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

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

THE CONTROL OF VILLAGE GREENS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Dear Sir,—Perhaps the rural luminaries—and they are legion since the passing of the Local Government Act, 1894—will apply for the "Parish Councillors' Gazette" for the week ending October 18th, 1895, and in it they will read about the control of village greens. It appears from the columns of that paper that the Horsted Keynes Parish Council brought two test cases before the Hayward's Heath Petty Sessions, as affecting the powers of parish councils over village greens. In the first case a lad was summoned for driving a horse and cart on the village green, on September 18th. Mr. H. Prince, solicitor, Brighton, represented the parish authorities, and Mr. Henson, Infield, barrister-at-law, defended. For the prosecution it was explained that the case was brought forward simply in the hope that a decision would be given that what the Parish Council complained of was illegal, and must not be repeated. After evidence had been given both for the prosecution and defence, and producing long legal arguments, the chairman said the magistrates were of opinion that defendant had no right to drive across the green, and it must cause damage to the place as a recreation ground, and he (the defendant) would be fined 6d and 14/- costs. In the second case the defendant pleaded guilty, and was also fined 6d and the costs. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am, sir, yours truly,
JOHN JAMES THOMPSON.

Lanchester, Nov. 12th, 1895.

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of this body was held on Tuesday week at the Board Room of the Lanchester Union Buildings—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding. The Guardians present were:—County Councillor T. J. Muse (vice-chairman), Miss Gibson, Rev. A. Magill, Messrs T. S. Longstaff, William Aynsley, James Oliver, James Fairley, J. Green, G. Forster, L. Nicholson, Edward Sloane, J. W. Taylor, Robert Kay, William Young, A. T. Watson, George Wailes, William Collier, Robert Burleigh, Geo. D. Powell, William Rutherford, Robert Robson, Henry Greener, Thos Taylor-Smith, W. Johnson, Philip Kirkup, Thomas Wilkinson, William Robinson, Henry Curry Wood, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood).

The Nurse Question.

The Chairman stated that the three applicants whom the Visiting Committee had selected to meet the Guardians that day, for the position as head nurse in the Infirmary, had written the Clerk informing him that two of them had got situations, and the third one could not come. The Clerk, acting on the recommendations of their Medical Officer, selected other three candidates, out of the applications, and they were now present.

The Visiting Committee reported that they had done nothing in the matter. They had left the selection for the full Board to decide.

Miss Gibson considered none of the candidates selected were suitable for their Infirmary. She was in favour of securing Nurse Hamilton again for the position, failing her the Clerk should again advertise for applications.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the three selected candidates should be interviewed, and see if they could not get the vacancy filled that day.

The Chairman said such would be done; but he would not advise the Guardians to make the appointment that day.

The three nurses present were interviewed.

After further discussion, Miss Gibson accordingly moved that steps should be taken so as to secure the services of Nurse Hamilton to fill the vacancy, and failing her the Clerk should again advertise for fresh applications.

Mr. Muse seconded.

Carried.

It was further resolved that £5 more should be added to the salary making it £35 per annum.

Urban District for Annfield Plain.

The Chairman stated that the order from the Durham County Council had been received, intimating that after 31st March, 1896, the district of Annfield Plain, would be converted into an Urban District. Clause 9 of the order stated that the Township of Greencroft would be divided into two portions, and that there would be an extra Guardian making the number 43 altogether for the Union. There was another portion of the order which said that after the order took effect, the number of Boards of Guardians would be increased from 16 to 17.

Mr. Taylor stated that the latter portion which the Chairman had just read applied to the Rural District Council.

The Chairman: I quite understand what it means; but I am only reading to you what the order says. It was a matter that affected the District Council, and it would have to be considered by that body.

The question dropped.

The County Rate.

The Clerk reported that the County Rate for the ensuing six months was 1½d in the £.

Subscription to Workhouse Nursing Association.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board, intimating that they sanctioned the payment of a cheque for the sum of £2 2s as a subscription to the Workhouse Nursing Association.

It was unanimously decided the cheques should be forwarded to the Association.

Loan for New Infirmary.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Windham, London, pointing out that his clients were willing to advance the sum of £5,000 at 3 per cent. for the erection of the new Infirmary, providing that notice would be given from either side to close the agreement for the money to be paid back after ten years had expired.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Windham, informing him that their conditions should be carried out, and for the money to be paid back in 25 years.

Rating Authorities Defence Association.

A letter was read pointing out that this Association intended to hold a Conference at Birmingham, and suggested that the Guardians could send two representatives on the payment of a subscription.

The Chairman stated that the Bill now before Parliament, for the rating of machinery, did not affect them in that Union; but at the same time he did not say that the Guardians should not sign a memorial praying for the Bill not to be passed. They could use their influence against it; but he would leave the question with them to decide whether they should send two representatives to the Conference or not.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Sloane, not to send two representatives to the Conference; but to forward a subscription of £1 1s, so as to be in touch with the Association.

Rules for the Infirmary.

The Visiting Committee reported that a code of rules had been drawn up by Miss Gibson for the Infirmary, and they recommended the same should be printed, and a copy sent to each Guardian, before they were confirmed.

Draperies.

The tender of Mr. Scott, Durham was accepted for supplying the Workhouse with draperies.

The Visiting Committee.

Mr. A. T. Watson was appointed a member of the Visiting Committee, in place of the Rev. P. Cameron, deceased.

Mrs. Murphy's Children.

Mr. Mawson, solicitor, Durham, waited on the Guardians, respecting Mrs. Murphy's children. He inquired if Mrs. Murphy should come from America, would the Guardians, be willing to give up her children.

The Chairman said if Mrs. Murphy presented herself before the Guardians they would help her in every possible way, to retain the children.

Master's Report.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I beg to report that on the 26th ult., I admitted an old man named George Joyce, from South Shields Workhouse. On the 31st ult., I admitted an old man named Charles Clarke, and on the 4th inst., I re-admitted John Reynolds, the shoe-maker, who discharged himself on the 26th ult. Sarah Elizabeth Armstrong went for a month on trial with Mrs. Joyce, Wood Street, Shotley Bridge, on the 25th ult.

The report was adopted.

Inmates.

Number of inmates (1st week), 222; (second week), 219; vagrants relieved, 14.

The other business was of a formal character.

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LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Thursday week, in the Board Room of the Lanchester Union Buildings.—Mr. William Logan, J.P., (chairman), presiding. There was a capital attendance of members.

Formation of Urban District for Annfield Plain.

The Chairman explained that the order had been received from the County Council, intimating that the district of Annfield Plain would become an Urban District after the 31st March, 1896. If such came into force, the district would cease to be part of the Lanchester Rural District Council. He did not think it would be desirable to discuss the question to-day; and he was going to give notice of motion that the Council should petition the Local Government Board, so as to have another inquiry held, and have the whole matter investigated before the order come into force.

Mr. Taylor: Why not settle the question to-day.

The Chairman: The reason I give notice of motion was simply to let each Councillor know what was going to be done, and then they could come to the next meeting fully prepared how to vote on the question.

Mr. Taylor: I think it might be fully thrashed out this afternoon.

The Chairman: The reason I think the Council should oppose the application is a good one. They all knew the facts. The Commissioners who held the inquiry, report to the Council, that there had not been a case made out why Annfield Plain should have Urban Powers. About six months after this, all the Commissioners have done is upset, and the County Council pass a motion that urban powers should be granted to Annfield Plain. Seeing they had done this, he considered the Rural Council should oppose the application.

Mr. Oliver considered what the Chairman proposed to do was quite right.

Mr. Wailes said the people of Annfield Plain were the ones to judge whether they desired urban powers or not. They were simply going to spend their own money.

The Chairman said if the Durham County Council had gone the right way about it, he would not have said a word.

Mr. Taylor stated that they knew all the facts, and there was nothing to prevent them deciding the question to-day.

Mr. Wailes: Let us have a vote and settle it.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that when the question was first brought before the County Council, the report was sent back for reconsideration. This had been done, with the result that urban powers had to be granted to the Annfield Plain district. He might further state that the Commissioners supported what had been done.

The Chairman: Well you can please yourselves about the matter.

After further discussion, Mr. Taylor accordingly moved that the Council should offer no opposition to the application.

This was seconded by Mr. Johnson.

On a vote being taken it was found that seven had voted for, and seven against the motion.

The Chairman accordingly gave his casting vote against the motion.

Mr. Wailes declared it was extremely hard the people of Annfield Plain should be treated in this manner.

The Chairman stated that when he got a report like the one before him, he was bound to take the present action.

Mr. Wailes: How do the people of Castleside know what is required in the Annfield Plain district.

Mr. Taylor: It will come all right in the end.

The Chairman said his motion would stand, that steps be taken for the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry for to have the whole matters once more investigated.

Highway Boards.

The question of the desirability of Highway Boards continuing in office until March 1897 was next considered.

It was resolved that two representatives—Messrs J. Oliver and J. W. Taylor—should be sent to the Conference at Durham, to oppose the continuation of the Highway Boards.

Surveyor's Report.

Gentlemen.—On the 15th ult., I accompanied the County Medical Officer of Health on his visit to Derwent Cottages where we found that a large proportion of the work ordered by your authority for the sanitary improvement of the village has been satisfactorily completed, and the remainder making fair progress, to Bradley Cottages where all the old houses have been provided with spouting, cemented yards, and covered ashpits, which have affected a great sanitary improvement, and to Hill Top, Dipton, where the houses in Forster's yard are still unsatisfactory, as also are two of the four previously reported houses in O'Neil's yard. Acting upon instructions received some time ago with respect to O'Neil's houses on the 1st ult., I obtained from the magistrates at Lanchester a closing order for the two insanitary houses at O'Neil's buildings, Hill Top, the other two having been rendered fit for habitation, as required by the notice. There are 3 houses in Forster's yard, Hill Top, which are used as common lodging-houses, and which have not been registered, as such, these premises are not suitable for such purposes. I may add that there appears to me to be a great want of suitable common lodging-houses in the Annfield Plain and Dipton district. This want might be met by the adoption of part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

There is an insufficiency of privy and ashpit accommodation at Sutton's yard, Newbiggen's Houses, Ward's Houses, and Water's and other houses at Blackhall Mill.

The sewer at Templetown again became stopped by rubbish being thrown down the inspection shaft, this has been put right by my orders.

At Holmside village there is a want of main sewers, at present the sewage in some cases runs down the roadside and causes a nuisance.

The house occupied by R. Parder at West Butsfield is damp.

At West Billingside there are cases of typhoid fever, in one house, where there is a dairy, and I once took steps to ascertain if precautions were being taken to ensure the safety of the milk, and was glad to find that this was being done.

On Oct. 29th, Dr. Benson and I visited the several houses at Dipton, wherein are cases of typhoid fever, and in all cases the sanitary conditions of the premises was good, except one which had previously been reported, and a notice served to get the insanitary conditions remedied. We endeavoured to induce all the patients to go to the Leadgate Hospital; but they refused, and as one of the cases is at an inn, there is a danger both during and after the sickness of the typhoid patients, of persons frequenting the house, contracting the disease. I sent the ambulance for this case; but the relatives refused to allow the patient to be removed.

As instructed by your authority I have investigated the condition of the water supply to the village of Cornsay Colliery, and beg to report that prior to October, 1880, the water for drinking and dietetic purposes was obtained from Springwell and from Rowleyfield. That for other domestic purposes was obtained from standpipes fixed in several parts of the village, the supply for which was laid on from a reservoir, which still exists near Cornsay Lodge. This reservoir obtained its water from the surface water of the hill above it, and from water pumped from the mine, and raised through a rising main from the colliery to the reservoir. In the year 1880 the owners of the colliery laid on the water of the Weardale and Shildon Water Works Company, by extending the mains from Hamsteels Colliery and connecting them on to the aforesaid rising main, which was thereupon disconnected from the mine; but not from the reservoir, and the water for both colliery and domestic purposes has since then been taken from the Weardale and Shildon Water Company, per meter rate. At intervals since that time new two-inch mains have been laid from the rising main, along the back streets, and standpipes erected, and at the present time the standpipes are in such a position that the greatest distance to be travelled, by the householders on the Cornsay side of the road, or those occupying colliery houses is approximately 36 yards. They have been fixed outside the houses against the pantry walls in a discriminate manner, throughout the place. In endeavouring to ascertain from the inhabitants in various parts of the place, the condition of the water as regards quantity and purity, I gathered that the supply is fairly constant in all parts of the village. It is occasionally off for a short period, and it was stated that it might be off for the whole day once in three months. I received several complaints about its occasional brown or rust-coloured appearance, and at intervals small pieces of scale from the pipes are discharged from the taps. The means adopted for scouring the pipes is not a satisfactory method. I would suggest that a sludge sluice and drain should be provided at the dead end of every branch main, that air valves be fixed at suitable places, and the reflux valve be fixed near the head of the rising main above all branches. Three samples of water now supplying Cornsay Colliery village were submitted for analysis. In each case the samples were found to be pure and wholesome.

The piggeries of the Bute Arms Inn, Dipton, are in my opinion too near the road, and in hot weather will be very offensive to passers by.

The accumulation of ashes which have been deposited in the field by the side of the footpath from Templetown to Delves Lane is too near such a footpath.

A person at Cornsay village is using the village green as a place of deposit for cow manure.

It is a common practice in some parts of your district for farmers and others to deposit ashes and other manures on the roadside wastes prior to carting them on to the land.

The huts at Hamsteels Colliery are damp.

I would recommend that the water for North Pit Houses, near East Castle, be analysed, as it is of suspicious quality.

The pressure of gas for the Dipton lamps is unsatisfactory, on one evening the whole of the lamps went out, the flame of gas when lighted has during the month been undersized. I am assured that some of the lamps at Dipton have not been lighted as required by the terms of the contract.

At times during the past month the gas lamps at Annfield Plain have been burning undersize.

Several houses at Flass are being built, the sewage from which will not have a suitable outlet, these houses are situate about 200 yards from the Esh Winning Outfall Works.

There is insufficient privy and ashpit accommodation at Pearson's Buildings, Esh Winning.

44 villages have been inspected by my assistant, and myself during the month.

Several houses are now ready for habitation.

J. E. PARKER.

Medical Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—The following cases of infectious disease have come under notice during the month:—One case of diphtheria, at Low Westwood; 2 cases of typhoid fever, at Milkwell Burn; 1 case of typhoid fever at Blackhall Mill; 1 case of typhoid fever at Hamsterley Colliery; 1 of continued fever, 3 of typhoid fever, and 1 of scarlatina at Medomsley; 1 of typhoid fever at Allendale Cottages; 1 of enteric fever at Low Billingside Farm; 1 one typhoid fever at Knitsley Grange Farm, 1 of erysipelas, and one of enteric fever at Delves Terrace, Consett. Etchester is free from infectious disease.

W. T. BOLTON.

Gentlemen,—The list of infectious diseases reported to me during the past month comprises the following cases:—21 of scarlatina at Kyo; 3 at Hustledown; and 3 at Catchgate; 7 of enteric fever at Dipon; and 1 at Kyo, and 1 of diptheria at Kyo. In consequence of the outbreak of scarlatina at Kyo, children attending the school in that village, will be permitted from attending the school in the village till all danger of infection is past. The mortality for the month was over the average, 18 deaths were registered, giving an annual ratio of 24.5 per 1,000.

THOS. BENSON.

The reports were considered and adopted.

Lighting of Hare Law Lane to Boundary House.

The offer of the Collierley Parish Council respecting the lighting of Hare Law Lane to Boundary House was referred to the Kyo Parish Council for consideration.

Nuisance at Dipton.

The complaint from the Collierley Parish Council relative to a nuisance at Dipton was relegated to the Surveyor.

Annfield Plain Level Crossing.

The decisions of Collierley and Kyo Parish Councils regarding a sub-way being put in at this crossing, were ordered to be forwarded to the North-Eastern Railway Company.

This was all the business.

The workmen of Burnhope Colliery have contributed £54 4s. 2d. to the Hospital Fund this year, £29 0s. 2d. to the Royal Infirmary, and £25 4s. 0d. to the Whitley Convalescent Home, and the workmen of South Pontop Colliery £10 0s. 0d. (£5 15s. 0d to the Royal Infirmary, and £4 4s. 0d. to the Whitley Convalescent Home.) Cheques have been sent to the respective treasurers.

Yours truly,
W. H. RITSON.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

CONSETT BRANCH.

On Tuesday evening, the annual meeting of the Consett Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the Science Room of the National Schools, Consett. There was a fair attendance, presided over by Councillor John Lowes, Consett. The other gentlemen on the platform were Rev. E. S. Prout, M.A., Sunderland, deputation from the Parent Society, London, Rev. F. Steggall, vicar of Consett; Rev. A. Baillie (Presbyterian), Blackhill; Rev. R. W. Butterworth (Wesleyan) Consett; Rev. Thos. Durant (Baptist), Consett; and the local secretary (Rev. C. S. Wilson). Since the origin of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1804, it has circulated more than a hundred and thirty-four millions of the Word of God. It has also published the Scriptures in over 300 languages. The rate of issue is now about 13,000 copies each working day, and 4,000,000 copies each year. The society very largely supplies the great missionary societies with the Scriptures they need; it assists Sunday-schools, home missions of every kind, institutes for the blind, deaf, and dumb, and charitable societies everywhere. The society also employs about 40 chief agents at home and abroad, 600 colporteurs, and 260 Bible women, and hardly less than 1,000 scholars are at work on its translations. The society needs an annual new income of £150,000; its entire income last year (1893-4)—not including sales or special fund—was £137,500. Estimating the total population of the world at 1,500,000,000, there are still 1,200,000,000 of people without the Bible.

After the proceedings had been opened with hymn and prayer, the Chairman stated that he could not help but think how ably the chair in years past had been filled by the late Mr. William Jenkins, J.P., who was a strong supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He could not refrain from saying that they would miss Mr. Jenkins and his services to the cause. Then they had had their esteemed vicar (Rev. F. Steggall) in the chair, who was another warm supporter of the movement, and who was always willing to assist any good cause for the spread of the Gospel. When he took these things into consideration he felt that he should not have occupied the chair on that occasion; yet he was always anxious to do whatever he could for the society. (Applause). It was a society that had done a grand and noble work, and it would take to eternity to tell the amount of good it had done at home and abroad. Look what it had done for their Sunday-schools and missionary societies. The latter would have been able to do very little had it not been for the British and Foreign Bible Society. Consett had a special interest in the society, on account of the number of local men they had in foreign countries labouring as missionaries. There was the vicar's son labouring in Africa; Mr. M. J. Elliott, in Egypt; Mr. Thos. Dunn, in Newfoundland, and last, but not least, Mr. Goudie's two sons in India. (Applause). Seeing such was the case, he considered it was their bounden duty to assist the society financially and also by their prayers (Applause.)

The Secretary read the report as follows:—"On behalf of your Committee, I beg to submit to you the customary yearly report of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Consett and district. The amount of free contributions to the society is £15 4s 3d, as compared with £24 13s 2½d last year. The reason for the somewhat large decrease is that we have lost some of our best subscribers, owing to removal from our midst; but it is encouraging to notice that the number of small subscriptions is considerably increased. This augurs a greater interest in the society's operations. Another reason is that last year, we had a special meeting for juveniles which realised over £1, and lastly the amount of the collection taken at last year's annual meeting was less than the year before by about £3 10s, so that really the ordinary private subscriptions (i.e.—excluding collections at meetings) seems quite up to the average of former years. Our best thanks are due to our lady collectors, who so willingly undertake the work of gathering in the yearly subscriptions, especially to our Consett representative, who seems to be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of her predecessor. There is room for greater interest in the society's work on the part of our young people, from whom some boxes and cards are still to come; but perhaps the special meeting for juveniles which the Committee propose holding at a later date may effect this desirable reform. If the full amount of subscriptions received does not appear in the society's printed report, which will be circulated shortly amongst the subscribers, the reason is that some of them were received too late for insertion; but they have already been forwarded to head-quarters, and will be acknowledged in due course. Mr. Cockburn, the society's agent, in Consett, reports that there has been a fair sale of books during the present year, and that he has just received a fresh consignment of Bibles and Testaments to suit all purchasers. In conclusion, the Committee express the hope that the Bible Society has still a prosperous future before it in Consett, and that even now it may have entered on a fresh lease of life. They ask the prayers of Christians of all denominations, for what should be dear to the hearts of all alike—the welfare and extension of the Bible Society's operations througout the world." (Applause.)

The Rev. F. Steggall moved the adoption of the report. He stated that it gave him great pleasure to be present on that occasion. The report was quite as encouraging as those that had been read at the past annual meetings of the society, and he would urge upon them not to forget the concluding remarks of the report, and remember the society in their prayers, so that it might continue to prosper, and go on doing its good and glorious work. (Applause). He was an old friend and supporter of the Society, yet he could not help but think of the indebtedness they owed to the cause. Look at the marvellous amount of work it had done in bringing the Scriptures within the reach of the masses. The society was now 90 years of age, and during the time it had continued its operations it had succeeded in increasing its figures in the circulation of the Scriptures. Having referred to the question of the re-union of the churches, he went on to say that he was glad that in the cause of the British and Foreign Bible Society they had a reunion, inasmuch as all the ministers of the Gospel met on the same platform—(applause)—to show their sympathy with the society which had for its object the circulation of the Scriptures at home and abroad. (Applause).

Rev. E. S. Prout, seconded the adoption of the report. He stated that he was pleased to find that the people of Consett had a special interest in the society. Three years had passed away since his last visit, and during that time many of the workers had departed this life, yet he was glad to find they had some hearty friends still with them, and that a good spirit prevailed in their midst. He had to thank their collectors, on behalf of the Committee, for the services they had rendered to the society. Proceeding the speaker dealt with the work of the society, and his address was attentively listened to.

The adoption of the report was carried nem con.

The election of officers then took place, including Rev. F. Steggall as president, Rev. A. Bailey vice-president, and Rev. C. S. Wilson as secretary.

The customary votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

BURNHOPE TECHNICAL CLASSES.

AMBULANCE.

An ambulance class, under the tuition of Dr. H. W. Gardiner, commenced on September 9th, and was attended by 35 students, of whom 32 presented themselves for examination. The class was examined on October 21st., by Dr. W. M. Jennings, of Jarrow. The results have come to hand from the St. John's secretary, and are as follows:—28 have obtained the first certificate; 3 have obtained the second certificate; and one has obtained the final certificate and Bronze Medal. This is an excellent result, and fully justifies the opinion of the students that the lectures from beginning to end were excellent. Great credit is due to Dr. Gardiner for the efforts he made to simplify his language and definitions on the physiological and anatomical parts of the subject. In all bandaging, stretcher, and other exercises the doctor performed personally first so that students might at the first attempt carry out the exercises in the best possible manner. The above class closed their session with a supper at Mr. Edgell's Inn, Burnhope, and invited Dr. Gardiner as the guest of the evening. The supper was much superior to anything given in Burnhope before, and reflected the greatest credit on the host and hostess. After supper, the usual toasts were given early, and the remainder of the evening was spent conversation and harmony. The musical part was effectually rendered by Messrs Summerhell, sen., Summerhell, jun., H. Hovvels, Dr. Gardiner, and H. C. Burgess, vocalists, and Messrs H. Hovvels, W. Casson, J. Gibson, jun., and Dr. Gardiner, members of Burnhope Orchestral Band.

Burnhope Colliery School.—On Friday sen'night, the manager (J. P. Kirkup, Esq.), of Burnhope Colliery, accompanied by J. R. Ritson, Esq., A. Ritson, Esq., Dr. Gardiner, Mrs. Kirkup, and Mrs. Gardiner, visited the school for the purpose of distributing prizes to the children who had made the requisite number of attendances during the school year. Before presenting the prizes, the manager spoke in a very encouraging manner to the children, and urged them to persevere in their studies as well as attendance, as they would find a good education beneficial and necessary all through their life. The prizes, which consisted of a large number of handsome useful, and interesting books, were then distributed. The event was a pleasant episode in their school life, and will no doubt have very good results.

LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

On Thursday week, a special meeting of the Lanchester Highway Board was held—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding—for the purpose of appointing two representatives to attend a Conference to be held at Durham shortly, to decide whether steps should not be taken, so as to prolong the existence of Highway Boards throughout the county till 1897.—The Chairman accordingly moved a motion to the effect that two representatives should be sent to the Conference, and that the County Council should be called upon to exercise their power, so as to continue the operations of the Highway Boards throughout the county till 1897.—This was seconded and carried.—Messrs the Chairman, and T. J. Muse, were accordingly appointed the deputation.—The question of taking action with respect to the order from the County Council, converting the district of Annfield Plain into an Urban District, was deferred till the next meeting.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesideite."]

The harvest thanksgiving services which were recently held in the Primitive Methodist Church, were largely attended. The solos at the entertainment, rendered by the Misses Elliott, Miss Watson, and Mr. A. S. Coates, of Consett, deserve special mention, Messrs G. W. Golightly, and T. C. Elliott, in their reading and reciting were excellent. The organist (Mr. C. Stelling) performed his part in a masterly manner. Rev. W. Raistrick presided. The Sunday services were also a treat. Mr. R. Hindmarch, although suffering from a little cold in the chest, preached two excellent sermons, and presided at the afternoon service. The musical part of the service was well rendered, being part of the "Choral Festival" service. The soloists—Misses Williams, Brodie, and Mr. E. Robinson, of Blackhill, and Mr. A. S. Coates, Consett, did their work in a very pleasing manner. The organist, Mr. M. Foxell, and conductor, Mr. T. Raine, deserve special mention. The proceeds were in aid of the new organ fund.

With the "killing frost" and storm and blast, has come not only the fallen leaf, but some of our old friends and neighbours have fallen also in death. On Wednesday, 30th ult., Mrs. Robinson, widow of the late Mr. Wm. Robinson, passed away, only surviving her husband eight weeks. Mrs. Robinson, was a quiet and peaceful woman and was respected by her neighbours. On Sunday morning, there passed away in the person of Peggy Wharton Harker, one who had witnessed four score and eight summer suns rise and set. "Peggy," who was in her eighty-ninth year, was born at Poole, in Arkindale, Yorkshire, on Jan. 7th, 1807. The greater part of her life has been spent in the vicinity of Blanchland, and for a number of years she resided at Paradise, near Roughside. In early life the subject of this sketch was overtaken with that sad affliction asthma, and for the last thirty years has never been in bed, and sometimes when others were wrapped in peaceful slumber, Peggy was compelled to walk the garden or field, in order that she might live. Peggy was never married, but, had paid a great deal of attention to the cultivation of her mind and heart, and stood head and shoulders above many of her sex, in intellectual attainments, she had been blessed with what is termed her second sight, and could read without the aid of glasses. She never left her home or wandered far since she came to reside amongst us, and only those who visited her home knew her attainments.

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May we be allowed to supplement the report which appeared in the "Guardian" a fortnight ago, of the Healeyfield and Rowley Board Schools' annual examination, as the full results were not stated. Grant earned per head, 18/-; being the highest grants obtainable on all save two subjects; limit grant, 17/-; drawing grant, good, 1/6. The girls earned 18/-; boys, 19/6. We wish further to state on behalf of the sewing mistress (Mrs. Lee) that the charges or charge, is of a very light character, only being the cutting and making of a lady's undergarment. There was no special meeting to deal with the matter.

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The Wesleyan Choir Anniversary services were conducted on Sunday last by Mr. Bolsh, a student from Headingley College, who preached morning and evening. In the afternoon, a service of song, entitled "The Battle of Life," was rendered by the choir in a very pleasing manner, the connective readings were given by Mr. Bolsh, who is a fine reader. The solos by Miss Dent deserve special mention, being finely rendered. Mr. Duckworth as leader handled his baton in fine style, and the harmonium under the fine touch of Mr. Thos. Wilkinson was almost made to speak. Additional force and finish was given the service by the presence and playing of Mr. G. Raine as cornet soloist, especially in the piece entitled "Hear the Trumpet Loudly Calling." The services were well attended9, and good collections were taken in aid of choir fund.

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The dark nights of chill November are upon us again. Yes; that's true, and I fancy I hear someone say "there is nothing new about that," the seasons have come and gone, ever since Adam was a boy, but I am reminded that Adam never knew the joys or hardships of boyhood. No; nor he never knew, I presume, the disadvantages of travelling in the dark, as compared with the way being lighted by the discoveries of the nineteenth century; gas or electricity had not been discovered when he travelled, perhaps he did not go out much after sundown, but, what am I thinking about, we are still walking in darkness, in street and lane; we have not benefitted by modern discovery, or the Parish Councils Act, which gives us the right to all the privileges of citizenship, yet we are still in the dark; but, I hear it whispered that there is a likelihood of one councillor moving in the direction of light, only I am afraid if it comes too suddenly some of those nocturnal birds or creatures will get a fright. We should not like any harm to come to them. It was my fortune or misfortune to come across one of these poor creatures a few weeks ago; he happened to be a bachelor, one of those poor fellows who turns chilly when they meet a lassie, who has never learned to embrace the other side of human nature, and cannot be expected to take into consideration the general good of all men, especially if it costs anything. Well, the topic under discussion was lighting the village—which my friend denounced as impracticable and unnecessary, and finished by saying, "Let those who want the village lighted pay for it; it did for our fathers, it will do for us." I expect when this matter comes before the villagers they will put these croaking fellows in a corner. They ought to be sent to the British Museum or to Dr. Bruce's collection of antiquated curiosities. I have been told several times recently, that there is no village in the county of Durham, with any enterprise, but what is lighted, and that we are far behind. Several parish councils have taken the matter up; a few just recently has come under our notice, viz., Lumley, West Rainton, Medomsley, Westwood, Iveston, Templetown, and many others. I think the Castleside and Knitsley Parish Councils ought to confer with each other on the matter of lighting the way between Taylor's road-end, and the village or lane ends. I think this suggestion is quite within the range of practical politics. Such would have the support of some of our largest ratepayers. Enough this time.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

DOOMED.

