st Blackhill and Consett "Model" issued the whole of its books representing £64,000 in 9 Months.

FIRST BALLOT will be held at MEDOMSLEY, on Friday, July 3rd, 1891. All Members enrolled on or before Thursday, July 2nd, will Participate.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the CO-OPERATIVE HALL, ANNFIELD PLAIN, on Friday May 29th. See Posters and other Announcements.

Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

For prospectuses and other information apply

670e W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr Joseph Oley.

Bedding Out Plants.

MR J. OLEY, instructed by Mr CLARK, will hold his ANNUAL SALE of BEDDING OUT PLANTS, on Saturday, May 30th, at the Late C. Mosley's Gardens, Shotley Bridge.

Particulars and quantities will be given in handbills.

Sale to commence at Three o'clock p.m. 691e

JOSEPH OLEY,
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER,
10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 1891. — 50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 14 Fat Cattle; 58 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 6 Fat Lambs; 6 Store Cattle; 9 Finger Calves; 20 Black-faced Ewes and Followers by Leicester Tups. Also, the following Implements from Mr Brownless, Hedley Hill, all in good working order, viz. :—Box Waggon, Pair Cart Shafts and Wheels, Wheel Plough, Swing Plough, Scuffler, 2 Pairs Seed Harrows, 2 Sets of Swingletrees, 2 Sets Three-Horse Swingletrees, 4 Hand Corn Rakes.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10-30 a.m.

SPECIAL SALE for Horses, Store Cattle, and Sheep, Monday, June 1st. Early Entries invited.

659e J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Partridge Close House, 4 Miles from Tow Law and 3 Miles from Lanchester Railway Stations.—Sale of Valuable Farming Stock, Horses, Traps, Harness, and about 100 Tons of Hay, &c.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS begs respectfully to announce that he has received instructions from the Executors of the Late G. G. Taylor Smith, Esq., J.P. (Deceased), to SELL BY AUCTION at the above place, on Friday, May 29th, 1891, the following desirable STOCK, CROPS, &c., viz. :—

HORSES.

Powerful Brown Draught Mare, 9 y.o., 16 h.h., in Foal to "King Tom."
Bay Draught Mare, 6 y.o., 16 h.h.
Superior H B. Yearling Colt, by "Even."

CATTLE AND SHEEP.

6 Incalving S.H. Heifers, close to profit.
4 Farrow Cows, forward in condition.
3 Steers, 2y. 6m. o., forward in condition.
2 Steer Stirks.
10 Black-faced Ewes and Followers by Leicester Tup.
2 Stacks of Prime New-Land Hay, well-won, about 50 Tons.
1 Stack of Splendid Old-Land Hay, excellent quality, about 50 Tons.

The Three Stacks are standing near Lanchester Railway Station.

Dog Cart; Park Phæton; Spring Cart; Long Cart; Snow Sleigh; 2 Sets of Brass-mounted Single Harness; Set of Silver-mounted Single Harness; Set of Silver-mounted Double Harness; quantity of odd Harness; 2 Pony Hoods, new; 2 Carriage Lamps; Donkey Engine; Joiner's Mortising Machine; Metal Stove; Stone Garden Roller; Garden Frame, 8½ft. by 6ft.; Garden Seat; Portable Hen House on wheels; Hen Coop; Iron Bedstead; Iron Chair Bed, Mattress, Bolster, and Pillow; New India-rubber Water Bed; Square Table; Old Arm Chair; 2 Cushions; Brass Fender and Fire Irons; 2 Composition Pedestals; 2 Wood Brackets; 3 Engravings; Sets of small Venetian Blinds; Window Cornices, Rollers and Fittings; small Chinese Cabinet; Cigar holder Stand; Fancy Match Box; Candlestick; Newspaper Stand; large Bootrack; Box of Boot Lasts; Coal Box; Letter Copying Press and Book; 2 large Vols. of Johnson's Dictionary; 2 Lots of other Books; Blunderbuss on Tripod; 3 Empty Casks; number of Hyacinth Glasses; small lots of odd China; quantity of Bottles; Greyhens, &c.; Barrel Churn; 3 Lead Milk Bowls; Quantity of Old Iron, and innumerable minor Articles.

Sale to commence at Lanchester with the Hay, at 12·30 prompt. After the Sale of which the Auctioneer will proceed to Partridge Close to Sell the remaining Stock, commencing with the same at 1·30 p.m. A punctual attendance at both places is requested.

Grove Villa, Tow Law.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Mr. John Crawford's Sale-Rooms, 6, 12, and 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL at the above Rooms, on Monday, May 25th, 1891, a lot of Valuable Mahogany and other FURNITURE, including a Splendid Walnut Piano; Fine-Toned Harmonium; Mahogany Drawers; Counter, with Mahogany Top; Brass-mounted Beds; Safety Bicycle; also 50in. Bicycle, and other Lots.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold on reasonable terms at any time.

25, Victoria Street, Consett.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, 25, Victoria Street, Consett, is prepared to execute all orders for the SALE of FARM STOCK, PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c., in the best style, and on reasonable terms; immediate settlement. Mr. John Crawford is appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell to act as Bailiff to levy Distress for Rent in England and Wales, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Mr. Crawford's Sale-Rooms are open daily to receive Furniture for Fortnightly Sales. People that are leaving the District can have their Furniture turned into Cash at once by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, 25 Victoria Street, Consett. 903e

Sales by Auction.

By Messrs. A. & R. J. Brodie.

Monday, May 25th, 1891.—Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.—Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture and Effects, including Handsome Five-foot Walnut Inlaid Cheffioneer, with Bevelled Plates, Superior Press, Easy and other Chairs, Brass-Mounted and other Bedsteads, Feather and Down Beds, Damask and other Curtains, Fender and Fire Irons, Toilet and other Ware, Fine-toned Pianoforte, &c. Also, substantial Oak Bedstead, Mahogany Child's Crib, Fined-Toned Harmonium, with 9 Stops, Three good Hearthrugs, Carpet, 16 Yds. Floor Oil Cloth, &c.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, May 25th, 1891, the whole of the Valuable FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Sale at Half-past One o'clock exact time.

Preliminary Advertisement. — Sale of Valuable Business and Residential Properties, and 50 Six Per Cent. £10 Preference Shares in Messrs Walker's, Parker, and Co., Limited.

MR ADAM BRODIE is instructed to OFFER FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mrs BROWN, Railway Hotel, Consett, on Thursday, June 4th, 1891, several Valuable PROPERTIES situate at Consett and Blackhill, well adapted for Business and Residential purpose, particulars of which will be given in future advertisements and posters.

Also, 50 Six Per Cent. £10 Preference SHARES in Walker's, Parker, and Co., Limited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—A. & R. J. BRODIE Auctioneers and Valuers, Town Hall, Consett, undertake the SALE OF PROPERTY of every description either by PUBLIC AUCTION or otherwise, on reasonable terms. FORTNIGHTLY SALES held every Pay Monday, at the Victoria Sale-Rooms, in which Furniture or other Goods can be included, or if preferred, will be Purchased for Cash. Bailiffs under the Agricultural Holdings Act, and under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE. — Assurance against Accidents of every kind in the following Offices, noted for prompt settlement of claims—Scottish Accident Assurance Company, Imperial Union Accident Assurance Company.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MAY 25TH, 1891.

7 Fat Cattle.
50 Fat Sheep.
2 Prime Fat Lambs.
5 Ewes and 10 Lambs.
A number of Cows, Calves, Pigs, Poultry, &c.
Dog Cart, Whitechapel, Harness, and Sundries.

Sale at One o'clock.

J. S. MURRAY.

NOTICE.

STANLEY AUCTION MART will RE-OPEN SHORTLY.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
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Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888,
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. John Lowes.

MR. JOHN LOWES, instructed by Mrs. FEWSTER, 130, Gas House Square, Stanley, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, her Household FURNITURE, &c., on Saturday, May 23rd, 1891. See Posters.

Sale at 1-30. 729e

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Sharp Notice, Delight Bank, Dipton, Monday, May 25th, 1891.

MR G. R. HOBSON, instructed by the Representatives of the late Mrs CURRY, Deceased, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION the whole of the Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Catchgate, Lintz Green. 727

Hare Law, near Annfield Plain.

MR G. R. HOBSON has been honoured with instructions by Mr JOSEPH HALL, of Hare Law, who is declining Farming, to SELL BY AUCTION, on the 10th June, 1891, the whole of his HORSES, STOCK, and IMPLEMENTS. Particulars to follow. Mr Hall is one of the oldest and most respected farmers in the district, and his predecessors having been tenants of the above Farm for over 100 years.

Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green, R.S.O. 734e

By Mr. Robert Sproates.

Four Copyhold Cottages for Sale at Tow Law at Mr John C. Smith's Dan's Castle Inn, Tow Law, Wednesday, May 27th, 1891, at 7 o'clock p.m., prompt.

MR ROBERT SPROATES, instructed by the Owner, will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, all those 4 COTTAGE HOUSES, called "Alma Cottages," near Keeper's Row, Tow Law, containing 14 Rooms in all, let at present to 3 Tenants, Messrs Iley, Gardner, and Grey; Mr Grey occupying Two Cottages communicating. If not Sold in one Lot, they will be offered in Three Lots, viz., Iley, tenant, Four Rooms; Gardner, tenant, Four Rooms; and Grey, tenant, Six Rooms.

For further particulars apply to Messrs GODDEN, HOLME, & Co., Solicitors, 34, Old Jewry, London; Messrs MATHER, COCKCROFT & Co., Solicitors, Mosley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or the Auctioneer. 724e

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.

A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE, &c., can be bought right out for Cash. 34e

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
TOWN HALL CONSETT.

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Advances made on Freehold or Copyhold Property

Money received on Loan at 4½ Per Cent. Interest, repayable at Three Months' notice.

ADAM BRODIE, F.S.A., F.A.I., Actuary and Public (Incorporated) Accountant, Secretary

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DIPTON. — ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
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BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
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OPENING OF STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH, at 2·30 o'clock. 740e

Business Announcements.

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SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.

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TO ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS

COMMUNICATIONS should reach us *not later* than Wednesday morning.

SEVERAL letters are held over.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, MAY 22ND, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

FOILED—A SUGGESTION.

The attempt to induce the members of the Leadgate Local Board to undo one day what they did at a previous sitting has turned out abortive, and the Leadgate "white elephant"—telephone poles to wit—are likely to stand where leave was given by the Board to place them. The grievance, which is evidently confined to a very limited circle, cannot be classed as a burning question. If telephone poles are a nuisance, so also are telegraph poles and lamp-posts. Runaway horses have quite as much chance to run full tilt against the one as the other, and as far as beauty is concerned—and that is the central peg upon which the objections are suspended—there is precious little scope for choice between the trio named. The inhabitants of Leadgate must really sink their prejudices and strive to keep abreast of the times; but if saved from their would-be friends they will doubtless jog along pleasantly as before. If there are people about whose sensative feelings are shocked by the sight of leafless poles, they should immediately take steps to, in a measure, remedy the evil, if they cannot absolutely remove it. There is surely warp and woof enough in the rich domains of nature and art to achieve the *desideratum*. Leadgate has done nothing yet in the way of tree planting in the streets, hence those gentlemen, blessed above their fellows with such a sublime love of the beautiful, should give form to their ideal by enclosing the telephone poles with trellis work and planting ivy at the bottom of each. It would, I believe, grow luxuriantly; but if it would not thrive, why then I should counsel my Leadgate friends to resort to art—trusting to their imaginative faculty for the rest.

A REASONABLE REQUEST.

Immense strides have been made in town and country in recent years in the despatch and delivery of letters, an improvement by the way in which it appears the thriving little town of Leadgate has in no manner of means shared. One solitary delivery per diem! Well, now, that is a most remarkable state of affairs, and about as much out of touch with modern requirements as it is possible for the mind of man to conceive. Verily, the inhabitants of Leadgate must be models of patience and the kindred virtue good temper, otherwise they would have shaken the dry bones in the valley of reform until the echo thereof had oppressed the postal authorities as a nightmare. It is precious little worth possessing which is acquired without the seeker girding his armour on and going forth prepared to clear away the obstacles that impede his course. Such are the lines on which fields are won, and boons and the pleasures that follow in their train are brought to the doors of men. My Leadgate readers know this, and at last—although late in the day—they have marshalled their forces with the avowed intention of securing for their town an equal measure of the privileges enjoyed by communities elsewhere. The bald excuse said to have been made by the postal authorities as a reason for not complying with the request for a second delivery, is wholly untenable. The population of a town must be the test of the wants of its inhabitants, irrespective altogether of the number of letters delivered. The sun shines on the evil and on the good, and as the Leadgate people pay the standard charge for their postage stamps, they have an equal right to be as well served as the patrons of our huge postal system in other country towns.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The first instalment of the summer holidays have come and gone, but not the piercing cold winds that accompanied them. Such unpropitious weather in the middle of "the merry month of May" is not only very undesirable, but absolutely alarming. It will be remembered that I drew attention several months ago to the opinion held by leading scientists, that we were fast drifting back to the days when our island was covered for long ages with "beautiful snow" and crusting icebergs; but the experts held that some two thousand years must needs elapse before this state of things came to pass. The question is—are they right in their deductions, or have they erred, just as Captain Newton sometimes errs? The bare idea is alarming, especially when taken in conjunction with the recent showers of unseasonable snow. Meanwhile the price of grain is rising, proving once again that "it is an ill wind—and truth to tell it was cold enough—that blows nobody good." Should my readers object to pay the extra cost for "the staff of life," they must needs resort to the same tactics as the old lady who, when her friends complained about the four pound loaf having been raised in price owing to a corresponding rise in the price of flour, told them that they should do as she did—she always bought penny loaves, and so you see, she chuckled, the bakers cannot put it on to me.

GIVEN AWAY!

