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CRAWFORD v CHARLTON.

To the Editor of the Connett Guardian.

SIR,—In last week's issue of the *Guardian* you mention the name Longworth in connexion with the case Crawford *v* Charlton.

Please note this should be Longstaff, not Longworth, and I shall be much obliged if your making this correction in your next issue.—Yours truly,

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Nov. 7th, 1882.

CHRISTIAN CHARITY AT STANLEY.

To the Editor of the Connett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr R. W. Bailey, the go-at London orator, has been delivering a series of lectures under the auspices of the Stanley Temperance Society in the Co-operative Hall in the above town. On Wednesday night, he lectured upon "Infidels and Christian heroes contrasted," and as the chairman chosen for the night was a prominent local leader, and one who would add dignity to the occasion, I attended, fully expecting to hear the subject discussed in a fairly rational and just manner. But to those who expect such from Mr Bailey will be grievously deceived. His lecture consisted of one long tirade of an unreasonable and intolerant zealot. His treatment of the subject was disgusting—nothing short. Instead of dealing with the subject as a man of culture and of mind, he dealt with it like a street corner brawler. Reason he discards altogether, and runs in for insulting, debasing, and traducing the opponents of his pay form of thought. A person is to believe the mummeries and slander who does not accede to his Christianity. Members of the Church of England, Catholics, and Freethinkers—a curious mixture—are all put upon the same plane. His favourite term "Latimer's candle" was a real treat. The re-union of Protestantism will be an accomplished fact if it could only be published. The lecturer ex deeply would like to kindle the fires once more, but he is restricted. Oh! Christianity, are these thy fruits. When speaking of the Catholic religion, and of monasteries and nunneries, his language, if more suitable, would suit the back streets of Newcastle than a self-respecting audience. It was the same on other subjects.

To attempt to reply to such a person is beneath the dignity of any man who has any self-respect. Such slimy arrysters are best left alone; they contaminate everything brought within their reach. Nevertheless a reply is necessary for this reason—to correct the vile slanderous and filthy insinuations for the sake of the unprejudiced auditor. How a professedly Christian audience, believing in the love of God, can sit and tamely plod slandersth his laughter with will I can off" and "I let all your things be done with charity" (1 Cor. xvi. 14), and professing to be followers of Him who "went not up and down as a tale-bearer among the people," can sit and applaud such vile slanders and disgusting insinuations as the speaker made use of, is bewildering to me as a sincere object lesson of the fruits of religion. To the thoughtful and unprejudiced auditor the audience's display of repugnance must inevitably have been the result. I am nearly confident I speak for the majority of it when I say that the chairman of the evening must have left the platform with disdain and disgust for the conduct of the lecturer.

Mr Bailey said on the Monday night that "he would go to the ocean's mouth for his religion," "he would go each of the seven times," and a lot more of such childish braggartism and "gas," and that if his words were challenged or opposed by any opponent, then "the Christian power of opposition would rest on such opponent, as the self-named giant killer styled in But Mr Bailey is only feeling his audiences and trading upon their credulity. Reader, "Agee. Last Monday he was challenged to do so, and I attended his lecture upon the "Darkness and Greatness of Atheism," and as he forgot myself as to tell the lecturer during the course of the insulting lecture that he was knowingly telling a wilful and debasing falsehood. At the conclusion of the lecture, I went to the platform to challenge the lecturer upon but the kind chairman and still kinder audience had not the courage to allow me to proceed. I only got the following few words uttered when I was stopped by the chairman. I said that "I publicly invited Mr Bailey to commit to paper in the presence of the audience then present, the malicious statements he had made during the lecture, upon Mr G. Bradlaugh, that Mr Bailey sat like a stone statue, and never attempted to utter one word in reply," then forwarded a written invitation to Mr Bailey through the chairman saying that the Connett Secular Society would provide a responsible representative of Secularism to discuss his upon either a subject Christian or Secular subject. The answer I received was my own letter returned without a single word of acknowledgement.

I again forwarded a letter to the secretary of the temperance society containing a second invitation to Mr Bailey if discuss, and the secretary refers me to the lecturer. I have since had to do with the same result. And this from the man who goes about publicly declaring his readiness, shouting from every platform that he "would go to the ocean's mouth" for his religion. When tested he is only a skulking coward.

If the Temp rance party at Stanley bring Mr Bailey and he blabs rid christ incorrect number of times, surely they ought to publicly renounce his method and not shut out other Christians from the above-named manner. I can only say that fair criticism is at all times welcome. Honest opposition can always be met honourably. But when a man, professing to be a Christian, resorts to the vilest slander for admission, inviting freethinkers by the horrible falseness of his lying charges to take their cover of quotations, and not allow questions and invite discussion, is contrary to the first water. The audience applauding such filthy charges against men and women, sons and daughters, who are Secularists, whom they know in their hearts to be as pure as themselves is an exhibition of Christian charity which I will not soon forget.

I repeat it again, is it beneath the dignity of any person who has respect for his own self to attend such a person as Mr Bailey. Christian reader be in trading upon your credulity and fanaticism, exposing your ignorance and doing more to bring true religion into contempt than many of us are aware of. I can in truly add of him "Ots of the corruptness of his own heart," and mouth speaketh." In conclusion I may say that such abuse of the platform and such methods of attacking Secularism will be dealt with in due time by the Secular party. Such charges and assertions cannot and will be replied to, and with no feeling pen or tongue, or condition, as that displayed above can only fail to destroy correct criticism, and bring out the worst side of human nature. I see that Mr Bailey has been made to the questions put by "Justice" in your columns, by the temperance party at Stanley. This proves their weakness.

I will only mention the following as a simple fact. I copy it from this week's Truth. "A journalist has examined the writings and published reports of various papers and periodicals, concerning the crimes, offences and misdeeds of religion in this country for the year 1881. Breach of promise, 14, cruelty to animals, 23, assaults, 224, assaults on wives and children, 12, drunkenness, 121, assaults, 109, various other charges, 14.

I would in a great favour if some correspondent would favour me with the number of Mr Bailey's leading Secularists.—Yours truly,

White-head, Nov. 7th, 1882. H. NICHOLSON.

IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

To the Editor of the Connett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr Tedrow says he is an atheist in the strict sense of the term, as he says he believes in a God. But I would just as soon accept the principles of an atheist, in fact prefer them, as being more straight forward and definite, and less misleading, subtle, and deceptive, than accept Mr Tedrow's theology or Spiritualistic creed. I beg to say also that he writes with an amount of bitterness when he touches upon the Christian religion, which is most unbecoming. And further, he introduced the subject, which is not at present under discussion. His remarks are cruel, unfeeling, unchristian, and unworthy of a man who is with proving Spiritualism true. Such bad taste and, and capable of proof too, that Spiritualism is unreliable, misleading, and contradictory. But nothing, absolutely nothing, has been advanced, capable of proof, to prove it true. I will now briefly take up a few points in reply to Mr Tedrow's letter. He says he heard that John Wesley believed in ghosts, that was his opinion, but not necessarily, therefore, is it a fact? Nor do I believe that spirits or ghosts were the means of procuring water for the people of Chicago. Did the gentleman, who came to Chicago on business (it appears they had to send for him), consult him and Abraham Jones, the celebrated clairvoyant, whether he saw nothing else worth speculating in, at a depth of 1171 feet, and the 30 miles or more? Surely that depth, and 2,000 miles stretch of country, must have been worth investigating by the sharp eyed Yankee treasure, besides water and petroleum. I wonder very much that the Spiritualists did not utilise this man's wonderful genius, to tell them where gold and silver could also be found in quantity, as they are very fond of such commodity, or did the people of Chicago recognise Jones' genius as Connett did, and properly so, the late John Gladstone's? But, sir people need not wonder at anything in Spiritualism advance, therefore we need not wonder at this Chicago business as it is only a link in the chain of another. A spiritualist who attended a seance so as unbeliever, to test the power of the spirits, considered that they should bring him the same thing from the dome of St Paul's. They were absent for about half an hour, and on their return after that time there was a terrific crash in the centre of the room, and on the table was discovered a piece, and reaching to the ceiling towered the giant cross. Mark—two pieces only were found on the table, and not a piece of dust. Twenty minutes past nine on the same July evening. Could the time cross spanning from the dome of Dr (?) Monck too, another celebrated medium, was, according to his own account, carried out of his bed in Bristol, to Swansea a distance of 120 miles, and in a few minutes, and had to purchase clothes in the neighbourhood, for which he gave a £5 note, a colonial serial flight. Now, sir, when Spiritualists make such ridiculous and absurd statements as these, seeing what percussion of the general public do they expect to believe such twaddle? Is it true, sir, that when do twaddle, I repeat, as only brazen faced, freedom-loving, independent-thinking people can laugh at and forsaken of truth. Neither did spirits or ghosts communicate with Swedenborg, but it was a most disputable shape."—Shakespeare.) Newton, or any other great philosopher, yet in all cases they were erroneous, and facts and opinions are two different things. What I ask for, and will be satisfied with nothing less, is that Spiritualism be proved true, and not merely assumed to be true. 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They dare not, and will not, accept such test, as they have no proof, and not the shape of fact or proof in support of their position. Let us have proof, and not a mere shadow of proof, for any information on any other subjects as a guide, and not a mere shadow, and not a lie, prove it true publicly, by some means or other. Spiritualism is not true, it is a myth, if my mode of doing so is inconvenient, only I shall insist on the proof being given in public and in clear private seances. I should like to ask Mr Tedrow and Mr Thomas Ashcroft has publicly during his seances with Spiritualists in the hands of a committee (of his lastern) any spirits his audience m ay ask for? If he has not done so, he has not proved the existence of "spirits hand," broken from the arm of a spirit? He is not also produced evidence that a spirit hand, or arm made is laugh, and cry, and die, before his audience? Is he also produced evidence that a spirit can speak in clear private seances. 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CHESTER COURTS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd inst.—Before H. W. KERRICH-WALKER and G. DUNNELL, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

Thomas Brennan was charged with four drunkenness—*Catherine Brennan*, *Catherine Atkinson*, *Minehead*, *James*, and *Thos. Murphy*, *Horse Market*, Chester-le-Street, on all of Sunday; *John Simpson*, *Thomas Hay*, *Jun.*, and *James Spencer*, *Victoria Hall*, *Wm. Beattie*, *Urpeth*, *John Kepan* and *Joseph Scarrow*, Chester-le-Street, were each fined 5s and costs; and *Peter Oliver* and *John McKenna* Urpeth, 7s 6d.

DISORDERLY CUSTOMERS.

James Kepan and *Joseph Surtees* were charged with refusing to quit the Tower Inn, Chester-le-Street, on the 15th ult.—Edward McLaren, one of the landlady, and assistant in the house, said defendants came into the bar and refused to fight another. They were served drink and ordered out. They did not go but became quiet, and were served with a glass of beer each. They again began to issue challenges to fight anybody, and witness put them out. They came back again, and the police had to put them out.—Fined 5s and costs each.

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CHARGE OF PERMITTING DRUNKENNESS.

George Bakewell was charged with permitting drunkenness at the Mount Moor Inn, Birtley, on the 10th ult. The Chief Constable of Gateshead and Isaac Inspector Mitchan said that he visited the house about seven o'clock, and from what he saw there he thought he would go back at half-past eight. He saw several men in the house—some

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Public Notices.

48 IS the WINNING NUMBER of the Picture raffled for at Steel Street, Consett.

TYSTON CELEY SHOW will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 1892. Last Meeting of Members on Monday, Nov. 14th, 1892. 705i

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THE PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF LONDON, LIMITED.—Result of Drawing held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, 2nd November, 1892. 726 London.
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JOHN SOUTHERN, Leadgate, will not be responsible for any Debt or Debts that my Wife, ELIZABETH ANN SOUTHERN, may contract on or after this date, Nov. 11th, 1892.—Signed JOHN SOUTHERN. 730i

NOTICE.
THE BRETHREN of the "Constance" Lodge of Freemasons will hold their ANNUAL BALL in the Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, February 1st, 1893. 706i

UNITARIAN SERVICES.
TWO SERVICES will be held in the Smaller Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Sunday, November 13th, 1892, to be Conducted in the Afternoon at Two, and in the Evening at Six o'clock. 729i

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO DR. ALLEN, AT LEADGATE.
A MEETING of Subscribers and others will be held in the Wesleyan School-room, Leadgate, on Tuesday Evening, November 15th, at 8 o'clock. All are invited to attend.
J. E. PARKER, Hon. Sec. 709i

CHRIST CHURCH, CONSETT.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.
THE REV WESLEY FARRAR, M.A., will PREACH on Sunday First, Nov. 13th, at 10·30 a.m., and 6·30 p.m. 727i

MEDOMSLEY PARISH CHURCH.
HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in the above Church on Sunday next, Nov. 13th. Offertories in aid of Church Expenses and Missions. 723i

NOTICE! MINING!!
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10s. REWARD.
THE above REWARD will be given to any Person who will give information which will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who wilfully Damaged the Wall in a Field at Hare Law, adjoining the Railway.
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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHOTLEY.
AN APPEAL is made for FUNDS to complete and open the Old Church free from Debt, to Reinstate the Monuments, and put the Churchyards in decent order. Any sum will be thankfully received by Mr J. WALTON-WILSON, Shotley Hall, Shotley Bridge. 634i

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.
THE REV DR. OSBORNE, of Canada, late Rector of St. Patrick's, in the Bahamas, will (D.V) give an ADDRESS on Missionary Work in the West Indies, in St. Cuthbert's School, Shotley Bridge, on Friday, November 18th. Chair to be taken at Eight p.m. There will be collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. Founded in 1701. 715i

MAGIC LANTERN AND DISSOLVING VIEW ENTERTAINMENTS BY LIMELIGHT.
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SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLOWER SHOW.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 1893.
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INTERESTING ANNOUNCEMENT.
THE COMMITTEE of the Lanchester Institute have pleasure in stating that G. HORSLEY, Esq., J.P., of The Ford, Lanchester, has consented to give some Reminiscences of his Travels on the Continent, in a LECTURE, entitled "Pictures of Belgium, Switzerland and its Rhyne," in the Wesleyan School-room, Lanchester, on Monday Evening, Nov. 14th, 1892, to which the Public are Invited. Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock by Dr. J. WILSON. A Collection will be taken to defray Expenses. 741i

CONSETT & DISTRICT 24TH STERLBOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.
THE 23rd APPROPRIATION will be made at the Society's Office, New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, November 16th, 1892, at 7·30 p.m.
G. W. ALMOND, Chairman.
T. W. WELFORD, Secretary, pro tem.