Meanwhile, that same fated Tuesday morning which saw Tudor Hereward start on his sudden, vengeful journey from Washington City to West Virginia, saw Lilith rise from her restless bed, pale, anxious and foreboding.

Nancy waited for no summons, but hearing her mistress move, entered her room to assist in her morning toilet.

Lilith, still with the black cloud lowering over her spirit, like the forerunner of the storm, went downstairs to the parlour.

Nancy brought in the breakfast, and stood waiting and chatting, while her mistress tried to eat.

"'Deed I reckon as Alick has 'mancipated de plantation, sure enuff now! He's t'reatened to do it often, an' now I reckon as he's gone an' done it."

"Has he not come back, then?"

"No, honey, not he!"

"Well, I suppose he will come back when he feels disposed," said Lilith, indulgently.

"I reckon as he has gone ober to Broad Manners to hire hisse'f to Ole Mr. Jab Jordon. I don't call dat place Broad Manners myse'f! I calls it *Bad* Manners, w'ich is de properes' name for it. An' ef Alick hires long ob Ole Mr. Jab Jordon, he'll wish he hadn't dat's all! Nobody in dis worl' can do nuffin with Ole Jab 'cept 'tis Mrs. Jab! An' *she* can't do much wid him! How an' ebber, I 'spects w'en de baby 'ribes dat will humanate him a little!"

"The baby!" exclaimed Lilith, surprised into taking an interest in Nancy's gossip.

"Yes, honey, de heir w'ich dey expects at Broad Manners. I hope as it won't be de heir to Bad Manners as well. 'Deed do I!"

"When is this expected to arrive?"

"Airly in de summer. So I hear.

Lilith said no more. She had finished her pretence at breakfast. Leaning back wearily in her chair, she inquired:

"Has Stephen been to the post-office?"

"He's gone, but he hasn't come back yet,' replied Nancy, as she took thr breakfast service away.

Lilith opened her work-box and took out some needle-work upon which to employ herself.

She sat there sewing in solitude for more than an hour, and until she was interrupted by the re-entrance of Nancy, who said, apologetically: "Yer know I doan offen 'low yer to be boddered wid beggars, Miss Lilif, w'ich, praise be de Lord, dere ain't many ob dat sort 'roun' yere, nohow, but dis po' young gal do look so pitiful I couldn't help comin' to tell yer 'bout her; 'sides w'ich, I t'ought it would 'vert yer to see her an' do somefin' for her."

"Yes, yes," said Lilith, eagerly catching at the opportunity to do good to some fellow-being, and never dreaming of the grave consequences involved in her good intentions. "Yes, Nancy. Bring the poor creature in here to me. A young girl did you say she was?"

"A young gal, 'bout sebenteen years ob age, I reckon."

Nancy went out and soon returned with the young woman in question.

Lilith looked up, to see standing before her a slight girl, half clothed in thin and tattered clothes.

Lilith shuddered to see so frail a creature so thinly clad in such freezing weather.

"Come to the fire at once, dear. Sit down here," said the young lady, tenderly, as she drew a chair to the corner.

The shivering girl courtesied and took the seat.

"You are tired and cold. Lean back; put your feet to the fire; try to make yourself comfortable, dear," said Lilith.

"Poor soul! how cold and wet you are! Nancy, bring a glass of wine and a biscuit for her to take while you are preparing something better."

Nancy went out, and Lilith turned to the poor waif.

She was a very pretty creature, notwithstanding the pinched poverty and pallor of her face. The shawl had fallen from her figure, revealing a shapely head, covered thickly with jet black, curly hair; a face, with delicate features and dark complexion, lighted up by a pair of large, black eyes, to which hunger lent fierce light.

Not until Nancy had come with a glass of port wine and biscuits did Lilith venture to question the stranger. And even then she only spoke that she might know whether the latter were in need of sympathy and counsel as well as of more substantial help.

"You are a stranger in this neighbourhood, I think,' said Lilith.

"Yes, lady," replied the girl, in a soft, rich voice, and a slight foreign accent.

"Have you friends here?"

"No, madam.

"Forgive me if I question you. It is from real interest in you and a deep desire to assist you," said Lilith, gently.

"Madam is too good to care for such as I. Let madam ask what she will. I will answer zee truth."

"Where, then is your home?"

The girl lifted her large sad eyes towards heaven, raised her hand and pointed, saying:

"Zere, zere is my home, when my penance is finissed."

"And have you no home here in this world?"

"No, meeladie. Lucille has no home here."

"Are you an orphan, then, Lucille?"

"Yes, meeladie."

"Poor child! Well, you shall not want a home or friend henceforth."

"Meeladie is too good to poor Lucille."

"Will you mind telling me how you came to be here in this strange neighbourhood, and alone?" inquired Lilith.

With my husband I come."

"Your husband! Are *you* married?" exclaimed Lilith, in surprise.

"Yes, madam."

"Where is your husband now that he does not take care of you?"

"Madam, I know not. He left zee troupe and left me."

"My poor girl, your husband belonged to the troupe of travelling players, then?"

"Yes, meeladie he was of zee troupe—Monsieur Alfred Ancillon. Madam, what is it then? And what have I said?" inquired the stranger, in alarm, as Lilith, with an exclamation of horror, buried her face in her hands.

"Monsieur Alfred Ancillon! Did you say Monsieur Alfred Ancillon?" breathlessly demanded Lilith.

"Yes, meeladie!—he—"

"And he was your husband?"

"Oui, madam."

"And he left you in poverty, in rags, homeless, friendless, starving, freezing! I don't believe it! I can't believe it!" exclaimed Lilith, vehemently.

The girl looked hurt, and answered with dignity.

"I tell madam zee truth. I force not my grief on zee notice of madam. Madam to question does condescend."

"My poor girl, said Lilith, touched by her manner.

"Will you tell me how, and when, and why he—your husband—left you?"

"Zee troupe vent on vizout him, madam. He stay behind. Zen he go, he leave me, I know it not ven I wake on zee morning. I look zat he vill come back; but he comes not. I haff no money. I valk on zee railroad line to Blackveele to zee troupe. But he is no viz zem. Zey will not haff me. To sing or to dance I know not. So zey vill not haff me. I valk all zee way back to dis Frosveele. He may perhaps be here waiting for me. But he is not here. I lodge with one poor woman, one black madam in a little house in zee trees. Dis was two monze gone, madam. I haff no money, *mais* I gif her my clothes—now one piece, zen anoder; so, and see sells em to buy food for see and me. But see black madam fall seeke, and my clothes—zey is all gone but as you sall see, meeladie. Behold!"

And the poor girl arose and displayed her tatters.

"Yezdy no food in zee leetle house. Zis mornin' no food, no fire. I go to zee frozen trees, I break brush and breeing it in and mek zee fire. Zen I come out to get food. I come here to see goode madam."

"I will see that you and your friend are made comfortable. You shall want no more. I am very glad that you came to me. I shall be so happy to relieve you. But here comes my maid with your dinner. When you have eaten it I will see that a basket is filled for your friend," said Lilith, as Nancy entered with a large waiter, on which was arranged all the accessories of a comfortable meal.

Lilith invited Lucille to draw up her chair and partake.

Afterwards Lilith led the way into her own bed-chamber, and then made the poor girl sit down in the arm-chair while she unlocked wardrobes and bureaus, and selected from them warm clothing for the stranger.

Lilith had but a very limited stock of wearing apparel, and none that was well worn, so all the articles selected by her for this poor girl were in excellent condition.

Lilith tied up a large bundle of useful clothes, cloak and shoes and stockings, she insisted that the girl should put on then and there.

When this arrangement was completed, Lilith put a five-dollar note in the hand of the girl, and then led the way down to the little parlour, where Nancy, according to order, was waiting with a large basket of provisions for the girl and her sick friend.

"Now, my poor child, I think you had better wait here, until my coachman comes back from the post-office, when I can send you and your parcels home in the pony carriage," said Lilith, kindly.

"Oh! meeladie, a tousand tanks! But, meeladie, zee way it is not far. Over zee leetle point, over zee leetle riviere. I can valk, *tres bien*," replied Lucille, who looked much brighter and stronger since her rest and her meal by the warm fire.

"True as I lib, Miss Lilif, she must lib 'long ob ole Aunt Adah, dere by de crik, right back ob our orchid! 'Tain' nuffin ob no walk, an' I kin tote dis basket ob wittals along 'ob her, an' see de ole woman, an' fine out how she is," said the housekeeper.

"I wish you would, Nancy. And if the poor creature needs medical treatment I will send for Dr. Kerr to come to her. It is very strange that any human being should suffer want so near our house. How should it happen, Nancy?"

"Hi, Miss Lilif, how I know! I ain't been across dat crik for mont's and mont's. Berry wrong in Aunt Adah not to let us know nuffin 'bout her sitteration! I calls it Flyin—I do, indeed—downright Flyin'" said Nancy, as she took up the heavy basket.

"Bon soir, madam! May angels guard you! May zee Holy Virgin love you! May our Lord bless you! Good-night, meeladie!" said Lucille, seizing Lilith's hand and kissing it between every sentence.

Nancy only stopped to get a heavy shawl to throw over her head, and then she followed the young foreigner out of the parlour.

Lilith sat down in great trouble.

The astounding announcement of the girl concerning Mr. Alfred Ancillon had really stunned her into insensibility as to the real meaning and bearing of the asserted fact.

The immediate needs of the poor girl had occupied Lilith's hands and feet, and, perhaps, her most external thoughts; but underneath all was the consciousness of a dull pain—a deep burden of pain—that was becoming more poignant every moment.

Was it probable—was it even possible—that Alfred Ancillon could have been guilty of the atrocity of deserting this young wife in utter destitution, and in a strange land?

As she thought out the subject she came to the generous conclusion that though there might be mystery in this matter—as there was a great cloud of mystery all around Mr. Alfred Ancillon—there could be no guilt.

Then, as she dismissed this subject from her mind, it seemed only to make room for the entrance of a yet more disturbing one—the letter! Hereward must have received it by this time! And if he should have opened and read it! Oh, what, *what* could he think of her? What could any man think of his wife under the same circumstances!

Her torturing thoughts were interrupted by the return of Nancy, who broke suddenly into the room exclaiming:

"Well, Miss Lilif, I done been an' seen ole Aunt Adah! Lor'! Dere aint nuffin 'tall de matter wid dat ole creetur but de rheumatiz! She's crippled up wid de rheumatiz an' it's a good fing as she's got dat dere young w'te gal to take care ob her! I done sent Cely ober dere wid some opydildock, an' I 'specs she'll be all right ag'in w'en de wedder's settled."

"I hope so. But you must look after her well, Nancy."

"Fac', Miss Lilif! Sure's yer born! Dere! Dere's Steve at las'! Now, wot yer got to say for yerse'f stayin' all dis time? Oh, won't I be glad w'en de marster comes home for good to regellate yer all! Been drinkin' pizen whiskey at Drummond's grogshop; or spendin' yer time foolin' 'long o' dat yaller gal, Flora?" demanded the housekeeper.

"I come back soon's ebber I could, Miss Lilif! yes, ma'am, I did, indeed! W'ich I had to wait for de mail to come in, w'ich de train were two hours 'hine-han'."

"No accident, I hope?" said Lilith, anxiously.

"No, ma'am—w'ich I meant to say no sarous one—on'y de freight train run ober do dead tree wot fell 'cross de track an' were pitched ober—leastways de engine were, I beliebe, or somefin' or yudder wot made a 'struction on de yoad; but no one were hurt."

"Well, I am glad it was no worse! You can go now, Stephen" said the young lady.

Lilith drew the key from her pocket and unlocked the mail, and turned it upside down.

Only one poor little letter dropped out.

She snatched it up, hoping it might be from her husband. But no! The handwriting was strange to her. She opened the envelope and turned to the signature.

Alfred Ancillon.

He had never written to her, before that luckless letter which had gone to Washington and escaped her sight. So that she had never seen his handwriting until this moment.

With a sinking of the heart that now always attended the thought of the handsome and eccentric stranger, she opened the letter.

It was as follows:

"FROSTVILLE, March—, 18—.

MY DEAREST DEAR LILITH: I am going away from you now, for a certainty. I am going to Chicago. I write only to take leave of you, and to tell you that you may safely direct a letter to me—to the Chicago post-office until called for. Tell me, when you write, where I may safely direct a letter to you. Frosthill will not do, of course. What do you say to Eyrie, Tip Top, Blackville? Either of these would do, I think. If you should see or hear anything of a little French gipsy who answers to the name of Lucille, be good to her, for my sake. I hear that the troupe has dropped her. Hoping to hear from you on my arrival at Chicago, I remain, ever and ever, my darling of darlings, your own

"ANCILLON."

Lilith read this letter to the end, feeling more perplexed and troubled than she had felt before in all her life. She could not think. She was past thinking. She sat before the fire, staring at the lines before her, absorbed and dazed, until a movement in the room, which might have been Nancy or Steve, aroused her from her trance of dismay.

"*This* must be destroyed at once," she muttered to herself, as she extended her hand to hold the letter over the blaze. But in an instant it was snatched from her hand.

With a start she turned, and found herself face to face with her husband.

She uttered a piercing shriek, and hid her face in the cushions of her chair.

[To be continued.]

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WM. BURKE.

Also—I am the wife of the above patient. I have been suffering from Neuralgia and Lumbago about four years. I was constantly suffering with the pain until I joined with my husband taking your Medicine, and using your Remedies which you kindly sent to me. Your Medicine gave me instant relief, and has now completely cured me.—Yours faithfully,

MRS. BURKE.

CYCLING NOTES.

WHICKHAM AND DISTRICT C.C.

The annual general meeting of the above popular club was held at the house of Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Three Tuns Inn, Whickham, there being a large attendance of members. The reports of the Secretary (Mr. W. Glass) and the treasurer (Mr. R. M. Rutherford) showed that the club had had a very successful and enjoyable season, and that there was a very substantial balance in hand. The reports were unanimously adopted. The following officers were appointed for next season:—Captain, Mr. W. Custance; vice-captain, Mr. U. Crother; treasurer, Mr. R. M. Rutherford; secretary, Mr. W. Glass; all the above being re-elected except Mr. Crother, who takes the place of Mr. Turnbull. Votes of thanks to the officers concluded an extremely encouraging meeting. The club has a capital membership, and bids fair to take its place among the leading clubs of the district.

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CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6th.—Before His Honour, E. J. Meynell, Judge.

ALLEGED BREACH OF WARRANTY.

"No Guarantee Given at Farm Stock Sales."

Patterson v. Kirkup.—This was an action brought by Joseph Patterson, farmer, of Hagg House, Lintz Green, to recover £18 17s 10d from David Kirkup, Leases, Burnopfield, for alleged breach of warranty in respect to the sale of a mare. Mr. Cheesman (Newcastle) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Hedderwick, barrister, Newcastle (instructed by Mr. T. W. Welford, Consett) for defendant.

Plaintiff deposed that in consequence of an advertisement that appeared in the papers he attended a sale on the 15th May last, at Upper Lintz Farm, for the purpose of buying a brood mare. The mare was advertised to be in foal to "Sir Garnet." He saw the mare brought into the ring, and heard the auctioneer (Mr. John March) say that the mare was due to foal in a fortnight. He also said that a mistake had been made in the name of the horse the mare was advertised to be in foal to. It was not "Sir Garnet," and somebody suggested "Red Prince," whereupon Mr. March said, "Yes; that's the horse." The biddings began, and Mr. Isaac Wilson asked the auctioneer if she was in foal. Mr. March replied that the mare was in foal all right, and repeated his answer in reply to another similar query. Witness bid for the mare, and she was knocked down to him for 22 guineas. He afterwards saw defendant, and asked him if he was quite sure that the mare was in foal, as she was making little preparation. Defendant answered that she would make no preparation until about three days before foaling. He was quite satisfied and paid for the mare. He discovered that the mare was not in foal on July 8th. Plaintiff saw defendant, and asked him to return some part of the money or take the mare back. Kirkup said he would do nothing in the case till he saw the auctioneer. He promised that whatever Mr. March said he would do. He told witness that as soon as he saw Mr. March he would let him know, but plaintiff never heard from him. Witness afterwards sold the mare in dispute by auction at Mr. Cooper's sale in Newcastle. She was sold for £5 10s. He had to pay 13/- fees, leaving £4 12s as the actual amount realised. His actual loss was £18 17s 10d, the amount for which he was claiming. He never saw the mare till the day of the sale. He had had experience in horses.

By Mr. Hedderwick: He heard the conditions of sale read out, in which it was stated that all lots were sold at buyer's risk, whether they had any imperfections or not. He did not hear Wilson ask the auctioneer if he would guarantee or warrant that the mare was in foal. He did not hear the auctioneer reply, "No; certainly not." He did not hear the auctioneer say that he would not guarantee the mare to be in foal, and that they did not guarantee anything sold at farm stock sales. He had been at many farm stock sales, but he could not say that he had heard the auctioneers warrant mares to be in foal at these sales. The auctioneer said, "Certainly the mare is in foal." He heard the question repeatedly put. The mare was a good breeder, and her young stock sold was very good looking. A five-year-old colt of hers fetched 50 guineas. He re-sold the mare as a mare in dispute because she never foaled. He bought her in the expectation of her being in foal as advertised.

By Mr. Cheesman: She was due in a fortnight.

Isaac Wilson, farm manager, High Friarside, stated that he was present at the sale and saw the mare brought into the ring. The auctioneer mentioned that she was a good breeder, and said she was in foal again. Witness bid for the mare on the representation that she was in foal. She was not worth much unless she was in foal. Witness asked if the auctioneer would guarantee the mare was in foal, and he replied, "Yes; the mare's in foal and all right." March afterwards said, "Anyone can see she's in foal."

By Mr. Hedderwick: He did not stop bidding because the auctioneer said she was not in foal. The auctioneer said, "She's all right; anyone can see she's in foal." The auctioneer did not say, "We warrant nothing at farm stock sales."

John Allison, jun., farmer, of Hamsterley Mill, deposed to hearing the auctioneer distinctly say that the mare was in foal. Witness heard questions asked if the mare was in foal, and Mr. March said, "Certainly the mare's in foal." On being questioned two or three times by Wilson, the auctioneer said, "You old fool; have you never been away from home before? Of course the mare's in foal."

By Mr. Hedderwick: He was standing about six yards from the auctioneer. The latter never said he would guarantee or warrant that the mare was in foal, but said, "Of course the mare's in foal." March never said anything about warranting nothing at farm stock sales.

Thos. Atkinson, of Causey Row, deposed to the mare and a pony being brought to his place to be served by "Red Prince," in June, 1894. He next saw Kirkup in February about the instalment money. Defendant said he had nothing for him, as neither of them were in foal. Witness examined the mare, and said, "It's hard to say about that; it's early in the season." He allowed eleven months from the time of serving to the time of the foaling. The pony afterwards foaled.

By Mr. Hedderwick: He was not entitled to any money unless the mare was in foal. He could not say for certain in February whether she was in foal.

Alfred Phillipson, auctioneer, Dipton, stated that the auctioneer made a strong point about the mare being in foal, and said she was due in a fortnight. Witness had his doubts about her being in foal, but heard the auctioneer repeatedly say that she was in foal.

By Mr. Hedderwick: He had sold several horses. He never gave a guarantee as to a mare being in foal. He considered that if an auctioneer said she was in foal that would be tantamount to a guarantee.

Mr. Cheesman said that was his case.

Mr. Hedderwick called defendant, who said he had been a farmer all his life, and was also well-known as a breeder of horses. He determined last April to sell off and retire, and instructed Messrs March to sell the horses, &c. He heard Wilson ask the auctioneer two or three times if he would guarantee that the mare was in foal, and Mr. March said, "Get away, you fool. Have you never been away from home before?" The auctioneer never warranted the mare to be in foal. Witness instructed March to guarantee nothing, as it was a sale without reserve, and he wanted everything cleared off that night. The mare was a good breeding one.

By Mr. Cheeman: He could hear everything the auctioneer said. He thought she was in foal at the time; she was big enough.

Robert March, auctioneer, of Houghton, near Wylam, stated that he had had many years' experience in cattle sales all over the district. He received instructions from defendant to sell off his things without reserve. It was not the custom to guarantee anything at farm stock sales. He had the conditions of sale posted up. His son conducted the sale. Witness was present when the mare was sold. He heard Wilson ask if the mare was in foal, and the auctioneer replied, "Certainly she's in foal." The question was then put, "Will you guarantee she's in foal?" and the auctioneer said, "We guarantee nothing at farm stock sales."

By Mr. Cheesman: He was perfectly sure about what his son said. The mare had every appearance of being in foal.

John March, son of last witness, deposed to conducting the sale. Before the proceedings commenced he read out the conditions of sale. When the mare was brought in Wilson asked if he would guarantee that the mare was in foal, and he replied, "Certainly not." Wilson again asked the question, and he answered, "As far as I know she is, but we guarantee nothing." Wilson asked him again, and, being rather vexed, he said, "No, certainly not, you silly b—. (Laughter). Have you never been away from home before? We never guarantee anything at farm stock sales." He had had nine years experience, and never guaranteed anything at farm stock sales.

By Mr. Cheesman: He did not remember saying the mare was due in a fortnight. In his opinion she was in foal. He was quite positive he used the words, "We never guarantee anything at farm stock sales."

William Pearson, grocer, Burnopfield; William Fitzgerald, horse-breaker, Burnopfield; and William Thos. Callender, farmer, Leases, gave corroborative testimony.

His Honour found for defendant with costs.

CLAIM FOR INJURIES RECEIVED.

A Race Day Incident.

Bidwell v. Charlton.—Frederick Bidwell, of Delves Lane, Consett, claimed £3 for himself as plaintiff, and next friend of John Joseph Bidwell, an infant, from Jos. Charlton, blacksmith, Consett, for injuries received by plaintiff's son. Mr. McCartan appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. A. Robson (from the office of Mr. T. W. Welford) for defendant. All witnesses were ordered out of Court.

Plaintiff deposed that he was a labourer. On the 7th August—Consett race day—a little after six o'clock in the evening, he saw his little boy standing on the footpath in Delves Lane. He also saw a horse and trap belonging to Mr. Charlton coming down the lane. It was driven by his son, Peter Charlton. He was coming down from Consett towards the racecourse, and was cantering the horse. Charlton was engaged in taking passengers from the racecourse to Consett. He was on the left hand side of the road, close into the channel, all the way down. There was a cinder footpath there. Witness saw defendant's trap knock his little boy down. The step of the trap struck him. When he was knocked down the boy was standing within a yard of the footpath. Witness was standing on the level crossing at the time, about nine or ten yards off. Immediately before the accident he saw his little boy on the footpath. He had gone further up the footpath and stepped on to the road. Witness had occasion to speak to the boy Charlton previously that afternoon, and caution him about the furious way he was driving. Witness told him that he had better be careful, or he would be laming somebody. After he knocked the boy down he drove straight on till he was stopped. When the man who stopped him told him he had knocked a little boy down he said he knew nothing about it. Defendant's father came down to his house the same evening, and said, "It's done, and you cannot make a better of it." He said he had cautioned his boy about driving that morning. Witness's son was off school three weeks, and he had to provide him with a quart of milk a day for three weeks, and also arrowroot, sago, and beef-tea. When witness asked Charlton to do something towards the expenses without going to law, the latter refused, and said he was a dirty mean man to think about such a thing.

By Mr. Robson: The boy was just a yard off the channel when the accident happened. An engine was not just going across the level crossing when the trap came down. The road was quite clear. There was not a tremendous number of vehicles about at the time.

By Mr. McCartan: Defendant had the road to himself.

George Winter, a helper up at the Steelworks, deposed to seeing the little boy knocked down. At the time he was about a yard off the footpath. He was facing the footpath, and the step caught him and knocked him down, the wheel going over his left arm. Charlton was galloping down the road. The crossing gates were open, and he saw no engine, nor yet any other traps on the road. Charlton drove straight on, and took no notice.

By Mr. Robson: There were a lot of people standing about watching the people coming from the races.

William Jenkins gave corroborative evidence, and said Charlton had the whole road to come down in.

By Mr. Robson: The boy did not pull up when he saw a lot of people at the crossing.

In defence, Mr. Robson called Peter Charlton, who stated that on Consett race day he was driving a pony and cart down East Parade at a slow trot. He saw an engine going across the level and pulled up. He meant that he went slower. He did not see the child before the accident happened.

By Mr. McCartan: Mr. Bidwell did not speak to him previously that afternoon. There was just one other trap on the road at the time. The crossing gates were open.

John R. Parker, Surveyor to the Lanchester Sanitary Authority, said he was coming up Delves Lane on the day of the races. He noticed the trap coming down the road at a fair trot. He saw the child running across the road when it was caught by the trap. The boy was driving down at an ordinary pace.

By Mr. McCartan: When the child was knocked down it was about 12 feet from the footpath. The child was running in an oblique direction across the road, and collided with the horse's legs. The boy appeared to run into the horse.

John Greenwell, steelworker, and William Smurthwaite, labourer, attested that they saw Charlton driving down the lane at a gentle pace.

His Honour found for plaintiff—£2 for the boy and £1 for the father.

A BICYCLE TRANSACTION.

The Case Adjourned.

Kingston v. Whitfield.—Joseph Kingston, miner, Shield Row, sued William Whitfield, cycle dealer, West Stanley, for £8 15s, the value of a bicycle purchased from defendant. Mr. McCartan appeared for plaintiff, whilst Mr. Hedderwick represented defendant.

Plaintiff stated that on the 22nd April last he bought a bicycle from defendant, and paid £8 15s for it. He selected the bicycle himself. It was for his son. Defendant said he would recommend the bicycle as a good, serviceable machine if his son could ride one. His son was a practical rider. Whitfield also gave his son a written guarantee (produced) to keep the machine in repair for 12 months. His son rode the machine home the same day, and the tyre went down, and the machine had to be returned. Between April 22nd and June 17th the machine was often sent back for repairs. It was always repaired and returned again. On the 17th June the tyre completely burst, and the machine was sent back, and kept a month. He went to see defendant, who said he had put a new tyre on the machine, and it was all right; but he found a second-hand tyre had been put on. The machine broke down again the same day. Mr. Whitfield called at his house about a week afterwards and took the machine away, and said he would replace it with a new one. He said he expected two new machines the next day, and one would be at liberty, and he would leave it at plaintiff's house. He never got the old machine back, and never got the new one. He went to Whitfield to see if the new machine had come, but it had not arrived. He went back again about the beginning of August, when defendant showed him a new machine, for which he wanted £17 10s. He offered Whitfield £14 10s for it, but he refused to take it. He still had plaintiff's machine. Witness asked him for his money back or a new machine, but defendant said it was not the custom to give money back. Whitfield had never offered him a new machine.

By Mr. Hedderwick: He never rode this machine. He had not been to other places for a machine before he went to Whitfield's. He did not say that he had been to Newcastle, and thought Whitfield's machines the best and cheapest that he had seen. His son was a competent rider, and had been riding about three years. The bicycle had pneumatic tyres. The chain adjuster did not break through his son screwing up the nut the wrong way. Whitfield had always been willing to repair any damage done to the machine. His son had the loan of a roadster during the time the other machine was at defendant's, but he did not break the forks of this machine. His son was now ill in bed.

At this point, His Honour intimated that he did not think the case could go on without the appearance of plaintiff's son, as it seemed that defendant was going to set up an agreement with the son to buy another machine in place of the first one.

Mr. Hedderwick concurred; and after some argument the case was adjourned to the January Court, costs to follow the action.

THE HIRING OF A CAB.

Wadge v. Lewis.—This was an action brought by Thomas Wadge, livery stable keeper, West Stanley, to recover 15/- from Lewis Lewis, a police-constable at Wearhead.

Plaintiff deposed that defendant hired a cab and pair of horses to go to Stanhope, and plaintiff told him to mind and not go further than Stanhope. He said the price would be 30/-, which Lewis agreed to. Instead of going only to Stanhope, he went on further to Wearhead.

In answer to His Honour, plaintiff said he knew defendant went to Wearhead because the driver told him so. The driver was not there. He wrote Lewis anent the matter, and had received a reply, but had not the letter there.

His Honour: I have no evidence that defendant went to Wearhead.

Defendant said he would admit that he drove to Wearhead.

Plaintiff (continuing) said the driver brought 30/- back, and witness sent the receipt for the money, and claimed 15/- more for the extra journey.

By defendant: Plaintiff denied that defendant said he was going to Wearhead, or that he (plaintiff) said that he did not mind a matter of two or three miles extra. The horses were badly used, but that was not the reason why he charged the 15/- extra. He should certainly have charged the extra money under any circumstances.

