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LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

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

LAMPS IN BENFIELDSIDE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I should feel obliged if any of the members of the Benfieldside Local Board would give me information on the following subject:—What would it cost to keep the public lamps of the township lit for a month later in the spring, and to re-light them a month earlier in the autumn?

What increase would this necessitate in the rates, and what difference would it make in the year to the average householder, financially?

The nights, for instance, for the past fortnight have been as dark, after nine o'clock, as they are in midwinter, and the want of light in our highways has been severely felt.

It seems to me that the policy of the Board in the matter of public lighting is a mistaken one, and that the township of Benfieldside, with its large and increasing population, should be better off in this respect during the summer months, than a mere country village.—Yours truly,

ENQUIRER.

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—There appears to be an impression abroad that the "Model" Building Society's last sale at £45 5s per £100, was at the rate of under 3 per cent. interest, and that if the same amount had been borrowed from a "Permanent" Building Society at 6 per cent the cost would have been over £90. Perhaps it will interest your readers to know that the following is the correct comparison:—

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Working expenses for 16⅔ years at 1s. 6d.	1	5	0
	46	10	0
Cost in "Permanent" Building Society for £100 for 16⅔ years repayable at £6 per year, charging 6 per cent. interest and allowing 5 per cent. on repayments	41	1	3

Another impression is that in the "Model" 150 to 200 members will have their appropriations in 15 to 20 years. I have worked the figures out, and find, that if there were no withdrawals (an impossibility), and every member paid his subscriptions regularly, there would be not more than 75 appropriations at the beginning of the fifteenth year, but as a matter of fact, we have an illustration of how these societies work out, in a "Starr-Bowkett" not 100 miles from Consett, out of 500 members who joined, we find that in 11 years, about 50 have had their appropriations and about 200 have withdrawn. Each of these 200 persons have not only received no interest for their money, which they might have had, had they placed it elsewhere, but have been charged in addition with the working expenses of the society. These 200 persons have probably been compelled to withdraw through distress or irregular employment. In "Permanent" Building Societies the borrower has the satisfaction of knowing that the lender receives his interest, and that he reaps no advantage from their misfortunes. Yours faithfully,

VIDE ET CREDE.

P.S.—I am not a member of any Building Society.
Consett, April 28th 1891.

CONSETT Y.M.C.A. AND THE DRAMA.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—There are many besides myself who will have read with interest "Old Crow's" notes in your issue of the 1st inst. Whilst recognising the sincerity of his remarks in supporting the drama, I cannot help thinking that "Old Crow" might have exercised a little of that spirit of charity which he so earnestly commends to his readers, and more especially to those of my friends connected with the Y.M.C.A.—particularly in his criticism of the letter signed "Member Y.M.C.A." That letter, I admit, is rather vague, but surely "Old Crow" does not think that the correspondent in question really wishes us to believe that all dramatic writings are "in the language of the sewer." Yet it would appear to be the case, judging from "Old Crow's" remarks. A noble, if somewhat indiscriminate list of names is given, and the reader is left to suppose that "Member Y.M.C.A." think all these great dramatists' and novelists' works are written "in the language of the sewer." Yet, I am inclined to think that "Member Y.M.C.A." would be last to intentionally give expression to such a view, and would be the first to repudiate any statement that he held it. I question whether any sane man could be found to speak of Shakespeare's works as written "in the language of the sewer." "Old Crow" claims, and rightly, that the drama is a source of amusement, recreation, and instruction. The finest literary productions of the world are dramas. The Bible itself contains some of the finest specimens of dramatic writing. In fact, every dialogue is, rightly understood, a drama.

No one with any knowledge of English literature, especially that of the Elizabethian period, can fail to observe the wonderful educational results of the drama. In that age of Elizabeth, an age of terrible extremes, Shakespeare in his dramas touched the great heart of English life, and by portraying them as he found them, in all their selfishness and pride and lust; in all, too, of the grandeur and nobility, he roused men from their low dramas, quickened in them the sense of right and duty (too long slumbering), and roused them to nobler and grander efforts.

Had the Y.M.C.A. attacked the theatre instead of the drama, they would have had more reasonable grounds for complaint. By the theatre I do not so much refer to the building itself, as to its associations. Is it not a fact that the majority of immoral houses in our cities are in the vicinity of theatres? Many, if not most theatres, run a bar, and that is where many a young fellow goes wrong. I know that there are many theatres managed on the best principles, that pure noble men and women are connected with them. I know, too, that many go to the theatre and leave better men and women in every respect; but, unfortunately, these are in a serious minority. Over and against this side of the question I place the crowds of gilded youths and poor drunken harlots who swarm our theatre, and ply their miserable traffic around its door. The words of Macready come to my mind here. Writing towards the close of his life he says, "None of my children, with my consent, under any pretence, shall ever enter the theatre, nor shall they have any visiting connection with play-actors or actresses." Not for one moment do I question the purity of "Old Crow's" motives in defending the theatre, but surely he is not blind to the evil effects which the theatre, in conjunction with its associations, has upon the life of the young men and maidens portion of the community. What the issue of this discussion will be I cannot, of course, determine; but I trust that one result will be in raising a desire for the purification of our modern theatre, so that Christian men and women may go there perfectly sure that vice will be portrayed so as to render it repulsive, and not as is too often the case to-day, attractive.—Yours, &c.,

HAMLET.
Shotley Bridge, May 5th, 1891.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I have noticed with interest the correspondence in your valued paper with regard to theatre-going. It seems to me your correspondents, the members of the Y.M.C.A., take rather extreme views of the subject. "Old Crow's" remarks were certainly wide of the mark, and seemed to me immature. It could not be the result of any deep thought that led him to say 'there could be no harm in going to a building.' The same building might be a school, a church, or an office, according to what was enacted within it. It is the fact that "plays" are enacted within it that constitutes it a theatre.

I am willing to accept the facts of the Y.M.C.A. contingent *partly*. I grant there are many obscene acts and coarse jokes; but certainly it is a hard thing to say that the girls at the theatre—"Member Y.M.C.A.'s" words would imply *all* the girls—are of questionable morals. It is very like that most uncharitable maxim sometimes quoted, "Take every man to be a thief till you prove him an honest man." Are we to set down those girls as being immoral until we prove their morality? Certainly not.

Then how can anyone say there is nothing to instruct in a theatre? Surely there is no better method of instructing in manners, customs, habits, etc., of olden times than in the representation of such plays as Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "Julius Cæsar"? Who does not learn to scorn such weakness as exists in "Macbeth", or to admire and yet deplore the determination in "Lady Macbeth"? If anyone says such can be learnt from reading the plays, I say to them these plays were never meant only for reading, and that a live representation by skilled and intelligent artistes, such as are found in our best companies, will make an improvement more lasting than half-a-dozen readings. He must be shallow, prejudiced, and superficial indeed who could learn nothing from "The Lights o' London," "The Silver King," and such-like plays. Trusting you may find space for the above—I am, sir, yours, &c.,

STEPHEN GEORGE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Most of the members of the Y.M.C.A., and particularly those whose letters have appeared, seem to think that "Old Crow" has presumed to take liberties with the Debating Society. "Old Crow" was, I think, perfectly within his rights as to criticising such a report. Now, had the report been in full, as it decidedly ought to have been, "Old Crow" and other individuals would have seen the arguments on both sides, and then there would have been no occasion to begin to criticise through the papers. The letter of the hon. sec. gives sufficient explanation of what the class was formed for, and he also seems to think the same as the other members—that "Old Crow" has touched upon something not open to him; but when I read the letter from "Member Y.M.C.A." I wonder what sort of a gentleman he must be that could put together such a splendid piece of composition—such "irony," such "bitterness." If that is the style of oratory he uses when addressing the society, those who are not so well up in speaking as he appears to be will stand a poor chance of being heard at all. One would think that "Member" had reason to hate theatres, as he writes so ungentlemanly and sarcastic a letter. If he had endeavoured to show to "Old Crow" his reasons for going so terribly against theatres, he might have been the means of opening more people's eyes to his own opinions than "Old Crow"; and if he had written plain argument and proof, he would have done a greater amount of good than he can ever hope to do by irony, sarcasm, and bitterness.

I have heard that the question of the morals of ladies connected with the stage was not adopted at the discussion, but when opened it was stopped at once, and the question was merely a discussion of the "Morality or immorality" of the pieces put upon the stage.—I remain, yours truly,

STRANGER.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—As a visitor to the Y.M.C.A. Debating Class, I am glad that the members have had the courage to reply to "Old Crow," and, that you, sir, have opened the columns of your valuable paper to the discussion of this important subject. This question has often been asked whether theatre-going had a moral or immoral tendency, but it was not always answered satisfactorily. My firm opinion is that it has a decided tendency to lower the moral standard of those who frequent them. It is often remarked that the theatre of to-day is being purified, and is a successful teacher of morals and the like. "But is this a fact?" Does this purification take place? Is not the average theatre a school of immorals rather than of morals? Are the average plays generally elevated in tone, and helpful to the soul in its better impulses? Is propriety of speech and action of dress and demeanour always observed? Are the associations and accessories, such as foster that which is noble, good, honest, and true? What is the atmosphere of the ordinary theatre of the gallery and the pit? Does it continue to incite to vice or virtue? Does it help a man to live a better or noble life? Rather does it not give him false conceptions of life and duty, and make him dissatisfied with his surroundings; and do the majority of plays not throw the halo of truth around that which is false and sensational? Now these are questions which every man and woman must ask themselves. If the theatre be the abode of truth and virtue go to it; but, if not, pause ere you enter it. If there be danger to mind, and heart in its representations and associations, if it would give a feverishness to ordinary life, if it would make religion, service, and duty less pleasant, then stay away from it. Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter, I subscribe myself, yours truly,

JOHN TOPHAM.

April 28th, 1891.

THE HALF-HOLIDAY MOVEMENT.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I should be glad to see tradesmen of Consett of one mind, and agree to give the half-day holiday every week. None of them would loss by it, and I know that the most influential of them are in favour of it; but it seems there is someone still stands out against it. Would it not be as well for the rest of the tradesmen to close, and let the public (whose sympathy I am sure we have) see who the objecting party is.

GROCER.

April 6th, 1891.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, May 5th.—Before Rev Chancellor ESPIN (chairman), and Rev T. H. E. ESPIN.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were fined for being drunk during the month:—*Thomas Jackson, John Bussey, Jane Plews, Amos Park, Michael McCullah, John Fleming,* and *Patrick McGurk.*

HIGHWAY ACT.

Thomas Hull, auctioneer, was charged by Sergeant Briens with causing an obstruction on the highway at Wolsingham, on the 24th ult., by holding a sale and causing a number of people to congregate on the highway. Defendant was represented by his son, who said they had been in business a long time now, and had never been summoned before for obstruction, and asked where they could hold the sale? He was told they should have gone into the market-place.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

THE EXCISE ACT.

Anthony Lamb was charged by Mr W. Walton, Inland Revenue Officer, with shooting a hare, on the 21st of January, without having the necessary game license. Defendant, who was represented by Mr J. J. Devey, pleaded guilty in a certain sense, but ignorant of the fact that his action was illegal, as he had a license which he thought was all that was necessary.—The Bench intimated to him that not only must the authority to shoot hares be in writing, but such authority must be registered with the clerk of the magistrates for that particular parish, otherwise a hare cannot be shot with a 10s license.—Fined 10s and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

Henry Lough, John Dixon, James Carr, and *Jos. Robson* were summoned by Mr Garraway, school attendance officer, for neglecting to send their children to school.—Lined 5s each.

NEIGHBOURS' QUARRELS AT TOW LAW.

Hannah Fernhaugh was summoned by Margaret Robinson for using threatening language to her at Tow Law, on the 12th ult.

Margaret Robinson was also summoned by Hannah Fernhaugh with assaulting her at Tow Law, on the 14th ult.—The Bench considered both parties at fault, and bound them each over to keep the peace for three months.

SKINNY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer," greatest remedy on earth for dyspepsia, nervous weakness, indigestion, impotence of mind, limb, or vital functions, mental or physical decline. At Chemists.

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

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation, inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents, King Edward Street, London, E.C.

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.

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.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and works wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve men, but unquestionably the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. There effects are truly wonderful and hundreds are happy to-day who once looked forward to an early grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma Loss of Voice, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Croup, or any Affection whatever of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pill will positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to all, and can unhesitatingly say they are the only sure cure for Throat and Lung Affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d, and 2s. 9d. Box sent post free on receipt of 15 or 36 stamps. Wm. Mather, Wholesale Druggists, Manchester.

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.

Wolsingham, 77; Tow Law, 46. At Tow Law. This match opened the season.

Crookhall Juveniles beat Consett Excelsior, the scores being:—Juveniles, 32; Excelsior, 28.

Kyo Rocks, 19; Iveston Juniors, 4. Played at Iveston.

The Beamish True Blues would like to arrange matches with any junior teams; ages from 14 to 17. All dates vacant. Secretary, F. Kay, Eden Place, Beamish.

CHESTER-LE-STREET 2ND v PHILADELPHIA 2ND.—Played on the ground of the latter. Score:—Philadelphia, 133 for four wickets; Chester-le-Street, 38.

Consett Excelsiors 1st and 2nd teams would like to arrange matches with good junior clubs; ages 10 to 10. Address, A. T. Swainston, Middle Street, Consett.

BENWELL HILL v CONSETT 1st.

Played at Benwell. The visitors batted first on a good wicket, and showed steady form throughout. The home team had scarcely an hour to get the runs, but H. and P. Westmacott made an excellent start, and after two other wickets had fallen it was left to Hughes and Pauletich to make an exciting finish, making eight runs in the last over, the winning hit being the last ball of the match on the stroke of time. Score:—

CONSETT.		BENWELL.	
G Walton b Wadham	12	H Westmacott c Williamson b Dales	10
W Turnbull b Wadham	3	P Westmacott c Williamson b Maddison	3
J R Richards b Wadham	7	Towns b Maddison	2
T D Dales b Illingworth	11	Timmins c Siddell b Maddison	1
J Siddell b Wadham	6	Pauletich not out	11
Mat Williamson b Illingworth	0	Hughes not out	20
S Rayner c Jackson b Wadham	3	Rankin Illingworth Wadham Jackson Asquith	To bat.
J Maddison b Wadham	0		
S Templeton b Wadham	2		
Lancaster not out	0		
Beattie c and b Illingworth	1		
Extras	5	Extras	5
Total	50	Total	52

CONSETT 2ND v BENWELL HILL 2ND.

Played at Consett, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. Score:—

BENWELL.		CONSETT.	
J Caisley b Robinson	2	J McTaggart c Simpson	23
J Phillipson b Wynne	1	J G Murray b Smith	1
T Clark c and b Robinson	0	W Gibson c Phillipson	10
G Hill b Robinson	5	J Askew not out	1
T Holmes c Murray	4	M Hobday c Smith	0
W Davey b Robinson	8	T T Gray c Wood	7
R Burns c and b Robinson	0	T D Robinson b Phillipson	11
A D Wood (sub) b Robinson	0	R Heymer l b w b Phillipson	0
G Smith b Robinson	1	R Watson b Phillipson	0
G Simpson b Robinson	0	W Jenkins to bat	
W Smith not out	6	Dr Wynne ,,	
Extras	5	Extras	4
Total	32	Total	57

MEDOMSLEY 1st v CORNSAY.

Played at Medomsley, and resulted in a win for the home team by 12 runs and three wickets. R. Campbell performed the hat trick. Score:—

CORNSAY.		MEDOMSLEY.	
R Johnson b W Cant	3	M Charlton b Milburn	18
J Milburn b R Cant	8	R Cant c Johnson	3
W Davis b Campbell	7	M Milburn b Slater	7
W Gray b G E Milburn	1	Dr Mann b Slater	0
J Slater b G E Milburn	2	R Campbell c Davis	16
J Hodgson b Campbell	14	G Moon b Slater	6
J Raw lbw b Campbell	0	G E Milburn not out	8
W Hodgson b Campbell	0	W Cant c Johnson	0
J Dawson b W E Charlton	0	W E Charlton not out	4
J Adamson b R Cant	5	F Archer to bat	
J Lowes not out	1	W Baron ,,	
Extras	9	Extras	6
Total	50	Total	62

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v WESTWOOD.

Played on the Spa Ground, Shotley Bridge. Although rain interfered a little with the play the game was a very pleasant one. It was the opening match of the season for both teams. Shotley Bridge won by 31 runs. Score:—

WESTWOOD.		SHOTLEY BRIDGE.	
J Lonsdale c Laverton	3	T Bell c and b Clark	7
J Clark b Seed	8	E Bell b Mason	0
J W Anderson c Bell	1	G Stokoe b Mason	0
H Wigham b Postle	2	J Robson b Mason	0
R Chaytor b Seed	0	J T Middleton b Clark	0
J Lonsdale b Seed	0	J Postle b Mason	4
R Bell st T Bell	0	F Richardson b Mason	0
W Bell b Seed	0	T Barmby b Mason	0
W Mason not out	0	J Seed b Mason	0
J Cayter b Seed	0	S Leadbitter c Clark	13
J Clark c E Bell	5	S Laverton not out	21
Extras	3	Extras	8
Total	22	Total	53

CHESTER-LE-STREET v PHILADELPHIA.

The season was commenced at Chester-le-Street with a match against Philadelphia. The home team won by seven, beating the visitors for the first time. Score:—

CHESTER-LE-STREET.		PHILADELPHIA.	
S Shepherd c Saxon b W Lee	11	J Dakers b Bewicke	1
D Shepherd b W Lee	0	J Saxon b T Middleton	13
T Middleton b W Lee	8	J Lee c Halliday b W Middleton	13
J Bewicke b W J Lee	10	J Young c Halliday b D Shepherd	5
G Kerrich-Walker b J Young	26	R Redpath b W Middleton	3
J Witherspoon c J Dakers b Young	3	W Hart b S Shepherd	10
G Halliday c and b Young	0	J E Freak b W Middleton	2
W Middleton b W Lee	0	W Lee not out	14
D Moore b W Lee	7	J Potts l b w b S. Shepherd	1
E Bennett not out	3	J Boyd b T Middlet'n	5
T Hall b J Young	3	J Kirtley b W Middleton	1
Extras	8	Extras	4
Total	79	Total	72

WEST STANLEY v GREENSIDE.

Played at Stanley. The home team were without five of their first team, but managed, through the batting of Knox, Curry, and Dodds, to reach 93, and the game resulted in a draw greatly in favour of the home team, J. Hall, sen., being the only one to make any stand against the home bowling. Score:—

STANLEY.		GREENSIDE.	
R Holmes b Hall	0	J Hall c I Harkness b Benfold	6
R Gibson b Armatage	3	T Armstrong b I Harkness	4
R Knox b Armstrong	20	J Hall, sen., c Gibson b Benfold	20
P Harkness b Armstrong	0	J Fellis b I Harkness	0
I Harkness b Hall	8	J Armatage run out	0
J Benfold run out	7	T Maughan b P Harkness	6
J Curry c Hall b Armatage	16	G Hall c Holmes b Benfold	10
W Dodds not out	12	G Forster not out	0
D Temple b Forster	6	M Pyle b P Harkn'ss	2
J Wilcock b Forster	0	H Richardson to bat	
W Brydon b Hall	1	W Richardson ,,	
Extras	11	Extras	1
Total	93	Total	49

CRAGHEAD 2ND v WEST STANLEY.

Played at Craghead with nine men each. The visitors won easily. Score:—

STANLEY.		CRAGHEAD.	
T Christopher b R Maines	1	R Peacock c Wilson b Smith	3
M Smith c Carr b Maines	8	R Maines run out	3
E Gailes b Maines	10	R Carr b Smith	1
T Siddle b R Maines	18	C Pomeroy not out	18
J Siddle b Maines	0	G Maines b Gibson	0
W Gibson b Maines	26	J Brown b Gibson	0
T Curry b Maines	0	F Tuck run out	2
T Dodds b Maines	2	M Giss run out	2
T Wilson not out	0	W Tuck c & b Smith	0
Extras	10	Extras	3
Total	75	Total	31

BURNHOPE v SOUTH MOOR.

Played at Burnhope, and ended in win for the home team. Score:—

SOUTH MOOR.		BURNHOPE.	
W Greathead b Ridley	0	E Ridley b Liddle	16
R Nichol b Ridley	10	J Dyson b Dixon	3
W Dixon c Robinson	3	M Heslop b Wilkinson	2
M Liddle b Gair	0	J Mason c Welsh	25
T Wilkinson b Gair	0	G Turton b Wilkinson	3
E Smith b Gair	2	R Fenwick b Welsh	0
M Baker run out	1	A Lees b Liddle	1
W Nichol run out	0	A Heckels b Welsh	8
G Stacey b Ridley	1	C Cummings b Wilkinson	7
G Dixon b Gair	0	J Robinson c Welsh	2
T Welsh not out	0	R Armstrong not out	1
Extras	5	Extras	7
Total	22	Total	75

WOLSINGHAM v TOW LAW.

Played at Tow Law, resulting in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

WOLSINGHAM.		TOW LAW.	
T Wharton run out	12	J Hildreth c Renahan b Vasey	13
W Renahan b Iley	7	J Iley c Renahan b Wilkinson	3
J Vasey c Beckwith b Hildreth	5	H Slater b Wilkinson	2
M Lambert run out	27	J Hildreth c Wharton b Vasey	8
R Wilkinson b Hildreth	3	F Ward b Wilkinson	2
G Turp b Hildreth	0	J Temperley b Vasey	2
R Etherington c Hildreth b Iley	14	T Potts b Vasey	0
J Coulson b Slater	3	E Beckwith b Vasey	5
P Burke c Iley b Robson	0	J Kirtley b Vasey	1
E Sanderson b Slater	2	J Robson b Etherington	0
T Iley not out	1	J Allison not out	4
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total	77	Total	46

EAST STANLEY NOBBLERS v WALDRIDGE FELL.

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

EAST STANLEY.		WALDRIDGE FELL.	
G Bigg run out	1	W Sewell b Fitches	0
N Summerbell b W Sewell	10	W Bellerby run out	0
T Shield b Sewell	3	G Ruindon b Fitches	15
J Shield run out	2	J Lowes b Fitches	1
C Fitches run out	5	C Morgan b Pattins'n	1
J Pattinson c Bellerby b Sewell	8	W Frazer b Pattinson	0
J Piper not out	14	J Teasdale run out	0
W Watson b Bellerby	9	G Race run out	1
T Westgarth c Teasdale	1	J Cossor b Pattinson	1
J Bdman c Sewell	0	W Nesbitt not out	1
R Summerbell b J Lowes	3	R Hutchinson run out	0
Extras	14	Extras	9
Total	70	Total	29

OXHILL v USWORTH.

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

OXHILL.		USWORTH.	
J Middlemast lbw b Black	0	J Rodham c Ritchie b Raine	5
R Henderson b Barker	0	W Gordon b Raine	8
J Ritchie b Black	0	D Black b Raine	7
W Raine b Black	2	J Smith b Raine	11
R Palmer b Barker	1	J Barker b Raine	5
E Graham c Black	0	J Lumsden c and b Middlemast	13
J Richardson b Bark'r	10	J Barker b Middlemast	24
J Charlton run out	0	R Black st Ritchie b Raine	3
R Ritchie run out	4	R Robinson b Raine	0
G Collins not out	0	J Marshall not out	11
R Palmer b Barker	0	J McMann b Raine	1
Extras	0	Extras	8
Total	17	Total	96

TUDHOE v USHAW MOOR.

Played at Tudhoe, and resulted in a draw. Score:—

USHAW MOOR.		TUDHOE.	
C Smith b Hutchinson	24	E H Wainford b Harding	0
W Harding b Faulkner	1	C Snowdon c Hudson	10
J Gilroy b Snowdon	3	W Hall b Ogg	9
G Browning c Charlton	12	R Charlton b Harding	1
R Hope b Snowdon	1	W Hodgson b Ogg	0
W Tennick c Faulkner	6	G Urwin c Browning	11
W Hill not out	20	T Tarthing not out	3
T Woodhall c Hall	5	R Hutchinson not out	1
N Ogg c Wainford	3	B Urwin M Taylor W Faulkner	To bat.
A Hudson c Snowdon	0		
J Hutchinson run out	0		
Extras	3	Extras	4
Total	78	Total	39

TANFIELD v THE LIZZIE.

Played at The Lizzie, and resulted in a win for Tanfield by nine runs. Score:—

TANFIELD.		THE LIZZIE.	
J R Jones b Thompson	8	W Porter b Robinson	0
M Robson b Thompson	8	R Tindall l b w b Charlton	8
W Robinson b Tindall	2	F Thomps'n b Wallace	8
J Charlton b Thompson	0	L Simpson c Reay	3
E Reay b Thompson	4	J Robinson b Robins'n	0
W Charlton c Thompson	12	S Smith b Robinson	0
M Pattinson b Thompson	0	J Stobbart c Mossom	5
T Mossom b Tindall	2	W Rotherford c Jones	7
W Wallace b Thompson	8	J Mason not out	9
W Hetherington b Tindall	0	J Stobbart c Robinson	0
J Allan not out	0	T Smith b Robinson	0
Extras	13	Extras	6
Total	55	Total	46

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v CONSETT FELL.

Played at West Pelton before a large number of spectators. The visitors won the toss, and choose to field. On the home team occupying the wickets, J. W. Armin (34), J. Hall (14), and J. Pinkney (14) batted in splendid style, the home team declaring their innings at an end when seven wickets were down. The visitors were dismissed for 26, owing to the splendid bowling of Messrs Brayson, Hall, and Barrass. Score:—

VIOLETS.		CONSETT FELL.	
H Theobald b Bullock	11	R Lowes b Brayson	0
J W Armin c and b Bullock	34	J Williams b Brayson	5
J W Theobald b Low's	0	T Watson not out	1
J Lee b Bullock	1	J Lowes b Brayson	3
H Barrass run out	5	G Charlton c Theobald b Hall	4
J Hall b Bullock	14	J Wilkinson b Hall	1
J Pinkney b Lowes	14	T Bullock c Theobald b Brayson	6
J Brayson not out	7	A Kempster b Hall	0
G Barrass not out	12	T Unsworth run out	0
A Barrass to bat		W Walker b Barrass	0
M Pigford ,,		T Longworth c and b Hall	3
Extras	24	Extras	3
Total	122	Total	26

CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "L.B.W."]

Once more the cricket season is with us, and after the long innings enjoyed by the chasers of the big ball, it will doubtless prove a welcome change. Cricket in County Durham this season seems likely to be a great advance on previous years, as the League will no doubt turn out to be of immense advantage in improving the status of the game. The fight for the cup is sure to prove very exciting, seeing that so many of the "crack" teams will not be engaged in the struggle, and the issue will consequently partake of a much more open character. I shall be pleased at all times to receive items of interest from secretaries of clubs which is likely to be entertaining to my readers.