I think it was the justly celebrated Shakespeare who first used the phrase: "Throw physic to the dogs"; but the bard lived in an age when the habits of the people were simple, and their wants few. In our day men live fast and work hard, and they can no more live without the apothicary than they can live without air and light. These remarks do not, however, apply to the writer, nor perhaps to the reader; but they unfortunately have an echo in the sad heart of many a deserving man and woman. It is written that the poor we shall always have with us, and it may be inferred that the sick will also continue to form a segment of the circle of human life. To those afflicted the present age offers many advantages, but until scanning the pages of the *Guardian* last week. I was not aware that any professional healer gave his medicine "free gratis and for nothing." But so it apparently is, Mr Handyside, having, according to a news paragraph last week, made arrangements for giving away his medicine twice a month at Consett, three hours at a time, or six hours in all per month. I never met the gentleman, nor did I ever see his far-famed drugs; but the announcement attracted my attention, and those who need it will do well to read, mark, and learn.

OPENING OF STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH. Preacher: Rev JOSEPH BUSH. 740

OPENING OF STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH, May 27th, TEA and MEETING at Six. 740e

OPENING OF STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH, Wednesday First. Chairman: ALD. W. H. STEPHENSON, J.P., Newcastle.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Messrs John Sanger's and Sons' Circus—which is said to be equal to Lord George Sanger's circus and menagerie which visited Consett last week—will pay a visit to Consett on Wednesday next, and be located in a field behind the Freemasons' Arms Hotel. Since their last appearance here, some novel features have been introduced into the show.

We are requested to correct the mis-statement of "Incedo" that the death-rate of Consett was reported by Dr Renton to be 30·6 per 1,000. The annual rate of mortality is 21·7 per 1,000.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday—before Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson—*Joseph Potts*, labourer, Leadgate, *Andrew Rutherford*, painter, Tuite's lodging-house, *Terence Farnon*, labourer, Leadgate, and *Hugh Glancey*, Delves Lane, Consett, were all fined 5s and costs, or 7 days' imprisonment, for being drunk and disorderly at Consett on Saturday evening.

On Whit-Sunday, the two new bells added to the tower of Christ Church, Consett—making in all a peal of eight—were rung for the first time. The new bells are sweet in tone and effect a marked improvement in the sound of the peal.

MARRIAGE.—On Monday, the marriage of Mr Geo. Bell, of Jarrow, formerly of Consett, to Miss M. Siddle, second daughter of Mr J. Siddle, painter, &c., of this town, was solemnised in the Consett Wesleyan Chapel, before a large company. The ceremony was performed by Rev J. H. Taylor, superintendent minister. A breakfast was provided at the residence of the bride's parents, and was partaken of by a large number of friends.

THE "WILLIAMS" FUND.—A meeting of the committee of the fund for the benefit of the widow and child of the late Thomas Williams, vice-chairman of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Iron and Steel Trade, was held in Mr Brodie's office, on Tuesday evening, when Mr W. Aynsley presided. It was reported by Mr Brodie, the secretary, that all the subscription books were in except two which are in the hands of Messrs George Harrison, C. Routledge, and R. C. Foster, and he was instructed to write these gentlemen and also those persons who had promised subscriptions to forward the same with as little delay as possible. It was also resolved that Mr John Petherick, the treasurer, should deposit the total proceeds with the North-Eastern Banking Co., to be disbursed as they may be instructed. Persons who have not yet subscribed to this worthy object are urged to do so with as little delay as possible.

GRASS LETTING AT LITTLE GREENCROFT.—The annual grass letting on this estate was held on Wednesday, at which Mr Adam Brodie, acting under instructions from Mr E. W. E. Balleny, officiated as auctioneer. There was a large and influential gathering of the leading agriculturalists of the district, and the whole of the lots were let at an advance on the prices realised in either of the former seasons. The persons taking the various fields included Messrs George Harrison, George Wade, and John Towns, of Consett; Mr Heppell, of Mill Shields; Mr George Turnbull, of Twizell Hall, Mr Joseph Wall, of Lanchester; and Mr John Anderson, of Bradley.

THEATRE ROYAL.—An excellent variety company, under the management of Mr Alfred Saker, is the attraction offered here this week. Fairly good houses have been the rule, and some first-class dancing and singing is rendered by the various artistes engaged. Next week we are to have a return to the drama again, when Mr Wilfred Protheroe, supported by a really talented company, will produce, for the first time in Consett, a romantic and sensational drama in four acts, entitled "True to the Last." It is written by Mr J. W. Whitbread, who has already made a name for himself in "Shoulder to Shoulder," "The Race of Life," and other well-known plays. From the reception accorded "True to the Last" wherever it has been produced, a treat is in store for the patrons of the theatre during the next week. We hope it may meet with the same success it has had elsewhere.

BLACKHILL.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening, a neat and commodious reading-room in connection with the Blackhill Branch of the above society was opened out by Mr J. Leybourne, chairman of the Educational Committee. There was a good attendance of members. In his opening remarks he recounted the various steps which had led up to that night's meeting, and in a few well-chosen sentences expressed a hope that it would be a benefit and blessing to the members and their families, and had much pleasure in declaring it open for their use. These remarks were endorsed by Mr C. C. McColvin, who also remarked on the advantages of education, and its results to the working classes of this country. The reading-room is well supplied with daily and weekly papers and monthly magazines, and this, together with its central position, will make it a valuable acquisition to the Blackhill members. During the evening the papers were sold by tender and realized fair prices, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his services.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court on Friday, *Edward Dawson*, a labourer, was charged before Councillor Annandale with being drunk and disorderly at Consett, on Thursday evening, and was fined 5s and costs, or seven days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED THEFT AT LINTZ COLLIERY.—At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Saturday—before Councillor James Annandale—*Michael Flynn* (34), miner, of Lintz Colliery, was remanded on Monday, on a charge of stealing a black ribbed cloth vest, valued at 5s, belonging to James Johnson, a fellow-lodger at Lintz Colliery, on May 15th.

CORNSAY.

PIGEON FLYING AT CORNSAY COLLIERY.—The pigeon main promoted by Mr Jno. Coates, Royal Oak Inn, Cornsay, from White House, to the respective Dove Cots, Cornsay, was successfully brought off on Saturday afternoon, amidst a large number of spectators, for £5, with 3s entrance of each bird added to the sweep. There were 18 entries. Conditions were:—W. Minto's Grey Bird, 12 sec. start, others scratch. Result:—W. Minto's Grey Bird, 2min. 50sec. (1); T. Leadbeater's Sunbeam, 2min. 57sec. (2); R. Norwood's Highflier, 3min. 10sec. (3). Mr J. Cockerill was appointed stakeholder, timekeeper, and referee.

WEARDALE.

WEARDALE UNION HALF YEARLY ACCOUNTS.—The total income of the Weardale Union during the half year just ended was £3,032 6s 4½d. The expenditure £2,108 3s 11½d, leaving a balance of £924 2s 5d. The four divisions of the Union were thus:—Stanhope — Income, £1,447 14s 9½d; expenditure, £1,447 14s 9½d; balance in hand, £284 13s 11½d. Wolsingham—income, £1,394 10s 9d; expenditure, £1,394 10s 9d; balance in hand, £545 18s 6d. Hunstanworth—income, £90 12s 2d; expenditure, £90 12s 2d; balance in hand, £39 2s 7d. Edmondbyers. £99 8s 8d; expenditure, £53 7s 4½d; balance in hand, £15 8s.

TOW LAW.

Mr Geo. Kimber, landlord of the Tow Law Hotel died on Wednesday night after a protracted illness at the age of 47 years. He was a native of Middleton-in-Teasdale. Deceased was interred at Tow Law cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Rev E. Waugh, late of the London Clerkenwell Mission, preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Tow Law, on Wednesday afternoon, and in the evening delivered his interesting lecture on "Religious Life and Work in London."

PRIMITIVE METHODIST ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, the teachers and scholars of the above Sunday school, held their anniversary. A new departure was made, the services being entirely conducted by the local preachers. The morning service was conducted by Mr J. Bell, when the children gave recitations, dialogues, and model scripture lessons. In the afternoon service, led by Mr J. Vickers, the choir gave a capital service of song entitled, "My Mother's Bible," in good style. The evening service was conducted by Mr J. E. Dixon, when the children again recited dialogues, &c. The large chapel was filled to overflowing, numbers being unable to gain admittance. On Saturday night, a public meeting was held, the occasion being the opening of a new library for the use of the Sunday school. The ceremony was performed in a graceful manner by the resident minister, Rev M. Cuthbert. On Whit Monday, the annual tea was held, when the scholars, numbering upwards of 400, processioned the place, headed by the Salvation Army Band. Ample justice was done to the good things provided. The total receipts for the week end amounted to upwards of £16.

VISIT OF LORD GEORGE SANGER'S CIRCUS.—Tow Law has now no reason to complain of neglect in regard to popular entertainments, and one of the most interesting appeared last Thursday, in the shape of a visit from the above circus. The proceedings commenced by a grand procession, in which 150 horses took part, besides elephants, camels, lions, tigers, and other animals in cages. The appearance of the carriages was very imposing. In the afternoon, a good performance was given, and at night, the proceedings were commenced by a capital selection of music from the band, which, throughout the whole performance, showed careful training and much musical ability. Then followed Mr Joseph Craston, who managed four beautiful horses in a very able manner. The Brothers Levardo gave some startling exhibitions on the triple horizontal bars, as did also Mdlle. Violet, Topsy, and Rose, on the tight rope. The performance on the double wire by Mr and Miss Ray was exceedingly graceful. The other items calling for special mention, are the quadrille on horseback by four ladies and four gentlemen; the marvellous performance on the triple trapeze by the Ray family; the wonderful bare-backed riding of Mr J. Craston and Miss Caroline Cottrell, and Pasha Lawrence in the den of performing lions and tigers. The whole entertainment passed off in first-rate style. One act followed another in quick succession, and the interest of the large company present was never allowed to flag. The only drawback was the exceptional coldness of the weather.

STANHOPE.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The yearly meeting of the Stanhope Agricultural Society was held on Saturday evening, when the balance-sheet was presented. The income for the past year was £357 odd, the expenditure being £232 odd, leaving a balance of £125 in the bank, against £111 the previous year.

PRESENTATION.—Superintendent Rd. Liddell, late of the Durham County Constabulary, has been presented with a beautiful marble timepiece by the sergeants and constables of the Stanhope division on the retirement on a pension as a token of their respect towards him. The timepiece bore the following inscription engraved on a silver plate:—"Presented to Superintendent Richard Liddell by the officers and constables of the Stanhope division on his retirement as a token of regard, 28th Feb., 1891."

LECTURE.—Rev J. T. Wardle Stafford, of St. Helen's, delivered a lecture in the Wesleyan Chapel, Stanhope, on Tuesday evening, on "Darkest England and the way out." The lecture was intensely interesting. A good company was present on the occasion, and the rev. gentleman was asked to revisit Stanhope on some future occasion and consented. He also preached in the afternoon from John 3rd chapter and 16th verse, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The sermon was of a thoroughly practical character and was highly appreciated. After the lecture, it was said that we need not go to London to find darkest England. On Whit-Monday, the anniversary of the descent of the Holy Spirit, three Stanhope ladies were sitting drinking under the very shadow of the Primitive and Wesleyan chapel. Do the duty nearest hand.

EDMONDBYERS.

BIRD NOTES.—An esteemed correspondent at Edmondbyers sends us the following bird notes:—The cuckoo began to chant here on Friday, May 1, having arrived a fortnight before that time with a dreadfully croaky voice, owing, doubtless, to the foggy, cold weather, or having lately recovered from influenza in the region from which he had come. I witnessed a very unusual sight on Monday last—a corncrake sitting on a stone dyke. It is a very uncommon thing to see the bird at all; but he had probably just arrived (for we have not heard him yet) and was taking a survey of the country new to him before settling on his abode. In the *Consett Guardian* of the 1st, was recorded the slaughter of a kingfisher near Stanhope. On a Roman altar, now in Stanhope Rectory, is recorded the slaughter by the Prefect of a Roman legion, of a wild boar of wonderful size and beauty—the terror of the district—and which his predecessors had been unable to capture. Ought not the slaughter of that terrible and destructive bird, the kingfisher, equally to command a *monumentum ære perennius* for the admiration of future generations. No doubt the noble sportsman who did the deed was proud of his achievement, and his name should be handed down to posterity in letter—in the very blackest letter.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society have decided to accept the tenancy of the Pelton East House Farm, offered them by Mr Lyon on behalf of Mr Chas. H. Joliffe. The farm has an area of about 200 acres, with new steading, and is considered one of the best in the district.

THE WEATHER IN THE TEAM VALLEY.—The wave of intense cold which began to come over the Team Valley on Friday, increased in intensity overnight, and on Saturday, the northerly blast was accompanied by heavy falls of snow, which left the ground with a covering which would have done credit to a Christmas Day. On Saturday night there was a keen frost, and potatoes above the ground were killed down yesterday morning. Fruit trees in blossom were stripped of both foliage and flowers, and the fine prospects of a good fruit crop are almost entirely dispelled. Snow fell nearly all Sunday, and, although there was not so much wind, the cold was bitterly keen and cutting. Food for stock is extremely scarce; lambs are doing badly for want of food, and are suffering severely from the cold.

EBCHESTER.