Defendant declared that he hired a cab from Wadge to go to Wearhead. Plaintiff said, "Where is that?" and witness replied, "Somewhere in the Stanhope district." Plaintiff said, "You can have it for 30/- if you find a man to drive." He found a man, and paid the 30/-.

His Honour found for plaintiff for 15/-, to be paid in fourteen days.

PIGEON FANCIERS AT VARIANCE.

Carr v. Surtees.—John William Carr sought to recover damages from Joseph Surtees for detaining two pigeons belonging to him. Both parties hail from Edmondbyers; and Mr. Robson was for plaintiff, and Mr. Dickinson (Consett) for defendant.

Plaintiff attested that he bought two tumbler pigeons from Alexander Young, Blackhill, on June 6th last. He took them home and put them in his ducket. On the 24th June he missed them, and six weeks afterwards he saw them on defendant's ducket. The next time he saw them they were again at defendant's place. He saw Surtees' father, who said, "What are you after to-day?" and witness replied, "I want my pigeons." Defendant's father then said that he had better see his son about them. Witness afterwards saw the son, who stated that he had the pigeons barred in a box and that plaintiff would not get them. There were several people there when he said this.

By Mr. Dickinson: When he asked about the pigeons he was told he could have them if he paid 9d, or gave defendant a young pigeon. Defendant would never let him have the pigeons back.

Samuel Carr deposed to hearing his brother ask Surtees if he could get his pigeons back, and defendant replied that he could not until he (Surtees) got 9d, or a young pigeon for them.

Defendant stated that when he saw Carr on the Saturday night, the latter said, "Have you caught my pigeons?" and he (Surtees) replied, "No; I can't catch them." He had not the pigeons in his ducket.

In reply to His Honour, plaintiff said the pigeons were worth £1 to him, and 10/- to sell.

His Honour found for plaintiff for 10/-, to be reduced to 6d., if the pigeons were given up within seven days.

A COOK AND HER WAGES.

Coates v. Barber.—In this case, Mary Coates, of Blackhill, sued Thomas P. Barber, of Shotley House, Shotley Bridge, for £1 4s 7d, wages due. Mr. Robson appeared in defence.

Plaintiff gave evidence to the effect that she was engaged as cook by defendant at a salary of £16 a year. After being a short time in defendant's employ it appeared that quarrels ensued between plaintiff and Mr. and Mrs. Barber. On one occasion Mr. Barber said he would put her out by the shoulders, and Mrs. Barber came downstairs and called her an impostor, and also told her to go away. Mr. Barber said she was well known to the Inspector of police. In consequence of this treatment plaintiff left the house. She had since been back to ask defendant to let her work her notice out, but was refused admittance to the house.

By Mr. Robson: She did not cook a chicken for the table with the crop in. She was employed as cook, and not as "cook-general." She was not engaged to cook and do general work afterwards. There was no Sunday on which there was no dinner. She did not refuse to cook a duck. She did not go out of the house of her own accord. Mrs. Barber ordered her out. She did not refuse to clean the scullery out, and the coachman did not have to do it.

Witness was extremely voluble during her cross-examination, and His Honour threatened to strike the case out if she did not endeavour to restrain herself.

Defendant was called, and said he engaged plaintiff as cook-general at £16 a year, to be paid monthly. She was a wretched cook, and cooked a chicken with the crop in. He remembered his wife instructing her to cook a duck for dinner on Sunday, 6th October. She made no preparations for doing so, and they had no dinner. She had cooked very badly before this.

His Honour: If she was so bad and ineffective as you say why did you not give her her notice?

Defendant said she was extraordinary dirty in her work.

His Honour: Why did you not give her her notice then?

Defendant: Because she was going away at the end of the month. The scullery was in a very filthy condition, and really stank. Plaintiff distinctly refused to clean the scullery, and he had to get a woman to clean it.

Defendant's coachman was called, and deposed to hearing Mrs. Barber complain of plaintiff's cooking in her presence. Witness took up the carpet in the scullery, but did not hear plaintiff refuse to clean the scullery.

His Honour found for plaintiff for £1 4s 7d, to be paid forthwith.

PUBLIC BODIES IN WEARDALE.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. J. W. Roddam, J.P., presided at Friday's meeting.—Mr. R. Watson was appointed to represent the Council on the Technical Education Committee for Wearhead and Cowshill.—The old Hospital Committee was reappointed.—The Chairman and Mr. Snowdon were appointed a deputation to approach the Railway Company in connection with a similar deputation appointed by the Stanhope Urban Council, with a view to getting an earlier postal delivery in the dale. Mr. Watson said an earlier postal delivery was greatly needed up the dale, and, from the remarks of the Councillors, it would appear that the "mail coach" is altogether out of date.—The Clerk said he had some questions from the Labour Department with respect to the wages of agricultural labourers in the district. It transpired that the average wages would be (and Mr. Atkinson agreed) 18s a week, with cottage and vegetables, and the wages of day labourers 5s a day.—A communication was read from the Highway Board with respect to the flagging of the footpaths at Wolsingham. From the remarks of Mr. Curry, Mr. Mainprize, and Mr. Snowdon, some of the footpaths are very dangerous, and anything but a credit to the place, and one gentleman has been seriously injured on account of the bad state of the flagging. Ultimately it was decided to approach the County Council to see if anything can be done for the old town.—The Chairman and the Rev. F. C. Jagg were appointed to a conference to be held at Durham, with respect to the taking over of the Highway Boards. The Chairman asked for the opinion of the Council, which was unanimously in favour of absorption. Mr. Reed thought the sooner they got the roads the better. Mr. Snowdon concurred.—Mr. Monkhouse said the bye-roads from one end of the dale to the other were disgraceful. Mr. Curry differed from that view, but did not accept the invitation of the Chairman to go up with the new railway and walk down the roads.—With regard to the Cowshill encroachment, the Clerk is to give the legal view next meeting, and the Thornley encroachment was held over.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

On Friday Alderman Livingstone, J.P., presided at the usual meeting of this Board. The difficulty for the members to get a chair in the little room in which they were obliged to meet was great, and to see the members literally "squatted" in the room was somewhat ludicrous, and certainly did not add to the dignity of the "Board." However, by the courtesy of the "Master of the House," more chairs were got, and business proceeded.—The average attendances were reported as follows:—Lanehead 78 per cent. Wearhead, 77; St John's Chapel, 82; Westgate, 83; Rookhope, 89; Frosterley South, 82; Frosterley North, 93; Stanhope, 85.—A long discussion took place with reference to the bad state of repair of Frosterley North School. The school was taken over by the Board some years ago. Mr. Rippon said the best plan would be to appoint a committee to go over the school and report. He advocated making a good job of it or letting it alone. A committee was appointed.—Stanhope school is to be enlarged.—A complaint was made from a Frosterley teacher that the locks were broken off the out-offices, doors, etc. Mr. Rippon remarked that that kind of thing was common at Frosterley. The Superintendent of the police is to be written to.—The appointment of a teacher at St. John's Chapel, under Article 60, was made by ballot, and the majority of votes were in favour of Miss Kidd, Burtreeford. The appointment was confirmed by the whole Board.

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL.

The ordinary monthly meeting was held on Wednesday se'nnight at the Board-room, Stanhope. Mr. Thomas Robinson in the chair.—The charities question came up for discussion again. The Council desire representative trustees on some of the charities. The Clerk was instructed to write the Charity Commissioners, asking them to assist in carrying out the spirit of the Act in respect to certain charities.—A letter was read from the Bishop of Durham respecting the widening of the approaches to St. John's Chapel from the east. His lordship pointed out that the question did not fall within his jurisdiction. The Council could apply for a faculty in the Durham Consistory Court, and the question would be decided in due course by the Chancellor. The matter was relegated to the District Council.—Mr. Lyall, Darlington, engineer to the new railway, wrote to say a whistle board had to be placed beside the level crossing at Burn Foot, St. John's Chapel. The Council think it insufficient. The Clerk was deputed to write again to the engineer, pointing out the danger of the crossing to children going to school.—Mr. J. Coulthard and Mr. S. Watson were appointed to the Technical Education Committee at Wearhead.

A MOST REMARKABLE CURE OF WEAKNESS OF THE LEGS.

32 Junction St, Every St, Ancoats, Manchester.

Dear Sir,—I am thankful to tell you I am a great deal better since I began with Handyside's Medicine. Before I took your Medicine I was troubled with Weakness in my legs, and to be cured I went into the Manchester Royal Infirmary. I was inside three weeks. At the end of that time my parents were sent for to take me out. I had to be carried out. They told me at the Infirmary, perhaps I would walk in four months; or perhaps in twelve months; or perhaps I might never walk again. When I came to you I could not stand. I was brought to you in a perambulator. When I had taken your Medicine for six weeks I was able to walk on crutches, and when I had taken it twelve weeks I could walk by myself without any aid whatever.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER DAVITS.

WHICKHAM.

The Urban District Council—Mr. H. Wallace presiding—on Thursday night week agreed to a request from 58 residents of Swalwell, employed in Newcastle, to memorialise the N.E.R. Company for a workmen's train at 5.30 a.m. daily (Sundays excepted) from Swalwell.—The Finance Committee reported that against accounts of £265 16s 10d there was a balance in the bank of £442 15s 8d, whilst very little of the last rate had been collected.—The Medical Officer reported that the births during the month numbered 30, and deaths 19, rates of 41 and 25 per 1,000 respectively.—Some laughter was provoked by the submission of plans for turning a Primrose League hall at Whickham into tenemented property. The matter was deferred.—It was stated that the extension of Swalwell, &c., by the inclusion of part of Blaydon had been settled by the railway lines at Swalwell and the river at Whickham being agreed upon as the boundaries.—A deputation attended and offered £250 and stone in the quarry for the improvement of Whaggs Lane, provided the Council would take over and maintain two roads made on the Teathercock estate. The question was adjourned.—The Local Government Board sanctioned a loan for £400 to cover the cost of horses, carts, &c., for team labour.—Complaint was made of the Gateshead Corporation's methods of depositing refuse at Dunston, and it was resolved that unless the nuisance was abated to take proceedings.

THROAT IRRITATION AND COUGH.—Soreness and dryness, tickling and irritation, inducing cough and effecting the voice. For these symptoms use Epps's Glycerine Jujubes. In contact with the glands at the moment they are excited by the act of sucking, the Glycerine in these agreeable confections becomes actively healing. Sold only in boxes 7½d., tins 1/1½d., labelled "James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London." Dr. Moore, in his work on "Nose and Throat Diseases," says: "The Glycerine Jujubes prepared by James Epps and Co., are of undoubted service as a curative or palliative agent," while Dr. Gordon Holmes, Senior Physician to the Municipal Throat and Ear Infirmary, writes: "After an extended trial, I have found your Glycerine Jujubes of considerable benefit in almost all forms of throat disease."

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. J. CRENNELL, VICAR OF BEAMISH.

On Wednesday night week, in the Church Institute, West Stanley, the Rev. J. Crennell, vicar of the parish, who is leaving, having been appointed to the living of Byers Green by the Bishop of Durham, was presented with a purse of sovereigns, and a framed picture, containing photos of the Church, Schools, Church Institute, Vicarage, the two Mission Rooms at East Stanley and Oxhill respectively, the interior of the church, and the churchwardens—Messrs George Ridley and T. C. Frater,—whilst Mrs. Crennell was presented with a beautiful silver tea service.

Mr. George Ridley, in making the presentation, said that that was no ordinary occasion upon which they were gathered. It seemed to him that Mr. and Mrs. Crennell had followed that good old maxim "It is not in mortals to command success, but will do more—deserve it," and they deserved it. When it became known that Mr. and Mrs. Crennell were called to another parish by the Bishop, his colleague (Mr. Frater) and himself took the responsibility of calling a meeting to see if they could not get Mr. and Mrs. Crennell to remain with them. That meeting was held on the 12th September, and was well attended; and it was unanimously resolved to write to the Bishop to allow Mr. Crennell to stay, and also to write to Mr. Crennell himself. Two days afterwards the Bishop wrote as follows:—"Gentlemen, the letters which you sent me are most honourable, alike to your vicar and to the parish. As Bishop it is my responsible duty to endeavour to consider as far as I am able the interests of the whole diocese, and I have no doubt that even if you lose the diocese will gain by the change which Mr. Crennell at my desire, has accepted; any you will, I trust, find ample consolation in feeling that you gladly surrender one whose power you know for the fulfilment of needful work which the Bishop believes that he will fulfil to the great good of the people committed to him. I desire, perhaps, above all things that we should all feel that we are all working together for an object far greater than a local one. It will be, I need not say, my endeavour to find someone to follow Mr. Crennell who will seek to continue his work in his spirit." This letter, of course, was not satisfactory, and another meeting was held where it was decided to ask Mr. Crennell to reconsider his decision, and a petition, signed by over 2,000 parishioners, was sent to the Bishop within two days, praying for him to allow Mr. Crennell to stay where he was. To that letter the Bishop replied, "Allow me to thank you for sending me the petition, which is a most interesting and valuable testimony to the work of your vicar, and to the loyal devotion of the parishioners. I am, however, unable to alter the opinion which I have already expressed. I fully hope also that the parish will not suffer. It will not, I am sure, if the people transfer to Mr. Crennell's successor, for Mr. Crennell's sake, the generous confidence which they express." We were rather apt to say hard things of the Bishop when this letter arrived, but we could only regret the failure to keep Mr. Crennell with us. Mr. Crennell will shortly remove from among us, but I hope you will not look at it as if you were bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Crennell. We must look at it rather that we are met to ask them to accept these tokens of our regard and so wish them God-speed and every blessing and every happiness in their new parish. The Bishop knew more than we did, and it will probably all turn out for the best. Perhaps, I might be allowed to go back a while. In 1863 there were no services in this part of the parish of Tanfield, for it then belonged to Tanfield. They were not very good churchgoers in those days either. I well remember that I and a Mr. Gray, who then lived beside where the railway bridge is now, were the only two adults from this district, and we travelled regularly, Sunday after Sunday, to Tanfield together. By-and-bye a service was established in what is now the Leading Room, in Joicey's Square, but that soon proving inadequate for the congregation, the services were held in the National School. It was there that I was first introduced to Mr. Crennell. As time went on Mr. Crennell, by his earnest and faithful endeavours managed to get a church built, which church was one of the best country churches in the diocese. (Applause). A Church Institute, and two mission rooms—one at East Stanley, and one at Oxhill—were also afterwards built, so that he could say that the spiritual needs of the people were not neglected. He had said that that parish used to be part of Tanfield, but they had to thank Canon Mathwin—(applause)—that they got a parish formed here. He would like to give them a few of the characteristics that he had found in Mr. Crennell. His manly, straightforward, and noble disposition is worthy of all emulation. His earnestness in prayer, eloquence in the pulpit, his care and anxiety for the wants of the parishioners, in visiting them constantly, and of his care and sympathy for the dying, cannot be forgotten. He hoped they would not say harsh things of the Bishop, for he had thought since that they were perhaps selfish in wishing to keep Mr. Crennell at Stanley, and selfishness is not a Christian virtue, therefore they knew that their loss is the gain of the people of Byers Green. For more than 25 years Mr. Crennell had been with them, and they could not expect him to be always with them. Anything he could say about Mrs. Crennell would be too little. For 16 or 17 years after he came here Mr. Crennell was a bachelor, but we frequently gave him a hint that he should get himself a helpmeet, and he eventually took this step, and since Mrs. Crennell came the work of the parish has gone on most satisfactorily, and the presents that have already been given to her are an evidence that her services have been appreciated. Mr. Crennell and I have never had a dispute. We have often differed in opinion, but always agreed to differ. He hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Crennell would have a long life of happiness and usefulness, and he had great pleasure in presenting Mrs. Crennell with the beautiful tea service from the parishioners of Beamish parish, and to Mr. Crennell, photos of Stanley Parish, and a purse containing fifty sovereigns, and he desired to express the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Crennell would long be spared to enjoy them. It had once been thought of presenting Mr. Crennell with some library furniture, seeing that this was a fixture at the Vicarage, but he might say that if Mr. Crennell did get it with the money presented to him, he should see that there was a plate fixed on it to show where it came from. (Applause).

Dr. Wands said that as a rest to Mr. Crennell to collect himself a little, an old friend of his was present, who perhaps knew more of Mr. Crennell than the most of them, and he would ask him to say a few words. He meant Canon Mathwin. (Applause.)

Canon Mathwin (whose rising was the signal for applause) said that as soon as he got to know, on Saturday last, that the presentation had to be made to Mr. Crennell that evening, he thought it would not only be his privilege but his duty to come and speak a few words to them. Possibly no one in that room knew Mr. Crennell better than he did. He was spoken to of Mr. Crennell in the summer or autumn of 1869 by an intimate friend of his own. His friend, Mr. Stirrup, spoke to him of Mr. Crennell as a good and useful man—one who pushed ahead and who always liked to be at the top of the tree. The result of that conversation was that on the 1st January, 1870, Mr. Crennell and he worked together in parish work. Mr. Crennell's work amply justified the character given him by Mr. Stirrup. During the 26 years that Mr. Crennell had been working for them and with them he had many times felt the ascent, morally and spiritually, very hard, but he had succeeded in getting to the top of the tree. (Laughter). His (Canon Mathwin's) idea of success had always been that if they wanted to succeed they must have their heart in the work that they undertake, and Mr. Crennell had been like that. Mr. Crennell had hardly ever been away, except on holidays. He congratulated Mr. Ridley on what he had said. He had shown himself so much acquainted with the details of Mr. Crennell's life that he had left very little for him to say. Certainly it seemed hard to part with Mr. Crennell, but he hoped they would not be so selfish as not to congratulate him on getting a living which was much easier than that of Beamish Parish. With regard to Mrs. Crennell he would only say that there were comparatively few who could have done what Mrs. Crennell had done, and among those few not many who would have undertaken the task. (Applause).

Mr. Crennell, in responding, said that it was not often that men rated themselves too high, but he must candidly confess that Mr. Ridley and all of them had rated him above both his merits and expectations. He did expect that he should leave Beamish with the respect of the parishioners, and the knowledge that he had done his work to the best of his ability. He felt that in their generosity they had given him full credit for all his virtues, and been a little blind to his failings. Of course, he had always held that a man's best reward is the testimony of his own conscience. (Applause). It somehow does one good, perhaps, "To see oneself as others see us, it wad frae many a blunder free us, and foolish notion." But perhaps it did not do anyone any good to listen to everything that was said of oneself as he had done that evening. Still, it was gratifying to feel that he was carrying with him the sympathy and esteem of those among whom he had worked, and that he might perhaps in the future ask an interest in their prayers. No man could have done what had been done in this parish if he had not been supported as he had been. It would perhaps be invidious to mention names, but he must mention three who had been his special friends and helpers. In the first place there was Major Ridley—(Applause)—who had been his guide, philosopher, and friend. He said they had sometimes differed, but they never had a dispute. He had mentioned about getting the church built. Well, they had a great deal of difficulty to contend with there. When one of the contractors failed, and a suit was pending, he (Mr. Crennell) had to go to Mr. Ridley. A solicitor's letter was something awful for him to contemplate in his inexperienced days, and he regarded Mr. Ridley as more a man of the world, but Mr. Ridley did not contemplate it that way. They held a meeting and they went, and Mr. Ridley so frightened the lawyers at that meeting that they dare not speak. In fact, after they had left the meeting, a messenger was sent after them, saying: "If you'll be quiet we will." (Laughter and applause). Mr. Ridley looked as young now as he did then. Might he long be spared so. (Applause). Since his colleague joined him, he had been equally useful. The presentation to-night was out of all proportion to the work done. He asked them to extend the same kindly help and sympathy to his successor. In regard to his wife, they might perhaps think him vain in saying that they might get a more educated lady, a more intellectual lady, but they would never get a truer friend to the parish than she had been. (Applause). He had been behind the scenes, and he had seen how the work of the parish was in her heart, and he knew with what pain she gave it up. When they looked at what the Beamish people had done for them it would cheer their hearts to go on till their work was finished. He accepted with gratitude the noble offering they had given him. It was, as Mr. Ridley had already said, to be spent on his study, for he knew that every day of his life he should spend part of it in work, and his thoughts would be with them and their great gifts. He thanked them all from his heart for the generous presents they had given them, and he hoped that no action of his in the future would ever cause them to repent giving him them. Mr. Crennell, who was deeply affected whilst speaking, then sat down.

Mr. Tuson, curate at Beamish 13 years ago (now vicar of Dipton) and who spent four years in Beamish Parish, spoke of the example that Mr. Crennell had shown him, and said that no one felt the reality of the loss more than he did, and he sympathised in losing an old friend. He hoped that his example and spirit would still live among them after their vicar had left them.

A grand entertainment preceded the presentation, the chair being taken by Mr. George Ridley, at which a good company attended. The inscription on the tea service was as follows:—"Presented to Mrs. Crennell by the parishioners of Beamish, in recognition of her earnest and devoted help in the work of the parish, Nov. 6th, 1895."

Presentations to Mrs. Crennell.—On Monday night, Mrs. Crennell was presented with a travelling dressing bag, by Miss Greenhow, on behalf of the members of the Beamish Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, on Tuesday night the candidates of the same presented Mrs. Crennell with an album,—the presentation being made by Miss Darney.

SERIOUS BICYCLE ACCIDENT.

As an instance of the many accidents to which cyclists are liable may be mentioned one which lately befel Mr. Joseph Winn, of 65, Prospect Street, Hull. Whilst in the possession of full health and strength, he was out on his bicycle, and met with a nasty fall. Both his arms were dislocated, and he received a severe shock to the system. He was given the best medical attention, and duly recovered the use of his arms. But the shock he had received proved a serious hindrance to his perfect restoration to health. His nerves were completely shattered.

For weeks and months he suffered from this distressing malady. He spared no expense in the application of remedies, but none did him the slightest good. All this time he was compelled to absent himself from business, utterly unable to bear any strain on his muscles, or any mental worry and anxiety. His condition occasioned the deepest concern to his friends, and he also was in despair.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

The annual concert held in connection with the Shotley Bridge Cricket Club has now come to be looked upon as one of the leading musical events of the season. The enterprising committee invariably engage the best of talent, and the consequence is a musical treat such as we in North-West Durham seldom have the privilege of assisting at. That held in the Temperance Hall on Friday evening proved no exception to the rule. Nearly all the artistes were old favourites, and a well-selected programme was carried through without the slightest hitch to the delight of a large, fashionable, and thoroughly appreciative audience. "Encores" were the order of the evening, and although in the first part the artistes kindly obliged again, the length of the programme and the lateness of the night prevented them from doing more than merely bowing their acknowledgments to re-calls after the interval. The platform—which had undergone a complete metamorphosis—presented a charming appearance with greenhouse plants and flowers, these having been generously lent to the committee by Mr. and Mrs. Faler, Derwent Dene, Shotley Bridge. Altogether, the function may be written down as a genuine success, and everyone went away thoroughly delighted with the excellence of the entertainment provided for their delectation. The club undoubtedly scored heavily in this engagement, and the committee are to be congratulated upon having brought their energetic labours to such a successful conclusion. The talent engaged for the occasion comprised—Madame Tomsett, soprano, Newcastle; Miss J. McIntyre, contralto, Newcastle; Mr. S. R. Heenan, tenor, Newcastle; Mr. G. H. Ditchburn, bass, Durham Cathedral; Mr. H. Boyd, English concertina soloist, Newcastle; Mr. L. Winstone, humorist and accompanist, South Shields.

That popular song, "Anchored," sung as a quartette by Madame Tomsett, Miss McIntyre, Mr. Heenan, and Mr. Ditchburn, was the opening item on the programme, and was very finely rendered, the performers retiring amid much applause. Mr. Ditchburn's splendid bass voice was heard to great advantage in "The merry monk," while Miss McIntyre rendered adequate justice to "When the tide comes in." Mr. Boyd is unquestionably one of the finest concertina soloists of the present or any other day, and his rendition of "Hope told a flattering tale" simply entranced the house, and an "encore" followed as a matter of course. Mr. Boyd responded with selections from "The Bohemian Girl," introducing most of the popular airs from Balfe's charming opera, and he was again the recipient of loud applause. Mr. Heenan is the possessor of a sweet tenor voice of good range, and Adam's beautiful song, "Good company," just suited him, the performer having to respond to a loud re-call. Mr. Winstone is a very versatile artist, and sang (by special request) "The ship on fire," the accompaniment of which was a leading feature of the performance. There was no resisting the enthusiastic "encore" which followed, and Mr. Winstone convulsed the company with "The tin gee-gee"—an excruciatingly humourous song. Madame Tomsett was honoured with a re-call for her admirable rendition of "The Holy City," and gave in response "The children's corner." Owing to having another engagement to fulfil, Mr. Boyd at this stage gave the second concertina solo for which he was down in Part II., and was again the recipient of a loud encore, and kindly obliged once more. A humourous and clever sketch by Mr. Winstone entitled "After dinner"—which caused roars of laughter—concluded Part I.

Madame Tomsett and Miss McIntyre commenced the second part by singing the duet, "In the dusk of the twilight," and were so successful as to evoke an enrapturous encore, to which they bowed their acknowledgements, the circumstances explained above prevented them from doing more. Blumenthall's beautiful song, "My Queen," found an able exponent in Mr. Heenan, whilst Miss McIntyre did every justice to "Good bye." That grand and difficult composition by Watson, "Thy sentinel am I," as sung by Mr. Ditchburn, was one of the titbits of the evening, and the performer was perforce compelled to favour again, this time giving "In cellar cool" in capital style. Then came another of Mr. Winstone's funny sketches, "Dr. Waltho Von Blousterberg," in which this talented artiste was equally as successful as before, and was encored. We think Mr. Winstone would find but little difficulty in providing an entire entertainment himself. The duet, "The battle eve," was nicely rendered by Messrs Heenan and Ditchburn, whose voices blended admirably, and then followed Balfe's ever-popular "I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls," which was finely sung by Madame Tomsett. That charming quartette, "Good night, good night, beloved," by Madame Tomsett, Miss McIntyre, Mr. Ditchburn, and Mr. Heenan, brought to a close a thoroughly successful and enjoyable evening.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Nov. 5th.—Before C. J. Backhouse, Esq., Rev. T. H. E. Espin, J. Rogerson, Esq., and J. Laverick, Esq.

Drunk on his own Licensed Premises.

George Hume, innkeeper, Tow Law, was charged by P.C. Banks with being drunk on his own licensed premises on the 7th ult. Fined 15/- and costs.—He asked for a transfer of licence, which the Bench refused. His present licence expires this week.

Breaches of the Peace.

Bernard Hanlin and Joseph Plews were charged by P.C. Banks with fighting at Tow Law, on September 29th. One of them said he never struck the man, and addressing his mate, said, "Did I strike you?" "Yes; you did," said his mate, which statement excited much hilarity in court. They were each bound over for three months in the sum of £5 each with costs.

Larceny.

Charles Lambert, a youth, from Wolsingham, was fined 10/- and costs for stealing 12 plates and two pepper casters, from a fish shop at Tow Law, on October 4th. He said he was drunk at the time.

Lady Pugilists at Wolsingham.

Mrs. Walton was charged by Mary H. Jennings with assaulting her on Oct. 1st. The case arose out of children's quarrels, and the ladies living at Durham Road, near the steelworks, resorted to fists and struck and pulled each other's hair. A number of witnesses were called on each side. The case excited much merriment in court. A lot of hard swearing took place over it. The evidence was so conflicting that the Bench dismissed the case.

Game Trespass.

John Farrer, George Coulson, John Heron, and George Cruddace, miners, of Roddymoor, were charged by Superintendent Snowdon, of Stanhope, with trespassing in pursuit of game on lands at Low Shipley, near Hamsterley (over which a Mr. Blackett has the shooting rights), on Sept. 25th.—He saw the men and searched them, and found on them nets and ferrets. He also deposed to seeing them breaking into the orchard the same day. In defence they said they were only netting. Fined 10/- each and costs.

Driving a Cow on the Footpath.

Wm. Brown was charged by Sergt. Wood with driving a cow on the footpath, at Tow Law, on the 25th ult. The defence was that the cow was wild and unruly, by herself, and he could not manage her, so well as he would if there had been more with her. He could have managed a few better than one. He asked for an adjournment of the case so as he might bring witnesses to show he was doing his best.

John Storey was fined 2/6 for allowing his horse to stray on the highway on October 1st. Sergt. Wood prosecuted.

Illegal Fishing.

Alfred Stephenson and George Richardson, two youths from Wolsingham, were charged by Thomas Egglestone, fish watcher, with gaffing salmon in the Wear, on the 30th ult. They pleaded not guilty. Mr. J. J. Dovey prosecuted for the Association. The fish watcher deposed to seeing them in the water with a gaff which was produced in court. Egglestone: "Have you brought any witnesses?" "No." Said Stephenson, "Have you brought any?" "My word is as good as yours." Stephenson was fined 30/- and costs. He went to prison. Richardson was fined 12/-, inclusive of costs.