All Persons who become Members and pay Four Weeks' Subscriptions, will be entitled to participate in the above Ballot.
Shares can be taken up at any time on applying to Mr. G. W. ALMOND, Front Street Consett, or to Mr. T. W. WELFORD, Parliament Street, Consett. Also at Mr. Walford's Office, at Stanley, on Tuesday and Fridays, between 2 and 4 o'clock p.m.
N.B.—On and after Monday next the Subscription Meetings will be held at the Office of the Society, New Town Hall, Consett (entrance from Front Street). 596i

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE (NOTIFICATION) ACT, 1889.

(52 and 53 Vict. cap. 72.)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that as a Meeting of the Urban Sanitary Authority of the District of Ew Law held on the 3rd day of November, 1892 Special Notice of such Meeting, and of the intention to propose the following Resolution, having been given to ever Member of such Authority in the manner prescribed by the Statute in that behalf, it was Resolved, that the Infectious Diseases Notifica tion Act, 1889, should be adopted in the District of the said Authority, and that the said Act should come into operation in the said District on the 1st day of January next.

MILDRED MILBURN,
Clerk to the said Authority.

8th November, 1892. 704

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Consett Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held (D.V.) on Monday, November 14th, 1892, at 7·30 o'clock, in the Free National Schools, Science and Art Room, Consett. Entrance by Infants' Gate, Front Victoria Street.

Rev. F. Stronach, Vicar of Consett, in the Chair.
Rev. EDWARD S. PROUT, B.A., District Secretary, will attend as a Deputation from the Parent Society, and will deliver a LECTURE, Illustrated by Magic Lantern Slides, on "A Trip from England to India on the Track of the Bible Society."

SYLLABUS OF LECTURE:

Start from the Bible House—Distributing a Colporteur—Hunting for a Bible in Paris—A Visit to the Marseilles Depôt—Mentone—Milan—Bo'ogna—Florence—St. Peter's Toe—The Holy Staircase—Burnt Scriptures made a Blessing. Glimpses at Madras—Zakiya and Sunday-schools—A Contrast.

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Mart Office, Tow Law. 658

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JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL, at the above Rooms, on November 2 th, 1892, 200 Lots of Valuable MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY, together with the BANKRUPT STOCK.

730)

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Monday First.—6, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr A. Watson, who is leaving the District, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, November 14th, 1892, his Valuable STOCK-IN-TRADE AND EFFECTS, consisting of Coffee Mill, Pepper Mill, Floor Scales and Weights, Globes, Bottles, Canisters, Wools, Hosiery, Prints, Muslins, Shawlettes, Handkerchiefs, Gentlemen's Collars, Ties, Rugs, Mufflers, Braces, Gloves, Tweed and Meats, Salmon, Tomatoes, Counter, Sewing Machine, Treacle Cistern, Pit Oil Can, Salt Tubs, &c.

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By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Black Bull Inn, Leadgate—Monday, November 21st, 1892.

MR. G. R. HOBSON, instructed by Mr Wm. Thompson, who is declining business, will OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the undermentioned Surplus FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, &c., viz.:—Mounted Pews, Dining Table, covered with Leather, 7ft. by 2ft. 6in., Oblong Table, 6ft. by 3ft., Feathered Covered Table, 4ft. 6in. by 3ft. 3in., Mahogany Turn-over Table, Large Kitchen Table, Large Form, with Back Rail, 16ft. long, Form with Back Rail, 7ft., Long Form, with Back Rail, 5ft. long, Dozen Half Smoking Chairs, in Leather, Spring Seat Chairs, Iron Bedstead and Mattress, Chandelier, three lights, Longsettle, 2 Corner Cupboards, Fenders, 2 Tables, Pair; 3 Glass Spirit Jars, with Brass Taps, 2 Stone Spirit Measures, 2 Glasses, of various sizes, 3 Glass Water Bottles, Hydrometer, Gallon Tin Pot, Half-gallon Tin Pot, Quart Tin Pot,

Football.

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ASSOCIATION.

Paton Fell beat Walldridge White Star by two goals to one.

Allendale Juniors beat Blanchland Juniors by four goals to nil, at Blanchland.

South Moor Exiles beat South Moor Whites, on the former's ground, by three goals to two.

Wolsingham C.I. Reserve and Barrington Schools (Auckland) played a draw of two goals each, at Auckland.

Witton Gilbert Excelsiors and Burnhope Juniors played a draw of one goal each, on the ground of the former.

Swalwell Wesleyan v Wrekenton Albion.—Played on the latter's ground, the visitors winning by two goals to nil.

Witton Gilbert Rovers v St. Helen's Tuck Rifles.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a draw of one goal each.

Brooksmr v Stanley Albions.—Played on the ground of the latter, Broompark gaining an easy victory by five goals to nil.

Consett Fell—Stephen v Plaise.—Played on the Fell ground, the Stripes winning easily by seven goals to nil.

Medomsley White Stars v Langley Park Rovers Stars.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a victory for Medomsley by three goals to one.

Waldridge White Star v Kimblesworth Rovers. —Played on the latter's ground. Waldridge won a very good and evenly-contested game by two goals to one.

Hobson Wanderers 2nd v Strawberry Cabinet Works.—Played at the Hobson, the home team winning by four goals to one. Cook played a good forward game for the winners.

Dipton St. John's v Medomsley White Stars.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to nil.

Lintz Rovers 2nd v Felton Field Institute.—Played at the Lintz, and after a well-contested and pleasant game the Rovers were victorious by two goals to nil.

Tow Law League Reserve v Tow Law Harmonic.—Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in an easy victory for the League Reserve by six goals to two.

Tow Law St. Joseph's v Annfield Plain Rechabite Temperance v Lumley 2nd.—This return fixture was played at Burnopfield, a pleasant game resulting in favour of Lintzford by two goals to nil.

Crookhall Red Stars v Blackpits Violets.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a exciting game resulted in a win for the Stars by five goals to nil.

White & Head Royal Stars v Allendale Lily White.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to one.

Lintz Rising Stars v Tanfield Lea Crescent.—Played on the former's ground, and after an exciting and well-contested game the home team won by two goals to one.

Crookhall Wanderers v South Medomsley Heroes.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game the Wanderers were victorious by six goals to one.

Blackhill Park v Hasdon Albion Reserve.—Played on the former's ground, and after a very even game resulted in a draw, no goals being scored by either side.

Kip Hill Blue Belle v Craghead.—Played at Craghead, and after a pleasant game ended in a draw for the visitors by one goal to nothing. York showed good form in the goal for the winners, as did Cockburn and Fairbairn at back.