ALLEGED THEFT AT NEWLANDS HAUGH FARM STOCK SALE.—At Hexham Petty Sessions, *George Hope*, labourer, Newcastle, was charged with stealing, in the parish of Shotley, on May 8th, a cart saddle of the value of 10s, the property of John Wilson Simpson.—Prosecutor stated that he was a saddler, and lived at Ebchester. On Friday, 8th inst., he was at Newlands Haugh. Mr Jewitt gave him a cart saddle which he had bought, to take home and get it repaired. He put the saddle on the top of the fence where the articles had been sold, about 5 p.m. About 8 p.m., he went for his saddle and it was gone. He gave information to P.C. Edward. He went to Ebchester railway station, and saw the accused there. He saw a bag and he asked the accused if he had brought the bag from Newlands, and he said "Yes, I carried it for a man." He asked the accused to turn out what was in the bag. He did so, and he found it was the cart saddle which Mr Jewitt had put into his possession. He told the accused it was his saddle, and that he would have to go to Hexham, as he had stolen it. The saddle produced was the same saddle; he valued it at 10s. P.C. (151) James Edward came up and took the accused into custody.—P.C. Edward, stationed at Shotley Field, said he was on duty at Newlands sale on Friday. About 8·20 p.m., the last witness reported to him that he had lost a cart saddle. Witness, from information he had received, told Mr Simpson to go to Ebchester railway station. He saw the accused standing on the platform; he was ready to join the train for Newcastle. Witness took the man into custody, and found he had a ticket for Newcastle. He charged him with having on the same day stolen a cart saddle from Newlands farm. He replied that a man had given it to him to carry it to the station. Witness asked the accused if he could give him any description of the man. He replied "No." The saddle was then in the possession of Mr Simpson.—The accused was remanded until the following Tuesday.

WATERHOUSES.

Ralph Smith Irwins (66), died suddenly at Waterhouses this week. He had been in poor health a long time.

LANCHESTER.

The Petty Sessions at Lanchester yesterday (Thursday) was an exceptionally heavy one, the calendar containing over 50 charges, representing about 120 defaulters. After sitting till nearly seven o'clock in the evening, some of the cases had to be postponed till next Court day.

A "COOL" RETORT.—People cannot close their ears to what passes in a train. On Saturday morning, a gentleman, evidently a religious enthusiast and an alarmist, was proclaiming his belief that the end of the world, so long prophesied, was near at hand. The earth, he averred, would be set on fire by the sun before the close of the year. "There is little fear of that, with the weather at freezing point in the middle of May," was the response of Mr Buckham, of Lanchester.—*Newcastle Journal*.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—On Friday evening, a general meeting of the members was held in the Joiner's Arms, Lane Head, Ryton, for the transaction of general business and to hear an address from Mr Joseph Tolson, Unionist agent, upon "Organisation." Mr H. St. Ledger Parson occupied the chair.

DEATH OF MASTER CLAUD LAMB.—The death is announced of Master Claud Lamb, eldest son of Mr R. O. Lamb, The Lawn, Ryton. For the past ten days he has been suffering from meningitis, and hopes were cherished that he might recover. Though only of tender years, he was the joy and hope of his father and mother, and by his quaint questions and winsome ways had won the affection of all the people of Ryton. Rich and poor alike mourn his death, and the deepest sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Lamb.

RIDING MILL

A SUGGESTION.—A Whitsuntide Visitor to Riding Mill suggests that some enterprising person should open a temperance refreshment room in that beautiful place. Riding Mill is most attractive, he says, and would be more extensively visited if some one would provide a tea house for the accommodation of excursionists. This is a sort of enterprise that might be taken up by the temperance societies, who devote themselves too much to tracts and speeches, to the neglect of practical work like that of providing non-alcoholic refreshments in places of resort.

PRUDHOE.

Mr J. Kenneth Gurthrie, mining engineer, writing from Eltringham Colliery, Prudhoe, says:—"About half-an-inch of snow, or ·05 of rain, fell here on Whit-Sunday."

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY WEARSIDER.]

More miserable weather than that which prevailed during the Whitsuntide holidays can scarcely be imagined. On Saturday and Sunday, snow fell almost continuously, and on each night there was a keen frost, and if the old weather said that "a frost in May takes all away" was ever verified, it certainly will be this year. There is now very little, if any, prospect of the hopeful anticipations of a good fruit crop this year being realised.

On Whit-Monday, the Primitive Methodists held their annual parade of Sunday-school scholars from Chester-le-Street, Pelton Fell, Chester Moor, and Ouston. The scholars marched in procession through the city, and thence to the New Bridge Field, where the usual tea party was held.

The cricket club was obliged to fall back upon the old opponents, Philadelphia, for their Whit-Monday match, owing to Seaham Harbour failing to keep their engagement, and only sending word that they could not do so about the last moment. Philadelphia, however, very generously offered to fill the vacancy, rather than the citizens should disappoint their patrons of their popular holiday fixture.

The Chester-le-Street Rowing Club also had a great day on Monday, when they opened their new premises, boat-house, launched their new boats, and opened the rowing season in the presence of a large assembly of spectators. The club was established in 1889, and were then quartered as tenants of Mr J. Curry's boat-house at the other side of the river, and also hired his boats. It was felt by the members that the proper thing to do would be to have premises and boats of their own, and by dint of great perseverance and pluck they secured an excellent and convenient site at the Chester-le-Street side immediately opposite Lumley Castle. A commodious and spacious landing has been constructed, and the contract for the new boat-house let to Mr John Thompson resulted in the building of a comfortable boat-house 52ft. long, 16ft. wide, and about 12ft. high, fitted with all the requisites of such a place. The club is also possessed of an open four-oared boat, a fine double scull, and four open boats. The new premises were opened amid considerable *eclat*, and what promises to be a successful career inaugurated.

Some Vandal, however, was determined to mar the otherwise successful proceedings, by cutting half-a-dozen holes in the bottom of the four-oared boat. This action met with the indignant and general condemnation which it deserved, and there were not wanting friends of the club ready to give handsome rewards for information which would lead to the detection of the perpetrators of such a dastardly deed. The action was loudly denounced as being a disgrace, not only to Chester-le-Street, but to England. Since Monday, the club executive have offered a reward for any information which will lead to the conviction of the offenders.

A RICHLY ENDOWED AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—The Governor of Victoria, the Earl of Hopetoun, early in last month laid the foundation-stone of a new College of Agriculture, at Mildura, on the River Murray, one of the two Australian Irrigation Colonies, founded three or four years ago by the well-known firm of Chaffey Bros., under special acts of the colonial legislatures. A full report of the ceremony appears in the *Melbourne Argus* of April the 6th. Mr Geo. Chaffey, in presenting the trowel to his Lordship, stated that the value of the college lands exceeded that of any similarly endowed educational institution in Australia. These lands comprised 16,666 acres with water easements, valued (at the initial price of £20 per acre) at £333,320. A large portion of the property had, however, doubled in value, and it was quite within the bounds of probability the endowment would be worth more than a million sterling before 20 years. Lord Hopetoun (in laying the stone), remarked that he had no doubt irrigation would play a most important part in the future of Victoria, and the Chaffey College in affording facilities for imparting the necessary instruction in irrigation and its dependent industries, would be of immense advantage to the whole of Australia.

AXWELL AND THE CLAVERINGS.

The derivation of the place named Axwell is rather uncertain. Formerly, the name was Axsheils, which to an extent enables us to find its derivation. Professor A. S. Wilkins, in his lecture on the origin of the English people, says:—The rivers Axe or Exe in their names simply show that Welsh or Keltic people came there, and when they found a stream they called it in their language river or water. Axe, then, undoubtedly was the word applied to the stream which we call the Derwent, on the banks of which Axwell Hall stands. Shiels means sheds or huts for shelter or protection. In the 14th century, Thomas Hollinside, of Hollinside Manor House, had a fishery in the Derwent. In the earliest account we have of Swalwell, there is mention made of a fishery. Now, shiels or huts would be erected in close proximity to the water for protecting the fishermen, and the people would refer to them at Axsheils, or the sheds by the water. The word Derwent means clear water, from the word dyr, which is also Welsh and means water, and wans, clear or shining. The first mention we have of Axwell is in the 14th century, when William de Birtley held the manor of Axseles of the See of Durham, by 13s 4d rent. Shortly after, under Hatfields survey, the heirs of Hugh-del-Redheugh held Axsheils by Knight's service and 15s 4d rent. In the year 1411, Roger Thornton, the wealthy merchant of Newcastle, was the owner of Axwell. Elizabeth, the daughter and heiress of the younger Roger, intermarried with George Lord Lumley, whose grandson Richard held it in 1511, by Knight's service and 16s 4d rent. Axwell subsequently belonged to the Ogles, again to a branch of the Lumleys, and in the year 1629, William Smith, of Durham, alienated the estate to John Clavering, alderman of Newcastle, and James his son, to which family it has belonged since that time. The Claverings are descended from Eustace-de-Burgh, a noble Norman, whose two sons, Serlo and Joanes Monoculus, came over to England with William the Conqueror. Many of the ancestors of the family possessed immense estates, and acquired great honour by their gallantry and patriotism, and by their marriages into several illustrious families. Robert Fitz-Roger Lord Clavering, Baron of Warkworth and Clavering, who died in 1311, was possessed of the manors of Clavering, in Essex; Horford, in Norfolk; Bilbourg, in Suffolk; Eure, in Bucks; Gosforth, Newenburn, Denton, Fawdon, Kington, Newburn, Newbiggen, Wallbottle, Dyemlaw, Corbridge, Warkworth, and Rothbury in Northumberland, together with the dependencies and other estates. His oldest son John, to whom King John gave the surname of Clavering, died without male issue in 1132, and settled the whole of his manors in Northumberland upon the King, who granted them to the house of Percy. His only daughter (Eva) had four husbands, namely, Thomas de Audley, Ralph Lord Neville, of Raby Castle, Robert de Ufford, and Robert Bankdale. It is remarkable that in the short space of six generations there were amongst the descendents of Lady Eva Clavering the following illustrious personages:—A King of England, a Queen of England, a Duchess of York, a Duchess of Clarence, a Duke of Bedford, a Marquis of Montacute, an Earl of Northumberland, an Earl of Westmoreland, an Earl of Salisbury, an Earl of Kent, the celebrated Earl of Warwick, an Archbishop of York, and an Earl Marshall of England. And from her descendant, the Duchess of York, sprang the three Monarchs of the House of York. The Claverings, of Callaley, are descended from Alanus Clavering, a younger brother of the above-named John. The last male representative of the senior branch of the Claverings, of Callaley, died at Callaley in 1876, and the estate was sold in 1877, after having belonged to the family for centuries. It is only just to say to the honour of the Claverings that its three principal male branches, namely, those of John Fitz-Roger, lineal ancestor of the Claverings of Callaley, and Lucy and Vesey, who had assumed those names, were among the twenty-five English Barons who headed all the nobility of England, to wring from King John, the famous Magna Charta at Runnymede. They all three signed it, after having marched to London and taken King John prisoner in the Tower. During the Commonwealth, the Claverings were ardent and active royalists. Sir John Clavering and his three sons, Sir Robert, Ralph, and Thomas, took a strong and active part during the unhappy struggle of the Great Rebellion. In 1644, Sir John was taken prisoner by the Roundheads and died in London in 1647. His son, Robert, at his own charge raised a regiment of foot, and a troop of dragoons, who did good service for the Royalists at Morpeth, Corbridge, and other places, and as was certain to happen when Cromwell and the Parliament came into power, part of their estate was sequestered and sold in 1652. We have seen that Axwell came into the possession of the Claverings in 1629. The original seat of the family was at Whitehouse, which stood about half-a-mile west of the present Hall. Strange to say not a vestige of the old hall remains, and although it was the seat of a branch of the powerful Selbys before the Claverings took possession of it; yet no one to-day is able to point out the exact spot where it stood. The Claverings also possessed the Manor of Old Axwell, situate about two miles south-west of the modern house in Axwell Park. It was one of the family mansions probably from the time of leaving Whitehouse until the present hall was built. Greencroft was the principal residence of the family. Axwell Hall was built by Sir Thomas Clavering, from the designs of Payne, and is considered by professional men as one of that eminent architects happiest efforts. Bishop Pocock, travelling in the North of England in 1760, mentions it, then in course of erection. It forms a conspicuous landmark to the surrounding country, being seen at a distance of several miles. The grounds are laid out in that style which constitutes true rural beauty, consisting of a pleasant combination of wooded grove and green meadow. The hall is approached by two carriage drives, one of which, from the direction of Swalwell, being especially worthy of notice. From the entrance gates to the house it winds under the branches of ancestral trees, through the vistas of which the deer many be seen bounding over velvety turf or bushes, high among the tall brackens, where they often seek refuge from the burning rays of the noon-day sun. After passing an ornamental bridge, and turning a gentle curve, a splendid view of the house is obtained, which, from the graceful style of its architecture, has a very imposing effect. On the west side of the house are the stables, neatly and compactly built, terminating at each end in a lower tower, in the centre is a high tower in which is placed a clock. From the front of the house a splendid view can be obtained on a clear day, including the woods and monument of Gibside, Whickham Church, and the lake within the grounds of the Park, which form a pleasing feature in the prospect, occasional glimpses of its sparkling current being seen here and there amongst the trees as it murmurs past, spanned by its two ornamental bridges. But any one wishing to see Axwell Park to advantage must stand on the bridge which spans the Derwent, near to the entrance from the Swalwell side when it is moonlight, which gives a distinct charm to the enrapturing scenery. The Hall contains some very valuable pictures by old masters, among which may be enumerated two very large and splendid paintings, which show the style of Paul Veronese, the one represents the raising of Lazarus and the other the imagination of a Bishop. Here are also the Holy Family, the "Passover," the Interior of a Cathedral, Sacking a village, Skating, and several portraits.

In the year 1763, March 11, as some men were digging in Axwell Park, they discovered an urn with a little cust in it; and by going farther, they found a large stone coffin, in which was a skull with the teeth very fresh, and several bones of a great size. I have made inquiries about the coffin and the place where it was found, but cannot elicit any information on the point. There may have been a religious house or chantry in the park connected with Whitehouse, which might account for the burial place, but both local history and tradition are silent respecting it, if any ever existed.