Edward Thompson, a licensed angler, was charged by Thos. Egglestone, fish watcher, with using a gaff in the river, west of Wolsingham, on the 25th of September. He pleaded not guilty, and said he was a licensed angler and had three separate licences for this season. He had just got to the river and saw another fisher on the other side, so he laid down his rod and walked down the bed of the river, and shouted across to ask what they were taking. He had his gaff under his arm, but had not taken the cork off, but was not using it at all. Egglestone said his rod was 50 yards off when he attempted to gaff a fish. Fined 9/- and 8/- costs.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE FLORAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, the forty-sixth annual meeting of this society was held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. There was a fair attendance, presided over by Councillor Joseph Eltringham, Blackhill.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.—The financial statement was next submitted by the Secretary (Mr. William Ramsay) which showed that last year's show was a success, and sufficient funds had been raised, which had enabled the Committee to wipe off a considerable portion of the debt which rested on the Society during the year 1894.—The report was considered satisfactory.—The whole of the officers were accorded a vote of thanks for their past services.—The meeting next proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. V. Faler, Shotley Bridge Hall; vice-presidents Mr. J. Booth, Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, Coun. J. Annandale, J.P., Mr. R. Murray, Mr. J. W. W. Wilson, J.P., Coun. G. Ainsworth, J.P., Coun. W. Annandale, Coun. John Heymer, Coun. J. Eltringham, Dr. Geo. Renton, Mr. G. Richardson, Mr. J. Thirlwell Mr. A. Houliston, Mr. J. Oley, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. J. Dixon, Coun. F. Priestman, J.P., Mr. W. R. Town.—The retiring Committee-men, Messrs A. Trotter, J. Thorpe, J. Jeavers, W. A. Houliston, M. Gibson, and H. Smailes were re-elected.—It was decided that the following should be added to the working Committee:—Messrs W. Natress, A. Nichol, W. Thompson, Edward Bell, Geo. Dales, Ed. D. Turnbull, Jun., H. and E. E. Etringham.—Mr. William Ramsey, Blackhill, was again chosen secretary, and Mr. J. Lax, Shotley Bridge was re-appointed treasurer.—It was resolved that the next annual show should be held on August 8th 1896.—The rules of the society were next discussed.—It was agreed that rules two and three should be altered, and that in the future there should only be two classes in the floral department—open and cottagers.—It was further decided that the Industrial department should be discontinued.—Owing to the success of the Poultry department last year, it was resolved to make this a special feature at next year's exhibition, and have throughout a live stock department.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside.—Mr. Murray had forward on Monday 18 fat cattle, 4 geld cows, 13 store cattle, 2 carts of hay, 1 calf, 31 pigs, 154 fat sheep, 46 keeping lambs, 1 horse, 1 pony, a quantity of poultry, horse clothing, oats, and other miscellaneous lots. The fat cattle were not a very good class. Sheep were a good show and sold fairly well. Pigs were also a good show, but prices were not very good. Although there was a good company present and everything sold, it may be termed a slow dragging sale.

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Head Assistant with the late Messrs. John Smith and Son, Architects and Surveyors, Shotley Bridge, begs to announce to the public generally, that he has commenced business as Architect and Surveyor, at 121, DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL, and would be glad to receive a share of their work.

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Public Notices.

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A SALE of a SHARE or SHARES will take place at the Society's Office, Station Hotel, Blackhill, on NOVEMBER 20th, at 8 o'clock p.m. 786s

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REV. R. BROWELL'S visit to Castleside is, for the PRESENT, postponed by his Doctor's order. 750s

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A MEETING in connection with the above League will be held on MONDAY, November 18th, 1895, at MR. COATES, Commercial Inn, West Stanley, at 7 p.m. Business of Importance. 754s

MUSICAL TEMPERANCE SERVICE on Sunday night first, Nov. 17th, 1895, in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, at Eight o'clock. Address by Miss CONNELL, of Gateshead. An excellent Programme by the Wesleyan Church Choir and Orchestral Band. For particulars see bills. 793s

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SERVICES will be conducted in the above Church, on Sabbath and Monday, January 12th and 13th, 1896, when Collections will be made in connection with recent defalcations at the Bank.
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ENTERTAINMENT

IN THE
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ON
WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 27TH, 1895,
And being desirous of celebrating the Majority of the Club, they have, at considerable expense, arranged for the following Talented Artistes to appear:—
MISS EMILY FOXCROFT,
Contralto, London Prize Scholar and Gold Medalist, L.A.M.
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Solo Violinist and Mandolinist, Blackhill.
MR. WALTER M. GEORGE,
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The eminent Elocutionist and Delineator of Shakespearian Character, from Bradford.
MR. W. A. E. MACKAY,
Newcastle.
Accompanist, MR. G. P. STEPHENSON, Blackhill.
ADMISSION: Reserved Seats (numbered) 2s.; Second Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, 6d.
A Plan of the Hall may be seen at Mr. JAS. KELLY'S, Tyler's Boot Shop, Consett; and Mr. WM. RAMSAY'S, (Hon. Sec.), The Bank, Blackhill.
Doors open at 7-15; only Ticket Holders admitted up to 7-30; Concert to commence at 8. Carriages, 10-15 o'clock.

FARNSWORTH ORPHAN FUND CONCERT.
President, Geo. Ainsworth, Esq., J.P., C.C., Chairman of the Consett Urban District Council.
A GRAND VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL, AND ORCHESTRAL

CONCERT,

will be held in the
NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 20TH, 1895,
in aid of the above Fund.
The following Artistes have kindly consented to take part:—
MADAME CATHERINE BELLAS-DRYDEN.
MISS A. C. HARKER, Professor of Music.
CHARLES STEPHENSON, Esq.
THOMAS D. DRYDEN, Esq.
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THE CONSETT AMATEUR ORCHESTRA, AND OTHERS.
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Doors open at 7-15; to commence at 7-45 p.m. prompt.
TICKETS—Reserved Seats (numbered), 2s; Front Side Seats, 1s 6d (entrance from Front Street); Body of Hall, 1s; Back Seats, 6d (entrance from Middle Street).
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Tickets may be had, and plan of Hall seen, at Archibald Ramsden's, Ltd., Town Hall, Consett; and from the following: Rev T. Durant, Mr T. Heslop, Councillors J. Lowes, Summerbell, and Wildsmith, Messrs C. Lumley, A. Russell, R. Teasdale, Lamb, Cockburn, Jackson, Wm. Moss, J. Dodds, and A. McNally, also of the Secretary, Mr G. T. Egglestone, and Treasurer, Mr T. L. Gledstone.

Public Notices.

THE WINNING NUMBER for Watch is 182 and 46 for Gold Keeper drawn for at Blackhill.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at the house of Mr. F. Kinleside, Queen's Head Hotel, Leadgate, on Saturday and Monday, 16th and 18th November. Door free. Judge, Mr. M. Bates. 786s

CONSETT AND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

THE above will hold their next Assembly on Tuesday, November 26th, in the New Town Hall, Consett. Dancing to commence at 7-30 prompt.

CONSETT WESLEYAN NEW SCHOOLS.

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Will be held on THURSDAY NIGHT NEXT, Nov. 21st, 1895, In the Co-operative Hall, Consett. Chair taken at 7-30. Tickets—SIXPENCE.

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Tickets, Sixpence each—a few Reserved, One Shilling—may be obtained from the Curate, or any member of the Choir. 756s

LOOK HERE.

The following Artistes have been secured for

"THE MESSIAH"

ON CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25th, 1895, In the Consett Wesleyan Church.
MADAM KATE ROBINSON (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Soprano.
MADAM C. BELLAS DRYDEN (Consett) Contralto.
Mr. JOS. SIDDLE (Harrogate Free Church), Tenor.
Mr. JOHN NUTTON (Durham Cathedral), Bass.
TWO PRICES ONLY FOR SEATS, 1s., and 6d.

HOBSON TESTIMONIAL FUND.

AT a MEETING of Customers and Friends held at the Commercial Hotel, Stanley, on Wednesday Night, under the presidency of Mr. J. Wilkinson, it was resolved to make Mr. G. Hobson a PRESENTATION in February next, (being his Jubilee Seed Pay Dinner), and the following Gentlemen were elected a Committee: Messrs. S. Harrison, J. Hunter, Jos. Watson, M. Wake, E. Wylam, E. Leybourne, G. Bolam, J. Lumley, T. Robinson, E. Wigham, H. Oliver, and R. Inness.
Mr. COATES, Treasurer.
Mr. GEO. ATKINSON, Secretary.
Contributions will be received by any of the above.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIETY, CONSETT.

A GRAND BAZAAR

Of Useful and Ornamental Articles, will be held in the large School-room, adjoining the Chapel, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, Nov. 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th.

To be Opened on Wednesday, by LADY ALICE F. DALE, of West Lodge, Darlington; and on Thursday by Councillor J. THUBRON, Gateshead.

In connection with the Bazaar there will be a grand Exhibition of African and other Foreign Curios. Magic Lantern, Edison's Phonograph. Musical Treats each night, and other Entertainments too numerous to mention.

For full particulars see bills. 794s

STANLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, (STANLEY BOARD SCHOOL).

SUNDAY FIRST, NOVEMBER 17th, 1895, Morning, 10-30; Evening, 6.
PREACHER:
REV. A. P. ADAMSON, of Crook.
Offertories for Church Fund.

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18th, The Rev. A. BAILLIE, of Blackhill, will deliver an interesting Lecture, subject, "A LITERARY MONARCH; or, an Evening in a Picture Gallery." Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock. Tickets: 6d and 3d. Proceeds in aid of the Church Funds. 776s

APOLOGY.

I, the undersigned HEZELTON WILSON, of Dan's Castle, Tow Law, in the County of Durham, Beerhouse Keeper, hereby express my regret and APOLOGISE to Mr. R. Gilmour, of Dan's Castle, Tow Law, aforesaid, for having uttered and circulated in public certain slanderous statements reflecting upon his character and reputation, and which may have caused him serious pain and annoyance, and injured him from a business point of view; and he having, through his solicitor, called my attention to such slanderous statements, I have no hesitation in saying, after proper reflection and consideration, that there was not the slightest foundation for such statements or any of them, and I authorise Mr. Gilmour to make whatever use of this Apology he thinks fit.

Dated this Seventeenth day of October, 1895.
HEZELTON WILSON, Dan's Castle, Tow Law.
Witness:—GEO. SHEPPARD, Solicitor, with Mr. J. T. Proud, Solicitor, Bishop Auckland. 647s

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 1-46 p.m. (with bookings from Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, and Aldin Grange) for SUNDERLAND and SOUTH SHIELDS, returning from South Shields at 8-5, and Sunderland at 8-25 p.m., the same day. 783s

BAZAAR AT OLYMPIA.

ON SATURDAY, the 23rd of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 2-20 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE, returning at 9 p.m. the same day.

STANLEY SHOW OF CYCLES AT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, ISLINGTON.

ON MONDAY, the 25th of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12-5 a.m. (with bookings from Consett, &c.) for LONDON for Two and Four Days. Passengers holding Two Days' tickets return from King's Cross Station, London, at 11p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th, and those holding Four Days' tickets at 8-30 or 10-30 p.m., on Thursday, November 28th.

For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, November, 1895. 788s

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER A LICENCE.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Stanley, in the County of Durham, and the Superintendent of Police for the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County, and to all whom it may concern.

I, ROBERT ATKINSON, of FRONT STREET, EAST STANLEY, a Licensed Dealer in Spirits being authorized by virtue of the Licence granted to me, at the General Annual Licensing Meeting, held at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, in the County of Durham, on the 29th day of August last, to sell Wine and Spirits to be consumed off the Premises thereunto belonging, situate at Front Street, East Stanley, in the said Parish, in the said County, do hereby give Notice, that it is my intention to apply at the Special Sessions to be holden at the Justice Room, in Lanchester, in the said Division and County, on the 12th day of December next, for permission to transfer the above-mentioned Certificate to JANE STOKOE, now residing at East Stanley, in the County of Durham, and who has for six months last past resided at East Stanley in the County of Durham. I hereby further state that the said Jane Stokoe is now owner of the said house and premises.

Given under my hand the thirtieth day of October, 1895.
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Two Sales in One Day.
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1895.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

The Fever Epidemic.

So all the sages and the disciples of Esculapius are at their wit's ends and cannot tell the why and the wherefore, touching the pestilence which walketh in darkness, and which during the past few weeks has darkened with the shadow of death many a door in the Consett district. The doctors cannot tell whence the spirit of evil came, nor whithersoever it goeth. Great men have come all the way from London to the cold North, in the vain hope of reading the writing on the wall; but, wise in their day and generation, they have gone the way they came, and their report has not yet been tabulated.

The Reason Why.

Men learn a great deal in our recognised seminaries of learning, and it would be a pity if they didn't. But all the wisdom in the world is not stored in those great centres of learning. A great friend of mine, a Highland Sergeant in the Rossshire Buffs (18th Highlanders) told me that, wearing the kilt, he scratched his shin on a log, and the wound festered to such an extent that all the army doctors, clever as they undoubtedly are, were unable to effect a cure. He was invalided, and he told me that on the day that he left the hospital at Lucknow, in India, the doctor whispered in his ear: "young fellow; stick to that leg, and you will get home to see your mother." He returned to the city of Aberdeen a cripple, and became a burden to his family and friends, until one day, when limping along the Links adjoining his native city, he was accosted by an old woman, who sat by a way-side well, selling nuts and cakes to the passers by. She examined the wound, and applied herbs, with the result that the young man re-joined his regiment, and fought and bled through that dark page of our history known as the Indian Mutiny. I think it well to mention this incident, in order to show that as the people were told in the olden time not to put their trust in princes, so in these last days it is not always desirable to leave everything in the hands of our medical advisers—however smart they may be on lines theoretical.

Danger from Without.

It appears that the wise men sent down from the Metropolis by the Local Government Board devoted the passing hours to wandering in the bye-lanes in search of unsanitary dwellings—just as the knights of old went in quest of the holy grail, in the palmy days of King Arthur, of holy memory. It is passing strange that red tape should still predominate, despite that "the minds of men are broadened by the circuit of the suns." I cherish the hope that the day is not far distant when our local authorities will not for a moment tolerate the interference of men from afar, who on their arrival have to be taken by the hand and shewn over the township. Such men do nothing more than retail the opinions of practical local men of the standing and experience of Dr. Geo. Renton, Dr. McIntyre, and others of the same school. It sounds very fine, and savours of a business air, to prate about the dangers of this open ashpit and that; but men of wider range of experience know right well that those visiting doctors can only know half truths. If ashes and night-soil are dangerous in an enclosed ashpit what must the danger be if the said refuse is carted out and spread broadcast on the fields in the suburbs of the town? It is rather remarkable that the danger of the actual cause of the epidemic should be sought for within, when it actually lies without. It is the old story that "unthought of follies cheat us in this wise." But the fact remains that the sooner the inhabitants of the town object to have the refuse of the town scattered on the fields in the neighbourhood of Consett the better it will be for the health of the community. The district farmers ought not to be allowed to cover the face of the earth with such matter. They should cart it into middens and lay it out in the ploughing season, as the farmers do beyond the Tweed, and the public would, under such an arrangement, suffer neither injury nor annoyance.

A Probationary Nurse.

It is to be hoped that the members of the District Council will act upon the wise council of Mr. Kempson, and engage a trained nurse until the current epidemic has folded its unwelcome wings and passed away. Such an arrangement would be found to be the cheapest in the end, and if full power was vested in the hands of such a lady, she would at once close the door in the prying faces of the gossips and busy bodies, who find an enviable pleasure in wandering from door to door, instead of minding their own business and leaving the sick in better hands.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

[BY "WANDERER."]

The Nurse Question at Lanchester Workhouse.

The Guardians of the Lanchester Union were placed in a somewhat peculiar position at their last meeting with respect to the appointment of a head nurse for the Workhouse Infirmary. The three selected candidates, who were fully expected to be present at the meeting, did not put in an appearance; but two of them wrote stating that they had got situations elsewhere. To make the best of matters, the Clerk conferred with the Medical Officer (Dr. Wilson), and other three names were selected out of the number of applications that had been received, and placed before the Visiting Committee. Now, then, these three presented themselves for the purpose of being interviewed by the Board. However, the action of the Clerk and Medical Officer did not at all seem to meet with the approval of certain Guardians, as they considered the Visiting Committee should have been called together to decide what should have been done. Out of courtesy, however, the three candidates were interviewed, with a view of ascertaining what their qualifications were for the position. It transpired that none of them were suitable, and it was decided that steps should be taken to procure the services of Nurse Hamilton, from the Northern Workhouse Nursing Association, to fill the vacancy.

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I do not want to cast any reflection upon the Guardians for the action they took, because I believe they acted rightly under the circumstances. Nurse Hamilton has been found to be a really proficient nurse, being most kind to the patients during the time she served the Board, when Nurse May was ill, I was not at all surprised to find that Miss Gibson should advocate the appointment of this lady to the position, providing she would accept the same, and her release from the Association could be obtained. I hope Nurse Hamilton will see her way clear to accept the appointment.

Exit the Highway Board.

After all the noise that was made at the meetings of the Lanchester District Council and the Lanchester Highway Board, anent the question as to whether Highway Boards should exist throughout the county after March, 1896, it was somewhat surprising to find that there was not a single representative from the Lanchester Union present at the Conference held at Durham on Wednesday, when the matter was finally disposed of. I can only come to the conclusion that there must have been a mistake somewhere. The esteemed chairman (Mr. William Logan J.P.) is not a gentleman to make a promise, and not endeavour to carry it out. I am exceedingly sorry to think that the Lanchester Highway Board will cease to exist after the 31st March next. It is a well-known fact, and admitted by the County Surveyor (Mr. Crozier) that the roads under the control of this body are amongst the best maintained roads in the country, and, mark you, at the least cost.

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I have to congratulate Mr. Thomas Duckworth, head master, under the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board, on the splendid grant that his school has obtained. The result of the annual examination is a most satisfactory one. The grant earned being the highest obtainable on all subjects, save two, realising a total of 18/- per head. I believe the average for the whole country is only 15/-. This certainly reflects most creditably upon Mr. Duckworth and his able staff.

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The Fever Epidemic at Leadgate.

The report from the Medical Officer (Dr. George Renton), which was read at the Leadgate Council meeting on Wednesday night, shews that during the month of October, there were no less than 63 cases of enteric or typhoid fever. However, I find the Medical Officer seems to have reasonable grounds for entertaining the opinion that the epidemic has has practically exhausted itself, from the fact that no case had arisen, save one, since October 27th—a period of 15 days. There is not an inhabitant in Leadgate but what will welcome the news with gladness. Let us hope that before many days are past we will have seen the last of the unwelcome visitor.

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I cannot help but re-echo the sentiments of Dr. Renton, as expressed in the latter portion of the report, when he says that he must express the great regret he feels at the death of Nurse Beale. She was as competent in her work, as she was faithful and devoted to it; and her death in the discharge of her duties adds one more to the role of heroic women who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of others.

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Derwent Valley Ploughing Association.

Few societies can boast of having made greater progress than the above. Although the Association has only been in existence something like two years, the genial treasurer (Mr. Robert Dixon, of Broad Oak) can point to a balance in hand of nearly £44. This is eminently satisfactory to all concerned. As is well known, not a little of the success of the society is due to the energetic efforts put forth on its behalf by the late lamented joint secretary, Mr. W. J. Oswell. Sympathetic reference was made at Wednesday night's meeting of the Association to the great loss that body had sustained, Mr. Gledson—who has known the deceased gentleman almost since birth—alluding to the many excellent qualities of Mr. Oswell, and also making an earnest appeal on behalf of the widow and orphans left behind. It is gratifying to know that the matter was taken up in no half-hearted manner, £13 being subscribed at once. A secretary, treasurer, and executors were also appointed—all of them good men and true—and the success of the fund in their hands is almost assured.

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What are the Co-operators Going to Do?

I am given to understand that it has been mooted that every member of the different societies connected with the Shotley Bridge Flour Mill should contribute sixpence towards the fund for Mrs. Oswell. This is a capital idea, and I earnestly hope it will be carried out. I am a co-operator myself, and although I know that we often—and perhaps sometimes deservedly—get a bad name, yet I am bold enough to prophesy that not a single member would refuse to contribute the small sum suggested to help such a deserving object. I should like to see the leading co-operators in the district make a move in the matter.

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Death Under Chloroform.

Grim death has been very busy of late in our midst, and last Monday he claimed another victim in the person of Mr. Anthony Dobson, of Daisy Hill, near Medomsley, whose death took place under very sad circumstances, as reported in another column. There were few figures more familiar in the Medomsley district than that of Mr. Dobson, who did a lot of good work in an ostentatious manner. It is somewhat remarkable that, whilst preaching at Derwent Cottages on the night before his death, Mr. Dobson dwelt on the well-known words, "We are here to-day and gone to-morrow," little thinking that the quotation would be so completely verified in his own case on the following day.

Local and District News

CONSETT.

Ald. Ben Tillett at Consett.—On Sunday afternoon and evening, under the auspices of the Consett branch of the Independent Labour Party, Ald. Ben Tillett, of London, gave two addresses in the New Town Hall, Consett. The meetings were well attended.

On Sunday afternoon, the various Primitive Methodist choirs in the district gave a choral service in the Primitive Methodist Church, Consett, when the programme rendered at the recent service of song in Newcastle was repeated. Mr. A. S. Coates conducted, and Mr. T. Jones officiated at the organ. There was a large attendance.

Death of Mr. A. D. Tomlie.—The death is announced as having taken place on Wednesday week of Mr. Andrew Denny Tomlie, of 166, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, after a brief illness, from typhoid fever. The deceased gentleman was the chief sale agent of the Consett Iron Company (Limited) in Scotland—a position he had honourably held for many years.

Farnsworth Orphan Fund Concert.—We beg to remind our readers that the grand vocal, instrumental, and orchestral concert in aid of this fund is to be held on Wednesday evening next in the New Town Hall, Consett, when Madame Catherine Bellas-Dryden, Miss A. C. Harker, Mr. C. Stephenson, Mr. T. D. Dryden, Mr. T. Hoffman (the noted humorist, of Newcastle), the Consett Amateur Orchestra and other artistes will take part, the accompanist being Mr. G. P. Stephenson. We sincerely hope that there will be an overflowing audience on this occasion, in order that this fund may be benefitted.

On Monday evening, the 11th inst., a supper was held at Mr. Redshaw's, Commercial Hotel, Consett, organised by the smelters on the dayshift in the East Shop, Consett Steel Works, to celebrate the marriage of their manager, Mr. John Petherick. An excellent repast was provided, and was greatly appreciated by the assembled guests. Justice having been done to the supper Mr. Hy. Dowse was voted to the chair. After the toast of "The Queen" had been honoured by the company, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening, "Mr. and Mrs. Petherick," which was enthusiastically drank with musical honours. Songs were given during the evening by the vocalists present. The piano being ably presided over by Mr. J. R. Wood. The "Trade of the District" was proposed by Mr. Geo. Wilkinson, and a pleasant evening was brought to a successful close with the customary votes of thanks, terminating with "God Save the Queen." Messrs J. T. Mason, and John Lamb carried out the preliminaries in a most efficient manner.

BLACKHILL.

The late Mr. Oswell.—Mr. John S. Murray, auctioneer, at the mart on Monday referred in a feeling manner to the lamented death of the late Mr. Oswell, of Newlands Haugh, who was so highly esteemed by all. He hoped that steps would shortly be taken to raise funds in order to support the widow and large family so suddenly bereaved. The desire was apparently the feeling of all present, and no doubt the societies with which the deceased was connected will take the matter up heartily.

Property Sale.—On Thursday se'night, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, Mr. J. S. Murray offered for sale some property in Blackhill. Lot 1 was two copyhold cottages, with kitchen, scullery, two bedrooms, and garden, and the two were sold for £185. Two newly erected houses in St. George's Place Blackhill, four rooms each, brought £165 and £172 10s respectively. A house in Thomas Street with four rooms went to Mr. Osborne for £160, and a large house in Queen Street was withdrawn at £230. Four £10 fully paid up shares in the South Shields Shipping Company were withdrawn at £6 10s each. Mr. J. G. Murray was solicitor for the vendors.

LEADGATE.

A grand concert is to be held in Redwell Hills School-room, Leadgate, on Tuesday evening, at half-past seven o'clock, in aid of the Church funds.

Leadgate Park Football Club.—Professor Fenton is to give his celebrated entertainment in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the funds of the Leadgate Park Football Club.

The Hope of Leadgate Lodge of the I.O.G.T. held their quarterly meeting at Leadgate, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:—C.T., Bro. Moor; V.T., Sister Johns; C. Sis. Robson; Secretary, Bro. T. Redshaw; M., Bro. R. Cameron; F.S., Br. J. Prest; Treasurer, Bro. F. Borthwick; G. Br. J. Armstrong; S., Bro. T. Pratt; Ass. Sec., Bro. McCanes; D.M., Bro. Almond; P.C.T., Bro. J. Bainbridge. The reports of the various officers showed the lodge to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Consett and District Assembly.—The first dance in connection with the above newly-formed assembly came off last week in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, and proved a great success. Notwithstanding the extremely unfavourable weather, about 50 couples were present, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Messrs W. Jenkins, T. Kinleside, and H. Rawes acted as M.C.'s, whilst the arrangements were well carried out by the secretary (Mr. Chas. Price) and his committee. Excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. M. Willey, Leadgate, whilst the music was in the capable hands of Mr. John R. Wood, Consett. Dancing commenced about eight o'clock, the company separating at half-past two the next morning. As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the next assembly will be held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Nov. 26th.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

St. Cuthbert's (Benfieldside) magazine.—The November number of the above magazine is to hand, and furnishes as attractive reading as ever. The serial story, "Merrielands Farm," is drawing to a close—to the regret of most readers. There is a capital article by the Rev. Theodore Wood on "Indoor insects," whilst Mrs. H. Clark's story, "Dick's Mother," cannot fail to please those who peruse it. "The history of a guy" will suit the boys, whilst those who take an interest in our Missionaries—and their name is legion—will eagerly read an excellent article on "Mission work in Japan." The other features of the publication are fully up to the average.

EBCHESTER.

The Late Mr. W. Oswell.—On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the late Mr. Oswell, farmer, of Newlands Haugh, were interred at Whittonstall churchyard. The vicar (Rev. St. Clare Hicks) officiated. The cortege was followed by the relatives, and the leading farmers and residents of the Derwent Valley. —On Tuesday afternoon, at the monthly meeting of the Hexham Rural District Council, the chairman (Mr. Thomas Reed, J.P.) said he regretted to say that they had lost one of their members since their last meeting. He referred to the death of Mr. W. J. Oswell, of Newlands Haugh, near Ebchester, from typhoid fever, who was a member of this District Council, and who took an active interest in all its affairs. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Oswell and family.—Mr. J. K. Lyle, Peepy, vice-chairman, seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

CASTLESIDE.

The visit of the Rev. R. Browell to Castleside has been postponed; his medical attendant having forbid his preaching for some time.

MEDOMSLEY.

Mr. W. H. Hedley, the chief mining engineer of the Consett collieries, having, about three months ago, in consequence of ill-health, resigned his appointment, will retire at the end of this year, after a service of nearly 30 years under the Consett Iron Company. Mr. Henry Palmer, who has been for 14 years mining engineer for the Carlton Iron Company at their East Howle Colliery, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hedley, and will enter on his duties on the 1st January next.

Church Parade.—On Sunday morning, the members of the B Company (Medomsley) of the Church Lads Brigade held a church parade. The lads mustered at the Schoolroom, and marched to church under the command of Capt. G. B. Morris, the other officers present being Chaplain the Rev. Harold Jecks and Instructor J. Ross. The Rev. W. Cockin (vicar) preached an appropriate sermon. Considering the unfavourable weather, there was a good turn-out of members, who presented a very clean and smart appearance, with their neat Brigade caps and belts. The novel sight caused quite a stir in the village, and there was a large congregation at church.

LANCHESTER.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Wednesday evening, the members of the Langley Park and Lanchester choirs gave a repetition of the principal anthems and choruses recently given at the Newcastle Choral Festival, in the above place of worship. The Misses Williams and Mr. R. Evans, of Blackhill, rendered solos and duets in a very satisfactory and creditable manner, securing several encores. Great praise is due to Mr. J. B. Cox, of Langley Park, for the pains he must have taken in training the choirs, and bringing them to such perfection, and also for the able way in which he conducted the singing; also to Mr. Wm. Cox, who skilfully performed on the organ, and rendered two organ solos "The Garland" by Wm. Crawford, and "March cortege from the Queen of Sheba." Mr. John Irwin, of Hollingside Hall, presided over the proceedings in an agreeable manner. There was a fair audience, who, judging by their applause, were highly satisfied, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The proceeds were in aid of the organ fund.

HAMSTERLEY.

Christ Church Men's Guild.—An excellent paper was read at the above on Monday evening by the Rev. W. Cockin, M.A., who took as his subject—"Does Science contradict the Bible in regard to Creation?" The address, at once, both clear and thorough, was listened to with rapt attention. The Secretary of the Guild took the chair—the Rev. W. M. Ellis. Among the speakers on the subject, were Messrs Hewitt, Whitfield, Fenwick, Melling, Jamieson, and Forsyth. There was an excellent attendance.

DERWENT COTTAGES.