Medomsley Ormesby Order v Leadgate Sidney and Art.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a good game resulted in a win for the visitors by five goals to four. Wesley (2nd), Hall (2nd), and Ellis (2nd) played a good game for Medomsley. All the winners were in good form.

Tow Law Wanderers v Consett Rovers 2nd.—Played at Consett. Dodds kicked off for Tow Law, and play was fast from the beginning. At half-time the Wanderers led by a goal to nil. Each team added a point after the interval, Tow Law Wanderers winning by two goals to one.

Dipton Athletic v Dipton Wanderers 3rd.—Played on the former's ground. The home team had the best of matters in the first half, Dodds and Anderson scoring. The Athletic maintained the upper hand, and Blaydon scoring again, tilby were victorious by three goals to nil.

Market Hill St. Cuthbert's v Kyo Gems.—Played on the former's ground. The Gems won by two goals, both of which were allowed by the referee, but the visitors disputed the second as it struck the pleasantness the home captain gave way. The Gems afterwards scored, and the result was a draw of one goal each.

Esh True Blues v Willington Albion.—Played on the former's ground. The Blues had the best of the men, but were able to hold their own. The homesters opened the scoring shortly after the start, and at the interval each side had scored once. In the concluding period of the game the visitors were very even, and as each side scored once, the result was a draw of two goals each.

Tanfield Lea Stiff-Upe 3rd v Tanfield Lea Cricket Club.—Played on the former's ground, resulting in a win for the home team by three goals to two. W. and J. Saunders, Clarkson, and Collins played well for the winners, as did Brown and Reiley for the losers.

Annfield Plain Albions v Westwood Wanderers.—Played at Annfield Plain. The Wanderers won the toss, and had the advantage of a strong wind in the first half, and made the most of it, scoring by six goals to nil. The second half was entirely in favour of the homesters, who scored six times, and the result was a draw.

Consett Shamrocks v Tow Law League.—Played at Tow Law. The first half was very evenly fought out, and neither team had scored at the interval. The second period opened in favour of the visitors, and as not a single point was registered during the match, the result was a draw.

Mr Rutherford's Team v Allendale Park 2nd.—Played at Meetinghope, and resulted in a win for Mr Rutherford's team by four goals to two. The winners' team was—Goal, J. Hall; backs, S. Clegg and J. Stephenson; half-backs, Bell, W. Bailey, and J. Corbett; forwards, A. Hume and J. Storey, right wing; J. Ward, centre; J. Hunter and J. Wright, left wing.

Wolsingham C. I. v Tow Law Reserve.—Played on the former's ground. Tow Law came with an unbeaten record, having scored 43 goals to 5. Play in the first half was very even, both sides having a slight advantage, and leading at half-time by one goal to nil. The latter added to their advantage in the second half by one in the second half, which they not only did, but added a second goal, and a splendid game resulted as follows—

Wolsingham	Two goals
Tow Law	Nil

Sacriston St. Peter's v Picton Fell St. Andrews.—Played on the former's ground. The home team soon began to press, but by some clever passing the visitors carried the ball down the field. The game soon back again, however, and Sacriston scored their first and only goal. The visitors tried hard to equalise in the second period, although they did not score till within a few minutes of the end, when they scored up by adding another shortly after, Thornton being well up to time. Result—

Felton	Two goals
Sacriston	One goal

Leadgate Park Reserve v Linthorpe.—Played at Linthorpe in splendid weather, in two 40 minutes halves previously, and showed 12 minutes after the start. Nothing further resulted up to half-time, when the Reserve were leading by one goal to nil. In the second half, Leadgate did most of the pressing, but the splendid defence of Abbott and J. W. Andrews checked the visiting forwards, and they did not score till close upon time. Hobson and Foreman played a good game for Leadgate, whilst Taylor and Blair worked hard for Linthorpe. Result—

Leadgate	Two goals
Linthorpe	Nil

Allendale Park v South Moor.—Played on the latter's ground. The home team won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. The visitors kicked off, and soon brought the ball into the home half, but failed to score. Shortly afterwards the home team managed to score, and were in front as the interval no one goal to nil. The visitors had much the best of the play in the second half, but failed to find the net, and the game closed. Final result—

Allendale	Two goals
South Moor	Nil

Park—Goal, T. Bailey; backs, W. Hope and R. Gilligan; half-backs, J. Brown, T. Walton, and J. Barns; forwards, H. Glasgow, J. Walton, J. Taylor, or more or less, J. Lyons, and W. Longstaff, left wing.

Lesbume Park Rovers v Burnhope Rovers.—Played at Burnhope. The home team won the toss, and played with the wind in their favour, but Langley Park showed up to great style, and were leading by half-time by five goals to nil. In the second half Burnhope scored one goal, but never got dangerous afterwards, and Langley Park (who played three less reserves) ran out very winners. The final score was as under—

Langley Park	Five goals
Burnhope	One goal

Langley Park team—Goal, T. Cuthbertson; backs, J. Pickering and J. Vickers; half-backs, J. Stanton, J. B. Moss, and R. Cuthbertson; forwards, J. Lang, T. Lant, J. Vickers, J. Wardle, and F. Ivison.

Byer Moor v Castleside Rovers.—Played on the ground of the former. The visitors kicked off against a very strong breeze, which was blowing right down the field. After some good passing by both homesters, by sheer hard work, forced the ball up to the opposition goal, and after a good deal of scrimmaging, Keith heading No. 2 shortly afterwards. Bruce and Hall were now in splendid form, and when the ball woke up and attacked, but they could make up into goal. Half-time the home defence. At the interval no score was—

Byer Moor	Three goals
Castleside	Nil

The second half was opened by the home forwards making for their opponents' goal by their combined play, they shot past. However, Cheaper made up for it the next time by getting a beauty through, the visitors never having a chance. Then the visitors had a look and, in a misunderstanding on the Byer Moor back, Castleside scored their second goal. This fairly put the homesters upon their mettle, for they easily repelled the attacks, and pressure, but was given off side by the referee. The final result was a pleasant game ended in a win for Byer Moor. Score—

Byer Moor	Seven goals
Rovers	Nil

The home team was as follows—Goal, N. Keith; backs, T. Young and W. Reed; half backs, M. Mann, J. McWhirter, and G. Brown; forwards, E. Keith, J. Hudspeth, D. Cheaper, J. Whitfield, and R. E. Bruce. Linesman, Jno. Thirlaway. Referee, Mr D. Brabben.

CORNSAY ROVERS v WATERHOUSES WANDERERS.

This game was played at Cornsay before a good number of spectators. The Rovers won the toss, and decided to play with the wind. Waterhouses commenced for the Wanderers, and play was very even for the first half hour, when Cornsay Rovers, by a fine run by Cornsay left wing, ran well up, but the sterling play of the visitors' back saved the situation, and Hodgson kicked. Hodgson had hard times, but good shots only missing their mark by a few inches. At half-time the visiting forwards went away with a rush, which resulted in a goal being scored from a scrimmage, and a hard game ended as under—

Rovers	One goal
Wanderers	Nil

On resuming, the Wanderers began to press, but the strong wind which aided the Rovers during the first half had abated. The Rovers now played up determinedly, and three corners were cleared in quick succession by Haycock, the Wanderers' captain, in the first half, eliciting much applause. Cornsay away in fine style, and

MINERS' MEETING AT WEST STANLEY.