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CONSETT COMMENCE INAUSPICIOUSLY.

It cannot by any stretch of imagination be said that the opening match of the Consett and District Club was of an encouraging nature. In the first place, Consett could only muster nine men on Saturday to make the journey to Benwell to meet the Benwell Hill club, and in the second they were lacking the valuable services of both their captain and vice-captain. However, they succeeded in making up their eleven by obtaining the services of Beattie (of the home club) and Lancaster (late of Shotley Bridge, but now resident in Newcastle).

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The visitors batted first, Walton and Turnbull opening the defence. The latter soon succumbed to Wadham, but Walton batted very steadily and put together a creditable 12. Nobody else, barring Dales (11), could do much against the excellent trundling of Wadham, and the total just reached half-a-century. Benwell Hill had very little time to spare if they wished to win, but they set about their task in capital style, and eventually scored the winning hit just before time. Hughes (20 not out), Pauletich (11 not out), and H. Westmacott (10) showed some excellent cricket. Maddison secured three of the four wickets that fell.

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MEDOMSLEY GOING STRONGLY.

The above club, who commenced the season in promising fashion by defeating West Stanley on the latter's ground, followed it up by serving Cornsay in a similar manner on Saturday last. The latter match was played at Medomsley in beautiful weather. The visitors were the first to take up their position at the wickets, and several of them showed very good form. J. Hodgson led the way with a nicely played 14, and Davis and Milburn likewise displayed creditable form, the aggregate finally reaching 50. Campbell was the most successful of the home bowlers, and brought off the "hat trick."

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The home captain sent in M. Charlton and R. Cant to commence the task of knocking off the runs required to secure a victory. Two or three wickets soon fell, but on Campbell joining Charlton, the issue was placed beyond doubt. Campbell was eventually dismissed for a meritorious 16. Charlton, who made the top score at Stanley on the previous Saturday, again achieved a similar honour. His score of 18 was the result of splendid cricket, and he is one of the most promising young bats in the district. At the call of time Medomsley had put on 62 runs, and thus gained a somewhat easy victory by 12 runs and three wickets. Slater bowled capitally for Cornsay.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE IN FORM.

Westwood were the visitors to the famous Spa Grounds on Saturday. The visitors, in spite of many discouragements, come up smiling every season. Westwood made a very poor display with the bat, and were all dismissed for 22, no less than six of them securing the unenviable "duck." Seed, of the second eleven, bowled in splendid form for Shotley. At the commencement of the home team's innings the total did not seem likely to be much in advance of the visitors' score; but Leadbitter and Laverton offered an unexpected resistance to the bowling, and the total amounted to the respectable one of 53. Curiously enough, all the scoring was done by four men—Laverton (21 not out), Leadbitter (13), T. Bell (7), and Postle (4), all of whom were seen to advantage.

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WEST STANLEY GAIN A MORAL VICTORY.

Notwithstanding that they were playing without five of their first team, time alone prevented them from gaining a victory over Greenside. Batting first, the home team (Stanley) put together the capital score of 93. Knox was top-sawyer with a well-played 20, and Curry and Dodds contributed useful scores of 16 and 12 (not out) respectively. Several other members of the team also batted well. J. Hall, sen. (20) and G. Hall (10) were the only ones to distinguish themselves for the visitors, who, when time put a stop to further play, had only made 49 for the loss of eight wickets, and have thus to thank the old scythe-bearer for saving them from defeat.

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THE "CITIZENS" BEAT PHILADELPHIA.

Chester-le-Street opened their season in splendid style by gaining their first victory over the strong Philadelphians. Kerrich-Walker compiled an excellent 26 for the winners, and S. Shepherd (11) and Bewicke (10) helped to swell the total to 79. This proved rather too much for the visitors, who could only realise an aggregate of 72, and were thus beaten by seven runs. The best form on the losing side was shown by W. Lee (14 not out), Saxon and J. Lee (13 each), and Hart (10). W. Lee bowled in good form for Philadelphia, as did W. Middleton for Chester-le-Street. On this form the "citizens" should experience a most successful season.

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BURNHOPE WIN EASILY.

Burnhope made short work of South Moor on Saturday, as they beat the latter easily by 53 runs. Mason (25) and Ridley (16) played good cricket for their scores; and Nichol (10) was the only one to make any show for South Moor, who were all out for the poor total of 22. In addition to his good batting, Ridley also bowled in admirable form, and seems a very useful man.

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CONSETT 2ND OPEN WITH A WIN.

Consett 2nd gained a creditable victory on Saturday over Benwell Hill 2nd, who are a very fair team. Not one of the visitors (Benwell) reached double figures, the bowling of Robinson (who secured eight wickets for 12 runs) being much too good for them. For Consett, J. McTaggart led the way with a capital 23, Robinson (11), and Wm. Gibson (10) also being in good form. The home team were victorious by 25 runs and two wickets, and should have a good season before them.

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MEDOMSLEY 2ND JUST WIN.

Medomsley 2nd just managed to win their opening match with Blaydon 2nd, on the latter's ground, by the narrow majority of five runs. Mr "Extras" was top score for Blaydon with 13, the total reaching 34. For some time it looked as if this would be too much for the visitors, but some clean and vigorous hitting by Thompson (18 not out) turned the scales in favour of Medomsley. The credit of the victory entirely rests with the Medomsley hon. sec., whose batting and bowling were the features of the match.

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CRICKET UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Consett Fell set out on Saturday by brake to play their first fixture with the West Pelton Violets, and after travelling in various wrong directions they at length discovered the Violets' ground. The latter is a very curious piece of turf, as along one side there is a small mountain, and whenever the fieldsman misses a ball coming in that direction, the leather bounds down this hill at lightning pace. At one time it was usual to allow eight runs when the ball ran down this declivity, but it has since been reduced to four. The home team have the ground off to a nicety, and the clever way in which they can steer the leather down the mountain is a caution to snakes.

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In the match under notice, the visitors won the toss, but being nearly perished through driving about in the cold and rain, they deputed the Violets to bat. The latter made good use of their opportunity, and when they had obtained 122 runs for seven wickets, applied the closure. Armin played a splendid innings of 34, Mr "Extras" coming a good second with 24. Useful totals were also contributed by Hall and Pinkney (14 each), G. Barrass (12 not out), and H. Theobald (11). On the Fell taking up their position at the wickets, they made but a feeble display, being all dismissed for 26, the home team thus securing an easy victory. Brayson and Hall were very effective with the leather. It is only fair to state that the Violets are not satisfied with their ground, and have repeatedly tried to obtain another, but unsuccessfully.

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Football.

ASSOCIATION.

DERWENT COTTAGES RAMBLERS v LEADGATE EAST END.—Played on the former's ground, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for the Ramblers by two goals to nil.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v WHICKHAM.—Played at Whickham on Wednesday night week, and after a very poor game the visitors won by three goals to one.

LEADGATE ST. IVES A v LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART.—This match was played on the ground of the former, and after a very hard game the "Saints" won bp two goals to nil. The following represented the winners:—Goal, J. Turnbull; backs, R. Ward and G. Foster; half-backs, G. Willey, W. Turnbull, and J. Iley; forwards, I. Lee and J. Paul, right wing; J. Lock, centre; W. Crowther and G. Temple, left wing.

LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART v LEADGATE WHITE STAR.—These teams met on the ground of the former to play their return match on Thursday se'nnight, and after a pleasant game resulted in an easy victory for the Science and Art by four goals to none. The winners were represented by the following:—Goal, L. Hardy; backs, C. Todd and J. Allister; half-backs, T. Rowe, P. Daly, and E. Nicholson; forwards, R. Rowe, G. Birtley, W. Robson, G. Jopling, and B. McGee.

CORNSAY ROVERS 2ND v WATERHOUSES PARKWOOD WANDERERS.—Played on the ground of the latter in two thirties. The Rovers had all their own way, and won easily by seven goals to two. The following did duty for Cornsay:—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, P. Dunn and J. McGowan (capt.); half-backs, G. Sargent, R. Walker, and T. Vasey; forwards, J. Halfpenny and J. Sargent, right wing; G. Simpson and T. Hardy, left wing; M. Raw, centre. Referee, Mr W. Parker.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v BURNOPFIELD.—On Thursday night week, the "Saints" met a picked team from Burnopfield on the home ground for the last game of the season. Burnopfield won the toss, and played with the wind, but owing to the strong defence kept up by the home team, they were unable to score. In the second half the home team had all the best of the game, and ran out easy winners by three goals to none. The following team represented Marley Hill:—Goal, J. Potts; backs, S. Briggs and J. Robbs; half-backs, J. Gibbons, J. Charlton, and T. McNeal; forwards, P. Cullan, B. Porter, G. Potts, J. Ringer, and G. Grey.

RUGBY.

CONSETT RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.—A special general meeting in connection with this club was held at the Commercial Inn, Blackhill, there being a very large attendance, over forty members being present. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Brown. The question was discussed at length as to whether the club should be carried on under the Rugby or Association code of rules, and it was eventually resolved unanimously to continue to play as heretofore under the Rugby rules, and also to compete, with the sanction of the Rugby Union, for the junior cup instead of the senior cup for the first season. The officials were chosen as under:—President, Dr Geo. Renton; a long list of vice-presidents were likewise appointed; treasurer, Mr T. Jameson; secretary, Mr R. Stobbs; captain, first team, Mr George Smailes; vice-captain, Mr J. Aitken; together with a representative committee. As a number of juniors are now coming forward and will probably be placed in the second team next season, it was agreed to defer the appointment of second team captain till the annual meeting of the club in the autumn. The financial statement presented by Mr T. Jameson showed that the club had not been in a better condition during the past half-dozen years. After paying off all liabilities there was a good balance to carry forward.

JOTTINGS.

HEDLEY HARRIERS A.F.C.—The members of the above club have just made a presentation, consisting of a handsome silver medal with suitable inscription, to Mr Thomas Wood, their secretary, for the way in which he has worked for the benefit of the club. Mr Brydon (chairman) made the presentation, and Mr Wood responded, thanking the members very much, and remarked that he would always try to do what he could for the interests of the club.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S A.F.C.—The above club have had a very successful season. They have played 17 matches, of which 14 were won, 2 drawn, and 1 lost, and have scored 59 goals to 26 registered by their opponents—a splendid record. If the team stick together, there is little doubt but that they will give a good account of themselves next season against the best of the local clubs.

CORNSAY ROVERS A.F.C.—This club have every reason to rest satisfied with the results of the past season. They have met some good teams, and the records of the 1st and 2nd elevens reads as follows:—First team—Matches played, 16; won, 7; drawn, 4; lost, 5; goals for, 26; against, 19. Second team—Matches played, 13; won, 7; drawn, 1; lost, 5; goals for, 34; against, 26.

"Captain" writes:—I would like to say a word or two about the way in which Langley Park Rovers have treated the Hedley Harriers. The latter journeyed to Langley Park on Good Friday to play the first fixture, the return being fixed to come off on the Harriers' ground on April 11th. We received a post-card on the Thursday previous, saying they were coming, and we got the bills out and had a large muster of spectators. It was a great disappointment to all when they did not turn up. Mr Agar sent us a post-card, saying they would come on the Saturday following, but they never turned up. We think the sooner there is something done to stop this bad conduct the better. We would like Langley Park to understand that they will have to come to Stanley first if they want games with us next season.

TOW LAW FOOTBALL CLUB.—A correspondent writes regretting that in the course of the presentation proceedings in the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law last week, no mention was made of the hospitality shown to the members of the club by Mrs Dixon, the hostess of the Station Hotel. The writer believes that this fact was inadvertently overlooked, because Mrs Dixon has always been one of the staunchest friends and warmest supporters of the Tow Law club; and he also regrets to hear that one or two of the members are desirous of transferring the headquarters of the club elsewhere.

MR WM. KNAGGS'S COMPETITION.—Mr T. Kane (hon. sec. Consett League) writes:—I see in your remarks concerning the final tie of the above competition, played at Blackhill, on April 25th, between the League and Albion clubs, you state that the receipts were for the widow of the late Philip Cassidy. I beg leave to inform you that the said widow only received one-half of the gate-money, the Albion claiming their right to the other half for the widow of the late Thos. Moir, of Consett. I also observe that a correspondent styling himself "Fairplay" comments strongly on the team that the League placed in the field, mentioning especially their goalkeeper (Callaghan). Allow me to inform "Fairplay" that H. Callaghan has been a member of the League club since its formation, and I consider the latter had a right to play him. Is "Fairplay" aware that the Albion had some prominent cup players doing duty for them on the date mentioned? "Fairplay" also remarks that the Albion should have had the medals. If he wishes to prove the sterling qualities of the Albion, the League team, without the services of Callaghan in goal, will play them a return game for eleven gold or silver medals, on any ground they may select. An answer through the *Guardian* will be attended to.

LEADGATE EXILES FOOTBALL CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above club took place in the Brooms School on Monday night, when about 300 members and supporters assembled to hear the secretary's report for the past season, which showed it to be one of the most successful since the formation of the club. The club commenced the season in September last 5s in debt. The total income up to April 25th of the present year amounted to £33 11s 3d; the expenditure for the same period was £24 7s 6d, £6 of which had been expended on uniforms for players, and still remained the property of the club, so that with the £10 in the treasurer's hands, the club is some £16 to the good. The first team had played 30 matches—won 17, drawn 5, lost 8. Eleven matches had been played against local clubs—won 7, drawn 2, lost 2, scoring 28 goals to 10. The matches won were—Tow Law (1 to 0), Tanfield Lea (2 games, 7 goals to 2), Leadgate Park (cup-tie, 2 goals to 1), Hedley Harriers (4 goals to 0), Langley Park Rovers (5 goals to 0), Medomsley (2 goals to 0). The two games lost were against Medomsley (cup-tie, 3 goals to 0), and Langley Park Rovers (3 goals to 1). Both games lost were attributed to the absence of the goalkeeper (Callaghan). The drawn games were against Dipton Wanderers on Sept. 13th and Feb. 7th. After the above performances, the Exiles have strong claims to the championship of the district. The reserve team played 17 matches—won 13 and lost 4. The 3rd team played 9 games—won 8 and lost 1. The election of officers then took place, and resulted as follows:—President, Rev Eugene McGarrity; vice-presidents, Dr O'Brien and Mr Ed. Kinleyside; treasurer, Mr James Haggan; secretary, Mr A. Matthews; corresponding secretary, Mr John Costello; 2nd team secretary, Mr B. Rogers; 3rd team secretary, Mr N. McGuckin; captain first team, Mr W. McGee; 2nd team captain, Mr B. Rogers; 3rd team captain, Mr John Hill. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously to hold sports on June 20th, in connection with the club, particulars of which will be found in our advertising columns.

QUEBEC DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY A "CORNSAYITE."]

Messrs Davis and Armour's dramatic and variety concert company has had a most successful time of it during the past few weeks. The company has been much appreciated, as is proved by the crowded houses they have had, which will undoubtedly repay them for the strenuous efforts put forth to please the audience. The talented actress, Miss May Brooks, has been specially engaged. On Saturday night, two powerful dramas, founded on facts, entitled "Sweeney Todd, the barber, of Fleet Street; or the string of pearls," concluding with the domestic drama, "Maria Martin, or the murder in the red barn." Mr [illegible]f Staunton and Miss Maggie Wentworth, the celebrated star actress, have been engaged in addition to the company. On Monday, the original drama of great domestic interest, in prologue, three acts, "Game of life," was given. On Wednesday, the great drama, "Evicted," was produced, concluding with a laughable farce, "Loss of a lover." "Lady Audley's secret" was rendered on Thursday night.

No expense apparently has been spared to make the entertainment worth a visit to St. Mary's Hall, while the public have still another treat in store.

Since the outbreak of water in the districts of the mine the output has been greatly impeded. Men on the night-shift are necessarily at a disadvantage and inconvenience, while some are leaving the colliery for fresh fields of labour.

It is hoped that means will be effected to remove the impediment that blocks the way, as it is of necessity better for men and master when the pit is in regular working order. Workmen who have settled down for any term of years becoming attached to the place, to separate from friends whom they have known so long is not what they desire.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

Not far from the little village of Frosterley lies a regular "wet-un" who is made of thirsty clay, and which he keeps damp by a supply from a grey hen in the pantry. Going home thirsty the other evening, he went straight for the pantry to wash down the cob-webs and, in the dark, got hold of a bottle containing paraffin oil which his better half had unwittingly placed there. He raised the bottle to his lips and before he could discover his mistake he had let down a fair quantity. Being a good distance from a doctor he became alarmed and thought his end approaching, and sought to prepare himself for the event. His wife, however, prepared for him a good draught of mustard and water, which made him vomit plenteously, and so came around. Since then he has donned the blue ribbon.

"Another good man has gone wrong," so say the people at Eastgate, and this time one of the unlikeliest men in all Weardale, a batchelor, who was considered stereotyped in his single blessedness, in fact he was thought invulnerable and proof against all the wiles of cupid, but his coat of mail has been defective and an arrow from Cupid's quiver has pierced a crevice and found a lodgment in his heart, and in the "Land o' cakes" he led to the altar one of the daughters of Eve. He found himself a rib in the country of Geordie Buchannon, and has there undergone the splicing operation. The contagion is spreading at Eastgate—even faster than does the influenza—and several others are smitten, and there is a prospect of merry doings yet in the near future in and around the spirited little place.

If there is one thing which makes me proud of the Weardale people more than another it is the spirit of philanthrophy they manifest when occasion demands it. Only on Saturday evening, at Stanhope, a quarry manager gave a lecture in the Town Hall in aid of one of his unfortunate workmen who had the misfortune to have a foot taken off by an accident in the quarry. It was a noble and generous act on the part of Mr Smurthwaite, and the public responded right loyally to his call. The result was that a handsome sum was handed over to the unfortunate man. On Monday night, at Frosterley, a benefit concert was held in aid of an afflicted man who has been off work for many long weeks. Most of the talent of Stanhope and Frosterley was requisitioned for the object. They gave their services freely and heartily. The very popular young squire of Rogerley Hall took the chair on the occasion, The house was packed, and a handsome sum was secured for the poor fellow and his family. This winter there have been several concerts in aid of deserving cases, and the public have come out loyally to support them, which is a very gratifying fact indeed.

Not far from St. John's Chapel at one time lived a crack shot. A village wag knew this and found an old dead magpie and stuck him on his pins in a standing position, and told the crack shot of the whereabouts of a shot. He shouldered his gun and went to the place indicated where he espied the magpie. He crept on his hands and knees until he was within range, then took aim, but it snapped and did not go off; a second attempt met with a similar result, but the third fired and he turned the magpie over. He ran to pick it up, but discovered, to his chagrin, it was an old stuffed one some person had thrown away and a joke had been played upon him. He was indignant, and well he might.

If anything is done at Frosterley it is generally done well. Its band is an excellent one for a country village. Its poultry show is one of the best in England. Its church choir one of the best out of Durham Cathedral. If there is a wedding there it is generally on a fashionable scale. Its quarrymen are in the union and are true as steel, and contain grit and backbone, and are none of your jelly fish men. Its benefit concerts are all bumpers; its cobblers, philosophers, and its maidens, all buxom damsels, and old maids are unknown in Frosterley.

A grand life leads the bobby. I happened to be present at a wedding party the other day where a man in blue was also one of the party. These gentlemen are always pretty intimate with the cook. We had a jovial time of it at the dinner table. The man in blue kept the cook on the move, who brought in course after course. I conclude that it was good policy to go with a man in blue to a wedding party.

A more humane Board of Guardians than that of Weardale does not exist. They seek the comfort and welfare of the poor. At the Guardians' meeting on Friday, when they elected the new Workhouse Master and Matron, the Chairman told him that he must be firm, courteous, and kind to the inmates. This was to be an essential quality—kindness to the poor, to those who have few friends; so that their lot in life may be made as cheerful and bright as possible in the Workhouse. The new Master may be as kind as was the late Mr Hodgson, but kinder and better he cannot be.

Mr Joseph Temperley, Frosterley, has again scored a success with his greyhounds at the show. One of them, "Bundle and go," has won thirteen prizes at various shows; 5 firsts, 6 seconds, and 2 specials at Darlington, Durham, Hartlepool, Waterhouses, Frosterley, and Wolsingham. The other, "Weardale Lass," has won 7 firsts and 3 specials. They are two splendid dogs of which any fancier may be proud. They won premier honours on Saturday as usual, and they are really bad to beat.

GRASS PARKS.—Mr Wm. Cook let these parks, at Minsteracres, belonging to Mr H. T. Silvertop, by auction on Monday, when there was a large attendance of intending takers and a rise in price from last year's letting resulted as follows:—The Front Park let at 28s per acre, being a rise of 27 per cent.; South Park let at 14s per acre, a rise of 16 per cent.; North Park let at 17s per acre, a rise of 36 per cent.; Low North Park let at 9s per acre, a rise of 50 per cent.; Ladle well Field let at 11s per acre, being a rise of 22 per cent.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING AT BLACKHILL.

On Wednesday afternoon, Coroner J. Graham held an inquest at Mrs Christopher's, North-Eastern Hotel, Blackhill, touching the death of Robert Summerson (62), widower, of 3, Plantation Row, Blackhill, who was found drowned in the Tinmill Pond, situate near the Tinmill Works, belonging to the Consett Iron Company, on Monday afternoon. Mr J. G. Cooke was appointed foreman of the jury.

Alice Summerson identified the body as that of her husband's father. Deceased was a coalminer, and lived with her. On the day in question he left the house shortly after 12·30. He did not partake of any dinner, because his usual dinner hour was one o'clock. When Summerson left he did not say where he was going. Witness saw nothing more of him till he was brought home. Previous to deceased going out, they had a few words together. Summerson had not worked any for eight years, and had an allowance from the Miners' Permanent Relief Fund. Deceased never threatened to do away with himself whatever.

Sarah Ann Marshall, wife of James Marshall, of Blanchland Street, Blackhill, deposed that the deceased was her father, and he was at her house between 1·30 and two o'clock on Monday afternoon. He left shortly after two, having had nothing to eat. Witness thought that he was in his usual health, and he made not complaint. The pond was only a short distance from their house, and when deceased left he went in the direction of the pond.

James Marshall, puddler, stated that he met his father-in-law, about five minutes past two, near to the coal *depot* close to the works, and not 100 yards from the pond. Deceased was going in that direction. Witness did not speak to him. In July last he remembered that deceased proceeded to the pond, and he went and fetched him back. Deceased's mind had been affected for some time.

John Fox, underhand puddler, living at 11, Sunderland Street, Consett, stated that he saw a man's back floating on the surface of the pond six or seven yards from the edge near to the west end about 3·25 on the afternoon mentioned. He speedily gave the alarm, and Thomas Turner and H. Williams procured a rail and pulled deceased to the side of the pond, and got him out. Life was then extinct. There was a footpath along the south side of the pond. The pond was fenced with wire rope, and deceased would have had either to get through or climb over it.

Thomas Turner, millwright, living at 7, Roper Street, Blackhill, deposed that he was a millwright, and worked at the Tinmill Works. Witness assisted to get deceased out of the pond. When he saw the body he knew it to be deceased, and life was extinct. Summerson had all his clothes on, and his hat and stick were lying by the water-edge. Deceased was found in water 4ft. deep.

The jury returned a verdict that Summerson had committed suicide by drowning himself whilst in a state of temporary insanity.

SWALWELL BAND OF HOPE.

On Saturday afternoon, this prosperous and popular Band of Hope celebrated its thirteenth anniversary with a demonstration, public tea, and concert. The day was the finest that had been this month. Though the morning did not look very promising, the sun struggled with the envious clouds for awhile, but at last its beams burst through them, and over that picturesque depression in the Derwent Valley in which nestles the famous old village of Swalwell. Since its origin, the anniversary demonstration has grown in popularity, until now it is really the greatest event in the whole year, if we except the village "hopping." The members assembled in the school playground at 2·30, each wearing the "little bit of blue" which is full of deep significance.

About three o'clock the procession was formed, headed by the Dunston Wesleyan Brass Band. The officers, under the direction of Messrs Speers, Lumley, and Spencer, placed the children in rank and file, and at a given signal they all marched off to the inspiring strains of lively music. As on former occasions, the village turned out *en masse* to witness this grand spectacle of nearly 500 young abstainers, who were afterwards regaled with a plentiful supply of tea and cake. About 80 widows and old men received a free tea, towards which a number of gentlemen most willingly contributed. Two hundred adults, who paid for tickets, also sat down and partook of the "cup that cheers, but does not inebriate." Thus the total number who had tea was upwards of 700.

In the evening, a concert was held. Mr James Gilchrist, president of the Band of Hope, and chairman of the Whickham School Board, presided, and was supported by Rev Wm. Dryburgh, B.A., Messrs Speers, Lumley, and Appleton (Newcastle). The programme was a varied and attractive one. The meeting was constituted in the usual mode with praise and prayer. The chairman delivered a short address, and then introduced Mrs Green, of Blaydon, who was present at some personal inconvenience. She sang with fine expression, "Ora pro nobis," for which she was heartily applauded. Mr J. W. Peel gave a selection on the violin, for which he was *encored*. Mr Pogue sang "Kiss me, mother dear," and Mr J. J. Lumley contributed in capital style, "The powder monkey." The Wesleyan choir next sang an anthem, "In God is our trust." Miss Taylor sang with pleasing effect, "The song that reached my heart" and "The children's home." Mrs Green was rapturously applauded for her rendering of "Katie's letter." A dialogue, entitled "Rum and tea," was ably rendered by eight members, viz.:—Misses Lawson, E. Lawson, H. Oxley, B. Harwood, E. A. Burlinson, J. Smith, and Messrs John Burlinson and M. J. Leybourn. Mr W. E. Lumley presided at the piano with his accustomed ability.

Rev WM. DRYBURGH delivered a very powerful and practical address, the subject of which was—"Undertake nothing of which thou hast not well considered the end."

Mr SPEERS read the financial statement, and gave a report of the year's proceedings. These showed the society to be in a very healthy state. The gooseberry show was an immense success. The pic-nic, which was held in that sylvan paradise, Axwell Park, was the largest and most successful outing ever held by the society. The weather was delightful, all that one's fancy could paint a day in July. King Sol favoured the company with his glorious presence the whole day. Woe to the conductor of a pic-nic when Sol refuses to appear, and sends as substitute King Pluvius. Young and old enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. The ear drank in the charming music of the feathered songsters, whose unpremeditated lays afforded a striking contrast to the harmonious strains of the Gateshead Workhouse Juvenile Brass Band. A plentiful supply of tea, bread, sweetmeats, &c., was provided for the inner man. Apart from the pleasure and joy that this day's outing afforded, the funds of the Band of Hope were very considerably augmented by the kindness of Sir Henry A. Clavering in generously permitting the society to hold its pic-nic in his beautiful park. During the year, the members held 31 ordinary meetings and four special out-door meetings; 31 pledges were taken from adults, and 62 from juniors.