Wesleyan Chapel.—A miscellaneous concert was given by the chapel choir on Wednesday week, the late Mr. A. Dobson, Daisy Hill, presiding. The programme consisted of solos, duets, part songs, recitations, and a dialogue, entitled "The bad tempered husband" by eight characters. The female parts were taken by Misses M. A. E. Edgar, M. E. Robinson, H. Turner, S. M. Magowan. The male parts were taken by Masters J. Robson, J. Wilkinson, R. Graham, and T. Alderdice. The chapel was filled to excess, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. J. Harbottle was conductor and organist. A very successful concert was brought to a close with the doxology and benediction.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Good Templars.—At the usual meeting of the Good Templars Lodge, held at Annfield Plain the following officers were elected:—D.G.C.T., Bro. S. Watson; E.S.T., Bro. J. Thompson; C.T., Bro. T. Pinnington; V.T., Sister H. Beattie; Secretary Bro. J. Storey; Assistant secretary, Bro. W. Charlton; Chaplin, Sister Oldfield; Mar., Bro. M. Charlton; D.M., Bro. I Beattie; Financial Secretary, Bro. C. Pinnington; Treasurer, Bro. W. Stobbart; P.C.T., Bro J. Charlton; Guard, Bro. J. Crenny; Sentinel, Bro. J. Oldfield; Superintendent of Juvenile Temple., Bro. Samuel Watson; Assistant Superintendent, Bro. Jos. Storey.

WASKERLEY.

Concert.—On Saturday evening se'nnight a miscellaneous concert was given in the Board Schools, Waskerley, when the following appeared before an appreciative and crowded audience:—The Misses Grainger and Davison, Messrs Stelling, Mathieson, Russell, and F. Brodie. Mr. George P. Stephenson accompanied the singers in his usual masterly and efficient manner. Mr. J. Edgar Ashwith presided. The proceeds were in aid of the new Mission Church in course of erection at Waskerley.

STANLEY.

Presbyterian Mission.—On Sunday sermons will be preached in the Stanley Board School—in the morning at half-past ten, and evening at six, by the Rev. A. P. Adamson of Crook; and on Monday evening, at seven o'clock, the Rev. A. Baillie, of Blackhill, is to lecture on "A literary monarch, or, an evening in a picture gallery." The proceeds are in aid of Church funds.

Victoria Theatre.—This week Mr. Lawrence Daly and Company are paying a very welcome return visit. The company are strong and well-balanced, and gave good all round performances of "Cissy" and "A Woman's Honour." The former play was presented to a packed house on Monday night, the audience giving both play and actors a most enthusiastic reception. The triple roles of Cissy Vere, Florine, and Mike could not be in better hands than those of Miss Margaret Story-Gofton, who is a charming actress, splendid singer, and capital dancer, and she quickly made herself a firm favourite. On Tuesday night, Miss Viviane Douglas was equally successful in the same parts; the part of Olive Temple is played in a most realistic and artistic manner by Miss Laura Dixon. As "Mary Mops" Miss Marie Ault plays with energy and spirit and adds to the success of the performance by her very clever dancing. Mr. Lawrence Daly as "Titus Thomas" is the life and soul of the play, his various songs and irresistibly funny business keeps the audience in a continual roar of laughter. Mr. Leslie Norman is a decided success as "Victor Carlton." Mr. A. G. Polson-Turner gives a clever impersonation of "Gilbert Temple. Mr. Henry N. Kirwan gives a good character portrayal of dossy summers. The piece is staged in a first-class manner. Next week "The Prairie Flower" with Mexican Band which has created a big sensation all over the country, will visit this popular theatre.

Church of England Temperance Society—Beamish Branch.—The usual fortnightly meeting of this Society took place in the Church Institute Hall, on Monday night. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. Coney. After the opening hymn had been sung, Miss Whitaker, who was presiding at the piano, commenced the programme with a selection; next was a song by Mr. T. Gibbon, "Safe in my Father's Home," which was loudly applauded; after which Miss P. Smith favoured with a song "Nothing else to do;" this was followed by a recitation by Mr. Ross, "Wor new Pollis Station," which was encored; "The anchor's weighed" was sung by Mr. W. Wilson; afterwards Mr. G. Wilson recited "On the Line," and being encored he gave "Advice to the Intemperate;" the next was a duet, "Polly Hopkins," by Miss P. Smith and Mr. W. Wilson; Mr. Ross then, in answer to his encore, gave a sketch "To-day and To-morrow," which caused much merriment. Mr. A. Simpson then sang "The Pilot," which was followed by a quartette, "Strong in Christ," by Misses Storey and Ramshaw, and Messrs Shield and Ramshaw. Rev W. H. Coney then gave a short address, after which a most amusing dialogue, "Who would be a bachelor," was given by the Misses Ramshaw and Benfold, and Messrs J. Cowen, Jos. Ramshaw, and W. H. Winship. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. Three pledges were taken at the close, which, coupled with the increased attendance at the entertainments, shows that good work is being done by the Beamish C.E.T.S.

ROOKHOPE.

Concert.—The Stanhope Wesleyan Band of Hope members gave a temperance entertainment at Rookhope, on Saturday evening. Mr. T. Vickers presided. The house was crowded.

WEARDALE.

Ladies Sewing Meeting.—The ladies sewing tea in connection with the Barrington School effort at Stanhope, last week end, realised about £8. The tea was given by the parents.

Agriculture.—Professor Solomon, of the Durham College of Science, Newcastle, gave the first of a series of lectures on agriculture in the Board School, Wearhead, on Thursday evening week, the lectures being a continuation of a course commenced last winter. The subject of the first lecture, which was of a very interesting and instructive character, was "Farmyard Manure; its Composition and Nature." There was a fairly good attendance.

Madame Shepherd.—This talented soprano vocalist, who is on a visit to her kinsman the Vicar of St. John's (Rev. R. Shepherd) sang at a concert in aid of the local Church funds on Thursday night week in St. John's Town Hall. Madame Shepherd's rendering of "Esmeralda," "Swiss Girl," and the "Children's Home" elicited vociferous encores, to which she responded with "Jock o' Hazeldean," "Coming thro' the Rye," and "Robin Adair." To further encores Madame Shepherd reappeared and sang the Jacobite ballad "Will ye no' come back again?" The other artistes were Mrs. Wm. Vickers (Eastgate), Mr. Bryant (London), Mr. Devey (Wolsingham), Mr. Egglestone, jun., (Stanhope), and Mr. T. Moore (Eastgate), with Mr. Bell accompanist, the chair being filled by Mr. E. Hopkins, Weardale Lead Company.

STANHOPE.

Sudden Death.—Wm. Walton, 41, son of Mrs. Sarah Walton, Front Street, Stanhope, was found dead in bed, on Sunday morning. As he was subject to apoplectic fits he is supposed to have died in one during the night. No inquest was held.

Entertainment.—The Stanhope Temperance party held an entertainment in the High Street Chapel, on Monday night, Mr. T. Rutherford presided. The artistes were Miss Clara and Master Thompson, Master Foreman, Master Atkinson, Miss Foreman, Messrs Rutherford, Wilkinson, Bloomer, and J. Thompson.

PELTON COLLIERY.

Leek Show Supper.—The twelfth annual supper of the Pelton Colliery Leek Show was held at the house of Mr. George Favell's, on Saturday. Upwards of thirty members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, which reflected great credit on the worthy host and hostess. On the removal of the cloth, Mr. T. Emery was voted to the chair; while Mr. John Todd was elected vice-chairman. The toast of the evening "Success to the Pelton Colliery Hotel Leek Club," was drunk with enthusiasm. "The health of the visitors, and those that fulfilled the musical part of the programme" was also drunk, and ably responded to by Mr. J. O'Connor. "The health of the host and hostess" was also drunk, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Favell. Some excellent songs were rendered by Messrs J. O'Conner, W. Barrow, J. Halliday, J. Hutchinson, W. Park and J. Pearson; Mr. R. Finley presided at the piano, and Mr. T. Davison gave selections on the violin.

TOW LAW.

Wesleyan Foreign Missions.—The Rev. David Ashby, of Waterhouses, preached two sermons in aid of foreign missions, and conducted a children's service in the Wesleyan Church, on Sunday last, and on Monday evening a public meeting was held. Addresses were given by the Revs. J. R. Broadhead, from India, F. Friend, Wolsingham, and J. W. Houghton, Tow Law.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(By "Rover.")

I desire to add my tribute of praise to the splendid heroism displayed by the late nurse Beale. I had frequent opportunities of watching her devotion to the work for which she was engaged, and her deep sympathy for many of the poor sufferers to whom it was her duty to attend. She did the work of three women, and her overtaxed brain and body rendered her very liable to the ravages of the fell disease that ultimately terminated her work on earth. Her record is on high, and I venture to think the fragrance of her memory will linger long in the minds of the inhabitants of Leadgate. I trust an opportunity will be given to the people to show their appreciation of her self-sacrifice, by erecting some monument to her memory. It is gratifying to know that her bereaved friends expressed their gratitude and satisfaction for the kindness and attention that their loved one had received both while she lived and when her mortal remains were conveyed from the place. Amongst those who deserve special mention in this respect are the Revs. A. Magill, T. Varley, and C. Shrewsbury, and the chairman of our Urban District Council, who saw that everything was properly carried out.

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I am also pleased to observe the close attention which the above rev. gentlemen are giving to the patients, not only in the way of ministerial visits and pious advice, but the more practical manifestation of Christian charity in the shape of suitable food and clothing, where needed. I also regret to notice that the Nonconformist ministers are rather conspicuous by their absence just now.

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I am pleased to assure my readers that the Fever Epidemic is dying out, and there are very few, if any, new cases reported. Let us hope we have got rid of the pest, and that our local parliament will set itself resolutely to remedy any defects in our sanitary arrangements that may have in any way contributed to the spread of the foul disease.

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I notice an attempt has been made to make the road passable under the arch, near the depots. One side has nearly been done, but, as usual the thing is only half done, and left to become a companion of the famous Watling Street Road, about which I dare not write any more until the spring, when I am assured everything will be put in splendid order.

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Many people are asking the reason why there are no lights on the new road from Prospect House to Sherburn Terrace. I am sure it is time something was done in the matter. Travellers in the night time are seriously inconvienced, and the wonder is that there have been no accidents. I have heard it has become quite a retreat for lawless characters, and more than one or two innocent persons have been rather roughly handled. I saw myself one night last week two young girls had to take to their heels and were being followed by a big rough-looking fellow, who, on seeing me approach cleared the fence and made for the fields. I suppose the Consett Urban Councillors are so busy dealing with the raw sewerage they are sending into our district that they have quite forgot that there is a road between Leadgate and Consett without lights.

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Through the courtesy of the secretary or some other official of the Good Templar Lodge I have received a copy of the report of the work done during the past quarter in connection with the Lodge, and upon every line there is written progress. The weekly Lodge meetings have been exceedingly well attended, and although they have been working quietly their work has been effective and I heartily wish them increased prosperity in the future.

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Almost by an accident I heard the other night that a Mr. Coldclough from Scarbrough was conducting a series of Evangelistic services in the Primitive Methodist Chapel. I turned into the service and I confess to being rather surprised at the very poor attendance, and the evident lifelessness of the preliminary part of the service, but with the Evangelist and the sermon I was delighted. I hold no brief from Mr. Coldclough to advertise his effort, but no one would listen to his sermon without being impressed with the thoughtful, practical, and earnest manner in which he does his work. His sermon was far above the average sermon of the ordinary Evangelist, and I do think the services ought to have been made more widely known and a strenuous effort put forth by the society to attract the attention of the large mass of non-chapel or church-goers. A friend of mine just remarked if it had been a woman preacher all the place would have known about it. Mid-day prayer meeting would have been held, and nightly processions in the open air, but because it is a man, thoughtful in the presentation of truth and practical in his appeals, things are left pretty much to take their own course. Come now, Primitives, waken up, you can work if you will.

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The Footballers have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Lindon for an entertainment next Wednesday night in the Co-operative Hall. I had the pleasure of attending one of his entertainments some time since, and I can promise my readers there is a real treat in store for them.

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I notice a correspondent signing himself "Co-operator" is pleading for a new reading room and library in the place. It is certainly news to me to hear that there is any very serious demand for this sort of thing. We already have four such places in Leadgate, to which the Co-operative Society contributed £1 each last year, and I do not hear that any one of them has more members than they can provide for. Why multiply these places unless evidence is forthcoming of a greater demand than that already provided for?

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As to his complaint about the Chairman and Committee the remedy is already in the hands of the members, and I fail to see what good can be served by dragging these little petty differences into the public Press before endeavouring to settle them by legitimate means, viz., the votes of the members at the annual meeting.

Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Consett Juveniles 2nd beat Edith Street by five goals to nil.

Derwent Cottages Juniors beat Allendale Rovers by one goal to nil.

East Stanley Heroes beat Tantobie Lilywhites, at East Stanley, by two goals to nil.

West Stanley Rovers beat Hobson Wanderers 2nd by one goal to nil, on the Hobson ground.

High Row United beat Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's Reserve by three goals to two, on the latter's ground.

Pelton Fell Reserve beat Lizzie Celtic Reserve, on the ground of the former, by two goals to nil.

White-le-Head Young Temperance and Hobson Young Wanderers played a draw of one goal each, at White-le-Head.

CONSETT JUNIORS v DELVES LANE EXCELSIOR.—On the ground of the former, and after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the Juniors by four goals to nil.

OXHILL VIOLETS v STANLEY RANGERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a victory for the home by nine goals to nil.

KIP HILL WANDERERS 2ND v BEAMISH TRUE BLUES.—Played at Beamish, and after a one-side game ended in a win for Kip Hill by seven goals to nil.

HAMSTERLEY WHITE STARS v BRADLEY WHITE STARS.—Played on the former's ground, and after a well-contested game ended in a draw of two goals each.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS 2ND v DIPTON VIOLETS.—Played on the Violets' ground, and after a well-contested game the Cæsars gained a brilliant victory by two goals to one.

PELTON FELL v USWORTH SWIFTS.—This would have been a Chester-le-Street League match, but owing to the referee not turning up, a friendly game was played, resulting in a win for Usworth by two goals to nil.

EAST HEDLEYHOPE RANGERS v SUNNISIDE 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a pleasant game the home team won by five goals to one. Hall played a splendid game for the Rangers.

SOUTH MOOR ALBIONS v BURNHOPE ROVERS 2ND.—Played at South Moor. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play down the hill with the wind in their favour. The ball was started, and after a few minutes' play the Rovers scored, and before half-time added another. On resuming, the Albions pressed, and soon scored, a few minutes after sending No. 2 through, and the game ended in a draw of two goals each.

Blackhill St. Bede's defeated Derwent Cottages Ramble's Reserve, at Blackhill, by four to nil. The following represented the home team—Goal, Highfield; backs, T Smith and T Bell; half-backs, F Muldoon, J Bland, and Wm Errington; forwards, P Farley, F Stockell, J Colgan, J Muldoon, and Jas Colgan. Referee, Mr J Smith.

LEADGATE EXILES JUNIOR A v CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.—Played at Leadgate. The Exiles started with the wind at their backs, but the Swifts pressed at the start, but were driven back, and Hughes scored for the Exiles. The Swifts equalised shortly after through Finnigan, and Perry added another before half-time. The Swifts pressed throughout the second half, and scored through Noble, Finnigan, and Atkinson. The final being—

Swifts ... Five goals
Exiles ... One goal

ESH WINNING LILYWHITES v ESH VILLA BLUEBELLS.—Played on the ground of the former. The visitors played three second team men. The first half was pretty even, and on changing ends no score had been made. The visitors soon pulled themselves together in the second half, and scored five goals, two of which were disallowed, leaving the score—

Esh ... Three goals
Lilywhites ... One goal

SOUTH MOOR JUNIORS v OXHILL VIOLETS 2ND.—Played on the latter's ground. The visitors won the toss, and kicked against the wind and hill. The home team kicked off, and ran down, but the visitors' backs returned well up the field, and "hands" let South Moor in. Parkin shot, and Hunter rushed in and saved in the nick of time. A corner resulted, which was put behind. From the goal-kick Platton rushed down and scored a fine goal for the home team. The visitors went down by a fine bit of passing, and McGregor scored a good goal. South Moor swarmed the home goal, but Turner played a good game at back. The visitors gained a corner, and Brown scored No. 2, the whistle sounding with the score—

South Moor ... Two goals
Oxhill ... One goal

LANGLEY PARK SCHOOL WANDERERS v WITTON GILBERT.—These teams met at Langley Park, before a few spectators. The visitors winning the toss, chose to play towards the entrance goal. Langley started, and even play followed. The home left broke away, and had hard lines. Then Witton made tracks for the home goal, but were repulsed by the backs. The home team had the ball several times at their opponents' goal, but failed to score. Good form was shown by Wright, Stephenson, and Fletcher. Both sides tried to score, but half-time saw the result—

Wanderers ... Nil
Witton Gilbert ... Nil

After resuming, the home team showed their superiority, and the visitors were completely beaten, and scarcely ever got over the centre. Wright made a good run, but lost the ball. Stephenson put in some really fine work, and from one of his kicks Eccleston put in a grand shot, which it was impossible for the visitors' goalkeeper to stop. The Wanderers very nearly scored again, and when the whistle blew the game ended—

School Wanderers ... One goal
Witton Gilbert ... Nil

Langley Park—Goal, Moore; backs, Elliott and Abbs; half-backs, Burns, Hepburn, and Smith; forwards, Eccleston, Lidster, Fletcher, Stephenson, and Wright.
Referee, Mr W. Vickers.

ESH EXCELSIOR v LANGLEY PARK UNITED.—Played on the ground of the latter. The homesters kicked off towards the entrance goal, and were very dangerous, but Gill was on the alert, and saved. The visitors took the ball down, and scored. Shortly after the whistle blew for half-time with the score—

Esh Excelsior ... One goal
Langley Park ... Nil

The second half was well contested, the ball travelling from one end to the other, but no further score was made, and when the whistle blew the game was—

Esh Excelsior ... One goal
Langley Park ... Nil

CONSETT JUVENILES v ROSE AND CROWN WANDERERS.—Played on the Wanderers' ground at Blackhill. The visitors' captain won the toss, and played against the wind. The home team kicked off and soon scored their first goal. The Consett forwards passed well up and obtained a corner, which was well placed, and T. Linehan rushed the ball through. The visitors' left ran up, and centreing nicely, McCone scored No. 2, followed shortly after by a third. Half-time arrived with the score—

Juveniles ... Three goals
Wanderers ... One goal

The second half was more evenly contested. The Juveniles, playing with great dash, scored other two goals by the aid of Maughan, and eventually the visitors ran out easy winners as under—

Juveniles ... Five goals
Wanderers ... One goal

KYO SCHOOLBOYS v CATCHGATE SCHOOLBOYS.—Played at Kyo on Friday. The home team kicked off and rushed away, but were stopped by the visitors' halves. Catchgate secured and ran up to the home goal, where the ball was headed through. The visitors scored again, and led at half-time by two goals to nil. Soon after resuming, F. Thompson added No. 3 for Catchgate, followed by a fourth from Pigford, and a fifth from R. Thompson. The visitors thus gained an easy victory as under—

Catchgate ... Five goals
Kyo ... Nil

The following represented Catchgate—Goal, J Dodds; backs, W Courtney and J Hunter; half-backs, G Keall, E Hunter, and S Armstrong; forwards, F Thompson, E Pigford, G Scorer, R Thompson, and W Foster.

CRAGHEAD ROVERS v PELTON FELL ROVERS.

Played at Craghead. Craghead won the toss, and elected to play with the wind in their favour. The first fifteen minutes' play was even, but at last the home forwards broke away, and T. Brown beat the visitors' goalkeeper with a swift shot. This roused the visitors, who made a hot attack on the home goal, but were repulsed by the backs, who tackled in grand style. The home forwards again got away and forced a corner, from which Ferry scored, and a few minutes later the same player added another. The score at half-time being—

Craghead ... Three goals
Pelton Fell ... Nil

Soon after the re-start, Grix made a nice run on the left, and scored a fourth. The visitors could make no headway whatever, the Craghead halves playing in grand style. The home forwards now made rings round their opponents, and other three goals were quickly scored, a pleasant game ending—

Craghead ... Seven goals
Pelton Fell ... Nil

Craghead team—Goal, W. Laycock; backs, H Bewley and L Stoker; half backs, A Brown, G Swaddell, and R Ferry; forwards, J Grix, W Burns, T Brown, R Mills, and T Craigs.
Referee, Mr A Laycock.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE v LIZZIE CELTIC.

Played at Dipton. The Celtic won the toss, and elected to play with the wind at their backs. The home team started the ball, and after Dipton had a try to score the Celtic pressed, with the result that they beat Freak no less than seven times during the first half, but the referee disallowed two of them, so when half-time arrived the score read—

Celtic ... Five goals
Dipton ... Nil

On resuming, Dipton were expected to rub part of the score off, but the Celtic played well to a man, with the result that Bolam beat Freak, but the referee disallowed it for off-side. Not to be denied, the visitors still kept hovering around the Dipton goal. A corner for the Celtic gave them a chance, and J. Barton banged it through. Each side scored after this, and when the whistle blew the score was as under—

Celtic ... Seven goals
Dipton ... One goal

Referee, Mr W. Bowes.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS v LANGLEY PARK CO-OPERATORS.

This match was played on Wednesday week on the former's ground, there being a fair attendance of spectators. The visitors were powerfully represented, and were determined on a win, but Tantobie were as determined, and every move each side knew was tried, with the result that at half-time the score was—

Langley ... Nil
Tantobie ... Nil

In the final half both sides played pluckily and hard, and after a sharp struggle Langley scored. This seemed to do Tantobie good, for they immediately equalised, and in the last minute scored again, making the final—

Tantobie ... Two goals
Langley Park ... One goal

The following represented Tantobie—Goal, W Beck; backs, T Hanover and A Holmes; half backs, J Bell, J Johnson, and M Bell; forwards, J Harm, J A Long, J Smith, J Dawson, and T Walton.
Referee, Mr W Hodgson.

FLINT HILL ALBION v LANGLEY PARK WANDERERS.

Played at Langley Park before a large number of spectators. The Albion won the toss, and played with the slope in their favour. For the first quarter-of-an-hour the ball was kept moving from end to end, first one side having the advantage and then the other, but neither side were able to score. However, the Wanderers improved and pressed continuously, until, from a scrimmage in front of goal, Ferguson shot the first point of the game for Langley Park. After kicking off again, the visitors had a spell of passing, but could not beat the Wanderers defence, Pickering and his partner playing an excellent game. Play was at length transferred to the Flint Hill quarters, and from a splendid centre by little "Jonty," Watson again scored for the home team. Play became quiet, and at half-time the score was—

Langley Park ... Two goals
Flint Hill ... Nil

After the interval, Flint Hill scored a goal almost immediately, but Langley were soon on their mettle again, and very soon, from a pass, little "Jonty" added No. 3 for the homesters. The visitors now thought it about time they had a look in, and they began to make tracks for the home quarters, and for about ten minutes they were busy in front of the Langley goal trying, very hard to score. Shot after shot was sent in, but Portrey was as safe as a rock, and gave as fine a display of goalkeeping as has been seen on the Wanderers ground for a long time. The whistle blew and ended a very fast game as under—

Langley Park ... Three goals
Flint Hill ... One goal

Langley Park—Goal, Portrey; backs, Pickering and Bell; half backs, Norman, Wardle, and Hepple; forwards, Nicholson, Ferguson, Morland, Watson, and Pattison.

CONSETT & DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.
LEADGATE EXILES' JUNIORS v IVESTON VILLA.

Played at Leadgate, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to nil.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE.

At Consett. The visitors had the best of the game, and despite the fact that they failed to score from a "penalty" they ran out winners by two goals to nil.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.
CONSETT SWIFTS v DERWENT COTTAGES RAMBLERS.

Played on the ground of the latter. A one-sided game ended in a win for Consett by nine goals to one.

ALLENDALE PARK v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

The visit of last year's champions drew a good gate at Medomsley. The visitors had the assistance of the wind in the first half, but were kept from scoring by the home backs and goalkeeper. At the other end the home team claimed to have scored from a splendid shot from M. Walton, but the referee did not sustain the appeal. Half-time arrived without any score being made. The home team now had the benefit of the wind, and for thirty minutes penned the visitors in, and Gillender scored close in after the goalkeeper had saved a hot shot from Jos. Walton. The Lilywhites had the best of matters during the last quarter-of-an-hour, and S. Wood missed an easy chance when Lynop left his goal, and was charged over. The whistle finally sounded with the score—

Allendale Park ... One goal
Oakey's Lilywhites ... Nil

Allendale Park—Goal, E Lynop; backs, M Hedley and R Charlton; half-backs, M Walton, T Walton, and A M Hedley; forwards, Jos Walton, J Robinson, J Lynop, J Walton, and R Gillender.
Referee, Mr P McKie, Consett.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
SPEN ALBION v MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

These teams met on the Spen ground before fully 500 spectators, the day being an ideal one for football, only a slight breeze blowing down the ground. Both teams were fully represented as will be seen from the following—

Albion team—Goal, Cox; backs, Carr and Short; half backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Laing, sen., Irwin, Laing, Mair, and Little.

Marley Hill—Goal, Rodgers; backs, Davidson and Ringer; half backs, P Cullen, E Cullen, and Croft; forwards, McEnaney, P McDermott, D McDermott, Reed, and Douglas.

Referee, Mr Wm Oliver, Shotley Bridge.

Marley Hill won the toss, and Laing started against the breeze. The visitors pressed, and Carr saved from P. Cullen. McDermott got possession, and sent past when in a good position. The "Saints" still held the upper hand, and Cox cleared a splendid shot from E. Cullen. The Spen forced the visitors to defend, but Little sent into touch. The Spen again returned to the attack, and Little was ruled off-side when he had the goal at his mercy. Laing, sen., got possession and transferred to Irwin, who gave to young Laing, but the latter overran the ball and lost to Croft. The visitors again assumed the aggressive, and Cox and his backs had a rare handful to keep the visitors forwards out. Not to be beaten, the "Saints" forwards returned in a body, and Reed sent in, and McDermott rushed in and scored a grand goal. This was an incentive to greater efforts on the part of the Spen forward line, who forced several corners in quick succession, none of which were improved upon. Even play ensued for awhile, both trios of halves working effectively. By a huge kick P. Cullen placed the ball in the home goal-mouth, and Short saved splendidly. Short and Carr were at this time playing a grand defensive game. The Spen paid a brief visit to Marley Hill quarters, but Irwin ended the seige by sending past. From the goal kick Marley Hill pressed, and Douglas scored No. 2. Nothing further of interest occurred up to half-time—

Marley Hill ... Two goals
Spen ... Nil

After a well-earned rest, hostilities commenced again in real earnest, the homesters at once calling upon Rodgers to save. The Spen now pressed severely, the whole forward-line having unsuccessful shies at the "Saints" goal, E. Cullen saving grandly on several occasions. Marley Hill broke away, but made little headway, the home halves not allowing them to become dangerous. A sharp attack was led by Laing, sen., but was smartly repelled by Davidson and Ringer. "Hands" off Irwin relieved the pressure, but the ball was soon again hovering round the visitors' goal, which underwent several miraculous escapes. The visitors worked their way up, but Short relieved. Little got possession and ran down, only to lose to P. Cullen, who sent to Douglas; the latter gave to D. McDermott, who sent too far forward, and Carr had little trouble in clearing. Laing and Irwin ran down the right, the latter sending past. Bradley nearly brought about the downfall of the "Saints" goal with a beautiful long shot, which struck the bar and rebounded into play, Cullen sending out of danger. The homesters forced several corners, which proved fruitless. Little sent in a long shot, and Rodgers fumbled with the ball, and Irwin rushed man and ball through amid a scene of indescribable excitment. Urged on by their supporters, the Spen again rushed away, and the Marley Hill defenders had plenty of work, and packed their goal, playing now only a defensive game. Irwin sent in a terrific shot, which was saved, but quickly sent through by Laing, but the ball having been handled in its course, the referee only allowed the Spen a penalty, although the homesters strongly appealed for a goal. Forster took the kick, but sent over the bar, to the chagrin of the home supporters, and an exciting game ended with the score—

Marley Hill ... Two goals
Spen Albion ... One goal

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
KIP HILL WANDERERS v LINTZ ROVERS RESERVE.

Played at Kip Hill, the visitors winning by three goals to nil.

BYER MOOR RESERVE v TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS.

These teams met on the ground of the former before a fair assemblage. The home team had matters all their own way, finally winning by three goals to one. Referee, Mr Cockburn, Flint Hill.

WHITE-LE-HEAD TEMPERANCE v SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES.

Played on the Heroes' ground. The visitors won the toss, and played with the wind and sun in their favour. White-le-Head succeeded in beating Ridley twice in the first half. After the re-start, the Heroes came away with a dash, but Cockburn and McKivor held them at bay. The game was fast, fouls being frequent, White-le-Head playing a good game. At last the Heroes broke through and scored. Afterwards a lot of mid-field play followed, but the Heroes again broke through and equalised. The visitors made strenuous efforts to win, but were held in check. The Heroes got a free kick close into goal, which came to nothing. No further scoring occurred, and the game ended as under—

South Medomsley ... Two goals
White-le-Head ... Two goals

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
LEADGATE PARK v WALLSEND CELTIC.