As the house is quite modern, there is no story to fascinate the imagination connected with the place, such as that of the Countess of Strathmore and Stoney Bowes; no legend like "The Lambton Worm" or "Cauld Lad of Hylton"; no subterranean passage connecting the house and the Tyne or the Derwent, to enable the inmates to escape in time of siege. The only legend there is connected with the district has reference to Ryton, where it is said that before the Battle of Neville's Cross St. Cuthbert appeared to David, King of Scotland, warning him of his dangerous enterprise. Some of the Claverings of Axwell have been distinguished public men. Sir Thomas Clavering, who died in 1794, on Oct. 14, represented the county in four Parliaments. He became a candidate in 1760, but was not returned until the year 1768. John Wesley took a lively interest in favour of Sir Thomas, and in a circular to his friends, he wrote, 20th Nov., 1760:—"I desire all who earnestly love me to assist him, to use the utmost of their power. What they do, let them do it with all their might. Let not sloth nor indolence hurt a good cause, only let them not rail at the other candidates. They may act earnestly, yet civilly. Let all your doings be done in charity, and at the peril of your souls exercise no bribe. Do your duty without being tired. God will repay you both in this world and that to come."

Several of the Claverings are buried within the walls of Whickham Church, and there is a tablet on the south wall of the church, on which is the following inscription:—

"Dame Martha Clavering, died Aug. 16th, 1792,
Aged 66 years.

This monument was erected by her most affectionate husband, Sir Thomas Clavering, of Axwell Park, who was also interred here on the 17th of October, 1794, aged 76 years. He represented the county in four successive Parliaments with the united confidence and approbation of his constituents, being a firm friend to the religion, laws, and liberties of his country, and died much respected and lamented."

Charles John Clavering, of Axwell Park, was one of the most active and ardent of politicians in the North of England during the passing of the Reform Bill of 1832, and at Durham an amusing incident occurred which was characteristic of this locality at that time. Mr Clavering was High Sheriff of the county, and was chairman of the meeting convened by the Northern Political Union in the month of October, 1831. It was known to the leaders of the Union that a great force of men in the employment of the Marquis of Londonderry, with the co-operation of the Durham freemen, had determined to break up the meeting. Sir Ambrose Crowley's ironworks at Swalwell at that time employed a great number of daring men, well-known as "Crowley's crew," and strong admirers of Clavering, who determined to defend at all hazards the representative of the Swalwell and Winlaton men at the meeting. Each of the men provided himself with an oak sapling, better known as a "peeled grain," and marched to Durham in the small hours of the morning, ready for any emergency. The brawlers began, but each man dropped to the ground, with the shout in his mouth, so instantaneously, that even those nearest to him could scarcely detect the blow by which he was felled. There were some attempts at retaliation, but the Swalwell "guards" bore down all before them, and the meeting went on.

The Claverings have always been not only loyal to the throne, but patriotic to the last degree. During the time of the "False alarm," in the year 1804, when England was threatened with invasion by Napoleon, and the country thrown into a state of confusion and disorder; when nothing was talked about but the invasion, and the poor people unable to handle guns or swords were ready to depart from the vicinity of Axwell and Swalwell to Alston Moor, in long carts and rolleys, Sir T. J. Clavering, who had raised a troop of yeomanry at his own expense for the defence of the country, was ever after regarded by the poor people as their friend and protector. The Claverings have been benefactors to the poor in all the neighbourhood for generations. In the year 1697, Sir John Clavering gave a rent-charge equal to £12 to be distributed every Sunday morning in the Parish Church of Whickham, in the shape of 24 penny loaves, and every Easter in coats and waistcoats. There is a curious entry in books of Whickham Church in reference to this charity, namely:—"Bread delivered by John Wilson for ye poor of the parish of Whickham, from October ye 26th to December ye 28th, 1766:—

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The same being carried on for ten weeks, always 24 penny bricks. The word brick seems to have been applied at that time to a large roll or small loaf of bread. When I was a lad I have seen the rolls or loaves distributed on the Sunday morning to the poor people, but for many years the practice has been discontinued. Sir John also left to the poor of the parish, by will in 1713, the sum of £50.

The present baronet, Sir Henry Augustus Clavering, is the last male representative of this ancient family. For three centuries the family has played an important part in the North of England—in politics, in war, and in what is immeasurably better, in the support of philanthropic institutions, and although the name of Clavering may disappear from Axwell, in the locality in which they have so long resided their generous and honourable deeds will not be forgotten.

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BLAYDON RIFLE CLUB.

In very boisterous weather, the members of this club had a shoot on Saturday with the following result. (Ranges 200, 500, and 600 yards, kneeling and prone):—

	200	500	600	Strt.	Tl.
Sergt W V Shotton	23	33	29	0	85
Corpl W March	[illegible]	30	27	0	82
Corpl J Roscamp	23	24	30	0	77
Corpl J Dixon	24	25	24	0	73

WINLATON RIFLE CLUB.

The members of this young but flourishing club had a competition on Saturday for a timepiece, presented by Mrs Siddle, of Winlaton, and other prizes, the following being the winners:—

	200	500	600	Strt.	Tl.
Corpl R Bennett	29	26	27	4	86
Corpl J Grundy	19	27	32	8	86
Sergt W V Shotton	23	33	29	6	85
Pte R Sawyers	15	18	21	30	84
Corpl R Hall	21	24	26	4	75
Pte W Bennett	22	20	19	14	75
Pte H Gillespy	22	20	24	8	74

Corporal Bennett won the timepiece.

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

The members of H Company, Blaydon, who are desirous of attending the Bisley meeting continued their shooting at Bues Hill for one nomination. The same conditions that govern the first stage of the Queen's prize were in force here. Highest scores:—

Corporal W March, 25, 30, 27—82; Private R Chilton, 26, 21, 23—70; Private W Thompson, 18, 24, 22—64.

I AND K COMPANIES.

Two Bisley nominations are offered to the members having their quarters at Winlaton, and on Saturday at Bues Hill shooting was carried briskly forward in the second competition. Scores:—

Sergeant W V Shotton, 23, 33, 29—85; Corporal R Bennett, 29, 26, 27—82; Corporal J Grundy, 19, 27, 32—78; Corporal J Dixon, 24, 25, 24—73; Corpl G Hall, 21, 24, 26—71.

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

The members of the rifle club recently been formed in connection with the headquarters' companies of this corps held a shoot on Whit-Monday on the range at Bues Hills, near Blaydon. The conditions were similar to those in the first stage of the Queen's Prize. The following obtained prizes:—

Sergeant W. Leadbitter (8 start), 30, 33, 27—98; Private Nevins (25), 22, 24, 20—91; Lance-Corporal T. Brewis (8), 26, 23, 25—87; Private Arkless (25), 19, 17, 23—84; Lance-Corporal R. Dick (14), 25, 25, 19—83; Sergeant J. Moffitt (4), 20, 33, 19—82; Private Thompson (15), 25, 25, 15—80.

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STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr Vickers held a special sale of horses, store cattle, and sheep, and had forward 36 farrow cows, 250 young cattle, 180 keeping sheep, 10 horses. Farrow cows made up to £14 15s, heifers to £13 15s, steers to £13 10s, horses to £25, mule ewes and followers to 52s, black-faced ewes and followers by Leicester tup to 35s. Large attendance of buyers.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 44 dairy cows and heifers, 14 fat cattle, 27 fat sheep and lambs, 3 horses, 9 calves. Calved cows made up to £19; cows to calve, to £18 10s; fat cattle, to £20; fat sheep, to 58s—top, Mr J. Collinson, Frosterley. Fat H.B. Hoggs, to 53s—top lots from Messrs Dean and Sons, Cruxdale, and Mr W. Walker, Battey. Fat lambs, to 37s—top, Mr H. Walker. Mule ewes and followers, to 55s; black-faced ewes and followers, to 39s; calves, to 39s; horses, to £15 5s.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 40 fat cattle, 4 in-calving and new calved cows, 80 fat sheep and lambs, 30 young pigs, 8 pork pigs, 2 bacon pigs, 1 pedigree S.H. bull; also traps, harness, shovels, gripes, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers present, and trade for both cattle and sheep was very brisk throughout, with an upward tendency. Prices:—Fat cattle: Bullocks to £23 5s; top, Mr Thomas Young, Broomyholme; heifers to £20, top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme, and Mr J. Pybourn, High Eighton, respectively; fat cows to £20, top, Mr Jas. Lewis, Waldridge Farm. Fat sheep: hoggs to 59s; shearlings to 55s; ewes to 61s 6d; fat lambs to 51s. Pigs: bacon pigs to £3 7s 6d; pork pigs to 54s; young pigs to 37s. A pedigree S.H. bull, 18 months old, sold for £18 10s. The sale concluded at 4·15 p.m.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held at Stanhope Workhouse, on Friday—Councillor Livingstone, M.D., presiding. There were 20 Guardians present, including the *ex-officio* members.

ANOTHER PAROCHIAL ELECTION.

The candidate who a fortnight ago was elected rate collector, vaccination officer, and registrar of births and deaths having since resigned, the Guardians considered twenty of the thirty applications for the berth, which was given to Mr Shaw, Wolsingham, defeated last time by one vote, getting eleven votes to eight for Mr Stephenson, Swinhope House. The third in voting strength was J. G. Baty.

THE OFFICIALS SALARIES.

The adjourned debate by the Weardale Guardians on Mr T. Peadon's motion to reduce the salary of the Relieving Officer by £20 was resumed. The question had been adjourned for inquiries. The Local Government Board replied that the Guardians had no legal power to alter the Relieving Officer's salary without the consent of the Board; and, per request, a statement was put in showing the average public income of the officer to be £157 odd, and from this travelling and office expenses had to be deducted.

The Clerk read a further statement published by the officer in a letter to the *Auckland Chronicle* and the *Consett Guardian*.

Mr Peadon repeated, with additions, his previous arguments. The officer's statement that he had reduced the rates by £1,000 was, he said, the most damaging statement a man could make. What credit, then, was due to others? Mr Bainbridge (the officer) would persuade people it did not make a farthing difference to the ratepayers whether he was paid £1 or £1,000. If the Guardians had no power in these things he would retire. He did not think the officer's expenses were a quarter of what was alleged. He granted some ability was required, but any quarryman, farmer, or lead-miner could do the duties. He did not wish to hurt any man's feelings, but he cared not how he hurt the feelings of those who were not the friends of the poor.

Mr L. P. Wherly and others declared the debate a waste of time. Let it be understood, Mr Wherly added, that the Weardale ratepayers would not be saved £20 by a reduction. It would simply mean a smaller cheque from the County Council. He complained that members had been insulted. He himself would not be bullied, but would let Mr Peadon known he represented the votes of four or five times the number of ratepayers Mr Peadon did. If they could not sit there as gentlemen let them at least not sit there as blackguards. A more scurvy business than this he had never been associated with. He had never seen anything so shabby. He had been told an apology was due to himself, but had not cared to occupy the time of the Board further.

A PERSONAL MATTER.

Rev F. C. Jones raised the question of Mr Peadon's right to speak on the ground that, by letting his farm and occupying a cottage, he was below the ratal qualification.

Mr O. Monkhouse said that objection should have been made at the outset.

Mr Love: It doesn't alter the fact.

The Chairman said the point was only determinable by the amount Mr Peadon was paying on, and £25 was the minimum.

Mr Peadon said he was rather glad the matter had been named. Allowing that he was down in the world, how did Mr Jones know what he was rated at for house, stables, byres? This was the meanest thing ever done by a thorough going gentleman. Mr Peadon also answered Mr Wherly; and eventually, by eight votes, Messrs Wherly and Wooler carried a motion to go to the next business.

A NEW MEMBER.

Mr John Crawhall took his seat on the Board for the Stanhope Local Board district in the room of the late Mr Henry Maddinson, of Darlington. Mr Crawhall was elected on the Visiting Committee after he had taken his seat.

THE NORTH-EASTERN COUNTIES SCHOOL.

In reply to a letter from the North-Eastern Counties School at Barnard Castle, the meeting empowered the chairman, Dr Livingstone, to vote for Mr Feetham as one of the govenors of the school, as he had attended 14 out of 19 meetings, besides numerous committee meetings.

In the election of a rate collector and registrar of deaths and marriages for Wolsingham, subjoined is a list of the candidates and analysis of the voting:—I Baker, Wolsingham; J G Baty, Stanhope; A Crooks, Norton; J H Dodsham, West Hartlepool; J Featherstone, Weardale; H Featherstone, Weardale; J Galley, Wolsingham; G J Golightly, Witton Park; M E Greenwell, Frosterley; R Golightly, Bishop Auckland; T V Ridd, Weardale; J Maddinson, Frosterley; S Mitchell, Wolsingham; G Lowes, Durham; J Peart, Weardale; J Pybourne, Wolsingham; J Peart, St. John's Chapel; Wm. Shaw, Wolsingham; J Shield, Frosterley; W Stephenson, Weardale; W Thompson, Alston; J Vickers, Wolsingham; Wm. Wales, Stanhope; W Wharton, Wolsingham; G. Waller, Stanhope; and J Wrean, Wolsingham. Fist round of voting—W Shaw, Wolsingham, 7 votes; J G Baty, Stanhope, 5; W Stephenson, Swinehope, 3; G Waller, Stanhope, 3; W Wharton, Wolsingham, 1; T V Ridd, Cowshill, 1; W Thompson, Alston, 1; J Mitchell, Wolsingham, 1. All who received no votes in the first round were then dropped out. Second round—W Shaw, 10; Baty, 3; Stephenson, 3; Waller, 2; Mitchell, 1; Ridd, 1. Third round—All who did not get two votes last round were dropped out—Shaw, 10; Stephenson, 6; Baty, 4. Fourth round—Those not getting seven to be struck out—Shaw, 10; Baty, 5; Stephenson, 5. A difficulty here arose, Baty and Stephenson each getting five. They were put to the vote to see which of them was to stand for the final. Result:—Stephenson, 11; Baty, 9. (Stephenson and Shaw were then run for the final with the following result:—Shaw, 11; Stephenson, 8.