THE RUPTURE AMONGST COLLIERY ENGINEMEN.

On Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the Durham Mining Federation Board, a public meeting of miners, cokemen, mechanics, and enginemen, was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, Mr. W. Bailes, of Stanley, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Mr John Wilson, M.P., treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association; Mr W. H. Lambton, secretary of the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association; Mr Ernest Forster, secretary of the Durham Cokemen's Association; and Mr John Orr, president of the Durham Colliery Mechanics Association. There was a large attendance.

The CHAIRMAN, in his opening remarks, explained that they had a very important question to deal with —a question which affected the four sections of the Durham Mining Federation. It seemed that a few of the men in that Federation were dissatisfied with their position as wrestling engineers, etc. He was sadly afraid these people were making a great mistake if they thought that by agitating and getting up a new organisation they would be improving their position. If they received an upstanding wage from the owners in most cases the men were prepared to work at any time when there was a desire on the part of the men connected with the other sections of the Board to turn out on strike. (Slight interruption.) If this association came to be established, it would get against them as miners, cokemen, mechanics, and other sections of wrestling engineers. There were hauling enginemen, pumping enginemen, and fan enginemen, and these men were quite as qualified to take the place of winding engineers as those persons who were dissatisfied with their position. There was nothing to be gained by separation; what they wanted was more organisation. By uniting themselves up into different associations they were playing into the hands of the owners, therefore it was the duty of every true miner to do what he could to prevent this new organisation getting established. (Hear.) There had been meetings held in the immediate district to explain the whole circumstances—that

PRESENTATION TO MR F. ROYSTON BOOTH, OF CONSETT.

On Its becoming known that Mr J. Royston Booth, Ulverside travelling agent for North-West Durham, was about to terminate his engagement, it was felt by many that he should not be allowed to depart without some two-guinea being made to him for the valuable services he has rendered to the Unionist cause in this division. With this object in view a committee was formed and a subscription list opened, and the result has been most gratifying, over 300 having subscribed. A very pleasing feature in connection with the testimonial is that it has the support not only of Unionists but also of many political opponents who admired Mr Booth's many personal qualities.

The testimonial—which took the form of an illuminated address and purse of gold—was presented to Mr Booth at a numerously attended meeting of subscribers held on Saturday evening, in the North-West Durham Constitutional Club, Consett. In the unavoidable absence of Ald. U. J. Bilney, Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, of the Ivy Shotley Hall, presided, and was supported by Rev A. Baillie, Blackhill, Mr J. Lax, Shotley Bridge, Mr F. W. E. Halleay, Mr R. Little Greenwell, Mr J. G. Murray, Greenhill, Mr W. Holmes, Tanfield, Mr R. Brown, Greenfield Place, Mr J. Collingwood, Leadgate, Mr W. Mcriver, Crookhall, Mr M. Richley, Sacriston, Mr C. Rentiegh, Mr W. S. Templeton, Mr I. Ingle, Mr W. Pollock, Mr R. Heymer, Mr J. Harkness, Mr W. J. Drogan, Mr Matthews (hon. treasurer), Mr R. Lyon, and Mr T. Rossell (hon. secretaries), &c.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his regret that the worthy president of the association was unable to be present that evening. Mr Booth, he said, came among them about two years ago as agent to the united forces of Conservatives—and Liberal Unionists and from that time had spared no effort, fully and amicably throughout the various parts of this great constituency. (Cheers.) He was no corner throughout the division, he believed, but had been penetrated by Mr Booth in his work of organisation. He was always ready with speech and song—(hear)—and the number of subscribers showed that his labours had been highly appreciated throughout the whole constituency. (Applause.) Proceeding, the Chairman said that it was deeply to be regretted that Mr Booth was about to sever his connection with them, but he hoped this would only be temporary and that we could ill be spared (Loud cheers.) The Chairman then called upon Mr T. Rossell to read the address which was in the following terms:—

"To Mr J. Royston Booth, Unionist Travelling Agent for the North-Western Division of the County of Durham.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of your Unionist friends throughout North-West Durham take the opportunity of your departure from amongst us to express our high appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the Unionist cause in the division during the last two years.

We desire to offer you our hearty congratulations upon the success which has attended your indefatigable efforts in the work of organisation and registration, and upon the high reputation you have gained as a speaker by your able advocacy of Unionist principles.

We would also testify to your excellency of character, which, combined with your courteous and affable manner, has won the respect of supporters and opponents alike, and in asking your acceptance of this address with the accompanying purse of gold, we would ask for a kind support of many of the latter on purely personal grounds.

We trust that you may long be spared to exercise the admirable qualities you have displayed during your residence amongst us, and, whether you be in your new field of labour or remain that you have the good wishes of the personal friends of the district. (Signatures)

J. D. DUNVILLE (Unionist Candidate, North-East Durham, 1892.)

U. A. RITSON (President, North-West Durham Conservative Association.)

J. W. WALTON WILSON (Vice-President, do.)

J. G. MURRAY (Unionist Agent, Chairman of Testimonial Committee.)

H. LYNN (Hon. Secretaries, Testimonial T. ROSSELL (Committee.)

J. MATHESON (Hon. Treasurer, Testimonial Committee.)

Mr Lax, who was received with cheers, said that he had been called up on to perform a most interesting and important duty—a duty combining pleasure and regret; pleasure at seeing a worthy man rewarded in a some degree for his services to humanity, and regret that in this district they were about to lose the services of such a genial friend as Mr Booth. He first made the acquaintance of Mr Booth nearly two years ago, and he at once came to the conclusion that he had in the young man of considerable intelligence, great energy, readiness of speech, and tact. Mr Booth started mid, who would do much good, as he has, in conjunction with Mr Murray. (Applause.) Although at the last division the Unionist candidate had to be defeated, yet when all the circumstances were taken into consideration, the result in his opinion, showed that solid and substantial progress had been made in the cause of the union throughout the division. (Hear.) Proceeding, he said he felt-vel that this testimonial had been built on the of cious and true foundation of merit, and that it was thoroughly representative of the whole party. The rank and file had largely subscribed, which, he said, spoke volumes for Mr Booth's labours and popularity. (Cheers.) There were also people outside of the Unionist party altogether—Liberals—who had subscribed to this testimonial. They had subscribed not as politicians, but on purely personal grounds, having found in Mr Booden a man who was a sentleman political opponent as to deny facts, and who gave his opponents credit for being sincere. This showed much knowledge of human nature, and was highly creditable to a young man of his age. (Applause.) Mr Lax then, in the name of the subscribers and more particularly of those present, presented the address and purse of gold to Mr Booth, and expressed the hope that when he looked upon the former he would remember his was as no-hearted friends in North-West Durham. He sincerely trusted that if they had to put on their armour and get to battle again, Mr Booth would be with them, as they would not get a better man—abler, more discreet, or more popular with the Unionist party. (Cheers) He hoped Mr Booth would accept this testimony as to his political labours and general character, and that he would long live to remember his connection with them. They trusted he would succeed in the future, and they would always be pleased to have an occasional visit from him. (Loud applause.)