The above clubs met at Leadgate in splendid weather, but there was only a moderate "gate." The teams were as follows—

Park:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, W McClatchie and F Foreman; half-backs, T Cartmell, R Wilson (capt.), and J T Willey; forwards, G Lock and J Wilson, left wing; A Burnhope, centre; W Bell and R Graham, right wing. Linesman, J Day.

Wallsend—Goal, Robinson; backs, McInnes and Haggerty; half-backs, Gayner, T Graham, and Closkey; forwards, J Graham, McLarney, Flynn, Bruce, and Nichol.

Referee, Mr R Best, Mickley.

Wallsend winning the toss, elected to play towards the entrance goal with a slight breeze and glaring sun at their backs, giving them a great advantage. Burnhope kicked off, and securing again ran up and scored within the first minute amid much excitement. From the centre kick the visitors got down, Foreman returning well. A foul in a good position for the visitors proved useless. After some exciting play in the Celtic goal-mouth, the ball was sent past by Graham. Soon after a corner fell to the home team, but proved abortive. The Park now began to press heavily, the visitors' goal having some near shaves, Bell sending in a good shot, the ball grazing the cross-bar. From the goal-kick Wallsend went down in a body, but the ball went by. Lock made a good run, Haggerty just saving in time. Flynn received, and sent on to Graham to score for the visitors, an appeal for off-side being rejected by the referee. From the centre kick the Park pressed, off-side spoiling a good chance. Soon after the Celtic got a free kick for "hands" in a good position, but the defence of the home team was too strong. A miskick by Haggerty nearly let the Park in, McInnes rushing in and saving smartly. The visitors now began to press hard, calling on Crowther to save his charge. The latter sent well up the field, and the home team securing began to press, gaining a couple of corners in quick succession. From the last one Robinson made a splendid save. Lock receiving, made a capital run, and scored No. 2 with a good shot. The home team again pressed, Robinson saving several good shots. Half-time—

Park ... Two goals
Celtic ... One goal

Upon a resumption, the home team soon began to press, having the visitors properly hemmed in for the first 20 minutes, but erratic shooting kept the score from increasing. Bell sent in a tremendous shot, the ball just missing by inches. The visitors now seemed to get new life, and began to press severely, calling upon Crowther to save, their play at this juncture being much superior to that of the Park, who seemed to fall to pieces. Once Lock received and eluded all opposition but the goalkeeper, who rushed in at the ball at a critical time and saved grandly. The Celts returned and attacked strongly, Crowther and the backs having a busy time of it. J. Wilson retired hurt for a while. R. Wilson just missed with a good shot. The home team began to waken up, and some good mid-field play was witnessed. Soon after Leadgate secured a corner, Lock placed well, and Cartmell receiving shot a grand goal. Burnhope immediately scored No. 4. The Park attacked again, and Burnhope struck the upright, having no one but the goalkeeper to face. Lock just missed by inches, and Cartmell sent past. Result—

Park ... Four goals
Celtic ... One goal

HOBSON WANDERERS v MICKLEY.

The return game between these teams had been eagerly looked forward to, and there was a large muster the Hobson ground to witness the game. Mickley were strongly represented, but the Hobson were without W. Henderson. The teams turned out as follows—

Hobson Wanderers team:—Goal, McNeil; backs, J Weedy and W Liddle; half-backs, T Heslin, E Henderson, and J T Bell (capt.); forwards, Hindhaugh, A Smith, E Muirhead, Maddison, and Lown.

Mickley—Goal, Charlton; backs, McCoull and Sowerby; half backs, J Bailey, J Best, and Paisley; forwards, Middleton, Liddle, G Bailey, E Best, and Davison.

Referee, Mr J Ross, jun., Consett.

The visitors won the toss, and thereby secured a great advantage, as the home team had the hill, wind, and sun against them. Immediately after Muirhead had set the ball in motion, the visitors commenced to press, but their shooting was ill-timed, and the Hobson managed easily to stave off all attacks for a time. After a time, however, the Mickley forwards began to combine better, with the result that the home defence was severely tested, shot after shot being poured in, but McNeil behaved splendidly, and would let nothing pass him. The Hobson forwards could not make much headway against the wind and sun, the Mickley halves effectually stopping their efforts to get near goal. From a swift shot the home custodian cleared, the visitors claiming that the ball had been through, but the referee refused to allow their appeal. The visitors kept up a determined attack on the Wanderers' goal, but the defence was grand, McNeil, Liddle, and Henderson especially shining. Try as they would, Mickley could not get through, and at the interval the score sheet was blank—

Mickley ... Nil
Hobson ... Nil

With the weather conditions in their favour, the home team speedily pressed, but J. Best and Paisley were in rare trim, and beat off many good attacks. The Hobson gained several corners, which were finely placed by Bell, and from one or two of these the home men ought certainly to have scored. The Mickley forwards several times got away, and on one occasion were awarded a free kick close in, but the ball was shot through without being played a second time. From a well placed a corner the home team claimed that the ball was over the line before Charlton cleared, but the appeal was disallowed. About two minutes before the finish the Hobson gained a free kick in mid-field, which was capitally put in, and the leather struck Hindhaugh and went through, scoring the only goal of the match amid tremendous excitement. Final—

Hobson ... One goal
Mickley ... Nil

ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
TOW LAW v BERWICK RANGERS.

The Tow Law team journeyed to Berwick to play off their tie in the Amateur Cup. Conroy's position at centre forward was occupied by McIntosh, who had evidently given satisfaction by his meritorious display against East End the previous Saturday. Tow Law lost the toss, and had to face wind, hill, and sun in the first half. It was apparent that the five hours' railway journey had taken a good deal out of the players, and during the first "45" their movements were disjointed and their shooting decidedly off. The oblique rays of the sun seriously interfered with the Tow Law defence, and the Berwick men were not slow to take advantage of their good fortune. They played for all they were worth, and clapped on a couple of goals. Tow Law were not altogether idle, and several times they found themselves in front of the home goal, but the final shots were either wide of the mark or had little power behind them. Only on one occasion did Coulson put the ball into the net, but the point was disallowed, and properly so, on the plea of off-side. At half-time the score was—

Berwick Rangers ... Two goals
Tow Law ... Nil

Immediately on resuming, Berwick rushed up, but Temperley and Thompson kept steady, and play gradually reached the other end. After about ten minutes' play the Tow Law forwards indulged in a spell of beautiful passing, and came down the field in a manner which boded ill for the home defence. McIntosh gained possession, and sent in an express shot which the goalkeeper with difficulty repelled, but Coulson was on the alert, and taking the rebound placed the ball smartly into the net far out of the reach of the custodian. Scarcely had the ball being restarted than Simpson and Lumsden took down and forced a corner, which being nicely placed by Lumsden, enabled Rippon to head a beauty. Still Tow Law kept up the pressure, and within five minutes a piece of really clipping combination resulted in another goal, thus placing Tow Law ahead. Berwick were now a beaten team, and Tow Law playing with a confidence born of success, subjected the home defence to a severe pressure. The attack was withstood for some time, but Tow Law intended to leave nothing to chance, and scored other two goals, besides having two goals disallowed for off-side. As the game grew to a close, Temperley and Thompson exchanged places with two half-backs, and their strennous efforts to increase the score caused much amusement to the spectators. Nothing further was done, and the game closed with the score reading—

Tow Law ... Five goals
Berwick Rangers ... Two goals

Tow Law—Goal, J H Allison; backs, J W Temperley and R Thompson; half-backs, R Wilson, W Waites, and W Simpson; forwards, J Coulson, N Rippon, J McIntosh, G Simpson, and J Lumsden.

RUGBY.
BLACKHILL ROVERS 2ND v LEMINGTON.

Played at Lemington, the Rovers having all the best of a good game, and running out winners by three tries to nil.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.
[BY "OFF SIDE."]

THE HOBSON WIN ON THE POST.

After a wonderfully exciting finish, the Hobson beat Mickley on Saturday in almost the last minute of the game. On the day's play the visitors scarcely deserved to lose, as they undoubtedly did the most pressing, and only a really grand defence kept them from scoring. It was certainly hard lines to be beaten "on the post," but such incidents are of frequent occurrence in football, and add a spice of excitement to the proceedings. With the intention of maintaining their unbeaten record in the Tyneside League, the visitors had put on a very strong eleven, but the Hobson were without W. Henderson, and this caused a re-arrangement of the team, Weedy going back, Bell figuring at left half, and Hindhaugh partnering Smith on the right wing. It cannot be said that this shuffling of the cards improved the combination, and, although the goal which won the match was a beauty, as I have intimated above, the home men were a trifle lucky to pull it off.

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Two men stood out prominently above all others in the Hobson ranks, and they were McNeil and Liddle. The former gave a wonderful exhibition in goal, and how he got rid of some of the shots that were banged in was little short of marvellous. McNeil has developed into one of the best custodians in the district, and it was a lucky move for the Wanderers when they gave him a trial between the sticks. Liddle is scarcely less deserving of praise, his tackling, kicking, and judgment being alike fine, while his pace and weight often stood him in good stead. To these two men the home team principally owe their victory. Without being up to his partner's standard, Weedy did well at back, while the halves put in some capital work, and stuck like leeches to the Mickley forwards. The front rank was only moderate, Muirhead and Smith being completely out of it. The other three did very fairly, but were much handicapped by the weakness of the two players mentioned. A course of training would, in my opinion, do them a lot of good.

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The Mickley forwards were much superior to those opposed to them, and played a real good game. Their combination and passing was most creditable, and it was unfortunate for them that McNeil was in such tip-top form. J. Best and Paisley are a pair of grand halves, although the former has some shady tricks which he might drop with advantage. He can play the game well enough without descending to anything of an illegitimate nature. Paisley is one of the finest and most hard-working players it has ever been my good fortune to see. The backs were fair, and Charlton had not a great deal of work in goal—which was perhaps fortunate for his side, as he struck one as being slightly nervous when anything like pressed. A change of goalkeepers would undoubtedly have meant a change in the result.

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A CURIOUS GAME AT LEADGATE.

Wallsend Celtic have earned a big name for themselves this season, and one would have thought that their visit to Leadgate to meet the Park would have been productive of a larger attendance than was actually the case. Although the home men won pretty comfortably, the visitors proved themselves no mean exponents of the dribbling code, and are an extremely clever team. The Park started in sensational fashion—scoring in the first minute—and wound up in similar style by popping on two goals in the last few minutes. In the middle of the second "45" the home men became very slack, and for a time it seemed as though the Celts were going to bring off the unexpected, but last year's champions came again in rare fashion towards the finish, and were left with a handsome victory.

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The Wallsend men created a very favourable impression by their play. They have a good goalkeeper in Robinson, whilst McInnes is a splendid back, and Haggerty very fair. The halves were capital, and did not forget to give their forwards plenty of chances. The latter were extremely clever, but were rather inclined to do too much gallery play when near goal, and thus spoiled some excellent openings. Bruce and Nichol on the left were generally dangerous whenever they got going. No fault could be found with Crowther, who repelled some real teasers. Foreman and McClatchie were in splendid trim, and pulled up the Wallsend forwards time after time. Cartmell played a brilliant game at half, his performance being far in front of anything he has previously done this season. Wilson and Willey were also good, and worked hard throughout. The forwards—apart from their shooting—showed up finely, Graham and Burnhope being particularly in evidence, although the whole five contributed their share towards the success of the team.

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A FINE PERFORMANCE BY TOW LAW.

That Tow Law is a team of no mean importance cannot now be denied, their performances during the past two or three weeks stamping them as having few superiors in amateur football in the North of England. On Saturday last they left Tow Law in a saloon attached to the 8.10 a.m. train, and arrived at Berwick at 1.19 p.m., thus having to undergo five solid hours' travelling—truly not a good preparation for a cup-tie. But it takes something to knock the heart out of the Tow Law fellows; and they were confident of their ability to administer the "Order of the knock" to the border men. Subsequent events served to show that the confidence was that of men who knew their own powers, and were determined not to underrate the calibre of their opponents. At half-time the outlook was none too promising for the Durham youths, and it was evident the long railway journey had had its effect on them; but the second half had not long been in progress before they began to give the homesters some anxiety as to the ultimate issue of the game. The passing of the Tow Law forwards was short, sharp, and biting, and while being pretty to look at was exceedingly effective in operation.

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A more finely balanced quintette than the Tow Law forwards would be difficult to unearth—that is, keeping to amateur teams. It is not every club who can boast of a respectable centre forward, and Tow Law are certainly to be congratulated on possessing such a capable and promising player as McIntosh. Not only did he keep his wings well together, but he shot with unerring accuracy and tremendous force, and his play won for him golden opinions from the Berwick crowd. Simpson and Lumsden maintained their reputation as one of the best left wings in the county, and the evergreen "Jimmy" Coulson and his partner (Rippon) were nothing behind. How long is "Jimmy" going to play? That he is able to retain his place on a team like Tow Law is sufficient proof that he has lost none of his cunning. The halves played a good game, everyone of them, and Temperley and Thompson, after the first 10 minutes, pulled themselves together and played a great game. Allison did his work in the first half very creditably, but after the change of ends he, like Othello, found his occupation gone.

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The Berwick men were a big, useful set of fellows, but it will be some time before they win the Amateur Cup. Several of them are speedy, and one of the backs is a rare good kick, but the team generally lacked the training and the experience of their opponents. The "kick and rush game" is all very well in itself, but it must inevitably go under when opposed to mechanical combination, and if the home team are willing to learn a lesson from their Tow Law friends the visit will have done them good. In the next round Tow Law meet Birtley at Tow Law, and if the Birtley men intend to win, I should advise them to go into strict training as early as possible.

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MARLEY HILL AT THE TOP.

Another unbeaten record went by the board on Saturday, when last season's champions of the Derwent Valley League visited the Spen, and beat the latter after a moderate game. The energetic committee of the Spen club have done their best to secure a decent pitch, but have unfortunately been unsuccessful. The uneven condition of the ground and the long grass was all against accurate passing and shooting, and consequently the game cannot by any stretch of imagination be termed a great one. The "Saints" goalkeeper (Rodgers) did fairly well, saving some warm shots after the cross-over. Ringer was the best of a pair of moderate backs, Davison, although shaping well at times, being too much inclined to land the ball into touch. The strength of the visitors was undoubtedly in their half-back division, the brothers Cullen playing a grand game, more especially the younger one, and it was a treat to see the cool manner in which he robbed the opposing forwards. Croft also gave one of his best displays. Among the forwards the brothers McDermott are worthy of special mention, they playing in fine form from start to finish. Reed, McEnaney, and Douglas were also very conspicuous at times.

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No blame attaches to Cox for the defeat, as he gave a fine exhibition of goalkeeping in the initial "45," keeping out some rare shots. The goals scored against him were put through at close range. Short was in capital trim at back, and never shirked the powerful rushes of the Marley Hill forwards. His partner (Carr) seemed slightly off, but nevertheless was generally to be found at the right spot when wanted. The halves played well to a man, Bradley and Forster getting in some splendid work, and had it not been for the superb defence of these two it is difficult to say what the score might have been. Forster ought to have scored from the "penalty," but appeared to be very excited, the interest at the time being at fever heat. It must be admitted that the forwards gave a most disappointing display, and had their shooting in the second period been only half decent the score at the finish would certainly not have been against them.

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ALLENDALE AGAIN SHOW GOOD FORM.

There is little doubt but that Allendale Park is one of the most improved teams in the district, and they brought off another fine performance on Saturday by disposing of the clever Oakey's Lilywhites. The Park custodian (Lynop) saved some stinging shots, but occasionally runs too far out of goal—a dangerous thing for a goalkeeper to do. M. Hedley and Charlton played well at back, the latter kicking more strongly than in any previous game. None of the halves were up to their usual form, owing to the sharp and accurate passing of the visitors. The forwards worked very hard, and are evidently going in for the passing game, Robinson rather overdoing it. John Walton figured in the centre for the first time, and ought to make a useful player in this position. The great drawback to the forwards is their want of height, many corners going abegging owing to their inability to reach the ball before their opponents.

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The ex-Dipton men were the pick of the visitors, Beckwith playing a particularly fine game, while Sam Wood kept his wings busy. The whole of the forwards indulged in some neat passing at times. Coyle was the best of the halves, although Brydon ran him close. The goalkeeper did his work fairly well, but appeared to be slow in clearing—a great contrast to his vis-a-vis. Both teams, however, need some training. The game was wonderfully fast in the first half, consequently the players failed to stay the distance.

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THE CÆSARS GO DOWN.

After an absence of eight weeks, Byer Moor Reserve made their bow to their supporters upon their own midden on Saturday, when they entertained the Cæsars from Tanfield Lea, and found no difficulty in putting paid to the account of their visitors. The Cæsars have been going strongly of late, while, on the other hand, Byer Moor had seldom been heard of, and Tanfield fully expected to bag the "coveted brace," but they had to accept defeat by three goals to one. Leighton could not find enough work to keep himself warm in the home goal, thanks to the excellent defence of Brewis and Bennett, both of whom played well, Brewis kicking strongly and cleanly. Brown, Henderson, and Pharoh were in rattling form at half, being always too good for the Cæsars' vanguard. The front rank got on well in the open, but at close quarters their shooting was decidedly "oph." The best man on the Tanfield side was the goalkeeper (Fletcher), and but for him the score would have been much larger. Mudd was most prominent at back—albeit he several times miskicked—the halves worked hard, but the forwards could make no headway against the Byer Moor intermediate division, and were seldom dangerous.

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WHITE-LE-HEAD SURPRISE THE HEROES.

As South Medomsley Heroes had taken two points out of the Temperance at White-le-Head, they naturally expected that they would be able to do ditto on their own ground. However, the visitors made a capital show, and ran the Heroes to a draw. Adams astonished his old club-mates by the fine game he played, and was about the best forward on the field. "Scotty" was also very conspicuous at centre half, displaying champion form. McKivor and Cockburn were a strong pair of backs, and Reay kept goal admirably. It was certainly a feather in the cap of the Temperance to draw with the Heroes on their own ground.

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ESH EXCELSIORS WIN.

The Excelsiors visited Langley Park on Saturday, and just managed to defeat the United club of that place. Bowers kept goal well for the winners, while Gill and Weedy were very smart at back, the latter in particular shewing good form. The halves and forwards played a capital game, and altogether the Esh men gave a very creditable all-round display. Bamford kicked powerfully at back for the United, and the forwards were pretty fair, but the halves placed the ball too far forward, and did not give their front rank much assistance.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

A special meeting in connection with this league was held at the league head-quarters, Towneley Arms, Rowlands Gill, the following clubs being represented:—Consett, Byer Moor, Hobson Wanderers Reserve, Lintz Rovers, Marley Hill, Spen Albion, Shotley Bridge, Whickham, and Lintzford. Mr. Tom Amos, Hobson, was in the chair. Lintz Rovers lodged a protest in their game with Byer Moor on Sept. 21st. Byer Moor also protested in their game with Spen Albion on Oct. 26th. After hearing a great amount of evidence on both sides, and the referee's statement, both protests were over-ruled. Lintz Rovers further protested in their game with Leadgate Park Reserve on Oct. 19th, the same being dismissed, not having been lodged in accordance with rule. Hobson Reserve appealed in their game with Lintzford on Saturday week, owing to the referee stopping the game through darkness, and owing to neglect of the rule this was also dismissed. After other matters of importance had been disposed of, the referees for December were appointed, and the next meeting fixed for December 7th.

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IN THE CAUSE OF CHARITY.

At the instigation of Mr. Harley, of the Jubilee Theatre, Annfield Plain, a charity match will be played to-morrow on the Lizzie Celtic' ground at Annfield Plain for the benefit of the friends of the late John Rosedale, who was recently killed on the railway. Two capital teams—Theatricals v. Scratch Team—have been chosen, and the players will appear in comical costume. Mr. Jas. Leadbitter, (Catchgate), will captain the Thespians, while Mr. J. Palmer will act in a similar capacity for the scratch team. Mrs. Aitchinson will kick-off at three o'clock, and I trust that there will be a large attendance, seeing that the object is such a worthy one.

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MEMS.

Lizzie Celtic are evidently intent upon improving their goal average, having in their last two matches put on 15 goals against one. Pretty tall scoring.

By the way, the cup-tie between the Celts and Allendale should prove a stiff game, as both clubs are playing in fine form.

By their victory over the Spen on Saturday, Marley Hill now appear at the top of the Derwent Valley League, and the "Saints" may be depended upon to do their utmost to maintain their proud position.

A Stanley correspondent writes to say that he was present at the Junior League match between Kip Hill Wanderers and Lintz Rovers Reserve, and was surprised to see an old Leadgate Exile and two Derwent Valley League players figuring as "juniors" in the Rovers' team.

Langley Park Wanderers are a very clever little team. Although all the teams they have met so far have been bigger and older than themselves, they have the following creditable record:—Matches played, 10; won 6, lost 1, drawn 3; goals for, 28; against, 15. Well done, Wanderers.

Dipton Violets and Witton Gilbert Juniors write to complain of being disappointed by Consett Shamrocks and Gilesgate Moor Juniors respectively. I trust that the Shamrocks and Gilesgate Moor will mend their ways.

Oakey's Lilywhites will take a strong team to Dipton to-morrow to oppose the Wanderers. I see that Johnny Manners, of Bishop Auckland fame, is down to assist the visitors.

All clubs having fixtures with Lintzford Juniors are kindly requested to cancel them, as they cannot raise a team.

Tow Law have had the good fortune to be drawn at home in the next rounds of both the English and Amateur Cups. Their tie with South Bank will be a "battle royal," and no mistake.

Leadgate Park and Birtley again renew acquaintanceship at Birtley to-morrow. The last game between the clubs was generally voted to be about the best ever seen on the Birtley ground. I expect to see another hard struggle.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

The table to date is as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Blyth	7	5	1	1	13	7	11
Gateshead N.E.R.	8	4	2	2	29	10	10
Newcastle United A	9	3	3	3	15	15	9
Sunderland A	5	4	1	0	12	9	8
Southwick	7	3	3	1	11	15	7
Hebburn	4	3	1	0	18	2	6
Rendel	3	2	0	1	7	3	5
Jarrow	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
Shankhouse	6	1	4	1	7	9	3
Birtley	6	1	4	1	5	9	3
Axwell Rovers	5	1	3	1	7	12	3
Willington	3	1	2	0	4	8	2
Dipton	5	0	3	2	3	10	2
Newcastle East End	6	1	5	0	4	7	2

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

Results up to date:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Wallsend Park Villa	8	6	1	1	25	15	13
Leadgate Park	6	5	0	1	28	9	10
St. Peter's Albion	8	2	4	2	23	19	8
Hobson Wanderers	6	3	1	2	21	12	7
Mickley	4	3	0	1	14	3	6
Hexham Excelsior	4	2	1	1	12	9	5
Prudhoe	7	2	1	4	16	20	5
Wallsend Celtic	4	1	1	2	8	8	3
Gateshead Engineers	7	0	1	6	4	41	1
Gateshead St. Cuthbert's	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The following are the results up to and including Saturday last:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Consett Shamrocks	4	3	1	0	14	4	7
*Leadgate Exiles Juniors	5	2	2	1	14	10	6
Allendale Park Reserve	3	2	0	1	15	8	4
Consett Town Swifts Res	3	2	0	1	10	8	4
†Iveston Villa	3	0	1	2	3	8	0
†Shotley Rovers Reserve	4	0	0	4	4	23	0
Leadgate Park Juniors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

† Iveston Villa and Shotley playing an unregistered man have two points deducted.
* On account of Lintzford Juniors withdrawn two points are deducted from the Exiles Juniors.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

Result up to date:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Lizzie Celtic	4	4	0	0	21	4	8
Craghead Rangers	5	3	0	2	22	11	6
Consett Town Swifts	4	2	1	1	14	4	5
Oakey's Lilywhites	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Cornsay Rovers	5	1	1	3	7	18	3
Allendale Park	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Kyo United	3	0	0	3	2	16	0
Derwent Ramblers	2	0	0	2	2	17	0

Owing to the withdrawal of the Exiles' Reserve 4 points are deducted from Oakey's, and 2 points from Lizzie Celtic.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Results up to date:—

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Marley Hill St Cuthb'rts	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
Whickham	8	4	3	1	14	24	9
Byer Moor	6	2	1	3	17	7	7
Consett	7	3	3	1	22	12	7
Leadgate Park Reserve	6	3	2	1	10	8	7
Spen Albion	4	3	1	0	13	5	6
Shotley Bridge Rovers	7	3	4	0	19	27	6
Lintz Rovers	4	1	2	1	8	7	3
Lintzford	3	1	2	0	7	6	2
Hobson Wanderers Res	5	0	5	0	7	24	0

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MATCHES WANTED.

All clubs having dates with Blackhill St. Bede's are requested to note change of address. All communications to be addressed to James McKenna, 5, West Row, Blackhill.

East Stanley Heroes 2nd would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 11 to 13. Apply, J Harvey, 1, Front Street, East Stanley.

Ouston 3rd team have a few vacant dates; average age, 17. Apply, F Hughes, Ewe Hill, Ouston Colliery.

Consett Juveniles would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 11 to 15. Address, J McCone, 7, West Victoria Street, Consett.

Dipton Violets have all dates vacant from Jan. 18th, and would like them filled up with junior teams. Apply, J W Mason, Pontop House, Dipton.

Derwent Cottages Rambles Juniors have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 15 to 17. Apply, J. Body, 3, Bradley Cottages, Leadgate.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's Reserve would like to arrange dates with second teams. Address—B. Davison, 24, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Blackhill St. Mary's want matches with junior teams; ages, 11—13. Apply to J. McKie, 30, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

Esh I.O.G.T. have changed their name to Esh Excelsior. The 2nd team have all dates vacant; ages, 14 to 16. Apply, W. G. Pearce, 31, West Terrace, Esh Colliery, Durham.

High Row United would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 10 to 13. Apply, C. Hogg, High Row, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Andrew's House United have all dates vacant, and would like matches with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply, H. Hand, Andrew's House, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Stanley Black Watch would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 11 to 14. Apply to J. Lee, 9, Douglas Street, West Stanley.

White-le-Head Red Stars have several dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 12 to 15. Address, A. Kelly, 1, New Row, White-le-Head, via Tantobie, R.S.O.

Consett Juniors have a few dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 16 to 18. Address, G. Lewis, 34, Edith Street, Consett.

EPITOME OF NEWS.

The receipts on Saturday at the Catholic bazaar at Olympia, Newcastle, were £370, making a total of £2,220.

The funeral of Dr. W. C. Blackett, J.P., of Ripon, and formerly of Durham City took place at St. Oswald's Cemetery, Durham, on Monday and was very largely attended.

A Local Marriage.—"The Press," Pretoria, South Africa, announces the marriage of Miss Jennie Coatsworth, eldest daughter of Mr. T. L. Coatsworth, chemist, late of Darlington, to Rev. J. F. Watson, Wesleyan missionary at Pilgrims Rest, South Africa. Mr. Watson left Bishop Auckland a few years ago, and joined the ranks of the Wesleyan ministry. He is a nephew of the Rev. Featherstone Kellett, and hails from Weardale.

Cricket.

BURNOPFIELD CRICKET CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the above flourishing club was held last week in the National Schools, Burnopfield, when about 20 members were present. The secretary's report showed that the first team played 17 matches—won 8, lost 6, and drawn 3. The second team played 9 matches—won 6, lost 2, and drawn 1. The batting prize was won by J. Weedy with an average of 12 runs per innings. The bowling prize was won by J. Charlton, with an average of 4.99 runs per wicket. George Bell was awarded a special prize for the best all-round performance during the past season, he being second in both batting and bowling. His figures are:—Batting, 16 innings average 9; bowling, 50 wickets for 229 runs or an average of 4.58 per wicket. The election of officers for next season was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—Captain, Mr. Jas. Weedy; vice-captain, Mr. George Cooper; treasurer, Mr. R. Ferguson; committee, Messrs H. C. Wood J.P., R. Armstrong, R. Dent, G. Smith, J. Cuthbertson, R. Henderson, M. P. Allan, Thos. Allan, G. Mallams, R. Wilkinson, and J. Charlton; hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. Hogarth. The prospects of the club are very encourageing, and they seem likely to have as successful a time during next season as was the case this year.

BURNHOPE COLLIERY CRICKET CLUB.
SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

On Saturday night, the members of the above club held their annual supper at the Colliery Inn, Burnhope, when upwards of 40 sat down to a repast, which, thanks to the excellent culinary resources of the genial host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Edgell), left nothing to be desired, and, needless to say, ample justice was done to the good things provided, and the wants of the "Inner man" filled to repletion. On the removal of the cloths, Mr. J. R. Ritson was voted to the chair in the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. J. P. Kirkup, and the vice-chair was ably filled by Mr. J. Buckton. The toast of "The Queen" was given by the chairman, and loyally responded to by the company.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary (Mr. H. Tinsdale) submitted the annual report, which showed that, notwithstanding the fact that the club have been put to a good deal of expense in laying out new ground, also bringing the Consett water on to it, thus enabling the groundsman (Mr. R. Webster) to prepare a wicket fit for any team to play on, the balance is still on the right side. As for the performances of the club, they have played 15 matches—won 7, drawn 3, and lost 5, scoring 1,349 runs for the loss of 126 wickets, against their opponents' 1,359 runs for the loss of 158 wickets. Jos. Robinson heads the batting list with an average of 34.5, while J. Ironsides comes next with an average of 24.30. Then follows J. Newton with 11.5. Bowling honours have also fallen to the share of Mr. Robinson, who has taken 58 wickets at a cost of eight runs each, with J. Gair next, the latter claiming 35 wickets at an average of less than nine runs each.