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A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

By Mrs. HARRIETT LEWIS,

Author of "The Sundered Hearts," "The Bailiff's Scheme," "The Double Life," &c.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN ADMIRER.

Mrs. Quillet was sitting in an easy chair in a most uneasy attitude when Gwendoline entered. The woman rose at once and made a very low bow, and then looked beyond the girl with a visible impatience.

Seventeen years had greatly changed the old housekeeper. She was more prim and reserved than of old, and she seemed like one who broods always over some recent trouble. In truth, she mourned still for her lost Miss Clare, and of late the problem of Gwendoline's future had begun to distress her.

The mystery of the girl's existence, the sorrow and bitter shame of that fatal winter seventeen years ago, were pressing very heavily upon her this morning, and she dreaded to see her charge, and reiterated in her own soul that wish of long ago, that the child had died in her early years!

It was quite plain that the good dame did not recognise the girl, and a bright smile chased away Gwendoline's tears, as she exclaimed—

"Don't you know me, Mrs. Quillet?—dear Nurse Quillet? Don't you know little Gwen?"

Mrs. Quillet started back in amazement.

Was this "little Gwen"—Clare Markham's nameless child? This girl with her royal splendour of loveliness, her rare and radiant beauty? This "little Gwen?"

The girl laughed again at her surprise, and bestowed upon her a warm embrace, the old woman submitting in a sort of stupefied silence.

Then a porter announced that the vehicle was waiting, and they were driven rapidly towards the station, throughout the drive the old housekeeper scarcely removing her gaze from the girl's countenance. It's beauty startled her. She was like the hen who had hatched a swan. What was she to do with this young creature? What life had she to offer her? She began to think that in training the girl as a lady she had committed a terrible mistake.

For the girl was nameless of strange origin, and unless the squire should adopt her or leave her something in his will, she would have to earn her own living. And how could she battle with the world? Why, she looked like some petted heiress—she looked every inch the nobly born aristocrat—and what was she?

"With her origin, with her history," thought the old housekeeper, "her life should be quiet and obscure. But she is a brilliant young creature, and her mother's fate is likely to be hers also. Why didn't she die?"

Mrs. Quillet's silence and grim, dissatisfied manner did not trouble Gwendoline. In the pleasure and excitement of her drive, she scarcely noticed them.

They arrived at the station in good time. The boat was in waiting when they reached Calais, and they went aboard at once. Mrs. Quillet was ill upon the voyage and retreated to the cabin, while Gwendoline, who was not ill, sat upon the deck, regarding the crowd of people, the water, and the chalk cliffs of Dover with a strange delight.

"I seem to be just beginning life," she thought, with the enthusiasm of seventeen. "The world looks all new to me to-day."

No incident marked the voyage, and they landed at Dover and took the train for London, where they stopped at a small family hotel.

Here the old housekeeper procured a private sitting-room and two bedrooms.

"We've brought her up as a lady," the good dame muttered to herself, "and now we'll have to treat her as a lady. I could no more ask the child to share my bedroom than I could fly. And as to taking her down to the coffee room to eat, with all those mercantile people to stare at her, that is impossible."

So dinner was eaten in the private sitting room. Mrs. Quillet hesitated about taking her place at the table, with an uncomfortable dread of taking liberties with this high-bred, aristocratic young lady, but Gwendoline would not sit down until she had done so, and she was forced to yield.

"You are as wilful as ever," said the old housekeeper, with a faint smile. "You will rule us all at Lonemoor, I foresee."

The name "Princess," by which Gwendoline had been known in her earliest years had clung to her ever since. The name fitted her well. Her nature was royally grand and noble—her beauty royally splendid.

When the dinner things had been removed, the girl approached the housekeeper with something of yearning in her face. She longed to kiss her—to tell her that she was glad to see her, to express something of the affection that filled her heart towards this nurse and guardian of her earnest years, but Mrs. Quillet's countenance was cold and forbidding, and Gwendoline sighed, walked on to the window, and then sat down again.

It was impossible, even to our warm-hearted, impulsive young heroine, to utter words of affection to one so frigid as Mrs. Quillet now chose to be.

"Are you not satisfied with me, Mrs. Quillet?" said Gwendoline, after a little silence.

"Satisfied?" repeated the old woman, with a start. "Why should I not be satisfied? You are a lady, Miss Gwendoline. It is not for me to be dissatisfied with you."

"I shall be glad to see dear old Lonemoor again, said Gwendoline thoughtfully. "Is my guardian at home now?"

"Your—what?"

"My guardian—Squire Markham, you know. How odd that I should never in my life have seen him. Is he at Lonemoor."

"Squire Markham is still abroad," replied the housekeeper, dryly.

"Strange he has been abroad so many years," said Gwen, meditatively. "How I long to see him. I hope he'll come home soon. I mean to devote myself to him, Nurse Quillet. I mean to be a loving daughter to him. He shall never regret the expense he has lavished upon me."

The housekeeper smiled oddly, but a displeased expression showed itself in her eyes.

"If you can win the squire's liking, Miss Gwendoline," she said, "you'll do a fine thing for yourself. But, in my opinion, you won't get the chance. I don't believe the master will ever come home. He has lived abroad nearly seventeen years, and I think he'll die in some of them heathen countries."

"If he never comes back, Mrs. Quillet, what is to become of me?" asked the girl, gravely.

"Heaven knows, and it alone!" the old woman groaned involuntarily.

"What do you mean?"

"Nothing. If the master comes home try to win his liking. If he don't come, why you'll stay on at Lonemoor, Miss Gwendoline, and live in seclusion, as becomes an unprotected young woman."

"And so I am to live in seclusion," said Gwendoline, sighingly. "I've had such delightful dreams of new acquaintances, visits, pleasures—but never mind. I shall be contented, Nursey. And my guardian will come home soon; I am sure of it. We'll look on the bright side. I shall find something to do at Lonemoor, and I shall not be lonely."

After a little further conversation, the young girl said good night and retired to her own room. Long after her bright head had pressed the pillow in sleep, the old housekeeper sat in the little parlour, face to face with the great problem of Gwendoline's future.

She had brought up the girl as a lady. Now what was she to do with her?

"I could not do otherwise than educate her," she thought, "even though the master would do nothing for her, and has never even noticed her existence, and though he has never allowed one penny for her support and education. I could never have suffered Miss Clare's child to grow up in ignorance. I could never have made a servant of her, nor a companion for myself. There was always the possibility, too, and it's less a possibility now than it was seventeen years ago, that the master might pity her and adopt her. Whether John and I were wise in educating her as we have done we shall find out, I suppose. Meantime, she is not suited for a governess, even if she could get a situation, with that face of hers. It would never do to put her to the millinery or dressmaking. No, she must go to Lonemoor. But in what capacity?"

How strange it seemed to her that she had never considered these questions before.

"The bailiff's family will think it very odd that I should keep her at Lonemoor as a young lady," she said to herself, uneasily. "But they have no power to send her away, even if they don't like her presence there. People may look askance at her. The rector wrote a nice letter to Madame De Loraine about her three years ago, but he would not bring his daughters to visit her. No one will look kindly upon her. She does not suspect one syllable concerning her origin. How long can she remain ignorant of what people whisper among themselves concerning her vagrant mother? If I had any place to send her to, I'd never take her to Lonemoor—never! But she must go there, and I must watch over her."

With this pious resolve the housekeeper went to bed, but she could not sleep. She wished now that she had educated the child for a governess, and not allowed her to return to Lonemoor.

Gwendoline arose early and came out into the sitting-room in her grey travelling costume as bright and fair as the morning. She greeted the housekeeper affectionately, and they sat down to breakfast together.

Directly after the meal, a cab was ordered, and the two proceeded to the railway station. They arrived at Penistone before dusk. As they emerged from the station they met the old butler, who was in waiting with the carriage.

"I am glad to get home from foreign parts," said Mrs. Quillet, following the young girl into the carriage and motioning her husband also to enter. "I should think the squire would get tired of foreign languages and foreign dishes. Is all well at home, John?" she inquired.

"All's well. Princess's—I mean Miss Gwendoline's—rooms are ready, as you ordered the maids," said Quillett.

They drove to Lonemoor in a little over one hour. Miss Winter was shown up by Mrs. Quillet herself to a handsome suite of rooms overlooking the garden. Into these rooms had been gathered various adornments and appurtenances calculated to please their new proprietor. Before leaving home, the housekeeper had put them in perfect order.

There was a room, part parlour, part library, a dressing-room, bedroom, and bathroom. Had Gwendoline been the acknowledged heiress of Squire Markham she could not have been better lodged. A maid was deputed to wait upon her.

There were two dining-rooms at Lonemoor—one a state apartment, the other a small, pleasant room, with an immense window looking out upon the moors. It was to the latter that Gwendoline had been conducted, and it was here her solitary dinner was served to her with considerable ceremony, the butler waiting upon her with due respect.

After she had finished her repast Gwendoline made her way to the housekeeper's room. Mrs. Quillet had just completed her own solitary meal, and was reclining upon a couch looking fatigued.

"Why didn't you let me dine with you, Nurse Quillet?" asked the girl. "That was the very first time I ever dined in the regular dining room at Lonemoor. I think I would rather go back to the old schoolroom, where Miss Granger and I shared our meals together."

"You are too old for the schoolroom now, Miss Gwendoline," said the housekeeper, in her cold, measured tones. "And it is not fitting that you should dine with me. There's a difference between us."

She was interrupted by the entrance of the butler with a light. Behind him came two men—the bailiff, Orkney, and his son.

The former was greyhaired and elderly, a man of integrity and respectability, well worthy of the trust which the squire had reposed in him.

The latter was a scapegrace youth of some five and twenty years, who had caused his father a great deal of trouble. He was blackhaired and blackeyed, burly of figure, with a red, heavy, and sensual countenance. He had been up to London for the last year or two, engaged in "sowing wild oats;" but his father had recently paid his bills on condition that he should return home and settle into business habits, and Claxton Orkney had agreed so to do.

Father and son had come to Lonemoor together on this especial evening to look after certain labourers, and had entered the house to speak to Mrs. Quillet, concerning them.

At the sight of Gwendoline, both bowed unconsciously, and then looked at the Quillets in surprise.

"Miss Winter, this is the bailiff, Mr. Orkney," said the butler; "and Mr. Claxton Orkney."

Gwendoline acknowledged the introduction, and then, in obedience to a gesture of Mrs. Quillet, quitted the room.

"Miss Winter!" repeated the bailiff. "Who is she? A guest of yours, Mrs. Quillet?"

"She's a beauty!" said young Orkney, in his thick voice, his black eyes gleaming with admiration; "a regular stunner. Who is she, Quillet?"

CHAPTER IX.

MAKING AN ENEMY.

The housekeeper and butler exchanged glances of dismay and misgiving before they replied to the interrogations of the Orkneys, father and son. The reputation of the younger Orkney for evil doing flashed upon their mind in the same moment; but they could not refuse to tell what the bailiff and his son could readily ascertain from one of his servants, and Mrs. Quillet said, reluctantly—

"Miss Winter is the child we educated, Mr. Orkney. You saw her often enough in her childhood."

"What!" ejaculated the bailiff. Why, I took her for a young lady. She looks and acts like one. And she is your 'Princess!' It can't be possible. Don't you know who the girl really is?" "Who was her father, who are her connections, nor what her station?"

"We do not," said the butler.

"Don't you know her real name?"

"We do not. We gave her the name she bears—we invented it—and we have had her educated in Paris as a lady," said the housekeeper.

"Her mother was demented, and never told her story," said the bailiff, recalling what he had heard at the time of Gwendoline's birth; "and so, for a mere fancy that the vagrant mother was a lady, you have lavished your hard earnings upon the child? What madness! Well, you have reared the little outcast into a fine lady. Now, what are you going to do with her?"

"We do not know ourselves," replied Mrs. Quillet, with a troubled countenance. "We shall keep her here for the present."

The bailiff was a man of hard common sense, and the course of the Quillets in regard to Gwendoline excited his strongest condemnation. His curiosity as to what they purposed doing equalled his surprise at what they had done. Therefore, he said—

"As you intend keeping her here for the present, how shall you treat her? What room have you given her?"

"We shall treat her as a lady," said Mrs. Quillet. "I have given her the suite of rooms over the library."

"Why, those are guest chambers!"

The housekeeper assented.

"What will the squire say to that?"

"The master left the house in our keeping," said Mrs. Quillet, "and we must answer only to him for our care of it."

The bailiff was angered.

"The squire will never like this proceeding of yours, Mrs. Quillet," he said. "To fill his best chambers with an occupant like this girl! You carry your privileges too far. You set up this nameless creature as lady of the household. You serve her as if she were your righteous mistress. Now, if the squire were to come home, this girl would have to leave. If he does not come home, what is to be done with her? You have educated her as a lady. She is beyond your companionship. No one will visit her. No one will recognise her existence. She is doomed to a miserable future in any case. She cannot marry an ignorant labourer, because she is refined and educated. No one else will marry her. The girl will be unhappy all her days, and you two are to blame for it."

"We will hope for the best," said Mrs. Quillet trying to hide her uneasiness. "At any rate, Mr. Orkney, we have done what we thought right, and what is done can't be helped."

The bailiff gave further vent to his disapprobation, and presently took his leave with his son.

"I mean to see more of the girl," thought the younger Orkney, as they walked homewards. "I never saw such a beauty in my life. Fresh from boarding school, she can have no lover. I shall manage to see her to-morrow."