Rev BAILLIE, who followed, said that he attended not as a politician, but as a personal friend of Mr Booth's, with whom he had had frequent intercourse, and whom he esteemed very highly. He had always found him ready and willing to assist in any good cause going, and a right, earnest worker, and the other evening he had delivered a lecture in connection with the Presbyterian guild on "Trade Unionism" which would do credit to anyone. He regretted very much his leaving, and wished him good success. (Loud cheers.)

Mr J. G. MURRAY spoke in commendatory terms of Mr Booden and his manner in which Mr Booth had fulfilled his duties, and to the esteem in which he was held by political supporters and opponents alike. He wished him every success in the future. (Applause.)

Mr C. ROBINSON, in a neat speech, stated that he had met Mr Booth on various occasions. He had always found him a gentleman, and he respected and admired him very highly. (Applause.)

Mr BOOTH, who on rising was received with great applause, said he could not find words to adequately express how deeply he felt that day's proceedings in presenting him with this valuable testimonial. He esteemed most highly the kindly feelings that prompted it, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He had simply endeavoured to do his duty whilst amongst them without any thought of any such recognition, and it was therefore a very pleasant surprise to him to find that they had such a proof of their appreciation. (Cheers.) He could assure them the testimonial would always be highly prized by him; not merely because of its intrinsic value, which was considerable, but mainly because of the kindly sentiments towards himself that it expressed. And the pleasing feature to him was to see so many present, rank and file had largely subscribed to the testimonial, and that it was thoroughly representative of both wings of the Unionist party. (Applause.) He was also very pleased to know that it had received the support of many of the opposite party —personal friends of his—whom, although he differed from them in politics, he had learned to respect and esteem. (Hear.) Regarding the work of organisation in the constituency, he illustrated the benefit of the by pointing out that in some of the most Radical parts of the division, where a few years ago no Conservative was known, there were now able to show by the attendance at their meetings that great progress had been made. If the Conservatives would work continuously and faithfully and keep apathy—the curse of the party—as a sub, they would win. He predict that they would soon occupy a much stronger position throughout the constituency. (Cheers.) He never he had occasion to visit during his stay in the district he had always been treated most hospitably by the supporters of the cause, and thought it would be impossible to find a more generous class of people. He could assure them that he would carry away with him many pleasant recollections of his brief stay in North-West Durham, and the least of them would be the remembrance of that occasion, which would always rank as one of the proudest and happiest of his life. (Loud cheers.) He had made many friends, with whom he was extremely sorry to part, and he hoped he should be favoured with the pleasure of seeing occasionally in the future. (Cheers.) He thanked the various committees for the more than kind manner (applause) they had used with regard to himself and his proceedings. Whenever in the future his testimonial he would be reminded of the kindness of the many friends in North-West Durham, and it would be a treasured possession. He would again thank them most heartily and sincerely for the kind sentiments and good wishes of which it was the expression. (Loud applause.)

A most successful concert followed, at which Mr J. G. Murray presided. Songs were rendered by Messrs Matthews, Wilson, Ingle, Heymer, Mr Wilkinson, A. Wilson, G. Gamble, T. Turner, J. Mcdonald, and Mr Mcgrigg, the latter the chairman. Mr T. Borthwick gave two violin solos, while G. Stephenson favoured with a piano solo, and also accompanied. A most enjoyable evening was spent, all the artistes acquitting themselves well, and the proceedings altogether the meeting was a great success.

At the conclusion, on the motion of Mr BOOTH—who tendered his cordial indebtedness to them—a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all those who had assisted in enabling them to spend such a pleasant evening.

After singing the National Anthem, followed by "For he is a jolly good fellow," three hearty cheers were g ven for Mr Booth, and the company dispersed.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

(By "STANHOPE.")

The other week *The Graphic* gave the portrait of the Archbishop of York, who was born and still living in various parts of the country, who took part in the memorable charge of the Light Brigade, at Balaclava. One was missed out, that of William Roberts, residing at Stanhope. He heard the order given, "Right about face," and left Cadogan into the "Valley of Death," and there bowed his head for the blow, and gallopped out of the carnage unscathed on a Russian horse.

The County Council Technical Education scheme is fairly on the way at Stanhope. Some of the members were in attendance in charge of classes, stands at the top for attendances, having 28 pupils; next comes the science with 27. The plan which is an agricultural district like Weardale should have had a plethora of pupils, the agricultural class stands at the bottom. The geological class has about 12 pupils, while the cookery classes, both the afternoon and evening, have 16 pupils each, and this is the second course.

A draughts match was played on Saturday evening, between the Fraternity Church Institute Club and the Stanhope Cartwell Club, resulting in a splendid victory for the Fraternity Club. A football match between the Stanhope and Frosterley clubs, resulting in a draw.

A new species of fish has made its appearance in Weardale. A man was seen on Friday last, in Stanhope, carrying home his sister's clog, which had been at the shop repairing, and had it wrapped in a red handkerchief. A boy saw the clog, and he thought the suspicion-looking parcel, which he surmised came to the conclusion that the latter in his hand, on being pursued by the "bobby," ran his fastest, and gave the slip. Then a good chase. Puffing and blowing, the man in blue came up to the lad, and catching him, said the parcel, and know what it contained. Imagine his astonishment than described when he found a woman's clog inside of it, instead of a salmon.

The course of true love never did run smooth. A young man in this dale has got some to hard from John's Chapel, where a gallant lothair was let down through the roof of the room through the top of his fair one, by a rope made of bed quilts, tied together, and the lady was to descend and meet her lover she abode, and pining for a good "lark," seized the opportunity, and taunted the door from the inside, and quickly barred him in. The rope found he was fastened to with his dear one, he did not first enquire, but was rather a prolonged affection to be in; but he had to be at work next day, and, not having any ropes about the place, the fair one suggested a new method, namely, by tying together the quilts of the bed, and thus lowering the gallant lover to the upstairs window, and thus he made his exit. The ingenuity of woman is this world's wonder, nothing interferes with her lover. What can she not do? What can she not accomplish?

A Wolsingham bird-fancier had a canary which had been pronounced by a medical gentleman to be the primary stage of consumption. A noted canary man heard of it, and bought it cheap, and locked it up in a cupboard. He picked up, and took like a nightingale for a time, and the purchaser was highly delighted at the bargain he had made, and the good food had a fatal effect. The bird was found dead, and the fact that he was in the drawer full of seed, and lots of other dainties besides. The purchaser wept over his dead birdy, but his grief was soon assuaged by the saying "Cheer up, Johnny, thou still has me alive and kickin'."

A debate occurred at Frosterley, on the strange subject "Women in the Nineteenth Century," which disappeared first." The philosophers were puzzled to find out the cause, and to the subject "What does endless space rest upon?"

A young lady went into a newsagent's shop in Stanhope, the other evening, and said, "I want some Bobby's paper." "Which one?" the man said he to the damsel, "Give your heart and hand to the first young fellow that offers to kiss you."