Presentation to Mr. Jos. Robinson.

The next toast on the list was "The guest of the evening, Mr. Joseph Robinson," which was submitted by the Chairman, and responded to with musical honours.

The Chairman then rose to make a presentation to Mr. Robinson of a volume of "W. G. Grace on Cricket," and also a very handsome gold albert and seal, which has been voluntarily subscribed for by the members of the club and friends in the neighbourhood. Mr. Ritson said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be the medium through which those handsome presents were to be conveyed to Mr. Robinson. (Applause). He felt quite sure he was speaking the sentiments not only of those present, but of all who had witnessed Mr. Robinson's performances throughout the past season, when he said that gentleman had well earned the presents that he had just handed over to him. (Loud applause). He wished Mr. Robinson good health and long life to wear the albert. (Applause).

Mr. Robinson suitably acknowledged the gifts, and thanked all those who had subscribed towards the handsome presents handed to him that evening. (Applause).

The other toasts included—"Success to Burnhope Colliery and the Ritson family," proposed by Mr. H. L. Burgess; "Success to the Burnhope Colliery Cricket Club," given by Dr. Gardiner; "The Host and Hostess," proposed by Mr. G. Thornton, all of which were appropriately responded to.

During the evening, the proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs by Messrs Horvells, Burgess, Heslop, Dyson, and Newton, and one of the most enjoyable and successful evenings ever spent by the members and friends was brought to a conclusion by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem."

Trade Notes.

LOCK OUT AT COLEPIKE COLLIERY.

The dispute by which the men are practically locked out is due to the non-acceptance of Mr. Phillip Kirkup, the manager's, demand for an extra half-hour in the fore-shift. This, the men allege, would necessitate them leaving the Flats half-an-hour earlier than hitherto, their custom being 5 o'clock a.m. On the other hand, it is in some quarters thought it will also affect the lads by adding an extra half-hour a day, increasing their time to 10½ hours in the mine, loosing at 4.30. The idea is at all events greatly resented, not being in accordance with the county rule. It is hoped, however, that in all fairness the question may soon be amiably settled, since the dispute affects inclusively 146 men and boys, who will be in receipt of the usual lock-out allowance from the Durham Miners' Association. The unfortunate stoppage will in many instances affect the tradesmen in the surrounding district, while the persistent action apparently will be, it is feared, of lengthy duration so far as the workmen are concerned. "It's the last string that breaks the camel's back" and the present question in dispute is of long standing from the information to hand, being rejected at Joint Board, it is now demanded independently of previous decisions.

WEST STANLEY AND BEAMISH FREE LECTURE.

On Sunday evening under the auspices of the above a lecture was delivered in the Albert Hall, West Stanley, by Mr. W. Young (Newcastle). Mr. J. S. Martin of Beamish, occupied the chair. The subject taken was:—"Making of Man." Since the original promotion of the Free Lectures, so far as the public interest is concerned, the efforts of the society augur to be a great success in the future, as it was on this occasion, there being a very good audience present. In discoursing on the subject, the lecturer said they should consider man first, rather than wealth. Education might be attained when they had no opportunities of a university or college training, by means of public lectures and experience of life given to them. Science had produced problems with which they must deal in order to live a more complete life. The ideal man must develope physically, morally, an dintellectually, he must be self-reliant, thinking out problems for himself by honest thought, and being faithful to it. The schools of to-day emphasise the environment, and individually they must choose one of these schools. Mr. Owen was first to call attention to the environment and endeavoured through the establishment of the Factory Acts and the principle of Co-operation, to ameliorate the condition of the country at that early period. With industry they should endeavour to deal with its advantages through conciliation. He (the lecturer) considered the condition of agriculture was largely due to the advantages of transport by ocean steamers. To hold a right view of the question was not to alter the environment, but to improve themselves individually by friendly intercourse and good books, by literature, which was now within reach through the means of the cheap press. He suggested they should first deal with problems of their time as citizens seek to improve their Board Schools and educational advantages. He urged the establishment of old age pensions, which he thought might be obtained through taxing incomes derived from rent and interest; also to seek to deal with the House of Lords, who practically blocked the way of legislation of ameliorative character. By way of illustration they had 12 million of acres of land and received the sum of £13,000,000 rent. They should endeavour to remove the curses of poverty and all gambling propensities, and they should, as a society, set an example to all working men. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

SERIOUS AFFRAY AT TOW LAW.

On Saturday night several young men belonging to the village of Thornley, a mile away, were at Tow Law, and just before leaving for home about eleven o'clock one of them named Carr was struck by a man who formed one of a party standing in the street, and a second Thornley man named Craggs inquired the reason of the blow. Craggs himself then received a kick from a man named Gibson, and he retaliated by striking his assailant a violent blow on the head with a pick shaft. Gibson fell to the ground, and was conveyed home by some ambulence men, when the services of Dr. Collins were secured, and he pronounced the blow a dangerous one. Early on Sunday morning Craggs was apprehended by P.C. Banks, and on Monday he appeared before a magistrate, who remanded the case, bail being allowed. The man Gibson is still in a precarious condition.

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Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING.

Burnopfield.—At the Burnopfield grounds on Saturday afternoon a match was decided for £10 a-side, the best of 15 courses, between McQuarter's Gas House Lass, of Burnopfield, and Watson's Scissors Grinder, of Hobson Colliery. There was a fairly numerous attendance. Gas House Lass won by 8 courses to 5 credited to her opponent. Referee, Mr. T. White, Burnopfield. This was followed by a greyhound match for £5 a-side, at 7 rabbits, between Harrison's Castleside Lass and Pearson's Friarside Lad. Castleside Lass won easily, getting 4 courses to Friarside Lad's nil. Mr. John Boyd, Burnopfield, acted as referee.

Dipton.—On Saturday afternoon, a large company assembled in the grounds near the house of Mr. S. Ledger, Bird Inn, Hill Top, near Dipton, to witness the sweepstakes promoted by Mr. John Ambler, who added 30/- to an entrance fee of 5/6 per lot, for 16 dogs, at rabbits. Details:—First round—Miller's Groser Cake beat Lynn's Jenny Ford; Miller's Got a Bargain beat Cunningham's What's That; Jenny Ford (2nd lot) beat Clayton's Common; Moulin's Foxy Tommy beat McCluskey's White Rose; Cunningham's Monkey's Puzzle beat Edgar's Jack the Baker; Got a Bargain (2nd lot) beat Watson's Glover; Foxy Tommy (2nd lot) beat Fox's Blackbird; Groser Cake (2nd lot) beat Blackbird (2nd lot). Second round—Jenny Ford beat Groser Cake; Foxy Tommy beat Got a Bargain; Monkey's Puzzle beat Got a Bargain; Groser Cake beat Foxy Tommy. Third round—Foxy Tommy beat Jenny Ford; Groser Cake beat Monkey's Puzzle. In the final Foxy Tommy and Groser Cake divided.

Tantobie.—A rabbit sweep, promoted by Mr. Edward Gaffney, who added £3 towards 8/- per lot, the best of three courses, came off in the enclosure connected with the house of Mr. Matthew Snowdon, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, in the presence of a good muster of spectators. Results:—First round—Thompson's First Dance, 18½, by Anderson's Rose, 20¼, by 2 to 0; Robson's Sandgate Meg, 19, beat Carr's Cow Girl, 18¼, by 2 to 0; Waggott's Little Sister, 16¼, beat Lister's Mountebank, 18, by 2 to 1; Nicholson's Snowdrop, 19½, beat Need's Pompeii, 15¼, by 2 to 1; Need's Norfolk Jenny, 18¼, beat Thompson's The Rush, 18½, by 2 to 1; Knott's Sally, 17½, beat Hardy's Danny, 19¼, by 2 to 1; Robson's Jenny of the Hills, 18½, beat Errington's Louisa Lass, 18½, by 2 to 1; Greenwell's Maid of the Mill; 18, beat Harvey's White King, 21, by 2 to 0; Pears's Tipton Slasher, 21¼, beat Makepeace's Little Wonder, 17¾, by 2 to 0; Knott's Bonny Nell, 18¾, beat Lister's Comet, 19¼, by 2 to 1; Regan's Blue Bell Lass, 17½, beat Greenwell's Nelly at the Well, 18¼, by 2 to 1; Prince's Green Ginger, 18¼, beat Watson's Lad of the West, 19½, by 2 to 1; Halliday's Betty Clagham, 1?, beat Bailey's Fly be True, 17¼, by 2 to 0; Brown's Owt Yer Like, 17¼, beat Ashburn's Chin Chin, 20¼, by 2 to 0. Second round—First Dance beat Sandgate Meg by 2 to 0; Snowdrop beat Little Sister by 2 to 0; Sally beat Norfolk Jenny by 2 to 0; Maid of the Mill beat Jenny of the Hill by 2 to 1; Bonny beat Tipton Slasher by 2 to 0; Blue Bell Lass beat Green Ginger by 2 to 1; Owt Yer Like beat Betty's Clagham by 2 to 0. Third round—First Dance beat Snowdrop by 2 to 1; Sally beat Owt Yer Like by 2 to 0; Maid of the Mill beat Bonny Nell by 2 to 0; Blue Bell Lass a bye. Fourth round—Blue Bell Lass beat First Dance by 2 to 1; Sally beat Maid of the Mill by 2 to 1. In the final Sally beat Blue Bell Lass by 2 to 1, and won.

SHOOTING.

Blackhall Mill.—On Saturday afternoon one of the most popular shooting fixtures in the district took place before a large number of spectators near Mr. Jno. Smailes's, Blackhall Mill Inn, Blackhall Mill. There was a large entry, and the winner was found in Mr. T. Turnbull, who did not miss one of his seven birds from the 20 yards mark. There were three who missed one bird, namely, Wm. Watson, 1110111; R. Oxley, 22, 1101111; and William Charlton, 17, 1101111; whilst John Leyburn, 20, R. Charlton, 21, William Wood, 18, and R. Battersby, 20, each found their bird four times. The other competitors all hit three times. Mr. Robert Huxley trapped the birds, Mr. John Cawthorn was scorekeeper, and Mr. Henry Bates referee. The members of the club afterwards had an excellent dinner, provided at Mr. Smailes.

On Saturday the annual pigeon shooting of the Bute Arms Gun Club, Spen, was held in a field in close proximity to the house of Mr. William Douglas, Bute Arms, Spen. A very large muster of spectators assembled to witness the event. There were 9 prizes offered, but the first two rested with Wedger, of Spen, and T. Bell, of Greenside, who grassed all their 7. Owing to the scarcity of birds, the others had to draw for their respective prizes. The duties of the secretary were carried out by Mr. Stephen Morland, Spen, whilst R. Smith, of Tantobie, officiated as referee in a most satisfactory manner, and Geo. Armstrong and Geo. Robinson acted as trappers. Results:—Wedger, Spen, 17, 1111111, 1; Thos. Bell, Greenside, 21, 1111111, 2; R. Spears, 19, 1111101, 3; Jos. Robson, Blaydon, 22, 1111101; Wm. Waugh, 20, 1111011; Wm. Bewick, Blaydon, 20, 0111111; John Armstrong, Barlow, 21, 1111011; Towler, 17, 1100111; Chopwell, 17, 0111110; John Lockey, Blaydon, 21, 1011101; Thos. Anderson, 19, 1011101; Fancy Next, 22, 1110101; J. Thompson, 18, 1001111; First Shot, 17, 0110111; J. Burls, Blaydon, 21, 1101110; R. Browell, Spen, 21, 1111010; J. Robinson, 23, 1111100; T. Leybourne, 23, 1101001; Thos. Watson, 20, 01100; Wm. Gibson, 17, 0000010; J. Armstrong, Spen, 22, 1011000; R. Leybourne, 22, 1011100; Rowlands Gill, 18, 1010011; Wm. Hood, 18, 0000111; Jos. Fellows, 22, 1100110; J. Dixon, 18, 1110000; John Robson, Blaydon, 19, 1111010; Jos. Armstrong, 20, 1010101; T. Hood, 19, 0010000. After the conclusion of the shooting the members proceeded to the Bute Arms, and partook of a cold luncheon provided by the hostess, Mrs. Douglass, after which the successful competitors were presented with their prizes by the president of the gun club, Mr. Joseph Robson, Spen.

GOLFING.

DURHAM v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A match between Durham and Shotley Bridge was played on Saturday, on the ground of the latter, at Blue Houses. The weather was delightfully fine, and a most enjoyable game resulted in a win for the visitors by six holes. Scores:—Durham—Mr. S. Bonser, 0; Mr. J. Duncanson, 4; Mr. G. F. Charlton, 0; Mr. H. R. Thomas, 3; Rev. A. Robertson, 1; Mr. G. C. Roberts, 3; Mr. O. B. Cluff, 2; total, 13. Shotley Bridge—Mr. J. W. Carr, 1; Mr. F. Cole, 0; Mr. T. Hutton, 6; Mr. W. E. Beck, 0; Mr. H. W. Wilson, 0; Rev. H. Greatorex, 0; Mr. D. Gradon, 0; total, 7. Majority for Durham, 6 holes.

HOCKEY.

Derwent Valley v. St. George's B. (Newcastle.)—This game took place at Shotley Bridge. The home side bullied off, and displayed the strongest combination, Thorpe very soon registering the first point. This was followed in a short while by another goal in favour of the home team, who also added two more to their score before the arrival of half-time. On changing ends Derwent Valley still continued to press, the visitors looking dangerous only twice throughout this half, and on one of these occasions they very nearly scored. From now to the finish the home team had decidedly the best of the play. Putting on two more points before the whistle sounded, leaving Derwent Valley the victors by 6 goals to nil. The goals were scored by J. E. Thorpe, H. H. Wattsford, J. Ormerod, J. Todd, and C. T. Foreman.

HUNTING.

North Durham Hunt.—A meet of this hunt was held on Monday at Little Greencroft, near Knitsley, the seat of Mr. Edmund E. Balleny, J.P., where the assembled company were entertained to breakfast. After breakfast the coverts adjoining Little Greencroft were first tried and found barren, owing to the previous night's storm. On reaching Lord Bute's land the first fox was run to earth and two more were started, the first coming back to Howen's Gill, where it was run to ground. About ninety minutes good running was enjoyed. Amongst the sixty members present were Mr. Rogerson, Oswald House, Durham, master of the hounds; Mr. and Miss Rogerson, Hallwell Hall, Wolsingham; Mr. H. T. Pearson, Brancepeth; Mr. Boyd, Durham; Mr. John Cowen, Blaydon (late master of the hunt); Mr. E. W. E. Balleny and Mr. C. W. Balleny; Mr. John Ritson and Miss Ritson, Newcastle; Miss Armstrong, Newcastle; Miss Maud Cole, Shotley; Miss Walton-Wilson and Miss Cecilia Walton-Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey; Mr. L. Priestman; Mr. J. G. Murray, and other local gentlemen.

A REMARKABLE TESTIMONY.

A communication has been received from Mr. I. Thompson as follows:—Dear Sir,—Some two months ago, I casually formed one of your audience. At that time a man came to you with a note from the Rev. John Watson, of St. Judes Church, Ancoats. I felt satisfied that Mr. Watson would not recommend anyone whom he believed was undeserving. The case was one which carried a powerful interest in that audience, as I feel sure no one would have given the man two months' purchase on his life. His appearance then was of an old man, and when you announced his age as being little more than thirty years, it seemed to give the lie to his looks. For nights I formed one of your group for a short while, when, to my astonishment, you again introduced the same man to your auditorium. Believe me, Sir, I would not have picked him out of a crowd as the Consumptive Patient I saw introduced to you only a few weeks previously. I have pleasure in rejoicing with those who can rejoice, and feel sure that the Rev. John Watson must appreciate, to its full, the kindness of Mr. G. Handyside in advertising his remedies by curing poor folks, instead of advertising them through the daily and weekly periodicals and journals of our country. This one case is a marvel to more than me.

TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board-room, Tanfield, Coun. H. C. Wood, J.P. (Chairman) presided, and there were also present—Councillors Thos. Pringle, J. Warwick, W. Bulmer, Rev. T. H. Archdall, J. Roddam, Tom Pringle, A. Davis, W. Holmes; the Clerk (Mr. Thos. Armstrong), and the Surveyor (Mr. R. Heslop).

Defective Houses.

Three property owners waited upon the Council; with respect to repairs to their houses, and promised to remedy the several defects complained of.

The Sanitary Committee

Reported that in all cases where there was a lack of privy accommodation or other defects, they recommended that the landlords have notice to put them right. Also, that Mr. Watson be requested to put Tanfield Hall in proper repair, or in default that proceedings be taken against him. The Committee further recommended that Mrs. Armstrong have notice to put her house at Mountsett into proper repair, as it was in a dangerous condition. The Committee also suggested that those members of the Council who were also Guardians should endeavour to come to some arrangement with the Lanchester people respecting the steam-roller, &c.

The report was adopted.

Highway Committee.

The Highway Committee reported that they recommended that cement kerbing should be got for Syke Lane, and that the tender of Mr. Ormerod should be accepted. They recommended that the Council do the repairs to the bridge over Beamish Burn, near Mr. Reed's farm, on their side only; and that the Surveyor be instructed to purchase wheelbarrows from Messrs Ord and Maddison. A letter was read from the Dipton Gas Co., offering terms for putting in mains, but as it was reported that the lighting at Tantobie was defective, the letter was ordered to lie on the table, and the Clerk instructed to correspond with the company anent the matter. It was recommended that the kerbing and channelling at Tantobie should be continued to the end of Liberty Terrace.

The report was adopted.

Tanfield Lighting.

Coun. Thos. Pringle stated that Messrs Joicey, the owners of Tanfield Colliery, were unable to undertake the supply of gas for the above place, as the cost would be too great. They had gone into the matter, and found it would cost £1,000 to do the work.

The Chairman said they would have to look out for some other way of having the place lighted.

Surveyor's Report.

Gentlemen,—The footpath at Syke Lane has been completed, and I should be glad to receive your instructions as to the opposite side.

The bridges, stiles, &c., at Haughal Burn footpath have been completed.

As instructed by your committee, I procured a wheelbarrow from Messrs Ord and Maddison, and saw Mr. Moffitt's, and would recommend you to purchase from Messrs Ord and Maddison.

The lamps at Lintz have been erected, and were lighted on the 17th ult. At Friarside they will be ready in a day or two.

The supply pipes have been laid for Tantobie lamps, and the latter will be fixed next week. I would recommend that an additional lamp be erected at White-le-Head.

I have seen Mr. Wigham about Sheep Hill, but was unable to come to the terms suggested by your committee. Mr. Wigham is prepared to find the pipes if this Council do the other necessary work.

As instructed by your committee, I wrote Messrs Turnbull, Moffitt, and Emery re fixing oil lamps at the Hobson, and beg to lay specimens before you. There is nothing to report on the Tanfield lighting.

No reply has been received from the Marley Hill Co. with respect to the Crook Bank water supply.

As instructed at your last meeting, I have advertised for tenders for erecting hand-railing at Causey Arch, and beg to lay them before you.

Messrs Pringle and Ridley have failed to remove the railings at the Hobson, and, as instructed, I have had them removed.

I am awaiting your instructions respecting kerbing and channelling at Tantobie. The committee will report on the rolling of roads. I have not yet received any road material from Messrs Ord and Maddison. I have wrote them several times, but have not yet got a supply.

As instructed, I have prepared plans and sections for the drainage of Pickering Nook, part of Hobson, Mountsett, and Clough Dene. The total length of new sewers will be 3,078 yards. There will be 28 inspection chamber and lamp holes. It will be necessary to cross the bridge at Mountsett with metal pipes. I shall be able to connect the scheme with the Tantobie sewers about 200 yards from the outfall.

ROBERT HESLOP.

The Question of Encroachments.

The Chairman mentioned a letter which had appeared in the paper with regard to this matter, and thought the references to himself very unfair, as he was one of the members who wanted the question of encroachments dealt with at the last meeting.

Coun. Bulmer inquired if it would not be best to obtain counsel's opinion before dealing with this matter? There were a number of encroachments, and he thought it would be safer to take counsel's opinion for their guidance.

The Chairman: We have been accused of dealing in a rather harsh and high-handed way with regard to these encroachments; but I may state for the benefit of the Council and others that the County Council at their meeting to-day has taken very much more vigorous action respecting encroachments than this Council has done. It is evident that encroachments on public roads will not be tolerated.

The Surveyor mentioned that Mr. Dixon had told him that if they had not taken the steps they did at the Hobson, the County Council would have done so.

Coun. Bulmer inquired if, in case that Council refused to take action with regard to encroachments, whether the County Council would do so?

The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

Coun. Davis said it was quite clear to his mind that they had the right and power to deal with these matters.

Coun. Helmes pointed out that this was clearly settled at the last meeting.

The Chairman remarked that there was clearly a difference where people had unwittingly made encroachments, and where people had knowingly made encroachments. Where there were cases of encroachments of long standing it would perhaps be advisable that they should take counsel's opinion.

Coun. Bulmer moved that the Council obtain counsel's opinion with respect to the various encroachments before they dealt with them, and that they apply to Messrs Hoyle, Shipley, and Hoyle, solicitors, Newcastle, upon the question.

Coun. Rodham seconded.

Coun. Archdall considered that this course would mean a great expense to the Council. Could they not obtain the necessary information from the law journals?

Coun. Bulmer thought not.

Eventually, the motion was adopted.

Syke Lane Footpath.

Coun. Warwick thought this matter should be left over until they obtained counsel's opinion.

The Chairman pointed out that there was no question about these encroachments at Syke Lane.

Coun. Bulmer asked if this was not included in the previous resolution?

The Chairman: There is no doubt in this matter. The question is whether the people shall put them back or whether the Council shall put them back? There is no question of disputed right in this case.

Coun. Tom Pringle would not go in for pulling any building down, whether belonging to rich or poor.

The Chairman stated that it was iron palisading that would have to come down. He believed about six feet would have to be removed.

Coun. Archdall said it would not be a great expense for the Council to do this.

Coun. Helmes moved that the owners be given notice that the Council required the land.

Coun. Rodham seconded, and the motion was carried.

Footpath at Houghal Burn.

Coun. Bulmer thought it would be better if a few more ashes were put on this footpath.

The Surveyor agreed; and the matter was left in Mr. Heslop's hands.

Another lamp for White-le-Head.

It was agreed that another lamp should be placed at White-le-Head.

Sheep Hill Lighting.

The Surveyor stated that it would cost about 1/- per ward to put in the mains at the above place. There would be about 170 yards.

The Surveyor moved that the Surveyor get a proper estimate for doing the work.

This was seconded by Coun. Bulmer, and approved of.

Causey Arch Railing.

There was only one tender—viz., that of Mr. John Scott, Burnopfield, for doing this work, the amount being £14 10s.

In reply to questions, the Surveyor said there were 120 yards. He thought the tender very reasonable.

Coun. Bulmer moved that Mr. Scott's tender be accepted on condition that the work was done within a fortnight. The place was in a very dangerous condition.

Coun. Warwick seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

The Rolling of the Roads.

The Chairman stated that he had seen Mr. Logan with respect to this matter, and the latter had promised to lay it before the Highway Board at their last meeting.

Inspector's Report.

Gentlemen,—The proceedings instituted against several owners for erective houses were withdrawn, and they have been asked to appear before you to-night. Notices have been served upon all reported by me last month. I have received several replies, which are satisfactory, and the work of repairing the houses will be proceeded with at an early date.

As instructed, I again inspected Tanfield Hall, and submitted a report to your Committee. They instructed me to write to Mr. Watson, calling his attention to the insanitary condition of the premises, and to inform him that unless the place was put into a better sanitary condition, steps would be taken to close the premises. Your Medical Officer has certified that the upper story is altogether unfit for habitation, and notice has been served upon Mr. Watson to that effect.

There is a house at Mountsett unfit for habitation reported at your last meeting. Notice has been served upon the agent, but up to the present nothing has been done.

All the sewers in your district has been flushed during the month.

Flint Hill Drainage.—I have received a letter from Mr. Parker, and the matter will be brought before his Council.

I have again made another inspection of the Lintz, and find in some instances that spouting has, and is being erected, but there are still many houses which are without, and where it is fixed many of the downpipes discharge into the foundations of the houses. Most of the yards in the Long Row require paving, and the surface water conveyed into the drains. There should be some provision made for the storage of coals. At present the pantries are used as coal-houses. Two houses are in a most filthy and insanitary condition, and I would suggest that notice be served to have them cleaned.

The drains from Mr. Adamson's premises at High Friarside are not connected with the drains, and the sewage is deposited into a field, where it accumulates near the highway.

The following houses are ready for habitation certificates:—Messrs Robt. Thompson, two houses at White-le-Head; Geo. Harrison, Tantobie; G. Barker, W. Young, W. Stones, T. Dougall, J. Errington, Mrs. S. Nicholson, and the Co-operative Society, Burnopfield.

ROBERT HESLOP.

The report was adopted.

Medical Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—The health of the district, as regards infectious diseases, continues fairly satisfactory. The number of cases reported to me during the month was only six—made up as follows—viz., three of enteric fever at Lintz Colliery, and one at Tanfield, and one case of erysipelas at Burnopfield, and another at Tanfield Lea. The initial case at Lintz had been in the neighbourhood where the malady was prevalent some time prior to the attack; the others could be the offspring. A friendly visit to an infected house outside the district clearly showed the origin of the Tanfield case. The erysipelas cases are not important from an infective point of view. The mortality for the month is much above the average; 22 deaths were registered in that period, giving an annual rate of 30 per 1,000 on the estimated population. None of the deaths, however, resulted from infectious diseases, the chief factors being climatic changes and chronic complaints. Their ages bore a somewhat singular contrast; 11 had not reached 1 age of one year, and six were over 60 years. In fact, four were considerably over 70. There are several sanitary defects throughout the Lintz Colliery village, but it would only be a repetition of your Inspector's report, to give the details. A supply of some kind of disinfectant should be placed at convenient centres. At present it is needed at Lintz and Tanfield.

T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

Disinfectants.

It was resolved that a stock of disinfectants should be obtained.

Financial.

The treasurer reported that up to the end of the month he had received £22 18s 2d, the balance against the Council being at present £221. The rate collector reported that he had collected £60 2s 10d during the month. Cheques were signed for £119 7s 3d.

The Treasurer's Bond.

The treasurer (Mr. Geo. Ridley, Stanley), wrote enclosing his bond for £1,000.

Abatement to Property Owners.

It was agreed that the abatement allowed to owners of property who pay rates direct should be 20 per cent.

Unsatisfactory Road.

Coun. Bulmer called attention to the bad condition of a road leading from Shield Row railway station to Tanfield Lea, especially that part extending from the bridge to the first dyke, and suggested that the Stanley District Council should be communicated with on the subject; but nothing was done in the matter.

The Board then adjourned.

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T. E. C.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE OF A WHICKHAM MAN.

On Tuesday morning, William Henry Hobson (46), living at Whickham, and employed as a clerk in Messrs Lambton's Bank on the Quayside, Newcastle, walked on the Suspension Bridge at Scotswood, climbed over the rails, and jumped into the water beneath. It is supposed that he was killed by the force with which he struck the water, as the body did not sink, and was picked up a few minutes afterwards by a couple of men who had witnessed the rash act. Deceased, who had been troubled with insomnia, had arranged to visit Newcastle to consult a doctor.

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THE NEW SHERIFFS.

NOMINATIONS.

The nomination of sheriffs for the counties of England and Wales (excepting Lancashire and Cornwall) took place on Tuesday afternoon in the court of the Lord Chief Justice of England. The following were nominated for

Durham.—1, Colonel Robt. Ropner, of Preston Hall, near Stockton-on-Tees; 2, Col. Lancelot Allgood Gregson, of Burdon, Sunderland; 3, Samuel Peter Austin, of Cocken Hall, Fence Houses, esquire.

Northumberland.—1, Sir Andrew Noble, of Jesmond Dene House, Newcastle-on-Tyne, K.C.B., 2, Sir John Walter Buchanan Riddle, of Hepple, Rothbury, Bart.; 3, Augustus Edward Burdon, of Hertford House, Cramlington, esquire.

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LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this body was held in the Public Offices, Front Street, under the presidency of Mr. Luke Nicholson, J.P. (chairman), presiding. The other Councillors present were:—Messrs Thomas Keenleyside, J. Costello, W. F. Lane, George Nicholson, J. W. Winter, William McIvor, the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr. Thos. S. Longstaff).

The Watling Street Bridge.

The Chairman reported that the Committee met Mr. Harrison, and other officials connected with the North-Eastern Railway Company, respecting the condition of Watling Street near the bridge. They told them what they required to have done, and the contractors' attention was called to the condition of the road. He might state that the road was now in a little better condition; but they were still proceeding slowly with the finishing of the bridge.