The Quillets were silent for some minutes after the departure of the visitors. Then the housekeeper said in a troubled voice—

"John, it does look as if we had been very foolish. Miss Gwendoline is sure to be unhappy here, without friends, or society, or pleasures. My only hope is that the squire will come home and see her and take a liking to her. He might adopt her for his heiress, and no one would ever suspect her secret relationship to him."

"But, even if she were his heiress, no one would ever forget her origin," replied the butler. "Birth is of even more account than money. The child ought to have died in her infancy. As she didn't, and as we have educated her as a lady, we can only hope for the best. I hope that we haven't laid a train by which to blow ourselves up," he added. "The squire may be angry at our doing what he refused to do, and turn us out of his house."

"If there is no place for her here," said the housekeeper, "Miss Gwendoline can become a governess, I daresay. There's no use in our fretting. Let us trust to Providence."

The squire's unacknowledged granddaughter, without the faintest suspicion of her real position in the house or in the world, took her place naturally as mistress of Lonemoor.

The rooms assigned to her were pleasant, sunny, and luxurious. But the girl did not, as had been expected, confine herself to them. Upon the morning after her return to Lonemoor she ordered the long-disused drawing-rooms to be opened, the holland covers removed, the library to be aired, and a habitable lo[dge] to be given to the best apartments, and the housekeeper and the butler obeyed her gentle mandates, albeit with great secret dismay and misgiving.

It was quite plain that Gwendoline believed herself to have a right there—a claim upon Squire Markham—and her benefactors dared not undeceive her. In accordance with her habitual practice, Gwendoline dressed for dinner upon the second day of her stay at Lonemoor, although she was to dine alone.

Her wardrobe had been selected by the mistress of the Paris *persionnat* and conformed to the French ideas of suitability to a very young lady. She had no costly silks and velvets, no jewels nor laces, but her garments were of all the finest description and selected with great care and taste. Upon this occasion she wore a long white muslin gown, clear and filmy, falling in soft, unbroken folds to the floor. No ruffles, except at the throat and wrists, were to be seen. A broad pink sash, knotted low at her left side, and a pink rose in her bronze-coloured waves of hair, constituted her only ornaments. But these were enough, and served to set off the splendour of her young beauty as effectually as jewels could have done.

The butler waited upon her respectfully. No idea of patronising this brilliant girl, who owed so much to him, ever entered his mind. Her perfect breeding, her grave gentleness, her sweet unfailing courtesy, all impressed him with a conviction of the immense difference between her and him, and he was not one to presume.

After dinner, which was served with ceremony, Gwendoline went to the drawing-room.

The night was warm, and the windows were open. A few waxed lights burned dimly in their silver sconces. Cool shadows filled the corners. The young girl sat down at the grand piano and began to play.

She dashed into a brilliant *bravura*, playing with great spirit and force. And then she glided into a scrap of Italian opera, accompanying herself in a voice whose sweetness, purity, and strength were nothing short of marvellous.

As the wondrous tones died out upon the air, and the notes rippled slowly under her fingers to their close, a sound of applause startled her.

Springing up in alarm, she found herself confronted by Claxton Orkney, who bent low before her, his bold eyes expressing his admiration of her beauty and her musical performance.

Gwendoline bowed haughtily in acknowledgment of his greeting, and waited for him to speak. She knew that he was the bailiff's son, and supposed that he had come to Lonemoor upon business. That he had come to call upon her without the knowledge of his father never occurred to her. His bold glances and his sinister looks caused her instinctivey to dislike him, and she waited for him to do his errand and depart, wondering that he should dare enter the drawing-room and her presence unannounced.

Young Orkney, knowing the popular story of her origin, and believing her socially far beneath him, wondered at her audacity in taking possession of the best rooms at Lonemoor, and felt for her in the midst of his sudden and intense admiration a sort of condescension.

Thus the two were at cross purposes from the first.

"Do you wish to see me?" demanded Gwendoline, in her sweet, low voice, regarding him steadily. "Allow me to summon Mrs. Quillet."

She took a step towards the bellpull, but young Orkney intercepted her.

"Don't call Mrs. Quillet," he exclaimed "I don't want to see her. I came to call upon you. I suppose you don't remember me very well, but I saw you once or twice in your childhood. I shouldn't have known you again, though."

Gwendoline bowed, but she did not request him to be seated.

"I tried to get the girls—my sisters, you know—to come over and call," continued young Mr. Orkney, "but they wouldn't, you know. Girls are such sticklers, and all that sort of thing, you know. You sing like a seraph, Miss Gwendoline. Won't you give me another song?"

"You must excuse me," said Gwendoline, coldly. "I was playing for my own amusement."

"Won't you play for mine?" inquired Mr. Orkney, pulling at his long side whiskers. "I am very fond of music."

"You must excuse me," again said Gwendoline, and now she moved towards the door. "I do not receive visitors, Mr. Orkney, during the absence of Squire Markham."

She inclined her head haughtily, and withdrew.

Young Orkney stared after her, as if doubting the evidence of his senses.

"By gad, you know," he said, in an amazed sort of voice, addressing empty space. "If that isn't cool for a beggar, you know. She don't receive visitors in the absence of Squire Markham! It's mighty few she'd receive in his presence! She puts on airs, for a regular outcast! By Jove! I'll bring down her pride! I'll humble her! I'll make her love me, or I'll make her wish she was dead. She don't know with whom she has to deal!"

And with a fierce malediction Claxton Orkney quitted the house silently as he had entered it.

(*To be continued.*)

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, May 15th.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), Dr ARMISON, and V. A. RIPPON, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

John Gregg was charged by P.C. Parker with being drunk at Wearhead, on the 13th inst.—Fined 10s and costs.

George Day was accused by P.C. Dobson of being drunk at Frosterley, on the 2nd inst., and was fined 12s 6d.

Jasper Richardson was charged by Sergt. Sedgwick with being drunk on the 11th inst., at St. John's Chapel.—Fined 12s 6d.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

Joseph Watson, Wearmouth, was charged by Sergt. Sedgwick with being drunk in charge of a horse on the highway, on the 28th ult., to the danger of foot passengers and others.—Fined £1 and costs.

KEEPING A DOG WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Thomas Bainbridge, of Derwent, was charged by P.C. Reeves with keeping a dog without a license or an exemption paper.—Defendant, who did not appear through ill-health, asked for an adjournment until next month, which was granted.

AN INCORRIGIBLE.

Mr John Peart, attendance officer to the Stanhope Parish School Board, appeared on behalf of a boy belonging Jane Hogarth, of Rookhope, who had been deemed an incorrigible, and was threatened by the Bench to be sent to a reformatory or industrial school unless he attended better during the month. The officer now stated that the lad had done well during the month, only having missed one half-day or so.—The Bench gave him other six months' grace.

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Yours truly,
J. BROOKS.

A testimony from the Rev Father Hickley, Barking, London, accompanies the above, and also from Mr W. R. Lonythies, Coffee Tavern, 5, Heath Street, London.

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On Whit-Monday, a bazaar was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. A large and influential company assembled within the building to witness the opening ceremony performed by Coun. James Annandale, J.P., Shotley Bridge. Amongst those present were Mr and Mrs J. W. Walton-Wilson, Shotley Bridge; Rev J. Elliott, Blackhill; Rev T. J. Watson, Consett; Messrs Telford and Leadbitter, Shotley Bridge. After hymn and prayer,

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"Like a mighty army,
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Where the Saints have trod:
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One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity."

Mr Elliott has already reminded you of the object for which this bazaar is held—and a praiseworthy one it is. There was a time when the churches did not think so much as now of their houses of worship. Although God dwells not in temples made with hands, surely it is a cheering sign of more heart being in our religion when we give of our best towards His service. I am glad to know that already a good deal has been done towards the object in view. You have secured a commanding site, and what is better still, have paid for it, and I hear you have besides a good nest-egg in the bank towards the building fund. (Applause). As I look round on the stalls, and see the mass of beautiful and useful work which many a nimble finger and busy needle have produced, I hope that this bazaar will bring you within measureable distance of making a start. One word of advice—if I may be permitted to give it: Don't lay your foundations in debt. A heavy debt is always a drag to the spiritual interests of a church, a weight hung round the neck of your minister, and an incubus on your managers most difficult to shake off. This, my friends, is a most notable year in the history of the great Methodist family throughout the world. Christian men of every Evangelical Church have joined in celebrating the centenary of the death of the great founder of Methodism—John Wesley—(cheers),—a man who perhaps has done more than any other in bringing the glad tidings within the reach of the people of this age. You as an off-shoot—why, I know not—(possibly but for a trifle)—of this great body, numbering to-day over 20,000,000 worshippers, occupy an important field of labour in this town. Shotley Bridge owes much to Primitive Methodism. I rejoice to think that the little one of 30 or 40 years ago has become a thousand, and that soon you will exchange your present chapel, with its many happy memories, for one more suitable and convenient, which will rise on what was once part of the village green and market place of the ancient hamlet of "Shotley Brig." Without any further remarks, I have pleasure in declaring this bazaar open, and in again wishing you every success. (Applause).

After the usual vote of thanks business began briskly, and the ladies at the stalls had a good time of it. The following were the stall holders—

1st Stall—Mrs Campbell, Mrs Telford, Mrs Telford, Mrs Howie, Mrs Sherrit, and Mrs Coulson.

2nd Stall—Mrs Clark, Mrs Hull, and Miss Glendinning.

During the afternoon, a public tea was provided and was partaken of by a good number of people. The tables were presided over by Misses H. Clarkson, E. M. C. Thompson, L. Seed, M. H. Henderson, M. Hall, assisted by Mrs Downing, Mrs G. Angus, Mrs Coxon, Mrs Hone, and Mrs West.

Music was rendered at intervals by Mrs Lee, Misses Brodie, Effie Wardhaugh, Richley, and Messrs Wright and Turnbull.

The galvanic battery was in charge of Messrs J. Johnson and T. Ames.

The duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr F. Thompson, of Snows Green. The day's proceedings were brought to a close by a supper. The bazaar was again opened on Tuesday afternoon. The takings were satisfactory, and the efforts for the year amounted to over £100. The proceeds were in aid of a new chapel and Sunday-school.

Competitive Life-boat Trials.—We understand that the committee of the Royal National Life boat Institution have decided to carry out at Lowestoft, next autumn, a series of competitive trials and tests with sailing life-boats, and that they cordially invite inventors and others to enter boats for the competitions, under certain prescribed conditions and regulations, which can be obtained from the secretary of the Institution at 14, John Street, Adelphi, London. All persons proposing to enter boats, must give notice in writing of their intention to do so, on or before the 30th June next, and sign the required undertaking.

SERIOUS WOUNDING CASE AT DERWENT COTTAGES.

Yesterday (Thursday), at the Lanchester Police Court, *Joseph Blanch*, miner, of Derwent Cottages, was remanded (on bail) on a charge of unlawfully wounding his wife, Mary Blanch, at Derwent Cottages, on Tuesdvy night, by striking her with a shovel. Accused was apprehended at Dipton, on Wednesday night, by P.C. Haw. The case will be gone into at the Consett Petty Sessions on Monday first.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening at Tanfield. Present: Messrs J. Green (in the chair), M. G. Armstrong, W. Braidford, jun., W. Bulmer, T. Colquhoun, and Mr W. H. Ritson (clerk).

EAST STANLEY BOARD SCHOOL.

The seal of the Board was affixed to the deed transferring the site to the Board.

Mr T. Crossling, Newcastle, was appointed clerk of the works, the time to be devoted being three days per week.

It was reported that fair progress was being made with the building.

TANFIELD LEA INFANTS' BOARD SCHOOL.

The head teacher reported as follows:—It is satisfactory to know that the new school opened at Tanfield Lea on Monday, April 27th, has, as far as numbers are concerned, been a great success. We have now 88 children on the registers, with an average attendance of 77·9. This is lower than it might have been, because on the 11th inst. most of the parents thought it necessary to take their children to a circus at Stanley. The attendance for the first two weeks was very good; this week a slight falling off is noticed, some of the children suffering with whooping cough and colds.

BURNOPFIELD BOARD SCHOOL.

The head teacher's report was as follows:—No. of children on registers, 171; No. admitted since last return, 28; average attendance, 133. During the past month, new books, apparatus, and furniture have been obtained, and we have thus got thoroughly under way with another year's work. A commencement has been made with drawing, which is now an obligatory subject for boys. The attendance during the month has steadily increased, and the average for the past week is 143. In the mixed school this week the average attendance has been 114, *i.e.*, about 14 in excess of the accommodation. The work of all teachers has been satisfactory.

FINANCIAL.

The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £247 3s 9d on general accounts, and £2,038 4s 11d for East Stanley building account.

Cheques were signed for accounts amounting to £319 7s 5d.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday, May 20th.—Before H. W. Kerrich-Walker (chairman), and F. Greenwell, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Fines were imposed as follows:—*Elizabeth Turnbull*, Waldridge, 5s and costs; *Catherine Patent*, Chester-le-Street, 2s 6d; *John Baxter*, Chester-le-Street, 10s; *Charles Johnson*, Waldridge, 5s; *Ralph Crowther*, Edmondsley, 10s; *Joseph Taylor*, Birtley, 5s; *George Gordon*, Birtley, 7s 6d; *Wm. Farrell*, Birtley, 5s; *Daniel Cooney*, Birtley, 7s 6d; *Peter Crane*, Chester-le-Street, 5s; *Wm. Shields*, Chester Moor, 5s; *Thomas Dobbinson*, Chester Moor, 7s 6d.

PUGILISTS.

John Welch and *Robert Gallagher* were charged at the instance of Sergt. Hutchinson with committing a breach of the peace at Birtley, on the 9th inst.—Bound over to keep the peace for three months in the sum of £5, and also ordered to pay costs.