"When the cat's away, the mice do play." It was when Bobby's away the cat's at play, and there were all off looking after the one thing needful, when Bobby returned with some new rigs in the streets to fight. Amongst them was an old dame to her 77th year. She clambered her flats in true pugilistic style and squared from the shoulder, a woman like that should join the Wolsingham volunteers, if Bardgy for an example of pluck.

There is a wide difference between economy and penuriousness, which was well illustrated in one of Weardale villages the other day. A schoolmaster and a lecturer on the theory of agriculture and who is taking lessons at the College of Science at Newcastle, every Saturday, was conducting the County Council Technical Educational Scheme, went into a farmhouse in the dale and said to the farmer "Well, John, you'l not have very many fat pigs this Christmas." "How's that" said the farmer, "non-farmin'." "Because," said the sage, "you've cut all your stubble."

Some of the Weardale farmers have been cutting and stacking their oats in one day. This perhaps is the best thing they can do in a season like the present. They leave holes in the stacks to prevent spontaneous combustion and make the stacks less than the usual size.

The anniversary of Guy Fawkes was kept in Stanhope as usual on the 5th. Squibs, crackers, and rockets were let off by the youthful part of the population and crowds were fired, but last year's trick on the part of some youths in the Bond Isles was not played this year. They fired a cannon in the fields in front of the Bond Isles row, and the cannon which was part of a metal pipe was accidently charged with powder by a tenacious bairn, came down crashing through the roof of a house several hundred yards from the spot, frightening a thousand into very much.

THE COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT MEDOMSLEY.

THE RESULT OF A MISTAKE.

On Tuesday, Coroner Graham held an adjourned inquiry at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, concerning the death of Ralph Proud, a colliery waggon at the Derwent Iron Company, who died on the evening of Nov. 3rd from injuries received in the morning while at work whilst following his employment. Mr J. H. Morris, viewer, Medomsley, represented the Consett Iron Company, and produced a plan showing the position which, &c., at the south-east Cross Cut of Hailes Main seam, the deceased was found by West Colliery. Mr Elott, Moffitt (Medomsley) was appointed foreman of the jury.

John Proud, miner, living at Allendale Cottages, deposed that deceased was his brother, and was twenty-five years of age, and was a single man. Latterly, his age being 30 years. Deceased died at his brother's house on the 3rd Nov., and had received injuries were on his head, and his skull was fractured. Witness knew the place where the accident occurred. Saw his brother lived about four hours after the accident. Witness had no fault to find in the way he was looked after by the Company, and no mistake or act.

John Darkins, Allendale Cottages, said that he was 19 years of age, and employed as a rapper-boy at the colliery. Witness had been following for about a year. Knew all the signals. If a stack of the rope he had to give three and-a-half raps, and he was not sure that he would give two and-a-half raps. On the day in question, about 10 minutes past three, he gave the signal, three and-a half raps, for the rope, and the brakesman was named Andrew Shearer. When he gave the signal, deceased was standing at the foot, and was ready to draw the rope up to the end of the tube. Witness put the hook (produced) on to the tail rope stack. Deceased instantly, instead of the tail-rope being slackened, it was bent up, and that caused the bandie to turn up very quickly, and struck deceased on the head. Witness picked deceased up, and sent for assistance. He had received a wound on deceased's head, and it was bleeding freely.

By the Coroner: Witness did not know whether there was anything that could confirm that he had given the right signal He was quite sure willing their sudden upon signals. He had not been allowed by the bye-law."

The members of the Board, he said, having read the order from the Education Department, with ref rence to the establishment of the cookery classes, had given the matter their best attention. It was suggested that a special room would have to be built to follow his employment as a rapper, but decided, but at present arrangements will have to be made in the Board Schools at Consett and Blackhill.

The Cookery Committee were, on the motion of Father Foran, seconded by Mr Ross-Lewin, empowered to purchase the necessary utensils and appliances.

REPORT OF DERWENT STREET SCHOOL.

The Clerk read the report of H.M. Inspector, touching his recent examination of Derwent Street School, which, he said, was attended by 105, and the amount of fix-d grant earned was 9s, variable grant, 2s, grant for needlework and singing, 4s 6d, and 1s 6d, making a total of 13s. The year's grant amounted to 468 5s, which was a little more than last year. The report on an average attendance of 105 came to £52 10s. Grants received, by the Committee, £53 15s 6d, which almost equalled the entire fees of the previous year, so that with a fee grant of £16 17s the aggregate for the year earned would amount to £85 2s 6d, a warrant for this sum having been handed to the Treasurer. The report, on the whole, was very satisfactory, and the question of altering the gallery (as recommended by the Inspector) was referred to the Finance Committee to consider and report on.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

A letter was read from Newcastle Secretary of the Society of Friends in relation to religious instruction in Board schools.

It was agreed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and that the Committee had no power to act and should return thanks to the secretary for his admirable and most appropriate communication. The Committee regretted very much that the Society in its praiseworthy efforts, also regretting that the Committee in this country had not the same cognizance of religious instruction, although they were a Christian nation, and boasted that religious teaching was the source of England's greatness. There were no examinations in religious instruction there were any grants offered in this branch of education.

LETTING THE DERWENT STREET SCHOOLS.

Mr J. Matthews, one of the churchwardens of St Aidan's parish, appeared before the Board to see if they could not reduce the charge of 6s per night, for the use of Derwent Street School room, for fortnightly social gatherings during the winter.

The Chairman said the matter had been discussed at the last meeting, and it was considered the charge of 5s was reasonable, as the people using it for concerts should maintain schools for the benefit of any particular creed or sect.

Mr Lax said he was in opposition to this statement.

Mr Cairns: We know all about raising bags of gold from beaven.

Mr Ross Lewin: We don't want any religious squabbles in this room.

Mr Cairns said this was a putely business question, and he thought the charge should not get another place is Blackhill with the same convenience for the money.

The Chairman said the resolution would have to be rescinded before any charge could be made. He would suggest that no notice was to be given to Ballie for a bazaar at Easter at a nominal rental.

Mr Sloane wanted the subject dealt with in a straight-forward manner. They had the intention of the letting tte school to Mr Baillie been introduced.

Mr Cairns: To bolster up their own case.

Mr Sloane said they must not be unfair alike.

Mr Ross Lewin asked what profit the Board would derive from letting the schools at 6s per night.

The Chairman did not think the Board would gain much.

Mr Sloane said the Board decided last month to let the schools for 5/-, and he saw no reason to alter that decision.

Mr Ross Lewin said he did not wish the church people to be charged more than the ordinary rate than other denominations. When such applications were before the Board, they ought not to consider the matter came from Mr Foran, Mr Baillie, Mr Jenkins, or Mr Storey. They ought to deal with the question on its merits. Doubtless there seemed to be some dissatisfaction at the way in which the Board were letting the schools, and as the Board Schools had been granted for the first time for a Liberal meeting, when there were other rooms in the neighborhood obtainable, he thought the ratepayers had some cause for complaint.

Mr Cairns: The Tories had a meeting in the schools before the Burials.