A very pleasing incident was the presentation of prizes to the boys and girls who had excelled in answering Scripture questions, singing, reading, or bringing new members to the meetings.

Mr APPLETON expressed the great gratification it gave him to be present at another anniversary of this grand movement, and to witness such a magnificent demonstration in this noble cause. This Band of Hope seemed to possess much of what our American cousins termed "go." Everyone connected with it had much reason to be proud of it and its achievements.

After the usual hearty votes of thanks to all who had assisted to make this anniversary day such a happy and joyous one, the chairman closed the meeting with the Benediction, and thus ended another red-letter day in the history of this village Band of Hope.

Mr T. Storey, of the South Snods Farm, Shotley Field, has a brood mare, Dapple, which gave birth on April 26th, to fine twin foals, a colt and a filly. They are a couple of beautiful animals, by Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen's celebrated horse Claremont, and are thriving remarkably well.

CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BEAMISH BRANCH.

There was a large audience present at Monday night's meeting of the above society, though not so large as the one preceding. Amongst the items of special interest on the programme was the help of the Tanfield Hand-bell Ringers Association, whose generously volunteered services Mr J. Robinson had happily secured. Beginning with the "Grandsire Triples," these gentlemen, whose skill is of no mean order, went through its mazy and manifold changes, without mistake; also giving at intervals during the evening, the "March" from *Bluebeard*, "The legend of the bells," "McGregor's march," "The Spanish chant," with "Hold the fort," as an *encore*, and "My love is but a lassie yet." The other contributions were a song, "Little sweetheart come and kiss me," by Miss Bates; song, "When other lips," by Miss Spencer; recitation, "The fight about the lad;" Mr J. Reay, who gave "Jimmy's getten wark," as an *encore*; song, "Come, birdie come," Miss Storey; song, "The Dutchman's dog," Mr Croudas, with "London Bridge," as an *encore*; song, "Within a mile o' Edinboro' Toon," Miss Spencer; "The rose of Allendale," Miss Williamson, who was re-called; duet, "Pretty Polly Hopkins," Miss Storey and Mr Robinson, and being *encored*, they gave "The gipsy countess;" song, "I did it," Mr Croudas, who gave "The breach of premise," as an *encore*. A short address by Mr J. Lumley brought a pleasant evening to an end. The audience in response to a suggestion from the chairman showed their appreciation of the help so kindly given by many willing workers, and in particular by the bell-ringers, and other helpers who had come from a distance, by giving them a hearty clap. Miss F. Robinson accompanied most of the songs with her usual good taste.

TANFIELD.

The entertainments provided by Tanfield C.T.S. are evidently on a flowing tide. The school-room was crowded on Tuesday evening, and the countenances of the audience plainly indicated that an evening's pleasant enjoyment was expected. The committee had indeed secured a varied and lengthy programme. Old friends were again in great request, and each received an ovation of praise from his own admirers. The Tanfield Hand-bell Ringers in full force were present for their second performance in Tanfield. Mr and Mrs Hogarth, of Burnopfield, had volunteered to aid the efforts of Tanfield company, and were listened to by an appreciative audience. The opening hymn, "Toiling on," was cordially sung by the company, and some were there who thought it was extremely characteristic of the history of Tanfield C.T.S. The entertainment was begun by Mr Bone singing "Silly Willie." Pianist, Miss E. Davison. Each time as they reappeared on the platform, either in answer to the *encores* or as pre-arranged, they were hailed by unmistakable signs of applause. Mrs Bone successfully rendered "Girls at school," "The glass eye," "I tell them my father," and "I talk that way. Miss Davison also sang "Sweet violets" and "Ehrin on the Rhine." Messrs Cotton, Shepherd, and Pringle delighted the company with good songs, "Jolly, jolly friends," "Gathering shells by the seaside." Mr Shepherd then deserted the sentimental for something more in unison with the feelings of the youngsters, and on singing "The old wooden rocker" was obliged to reward his admirers with "The cheap dandy." Mr and Mrs Hogarth's songs were listened to with much pleasure as they sang "The gates of the west," "Fairly caught," "Lights far out at sea," "Three sailor boys," and "Old timber toes." Though not rewarded by extreme outbursts of praise, there were many of the company who prefer such songs to the comic which appeals more to the fun of youths and drollery of their elders. The Tanfield Hand-bell Ringers increased the pleasure of the evening by rendering "March from *Bluebeard*," "My love is but a lassie yet," a Spanish chant with variations, and "The McGregor's march." Rev J. A. Bridges recited "The vagabond." He caused much merriment at the close by his humourous remarks in moving a vote of thanks to each of the performers.

Cycling Notes.

CLUB RUNS.—The Allendale Cottages and District Cycling Club will run to Durham to-morrow (Saturday), to leave headquarters (Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley) at 9·30 a.m., and Rowland's Gill on Wednesday, to leave headquarters at 6·30 p.m.

CHURCH PARADE AT GIBSIDE PARK.

The annual church parade of Tyneside clubmen at Gibside was held on Sunday morning. It is estimated that there were at least 2,500 cyclists present, being the largest gathering of wheelmen that has ever been known to take place. Nearly 1,500 hailing from Newcastle, Wallsend, Gosforth, North Shields, and Tynemouth paid toll at Scotswood Suspension Bridge. The macadam from the Newcastle tramway terminus to Rowland's Gill was exceedingly rough. As early as nine o'clock wheelmen commenced to assemble at Rye Hill, Newcastle, which was the starting point of the parade, and until half-an-hour later this thoroughfare had a most animated appearance, and the immense collection of beautifully burnished machines, scattered everywhere over its surface, together with the blending of the different coloured costumes formed an effective and striking scene. The machines, together with their riders, formed a most extraordinary sight, and attracted the attention of thousands of spectators, both in Rye Hill and along the whole line of route to Gibside. It was indeed a magnificent sight and was strong proof of the vast and rapid growth of the pastime in the North of England, and at the same time reflected the greatest credit upon the clubmen for mustering in such great force, solely for Christian and charitable purposes. Almost every man of note in the wheeling world on Tyneside was present. The procession arrived at Gibside without accident shortly before 11 o'clock, and after the machines had been stored away in the fields, the clubmen marched through the grounds of Lord Strathmore, which, in their bright vernal garb, looked magnificent, and took up a position in front of the church, where an open air service was held. Rev. E. E. Harrison, curate of Marley Hill, preached the sermon, in the course of which he congratulated the wheelmen upon gathering together in such large numbers, and asked them that whilst they were seeking in their pastime to strengthen their bodily condition, not to forget to build up a strong Christian-like character. As soon as the service concluded, the various clubs departed homeward, and the ride through the picturesque valley with the wind at their backs, proved both exhilarating and refreshing. The following is a list of the local clubs present, the number of members by which they were represented, and the sums they collected for the purpose of endowing a cot at the Fleming Memorial Hospital for Children:—

	£	s.	d.
Stargate (17)	0	8	6
Allendale Cottages and District (18)	0	5	0
West Pelton (31)	0	10	10
Annfield Plain (20)	0	4	6
Swalwell (25)	0	10	0
Swalwell and District (6)	0	4	0
Hamsterley (16)	0	3	1
Tantobie (10)	0	5	0
Blaydon (11)	0	8	3
Ryton (19)	0	12	0
Prudhoe and District (35)	1	1	6
Felton Fell (16)	0	8	0
Consett and District (14)	0	3	8
Mr Smith, Townley Arms, Gibside	0	5	0
Mrs Smith, do. do.	0	5	0

The total amount subscribed was £40 6s 3d.

The Consett C. C. had a most enjoyable day. After being "photoed" they left Gibside about one o'clock, accompanied by three friends, for Blaydon. They made the Douglas Hotel their headquarters, and expected that a repast would have been provided for them; but unfortunately, the secretary had omitted to write (as instructed) informing the host and hostess of the intended visit of the wheelmen. Nevertheless, the party were not to be beaten, and two of them set out on a foraging expedition, and shortly afterwards returned—and not empty-handed. One of them them conveyed a large dish containing enough sandwiches to supply a small army, while the other had been fortunate enough to obtain a "duck." A right royal dinner followed, very little of the provender being left. However, the "duck" proved too much for his capturer, and we believe part of it is still luxuriating somewhere in the vicinity of Rowland's Gill. The party left Blaydon about 4·30 for Swalwell, and after refreshments at the latter place, started for home shortly before six o'clock, and arrived safely at their destination about 8·30, after spending a thoroughly enjoyable day.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The monthly meeting was held at the Board Room, Stanhope, on Friday—Dr Livingstone presiding. There were present:—Messrs Rippon, Harrison, Peadon, Monkhouse, Stephenson, and Bainbridge. The business was principally routine. Several parents are to receive notice respecting the non-attendance at school of their children. Mr John Peart, attendance officer, made an application for an advance of salary. He stated that he had to devote his whole time to the duties of his office for £50 per annum, which included his expenses.—Mr Monkhouse thought it ample.—The Chairman said if all public officers were paid at the same rate there would soon be no officers. It was refused; a motion being put and carried to that effect.

THE SAD DEATH OF A CONSETT MAN IN NEWCASTLE.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

On Saturday, at the Newcastle Police Court—Mr T. Hodgkin and W. B. Wilkinson on the Bench—*James Giblin* (18), *Peter Oates* (22), and *Edward Coates* were charged on remand, and pleaded guilty, to having stolen a silver watch, a gold albert and a pocket knife, valued at £12 1s, from the person of Philip Cassidy, ironworker, of Princess Street, Consett, since deceased on April 12th. It may be remembered the man from whom the articles were said to have been stolen was found in an unconscious state in Peel Street, and was removed to the infirmary, where he died.—The prisoners were each sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AT CASTLESIDE.

The classical village of Castleside—the seat of "light and learning" in Western Durham—was full of animation on Monday, consequent of the treinnial election of five members to act upon the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board. Originally there were seven candidates aspiring for the five seats, but at the eleventh hour—in fact, just before the opening of the poll—it was announced that one of them—Mr S. Adams, engineer,—had funked, or in other words retired from the contest. Although his name was printed on the ballot paper no person happily placed a X opposite his name. The poll was conducted in the Board Schools, Castleside, by Mr W. H. Ritson, Returning Officer, assisted by Mr W. Brotherhood, presiding officer, and Mr W. J. Scott, overseer of the parish. Out of 173 names on the register, no less than 163 recorded their votes, the poll being the heaviest ever known since the formation of the Board 15 years ago. Business from noon to six p.m. was rather slack, but from that time to the close of the poll matters assumed a more livelier aspect. There were but a couple of spoiled papers. In the village, groups might be observed at the corner of the Four Lane Ends discussing the merits of the respective candidates or the probable issue of the contest. The result of the poll was ascertained shortly after nine p.m., as under:—

SUCCESSFUL.

aT. J. Muse, merchant, Castleside	207
aW. Pattinson, steelworker, Castleside	140
aR. Walton, steel manufacturer, Stanhope	129
aMatthew Lee, butcher, Castleside	124
Rev C. J. Walker, Castleside	101

UNSUCCESSFUL.

aElliot Leybourne, gentleman, Castleside	97

a Members of the old Board.

A large crowd of men, women, and children had gathered in the school-room and received the announcement with lusty cheers, although there appeared to be a general feeling of regret that a veteran like Mr E. Leybourne should have been as it were "kicked downstairs."

Mr MUSE, in response to loud calls for "The Mayor," mounted a desk, and proffered his sincere thanks to the electors for having returned him at the head of the poll. The friends, he said, that he had known longest had supported him best, at every contest during the past 15 years they had placed him at the top of the tree; but he was higher on this occasion than he ever attained before. (Applause). The ratepayers had got 15 years of the best of his life; but he was still good for another three years. He intended to serve them, as he had always done, to the utmost of his ability, and to give the young children of Castleside the best education it was possible for them to receive. (Cheers).

Mr PATTINSON, the working man's representative, who received a hearty ovation, observed that he never felt more than he did that night, not because he occupied the highest position but one. He would rather have been at the bottom of the poll than that his aged friend, whom he revered and respected, should have been thrown out. (Applause). However, he fervently thanked them for supporting him, and he knew that he had won the confidence, not only of the fathers, but the mothers of the children. As a working man, so long as he had health and strength, he would endeavour to serve them to the best of his ability, as he had hitherto done for a number of years. (Applause). He had always watched their interest and welfare, and done his best to promote the education of the young. He loved the village he resided in, and trusted that by that time next year, they would have adopted the system of free education, so that the poor man's child, as well as the rich, would have the advantages of the best instruction that could be afforded in the country. (Cheers).

Mr PROUD, on behalf of Mr Walton, also returned thanks.

Mr LEE said it was his intention of retiring from the Board some six months ago, but he had been pressed to come forward again, and after the public meeting a fortnight ago he determined to stand. (Applause).

Rev Mr WALKER, who was greeted with cheers, hisses, and some hooting, also tendered his thanks to his supporters. The people, he said, desired a change on the Board, and he was invited to contest the seat at the public meeting held a fortnight ago. His election, he thought, justified the course of action he had taken in coming forward. (Applause).

Mr LEYBOURNE, who spoke in feelings of emotion, and whose voice was inaudible in the din and uproar, likewise acknowledged his indebtedness to his supporters. He had, he reminded them, been a member of the Board for very many years, and had served the township in a public capacity for about half-a-century. (Cheers).

Votes of thanks to the Returning Officer and Presiding Officer brought the lively and exciting proceeding to a termination.

Subjoined is an analysis of the voting:—

	Plumpers for	Divided votes	Total voters	Votes realised
Mr Muse	15	64	77	207
Mr Pattinson	10	48	58	140
Mr Walton	11	45	56	129
Mr Lee	9	48	57	124
Mr [illegible]ourne	9	31	40	97
Mr W[illegible]	11	22	33	101

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT FROSTERLEY.

On Thursday se'nnight, the village of Frosterley, was *en fete*, the occasion being the marriage of Mr G. F. Dixon, of Tyldsley, Lancashire, to Miss Rennie Jagg, daughter of Rev C. F. Jagg, vicar of Frosterley. The wedding party entered the church at 11 a.m. The bride, who was given away by her father, was followed by her maids. The choir sang the hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The bride was handsomely attired in ivory bengaline, trimmed with orange blossom, with girdle falling to the rûche on the bottom of the skirt. The veil was of Limerick lace, fastened with sprays of orange blossom. She carried a charming bouquet of exotics, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss M. Jagg (sister of the bride), Miss L. Dixon (sister of the bridegroom), Miss M. Cressman (cousin of the bridge), and Miss Arnison (daughter of Dr Arnison, J.P., Butts Mansion, Stanhope). They wore brocaded primrose silk dresses made very prettily in a simple style, with hats to match, covered with primroses. They carried baskets of the same flower tastefully arranged with moss and long bows of primrose ribbon. Each wore a gold brooch the gift of the bridegroom, who was attended by Mr R. Marsh as "best man." The service was choral. The Rev J. Eddowes, vicar of Eastgate, officiated, assisted by Rev J. Groves, vicar of Redcar. Mr J. Raine presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March." After the ceremony the bride's parents held a reception at the vicarage, and later on the happy couple left, amidst showers of rice and slippers, for London, *en route* for the Channel Isles. The bride's travelling gown was of dark leaf brown cloth, with embroidered vest of sapphire blue, Henry II. cloak, with yoke of sapphire blue and hat *en suite*. The bride's mother wore a very beautiful gown of deep heliotrope velvet, which was elegantly trimmed with bengaline to match, and a bonnet of yellow pansies and purple. Amongst the numerous visitors present were:—Mrs Gowland (sister of the bride), Mr J. H. Jagg (uncle of the bride), Miss Dixon (sister of the bridegroom), Miss A. Gowland (niece of the bride), Councillor and Mrs Livingstone, Stanhope; Rev P. Jones, Hunstanworth; Mr and Mrs J. J. Devey, Wolsingham; Mr Vickers, Frosterley, and many other friends. The presents were numerous and costly. In the evening, the men and several parishoners were entertained at the vicarage. On Friday evening, the choir boys and the bride's Sunday School class were all invited to the vicarage to spend the evening, and heartily enjoyed themselves. The church was filled on the occasion, and most of the *elite* of the dale were present to witness the auspicious event.

FLORILINE!—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid 'Floriline' sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly-whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke, "The Fragrant Floriline," being composed in part of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicate to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Price 2s. 6d., of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale depot removed to Farringdon Road, London

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting of the Weardale Guardians was held at Stanhope, on Friday—Counsellor Livingstone, M.D., in the chair. There were 21 Guardians present, including four *ex-officio* members.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr O. Monkhouse took his seat on the Board in the room of Mr Blenkiron, who has recently removed to Middlesbrough.

APPOINTMENT OF MASTER AND MATRON.

The Board proceeded to fill up the vacancies of the Workhouse master and matron, as advertised. There were 30 applications from various parts of the counties of Northumberland and Durham. Each member was supplied with a list of candidates, and asked to make a cross against the name he voted for. All candidates who received no votes in the first round were excluded. The voting was as follows:—1st round—J. G. Thompson, 6; J. G. Baty, 5; Isaac Thompson, 2; Thomas Parker, 1; J. Martindale, 1; H. Hogarth, 1; W. Fletcher, 1; J. Earl, 1; G. Golightly, 1. In the second round of voting J. G. Baty received 4 and J. G. Thompson 11.

Mr J. G. Thompson, of Bishop Auckland, was then called in, and told of his appointment.

The CHAIRMAN told him very emphatically that one of the principal qualifications they regarded as necessary in the master and matron of the House was kindness to the inmates. They must be firm but kind to them.

Mr Thompson thanked the Guardians for the appointment.

The salaries are—master, £40; matron, £20.

One or two Guardians stated that Mr Thompson had intimated previously that he would accept less if required—himself at £30, and Mrs Thompson at £10. On this being mentioned, the Clerk left the room to see Mr Thompson, and enquire respecting it. Mr Thompson intimated that he had merely said he would take less if required, but his formal application did not allude at all to the matter.

It was intimated that the new master had private means, and the Guardians finally gave him a unanimous vote, and expressed their confidence that an excellent choice had been made.

RATE COLLECTOR, &C., FOR WOLSINGHAM.

The Board then proceeded to fill up the vacancy of rate collector and registrar of births and deaths for Wolsingham, caused by the resignation of Mr W. Rutter. There were 38 applications. Only Messrs W. Shaw, J. Wharton, Thos. Barker (all of Wolsingham), G. H. Waller (Stanhope), J. Maddison (Frosterley), E. Humble (Burtree Ford), and M. Reed (Intake) received votes at all.

The first round of voting was as follows:—Shaw, 6; Humble, 3; Waller, 4; Barker, 3; Maddison, 1; Reed, 1; Mitchell, 1; and Wharton, 1. In the final round of voting E. Humble received 11, and Wm. Shaw 10 votes. Mr Humble was then declared duly elected.

TRAINED NURSE: A MISTAKE.

Five candidates, dating from Lancashire, London, Gloucester, Stockton, and Gateshead, wrote for the post of trained nurse.

The CHAIRMAN said it was perfect humbug to require a trained nurse for a Workhouse where not more than two or three required nursing at one time. By the terms of their advertisement they had excluded the very class of girls they required.

It was resolved to defer the appointment till the newly-appointed master and matron had entered on their duties.

WOLSINGHAM ASSISTANT-OVERSEER.

The above appointment was adjourned till the next meeting.

A REGISTRAR FOR TOW LAW.

The miners of Black Prince, Hedleyhope, and West Thornley Collieries petitioned the Guardians to consider the question of making a local appointment of registrar of births and deaths. At present they have to go to Wolsingham. The memorial is to be sent on to the London authority.

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Mr PEADON moved, pursuant to notice, the reduction of the Relieving Officer's salary. He said £160 income was more than the ratepayers could or would pay. He knew scores of dales people who had a bitter struggle to live; farms were letting at reduced rentals, and the outlook was altogether gloomy. He had promised his supporters to go in economy, and he would do so. He hoped the ratepayers who were their enemies and who were their friends by the way they voted on this motion. He believed the Local Government Board would assent to a reduction if there were a unanimous vote for it.

Mr RODDAM seconded.

The CHAIRMAN said neither the Guardians nor the London Board had power to reduce the officer's salary without his consent.

Dr WILD, Messrs WHERLEY, LOVE, and others pointed out that the salary for relief duty was only £115, and that the Guardians had no power to regulate fees for his other offices. Most of the salary came from the County Council.

Several rather short scenes ensued, Mr Peadon being asked to withdraw the word "noodles" as applied to Mr Wherley's constituents.

Eventually, Mr MONKHOUSE carried a motion to adjourn the discussion, to call for a written statement of the officer's salary from all parishes, and to ask the London Board what power the Guardians had.

Attendance Officer J. Peart asked for an increase of salary, believing that his salary was too small for the duties he performed.

Mr MONKHOUSE considered the salary a very good thing, and moved there be no change.

Mr RODDAM seconded, and the motion was adopted,

The CHAIRMAN, however, observed that if all salaries were on the scale of this one there would be no parish officers left.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

THE CASE OF WILLIAM WARRINGTON, as I had surmised it would, occupied the attention of the Lanchester Board at the last meeting. It was fit and proper that it should. A letter purporting to have been written by Warrington appeared in the *Guardian* some weeks ago and contained statements and allegations which required to be proved inaccurate if they were not to reflect seriously on the action of the Board's Surveyor, Mr Dixon. The charges made would appear to have been altogether groundless and it would, I feel sure, be voted with all-round satisfaction that Mr Dixon came out scatheless. The letter, according to the man's own statement was neither his, nor, so far as the more serious statements went, even written at his suggestion. This did not however relieve him of the responsibility as the Chairman very properly pointed out. His statement that he was unable to break stones by reason of having been paralysed was proved by Dr Wilson to be equally unworthy of credence, and it must be at once admitted that the Board took the only course open having regard for all the circumstances of the case.

THE HALF HOLIDAY movement remains still unsettled at Consett. A modest appeal was made by "X. Y. Z." a fortnight ago and was followed equally moderately by "A Sympathiser" last week in these columns. It is a subject in regard to which nothing can be urged that has not been spoken again and again. The arguments on each side admit to little or no variety. In large towns the movement progresses more rapidly than in the outlying and comparatively isolated districts for the very best of reasons. More influence is brought to bear on the matter from outside. It is in the natural order of things that innovations of whatever character should be slower in being accepted in the country than in the town, and one such as our local shop-assistants have at heart—and very properly too, cannot be forced. It will only be the outcome of calm and quiet exertion. Undue pressure would be fatal. Nobody disputes the right of such action as is being taken by these hard working shop-assistants who as a rule, it is too well-known, are able to enjoy so little of that out-door recreation so essential to their health. Let them rest assured the public sympathises with their aims. With this fact to bolster and support them they should be content to bide their time and wait patiently for those privileges which ere long are destined for them.

THE MOUNTSETT CROSSING was, it will be remembered, voted by the authorities dangerous some months ago and these immediately responsible were required to erect a gate across the rails in order to minimise that danger. The order was that this should be done "forthwith." It was, under the circumstances, a trifle amusing and a little instructive to read the letter of the Solicitors acting on behalf of the owners of the crossing in question, which appeared in these columns a few days ago. It was amusing in the sense that it urged justification for the present dangerous state of the crossing on the ground that the danger had existed without interference for the past 35 years, or something near that length of time, I really forget at the moment whether I give the correct term or not. It was instructive in a sense readily intelligible to the majority of my readers. The pleasantest part of the report of the meeting of the Rural Authorities at which the letter in question was read, however, was that wherein it was set forth that the firm's application was declined and that the needful works were required to be proceeded with without more delay.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT CONSETT

On Monday evening, a public meeting and concert was held under the auspices of the Consett District United Temperance Association in the Co-operative Hall. There was a capital attendance. The chair was taken by Mr C. P. D[illegible] (president of the organisation), who was supported by Mr David McMillar, of Sunderland (the newly-appointed agent for the N.E.T.L.), Mr A. Ramsden, Consett, Rev T. Durant (Baptist), Consett, Messrs T. Foster and G. T. Egglestone, Consett.

The CHAIRMAN, in his prefatory remarks, said the magistrates had the power to refuse licenses. With prosperity came the drinking customs. In Scotland and Wales drinking had increased 10½ per cent., while in England it had increased 9 per cent. They were trying to do all they could in every possible way to counteract, and bring their influence against the drinking habits of this country. (Applause). The temperance question had been before them a number of years. They had a considerable amount of work to accomplish, and they wished to keep pace with the times. (Applause). It was their duty to do all in their power to stop the drink traffic. (Applause).

Mr MCMILLAN, on rising, was accorded a hearty reception. He stated that by their presence he judged they were interested in the temperance work. It was true that he was a newly-appointed agent to the work; but as he was going from place to place speaking a word for the temperance cause, he often came in contact with people who were very anxious to ask questions, and told him that he did not know anything about the drink because he had never tasted liquor. (Laughter). To begin with he had to make the confession that he was a life-long abstainer—(applause)—and he had not yet found a reason to change the thing that he had begun. He contended that drink was an evil, and he he was engaged in fighting stubbornly against it. (Applause). People who told him that he did not know anything about the drink, he would ask them to use their observation. He counselled them to see what the drink was doing in its various ways. He asked them to go to their gaols, workhouses, and lunatic asylums, and see what it had done there. Drink was blocking the way, dragging down humanity, and stopping the progress of Christianity. If people came to him and put questions in a rational manner, they would always get a reasonable answer. He wanted the facilities for drink taken away. (Applause). He wanted the public-houses closed when he remembered the hundreds of thousands of drunkards that were in the country, and the great number of men that would in all probability find a drundard's grave. He would give three reasons why the public-houses should be closed:—1st.—He wanted public-houses closed for his own sake. It was true that the houses were no temptation to him; but at the same time he was taxed to support the fruits of the public-houses. The second reason was for the sake of their children that he wanted the houses removed, and the third was for the sake of others. For those who had already fallen victims to the cup; but were desirous to free themselves from it if possible. He asked them all to think the reasons out, and urged upon all to work in the good cause. (Applause).

Mr RAMSDEN said the temperance movement was making rapid progress, and the country was better at the present time than it was twenty years ago. Public opinion was a very good thing, and it was in favour of the temperance question. He believed that Sir Wilfred Lawson would like to see local option passed. (Applause). The legislators were in their favour. They would see that the licensed victuallers were stirring themselves, because they saw that their interest was at stake. They were forming an association in Consett simply because the temperance movement was gaining progress, and that men were going on the lines of sobriety. In conclusion, Mr Ramsden spoke on the moral aspect of the drink question.

During the evening an excellent programme of music was rendered by Misses Ramsden, Weaver, and Mr J. Siddle, all of Consett. Miss Fawell (Consett) presided at the piano.

Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

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

JOSHUA LAX, Furnishing, Ironmonger, Shotley Bridge, will CLOSE his Business Premises at 6 o'clock from the 1st May to the end of Aug., 1891.

I DO hereby certify that I, FRANK MILBURN, will not be responsible for any Debt that my Wife, ALICE MILBURN (better known as Alice Brown) may contract after this date. FRANK MILBURN.

BEAMISH COLLIERY VEGETABLE SOCIETY will hold their Annual Show, on Saturday, August 29th, 1891.
555e HENRY WOOD, Secretary.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY READING ROOM SPORTS, BALL, &c., will be held on Saturday, June 6th. £30 in Prizes. Band wanted for Field and Ball.
496e GEO. LAWSON, Secretary.

NOTICE.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at Mr JAMES BURNS, Scotch Arms, Blackhill, on Sept. 26th and 28th, 1891. 625e

TANFIELD LEA BRASS BAND SPORTS, May 16th, £6 15s for 120 Yds. Handicap, entry 1s; £1 10s 300 Yds. Handicap, entry 6d; £3 for Quoit Handicap; £3 5s for Wrestling Handicap. Entries close on May 12th, to W. C. HINDMARCH, Tantobie, Lintz Green. 618e

STAGSHAW WHITSUN FAIR.

A BRAKE will leave our Livery Stables, Front Street, Consett, for the above Fair, by way of Allansford and Manor House, at 6 o'clock a.m., prompt.
635e T. C. RAWES & CO., Proprietors.

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FRANCES CHRISTOPHER, Proprietress.

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! for ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SPORTS, held on Whit Monday Delves Lane, Consett, when valuable PRIZES will be given for following Competitions:—Association Football Competition (Silver Cup); 120 Yds. Flat Race; 100 Yds. Flat Race (for Youths under 18 Years); 20 Minutes' Go-as-you-please; Putting the Weight, 28lbs.; Running Hop-step-and-jump; Dust Bag and Bell Competition; Donkey Race. Particulars on application.
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BURNOPFIELD COLLIERY PRIMITIVE METHODIST NEW CHAPEL.

OPENING SERVICES.

ON MAY 16TH, the OPENING SERMON will be PREACHED at 2.30 p.m., by REV. J. HALLAM, President of the Conference. Monstre TEA at 4 p.m. Great PUBLIC MEETING at 6.30. Chairman, Mr THOMAS BRABBAN. Speakers: Revs J. Hallam, J. Elliott, M. P. Davison, and M. Johnson.—On SUNDAY, May 17th, SERMONS will be Preached, Morning and Evening, by JAMES BELL, Esq., Durham; Afternoon, by Rev M. JOHNSON.—Sunday, May 24th, by M. YIELDER, Esq., of Hetton; Afternoon, Mr H. C. WOOD.—Sunday, May 31st, by the BOY PREACHER (Mr W. POTTER); Afternoon, Mr T. BRABBAN. Collections at all the Services in aid of Building Expenses. 558e

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WEST STANLEY, MONDAY, MAY 11th.
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The Exhibition is of such stupendous dimensions, and so numerous in its Novelties and Attractions, that the whole of the

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The whole of the performances given by Lord George Sanger's Troupe are copyright entered at Stationers' Hall, and cannot be given by any other Company. The huge tent, capable of holding 12,00 people, is perfectly waterproof.

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Public Notices.

TANFIELD LEA MISSION BAND GALA will be held on May 30th. 549e

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.

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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. KINLESIDE, Post Office, Leadgate; Corresponding Secretary, JOHN COSTELLO, Leadgate. 633e

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE AND TYNEMOUTH.

ON SATURDAY, the 16th of May, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Consett and Blackhill, at 2·30 p.m. (with Bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green), for NEWCASTLE and TYNEMOUTH.

See Bills. 622e

WHIT-MONDAY IN JESMOND DENE.

THE NEWCASTLE, GATESHEAD, AND DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION will revive the Old English Custom of

CROWNING THE MAY-QUEEN, AND BRAIDING THE MAY-POLE.

TEA in the Banqueting Hall from 3·30 to 6.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.

SOLE LESSEE & MANAGER - - - R. J. BRODIE.
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MONDAY, May 11th, and during the Week, Important Engagement of Mr. Charles Hermann's Celebrated Company, who will appear in the World-famed Drama,

"UNCLE TOM'S CABIN,"

Into which will be introduced Banjo Solos, Glees, Part Songs, &c., by 25 Real Negroes. 657e

M A Y.

MAY 12th.—Stanley, - 7·15 p.m. prompt.
„ 14th.—Witton Gilbert „
„ 19th.—Annfield Plain „
„ 21st.—Langley Park „
„ 26th.—Ebchester „
„ 28th.—Lanchester „

All Runs Start from Consett Parish Church.

WM. BRAND, Jun., Hon. Sec.,
658e Consett and District Bicycle Club.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,—I beg to return you my thanks for the hearty support accorded to me at the recent Election, and I shall endeavour, at all times, to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office to which you have elected me.—I am, your obedient servant,

621e ROBERT WALTON, Stanhope

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CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY- LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members will be held on the 9th of May (Chair to be taken at 6·30 p.m.) to consider the following Resolution of the Committee on the Interest Question :—

Resolved "We recommend that on all Moneys invested in this Society as Withdrawable or Transferable Shares the following Rates of Interest be paid :—

From £1 to £100 5 per cent per Annum.
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The popularity of the "Model" System is shewn by the fact the 1st Blackhill and Consett "Model" issued the whole of its books representing £C4,000 in 9 Months.

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798e W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

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MAY 16th, 1891.

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THE EMINENT EXPLORER,

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Will Recount his Adventures and Experiences as above.

Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock p.m., by

JAS. ANNANDALE, Esq., J.P., County Councillor.

☞ Reserved Seats, Centre, 5s; Sides, 3s (Cloak Rooms provided).

Unreserved Seats, Area, 2s; Back, 1s.

Doors open for Ticket-holders only at 6·30 p.m. No money taken until 6·45 p.m.

Plan of the Hall may be seen, and Reserved Seats secured at Mr. RAMSAY'S, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill. Unreserved Seat Tickets may be obtained from the following:—Mr. W. Ramsay, Blackhill; Messrs. Marshall Bros., Town Hall Buildings; Mr. Kelly (Tyler's Boot Shop); Mr. E. Lamb, Newsagent, Consett; Mr. G. J. Robinson, Derwent Street, Blackhill; Mr. J. Lax, Shotley Bridge, and Mr. J. Power, Newsagent, Leadgate. 613e

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Lily Pit Cottage, near Dipton.—Monday, May 11th, 1891.

MR G. R. HOBSON, commissioned by Mr HENRY THOMPSON, who is removing, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION a Quantity of Surplus FURNITURE and Miscellaneous EFFECTS.

Particulars in Posters.

Sale to commence at Two o'clock.

Catchgate, Lintz Green. 546e

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. William Raw.

Pitt and John Streets, Consett.

MR. WM. RAW will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mrs. BROWN'S, Railway Hotel, Middle Street, Consett, on Wednesday, May 20th, 1891, all those

FOUR DWELLING-HOUSES,

Situate at 21 and 22, Pitt Street, and 33 and 34, John Street, Consett, each containing Two Rooms, with Yard and necessary Conveniences thereto belonging, now in the occupation of Cooke, Hall, Stafford, and Stafford, as Tenants thereof, at the Yearly Rental of £29 18s. 0d.

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Sale to commence at 7 p.m. prompt.

Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 612e

By Mr John S. Murray.

PRESENT SALE FIXTURES.

Saturday, May 9th, Mr R. Johnston's Farm Stock and Implements, Iveston.
Monday, May 11th, Royal Auction Mart.
Thursday, May 14th, Farm Stock, &c., Tinkler Hill.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 1891.

8 Fat Cattle.
50 Fat Sheep.
A number of Pork and Store Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
2 years old Bull, Short-horn.
2 S.H. Grazing Steers.
2 S.H. Grazing Heifers.
10 Gimmer Hoggs, in Lamb.
30 Young Hens.
A lot of Cart and Plough Gears, Cow Bands, Churn, and other Dairy Utensils, belonging to a Farmer who is clearing out, and other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale at One o'clock.

661e J. S. MURRAY.

Tinkler Hill, Shotley Bridge.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, having received instructions from Mr JOHN ROBSON, who is leaving the above Farm, and Mr WM. RIDLEY, Snows' Green, who has given up part of his Farm, will SELL BY AUCTION on Thursday, May 14th, 1891, at Tinkler Hill, their Surplus STOCK and IMPLEMENTS. Summary :—

7 Dairy Cows, most to calve, or recently calved.
3 Three-years-old Geld Cows, grand graziers.
16 S.H. Heifer and Bullock Stirks, 10 to 18 months old.
1 Calf, 6 months old; 1 Calf, 3 months old.
1 Young Sow.
16 Mule Hoggs.
8 Twice-crossed do.
1 Bay Mare, 4 years old, 16 h.h., good in all yokes.
1 Very Clever Black Draught Filly, by "Brown George," unbroken,
20 Barndoor Fowls.

Grass Cutter, by Woods; Roller; Pair of Harrows; Horse Hay Rake; Spring Cart, suitable for a Market Cart, and other Miscellaneous Lots.

Sale at One o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

Iveston.—Important Sale of Farm Stock, Horses, Farm Implements, &c.

MESSRS. J. S. MURRAY & W. NICHOLSON (who are jointly concerned in this Sale), favoured with a commission from ROBERT JOHNSON, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION on Saturday, May 9th, 1891, the whole of his FARM STOCK, Horses, a very large yard of Implements, Dairy Utensils, and part House hold Furniture. Inventory :—

CATTLE.

5 Young Cows, in calf or recently calved.
5 Well-bred Two-year-old Steers and Heifers.
23 „ One-year-old Steers and Heifers.
3 „ Finger Calves.
2 Young Farrow Cows.
1 Well-bred S.H. Bull, Two years old.
1 Well-bred S.H. Bull, One year old.
10 Mule Hoggs and Lambs.

HORSES.

1 Powerful Draught Brown Horse, 16·2 h.h., Ten-years-old. Good in all Yokes.
1 Powerful Draught Black Mare, 16·2 h.h., Eight years old.
1 Powerful Bay Horse, 16 h.h., Eight years old.
1 Black Draught Colt, Two years old, by Derwent Lad.
1 Bay Half-bred Filly, Two years old.
1 Grey Harness Pony, Five years old, about 12 h.h.

IMPLEMENTS.

2 Long Carts, 4 Coup Carts, 1 Pair of Cart Shelvings, 1 Pair of Waggon Shelvings, Hay Bogie, Horse Hay Rake, Hay Tedder, Hay Sweep, 2 Pairs of Pulley Blocks, 1 Pair 4-Bull Harrows, nearly new, 2 Wheel Ploughs, 1 Double Mouldboard Plough, 1 Reaping Machine, 1 Grass Cutter, Chain Harrows, Drag Harrows, Large Oak Roller, Double Turnip Drill and Roller, Grub Harrow, Scuffler, Whitechapel, no worse than new, Chaffcutter, Weighing Machine and Weights, Large Weighing Machine, by Pooley, to weigh 2 tons, in perfect order, 3 Wheelbarrows, Large Hay Shed, 40 feet by 20 feet, in perfect order, Cattle Heck, Sheep Hay Heck, Iron Pig Troughs, a lot of Wood Troughs, Large Water Trough, Wood Shed, 18 by 20, 4 Stackyard Ladders, Grindstone, 2 Sheep Troughs, &c.

HARNESS.

3 Sets of Cart Harness, 3 Sets of Plough Gears, Set of Spring Cart Harness, Cart Ropes, [illegible] and Bridle.

SUNDRIES.

Joiner's Bench, Joiner's and Blacksmith's Tools, Vice and Bench, 2 Sand Screens, 3 Pair of Iron Fire-bars, Axes, Saws, Potatoe Scoop, Sack Barrows, a lot of Fire Bricks, Quarls and Soaps, Hammers, Mells, Hacks, Pinches, several Rolls of Asphalting, a lot of Tubs, Scythes, Cradles, Cart Covers, 2 Pairs of Cart Arms, 2 Ash Cart Blocks, a lot of Joiner's Wood, Corn Bins, a lot of Gate Bars and Crooks, Window Sashes, Plastering Laths, a lot of Barbed Fencing Wire, Lead Ladle, Tin of Patent Grease, a quantity of White Elephant, Champion and other Potatoes, Bee Sceps, a lot of Deals, Barrels, Old Wheels, a lot of 1-inch Iron Piping, a lot of Trestles, a lot of Posts and Rails, Battens, Planks, Cart Shafts, Axles, Hurdles, Gates, Hen Coop, Wooden Shed over the Weighing Machine, Sanitary Pipes, Step Ladder, Fire Lamp, Hand Barrow, Whin Hoe, Weed Clips, Draining Tools, Scaling Forks, Gripes, Shovels, Hay Forks and Rakes, Slash Knife, Barrow Wheels, large quantity of Chains, all sorts, Old Iron, Old Wood, &c.

DAIRY UTENSILS.

Barrel Churn, by Ord and Maddison, Butter Scales, Cream Mugs, Milk Bowls, Lead Bowl, Large Tin Bowl and Stand, Milk Cans, Dairy Tables, Shelves, &c.

FURNITURE.

Camp Bedstead and Mattress, Iron Bedstead and Mattress, 2 Longsettles, Sofa in Hair-Seating, Case of Stuffed Birds, Pictures, Clock, Dining Table, Folding Table, Large Watering Can, Preserving Pan, Tea Kettles, and Scores of other lots too numerous to particularise.

Sale to Commence with the Implements at 11 a.m. prompt.

Iveston is about an equal distance from Lanchester, Knitsley, and Consett Stations, on the N.E.R. Conveyances meet all Trains, at Consett Station and carry passengers to Leadgate, which is close at hand.

As the Lots are very numerous, an early attendance is respectively requested.

Stock can remain on the premises, free of charge, until Monday, May 11th.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

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

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. 84e

Sales by Auction.

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

Monday, May 10th.—Victoria Sale-Rooms, Consett. Sale of Superior Mahogany and other Household Furniture, including Handsome 5ft. Walnut Sideboard, with Bevelled Plates, Mahogany Couches, in Hair and Leather, Mahogany Easy and other Chairs, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, and Mattresses, 6 English Lever Watches, Fender and Fire Irons, Feather and Down Beds and Bedding, Pillows and Bolsters, Dinner and other Ware, Remainder of Tailor's Stock of Tweeds for Suits, with Kitchen and other Requisites.

Also, the property of Mr McCartan, and others, declining Housekeeping, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Good Press, nearly new, Couch in Plush, Mahogany Umbrella and Hat Stand, New Bagatelle Board, Mahogany Dining Table, Shop Desk, Desk Bedstead, 3 Kitchen Tables, 5 Chairs, Longsettle, and very Superior Iron-framed Tichord Pianoforte, Nine Stop Harmonium, 2 Domestic Sewing Machines, and other effects.

MESSRS. A. and R. J. BRODIE are instructed to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett, on Monday, May 10th, 1891. the Superior Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Also, Fine-Toned Trichord Pianoforte, Good Harmonium, 2 Domestic Sewing Machines, &c.

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

Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett.—Eatage of Grass Land to Let.

ADAM BRODIE is instructed by E. W. E. BAILLEY, Esq., TO LET BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, May 20th, 1891, at Three o'clock, in the Afternoon prompt, on Little Greencroft Farm, near Consett, the EATAGE of 100½ Acres, or thereabouts, of good GRASS LAND on the said Farm, up to November 23rd, as follows :—

	Acres.
Cottage Field - - - - -	12
Middle Field - - - - -	14½
Low Far Field - - - - -	15
Horse Field - - - - -	8
Hop Clover Field - - - -	10
Big Stockerley Field - - -	24
Quarry Field - - - - -	17
Total - - - -	100½

Terms of payment :—2½ per cent discount for cash, or four months approval bills.

Auctioneer's Offices, Town Hall, Consett. 589e

FOR SALE, Privately, Neat and Well-Built COTTAGE in Dixon Street, Blackhill, with every Convenience; also, Several good DWELLING-HOUSES at Consett.—Apply, BRODIE, Consett.

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. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 1891. — 50 to 60 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 21 Fat Cattle (including a consignment of 9 Prime Cattle from the Weardale Iron and Coal Company's Cornsay Farms); 50 Fat Sheep and Hoggs; 5 Store Cattle 10 Finger Calves.

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

659e J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Tow Law Auction Mart.

LARGE SPECIAL MAY-DAY SALE, Thursday, May 14th, 1891, for HORSES, STORE CATTLE, and SHEEP. All Cattle Sold by Ballot. Entries required for insertion in next week's daily papers.

649e J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

Colepike Hall, near Lanchester.

MR. JOSEPH VICKERS, honoured with a commission from the Executors of the late George Garry Taylor Smith, Esq, J.P., will SELL BY AUCTION, in May (date not fixed), the HORSES, Carriages, Harness, Cattle, Implements, and about 100 Tons of Hay. Full particulars in future Advertisements and Posters.

Grove Villa, Tow Law. 524e

By Mr. John Crawford.

To Innkeepers and Others.—Pack Horse Inn, Crookgate, Burnopfield.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Mr James Cuthbertson, who is declining Innkeeping, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, May 11th, his Valuable FURNITURE, Bar Utensils, Whitechapel, &c., comprising Whitechapel, little worse than new, Set of Silver-Mounted Harness, 10 Young Pigs, Splendid-Toned Piano, by John Broadwood and Son, Dining Room—Large Dining Table; 6 Smoke Chairs; Sofa; Secretaire; Cornice Poles; Window Blinds; Hangings; Cocoa Matting; Pictures; Fender; Fire Irons; &c. No. 2 Room.—Dining Table; Chairs; Sofa; Longsettle; Pictures; Ornaments; Cornice Poles; Blinds; Oilcloth; Matting, &c. No. 3, Snug—Tables; Forms; Mirror, Longsettle; Arm Chairs; 2 Sewing Machines in Perfect Order; Cocoa Matting, Hearthrug; Ornaments; Fender; Fire Irons; &c. No. 4, Bedroom—2 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Desk Bed; Iron Bed Chair; Feather Bed; Leaf Mahogany Table; Swing Looking-glass; 4 Bedroom Chairs; Ornaments; Pictures; Carpets; Fenders; Fire Irons, &c.

No. 5, Bed-room—Brass-mounted Bedstead; Hair Mattress; Desk Bed; W[illegible] and [illegible]; Dressing Table; Chair; Bath; Secretaire; [illegible]; Shades; Oak Table; Chamber Ware; Mahogany Night Commode; Walnut What-Not; Footstools; Coal Box; Ash Pan; Round Table; Pictures; Curtains; Shades; Cornice Poles; Stair Oilcloth; Fender and Fire Irons. Kitchen—Tables; 10 Forms; Chairs; Arm Chairs; Child's Chair; Dinner Ware; Cradles; Pots, Jugs, Glasses; Pewter Plates; 2 Pairs of Quilting Frames; Table Tops and Trestles; Spittoons; 4 Butchers' Baskets; Candlesticks; Pots, Pans, &c. Bar—Syke's Hydrometer, complete, with Book; Spirit Measures; Decanters; Glasses; Pots; Quart, Gallon, and 4-Gallon Pots; Trays; Jugs; Writing Desk; Inkstands; Spittoons; Fenders; Fire Irons; a lot of Old Iron, and other Goods too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

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The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 1891.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

YES.

"A Sympathiser," writing in the last issue of the *Guardian* on the grievnances of grocers' assistants, points out that only one man bars the way leading to the flowery paths of summer half-holiday excursions. It appears that the whole of the gentlemen engaged in the trade are ready and willing to concede the desideratum, with the solitary exception referred to above, and "A Sympathiser" naturally asks if nothing can be done to clear the atmosphere and at once remove the obstacle from the way. If the case stands as stated, I have no hesitation in saying yes. There are men who care little—so they say—for public opinion but don't believe them. So long as you can succeed in making a man think his protestations about not caring are mere airy nothings. Let men prate about what they care or may not care about the public, the fact remains that the public veto is neither more nor less than a huge sliding scale, by virtue of which men are measured and stamped according to the candle power by which their footprints are illumined. A successful business man once observed to a writer: "I attribute my success to the good opinion which the public entertain of me as a man." Personally I have much faith in the efficacy of public opinion, add hence when evil disposed persons do me wrong I disturb their dreams on the lines indicated until they strike their colours and sue for peace.

CONSETT AND THE TELEPHONE.

The town of Consett has been at length connected to the outer world by wire along which the living voice can travel at will. The present is an age of privileges on a big scale, and there is no good reason why Consett should not participate in the benefits of things to the new. There is, however, comparativley little to complain about on that or indeed any other score. There is one notable peculiarity in connection with the changes that take place at Consett from time to time. The transit from one point of progress to another never takes places without a flourish of trumpets, and if there is no salutes fired it is because there is no pieces of ordnance within miles of the Blue Mountains. I have no fault to find with this custom, for the very simple reason that I fall in with it. This is not an age in which neither men nor communities of men should hide their light under a bushel. Let the world know who you are and what you do, seems to be the order of the day, and the people of Consett and district certainly follow the lines of that ideal to the letter—the ceremonial opening of the Telephone Exchange being the latest example of doing things on a big scale. One has seen the telephone introduced into a larger town than Consett and hardly a single whisper was heard about it; but Consettonians are great folks for making a fuss. All the same, however, the telephone will be found to be a great boon not to the townsfolk only but to large numbers of commercial men who weekly visit the district.

ANOTHER NEW ASSOCIATION.

Just as there are all sorts and conditions of men at Consett, there is hardly a modern organisation under the sun that has not a representative wing either in the town or district. The latest comer basks under the euphonious title of "The Derwent Valley Habitation of the Primrose League." I forget at the moment who the author is of the charming lines—

"The poet's pen turns things to shape,
And gives to airy nothings a local habitation, and a name."

Now if there is anything in a name, not to speak of a habitation, then have my Conservative friends the dual advantages arising out of both. They are singularly happy in the choice of an emblem, and a more appropriate spot to pitch their tents or seek a local habitation it would have been extremely difficult to have found. To revile them for coolly floating a branch by the still waters and green pastures in the land of the Philistines, is no part of my duty, and still less have I any desire to make a sally in that direction. The world is big enough to hold us all in the meantime, and when it becomes too small for that purpose, it will then be time enough to circumscribe the limits and tendencies of the individual mind, which, allowed to go untrammelled, has proved itself to be the bulwark of freedom, and the spur of progress in every age and clime.

THEY COME.

I have dealt above with one new association, but I have since discovered another—the Consett and District Licensed Victuallers' Defence Association to wit. The title reminds me of an expression in Goldsmith, in which he speaks of a right worthy gentleman who had a weakness for using "words of learned length and thundering sound." But the title is perhaps the most formidable feature in the new organisation. Publicans have similar societies elsewhere, and there is no reason why they should not have one at Consett. The publican is king of his own castle, if he is not monarch of all he surveys; and if he has brains enough to mind the proverbial "p's" and "q's," he stands on his own bottom, and no man dare say: "What doest thou?"

ON STANLEY ON !

There is an extraordinary amount of enterprise at Consett, more so indeed than in any town in "merry England," and that, of course, means the wide, wide world. I don't know how it comes. I fancy in my meditative moments that it is due to the extreme altitude of the region in which the town is built. There must be a cause, but if I cannot find it out I must perforce give it up. The latest venture on a grand scale is the visit to Consett of Mr H. M. Stanley, the celebrated African traveller. I don't know who is working the oracle nor running the risks incurred; but I do know that to bring such a man to the district is a bold stroke, and my readers will, I know right well, agree with me on this point when I assure them in confidence that apart from incidental expenses, the renowned lecturer must be paid the neat sum of £60. I believe the Town Hall will be crowded on the occasion, because every man, woman, and child who knows anything about what is doing in the world around them, will lay hold of the passing opportunity of seeing and hearing one of the living lions of the 19th century.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Last (Thursday) night, a highly successful entertainment was given in the New Town Hall, Consett, by a band of 25 performers from the Port of Hull Society's East Coast Mission and Sailors' Orphan Home, before a large and appreciative audience.

A CORRECTION.—Mr Jos. Walton, of Medomsley Road, Consett, writes to say that John McDonald —who was stated in last week's police news to have formerly been a member of the salvation army —was never a member and never took part in any salvation army meeting.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Wednesday, about noon, Miss McGurk, the daughter of Mr Michael McGurk, lately an innkeeper at Consett, died somewhat suddenly after a few days' illness. She was a teacher at the Roman Catholic Day Schools, and attended services in St. Mary's Church, on Sunday. She took ill the same night.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Mr John Holland and his talented company are occupying the boards of the above this week, producing the first three nights *Brought to Justice* a drama written by Messrs Henry Pettit and Paul Merrit. Mr John Holland gave a careful rendering of "John Holmwood," and Mr S. Adeson was good as "Philip Raymond." The part of "Stephen Byeway," the needy solicitor, was in the hands of Mr J. Wilkinson and was done full justice to by that gentleman, whilst Mr C. Coventry was excellent as "Major Dunmore." The comedy element was supplied by Mr Hardinge, as "Jonah," and Mr Fawcett Lomax as "Bob Brimstone," the last-named gentleman's impersonations of comic singers—past and present—being loudly applauded. As "Nell Forrest" Miss Nelson Ramsay has not much chance for displaying the the histrionic ability we know this lady possesses, nevertheless, she made the most of a bad part. Miss Beatrice Hudson was a creditable "Blanche Normandy," and as "Polly Primrose," Miss Rita Warne was perfection. Miss Flossie Clinton as young "Phil" speaks her lines very nicely. *The New Magdalen* will be performed to-night (Friday), and *The Streets of London*, to-morrow (Saturday) night. Next week a treat is promised to theatre-goers in a return visit from Mr C. Hermann and his "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company, numbering over 40 performers—white and coloured. In the plantation scene a novelty is introduced in the appearance of "Goliath" an athlete, who it is said does more wondrous feats of strength than even the great Sandow. As this is a most expensive engagement, Mr Brodie is compelled to increase the prices of admission to the circle and the balcony. Those desirous of securing a good seat should book one in time. A [illegible] of the circle may be seen at Tyler's Boot Shop, Consett. We understand that it is the intention of the lessee to close the theatre from June 13th for the summer season.

LORD GEORGE SANGER'S SHOW.—On Tuesday and Wednesday next, the menagerie and circus exhibited by Lord George Sanger will visit Consett, when performances will be given afternoon and evening of each day. The company making up this show, for which the proprietor claims the proud title of "The greatest show in the world," is comprised of over 200 members. The salaries paid range from £45 a week downwards, and the daily consumption of provender is as follows:—36 cwt. of clover, 15 cwt. of meadow hay, 12 qrs. of oats, five sacks of split beans, 6 cwt. of chopped hay, and one ton of straw. The elephants consume about 80 loaves of bread a day. The stud of horses consists of 240 animals of great value. The elephants number five, one of them being only an inch less than Jumbo. The performances are given in a large tent, which will comfortably seat 15,000 people, and the programme is as attractive as it is varied. The menagerie in connection with the show will be on view from ten to four on the outside of the circus free to the public.