Daniel McDonald, for a similar offence at Chester-le-Street, did not appear, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

A JEHU.

Samuel Roberts was charged with furiously driving at horse at Plawsworth, on the 22nd of April.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and P.C. Lindsay gave formal evidence.—Fined 5s and costs.

THE REVOLVER NUISANCE.

George Liddle was charged with carrying a revolver at Edmondsley without having a license to do so. Mr Hartley Smith, supervisor of excise, prosecuted.—A witness said that defendant came into her house with a loaded revolver, and fired it into the chimney.—Another witness said he was in the house at the time when defendant fired the revolver.—P.C. Lay also gave evidence, and said that the previous witnesses made a complaint to him. Witness spoke to defendant about the matter, and he admitted that he had no license. He was drunk at the time.—Defendant did not appear, and was fined 40s and costs.

QUARRELSOME NEIGHBOURS.

Margaret Handby was charged with assaulting Mary Wass, at Perkinsville, on the 1st May; and on a cross-summons *Mary Wass* was charged with assaulting Margaret Handley at the same time and place. Mr John Turnbull (Chester-le-Street and Durham) appeared for Handley.—Mrs Wass said that Mrs Handley went about chastising her all over the place. She went out to ask Mrs Handley why she did so, and Mrs Handley "hoyed a han'ful of tatie peelings at her." Then she pulled witness's apron off and lashed her over the face. Witness then threw a pail at Handley. The Handleys were jealous of her and their man.—Mrs Davison said she saw Mrs Wass throw a pail at Mrs Handley. She did not see Mrs Wass assault Mrs Handley's daughter.—Mrs Handley said that some disturbance had been going on all the morning between them. When witness was carrying some ashes out of the house, Mrs Wass threw an empty pail at her. She never threw any "tatie peelings" at Mrs Wass. In the afternoon, Mrs Wass was striking at witness's daughter, who had a child in her arms. Witness went to the assistance of her daughter, and Mrs Wass scratched her face.—Georgina Gill, daughter of Mrs Handley, corroborated.—The Bench dismissed both cases.

SAVAGE ATTACK ON THE POLICE.

John and *George Miller* were charged with committing a breach of the peace at Pelton Fell, on the 15th inst.; and further with assaulting Sergt. Fraser at the same time and place.—Defendants pleaded not guilty to both charges.—Sergt. Fraser said that he heard a great disturbance near the Colliery Hotel, and found the two defendants fighting. After quelling the disturbance, witness stood on the bridge about ten minutes, when suddenly the two defendants came and knocked him down. They began to beat him, and one of them bit his finger to the bone. He struggled up to his feet, and drew his truncheon, but the strap broke, and he lost his hold of it. John Miller got the truncheon, and beat witness about the legs and arms with it. They were the worst scoundrels at Pelton Fell; everybody was afraid of them.—A servant-maid at the Colliery Hotel said she did not see defendants fighting, but heard Fraser say that he would do as he liked with the Millers. She did not see the officer struck at by either of the defendants.—The defendants were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

THE BIRTLEY "BASHERS."

Peter Grieves was summoned to show cause why he should not forfeit his recognisance of £5, which he entered into before the Court on the 11th March, and which surety he had broken by committing a breach of the peace at Birtley.—Sergt. Hutchinson said that defendant was one of a gang of young ruffians known at Birtley as the "Bashers"—a gang which was a constant menace to the public peace and safety.—The Bench made an order for the forfeiture of the recognisances, to be paid at 15s per fortnight.

EDUCATION CASES.

Attendance Officer Parkin had the following persons summoned for neglecting to send their children to school:—*Thomas Broadbent*, adjourned for 14 days; *John Bell*, fined 5s; *John Ragan*, attendance order; *Margaret England*, attendance order; *John Mowbray* (two charges), attendance order in first case, and fined 5s in second; *Margt. Ellis*, attendance order; *John Coulson*, attendance order; *William Moist*, dismissed.

Attendance Officer Finlay had the following cases:—*Patrick Mulkearn*, attendance order; *Geo. Turnbull*, attendance order; *Patrick McAvoy*, attendance order.

STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH OPENING DAY.



The Wesleyans of Stanley are to be congratulated on the completion of their great building enterprise. The finishing touches are being put to the work by painters, carpenters, upholsterers, &c., and everything will be in readiness for the opening ceremony on Wednesday next. The building is an ornament to the place, and occupies a prominent position in the front street. Messrs J. Smith and Son are the architects, and the building is of the Gothic order, but adapted for Methodist purposes. The structure stands on massive concrete foundations, and the walls are of unusual thickness. The contractors, Messrs Routledge and Mordue, have finished the work in a manner which gave the highest satisfaction to the trustees. The front gable contains the finest Gothic window in the neighbourhood, and the building is ventilated by two of Boyle's patent ventilators. The glazing is of cathedral glass, and the internal fittings are of selected pitch pine; the quality of the wood work in fact being almost beyond praise. A most beautiful flooring of minton tiles is being laid in the porch and aisle, and the building is heated with hot water. The internal arrangements include several novelties, and intending chapel or church builders will do well to pay the building a visit. Those who remember the crush at the foundation stone-laying will be relieved to learn that every effort is being made to provide sufficient accomodation for tea, &c.

The Rev Joseph Bush, ex-president of the Conference, is to preach the dedicatory sermon. Ald. W. H. Stephenson, of Newcastle, is to preside at the meeting after tea, which will be addressed by Rev J. Bush, Rev J. W. Keyworth, and the Circuit ministers. We learn that about £100 is still required to clear the building.

BENFIELDSIDE LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday evening, in the Town Hall Buildings, Shotley Bridge—Coun. James Annandale, J.P., presiding. Members present: Messrs T. Siddell, R. Murray, F. Priestman, Wm. Robinson, J. Dowson, Geo. J. Robinson, J. Lax, J. Eltringham, the Clerk (Mr J. Booth), and the Surveyor (Mr John Dixon).

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following accounts are recommended to be paid:—

	£	s.	d.
Surveyor's monthly account ...	61	14	7
Ord and Maddison	22	6	5
W. T. Eltringham	42	6	6
W. D. Robson	68	13	6
Wm. Snowdon	9	11	0
John Dixon (salary)...............	40	0	0
Knight and Co...............	2	10	5
R. Jackson...............	9	5	0
Local Boards' Association	1	1	0
D. Ormerod	140	17	8
Total	£398	6	1

On the motion of Mr Siddell, seconded by Mr Lax, cheques were ordered to be signed for the various amounts.

THE FEVER HOSPITAL.

The Surveyor reported that no patients from the district had been admitted to the Fever Hospital during the month.

The Clerk read a financial statement from the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board with regard to the receipts and expenditure during the year.

The Clerk likewise read a letter from Mr W. H. Ritson, clerk to the Lanchester Joint Hospital Board, stating that his Board declined to give the necessary information asked for, which was embodied in a resolution passed at a recent meeting.

Mr Lax stated that he had already given an explanation of the matter.

THE BOW WINDOW QUESTION AT BLACKFINE.

Mr Wm. Robinson's notice of motion to rescind the minute passed at the March quarterly meeting, objecting to Mr Geo. Eltringham, of Blackfine, placing a bow window in his dwelling-house, came up for discussion.

Mr Siddell asked if it was legal for Mr Robinson to bring this subject up before six months' notice had been given?

The Chairman thought there was nothing to stop Mr Robinson from bringing the subject forward. A month's notice was necessary, and that had been given. The same number of members were present as there was at the meeting when the resolution was passed, and Mr Robinson was perfectly in order.

Mr Robinson said it was not with any antagonistic feeling against any member that he had brought the subject forward once more. Since the meeting when the resolution was passed, he had carefully gone into the matter, and considered the arguments that were advanced against the bow window being inserted into the property. When the vote was taken, there were several gentlemen present who did not vote at all, and he thought he was quite justified in having the matter gone into again.

The Chairman remarked that he might explain, for the benefit of those members who were not present at the meeting, that Mr Geo. Eltringham sent in a plan for a bow window, which was considered an encroachment on the public highway, and was not passed.

Mr Eltringham: The window is going to be built on the highway.

Mr Robinson (continuing) said that it was contended that it would be an encroachment. In looking round at that particular place he found the street 46½ feet in width, which was considerably wider than any other portion of the street. It was considered that it would be detrimental to the other property, and would stop light. He found at this place that there were other bow windows, and he might safely say that if bow windows were placed in all the property at that particular place, it would be a great improvement to the district. He also found that there were already encroachments on the highway, including an owner of some land who had been allowed to encroach in building a wall. There was also a porch, the plan of the same having been passed by the Board, which was a fixture to the house, as much so as the bow window. The property owner, no doubt, would pay an acknowledgment for being allowed to insert the window. They allowed pallisading to be put up; why not allow the bow window to be put in? He would move that the resolution be rescinded, and that Mr Eltringham be given permission to put the window in.

The motion was seconded by Mr Dowson.

Mr Lax: Whoever encroaches upon public rights has to pay an acknowledgment. I have no objection to the thing if he thought that it would not be detrimental to the other property owners.

Mr Eltringham said that he objected to it from the first, because in granting permission for such a thing, they did not know where it would end.

Mr Siddell said the question was had they the power to give the land away which belonged to the ratepayers? The Board had no right to give consent to such a thing.

The proposition was lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it.

THE WIDENING OF THE CHURCH BANK.

A letter was read from Mr Moffatt, of the Commercial Inn, with reference to the dispute in connection with the widening of the Church Bank, and after a short discussion, Mr Priestman proposed, seconded by Mr Siddell, that a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs Murray, Eltringham, Lax, and the Clerk, be appointed to look into the matter, with power to call in the service of Mr J. Smith, as Surveyor, with a view of ascertaining the limits of the public road as set out under the Lanchester Common Act, and to make a proper arrangement between Mr Wilson and Mr Moffatt, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

This was carried.

BUILDING AND SANITARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We inspected the new drain, now being put in Blackhill, and find that it is now up to the front of Dr Geo. Renton's gates, and the manhole is receiving due attention. The portion in Dixon Street is to do yet, and we now find that the drain at the manhole is now 3ft 6in below the cellar floor of Mr G. Eltringham's property, and hope it will be found sufficient to drain at Blackfine for some time to come.

Mr Swainston's plan received our attention, and an objection in writing being received from the adjoining owner, we visited the place and the committee decided to lay the plan before the Board and explain the position of the new building, and also the objection of the same by Mr Hay.

Plans for a five-roomed house, intended to be built in Church Bank, were examined, and as part of it was in pencil, and the ashpit not in a proper position, they were returned, and will come before the Board again. This house is intended to be erected for Mr Wm. Wilson, Shotley Bridge.

The Medical Officer's annual report received our attention, and after carefully considering the statistics, we find that the district is in a good sanitary condition, and the death-rate for the past yerr is a very low one. There is no place requiring our special attention, except Walton's Row, and we agreed with the officer. The property has had the drainage attended to, but is a very bad class, and it will have to be cleared away and remodelled before it is satisfactory.

The report was adopted.

PLANS.

On the motion of Mr Robinson, seconded by Mr Siddell, it was agreed that Mr Swainston's plan for washhouse should not be passed, because it was not in accordance with the bye-laws.

Mr Eltringham moved that the plans for a five-roomed house for Mr Wilson be passed and stamped.

This was seconded by Mr Murray, and agreed to.

ERECTION OF TELEPHONE POLES.

An application was read from the National Telephone Company, asking permission to erect 34 poles between Blackhill and Shotley Bridge, for the purpose of having a call office at Shotley Bridge.

It was agreed to grant permission to the Company to erect the poles, either by Ritson's Road, if Mr Murray's consent could be obtained; if not, by the Durham main road, subject to the poles being fixed to the approval of the Surveyor.

MORE CEMENTING.

Mr Lax moved that the Surveyor take steps to have the footpath cemented on the Shotley Bridge and Newcastle Road, as far as the kerbing and channelling extended.

This was seconded by Mr Geo. J. Robinson, and passed.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the past month your workmen have been employed on the several highways and streets in your district, gathering loose stones, watertabling, and dressing up. Your water-cart has been used often, on account of the dry weather we have had. The contract and bond for team work has been signed.

During the month the kerb and channel on the Shotley Bridge and Derwent Road has been completed.

Mr Ormerod has completed the cement footpath on Durham Road, from the cottage at the Slonks to old Cutler's Hall. This work has been done satisfactorily.

The recess left in the Church Bank wall has become a filthy nuisance corner. As Mr Walton-Wilson kindly promised to erect a seat in this recess, I would suggest that the Board ask him to have it put up as early as possible.

During the month I have collected and paid to the treasurer the following sum:—General district rate, £258 17s 4d.—Yours, &c.,

John Dixon.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—I have inspected your district, and find it on the whole in fair good condition. I have also inspected several of the cow-byres; some of them required whitewashing. I gave notice for this work to be done, which was promptly attended to.

The following plans have been stamped, duplicates having been supplied:—

Mr Robt. Hall's plans, Baxton Burn.
Mr Wm. Reed's plans, Queen Street.
Mr Robt. Park's plans, Cemetery Road.
Mr Robt. Wilson's plans, Queen Street.
Mr Lister's plan was returned unstamped.

Your Building and Sanitary Committee have held a meeting during the month. They inspected the new main sewer, and also Mr Thomas Swainston's property in Cemetery Road, they having a plan before them for new washhouse intended to be built at the back of this property. A new plan was also before them for house intended to be built for Mr W. Wilson. Your committee will report on these matters.

The contractor for main sewer at Blackfine is progressing very satisfactorily with the work. I expect this work will be completed before next meeting.

No new cases of fever have gone to the hospital during the month.—Yours, &c.,

John Dixon.

A NEW SEWER.

On the motion of Mr Priestman, seconded by Mr Eltringham, it was resolved that the Sanitary Committee be requested to report upon cost and route of a sewer for Snow's Green to the present main sewer near Springfield.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Benfieldside Local Board.