Mr Sloane said if it was going to cause any bad feeling in the neighborhood, he should advocate closing the schools against all religious parties, and not letting them at all.

Eventually, Mr Ross-Lewin moved, and Mr Ramsey seconded, that the requisite letting the schools to St. Aidan's congregation for 5s a week be reminded.

These matters will be considered at next meeting.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES (Saturday, Nov. 12th.)

Consett Fell v Armstrong Rovers (Newcastle), at Consett.

Leadgate Park v Medomsley, at Leadgate.

Consett I.A.M.C.A. v Shotley Juniors, at Shotley.

Tow Law v Shildon Rangers, at Shildon.

Tow Law Reserve v Shildon Rangers Reserve, at Tow Law.

Tanfield Lea 2nd v Kip Hill Blue Bells 1st, at Kip Hill.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Byer Moor, at Dipton.

Lintz Collies v South Moor Violets, at South Moor.

Langley Park Rovers v Hunwick Rovers, at Langley Park.

South Moor v Willington Albion, at South Moor.

Witton Gilbert Rovers v Shotley Bridge, at Witton-Gilbert.

Blackhill Rovers v Blackhill Crescents (Reserves), at Blackhill.

Waterhouses Wanderers v Todhill Ramblers, at Todhill.

Mickley v Southwick, at Southwick.

Esh True Blues v South Hetton, at South Hetton.

Waldridge White Star v Craghead, at Craghead.

Lintz Rovers v Allendale Park, at Medomsley.

Lintz Rovers 2nd v Swalwell Y.M.C.A., at Swalwell.

Tow Law Blues 2nd v Tow Law 1st. Joseph's, at Tow Law.

Leadgate United Red v Medomsley White Stars, at Medomsley.

Eyn Dene 2nd v Hobson Juniors, at Kyo.

Blackhill Park 2nd v Esh Juniors, at Blackhill.

Esh Excelsiors v Willington Shamrocks, at Willington.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. HENDERSONS CRECLERS.

This match will be played on the Rovers' ground, Blackline, where a good game is expected. The following will do duty:—Goal, Dunning; full-back, T. Bell and J. Hargreave; half-back, Lax, Dunning, Aitken (capt.), and A. N Other; half-backs, Gardhouse and R. Bell; forwards, Aitken, Lax, Fowler, G. Sayers, G. Davison, G. Aitken, J. Anderson, G. Hewison, and Wilkinson. Referee, Mr Hoban. Kick-off at 3-30. Referee, Mr M. Hobday, Blackhill.

CONSETT FELL v. ARMSTRONG RANGERS (NEWCASTLE.)

This match will be played at Consett. The home team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Dunning; backs, T. Bell and J. Hargreave; half-back, Lax, Dunning, J. Carruthers, and R. Wake; forwards, W. Atkinson (capt.), Aitken, A. Stafford, and J. Dunning; centre, R. Harkness and M. Eustace, left wing, Rowell, G. Eustace.

The Consett Fell Rovers 2nd v Pittington.—The above will be played at Pittington. The Rovers will be represented as follows—Full back, H. Murray; three-quarter backs, R. Hedley, Forrester, and T. Bourne, and R. Taylor; half-backs, T. Lumley (capt.) and Headlees; forwards, W. Lumley, J. Dixon, R. Morgan, J. Carr, D. Aitken, S. Robinson, G. Bell, and A. Atkinson. Referee, Mr Hobday, Blackhill.

Consett Fell 2nd v Stanhope Star (Crook).—The above game will be played at Consett. Full back, Goal, J. Wren; backs, J. Seaman and T. Gray; half-backs, W. Wake (capt.), A. Stafford, and J. Dougherty; forwards, J. Campbell, and J. Jones, right wing; R. McKie, centre; W. Winter and G. Eustace, left wing. Referee, Barron, Arlott, Hobday, Burn.

Greenfoot Black Watch v Lintzford.—The match will be played on the former's ground for the benefit of an old footballer who has not been able to follow his employment for some time. The following will do duty for the Black Watch:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, A. Gibson and C. Gibson; half-backs, M. Hardy, J. Argyle, and J. Maddison; forwards, J. Thompson, J. Hobbs, J. Mcdonald, and J. Thompson (capt.), centre; J. Kennaley and J. Mcdonald, left wing. Kick-off at 3.45.

Blackhill Park v Lintzford 2nd.—To be played at Lintzford. The following will represent Blackhill Park:—Goal, T. Sheldon; backs, A. Atkinson and R. Robinson; half-backs, J. Butler, R. Evans, and J. Hall; forwards, D. Clark, Atkinson, J. Hall, right wing; F. Smith, centre; H. Tindle and W. Dempsey, left wing. Reserves, J. Fitzpatrick and W. Askew.

Crookhall Wanderers v Castleside Rovers.—At Crookhall. The following will be the Crookhall team:—Goal, Hall; backs, Mcnally and Hall; half-backs, Mcnally, R. Loughran, and E. Shepherd; forwards, R. Loughran, Jun., Gill, Wigg, J. Appleby, centre; W. Gregory and T. Pattinson, left wing.

Medomsley Church Choir v First Hits Alike.—To be played at Medomsley. The Choir team will be—Goal, Bell; backs, J. Hall and T. Hall; half-back, W. Stanford; half-backs, W. Frost, W. Moffitt, and W. Stanford; forwards, C. Hall, Hall, Hodgson, Watch, Hall, and Hall; centre, Hall; left wing, Hall; backs, Connor and Ramsey; half-backs, W. Johnson, Hall, and Hall; forwards, Charlton, Hall, Hodgson, E. Burdiss, A. Henderson, T. Reynolden, and T. Johnson.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

Allendale Cottages—8th inst., the wife of Owen Clarke, of a daughter.

Chester-le-Street—Police Station, 4th inst., the wife of Inspector George Mitham, of a daughter.

Black—30th inst., the wife of J. H. Graham, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Chester-le-Street—Parish Church, 31st ult., Frank Burridge to Sarah Pinkney, both of West Pelton.

Collierley—Parish Church, on the 9th inst., by Rev J. Gornall, vicar, Joseph Willson Mason, to Jessie, son of William Forster, Esq., Carrmyre, to Margaret Ann Harbottle (Maggie), fourth daughter of Joseph Spencer, Consett.

DEATH

Consett—4th inst., Mr. David Harris.

Allendale Cottages—2nd inst., aged 29, Ralph Blackhall Mill.—Aged 39, John Hunter.

South Medomsley—8th inst., aged 60, Christopher Holmes.

Swalwell—7th inst., aged 73, William Rixon.

Lintzford—5th inst., aged 2, George William Lintzford—6th inst., aged 2, George William

Wheatley Cottage—4th inst., aged 77, Jared Nest.

Newcastle—5th inst., 10, Shewmark Street, Sarah Wood Road, aged 24, George William Wood.

Over 30 years in London. Native of Arnold Notts.

Doncaster—St. Mary's Road, 2nd inst., Sybil Margaret daughter of the late Rev W. Earl, Primitive Methodist Minister.

Leeds—On the 26th ult., aged 52, Thomas Ford Thirwen, formerly of Mountain.

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