MENAGERIE.—On Saturday, Messrs Wombwell and Bailey's monstre menagerie and American museum of novelties of 19 carriages visited this town, and gave two successful exhibitions on the Show Ground in Green Street. The attendances on each occasion were very large, especially in the evening, when the show was crowded to excess. The exhibition on the whole was an exceptionally good one, and there was a select, but not over extensive display of wild animals and beasts of prey. The feats of the lion tamer were watched with a considerable amount of interest, and so were the other different talented performers, particularly Samson, the strong man, the armless artiste, giants, dwarfs, &c., &c. A band enlivened the proceedings with its music. On Sunday morning, the menagerie left the town for Tow Law, and its departure was watched by some hundreds of people, many journeying to Consett Junction to see it cross the temporary bridge erected at that point.

BLACKHILL.

SOCIAL.—Nathan Raw, M.B., B.S., L.S.Sc., M.P.C. (London) Senior House Surgeon, in the Bolton Infirmary, Lancashire, took the degree of M.D. at the recent examination at Durham University.

THE LATE MISS WATSON.—The remains of Miss Emily Watson, youngest daughter of Mr T. Watson, of Baxton Burn, were interred on Tuesday week in Benfieldside Cemetery. Miss Watson for some time was a teacher in the Consett British Schools, and was also a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Baptist Church Choir. Death claimed her after a few hours' illness. Deceased, who was 18 years of age, was a general favourite. The funeral was largely attended, the *cortege* extended half the length of the long bank between Shotley Bridge and Blackhill. Rev E. W. Jenkins, Baptist minister, read the funeral service in an impressive manner. A large number of costly and beautiful wreaths were placed on and around the grave.

PRESENTATION.—On Saturday night, a large company assembled at Mr J. Young's Rose and Crown Inn, Blackhill, for the purpose of presenting Mr T. Clennell, of Castleside, well-known as a player on the Northumbrian small pipes, with a handsome gold medallion, which bore the annexed superscription:—"Presented to Mr T. Clennell, by a few friends, in recognition of his many social qualities, and for his ability as a performer on the Northumbrian small pipes." Mr J. A. Jack occupied the chair, and after a few preliminary observations called upon Mr T. Johnson to make the presentation, which he did in an able speech.—Mr Clennell in appropriate terms, acknowledged the gift, and warmly thanked the subscribers.—Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs J. Dick, J. Pearson, Bennet, and Wright. Mr Clennell also favoured with selections on the Northumbrian pipes, and Mr Wright performed violin solos.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At the Shotley Bridge Occasional Court, on Wednesday, before Coun. Jas Annandale, *Thos. Cranson* (56), and *Nathan Forsban* (40), quarrymen, were fined 5s and costs, or 7 days' hard labour, for drunkenness at Blackhill, on Tuesday night.

HIRINGS.—The usual half-yearly hirings for farm servants took place on Wednesday, in the Front Street of Shotley Bridge. There was a general scarcity of servants, but a capital attendance of masters. During the day business was almost at a standstill owing to the high prices that the servants were demanding. A few engagements were made at the following figures:—Females—women, £10 to £12; girls, £5 to £7; males—men, £18 to £20; lads, £8 to £10.

LEADGATE.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday evening, about 9 o'clock, Elizabeth Snaith, aged about 34, the wife of Mr John Snaith, landlord of the Queen's Head Inn, Leadgate, died very suddenly whilst in a fit. It appears that Mrs Snaith went and laid herself down on the bed about 7 o'clock, and when Mr Snaith entered into the room to retire to rest, he found that his wife was dead. Mrs Snaith has been subject to fits for some time, and consequently no inquest will be held.

ROOKHOPE.

On Saturday night, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Rookhope, a service of song entitled "Little Abe" was given by the choir. The reading was effectively given by Mr Freeman. The musical part was most efficiently rendered by the choir and great praise is due to Mr W. F. Walton for the excellent entertainment. The chair was occupied by Mr Adamson.

WEARDALE.

Swallows have arrived in Weardale, and were seen at Stanhope on Sunday.

The cuckoo was heard in Stanhope Burn Wood on Sunday night.

STANHOPE.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—A grand concert was held at Frosterley on Monday evening, in aid of George Cox, an afflicted working man, and his family. Mr V. A. Rippon, Esq., J.P., of Rogerley Hall, presided. Miss Gowland, Miss Pickering, and Mr J. Bell, officiated on the piano. The artistes were Messrs Waller, Bell, Emerson, Stephenson, Plewright, Makepeace, Cragg, Walton, Gray, Jopling, Chapman, and Misses Hogarth, Stephenson, Pickering, Gowland, and Bellamby. The place was crowded to excess. A handsome sum was realised and handed over to the unfortunate and afflicted man.

GUARDIAN ELECTION. — The election of a Guardian for the Stanhope Local Board district, in the place of the late Henry Maddison, of Darlington, took place on Tuesday. The votes were counted at the Board Room, on Wednesday. There were two candidates for the seat. The following is the result:—1, John Crawhall, agent to the Weardale Iron Co., 234; 2, Richard Mews, Coach proprietor, 93; majority for Crawhall, 141.

LECTURE.—Mr James Smurthwaite, manager at the Newlandside limestone quarries delivered a lecture in the Town Hall, Stanhope, on Saturday evening, in aid of one of his workmen who had a foot taken off by an accident in the quarry at the early part of last winter. The subject was "The converted collier and his dog." Dr Livingstone, C.C., presided, but was called out, Mr John Crawhall, taking his place. A large company was present, and a handsome sum was realised and handed over to the unfortunate man.

DIPTON.

CONCERT.—On Saturday evening, a concert was given in the Co-operative Hall, Dipton, in aid of Mr Wm. Cunningham, of Australia. There was a good company present, and the chair was occupied by Mr J. Fenwick, Dipton.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (SATURDAY, MAY 9TH).

Consett and District 1st v Whickham 1st, at Whickham.
Medomsley 1st v Gateshead Fell 1st, at Gateshead Fell.
Consett Fell 1st v Shotley Bridge 2nd, at Shotley Bridge.
Consett Fell 2nd v Annfield Plain, at Annfield Plain.
Shotley Bridge 1st v Greenside, at Greenside.
Consett Y.M.C.A. v East Stanley, at Consett.
Burnhope v Waldridge, at Waldridge.
Tanfield v Beamish, at Tanfield.
Oxhill v Langley Park, at Oxhill.
The Lizzie (Annfield Plain) v South Moor, at South Moor.
West Pelton Violets v Catchgate, at Catchgate.

CONSETT FELL v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—At Shotley Bridge. The following is the Fell team:—Thos. Charlton (captain), J. Williams, J. Lowes, T. Watson, T. Robinson, W. Bell, T. Longworth, A. Kempster, T. Bullock, J. Wilkinson, and R. Lowes. Wickets pitched at 3·30.

WEST PELTON VIOLETS v CATCHGATE.—At Catchgate. The following is the Violets team:—H. Theobald, J. W. Armin, J. W. Theobald, J. Lee, H. Barrass, G. Barrass, G. Laverick, M. Pigford, J. Hall, J. Pinkney, and J. Brayson. Reserves, A. Barrass and I. Barrass.

The Tonic Solfa Cricket Club would like to arrange matches with moderate second teams or good junior teams. Address, M. Dodds, Craghead.

Derwent Cottages Ramblers Cricket Club would like to arrange matches with moderate second or third teams. J. Marrs, hon. sec., No. 6, Derwent Cottages.

Lanchester Institute Junior C.C. wish to arrange home and home matches with any junior clubs around the district; ages 13 to 18. Secretary, G. H. Buckham, Front Street, Lanchester.

MEDOMSLEY 2ND v BLAYDON 2ND.

Played at Blaydon, resulting in a victory for the visitors. Score:—

BLAYDON.	
A. Bromes b Thompson	4
W. Marshall b J. E. Taylor	3
C. Atkinson b Taylor	3
R. Dunn b Thompson	1
M. Tingate b Thompson	6
S. Westgarth run out	0
W. Wilson c Murphy b Taylor	2
J. Ruddam b Taylor	0
W. Tingate not out	2
E. Leighton c Thompson b Taylor	0
W. Boyd run out	0
Extras	13
Total	34

MEDOMSLEY.	
J. Taylor b Wilson	5
J. Hunter b Dunn	0
T. Walton c and b Dunn	0
W. Hunter c Boyd b Wilson	5
W. G. Thompson not out	18
J. E. Taylor c Bromes b Wilson	2
T. Adamson b Wilson	1
M. Murphy b Dunn	0
R. Abbott b Wilson	0
J. Ross b Wilson	2
Beveradge c Boyd	3
Extras	3
Total	39

FROSTERLEY POULTRY AND DOG SHOW.

The twenty-fifth show was held on Saturday in the glebe field at Frosterley, and during the course of the afternoon there was an excellent attendance. The money taken at the gate was £2 in excess of the previous year. The entries, however, showed a considerable falling off from last year's show. This was notably in some of the classes for dogs and poultry. The total entries on Saturday in all classes was 619, as against 718 last year. But if there was a falling off in quantity there was no perceptible falling off in the quality of birds and animals exhibited. The Frosterley Brass Band was in attendance during the afternoon, and played a varied programme of music. The judges were—Mr M. Leno, Hampsteads; Mr J. H. Roberts, Leeds; Mr Maxwell, Darlington; Mr Emmerson, Willow Green; Mrs Pickering, East Newlands Hall. The following is the

PRIZE LIST:

POULTRY.

Dorking cock—1 and 2, J and T Currah, Woodcroft, Frosterley; 3, K Hutchinson, Egglestone.

Dorking hen—1, J and T Currah; 2, Appleton and Hooper, Stockton; 3, K Hutchinson.

Brahma cock—1, Appleton and Hooper; 2, Welsh, Old Pensher; equal 3, Appleton and Hooper and Welsh.

Brahma hen—1 and 3, Appleton and Hooper; 2, R Shield.

Langshan cock—1, W E Alcock, Humbledon Hill House, Sunderland; 2, Welsh; 3, G Hall, Etherley Station.

Langshan hen—1, J Bainbridge; 2, Welsh; 3, W E Alcock.

Plymouth rock cock—1, T Dunn, Linthorpe; 2, Sisson and Jopling, Frosterley; 3, G T Foster, Haughton-le-Skerne.

Plymouth rock hen—1, R Horsman, New Linthorpe; 2, G T Forster; 3, T Dowson.

Minorca cock—1, J Robson, Frosterley; 2, J W Horsman, Middlesbrough; 3, J Hedley, Yarm.

Minorca hen—1, J R Hariod, North Biddick, Washington; 2 and 3, W Hedley, Yarm.

Leghorn cock—1, J P Hedley, Cornsay; 2, Mrs Stephenson, Windlestone Farm, Ferryhill.

Leghorn hen—1 and 2, Mrs Pagan, Carlisle; 3, Mrs Stephenson.

Game, black, or brown red cock—1, T Lee, Hunwick; 2, J and T Currah; 3, R and T Sanderson, Middlesbrough.

Game, black, or brown red hen—1 and 2, J and T Currah; 3, G Barkass.

Game, any other variety, cock—1, R and S Sanderson, Ormesby; 2, J Christison, Tow Law; 3, W Barkass, Stanhope.

Game, any other variety, hen—1, J and T Currah; 2, T B Watson; 3, J Christison.

Hamburgh, golden spangled, cock—1, T Dowson, Frosterley; 2, F E Tinkler, Willington; 3, J Stephenson, Bollihope.

Hamburgh, golden spangled, hen—1, J Stephenson; 2, Sisson and Jopling; 3, T Dowson.

Hamburgh, silver spangled, cock—1, T Dowson; 2, T Barkass.

Hamburgh, silver spangled, hen—1, C Bateson, Dunkswich, Leeds; 2, T Barkass; 3, T Dowson.

Hamburgh, gold pencilled, cock—1 and 3, T and G Kidson, Middlesbrough; 2, T Dowson.

Hamburgh, gold pencilled, hen—1, Walton and Dowson; 2, T Dowson; 3, Sisson and Jopling.

Hamburgh, silver pencilled, cock—1, Walton and Dowson; 2, T Gibson, Frosterley; 3, T Dowson.

Hamburgh, silver pencilled, hen—1 and 3, Walton and Dowson; 2, T Pearson, The Leases, Bedale.

Hamburgh, black cock—1 and 2, T and G Kidson; 3, J Ridley.

Hamburgh, black hen—1 and 3, J Ridley; 2, C and W Raine, Stanhope.

Common or cross-bred hen—1, K Hutchinson; 2, R Slater, Frosterley.

Any other variety of poultry not enumerated above, cock—2, W Robinson, Fourstones, Northumberland; 3, S Turnbull, New Seaham.

Any other variety of poultry not enumerated above, hen—1, R Shield; 2, Mr J Eccles, Ingleby; 3, J Price.

Game bantam, black or brown red cock—1, R Bird, Old Pensher; 2, H and J Gillis, Blyth; 3, R Irving, Milton, Carlisle.

Game bantam, black or brown red hen—1, T Lee; 2, L and J Wilkinson; 3, R Bird.

Game bantam, any other variety, cock—1, J Robson, Bishop Auckland; 2, G Barkass; 3, J Nixon, jun.

Game bantam, any other variety, hen—1, B Walker, Sunnybrow; 2 and 3, J Christison.

Bantam, black or white rose comb cock—1, H G Lawrence, Avaries, Beccles, Suffolk; 2, R Pearson, Sunnybrow; 3, J Dargue.

Bantam, black or white rose comb hen—1, T Dowson; 2, R H Ashton; 3, R Wood.

Bantam, any other variety except game cock—1, J Dargue; 2, Isaac Moses.

Bantam, any other variety except game hen—1, R Pearson; 2, Isaac Moses; 3, R P Oliver, Coanwood.

SELLING CLASSES.

Any variety, price not to exceed 20s, cock or drake—1, J Barkass, Newlandside; 2, T Dowson; 3, J and T Currah.

Any variety, price not to exceed 20s, hen or duck—1, T Dowson; 2, J and T Currah; 3, T Barkass.

Any variety, price not to exceed 10s, cock or drake—1, J Ridley; 2, Appleton and Hooper; 3, J and T Currah.

Any variety, price not to exceed 10s, hen or duck—1, J and T Currah; 2, C Bateson; 3, J Ridley.

Bantam, any variety, price not to exceed 15s, cock—1, J Christison; 2, F T Piercy; 3, J Robson.

Bantam, any variety, price not to exceed 15s, hen—1, R Wood; 2, L and J Wilkinson; 3, Meggie Hewitson.

Gift class, any variety, cock or hen, drake or duck—1, J and T Currah; 2, K Hutchinson; 3, J Ridley.

DUCKS.

Rouen drake—1, J and T Currah; 2, G Emmerson, Frosterley.

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Any other variety, drake—1, K Hutchinson; 2, H Coates; 3, J Armitage.

Any other variety, duck—1, K Hutchinson; 2, H Coates; 3, J Ridley.

PIGEONS.

Chequer homer, or likeliest bird for flying purposes cock—1, W Woodhouse, Falkton; 2, H A Cobbe, Sudbury, Suffolk; 3, E Taylor, Barrow-in-Furness.

Any other colour, homer, or likeliest bird for flying purposes—1, W Woodhouse; 2, J Dargue; 3, Winter Brothers.

Dragon or Antwerp, cock or hen—1, Winter Bros.; 2, J Shackleton, Halifax.

Owl or turbit, cock or hen—1, J L Nicholson; 2, J Dargue; 3, J Devey.

Any other variety or pigeon not enumerated above, cock or hen—1, J L Nicholson; 2, W E Curry, Bishop Auckland; 3, King and T Brown.

Selling class, price not to exceed 10s, cock or hen—1, J Devey; 2, R Rowcroft; 3, King and T Brown.

RABBITS.

Silver grey, light, buck or doe—1, G Hedworth, Darlington; 2 and 3, Winter Bros. and T Sanderson, Marley Hill.

Silver grey, medium or dark, buck or doe—1, A Wardell, Stockton; 2, A Rymer, Northallerton.

Silver cream, fawn or brown, buck or doe—1, E Palmer, Bishop Auckland; 2 and 3, G Hedworth.

Dutch, any colour, buck or doe—1 and 3, Mrs Smith; 2, Mr Smith, Wolsingham.

Himalayan, buck or doe—1, A Homer; 2, J E Muschamp, Brotherlee, Westgate; 3, J Moses, Tow Law.

Common or crossbred, buck or doe—1, T S Dawson Blackheaton; 2, H Cross, Redworth; 3, J Hagger, New Shildon.

Any other variety not enumerated above, buck or doe—1, R Studholme, Jarrow; 2, J J Bright, Stanhope; 3, J W Clemmison, Northallerton.

Any variety, buck or doe—1, J Temperley, Frosterley; 2, R Gardiner, Frosterley; 3, J Temperley.

Selling class, price not to exceed 5s, buck or doe—1, equal, J R Teasdale and J W Clemmison; 2, W Winter, Howden-le-Wear.

CAVIES OR GUINEA PIGS.

Smooth, either sex—1, W B Hornan, Hull; 2, T Sneath, Bowden Close; 3, J W Halliday, Cornsay.

Rough, either sex—1 and 3, J W Halliday; 2, Miss E C Patrick, Ayreshire.

EGGS.

Six hen eggs, white—1, Mrs Wilson, Whins Farm, Byers, Green; 2, F Redman; 3, J Wright, Frosterley.

Six hen eggs, brown—1, F Redman; 2, Mrs Wilson; 3, T Davison.

BREAD.

White bread loaf—1, G Hutchinson, Frosterley; 2, Mrs J Bainbridge, Frosterley; 3, Mrs M Pearson, Eastgate, Weardale.

Brown bread loaf—1, Mrs J Bainbridge; 2, M D Harrison; 3, Mrs M Dawson, Frosterley.

BUTTER.

2lbs of plain butter—1, Mrs M E Parsons; 2, Mrs Forster; 3, J Bell, Stanhope.

DOGS.

Sheep dog, rough—1, J B Swineburne, Darlington; 2, J Bell, Stanhope.

Sheep bitch, rough—1, J B Swineburne; 2, J Bell.

Sheep dog, smooth—1, J and T Currah; 2, J Bell.

Sheep bitch, smooth—1, W Ridley, Frosterley; 2, Miss Dowson, East Biggins, Frosterley.

Greyhound dog—1, J Temperley; 2, W Winter, Crook.

Greyhound bitch—1, J Temperley; 2, H Gill, Darlington.

Pointer dog or bitch—1, J M Ayre, Yarm; 2, J Elliott, Bollihope.

Setter dog or bitch—1 and 2, W P Ingham, Coatham.

Fox terrier dog or bitch—1, J Robinson, Tow Law; 2, W Parker, Bishop Auckland; 3, F Sherwood, Middlesbrough.

Spaniel dog or bitch—1, T Burnet, Spennymoor; 2, J G and C H Palmer, Durham.

Any other variety, dog or bitch, over 30lbs—1, J Storey, Lintz Green; 2, R Walton, Stanhope.

Any other variety, dog or bitch, under 30lbs—1, 2, and 3, Miss A Todd, Bank End, Edmondbyers.

Best conditioned hound belonging to the Wear Valley Hunt—1, J Laudreth, Wolsingham; 2, R Bolam, Wolsingham; 3, Mrs Lonsdale, Wolsingham.

TOW LAW LOCAL BOARD.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday night, when there were present:—Messrs W. Atkinson, W. Ridley, L. P. Wherly, W. Emerson, C. Rowe, W. R. Teasdale, W. H. Telford, and the clerk (Mr R. Milburn).

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr Wherly proposed that Mr Atkinson be re-appointed chairman of the Board for the next twelve months. That gentleman, he said, had filled the office with every satisfaction. He was an excellent attender, and made a very good chairman.

Mr Atkinson pointed out that that motion was not in accordance with the mutual understanding come to at the beginning of last year.

Mr Wherly: We are crossing the ford, as it were, having a great difficulty in regard to the coal underneath the gasworks. Mr Atkinson has considerable knowledge of the business, and it would therefore be very wise to re-appoint him as our chairman. (Applause.)

Mr Ridley: Let him stick to it.

The Chairman: I fully expected to retire to-night.

Mr Wherly: There is an exception to every rule.

Mr Teasdale seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Mr Atkinson, in returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, stated that he was in hopes of being relieved of that position. He thought they might have found some more capable person to fill the chair, but he would strive to do his best. (Applause.)

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Wm. Garraway) reported, in reference to the pig-styes, situate in St. Alban's Street, that the owners, having had due notice, had removed the same, with the exception of one or two wooden erections, which were empty, and therefore caused no nuisance. The accumulation of ashes behind the Black Horse Inn had been removed, and the conversion of a disused stable into an ashpit was in course of progress. The cleansing of ashpits and privies, including butchers' dunghills, &c., had been well attended to. The first paragraph of last month's report (referring to the erection of new pigstyes in gardens) remained as before. The half-yearly inspection by the medical officer and himself would take place in the month of June, therefore he (Mr Garraway) had omitted reporting nuisances which were in process of being remedied.

The Inspector was authorised to serve fresh notices on the owners to take away the pigstyes.

THORNLEY LANE ENDS.

With reference to the drainage at Thornley Lane Ends, complained of by the Medical Officer in every half-yearly report, it was intimated that Mr Proud had fulfilled his part of the contract, in paying for the pipes and carriage thereof, and it was agreed to give notice to Mr Hall to lay the pipes, otherwise the Board would take it in hand and do the work themselves, and charge Mr Hall with the cost.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

The Boards instructions last month as to the culvert and sewer from Inkermann, and gas fittings in the Board's Offices, were conveyed to the parties concerned, and had been attended to. The fall in the sewer at Thornley Lane had been repaired by instructions to the agent of the Weardale Iron and Coal Company. He presented a plan of proposed new building behind Mr Sproates's shop, High Street, and also plan of alterations to Mrs Tomlinson's cottages in Wolsingham Road.

FINANCIAL.

The collector (Mr Hillary) further reported that he had deposited with the Board's treasurer £145 1s 9d for gas, and £3 15s 0d for burial fees. The arrears in payment of the gas account stood at £2 16s 0d. The paybill amounted to £21 1s 8d, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of £2 7s 4d.

PLANS

It was agreed, after consideration, to return the plan of Mr Sproates for the erection of new wash house, water-closet, porch, ashpit, lamp-house, &c., and ask him to show 150 square feet of yard space (as required by the bye-laws).

Mrs Tomlinson's plan, showing a cottage to be taken down, and to erect privies and ashpits in place thereof, was passed, on the proposal of Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Teasdale.

AN OBJECTIONABLE STRUCTURE.

Mr Teasdale complained of the unsightly appearance of an erection at Dan's Castle Inn, which had not been authorised by the Surveyor or the Board. The yard had been enclosed by a teafall, and the roof was on the wall not more than five feet high. He objected to such a proceeding, which was utterly disgraceful in a main thoroughfare.

Mr Ridley: It's only a shed covering the yard.

Mr Teasdale: I wouldn't allow it in a public street.

Mr Emerson said that the Board could only object because no plans had been furnished to the Board. There was no fault otherwise.

Mr Ridley: There were plans passed for a wood erection years ago. I have been pressed to do the work for the last six months.

Mr Wherly thought if spouting was put up, it would be all right.

Mr Teasdale: It's far too low next the road for any spouting to be erected.

No action was taken anent the matter.

PAY-BILL.

The pay bill amounted to £42 12s 9d, leaving £151 to the credit of the Board.

On the proposal of Mr Wherly, seconded by Mr Rowe, the accounts were paid.

THE COAL UNDER THE GASWORKS.

The Clerk gave counsel's opinion with regard to the threatened action of the Weardale Iron Company in working the coal underneath Tow Law gasworks, and mentioned that notices would be affixed to the church and chapel doors on Sunday first, notifying an action for the damages to a public-house at West Thornley, the case to be tried at Wolsingham Police Court on Tuesday, June 2nd.

It was therefore suggested that the Board should write and ask the Weardale Iron Company the price demanded for the coal beneath the works. A question had been raised that the Weardale Iron Company could not secure the coal from their successors, in case their lease expired, unless Lord Boyne (the lord of the manor) was a party to the arrangement.

It was agreed to await further developments.

NEW RATE.

The Clerk announced that a general district rate of 9d in the pound would realise £270.

Mr Ridley proposed, and Mr Teasdale seconded, the levying of a 9d rate for the ensuing half-year.

THE GAS ACCOUNTS.

A statement compiled by the Clerk was presented, showing that the total receipts of the gas undertaking amounted to £646 13s 3d, less £12 1s 6d deficiency. The deficit last year stood at £17 11s 10d. The repairs this year, however, were rather heavy—viz., £32. There had been 165,000 cubic feet of gas consumed; and during the last quarter £9 had been received for gas more than the corresponding three months of last year. There was £28 more for the sale of residual products, and £60 more for gas than the receipts of the preceding year.

It was resolved to have a couple of purifiers repaired, and to have the water-well raised about 1½ feet, to prevent the surface water running and spoiling the residuals; and also to dispose of a quantity of old iron and gasometer at the works.

On the question of renewing the pipes in Front Street, from the corner of Mrs Bell's shop to Mrs Metcalfe's shop, being discussed, Mr Ridley thought it expedient to obtain a test meter and see how much gas was manufactured and what quantity actually used.

Mr Emerson: We are losing money.

Mr Teasdale: We cannot prove it till we get the meter.

It was resolved to lay in a 3-inch pipe from the points indicated above.

A report from Mr Hardy, gas engineer, in relation to the improvement of the scrubber at the gasworks was referred to Mr McIntosh, of the Weardale Iron Company, to superintend and carry into effect.

THE CEMETERY.

Mr Teasdale moved, and Mr Rowe seconded. that a footpath be formed round the north and west side of the new portion of the cemetery.

A portion of the schoolyard wall adjoining the cemetery havnig fallen down, the Board decided, on the motion of Mr Emerson, seconded by Mr Teasdale, to complete its original intention of erecting the wall round that part of the cemetery.

THE RAILWAY ENCROACHMENTS.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the N.E.R. Co. asking for a reply to the former communications from the Board.

DARKWOOD.

A TALE OF LONEMOOR.

By Mrs. Harriett Lewis,

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

Chapter V.

THE SEARCH ENDED.

The old housekeeper spread an instant alarm throughout the mansion. Servants with lanterns were dispatched to search the moor, through the wild, white drifts and raging storms, for the wandering girl. The butler took an active part in the eager quest. Mrs. Quillet, wild with terror and excitement, rushed out upon the lawn, nearly losing herself in the snow, and then hurried in again, gasping for breath.