Gentlemen,—In presenting you with the vital statistics of your district for the quarter ending, March 31st, I have no feature of an especially interesting character to draw your attention to. The death-rate is above the average, and the birth-rate has improved. Amongst the zymotic diseases, scarlet fever, measles, and whooping cough have been noted, but there has been no extensive epidemic of either, and consequently no great mortality. Diseases of the respiratory organs, as elsewhere, contributing the largest proportion of deaths. The infantile mortality is the lowest on record.—Yours, &c.,

Geo. Renton, M.D.

Blackhill, May 19th, 1891.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of births for the quarter were 43—28 males and 15 females—representing an annual rate of 23·9 per 1,000. The number of deaths were 32; being a rate of 17·06 per 1,000.

THE RAILWAY RATES QUESTION.

Mr Murray broached the important question of railway rates; but nothing definite was done in the matter.

This was all the business.

David Robson (16), was killed at Stanley Colliery, Peases West, on Tuesday, whilst acting as assistant onsetter. He was struck on the head by the descending cage.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Annfieldite."]

STRANGE WEATHER FOR WHITSUNTIDE.

The fine summer weather of the past week gave place to that of cold bleak wintry weather with intervals of heavy showers, giving a deep wintry aspect to all around.

BAND CONTEST.

Our local band—South Derwent—has not after all taken the first prize at Stanley Band Contest, but has obtained a very good place after all—first in the march and third in the selection. The band has been working very hard for this event, and the members of the band are, I suppose, satisfied with the place they have got.

METHODISM.

The returns for the past year of the various Methodist bodies do not show very great results from the work done by the various agencies employed. Surely there must be some reason for this state of things? Is it that the churches are becoming more and more worldly and vain? or, is it to be said it is a lack of earnest devotedness to God and Christianity?

DEATH OF MR JAMES FORSTER.

The death of Mr James Forster, of Catchgate, formerly of Tyneside, came very suddenly on Friday, at the age of 75 years. He had been for many years engaged by the Marley Hill Coal and Coke Company in the coke-yard at Annfield Plain, in connection with the Pontop Colliery, but for sometime he was engaged repairing the tubs on the pit-heap, and was highly respected by all around. Being a hearty old man and having a good memory, he could recall many events of long ago, which were in many instances very instructive.

CRICKET.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, May 23rd).

Consett and District 1st v Close House, at Consett.
Consett and District 2nd v Shotley Bridge, at Shotley Bridge.
Medomsley 1st v West Denton, at Medomsley.
Consett Fell 1st v West Stanley 2nd, at West Stanley.
Consett Fell 2nd v Catchgate 2nd, at Consett.
Shotley Bridge 2nd v Castleside, at Castleside.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v Newcastle Marlboro 2nd, at Newcastle.
Oxhill v West Pelton Violets, at West Pelton.
Tanfield v Catchgate, at Tanfield.
Burnhope v South Moor, at South Moor.
Waldridge Fell Lillies 1st v Leadgate 1st, at Waldridge.
Waldridge Fell Lillies 2nd v Leadgate 2nd, at Leadgate.
Beamish v Usworth, at Usworth.
Elswick Works Juniors v West Stanley Star, at Elswick.
Whickham 1st v St. James's (Gateshead), at Gateshead.
Whickham 2nd v Newburn 2nd, at Whickham.
Blaydon 1st v Felling Church Institute, at Felling.
Blaydon 2nd v Hastings, at Blaydon.
Heaton v Ryton, at Walker Gate.

West Stanley v Consett Fell.—To be played at West Stanley to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the visitors team will comprise:—T. Charlton (captain), J. Williams, J. Lowes, T. Watson, G. Charlton, W. Bell, A. Kempster, R. Lowes, Thos. Bullock, J. Wilkinson, Geo. Lowes, E. Robinson, and T. Unsworth.

The annual game between Consett and Close House, to be played at Consett to-morrow (Saturday), promises to be an exceptionally good one, as both teams will place strong elevens in the field.

Durham County Association.—A meeting of the members of the Challenge Cup Committee took place at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on Wednesday night, when the draw of the local teams in the Challenge Cup Competition resulted as follows:—

Consett and District v Sunderland 2nd, at Consett.
West Stanley v Jarrow, at Stanley.
Medomsley, a bye.

For the Colts' match, to be played at Durham on the 28th inst., the following local selections were made:—Mr G. Walton to represent Consett, and Mr R. Cant for Medomsley.

Leadgate East End Rovers would like to arrange matches with any junior teams in the district; ages from 9 to 12. A. Bainbridge, 512, North Cross Street, Leadgate.

Medomsley 2nd team have the following dates open, and would like them filled with local second teams:—May 30th (home), July 4th (away), July 11th (home), and August 29th (away). Apply to W. G. Thompson, Medomsley Edge, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.

Oxhill Cricket Club has commenced a second team, and have the following vacant dates, and would like to have them filled up with moderate second teams:—At home, May 30th; June 6th and 13th. Away, July 4th and 18th; August 1st. Secretary, R. Palmer, Kyo Lane, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O.

Allendale Cottages Albion and Allendale White Stars played on Wednesday, with the following result:—White Stars, 29; Albion, 27.

Waldridge v Burnhope.—Played at Waldridge, resulting in a win for Burnhope. Score:—Waldridge, 21; Burnhope, 27.

Beamish True Blues v Chester-le-Street.—Played at Chester-le-Street. Score:—Beamish, 129; Chester-le-Street, 9.

The Lizzie 2nd v Lanchester.—Played at Lanchester with ten men each. Score:—Lizzie, 47; Lanchester, 38.

Beamish v Burnmoor.—Played at Beamish, and ended in a draw. Score:—Beamish, 89; Burnmoor, 40.

Consett Y.M.C.A. v Consett Fell 2nd.—Played at Consett. Score:—Y.M.C.A., 59; Consett Fell, 50.

Consett Y.M.C.A. v Scratch Team.—Played at Templetown on Whit-Monday. Score:—Y.M.C.A., 78; Scratch team, 16.

Tanfield v Beamish.—Played at Tanfield on Saturday week, and resulted in a draw. J. R. Jones scored 54 (not out) for Tanfield, and A. Kerr made 50 (not out) for Beamish. Score:—Tanfield (for six wickets), 112; Beamish (for five wickets), 87. Tanfield declared their innings closed.

Wallsend v Chester-le-Street.—Played at Wallsend, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 12 runs and five wickets to fall. J. Bewicke batted in splendid style for 44 (not out) for the winners. Score:—Wallsend, 64; Chester-le-Street, 76.

Chester-le-Street v Tyneside Wanderers.—The famous Wanderers visited Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, and the game ended in a draw. D. Crichton (54), J. Bewicke (35), and Kerrich-Walker (27) played magnificently for Chester-le-Street; while G. Simpson (41) and S. J. Crawford (34) did good service for the Wanderers. Score:—Chester-le-Street, 179; Wanderers (for six wickets), 94.

CONSETT WEDNESDAY v BEDE COLLEGE (DURHAM).

Played at Durham on Wednesday afternoon, and resulted in an easy victory for the Collegians. Score:—

CONSETT.		COLLEGE.	
G Epping b Roberts	6	W Roberts c Aynsley b Epping	11
W Turnbull b Rob'rts	0	H Winship c Murray b Epping	0
J G Murray b McCulloch	2	W Smith b Murray	1
J Frost c Hewison b McCulloch	1	J Watson not out ...	9
J Siddle b McCullo'h	3	E Ash not out	1
S Aynsley c Smith b McCulloch	0	Rev J C H Millard c Murray b Armstrong	7
T Bell b McCulloch	2	T McCulloch to bat	
R Marshall run out	1	S Howe "	
J Collinson b McCulloch	2	T Olive "	
A Shrewsbury (?) b McCulloch	0	T Maxwell "	
W G Grace (?) not out	1	M B Hewison "	
Extras	4	Extras	1
Total............	22	Total............	30

QUEBEC DISTRICT NOTES.

[By a "Cornsayite."]

The inhabitants of Cornsay are, it is said, about to erect a public hall, in which to hold public meetings, concerts, and other entertainments. No place except a chapel or school-room is at present available for such purposes, and some of the leading spirits of the place are desirous of building suitable premises to supply this want. The idea is to be commended, and we trust to hear of progress being made with the project.

The musical performances at Cornsay, which were once second to none in the surrounding district, are now seldom heard of. Can music cease to charm, or the Choral Society be broken up in a place where instruments are so numerous? The sweet notes of the piano, the rich mellow sound of the American organ, and the dull sound of the cottage harmonium, mingled with the thrilling notes from the violin and English concertina, are frequently heard. There is plenty of talent in the district to give occasional concerts during the winter months.

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon. Members present:—Messrs A. Brown (in the chair), Wm. Rutherford, P. Reay, and the clerk (Mr Wm. Dickinson).—The attendance officer's and the master's reports were received. It was found that the teachers were attending well to their duties. Two had been absent through illness, but were now able to take their work.—There was brought before the Board the subject of extending the interval for dinner, when the school will re-assemble for the afternoon at two o'clock instead of 1·15 as heretofore, and be closed at 4·15. This was agreed to for a trial, believing it would give more time for the children to exercise themselves before they had to commence their afternoon's work.—Number of children on the books, 428; average attendance for the month, 360; cash received for school fees, £18 12s; books sold, 15s; total received, £19 7s.—Cheques were signed for the following amounts:

	£	s.	d.
For goods received..................	4	0	0
Salaries of teachers	61	0	0
Total	265	0	0
Cash in bank	332	10	0
Less the above expenditure......	65	0	0
Leaving a balance of	£267	10	0

Death of a Well-Known Character.—Mrs Urwin, the landlady of the Grey Bull Inn, Stanhope, died on Monday morning. She was well-known and highly respected.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

Leadgate—18th inst., the wife of Thomas Bell, of twins—sons.

Allendale Cottages—Chapel Row, 14th inst., the wife of William Page, of a daughter.

Westwood—5th inst., the wife of J. Davison, of a daughter.

Dipton—11th inst., the wife of John Glenwright, of a son.

Newcastle—Grosvenor Road, 18th inst., the wife of J. B. Lazenby, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Lanchester—Register Office, 9th inst., C. Littlewood, Cornsay, to G. A. Sander, Quebec.—Same day, H. Hunter to M. E. Reay, both of West Stanley.—Same day, William Nicholson to A. Hunter, both of Dipton.—Same day, R. W. Waine to R. Lawson, both of Cornsay Colliery.—Same day, S. Oldfield to M. Rainbow, both of South Moor.—12th inst., Walton Holmes to Simpson, both of Quebec.—13th inst., Thomas Carr, to A. J. Macgregor, both of Kyo.—16th inst., George Newmarch to Jane Maudlin, both of Blackhill.—Same day, S. Oliver, Consett, to I. Bell, Blackhill.—Same day, F. Pears, Crookhall, to E. Whitfield, Consett.—Same day, E. Blythe to D. Hayward, both of Lintz Colliery.

Whitburn—Parish Church, 19th inst., John Bell, only son of Jackson and M. Blades, Achwick, to Sarah, second daughter of the late Nicholas and Margaret Rippon, Chester-le-Street.

Newcastle—St James's Parish Church, Benwell, 18th inst., John William, only surviving son of the late W. Harrison, Tow Law, to Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie), eldest daughter of John Vickery, South Benwell, Newcastle.

DEATHS.

Consett—Middle Street, 19th inst., aged 6 months, William, infant son of Alex. Roberts, innkeeper. Was interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on the 21st inst.

7, Puddlers' Row, 19th inst., in his 47th year, Ralph, the dearly beloved husband of Mary A. Bell. Interment at Benfieldside to-day (Friday) at Three p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation.

56, Princess Street, 20th inst., aged 59, William Thomas. To be interred at Blackhill on Saturday, at Three o'clock. Friends, please accept this intimation.

Medomsley—Hat and Feather, Derwent Cottages, 20th inst., aged 27, Sarah Jane Armstrong, only and beloved daughter of William Armstrong, and the late Mary Armstrong. Interment at Medomsley, on Saturday first, at Three o'clock. All friends please accept this, the only intimation.

Lanchester — 13th inst., Frances Jane, fourth daughter of the late William Walton Thompson.

Hanging Stone—15th inst., aged 36, Abigail, wife of Thomas Anderson.

Dipton—18th inst., aged 40, Elizabeth Ann, wife of John Hardy.

Tow Law—13th inst., aged 47, George Kimber, late of Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Burnhope—16th inst., aged 43, Joseph, beloved husband of Susannah Makepeace, and youngest son of the late Joseph and Ann Makepeace, of Cushet Leazes. Interred at Muggleswick on the 19th inst.

Stanhope—Grey Bull Inn, 17th inst., aged 78, Elizabeth Urwin, widow of the late Nicholas Urwin.

19th inst., aged 39, Margaret Lonsdale, widow of the late John Lonsdale.

Middle Friarside—18th inst., Matthew Edward Riddle, late of Ridsdale, husband of Catherine Riddle.

West Pelton—17th inst., aged 73, William, husband of Elizabeth Morris.

Pelton—19th inst., Mrs Winship, widow of the late James Winship.

Winlaton—Church Street, 17th inst., aged 1 year and 8 months, Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Henry and the late Isabella Oliver.

Prudhoe—In her 80th year, Mary, relict of the late James Blackburn.

16th inst., George, husband of Mary Ann Tweddle.

Ryton—The Lawn, 15th inst., in his 7th year, Claude Wentworth John, son of Robert Ormston Lamb.

Greenside—13th inst., aged 70, suddenly, John Wilkinson.

In affectionate memory of James Wilkinson, butcher, the beloved husband of Ellen Wilkinson, of Tow Law, who departed this life the 24th May, 1890.

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