As she paused in the lower hall for a moment, after closing the door to arrange her loosened grey hair and disordered garments, hearing the faint wail of the deserted baby upstairs, the door of the sitting room opened, and the old squire looked out, demanding angrily the cause of so much commotion.

"Oh, sir!" cried Mrs. Quillet, in a breathless sort of way. "She's gone! She's gone."

The squire's face grew suddenly pale, then furiously red.

"Who's gone?" he demanded harshly.

"She—Miss Clare! Gone into this awful storm to her death. Heaven have pity on her. Oh, my poor lamb!"

The squire's face grew dark as a thundercloud. The lightning of anger leaped from his stormy eyes.

"Hush!" he commanded. "If you speak that name again you will leave my house. So the vagrant woman is gone? It is as well. Gone to her death? Heaven grant it!"

He retreated within the sitting room abruptly, and slammed the door.

Mrs. Quillet sighed moaningly and toiled up the stairs to the wailing child.

As she sat down before the fire, in a low nursing chair with the baby in her arms, she muttered—

"Once he worshipped Miss Clare. Now he would let her die in this pitiless storm and not lift one finger to her rescue. He is glad she is out in all this wild snow to-night. And she will die, my poor darling—my innocent nursling! For she is innocent. I know that she is pure and innocent in heart and soul, in spite of her father's curses, in spite of his disowning her, in spite of the lack of wedding ring, in spite of this baby, in spite of everything; I would believe her even if angels should testify against her. Oh! what is this mystery—this awful mystery? They will find her and bring her in, and then I shall persuade her to tell me!"

She rang the bell and ordered the cook to prepare coffee and other hot drinks. She paced the floor, the baby in her arms, and peered from the windows, and waited in a horrible suspense that was sickening to bear.

"She will be chilled to death," moaned the old woman. "She will stagger and fall and be covered by these awful drifts! Or she will lie down and die! Oh, Heaven, take care of her!"

The hours toiled wearily on. The servants came and went.

Mounted grooms joined in the wild search for the "vagrant woman." Not one of those who sought for her, with the exception of the old butler, knew that the half crazed young wanderer was in reality the Miss Clare Markham who was supposed to be dead—not one of them even suspected that the girl who was now lost in the night, the darkness, and the whirling snow-drifts was in truth the delicately-nurtered heiress of Lonemoor, who had once been the belle of the county, the pride of her father's heart, and who was now popularly believed to be sleeping her "last long sleep" under foreign soil.

But the search was all in vain. The wind increased in fury, raging like a loosened demon, piling snow against the fences, the terraces, and every obstruction; the flakes fell carelessly; the air was filled with the wild white whirl. The roads and paths that led over the moors were indiscernible. One vast whiteness reigned everywhere upon the earth and in the air.

The men came in one by one, chilled and disheartened. The cook administered to them the hot drinks she had prepared. By morning the men were all in, and not one of them had found the wandering girl.

The old squire did not show his face that night, but his light burned steadily in his sitting-room, and the housekeeper, stealing now and then down the stairs, heard his ceaseless tread to and fro, and knew that his night too was sleepless.

When morning came—a grey, snowy morning—a white pall covered the moor, the park, the fields, and the gardens of Lonemoor. Fences and shrubs were blotted out. The marble vases on the terrace were hidden. A vast white desolation, reminding them of the Arctic scenes, was spread far and wide.

The men, well mounted, went forth again at daybreak to renew their search upon the trackless moor. Mrs. Quillet, worn and trembling, with swollen eyes and pale complexion, carried in her master's breakfast, as was her wont.

He was standing at a window, looking out as she entered. When she had deposited the tray upon a table, he turned slowly, and the old woman started back at the sight of his face.

He had grown years older during the past night.

He was greyer, more haggard, and far more stern. There was a fierceness in his sunken, burning eyes that stilled the exclamation that rose to Mrs. Quillet's lips. She had always been in awe of her master, but a new fear entered now in her regard towards him.

"Well," he said, in a voice she scarcely recognised, yet it was less harsh and dictatorial than usual, "is she found?"

"Not yet," answered the housekeeper, putting her apron to her eyes. "They have gone out to look again!"

The squire turned abruptly again to the window.

"She must be dead by this," said the old woman, brokenly, "The awful exposure—the storm—the deadly cold—would have killed one so tenderly reared. She is dead!"

The old squire made a fierce gesture to her to depart, and she withdrew.

All that day he remained shut up in his sitting room, pacing the floor, or watching from the window for the home-bringing of the daughter whom he had cursed.

And all that day the men servants searched, and the snow fell ceaselessly, and a gloom hung like a pall over the mansion of Lonemoor. Mrs. Quillet nursed the little child tenderly, and watched at the windows, and started nervously at every sound, and the look of terror and despair deepened on her old face hour by hour and minute by minute.

When night came on again, with still that thick white veil dropping steadily down over the face of nature, the last vestige of hope fled from the heart of the old housekeeper, and an awful dread and anguish took its place.

She expected the return of the servants with a ghastly burden, and made ready for its reception.

The servants came struggling in, chilled and muttering at the trouble they had taken for a "wandering beggar." They had searched the trackless waste far and wide, explored drifts, had visited Dunford-bridge railway station and Penistone, and every hamlet on the moors within a radius of twelve miles, going singly and in pairs, and they had found no trace of the lost girl.

Those heavy snows seemed to have blotted her out of existence.

"She was so lately ill," said the old butler, coming up to the lonely chamber in which his wife kept her vigils over the month-old baby to make his report, "so weakly still that she could never have borne one hour of the chill, the wind and the storm. She's dead, Maria, under some snowdrift. Poor, delicate young creature! Who that saw her a twelvemonth or more ago in her youth, and beauty, and pride would have dreamed that she would ever have a fate like this?"

Mrs. Quillet's tears fell on the innocent baby face that lay against her breast.

"My poor lamb! My bonnie nursling!" she said moaningly. "Oh, John, John, it is awful!"

"Yes. She wandered on. I can see just how it all ended," said the butler. "She staggered on through the drifts for an hour or more, and then she stumbled into some hollow and fell. She did not rise again, although she may have made two or three efforts. Then the snow fell upon her and covered her, and her grave is hidden from our search."

Mrs. Quillet sobbed despairingly. The old butler wiped his eyes.

"It is as well so," he said. "This world held no refuge for her after all that had happened. Her own father had disowned and cursed her. She was homeless, friendless, accursed. Let us hope, Maria, that there is room for her in heaven."

"And that heaven will be merciful to her to whom her own father was merciless," said the housekeeper.

"When the snows disappear we shall find her," said the butler, "unless she lost her way and fell into the moor tarn. In that case she may never be found. How does the master take it?"

"I don't know. He looks fiercer and more terrible than ever, but he asks no questions. He has not eaten a morsel to-day; and that reminds me that I must take in his dinner to him."

Mrs. Quillet laid the now sleeping infant in its cradle—the cradle that had rocked the lost heiress seventeen or eighteen years hence—and hurried below.

She carried in the squire's dinner on a tray, as had been her custom of late. Her master sat in an armchair, still by the window. The fire had gone out, and the room was very cold. A single candle burned dimly in a remote corner.

Mrs. Quillet sat down the tray, and uttered profuse apologies for the cheerless condition of the room. Trembling with apprehension, she rushed to the grate to stir up any possibly lingering embers; but the squire's voice, hard and metallic, bade her let the fire alone.

"I want no fire," he said. "Where is Quillet?"

"Upstairs, sir. He is tired, sir, and chilled through; but I'll call him, sir."

"Let him alone. Are the servants all in?"

"All in, sir."

The squire asked no more questions. The old woman's face told him that the search had been unsuccessful. His face grew a shade graver, if that were possible, and he motioned her to take away the tray as if the sight of it sickened him.

Mrs. Quillet withdrew with her burden, and the old squire was left again to his darkness, cold, and loneliness.

The old housekeeper noticed that he did not retire to his room that night.

The next day, and the next, the servants continued their explorations of the moor. The snow gradually ceased to fall; but the air was crisp and cold, and the snow that lay on the ground did not melt. The secret of the lost girl's fate remained a secret which no exertion could solve.

It was in December that the ill-fated heiress had gone forth in storm and terror. In January a three days' snow was added to the one we have described, and while that still lay unmelted another occurred in February.

March was stormy and blustering. It was not until early in April that the tardy spring made bare the wide, far-stretching moors, and that the searchers finally resumed their work under the orders and directions of Quillet, for it must be understood that the squire had never spoken one word save those we have narrated of the lost girl and her fate.

It had been a strange hard winter to Squire Markham. He had abandoned his old sitting room, and taken up his quarters in the gloomy library, whose windows commanded a wide view of the moor. He had no fire in the library during the winter, although the season was unusually severe. Some of the servants whispered among themselves that the master was "growing a miser;" but the butler and housekeeper alone knew of the worm that gnawed secretly at the old man's heart.

It was the third day of April when the little party of mounted men, with the old butler at their head, rode out of the stable yard at Lonemoor, separated at the gates, and hurried upon their quest.

The squire saw them depart; but his impassive countenance might have been carved of wood or stone for any sign of emotion or interest he showed. Yet he paced his floor for hours, and his meals were not touched.

The servants returned singly, having been unsuccessful, at intervals throughout the day—all, except the butler and two others. These rode in about nightfall at a funeral pace, followed by an undertaker's waggon.

The squire, staring from his window, saw that the waggon held a box, whose horrible contents he could only too well surmise.

Mrs. Quillet ran down to the stableyard, and her husband drew her aside, and said to her, in an agitated whisper—

"She's found at last. We've brought her home, Maria."

"Where did you find her?"

"Five miles this side of Penistone. She had fallen into a deep hollow, where the snow had covered her all winter. It was an awful sight. We left her there, and hurried to Penistone for the coroner and undertaker. They've had an inquest, and I thought it best to bring her here."

"Are you sure it is our young lady? Are you very sure, John?"

"I could swear to it. Her clothes were all soaked to rottenness. She was a horrible sight to look upon after all these months; but it is our young mistress, Maria. I'll swear to it. Her long black hair was streaming all about her in ropes. I am sick when I think of it. You must not see her, or the sight will haunt you to your death. What are we to do? Will the master let her be buried as she ought? He cursed her to her death. Will he give her body decent burial?"

"You said there was an inquest. Did any one suspect who she was?"

"No one. They believed her a wandering, crazed vagrant, who was sheltered at Lonemoor, gave birth to a child here, and in her madness wandered forth again to die."

"I'll see the master," said Mrs. Quillet. "Let the waggon stand until I hear what he has to say."

She hurried into the house and to the library. The squire turned his cold, hard gaze upon her, and with a faltering tongue and streaming eyes she told her story.

"What shall we do with her?" she asked. "Shall we take her to the great hall or to the dead room?"

"You said, I believe, that her real identity remained unsuspected by the coroner, the undertaker, and their gaping crew?"

"Yes, master; John took good care of that."

"Why should Quillet bring to Lonemoor the body of a vagrant?" demanded the squire harshly. "The woman was nothing to me. Take her body hence. It cannot rest under my roof to-night."

"Oh, master——"

"Go!"

Mrs. Quillet slowly withdrew, returning to her husband.

"His heart is utterly hardened, John," she whispered. "He will not give her decent burial. He says she must be taken away immediately."

The butler's face grew stern.

"She shall not lie in a pauper's grave while I have a single sovereign!" he exclaimed. "I'll see her buried decently, Maria. And may heaven forgive the squire!"

The butler mounted beside the undertaker, and the waggon set out upon its return journey to Penistone.

Quillet returned the next day about noon, in the market waggon which his wife had sent to fetch him.

"She's buried, Maria," he said, when the two were in an upper room together. "I had a clergyman to say a prayer over her. Her life is ended, poor, misguided, unhappy young creature. And the life of her child is scarcely begun. Thank heaven the child is weak and sickly. She'll soon follow her mother, and the tragedy will be ended."

(To be continued).

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Mr Wm. Logan (chairman). Present: Revs C. F. D. Hodge, Wm. Cockin, and P. C. Fortin; Councillors Rd. Murray and J. A. Curry; Messrs Geo. Hobson, J. Collinson, J. Calvert, Wm. Aynsley, C. D. W. Balleny, W. Rutherford, R. Robson, W. Gray, T. Nichol, and the Clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).

INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Week ending April 22nd	150
Corresponding week last year	162
Week ending April 29th	152
Corresponding week last year	160
Vagrants relieved during past fortnight	15
Corresponding period last year	14

RESIGNATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINER.

Mr Fred. Blackmuir, boys' warder and industrial trainer at the Workhouse, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. His salary was £20 a year, with free rations and residence.

THE DRAPERY CONTRACT.

The tender of Mr W. M. Scott, of Sadler Street, Durham, was approved of for supplying the Workhouse with drapery goods during the next five months.

BOOKS FOR THE INMATES.

The Chairman explained that some months ago the Board gave their permission to procure books for the use of the inmates of the House, the total cost not to exceed £10. The Master and himself had purchased 59 volumes at Newcastle for £9 8s 10d, and he recommended that the Visiting Committee should inspect the books before approving of them.

WHERE ARE THE NEWSPAPERS?

Rev P. C. Fortin enquired where the daily and weekly newspapers went to that were supplied for the use of the inmates? Whenever the Visiting Committee passed through the Workhouse, they never saw any of the paupers reading the papers—in fact, they could not see a newspaper about the place, and nobody seemed to know anything about them.

The Clerk: We pay £10 a year for a supply of daily and weekly newspapers.

Father Fortin: Then they must be hidden away when the committee go on their rounds. (Laughter).

Mr Brotherhood, on being questioned, stated that the newspapers were becoming a perfect nuisance. As soon as they were placed in the day room, the first thing in the morning, the papers were seized by the adults, who took them away, and neglected their work to read the papers. He had to watch them very closely, otherwise no work would be performed.

The Chairman said it must be understood that the newspapers must not be taken by the men during the hours of labour.

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN.

The Chairman and Mr Muse were deputed to purchase a quantity of substantial toys for the children to play with.

VACCINATION DEFAULTERS.

Mr J. Proud, vaccination officer, Shotley Bridge, having reported a number of persons who had neglected to have their children vaccinated, he was requested to see those defaulters before asking the Guardians what proceedings should be taken.

With regard to the complaint made by a duly qualified medical practitioner against Mr Proud, who had questioned his certificate in the case of a child that had been vaccinated but had been found to be insusceptible, the Chairman stated that the Board had nothing more to do with the matter.

Mr Proud expressed his sorrow at the course he had pursued.

MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master (Mr W. Brotherhood) reported that Mr Warrington, of Maiden Law, and his wife left the Workhouse on the 16th inst. The man's furniture was still there, and he would be glad if the Guardians would give instructions for its removal. Ruth Dee, who had been in the Workhouse for some months with three children, was granted three days leave on the 25th and had not returned. The children were still in the House. On the 27th ult, he admitted a tramp named John Duffy, who had got his shoulder put out.

APPRENTICING BOYS TO THE SEA SERVICE.

The Master further reported that Mr Jeff, of the Grimsby Fishing Company, attended the Workhouse on the previous day (Wednesday) and interviewed the two boys who had expressed their willingness to be apprenticed to the sea service. He told the Master that the boys could be taken by the Company any day.

The Clerk was instructed to take the steps requisite for sending the lads to Grimsby.

AGED MARRIED COUPLES IN THE HOUSE.

Rev C. F. D. Hodge moved, in accordance with notice, that provision should be made in the Workhouse for married couples, over the age of sixty years, living together in apartments. He considered it harsh and unjust to part old couples who had become destitute, probably through no fault of theirs. He understood there was a room in the House set apart for that purpose, but it was not used for the reason that it was not found suitable. He did not think the fact of aged couples beyond the prescribed age living together would entail much extra work upon the officials.

Mr Hobson, in seconding the proposition, said he was under the impression that there was already accommodation for aged married folks living together in the Workhouse.

The Chairman regarded the motion to a certain extent as a matter of sentiment. During his sixteen years connection with the Board, they never had more than a single aged couple above the prescribed age in the House at any particular time, because the Guardians invariably gave out-door relief in such cases. Sometime ago, the Guardians prepared a room for the accommodation of married couples, which satisfied the requirements of Mr Knollys, Local Government Inspector; and he failed to see any reason that this place could not be used. If they went to the expense of providing separate apartments for a dozen couples, and had them waited upon separately, it would be throwing a great burden upon the ratepayers. The Poor Law Act said the Guardians might, and not must, provide separate apartments for married couples.

Mr Hodge said he thought if they made such provision in the House, it would induce married couples to come inside. Some people would be much more comfortable in the House than the miserable existence they spent outside.

The Chairman mentioned that in the case of an old man he believed that he could legally compel the Guardians to provide a separate apartment for himself and his wife to live together. On testing the matter, however, he soon found out his mistake. They did not want to induce people to come into the House. One of the cardinal principles of the Poor Law administration was not to elevate the inmates of the House into a better position than the indigent poor living outside. He considered that with a slight alteration perhaps this room could be adapted for old married folks residing together.

Coun. Murray strongly objected to the Guardians doing anything to entice old folks coming into the House. It was far better to grant out-door relief.

The Chairman said such a course was contrary to the spirit of the Poor Law Act.

Mr Hodge confessed that the Visiting Committee had not seen the room which the Guardians had set apart for aged married people.

The Chairman suggested that the committee had better inspect the place, and see what was best to be done.

Eventually the subject was referred back to the House Visiting Committee for further consideration.

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

JOICEY'S SQUARE, STANLEY.

A letter was read from Mr Asquith, on behalf of Messrs Joicey and Co., drawing the attention of the Board to the unsatisfactory condition of the drainage of Joicey's Square, West Stanley.

The Inspector was directed to carry the Authority's main pipe to the place originally intended, and then Messrs Joicey will be asked to connect their branch drains therewith.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have engaged two surveyors to assist in the preparation of plans for the sewerage of Medomsley, Castleside, White-le-Head, Tantobie, Stanley, &c., in accordance with your resolution of the 2nd instant.

The South Moor sewerage works are now in course of construction. Since the plans received your approval, the South Moor Colliery Company, Limited, have extended the tramway embankment in a manner so as to slightly reduce the area available for filtration purposes.

Appended hereto is a letter which I have received from the company above referred to, having reference to the proposed sewerage works within the culvert under the tramway embankment at South Moor:—

South Moor Colliery Co., Limited,
Near Chester-le-Street,
April 27th, 1891.

Dear Sir,—

Re South Moor Sewerage.

There is no objection to the carrying out of your sewerage scheme as suggested in your letter of the 10th inst., conditionally that no damage is done to the gangway or the works connected therewith. We shall hold the Sanitary Authority responsible for any damage that may occur. It is proposed to charge a nominal rent of one shilling per annum.—I am, yours very truly,

J. Fairley, D.D.

Mr J. E. Parker, Lanchester,

I have interviewed Mr K. Askwith with reference to the supply of Esh, Wilk's Hill, &c., with water from the Weardale and Shildon Water Company; but as the directors of that company have not met since your last ordinary meeting, he is as yet unable to give a definite reply to our proposals.

Since your adjourned meeting, I have received a letter from the North-Eastern Railway Company, re Causey Rows and Andrew's House water supply, in which they state that they are unable to depart from the decision communicated to your Authority in a letter dated 28th July, 1888.

Thirty-two villages have been inspected during the month.

The following houses will shortly be ready for habitation:—

944. Business premises and house at Westwood for the Consett Co-operative Society.
1004. Twelve houses at Bradley for the Consett Iron Co., Limited.
1046. House and shop at Medomsley for Ralph Calvert.
1051. Twelve houses at Langley Park for the Consett Iron Co., Limited.
1073. Additions to store at Burnopfield for the Burnopfield Co-operative Society.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
J. E. Parker.

Lanchester, April 30th, 1891.

NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

The Building Committee approved of the plans of a new Wesleyan Chapel at Tantobie.

TOO KEEN OF SPENDING MONEY.

Mr Balleny, pursuant to notice already given, proposed that an assistant should be engaged for Mr Parker at a salary of 28s per week. He pointed out that Mr Parker's duties were increasing, and some years ago there was in contemplation the appointment of an assistant inspector, but certain difficulties stood in the way. These obstacles, however, had now been overcome, and seeing that Mr Parker had some extensive sewerage works on hand, he considered the present an opportune moment to grant him some assistance. The Public Health Act gave the Authority full power to do so.

The Chairman said he quite agreed with Mr Balleny as to engaging an assistant for Mr Parker, but seeing that they had given him power to spend £100 in the way of pushing on with the various sewerage schemes, he thought it best to wait till that money was exhausted before taking any further steps.

Mr Hobson and several other members adopted the Chairman's views.

Mr Balleny explained that he wanted a person to perform what was termed the "drudging" work for Mr Parker, so that the latter would devote more time to more important duties. It would be fully three months before the appointment could be made if advertised at present.

Coun. Murray suggested that Mr Parker might engage other than professional surveyors to assist him out of the £100 already granted.

Eventually, Mr Balleny deferred the consideration of his motion for the time being, it being understood that Mr Parker was empowered to expend the £100 to the best advantape and in any way he deemed proper.

DOCTORS' REPORTS.

Lanchester District,

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority.

Sir Chairman and Gentlemen,—The following cases of catching diseases have appeared in the district since my last report:—1 case of scarlet fever at Langley Park; 1 case of erysipelas and 6 of whooping cough at Langley Park; 2 cases of whooping cough at Hill Top; 2 cases of continued fever, and 2 cases at Ushaw Moor; 2 cases of scarlet fever at Esh Winning; 4 cases of whooping cough at Newhouse Cottages; 4 cases of scarlet fever, and 9 of whooping cough at Hamsteels Colliery; 8 cases of scarlet fever, 1 of typhoid fever, 6 of whooping cough, and 1 of erysipelas at Quebec; 3 cases of scarlet fever and 12 of whooping cough at Cornsay Colliery; 1 case of erysipelas at Malton Colliery; 3 cases of whooping cough at East Hedleyhope; 1 case of erysipelas at Square House Cottages; 4 cases of scarlet fever at Greencroft; 1 case of continued fever at Maiden Law; 4 cases of scarlet fever at South Moor; 2 cases of scarlet fever, 1 of continued fever and 2 of erysipelas at Lanchester; and 1 case of scarlet fever in the Workhouse Hospital.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
John Wilson.

April 30th, 1891.

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—The only cases of infectious diseases notified to me during the month were ten of scarlatina occurring, two at Dipton, two at Oxhill, four at Stanley, and two at Kip Hill. With one exception, they were all mild in type, and there are no indications of the disease spreading.

The mortality for the month is under the average, 25 deaths were registered, giving an annual ratio of 15 per 1,000. There were three deaths due to infectious diseases, viz—Scarlatina 1, and whooping cough 2.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. Benson, Medical Officer.

April 28th, 1891.

Medomsley District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union Rural Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—During the quarter ending March 31st last, 60 births were registered, 28 males and 32 females. 32 deaths were also registered, natural increase, 28.

There are very few cases of infectious diseases noted since my last report, which shows a great improvement in the health of the district.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
W. T. Bolton.

Ebchester Hill, April 29th, 1891.

THE WATER SUPPLIES.

The further consideration of Wilks Hill, Esh, &c., water supply question was adjourned till some answer was forthcoming from the Weardale and Shildon Water Company.

Andrews' House water supply also remains in abeyance till some communication is received either from the Whickham Local Board or the Local Government Board.

This concluded the business.

EXCITING OCCURRENCE AT STANHOPE.

A HORSE WITH CART ATTACHED LEAPS OVER A BRIDGE PARAPET.

An exciting occurrence took place beside Shield Hurst, Stanhope, on Thursday se'nnight. Andrew Collingwood, son of Mr John Collingwood, Stanhope Hall Farm, was coming homeward past Shield Hurst with a horse and cart when the horse bolted off at full gallop past Shield Hurst, and down the bank to the Clints Bridge, which spans a ravine of considerable depth below, the deepest point being 40 or 50 feet. The bridge wall or parapet is only some two or three feet high. There is a sharp turn of the road at this place, and also a gate on the bridge to keep sheep and cattle in the Noah's Ark pastures. There were in the cart besides Mr Collingwood, the servant man and boy of Mr Wm. Vickers, of Pease Myers farm. As the horse galloped down the bank Collingwood was thrown over the wall into an adjoining field, the others remaining in the cart. The angle being sharp the horse leaped over the wall and one wheel of the cart was over as well, the other wheel gagged in between the wall and the gate post, and the horse remained suspended in the trappings which were good, and held it over the deep abyss below. Mr Vickers' servant man sprang out of the cart dragging the boy after him. Fortunately they were all little or no worse except having had a good shaking. The most remarkable of all was that the horse remained suspended until blocks were brought and fastened to the strong boughs of the overhanging trees, and after lifting it the gears were loosened and it was lowered to the ground below at the side of the ravine, which at that place was about 14 or 15 feet from the top of the bridge parapet. The horse was little worse except a cut in the lisk, and the occupants of the cart also had a most miraculous escape.

Holloway's Pills are admirably adapted for the cure of diseases incidental to females. At different periods of life women are subject to complaints which require a peculiar medicine, and it is now an indisputable fact that there is none so suitable for such complaints as Holloway's Pills. They are invaluable to females of all ages, young or old, married or single. They purify the blood, regulate the secretions, correct all suspended functions, give tone to the stomach, and clear the complexion. The first approach of disordered action should be met with appropriate doses of these Pills; whilst taking them no restriction need be placed over the patient. They contain nothing which can possibly prove injurious to the system. They act by purifying the blood and regulating every organ.

Volunteer Intelligence.

BLAYDON RIFLE CLUB.

Shooting operations were continued on Saturday on the picturesque Bues Hill rifle range, near Blaydon. There was a gusty wind to contend against. Seven shots were discharged at 200, 500, and 600 yards. National Rifle Association targets and scoring; one sighting shot at each distance; volunteer positions; highest possible score 105 points. Winners:—
Corp. W. March, Blaydon, scratch, 27, 30, 31—88; Sergt. V. Shotton, Winlaton, scratch, 26, 21, 32—79.

H COMPANY, BLAYDON.

The second encounter for one Bisley nomination was held at the same time. In all there will be four competitions, each competitor to count his three best scores, same conditions as observed in the Queen's first stage average. Best scores:—
Corp. Wm. March, 27, 30, 31—total, 88; Priv. W. Thompson, 25, 30, 25—80; Priv. E. Adams, 28, 23, 19—70; Priv. Walter March, 21, 23, 25—69.

WINLATON RIFLE CLUB.

A fair attendance of the Winlaton members made the journey to Bues Hills and tried conclusions in their fortnightly handicap sweepstakes under Bisley 1890 conditions. The club have on their books some creditable rifle shots, but several of these found shooting to be a difficult matter on Saturday, owing to the strong wind. Winners of prizes and scores:—
Corp. G. Hall, 6 start, 20, 29, 27—total 86; Priv. J. W. Robson, 20 start, 24, 26, 12—82; Priv. J. Parkin, 30 start, 25, 29, 27—81; Sergt. Shotton, 26, 21, 32—79.

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

The first shoot for two N.R.A. nominations offered by the company's officers was decided at the same time. Last year the detachment was represented at Bisley by Sergt. Shotton and Corp. Dixon. Conditions:—7 shots at 200, 500, and 600 yards, volunteer positions. The leading men were:—
Sergt. Shotton, 26, 21, 32—79; Corp. G. Hall, 20, 29, 27—76; Corp. J. Dixon, 22, 26, 23—71; Lance-Corp. R. Bennett, 21, 27, 22—70.

Sporting Items.

Quoiting at Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, a quoit match for £15 a-side was played in a field near the house of Mr J. Bennett, Fox Inn, Dipton, between G. Cranston, of Burnopfield, and J. Wigham, of Westwood, 41 points game. Over 100 spectators were present, and the betting ruled in favour of Cranston, who won by 5 points. Scores:—Cranston, 41; Wigham, 36.

Dog Racing at Tow Law.—At Sunniside near Tow Law, Mr R. Ridley's 200 yards dog handicap resulted as under:—Bob, 15½, beat Double Blank, 18½; Rough and Ready, 20, beat Tip, 17; Funny Feet, 13, beat Honest Lill, 18; Nip 17½, beat Toad, 16; Jess, 19, beat Pat, 18; Phill, 16, beat Mouse, 15.

Pigeon Flying at Cornsay.—The pigeon main, promoted by Mr Jno. Coates, Royal Oak Inn, Cornsay, for £5, with 3s entrance of each bird added to the sweep. Distance, one mile-and-a-half from Button's Farm to the respective Dove Cots, Cornsay. There were 20 entries. Result:—F. Brown's Pilot, 1min. 29sec., 1; W. Mintoe's Highflier, 1min. 30sec., 2; R. Harrison's Sunflower, 1min. 32 sec., 3. Wm. Mintoe was timekeeper, stakeholder, and referee.

BRAES OF DERWENT HOUNDS.

The closing meet of the season was at Blaydon Burn, the residence of the worthy master, on Saturday. The event had exceptional interest from the fact that Col. Cowen, who has just recovered from a serious illness, was able to meet his many friends, and conjointly with Mrs Cowen, to offer that hearty welcome and unstinted hospitality which are so strongly characteristic of the host and hostess. A bright spring morning smiled on one of the largest companies that have foregathered with these hounds during the season. Everyone greeted the gallant colonel with more than usual warmth after his illness, and wished him a speedy and complete restoration to robust health. Amongst the company were Mr Fife Scott, Mr and Mrs Earle, Mr J. T. Ramsay, Mr G. Ramsay, Mr T. Bell, Mr R. Bell, Mr and Mrs Wm. Bell and family, Mr James Hedley, Mr L. Priestman, Councillor Richard Murray, Mr A. Milling, Mr T. Charlton, Mr T. W. Welford, Mr Annandale, jun., and Miss Annandale; the Misses Dickinson, Priestfield; the Misses Spencer, Whorlton; Mr J. Humble, Eltringham; Mr J. E. Cowen, jun., Mr D. A. Cowen, the Misses Cowen and Mrs Cowen; Mr Wilkinson, Gateshead, &c. At 11 o'clock Siddle Dixon, jun., appeared with the hounds, and the cavalcade moved on forthwith to the home covert, which, although known to harbour three litters of young foxes within half-a-mile of the kennels, was drawn blank, this result arising from the fact that all the vulpine tenants of this stronghold had been unintentionally stopped in their holes. Changing the venue to Chopwell, a fox was soon found, which gave a short run to Milkwell Burn. Here the hounds must have changed foxes, as they went a deal faster, and had a fair good run when they could get him into the fields, where the scent, never at any time good, was better than in the woods. Soon afterwards another fox, found on Broad Oak Farm, gave very good sport, but being so frequently headed, hounds at last had to be drawn off. Hedley Mill Wood was next tried, where Reynard was at home, but on being disturbed only gave moderate sport, and as it was now getting on to six o'clock the hounds were drawn together and taken to kennels. Not yet equal to the task, after his illness, of riding on horseback, the Master, accompanied by his two charming daughters, followed the hounds on foot as far as Barlow with unabated keenness.

Like many other packs the Braes of Derwent has had a comparatively bad season on account of frost and snow. During the interregnum a few days were stolen both on foot and on horseback, when, perhaps, the hounds would have been better at home on account of the hard state of the ground. The average number of foxes has been killed, which, necessarily in the Colonel's country, studded so thickly as it is with pit falls from old lead workings, has not been large. The pack, which numbers 25 couples, has been hunted two days a week during the six months just closed, barring the nine weeks bad weather. This is the 19th successive season that it has been hunted by Col. Cowen. Virtually he was Master many years before he undertook absolute control. Mr W. Cowen hunted them 17 years before the colonel, who practically was the Master in the latter years of Mr William direction. The old hounds, with the exception of one or two, were lost some ten years ago through the mysterious epidemic of dumb madness which overtook them. Although bereft of his "beauties," the colonel had many friends who came to his aid, several Masters of Hounds in Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire Hampshire, Wiltshire, and elsewhere sending him draughts of from one to half-a-dozen couples to supply the loss he had sustained. This thoughtful generosity was unasked, yet it may be taken as an indication of the high esteem in which the Colonel is held by masters of hounds throughout the country. Notwithstanding that nearly the whole of the country over which the pack works is thickly wooded, the ears of these hounds are not rounded like the majority of hounds hunted in other countries of a like character, and as showing the wisdom of not clipping the ears, we did not notice a single hound with a torn ear on Saturday when they wound up the season.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—Mr Murray had only a short supply at this mart on Monday, for which there was a good demand, a good company of buyers being present—in fact, had there been four times the amount of stock it could have been sold. Fat cattle to £18 17s 6d; hoggs to 46s; sheep to 45s; calves to 35s; pigs to 45s 6d. Several lots of poultry, harness, and sundries were also disposed of.

Tow Law.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 58 cows and heifers (dairy), 17 fat cattle, 25 store cattle, 14 calves, 20 black-faced ewes and followers, by Leicester tup. Calved cows made up to £21; cows to calve to £23; fat cattle to £19; store cattle to £13; calves to £3 6s; fat sheep to 49s 6d; black-faced ewes and followers to 30s. Next special sale for horses, store cattle, and sheep, May 14th.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 85 fat cattle, 10 grazing cattle, 5 in-calving and new-calved cows, 3 calves, 130 fat sheep, 2 fat lambs, 50 keeping hoggs, 10 ewes and lambs, 6 bacon and pork pigs, 2 sows in pig, 30 young pigs, harness, &c. There was a large attendance of buyers from all parts, and trade for both cattle and sheep was very brisk throughout. The following are the prices:—Fat cattle: Bullocks, to £22 15s—top, Mr T. Young, Broomyholme. Heifers to £19 5s—top, Mr Jas. Bradford, Vigo House. Cows to £17 17s 6d—top, Mr Jas. Brewis, Waldridge Hall Farm. Calves to 35s. Fat hoggs to 59s—top, Mr Thos. Young, Broomyholme. Fat lambs to 51s—top, the Birtley Iron Company. Grazing cattle to £11 10s; milk cows to £16 15s. Bacon pigs to £4 15s; sow in pig to £4 15s; young pigs to 38s. Keeping hoggs to 25s 6d; ewes and lambs to 58.

HANDYSIDE'S ROOMS 126, KING'S CROSS ROAD, LONDON, Feb. 28th., 1891.
Mr. G. Handyside.

Dear Sir,—The following is a description of the work and cures under my supervision, in London. In a little over three months I have taken in hand over 700 patients to whom I give medicine free. Many are already cured, and the rest still under my treatment. The patients are suffering from Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, Rheumatism, Indigestion, Fits, Eruptions, Sleeplessness, Costiveness, Paralysis, and Cancer, and the results in each class of these complaints have been most marvelous. There are many who were laid up with consumption, when you sent me here three months ago, who are now perfectly well and able to attend to their daily occupation. A Miss Hobbs, 15, George Street, Canning Town, London, E. had been in consumption for three years. She had been under the best medical treatment, and the best hospitals, but they could do her no good, she was continually wasting away, suffering cold night sweats, bad cough and spit; in six weeks after taking the consumption cure, she is perfectly well and able to take a situation. Another case "and I enclose his testimonial." Mr John Martin, 52, Wharton Street, W. C., who had been suffering from Bronchitis and Asthma for many years, had tried everything he knew of, also hospitals and doctors, before he came to me he had to be propped up with pillows in bed, he was getting weaker and weaker, and unable to work, he has had 3 lots of Handyside's Blood Purifier and is now able to work. The Rheumatic cures, have been numerous and wonderful, persons have come to the van bound in grip of Rheumatic pains in 20 minutes the pains have been driven away and they have run jumped and danced and the blood purifier has perfectly cured them. In paralysis there have been some wonderful effects. Altogether I have in hand about 40 of this class, and there have been some magical results, one is Miss Inman, 44, Parnell Road Old Ford, London, E. she is 15 years of age has been suffering nearly all her life, before she came to me Miss Inman had never been able to put up her own hair, I had her come to my room, and in this case I used the electric chair and at the same time applied the liniment, after the first visit she could do her hair and has been getting better ever since. I have another one Mr Archer, 75, Arcaclia Street, Bow, London, E. This gentleman had been paralysed for 7 years, in both legs, for five years he had not been able to stand without assistance; in six weeks under our treatment he came to the van for his medicine, without any assistance. I have a number of children who were paralysed in the arm and hand, and were not able to open the hand, only when forced open by the other hand, but now they can open their hand at will which is a most wonderful result, and all these cases have been under the best hospitals and doctors. I have had the same success in fits. There was one child brought to me at the van, by its mother, Mrs Anderson, Cardigan Road Old Ford, London, E. This child had been suffering from fits, 2 years 9 months, and had 10 fits in a day, she had been under the best medical treatment, and they had failed to do her any good. I gave them the Blood Purifier, the first week they were reduced to 8 a day the second week to one and the last time I saw the mother she said the child had not had a fit for a fortnight, this marvellous result was effected in one month. I have many other of a similar nature all of which are getting better. But the most wonderful cure I have in hand is a case of cancer, a lady, Mrs McGuire, Orchard Avenue, Barking, London, E., has been suffering from this distressing disease for many years, she has been under 46 medical men, in the best London Hospitals, and has formed the special subject for the physician's lectures, and the only hope they have ever given her, has been the cutting of the cancer away, this they have tried to do but as often as they have cut it, it has grown deeper into the head, for 4 years the lady has been very bad, the eye has been taken completely out, they have cut her 6 times and tried to burn it out 22 times, but it has baffled all their efforts. When the lady came to me, she had not had a night's rest for 4 years, and the eye was worse than it had ever been, the poor woman was distracted with pain, her memory failed her and she scarcely knew how or what to do, she consulted medical men at London and not one would undertake her case, they could give her no relief in her distraction. Her children said "Mother," why don't you go to Mr Handyside he is doing a great deal of good, try him. She came, and after she had taken it 5 days, she got the first night's rest she had had for 4 years, when Mrs McGuire had taken the medicine 4 weeks her pains were entirely gone. The case itself baffles description, and it must be seen to be realized. The people of Barking district, London, are astounded at the work we are doing.

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.

I must confess I could not believe it, and went myself to see it, and I have no hesitation in confirming the opinion of the lady herself, and all in the neighbourhood that it is a perfect cure. The upper bone of the eye is eaten away. I will in August give two thousand of my patients a trip from London to the Crystal Palace, and give prizes for dancing to those whom doctors have given up as incurable. The lady that is cured of cancer will likely be amongst them. Everyone should go and see the marvellous effect of this medicine. The doctors are satisfied that all diseases arises from animalcula, or insects in the blood. If this kills the insect of cancer it is exactly what Koch and all great medical progressists are endeavouring to find out. When this medicine possesses this power, it is no wonder that it cures cancer, consumption, indigestion, costiveness, night sweats, fits, languidness, a weak heart, eruptions of the skin, runnings of the body, change of life, sleeplessness, fevers, small-pox and measles.

Every aged person who takes it should notice what a youthful elasticity it imparts to them, it makes them quite jaunty and young. By purifying the blood it is the best thing for the complexion, and restoring to age a great portion of the loveliness of youth. It is no use taking it for the restoring the lungs, or what cancer has eaten away. What is eaten away this medicine cannot restore, it will only arrest further decay. It has cured hundreds when taken in time, but when the lungs are far gone, it will only sooth the cough, and temporily restore the strength. Everyone should go to Handyside's Consulting Room, 126, King's Cross, London, and hear what the patients say about the cure of consumption, and they will not be surprised that the deaths from consumption have fallen from 80,000 to 50,000, deaths per annum.

I do not need to say anything about Handysides Rheumatic Cure fifteen hundred people have been rubbed some of 20 years' standing with the assistance of Handysides Blood Purifier all have been cured and only three cases have relapsed, any one can come and be rubbed by their friends there is no art in it, but those who belong to that class of people that condemn a thing without investigation, I suppose they must go on suffering.

Those who prefer to take pills, should never be without Handyside's No. 1 pills, they should be in everyone's house they operate quick, and, in cases of inflammation they may save life. No. 2 is a grand liver pill, anyone troubled with bile should not be without them, they purge away the bile and remove the gloomy feeling that all bilious people are afflicted with. No. 3 pill is the grandest pill for building up the constitution ever discovered, they contain a large amount of Handyside's Blood Purifier, and never lose their effect, but if they do not relieve the bowels every third day, No. 1 should be taken with No. 3 until No. 3 pill will do its work. Those who try them and notices the improvement in their health soon find out which pills are worth a guinea a box. They are entirely made of herbs, and a very small pill, and the boxes are large, therefore no one need be afraid of taking a few extra, and if they can be made to do their work, no pill in the world is equal to them. I deposited a £1,000 and challenged all the doctors in the world united, and I have kept £20,000 laid in my bank for some time, so that I would be ready if anyone accepted my challenge, but none has dared to come forward, and since cancer has been cured I fear there is less chance of getting any one now to accept the challenge. Handyside's Consumption Cure, 3 and 10, Blood Purifier 2 shillings and 6 pence, Health Restorer 1/1, Handyside's pills, 1 shilling per box, Rheumatic Cure 1 shilling per bottle. Everyone should take Handyside's Health Restorer, it builds up the system, and keeps away disease.

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WEDNESDAY, May 6th.—Before His Honour E. J. MEYNELL (Judge).

A CARRIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES: "PADDY'S MARKET," NEWCASTLE.

MCCLUSKEY v HARRISON.—Wm. McCluskey, miner, Dipton, preferred an action against J. Harrison, carrier, of the same place, for £2 2s 9d for breach of duty about the carrige and delivery of two parcels of goods by road.—Mr Welford represented plaintiff, and Mr McCartan defended.—Ellen McCluskey, wife of plaintiff, stated that on the 4th of October last, she purchased some drapery goods of Messrs Cavanagh, Flyan, M. Blair, and Mrs Carse, Newcastle, at a cost of £2 2s 9d; and wrapping the goods up in two parcels, entrusted them to defendant to carry to Dipton, paying 4d for the carriage thereof. Afterwards, she bought a saddle, which was likewise handed to Harrison to convey home The saddle was delivered safely but the parcels were lost in transit. Her husband told defendant that he saw the packages on the waggon, before leaving Newcastle, and Harrison confessed that they must have been lost; all the heavy parcels having, he said, been deposited at the bottom of the rolley, and he never recollected seeing the parcels in question.—Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: She did not say anything to Harrison respecting the value of the parcels—that they only contained three pairs of trousers and a jacket. Harrison did not ask to go back to Newcastle with her to ascertain the price of the different goods, nor did she say "I do not know the names of the tradespeople." She handed in a bill, prepared from memory, for £2 19s 5d, as the value of the parcels, before she got the bills (produced) from the people at Newcastle. The parcels were wrapped up in two woollen handkerchiefs. She obtained the accounts from the tradespeople—who merely kept stalls in the market—some three months after the transaction.—Defendant adduced corroborative testimony, adding that the goods were purchased at the stalls for ready money.—Recalled by His Honour, Mrs McCluskey said that she did not see the stall-keepers put the prices down in a book when she made the purchases, but when she asked for the bills, they copied the items from a book.—Mr McCartan's defence was that the charges were exorbitant. In the first place, McCluskey sent in a bill for £2 19s 5d, and afterwards when bills of particulars were asked for the figure was reduced to £2 2s 9d.—His Honour observed that that fact told in favour of plaintiff. The first bill was prepared from memory.—Defendant's son, John Harrison, deposed that the parcels were never placed on the waggon, but set on the wall, and they were left at Newcastle.—His Honour: After you received pay for the carriage of the goods, you ought to have put them on the waggon.—Witness (continuing) stated that when the McCluskeys came to him the same night he asked if the parcels contained valuable goods. Mrs McCluskey replied, "Oh, no. There were only three pairs of trousers and a jacket." McCluskey vas the worse for liquor, and therefore he took no no tice of the man's statement. Subsequently, Mrs McCluskey came to witness and his motner and a verred that there were four new suits in the parce ls. He informed her that he must have a correc t bill of particulars before he would settle the cla im, and offered to accompany her to Newcastle, but she replied, "I don't know the people I got t hem off."—His Honour remarked that it was quit e possible that Mrs McCluskey might not know th parties, but would be able to find their stalls.—V Vitness (continuing) said that the things were bou ght in "Paddy's Market," Newcastle, and the d etectives told him that he should go along with Mrs McCluskey when she made enquiries as t o the sums paid for the goods, as the stall-holders in "Paddy's Market" would say anything. (Lau ghter).—Mrs Harrison also gave corroborativ testimony.—His Honour considered it rather singu lar that these stall-keepers, who sold for ready money, and did not usually keep books, should be able to furnish Mrs Cluskey with bills, particularly after the lapse of some months. If Mr McCartan c ared to run the risk of expense of bringing those pa rties as witnesses to prove the bills he would adj ourn the case.—Mr McCartan remarked that his c lients could first see the parties.—It was even tually agreed to postpone the case till the next cou rt.

THE PUBLICA N AND HIS LODGER.

DONNELY v O'CON NOR AND WIFE.—Michael Donnely, a labourer at the Consett blastfurnaces, sought to recover from Francis O'Connor, and his wife, Elizabeth, of the White Swan Inn, Front Street, Consett, the sum of £8—£6 being claimed for the non-delivery of wearing apparel and articles belonging to pla intiff, and detained by defendants, and £2 speci al damages by reason of plaintiff having been depri ved of the said clothes. There was a counter-claim, O'Connor and his wife suing Donnely for £2 8s 6d —£1 2s 6d for nine days' board and lodgings, £1 money lent, 6s for beer supplied. Mr Welford was for Donnely, and Mr McCartan for the O'C onnors. — Plaintiff tendered evidence to the effe ct that in April of last year, he went to lodge with defendants, remaining till the 13th Decem ber last, when he left to get married. He agreed to pay £1 a week, which was to include "baccy"—(laughter)—board, lodgings, washing, mending, and beer twice a day — at dinner-time and suppe r-time. (More laughter.) Defendant's wife kept his two boxes because she said that she wanted payment for a week's board. He paid his mon ey every fortnight, and thought he owed her not hing; but she claimed a fortnight's notice. He tw ice saw Mrs O'Connor subsequently, but she absolutely declined to deliver up the boxes till the money was forthcoming. On the 27th Febr uary, however, after previously paying a sove reign, and getting one of the boxes, he went to seek the other box, but Mrs O'Connor refused to hand it over, and he was advised to go out of the bar. In consequence of the detention of his working enit, he had to wear another outfit, which cost him £4 10s, and not being adapted to the work, it was not now worth a shilling. (Laughter).—By Mr McCartan: He had dinner beer sent down to the works. What liquor he obtained in the house, except at dinner and supper times, he paid for. He did not treat other people in the house, and not pay for the drink. He did not draw his wages himself, but sent a girl down to the offices with his checks, and the latter turned the money over to O'Connor and his wife, who kept the money for him, and gave him cash whenever he asked for it. He (Donnely) could not say if he got the whole of the money he was entitled to from O'Connor, as he was "not particular that way." (Laughter.) The reason he did not visit Mrs O'Connor later on was that he "did not care to go near hand her." (Renewed laughter).—Mrs Donnely testified that she went to Mrs O'Connor's and told her that she understood that she wanted payment for a fortnight's board from her husband. Defendant answered, "Oh, no; it's only a week," and confessed that she was sorry she had kept the clothes for a week's board. Witness gave her £1 for the week's lodgings owing, and Mrs O'Connor came back with another account, claiming for money lent and beer consumed. She only consented to give up part of the clothes. Witness expected £1 would settle the whole account, and stated that she would have to consult her husband about the rest of the money alleged to be due.—In answer to Mr McCartan, Mrs Donnely admitted that she undertook to pay the money due herself in the space of six weeks if it was really owing by her husband.—Mrs S. Whelan, milliner, and Bridget Connolly, a servant girl, likewise gave evidence for plaintiff.—Defendants statements were to the effect that they offered to give up the clothes as soon as the week's board and lodgings were paid. Mrs Connor, however, confessed that she said to Mrs Donnely that she would take a week's board and wait for the other money.—The Judge held that the woman had no right to detain the clothes for money lent or what was said to be due for beer. It was questionable with him whether defendants had a right to retain the clothes for what was owing for lodgings.—Mr McCartan thought that His Honour had evidently misunderstood Mrs O'Connor.—His Honour: I took down her exact words, and know what she means.—Mr McCartan submitted that after the £1 had been paid for the board and lodgings, a fresh agreement had been entered into.—His Honour said there was nothing of the sort.—A letter was produced, written to Donnely, threatening to sell the boxes if he did not come forward and pay what was owing.—His Honour said that was a new law of their own.—Mrs O'Connor was cross-examined by Mr McCartan; but the Judge ruled that he had no right to pursue such a course with his own witness, or to put words into her mouth.—Witness added that Donnely consented to leave the boxes, because he could not pay the £1 for the board, till such time as he could find the money.—His Honour delivered judgment for plaintiff for £6 10s, to be reduced to 10s if the goods were returned in seven days. Regarding the contra-claim, he found for the plaintiffs (O'Connors) for 2s 6d.—Mr McCartan asked the Judge to non-suit his clients, with leave to sue afresh.—O'Connor said he kept a detailed account of the money he received from and lent to Donnely, but unfortunately Mr McCartan had not brought the books with him.—The action was therefore witddrawn, with leave to issue a fresh summons.

HIS HONOUR ON THE DRINK QUESTION.

MCNALLY v. MCCARTHY.—Mrs McNally brought Jeremiah McCarthy up on a judgment summons for debt.—Mrs McCarthy said that her husband had been working very little since November last, and could not keep up his payments.—Mr McNally asserted that McCarthy was drinking heavily, and was hardly ever sober.—Mrs McCarthy acknowledged that her husband got tipsy every Saturday.—His Honour: If a man can find money to get drunk with, he ought to pay his debts. He will be committed for 30 days.

ADMINISTRATION ORDER.

Re THOMAS DAVISON, miner, of Greencroft Cottages.—The applicant's request for an administration order was opposed by Mr McCartan, on behalf of creditors representing a total sum of £87 19s 7d.—His Honour accordingly informed Davison that his creditors did not consent to this, and unless he agreed to pay 20s in the pound at the rate of 8s per month, he could not make an order.—Applicant said he would try to pay it.—His Honour: If you don't do so, your creditors can have you sent to prison.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th.—Before H. W. KERRICH-WALKER (chairman), and FREDERICK S. NEWALL, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were mulcted in sums varying from 5s to 20s:—*Thomas Winn, James Winn, John McKiver, Peter McGurk, John McKie, William Roberts, John Thompson, Samuel Bennett, George Bennett, Michael Burn, Matthew Brabban, Joseph Best, Frank Gowland* and *Barbara Smith.*

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A HORSE.

William Welch was charged with being drunk while in charge of a horse at Birtley, on the 20th ult. Inspector Maxwell proved the charge, and as defendant had been fined for a similar offence he was fined 10s and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Peter Grimes, John Richardson, James Hagan, and *James Brown* pleaded guilty to a charge of refusing to quit the Station Hotel, Birtley, on the 18th ult.—Grimes and Richardson were each fined 7s 6d and costs; Hagan 5s and costs; and Brown 2s 6d and costs.—Defendants were also charged with a breach of the peace at the same time and place, and were bound over to keep the peace for three months.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Robert Morrow, Matthew Craney, W. McDermott and *William Arnold* were charged with playing at pitch and toss, at Lamesley. P.C. Robson proved the case, and defendants were each fined 1s and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

John Lowdon did not appear in answer to a charge of trespassing in pursuit of game at Birtley.—Sergt. Hutchinson said he saw defendant range some whins with a dog. Witness went up to him and ordered him off the ground.—Robert Scott, a game-keeper, corroborated.—Denfendant was fined 5s and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Henry Laverick and *John Mason* were charged with wilfully damaging clover, the property of Joseph Ramshaw, at Ouston, 25th ult.—P.C. Magee proved the charge, and defendants were fined 6d each, 1d damages and costs.

John Dower, John Scott and *Thomas Wilson* were charged with damaging a plantation at Beamish Park.—Fined 2s 6d, 1d damages, and costs.

Peter Waugh, John Pinkney and *Jas.* and *Thos. Pinkney* were charged with damaging plantation at White Hill Park.—Carr Bell, gamekeeper proved the charge, and defendants were fined 6d, 3d damages, and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Michael and *James Caufield* were charged with fighting at Chester-le-Street. Mr Fred. Harle appeared for James Caufield.—P.C. Ogleby said he saw defendants fighting, and there was a great crowd around them.—John McKay corroborated.—Mr Harle said he was instructed to say that Michael and his wife set upon James. He got away from them, but later in the afternoon he met them in the street, when they again set upon him, the wife insisting that he must fight her husband, when he again refused to fight she seized him by the neck, and while he was endeavouring to get away from her the police came.—Several witnesses were called in support of this statement.—Defendants were each bound over to keep the peace for three months.

John Brown was charged with assaulting George Proudlock at Chester-le-Street, on the 25th ult.—Complainant said he was a gamekeeper for Colonel Fife-Cookson, and without any provocation defendant struck him.—Defendant said he only struck after being struck at by complainant.—Fined 10s and costs.

James Caufield, Michael and *Elizabeth Caufield* (husband and wife), *Jonathan Fletcher, Frederick Pointon,* and *John Rogers* were charged with assaulting P.C. Ogleby at Chester-le-Street, on the 25th ult.; and further with assaulting P.C. McKay at the same time and place.—John McKay, lately a constable, but now relieving-officer for the Harraton district of the Chester-le-Street Union, said there was a row going on among the Caufields. He and Ogleby went to quell the disturbance, and the whole of the defendants set upon them, kicked them, struck at them, and when the row got near Telford's shop, they picked up some empty crates and beat them most shamefully. After considerable difficulty, they succeeded in locking defendants up. There were hundreds of people about, and the row was of the most disgraceful character. Rogers hit him on the head with a crate; one of the bars broke, and the crate went over his head and rested on his shoulder.—P.C. Ogleby corroborated.—Cross-examined by Mr Harle (on behalf of James Caufield): Was quite sure that James was there.—P.C. Lindsay also stated that he witnessed the row, and saw all the defendants strike at the officers.—Inspector Maxwell said that Michaal C aufield was more like a madman than anything el e when locked up. He saw Rogers try to throw M Kay at the door of the police office.—Mr Harle, on b ehalf of James Caufield, urged that it was impossible for him to be there, seeing that after the distu rbance between him and Michael, he was taken away by Walter Cass to the Dun Cow Inn, and re mained there during the time the row was going o n in the Front Street.—Walter Cass said he took Ja mes away, and was with him for some time at Pears on's public house.—John Downie also said that Jam es was not in the row with the police.—Patrick H agan likewise stated that James was not in the dist urbance when the police were assaulted.—The Chai rman said there was no doubt that the whole of th e defendants were guilty of the charge preferred ag ainst them. Elizabeth Caufield was fined 10s and c osts in each case; the others 20s and costs each in e ach case.

A N UNLICENSED DOG.

For keeping a dog without having a license at Sunniside, *Georg e Armstrong* was ordered to pay the costs.

A S TRAYING HORSE.

John Welch plead ed guilty to a charge of allowing his horse to stray on the highway at the Teams Colliery, on the 20th ult.—P.C. Reynolds proved the charge, and defen dant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

COFFEE SUPPER.—A social supper was held at Frosterley, on Friday evening, in the Primitive Methodist school-room, in connection with the close of a successful series of special religious services, conducted by Miss Carley. They have been well attended. A good number have also joined the church during the services. Prior to the supper, Miss Carley gave a brief *resume* of her past career, and her advent into Weardale some seven years ago, when in conjunction with others, she established the Stanhope Evangelistic Mission.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting was held in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street—Mr George Ainsworth presiding. Also present: Messrs J. W. Davison, R. Murray, W. Aynsley, A. D. M. Macintyre, J. T. Potts, J. Lowes, G. D. Powell, J. Daly, J. Collinson, G. T. Hyden, the clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), the surveyor (Mr W. Rippon), and the sewerage engineer (Mr R. Robinson).

THE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

Mr Robinson reported that since the last meeting Mr Best, one of the contractors, and himself had had a conference, and settled all grievances amicably. They were now going on satisfactorily.

Several members expressed their satisfaction at such good tidings, as some were beginning to think that matters were coming to a crisis.

TENDERS FOR THE OAK BEAMS.

Mr Robinson stated that he received two tenders for the oak beam framing for the brick-flats drain, and he had accepted the tender of Mr R. Moffatt, Medomsley.

On the motion of Mr DAVISON, seconded by Mr COLLINSON, it was agreed to confirm what Mr Robinson had done.

The Clerk reported that he wrote to Mr Robinson with regard to the delay with Brickflat Lane drain through not having the oak beams to hand, and he had received a reply from that gentleman, which stated that the delay was not caused in consequence of the oak beams not being forward.

A letter was read from the clerk of the works (Mr W. Westgarth) corroborating what Mr Robinson had said.

The explanation was considered satisfactory.

THE CATCH-WATER DITCHES.

The Engineer reported that he had come to the conclusion at the last moment that it would be advisable to have the catch-water ditches piped, and he had prepared an estimate for the same.

Mr POWELL: Seeing that these drains had to be open at first, it would not be a bad plan to try them for a year.

The Engineer: They are blocked up already, because the earth is sandy.

Mr DAVISON said that he was perfectly satisfied that there was nothing else for it than to put the pipes in.

Mr HYDEN: It seems that something will have to be done.

Mr POWELL maintained that it would only be fair to give the drains a trial for a year.

The Engineer: There will be no peace till the pipes are put in. The earth will be a constant trouble.

Mr POWELL: If the piping was done, they would have to be taken up in order to be cleaned out.

The Engineer: Oh, no.

Mr DAVISON moved that the work be done.

Mr POTTS seconded.

Mr POWELL: I will move an amendment to the effect that no contract be made, and that the contractor (Mr Best) be asked to submit an estimate for the work in the meantime, and that it be considered at the next meeting.

Mr MURRAY seconded the amendment.

Mr Robinson intimated that it would be three months before the sewage could be turned on, and it would take something like a month to do the piping.

Mr DAVISON: I will withdraw my motion if Mr Potts is willing.

Mr POTTS consented.

The CHAIRMAN failed to see why they should have a resolution at all. They had simply to leave the matter with Mr Robinson, and then that gentleman would report what he had done in the matter with Mr Best.

It was finally agreed that it would be better to leave the matter in the hands of Mr Robinson.

Mr DAVISON said he would like to see as many of the members go over the works as possibly could by next meeting, and see for themselves what they thought was really required.

DISTRIBUTING THE SEWAGE.

Mr LOWES (to the engineer): Will it be difficult to distribute the sewage on the farm?

Mr Robinson: Oh, no; I think not.

Several other questions were asked with regard to the sewerage scheme and answered by Mr Robinson.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee recommended that permission be granted to Messrs Taylor to erect a hoarding in front of Mr Joseph Murray's premises in Middle Street to the extent of the footpath and channel, and that a footpath be prepared by them four feet wide for the use of the public. The committee also recommend that Mr B. Bailey's plan for house in Taylor Street be passed and stamped; that Mr T. Foster's plan for stable in back Taylor Street be passed and stamped; the plan for alterations to premises occupied by Foster Bros. in Front and Nelson Streets, Consett, be passed and stamped; that Mr Swainston's plan for alterations to premises in Sherburn Terrace be passed, subject to the chimney being raised to the height of the eaves of the houses; Mr Palliser's plan for alterations to premises in Foundry Row, Blackhill, be passed and stamped; Mr Venice Dunn's plan for alteration to premises in Medomsley Road, Consett, be passed and stamped; Mr Maxwell's plan for house in Medomsley Road be not passed in its present state; the plan for alterations to the Consett Iron Company's property, situate in Albert Row, be passed and stamped; the plan for play-ground in Medomsley Road, belonging to the Consett Iron Company, be passed and stamped; Mr Aynsley's block plan, which was passed on the 4th September, 1882, be withdrawn, and the new block plan now substituted for land adjoining the park on the high or east side thereof be passed and stamped; the plan for villa for Mr Aynsley in Aynsley Terrace passed and stamped; the plan for two five-roomed houses in Taylor Street for Messrs Davison and Sons be passed and stamped, subject to drain being shewn properly; the plan for two four-roomed houses and wash-house in Taylor Street for Messrs Davison and Sons be passed and stamped. The committee also recommend that the plan for urinal in the yard of the Board's premises passed in September last be carried out.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr DALY, the various plans were passed, including Mr Maxwell's, subject to the recommendations attached thereto being carried out.

It was resolved that Mr Aynsley's new block plan for land adjoining the park on the east side thereof be allowed to stand over, as the members were of an opinion that it interfered with already-existing streets.

THE ERECTION OF A URINAL.

The Clerk read a letter signed by Mr Robert Scott, Mr W. Waugh, and Mrs Wilson, property-owners in Shakespeare Square, protesting against the urinal being erected in the Board's yard.

The CHAIRMAN said that it seemed to him that the public urinal ought not to be placed there. It was a wicked waste of money.

Mr DAVISON: It is a waste of money.

Mr AYNSLEY said he was surprised to hear Mr Davison objecting to this work being done. If their Clerk would look at the minutes, they would find that Mr Davison was the seconder of the motion that the work be carried out.

Mr DAVISON: Beg pardon. I was not, because I was not at the meeting when it was passed. (Laughter.)

Mr MURRAY said that it was a perfect necessity to have a urinal, and it ought to be done on a moderate principle. In Newcastle they had urinals that cost twice as much the amount they were proposing to expend, and even at Consett and Blackhill Station they had better accommodation. He admitted Consett was no better than any other place; but at the same time he thought they should have a place fit to go into, and at the same time it was absolutely necessary that economy should be used.

Mr POWELL said the urinals in the past had always been a nuisance. He thought it would be better to have a man as a sort of foreman to look after them at least three times a day, so that an objectionable smell might be kept down. He considered that a urinal ought to be placed where it would not be a nuisance.

Mr HYDEN thought they were all agreed that a urinal should be erected. He was of an opinion, however, that it should be placed where it would not be a public nuisance.

The CHAIRMAN informed Mr Aynsley that he was astray with regard to saying that Mr Davison was the seconder of the motion.

Mr AYNSLEY: That is not the one. It was at another meeting.

Mr POTTS proposed that the recommendation of the Building Committee be adopted.

This was seconded by Mr DALY, and agreed to.

MAKING OF PALMERSTON STREET.

The Surveyor reported that Mr Ridley was only making very slow progress in the making of Palmerston Street.

Mr POWELL: How would it be for the Board to take the work up?

The Surveyor said that Mr Ridley had the material on the ground, but he was doing other work, which was causing the delay in the formation of this street.

Mr POTTS thought that Mr Ridley had received a considerable amount of latitude, but he would propose that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr Ridley with regard to the making of Palmerston Street and back Palmerston Terrace.

Mr COLLINSON seconded the proposition, and it was carried.

GREEN STREET.

The Surveyor stated that the notices served on property owners for the completion of Green Street had not yet expired.

It was agreed to let the matter stand over.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

	£	s.	d.
W. Rippon, account and wages	28	7	0
H. Morgan, public conveniences	3	6	6
Ord and Maddison, limestone...	17	16	11
Shotley Bridge Gas Company...	1	2	3
Consett Water Company	2	5	3
Local Board's subscription	1	1	0
T. W. Welford, election	13	13	0
Knight and Co., stationery	0	4	3
Robt. Jackson, printing and advertising	7	7	0
J. Cockburn, stationery	0	12	0
Proprietor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*	0	9	0
W. Elliott, rates	0	13	8
Sewerage Works Account.			
W. Westgarth, clerk of works	11	1	6
H. Watson and others	39	5	10
Torrance and Best, extras	135	18	9
Do. do	317	19	4
Henry Foster and Sons	86	2	4
Birtley Iron Company	23	2	3
T. W. Welford	17	6	2
Total	£631	2	2

The report was adopted, and cheques were signed.

THE NEW RATE.

The new rate of 1s in the £ passed at the last meeting, received the seal of the Board.

THE CENSUS.

The Clerk read the following letter:—

2, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill,
5th May, 1891.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, dated the 2nd April last, I regret to say I shall be unable to comply with the request of your Board to furnish returns for their district, as the Registrar-General has strictly forbidden all officers against supplying any information whatever respecting the above. Kindly intimate this to the members assembled at your Board meeting to-morrow.—Yours, &c.,

WM. RAMSAY.

The CHAIRMAN said they could still apply to the Registrar-General and get the information.

Mr MURRAY proposed, and it was seconded by Mr POTTS, that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Registrar-General, asking him to permit the Board to have the information of the census, which was necessary for statistical purposes, with regard to the population of the area of their district.

This was agreed to.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I beg to hand you the vital statistics for the quarter ending March 31st, 1891. It will be seen that the birth-rate is well maintained, and that the death-rate is much above the average. This is to be accounted for by the excessive mortality from diseases of the respiratory organs, more than half of the whole number being due to these causes. There has been an absence of any extensive outbreak of zymotic disease within the district, and two deaths from these causes have only been registered. Owing to the cold atmosphere, there are still a number of cases of pneumonia and bronchitis constantly occurring.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.

Consett, May 5th, 1891.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The number of births for the quarter ending March 31st was 69—30 males and 39 females—representing an annual rate of 30 6 per 1,000. The deaths during the same period were 49—26 males and 23 females—representing an annual rate of 21 7 per 1,000.

A HIGH DEATH-RATE.

The CHAIRMAN: It is a very high death-rate.

Mr POWELL: Is it for one month.

The CHAIRMAN: No; three months.

The report was adopted.

THE RECENT VOTE OF THANKS.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr John Calvert, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett, thanking the members for their vote of thanks for his past services, and also for their well-wishes for his long life and happiness, the greater part of which had been spent in the service of the various situations to which he had been appointed, he having served the rate-payers for over 40 years.

The following letter was read from Mr Thos. Siddell:—

Viewfield House, Blackhill,
May 5th, 1891.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg most respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of the vote of thanks passed at the last meeting for services rendered during the 18 years I have had the honour of being elected a member of that body. During that time it has been my earnest and continuous endeavour to do, to the best of my ability, everything calculated to improve the sanitary condition of the town and district, and assist to carry out every measure brought before the Board for the improvement, benefit, health, and prosperity of the town and district, of which I have been a long resident inhabitant. I still retain a fervent and sincere wish for the welfare and prosperity of Consett.

THE SEWAGE FARM OVERSEER: A GOOD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.

The Clerk reported that he had received upwards of 100 applications for the situation as manager of the Sewage Farm.

It was resolved that the applications for the post should be referred to the Sewage Farm Committee for them to make a selection of suitable candidates, and obtain their attendance either at the next meeting or a special meeting.

FORMATION OF A BACK STREET.

The plan submitted by the Surveyor for the back street behind property in Sherburn Terrace, received the seal of the Board.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr POTTS, it was agreed that the owners of property abutting this street should receive orders to make the same in accordance with the plans of the Surveyor.

It was also resolved that the property-owners of Harvey Street should be served with notices for the making of a back street.

Mr POTTS proposed that the Surveyor be instructed to furnish a report of all property where the back and front streets were not made.

This was seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, and agreed to.

A NEW DRAIN.

The Surveyor was instructed to invite tenders for the construction of a drain in Back Albert Row.

ERECTION OF A SHED.

The letter with reference to the erection of a shed for Mr James Turner, Foundry Row, was referred to the Surveyor.

THE AUDIT.

Mr Charles Jordison, assistant district auditor, wrote informing the Board that on Monday next he would hold the annual audit of the accounts.

RAILWAY RATES REVISION.

The following letter was read:—

Mansion House United Association on Railway Rates,
(President, Sir James Whitehead, Bart.)
2, Great College Street,
Westminster, S.W.
April 17th, 1891.

Railway Rates Revision—Provisional Order Bills.

SIR,—At the commencement of the year the president of this association, Sir James Whitehead, sent you a letter, of which enclosed is a copy, on this urgent and important question. No answer having been received from you to his appeal, my committee desire me to again call your attention to the subject.

I need hardly point out how seriously the interests of the entire community are affected by the proposals of the Board of Trade, now under consideration in committee, and how necessary it is that those who represent these interests should make a determined effort to bring about a modification of the clauses of the Provisional Order Bills. My committee think it right, also, to point out that they are unable to defend any interets beyond those of subscribers; and it must be borne in mind that, not only is it essential to offer opposition to the objectionable provisions existing in the Bills, but to contend for the retention of the provisions which are acceptable, and which are still strongly opposed by the Railway Companies. This is vitally important, as the Board of Trade do not appear as promoters of the Bills in the ordinary sense, and will not necessarily contend for the retention of any of the clauses which they contain. If, therefore, those who are satisfied with the Bills remain unrepresented, it is practically certain that, not only will a large proportion of the time and money already expended be absolutely wasted, but the case of those who are appearing before the Select Committee also will be seriously prejudiced.

My committee therefore beg that you will at the earliest possible moment bring this communication before your Board, who they most earnestly hope will not hesitate to make the suggested contribution (£10) to the funds of this association.—Yours, &c.,

ED. CLEMENTS, secretary.

Mr MURRAY said that it was a very serious question which affected business men, and it was extremely desirable that a committee should be formed to take the matter into consideration. He was in favour of the thing until they asked for a £10 subscription to the association.

Mr AYNSLEY said that he was quite in favour of the thing, and could not see why the N.E.R. Company made such extraordinary charges.

The CHAIRMAN said that it was exceedingly interesting to business men.

Mr MURRAY: The Board is an authority, and they were protecting the interests of the rate-payers.

Mr DAVISON: In other towns the different railway companies had their agents offering out advantages over one company and then another, while at Consett they were differently situated, because they had only the one company.

Mr AINSWORTH said that as a consumer he had no doubt he would reap an advantage if the railway rates were reduced. He would suggest that it would be better to lay the matter before the various tradesmen, and then have the subject brought before the Board.

This was agreed to.

MORE COMPENSATION.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr HYDEN, the letters of Messrs A. Stephenson (Blackhill) and T. C. Rawes (Consett) relative to damage to land in connection with the sewerage scheme was referred to the Sewerage Farm Committee.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Subjoined is the Inspector's (Mr Rippon) monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—All the roads in your district are at present in a fair good condition with the exception of the high portion of Consett Hall Road, which remains in the same unsatisfactory condition as previously reported. For several years past we have tried to maintain an edging of grass along the side of the footpath on this highway, but since the new sewerage works commenced, it has been almost destroyed, and we will now either have to put down a similar edging of turf, which is only a very temporary arrangement, or if the Board could see their way to put down a new kerb and channel, this portion of your district would be permanently improved.

I observe that after heavy rainfalls the space of ground in front of Forster and Boyd Streets, in Delves Lane, is in a very soft and swampy condition, as there are neither kerb, channel, nor cement footpaths in front of these streets, and I think the time has now come when something should be done. The approach from Buddle Street to Delves Lane is also wretchedly bad, especially in winter, and the footpath in the same street is also in an unsatifactory condition.

The footpath on the west side of Harvey Street, from the top of Front Street to a point opposite the end of Trafalgar Street is not in keeping with the other footpaths in your district. There is also a short length of back street from a point near the entrance to the Park from Pasture Drift Road not made, and I would suggest that notices be served on the Consett Iron Company and the owners opposite to kerb, channel, and cement their respective portions.

I have regularly inspected your district, and have had some difficulty in getting house refuse removed, owing to farmers being busy with their land. Twenty-three notices have been served for the abatement of nuisances, which have been attended to. Some white-washing has been done, and quick lime is still being supplied for cleaning puposes. Disinfectants are being used to keep down offensive smells, and thus preserve the public health.

The following amounts have been paid to your treasurer:—

	£	s	d
Market tolls	2	6	6
Penalties	0	2	6

Gas burnt during the month—96 hours.

The report was adopted.

CONSETT HALL ROAD.

The Clerk was directed to write to Mr Robinson drawing his attention to the condition of the road mentioned above.

The Surveyor said that he would like to start the kerb and channelling at the cottages and go on to Consett Grove.

Mr AYNSLEY stated that it would cost a lot of money.

The CHAIRMAN: Well the matter is this, a man is kept very near the half of his time on this road.

The Surveyor: Yes, the turf is constantly getting destroyed. They might get half the cost from the Consett Iron Company.

It was resolved that the Surveyor should prepare an estimate for this work, also that connected with Forster and Boyd Streets, in Delves Lane.

The Surveyor said that he would report upon the approach to Buddle Street in the report that he had to makeout.

THE FOOTPATH IN HARVEY STREET.

Mr HYDEN said that the footpath on the west side of Harvey Street really required some attention. It was laid with black ashes, and in the summer time the dust was fit to blind people, and in soft weather the footpath was impassable. He considered that something ought to be done to remedy this.

Mr LOWES said the footpath needed attention.

It was agreed to write to the Consett Iron Company asking them if they were prepared to bear half the cost of kerbing, channelling, and cementing this particular footpath.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

On the motion of Mr MURRAY, seconded by Mr LOWES, it was resolved that notices should be served on property owners to complete the short length of back street behind Pasture Drift Road.

MORE MONEY WANTED.

The Clerk reported thrt the amount of money already procured for the Sewerage Scheme was £13,200, and of that sum they had £900 on hand. It was desirable that they should have a further loan of £2,000.

It was agreed that the Clerk should give notice to the Local Government Board for the amount stated.

THE DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

Mr HYDEN proposed that the Clerk write to the Postmaster-General asking that an area and complete second daily delivery of letters for the town be made. He said that there were some of the inhabitants living in the district did not get their letters at the second delivery, and he thought it was equally important that they should have them as well as the other people.

The motion was seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr HYDEN gave notice of motion that he would move that the Board take into consideration the advisability of providing a public recreation ground for the children.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

Mr POWELL asked him if the members could inform him if the old quarry in Medomsley Road was a public one or not?

The Surveyor: It is on private land.

Mr AYNSLEY said he thought that Sherburn Hospital were the original owners.

The CHAIRMAN: I am of opinion that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners are the owners.

Mr POWELL said he was under the impression that the quarry belonged to the general public.

The matter dropped.

This was all the business.

A NATURAL CURIOSITY.—Mr V. A. Rippon's dog killed a black mouse in Rogerley Park, on Monday. Mr C. Tinkler, taxidermist, Stanhope, has it for preservation.

DEATH OF AN OLD STANDARD AT STANHOPE.—There died last week-end at East Lane, Stanhope, an old standard, well-known in the locality, John Robinson, at the age of 68. Deceased has been ailing for some time. He was much respected.

Messrs Wombwell and Bailey's menagerie visited Weardale this week; Tow Law on Monday; Wolsingham on Tuesday; and Stanhope on Wednesday.

COLLIERY CHANGES.—Mr Greener, of Hucknall Torkard, Nottingham, will shortly succeed Mr T. Douglas, J.P., C.C. in the management of the Peases West Collieries, and Mr A. S. Douglas, of Peases West, will take Mr Greener's place at Hucknall Torkard. Mr Douglas J. P., will take up his residence at The Garth, Cockerton.

CHESTER-LE-STREET CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND FARMING.—On behalf of Mr Charles H. Joliffe, his agent, Mr John Lyon, has offered the tenancy of Pelton East House Farm to the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society. A largely attended special general meeting was held on Saturday night. "to consider the desirableness or otherwise of accepting the offer." The meeting was of a protracted nature, but we understand it ultimately resolved to enter into negotiations with Mr Lyon for a 21 years' lease of the holding. The farm is accounted to be one of the best in the district, and it has for a number of years, been successfully farmed by the Rotherford family, who are now leaving, consequent upon the recent death of Mr W. R. Rotherford.

THE FEWSTERS OF NEWLANDS.—Among the local farmers who will change their tenancy this forthcoming May term are the Messrs Fewster, who are vacating the Newl ds Hall Farm, near Ebchester, in the Derwent Valley. The Fewsters have been settled in and about Ebchester from a very early period. Edward and Anthony Fewster are witnesses to the will of John Wrightson, father of George Wrightson, who was curate of Ebchester in 1586. The will is dated 1562, and the testator gives to his parson son ten ewes and a hive of bees. He made his wife "ruler of all his household stuff," and to his friend William Polson he gave one black coat and a shirt. One branch of the Fewsters followed the old religion for long after the Reformation, and the name frequently occurs in the Recusant lists in the seventeenth century. Newlands Haugh Farm has been held by Messrs Fewster and their ancestors for upwards of one hundred and fifty years.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

MEDOMSLEY EDGE—4th inst., the wife of John Graham, of a son.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES—1st inst., the wife of Henry Berwick, of a daughter.

SOUTH GARESFIELD COLLIERY—1st inst., the wife of W. Braidford, jun., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CONSETT—Christ Church, 6th inst., by the Rev F. Steggall, R. J. Gillhespy, of Siemen Street, Blackhill, to Clara Margaret, only daughter of Mr Matthew Brodie, of Consett. No cards. 609e

TANFIELD—St. Margaret's, 29th ult., by Rev T. H. Archdall, vicar, Henry Scott, of Ashington, to Dora, second daughter of George Jemeson, Bushblades Farm.

TOW LAW—St. Joseph's, 29th ult., by Rev J. R. Wood, Robert French to Isabella Heseltine, both of Tow Law.

FROSTERLEY—Parish Church, 30th ult., by Rev J. Eddowes, vicar of Eastgate, assisted by Rev J. Groves, vicar of Redcar, George Frederick Dixon, M.R.C.S., and L.R.C.P.E., Tyldesley, Lancashire, to Frances Rennie, eldest daughter of Rev F. C. Jagg, vicar of Frosterley.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—East Parade, 7th inst., aged 10 months, William Shell, the beloved son of E. G. and J. Wake. 629e

BLACKHILL—3, Plantation Row, 4th inst., aged 62, Robert Summerson.

Dale Street, 5th inst., aged 58, Joseph, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Armstrong. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery at Three p.m. Friends, please accept this, the only intimation. 638e

LEADGATE—Queen's Head Hotel, aged 34, Elizabeth, wife of John Snaith.

Front Street, 6th inst., aged 31, Esther, beloved wife of Joseph Boustead. Interment at St. Ive's Church, on Saturday, at Three o'clock. Friends, please accept this intimation. 628e

MEDOMSLEY—Glebe Cottage, 1st inst., Margaret Ann Hedley.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD—5th inst., aged 68, Isaac Musgrove, late of Walbottle.

BURNOPFIELD—Leazes Farm, 30th ult., aged 67, William Walls Callander.

HIGH SPEN—Glossop Street, 30th ult., aged 72, Mary, wife of the late John Pace, High Thornley.

ANDREW'S HOUSE COLLIERY—29th ult., aged 35, Elizabeth, wife of William Robson, and youngest daughter of Joseph Smith.

LINTZ COLLIERY—3rd inst., aged 34, Barbara Ann, wife of Francis Slater.

STANHOPE—East Lane, 1st inst., aged 68, John Robinson.

SWALWELL—High House, 3rd inst., in her 58th year, Sarah Ann, wife of John Cook.

PELTON FELL—4th inst., aged 57, Mr P. P. Short, for 25 years engineer at Pelton Colliery.

PELTON—30th ult., aged 76, Richard Young Teasdale.

WINLATON—California, 29th ult., aged 10 months, Ethel, child of Thomas Wilson.

RYTON—Emmaville, 29th ult., aged 41, Elizabeth, wife of William Yielder.

4th inst., aged 80, Elizabeth, daughter of the late Rowland Webster, of Bishopwearmouth.

WHITTONSTALL—24th ult., aged 55, John Hare.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS—4th inst., Emma Barrett, the wife of Lindsay Wood, The Hermitage, Chester-le-Street.

INDIA—Calcutta, March 29th, aged 24, Lizzie Annie, beloved wife of Frederic Kapp, youngest daughter of the late John Moody, Rannegumge, and grand-daughter of the late John Moody, Ebchester Mill. 634e

In loving memory of our affectionate mother, Mary Jane Williams, of the refreshment rooms, Blackhill, who died May 10th, 1887.
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