A Dangerous Place at East Castle.

Mr. Robson: Is the contractors finished with the work at East Castle.

The Surveyor: No.

Mr. Robson: There will be an accident at that place, if something is not done soon. Let the place where the bridge was erected it was simply in an impossible condition. It was really dangerous.

The Surveyor: I quite agree with what you say.

The Chairman stated that the alterations were being carried out on private property, and it was for the Consett Iron Company to interfere, and see such was remedied.

Mr. Robson: I think someone's attention should be drawn to it.

Mr. Nicholson suggested that the Consett Iron Company and the North-Eastern Railway Company's attention should be drawn to the present state of things at the place.

Mr. Robson said he would make a motion to the effect that the Consett Iron Company should be written to, calling their attention to the condition of the road leading to the old houses at East Castle.

Mr. Foreman contended that the North-Eastern Railway Company had caused the nuisance, and they should be the party that should be called upon to remedy the same.

Mr. Winter maintained that the Railway Company were responsible for what had taken place.

Mr. Robson said about 10 feet of the embankment required to be cut away, so as to render the place safe. There was also an open ditch that required attention.

Eventually, Mr. Robson proposed, and Mr. Winter seconded, that the North-Eastern Railway Company's attention should be called to the matter. Carried.

Redwell Hills Road.

Mr. Costello: Is the diverted road near Redwell Hills Bridge completed.

The Chairman: I should think not.

Mr. Kinleyside said he was told the new roads would be retained in the Company's possession for three years.

Mr. Costello stated he would like to see the Company put down a stone pavement underneath the bridge. In wet weather the place was really impassible.

The Chairman: It is a good suggestion, but I am afraid the Company will not do it.

Mr. Costello: It is one of our main thoroughfares, and the Company ought to be made to comply to our request.

Mr. Robson: If the Company did it at one place, they would have to make all alike.

The Surveyor: The Company should be compelled to do something.

Mr. Costello moved that the Clerk write the Company asking them to put down a stone pavement through the bridge.

Mr. Keenleyside seconded.

Agreed to.

A Nuisance at Crookhall.

A letter was read from the Consett Urban District Council pointing out that with regard to the sewerage from the Consett district emptying itself in the Council's district in the vicinity of Crookhall, and thereby causing a nuisance, would have attention. At the same time the letter stated the Consett Council was not prepared to accept the statement that this source was the cause of the outbreak of the fever epidemic.

Mr. Lane: It is a very unsatisfactory reply.

Mr. Winter: Can the Clerk tell us how long it is since the Consett Council were informed of this nuisance.

The Chairman: It was said the first case was attributed to this source.

The Clerk: I wrote the Consett Council after the July meeting, and received a reply which was read at the August meeting, stating that they were not aware of any nuisance.

Mr. Winter: Our Surveyor considers there is a serious nuisance. I wish Dr. Hill's report had been before them, and they would have seen what did exist. It was a fact that during the hot weather the stench from this sewage was really abominable. I will move that we give the Consett Council a month's notice to abate this nuisance, if they do not do so then proceedings be taken.

Mr. McIvor seconded the motion. He considered it was one of the most obnoxious nuisances that could be found anywhere. During the hot weather, it was not safe for people to pass the place. There was another nuisance near the Old Hall that required attention.

The motion was agreed to.

The Tree Planting Question.

Mr. Nicholson stated that he had received no intimation that the Highway Committee had to consider this question. He might state that before any trees could be planted either in Front Street or Durham Road, they would have to get some information as to what kind of trees would grow. He was just thinking it would cost the Council something like £3 per tree.

Mr. Lane said it seemed strange that cold water should be thrown on this question now when it was decided that the question should be referred to the Highway Committee. They should have had a report presented.

Mr. Nicholson: I am only telling you what will have to be done.

Mr. Lane: Who planted the trees in the Park?

The Chairman: It was Messrs Fell and Co., Hexham.

Mr. Lane: Were they ever consulted before they were asked to undertake the work?

The Chairman: Yes. Besides there was the question whether they could legally spend the ratepayers money for this purpose. The County Council's permission will have to be obtained before you can do anything.

Mr. Lane: You have spent money before for this purpose.

The Chairman: We have never planted any trees on the main roads.

After further discussion, it was resolved that the Highway Committee should have a meeting to consider what should be done in the matter.

A New Rate.

On the motion of Mr. Keenleyside, seconded by Mr. Winter, the new rate of 1/- in the £. for the ensuing six months was ordered to be sealed.

THE TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC.
THE DISEASE PLAYED OUT.

The Medical Officer reported as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Urban Sanitary District Authority.

Gentlemen,—During the month of October 63 cases of zymotic disease have been notified to me, viz:—55 cases of enteric or typhoid fever; 4 cases of scarlet fever, and 4 cases of erysipelas; the cases of enteric fever occurred in the following streets, in the order as below, viz:—Green Street, one case; Quarry Street, four cases; North Cross Street, three cases; Bradley Square, two; Tin Street seven; Front Street, five; Watling Street, eight; West Street, five; South Cross Street, three; Bottle Bank, four; Sunderland Street, three; Railway Street, four; Plantation Street, three; Durham Road, three; and St. Ives' Road, one. No case was notified to me between the 27th of October and November 2nd, and since the latter date no case has been observed. I have reasonable grounds for entertaining the opinion, that the epidemic has practically exhausted itself, from the fact, that no case had arisen (save one) since October 27th, a period of 16 days. The type of disease during the last month has exhibited a decidedly less virulent character, and the number of deaths has shown a correspondingly diminishing quantity. From the foregoing statement of the various streets affected, it will be gathered, that the disease has not been concentrated in any particular locality, but rather, that it has been impartial in its visitation. From this statement, it might be inferred, that there was a common origin for this outbreak. As yet, however, neither the Medical Officer to the County Council nor myself, have been able to say, that that is the case. Speaking for myself, I may say at once, that I hold the opinion, that the disease is endemic in the district, and that the atmospheric conditions which have prevailed of late, have been favourable to the cultivation of the germs of the disease, and, that from various local causes, the disease has been carried from place to place. These local causes include a possible contaminated milk supply; a possible contaminated water supply; direct infection, and the ascertained fact, that during the dry weather, many of the gully traps were dry, so that sewer gas had free access into the dwellings.

Four cases of scarlet fever and four of erysipelas complete the list for the month. Everything that sanitary knowledge could suggest, has been done to frustrate the inroads of these diseases, and I am glad to say, with considerable success. I cannot close this report, without expressing the great regret I feel at the death of Nurse Beale. She was as competent in her work, as she was faithful and devoted to it; and her death in the discharge of her duties, adds one more to the role of heroic women who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of others.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
GEO. RENTON, M.D.,

Blackhill, Nov. 12th, 1895.

The Chairman said he was very happy to think they had such a report laid before them, and to think they had got the upper hand of the epidemic.

Mr. Winter said it was very satisfactory.

The report was adopted.

The Late Nurse Beale.

Mr. Winter moved that the Clerk should forward a vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Nurse Beale, expressing their sorrow at the sad loss they had sustained.

Mr. Lane seconded.

Agreed to.

[The remainder of the report is held over owing to extreme pressure on our space.]

HOME MARKETS.

CORN.

Newcastle, Tuesday—The wheat trade ruled slow, and though 6d less money would have been taken there was no pressure to sell. Maize scarce, and 3d dearer. Scotch oats steady at last week's rates. Barley, beans, and peas unchanged. Flour slow sale at last week's prices.

HAY AND STRAW.

Newcastle, Tuesday.—Prices:—Old land hay, £3 to £3 10s; new land hay, £4 10s to £5; this year's growth, £4 to £4 10s per ton; wheat straw, 18s to £1; oat straw, 14s to 16s per load. At market, 115 carts of hay; and 3? carts of straw.

CATTLE.

Newcastle, Tuesday—The supply of cattle was rather short compared with last week, the decrease being 187 head. Choice quality was rather scarce, the large proportion of the supply consisting of second-rate and middling qualities. Prime quality met a ready sale at an advance on the previous week's rates, and other sorts were sold at better prices, a good clearance being the upshot. Sheep showed a decrease of 747 head compared with last week. Choice young sheep were rather scarce, and for these there was a good demand at advanced rates. Ewes and the rougher classes were in better request at prices which favoured the seller. Owing to more favourable reports from the dead meat market, buyers for London slaughtering operated more freely, and at the close of the market a total clearance had been effected. The display of calves was very small. There was a brisk demand for the best sorts at a shade more money. Pigs a similar show to last week. Trade throughout was in a depressed condition. Prices were again very irregular, and a bad clearance was the result. The arrivals from a distance since Tuesday last consisted of 69 cattle, 100 sheep, and 400 pigs from Aberdeen and district; 819 cattle and 500 pigs from Ireland. Total numbers shown—Cattle, 2,063; sheep, 4,404; pigs, 1,325; and calves, 34. Prices: Prime heifers, per stone, 7s to 7s 3d. Pork, legs fat, 4s to 5s. Sheep, per lb., 8d to 8½d. Veal, per lb., 5½d to 7½d.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

Newcastle Wholesale Fruit and Potato.—Tuesday.—At the Green Market the attendance was moderate, and business slow. Direct foreign supplies:—From Rotterdam, the Grenadier brought 237 barrels of apples, 1,499 bags of onions, 1,626 bags of carrots, 80 bags of beetroot, and 200 bags of potatoes. From Ghent the Busy Bee landed 2,589 barrels of apples. From Hamburg, the Admiral landed about 60 tons of onions, and from Valencia, the Ben Nevis discharged some 2,000 boxes of onions, which will be disposed of by public auction at wharf of discharge. In apples, Belgian Royals were a little firmer, light arrivals having an effect upon the market. Americans are easier than last reported, owing to several big consignments being placed upon the market upon commission. Good bold showy parcels, however, command attention, and for these salesmen hold out for full values.

DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

THE LATE MR. W. J. OSWELL.

A meeting of the above Association was held on Wednesday night, at the house of Mr. J. Bennett, Fox Inn, Dipton. Mr. Gledson, Highfield, Whittonstall, presided, and amongst those present were—Messrs T. Walker, Medomsley; John Hunter, Grange Farm, Medomsley; A. Fewster, Low Bradley; J. R. Taylor, Benfieldside; R. Dixon, Broad Oak; R. Moffitt, Geo. Hunter, Medomsley; A. Anderson, Black Hedley; Henderson, Tanfield; J. Bolam, Dipton; T. Smith, Tanfield; Stonehouse, Snowball, Hedley; J. Morgan, Shotley Bridge; J. Simpson, High Bradley; W. Green, Mars Burn; J. Elliott, Number One Farm, Consett; M. Rutherford, Collierley; I. Brown, Medomsley; J. Punton, Tantobie; Geo. Bell, Medomsley (secretary); &c.

The Chairman said since their last meeting a great loss had fallen upon the society—and not the society alone, but the whole district. He referred to the death of their respected friend, Mr. Oswell. Three weeks before Mr. Oswell was at their annual meeting in all the pride of manhood, but since then the icy hand of death had been cast upon him, and he had gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returned. There was a feeling all over the district that something should be done for those left behind, who, he believed, were almost entirely unprovided for. There were eleven of them left to mourn their friend's loss. He thought it would be best to proceed with the regular business, and then see what they could do with respect to those left behind by their old friend. (Hear, hear).

The Next Competitions.

The sub-committee appointed at the last meeting reported that they had inspected land at several places, and recommended that the ploughing matches be held at Tanfield, on land kindly granted by Messrs Henderson and Smith. December 18th is the date fixed.

On the motion of Mr. Stonehouse, the report was adopted.

Judges.

After some discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Geo. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Stonehouse, that there should be six judges for ploughing and horses and decorations, and one for hedge-cutting.

The following gentlemen were appointed to act as judges:—Messrs Heslop, Heddon Banks, Wylam; John Pigg, Warden Battocks, Hexham; Wm. Urwin, Backworth; Wheatley, Tow Law; Meek, Peck's Houses; Elliott, Horton Grange; and J. Anderson, Mosswood (hedge-cutting).

The Next Meeting.

The Chairman explained that the entries closed on Dec. 4th, and that it would be advisable to hold the next meeting on Dec. 5th, in order to give the secretary time to draw up the catalogue, &c.

It was resolved that the next meeting should be held on Dec. 5th at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, for the purpose of electing stewards and conducting the ballot; the Chairman expressing a hope that there would be a large attendance to see the ballot drawn.

The Late Mr. Oswell.

The Chairman then referred again to the lamented death of Mr. Oswell, and explained that the oldest of the family was 19 years of age, and the youngest six months. He remarked that it was not for him to dilate on the personal qualities of Mr. Oswell, as wherever he was known he made himself respected. (Hear, hear). He was generally the life and soul of their social gatherings, and whenever he took anything in hand, if he did not achieve success he at least deserved it. He (the chairman) hoped they would do the best they could for the widow and children left to mourn their great loss. (Hear, hear). He did not believe in people going and saying how sorry they were, and all this sort of thing, but believed in people saying how much they were sorry. He thought the secretary should draw up a subscription list, and hand it round, and the more liberally they subscribed that night the better example it would be for others to do likewise. (Hear, hear). What they intended to do was, of course, outside anything the Co-operative Society might do. The Society had lost a good servant. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Moffitt said he took it for granted that everyone present was ready to show their sympathy in a practical manner. He thought they ought to take more interest in the matter. He would suggest that two executors be appointed in connection with this fund, so that the widow and family might be looked after, and these gentlemen might also help the widow with advice. (Hear, hear). He thought if an executor or two were put in it would give more satisfaction to the general public. If they fell in with his view he was prepared to submit the names of two gentlemen who, he considered, would admirably carry out the duties. He hoped each and all would do their level best for the fund. (Hear, hear). He had been in Mr. Oswell's company several times, and never met a more genial gentleman.

After some further discussion, Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley, was appointed secretary to the fund; Mr. Wm. Ramsay, North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill, treasurer; and Messrs Gledson and R. Dixon, executors.

Messrs T. H. Smith and Punton were chosen as local secretaries for the east side, and Mr. Stonehouse, Hedley, for the north side.

It is intended to send out collecting books to all parts of the district.

The Chairman announced that £13 had been promised and subscribed in the room. (Hear, hear).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

SAD DEATH OF A LOCAL PREACHER.

On Tuesday, an inquest was held by Mr. Coroner Graham, at the house of Mr. John Marrs, Daisy Hill—which is situated between Shotley Bridge Station and Medomsley Edge—to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. Anthony Dobson, of Daisy Hill. Deceased, who was 41 years of age, was a commercial traveller, and was well-known and highly respected in the district. Mr. Dobson has also been a local preacher for some years, and as recently as Sunday night last occupied the pulpit at the Derwent Cottages chapel. From the evidence tendered it appeared that on Monday afternoon Mr. Dobson was about to undergo an operation by Dr. John Charles, of Medomsley, for a tumour. Chloroform was administered, and he expired before regaining consciousness in the presence of Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Marrs. The deceased had been previously attended by a medical man.—After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict that death was due to paralysis of the heart whilst under chloroform, prior to undergoing a surgical operation. We understand that the deceased had undergone two operations previously for the tumour, and that he has only been in indifferent health for some time. Much sympathy is felt on all sides for his sorrowing relatives.

LANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting was held in Burnhope Colliery School. The members present were:—Councillors J. R. Ritson (chairman), A. Steel, H. Knowles, R. Innis, J. Chapman, J. W. Heckles, G. Elliott, A. Hartley, G. Ather, W. Bowman, G. Shipley, D. Dodd, and the Clerk (Mr. J. J. Thompson).

Correspondence.

The Chairman requested the Clerk to read the correspondence.

Transfer of Craghead.

The Clerk then read a letter from Mr. Lane, acknowledging receipt of his letter, on behalf of Lanchester Parish Council, recommending the adoption of the petition re the transfer of Craghead into the parish of Lanchester.

Allotments.

A letter from Mr. Webb, concerning his application for an allotment was read, stating that his house was in Lanchester parish; but the land he asked for was in Wolsingham parish. The Wolsingham Parish Council were prepared to act if Lanchester Parish Council made formal application to them.

Footpath.

A letter was read re footpath from Kit's Well to Dorman's Cottages, from the agent for Greencroft estate. A promise was made to meet the committee at an early date.

Bye-Laws.

A reply from the Local Government Board re Bye-laws, submitted to them, was next dealt with. It was in reply to one sent by the Clerk asking for endorsement of the bye-laws framed for the Lanchester Parish.

Contract.

Letters were read from Messrs J. Lyons and J. Atkinson, both of Consett, asking for particulars re contract advertisement for making footpaths. The former for Lanchester section, the latter for the Biggen portion.

The Clerk stated he had sent replies to both applicants.

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Pallister for permission to go through his field in making the footpath at Lanchester; but had received no reply. He also stated that the advertisement respecting the making of footpaths had been inserted in the "Consett Guardian" according to instructions.

Discussion.

The Chairman: Have you any questions to ask in reference to any of the correspondence you have heard read?

Coun. Bowman: I think there is a good deal of carelessness in answering the letters sent out respecting the footpaths.

The Chairman: I would suggest that we write Mr. Bolam again asking for an immediate reply.

Coun. Bowman: May I ask if the footpath at Biggen has been measured. The length given by the Clerk seems an extraordinary one to me.

The Chairman: The Roads Committee were instructed to get all particulars respecting the roads we agreed to deal with at our last meeting, and where necessary to obtain permission to construct the said roads. On October 12th the Committee held a second meeting, and finding they were in a position to proceed at once with the Biggen section, have drawn up a report, which gives the particulars, re the managements, &c., which the Committee arrived at when visiting the place.

Coun. Bowman: If a path is in a deplorable condition can we not do what is necessary independent of owner or tenant. That is if the path is a public one?

The Chairman: The Act distinctly states that no footpath may be turned or gravel walk made without permission of the landowner.

Coun. Knowles: Have the owners at Biggen given permission?

Coun. Shipley: It is not wanted. It is an old footpath out of repair, and we shall repair it.

Coun. Innis: I strongly object to the making of a footpath from Suddes House to the Beck. If this is done, then I say there is not a footpath in the whole parish that can be overlooked. There is not the least need for a halfpenny to be spent here. When I recently visited it the road was thoroughly good.

Coun. Ather: I am glad to hear Mr. Innis. He's better alive than dead. The road he speaks so much against anything being done to is in a most deplorable state. Men who have to travel it to get to their work sink over the boot tops in the mud at every step. All classes have been at me about it. The portion to Old Biggen, some 400 yards is in a most dreadful state; but above this part it is a little better.

The Chairman: At our last meeting it was decided that the roads should be made, and that will be done.

Coun. Shipley: Hear, hear!

Coun. Elliott: The Roads Committee were alert to inspect it. Now some say it is necessary and others not. What decision can we come to?

Coun. Bowman: Do I understand you aright that if one is to be made the other is to be made also?

The Chairman: Yes; both are to be done. The Committee had not to decide, but to view the roads, and state to the Council by a report what would be the best means to adopt for putting them in proper order, take the measurements, and as far as possible, estimate the cost.

Coun. Bowman: Why send a Committee to view when they had to be done. I maintain there is no need for a footpath over the green, it was hard and dry when we were there.

Coun. Shipley: It is ankle deep now.

Coun. Steel: I move that we deal with tenders for repairing footpaths.

Coun. Ather: I second the motion, and would add that where necessary the repairing remain in abeyance till the owner's permission is obtained.

The Chairman: Any amendment?

Coun. Elliott: I move that we do not accept any tender; but that they be discussed.

Coun. Bowman: I second the amendment.

The amendment was carried.

The tenders from the two local gentlemen were then read.

Coun. Elliott: These are not tenders at all. There is nothing for Lanchester, who authorised the Clerk not to advertise for Lanchester.

The Chairman: There is certain formalities to go through before we can act.

The Clerk: It was decided at the Committee meeting to do what we had the power to deal with at once, and take up the other portion as soon as we could get permission from the owners.

Coun. Bowman: Is it not a bridle road and footpath. I think if we cannot look after the interests of the public in a better manner we would be as well at home. (Hear). We have as much right to deal with the footpath at Lanchester as that at Biggen.

The Chairman: I have told you before that as soon as we get favourable replies from the owners we will deal with it at once.

Coun. Elliott: The Roads Committee were not empowered to go as far as they seem to think they can go. They had to inspect and report to the Council; not do the work.

Coun. Chapman: What is the use of putting us in a power as a Committee if we cannot act.

Coun. Hartley: Is it your ruling Mr. Chairman, that we cannot make it without permission of the landowners.

Coun. Bowman: I still insist that we have as much right to make one as the other. Perhaps more with respect to Lanchester.

Coun. Knowles: If it is an old footpath what cutting and forming does it want. It only needs top-dressing.

Coun. Innes: There will be a need of stays, or the path will soon be as bad as ever. Anyone taking a horse and cart along will go on to it directly if the adjacent ground is bad.

Coun. Chapman: We have the law.

Coun. Innis: Who will report?

Coun. Chapman: I will if I see it, and go and give evidence also.

Coun. Innis: It is your bounden duty so to do.

The Chairman: In the Committee's report they estimate 1/- per yard. There is a tender offering to do the work at 10d per yard which I think is very cheap, and should be accepted, providing the person tendering will do the whole.

Coun. Bowman: I cannot see how it is a tender, when it is not complete.

Coun. Dodd: The question is whether a footpath is to be made; cannot we not accept what we have, and advertise for ballast and leading.

Coun. Ather: I hope Coun. Dodd does not think it is to cost 1/3 a yard and something beside.

Coun. Elliott: According to advertisement the tender should include all.

Coun. Chapman: The advertisement did not state that leading and making must be in one tender.

Coun. Innis: Would it not be better to write the person, and get his idea as to what he means.

The Chairman: I suggest that the question of footpaths be adjourned, and a letter sent to Mr. Suddes asking for more particulars, and also an endeavour made to get more tenders. Also write re Kit's Well path to owners, then call a Committee meeting and decide what is to be done, and proceed with the work, or report to our next meeting.

Coun. Chapman: I move that we advertise for ballast and leading. It will be hard on those who have already tendered, as their prices are now public, if we advertise for the work again.

Coun. Elliott: I move as an amendment that we advertise again for tenders for completing all works and finding material.

Coun. Dodd: I second Coun. Chapman's motion.

Coun. Bowman: I second Coun. Elliott's amendment.

Coun. Shipley: I move as a second amendment that Mr. Suddes has his part, and be asked to complete the whole at the same price.

Coun. Heckels: I second Mr. Shipley's amendment.

Coun. Ather: I have much pleasure in supporting it.

Coun. Knowles: If he won't complete all what is to be done then.

The Chairman: It will be best to let him go on with what he is willing to do. That will be getting on with some of the work at least.

Coun. Elliott's amendment was carried.

Coun. Ather: With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the Clerk why my motion is not on the agenda.

The Clerk: The motion was in reference to an anonymous letter. I am sorry it is not on the agenda; but owing to enquiries made, the matter had been dealt with at the District Council meeting where Mr. Kirkup (Cornsay) gave an understanding to supply the water. If the colliery owner will not do it, the District Council will not.

Coun. Hartley: Is there not something on the agenda about allotments?

The Clerk: The question of allotments was dealt with previously in the correspondence.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

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WEARDALE NOTES.

The Board School childrens entertainment at Stanhope stands at the top of the concerts given there this season. Great credit is due to Councillor Collingwood and his efficient staff of teachers for the training of their children. Miss Smurthwaite played a conspicuous part in the training of these precocious geniuses.

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The Stanhope School Board not wishing to build new schools at Stanhope, although now compelled to make more room, have decided to add a wing to the existing school, to meet present and immediate future requirements. In order to do this the Board has to take a 50 years' lease of the Wesleyan trustees for their school. The North School at Frosterley should be treated in a similar way, if arrangements could be made with the trustees.

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The benefit concert at Stanhope on Saturday night in aid of an afflicted working man was a success, £8 being realised. Councillor Collingwood (the Board School master) also handed over to the man £1 from his second concert. If there is any one trait of character more admirable in the Weardale people than another, it is this feeling of brotherhood and sympathy to the distressed and afflicted. We commend it heartily to others out of the dale.

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The footpaths in Wolsingham from time immemorial have always been a disgrace. It is high time something was done to remedy them; the flags are full of holes, and on a wet night every now and then you are slipping in over the shoe top among mud and water; besides running the risk of breaking your leg, or your neck. The public of Wolsingham should demand of their representative public men better paths, more light, and improvements all round, and be more like other towns, and they should see that they get them.

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There was a concensus of opinion at the Weardale District Council on Friday, that the life of the Highway Boards should not be prolonged beyond the time specified in the Parish Councils Act. It was thought the District Council could manage the outside roads better than the Highway Board had done.

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Wolsingham Police Court is always full of interest. There are always some funny cases there and lots of them, but the old town has its share.

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Stanhope contains a young Paganini, Master Atkinson, son of Mr. Thomas Atkinson, and only eight years old, who stood up on a platform at an entertainment this week and delighted the audience with his high-class performance. So also did Miss Foreman, a very young girl; they are both apt pupils of Master Foreman.

CONCERT AT BURNOPFIELD.

On Saturday night a concert was held in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, under the auspices of the Byer Moor Orchestral Band. The night was fine, and a large company patronized the concert. The band under the tuition and direction of Mr. F. Gregory (Byer Moor), has attained a high position in the district, each individual member being fully proficient in the manipulation of their various instruments, and are well able to give a satisfactory rendering of any of the complex classical authors which they may take in hands to perform. On this occasion the orchestra was assisted by a few friends, whose services were kindly given, and fully appreciated by the members of the Band. Those who assisted were Mr. Geo. Forster and his son, of Stanley, Mr. Smurthwaite, Stanley, and Mr. Chris. Liddle, Marley Hill House.

The programme consisted of selections by the band, and in the rendering of the same gave every satisfaction. Songs were also sung by Miss Marian Brablam, contralto, Marley Hill, Mr. Wm. Johnson, sentimentalist, Dipton, and Mr. J. Curtice, comic, Blaydon. Several of the artistes received encores. A violin solo by Mr. J. Allen was well received. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Brabham, who expressed the pleasure felt by him in responding to the invitation of the Band to officiate as chairman on that occasion. He remarked that the members of that band, with their teacher, had in the past so often given their services gratuitously for religious and charitable purposes in the district, that he felt it to be his duty to be present on that occasion to show that his sympathies were with them and that they had his best wishes for their future success. Mr. Maurice Mulcahy acted as accompanist.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

(By "Wearsider.")

More trouble at White Elephant No. 2—by which is meant the Tin-Palace on Kelloe Hill, alias the Isolation Hospital for infectious diseases. While this is being written the Star character is sitting: not trying to shorten the grandiloquent title, of that moster piece of bungling and blundering. But endeavouring to fathom the trouble.

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Here is a suggestion. The Guardians of the Rates (their own) are already in the pig trade; they sold four at Mr. Turnbull's mart on Monday. Let them extend their operations—and skill in this direction, and shift the objectionable Tin Palace from Kelloe Hill, down to the bosom of White Elephant No. I., which also bears euphonious and elaborate lish. The sewerage disposal works on the Burn Greens, and make a piggery of it down there.

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This is November, and when one is not contemplating suicide, the next best thing to do is to find fault—as the Local Government Board, the County Council, and the Wear Fishery Board do. Within living memory, and that of comparatively young men, shoals of salmon and trout were taken from the river Cone. There were no Rivers and Streams' Pollution Acts then, either in force, or on the Statute Book and not in force. Now-a-days, with all the costly machinery for the innocuous disposal of sewage, and the prevention of pollution, not even a stickleback or an eel can live in the Cone, and if a water vole put his nose in he would die instantly of poison.

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One more grumble, this time at that-is-to-be-cure-ll, the County Council. Probably never since the Romans made it has the main road which now constitutes our Front Street thoroughfare, been in a worse state than at present. And not only is our city is this road bad; but, say people who are obliged to use it daily, the same sort of thing exists from the Garden House at the top of Framwell, to the George IV. on Gateshead Fell. The road differs from somebody's advertised tea "always good alike," by being "all bad alike." When the Highway Board kept the road under the contract system, it was kept in decent order. But the newly formed County Council must needs try its 'prenticed hand at road-making and mending; and a pretty kettle of fish they have made of it. Better by far return to the less expensive, and more efficient management of the Highway Board, with their experience and old-fashioned methods: and use the steam rollers for making electric light to illuminate the road. Of course, it will be said that the weather has been against good roads. Certainly it has; but it has militated much more against bad roads; and another element has done a great deal more harm—neglect.

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When, if ever, will the people of Chester-le-Street resent, and resent effectually, the vile process of clearing away ashpit and privy refuse in the middle of the day? Chester-le-Street is like some old-fashioned places; but unlike any in this respect. It is no uncommon thing, to see tons of this filth lying about the streets in the day time. No well ordered community would submit to any such integrity. The first time the Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the once ancient cathedral and collegiate, but now Parish Church, the Middle Chare was literally strewn with tons of reeking and stinking filth, lying there until it pleased the carters to take it away. Things are no better now; and folks wonder what causes rickness. There abominations are enough to cause death.

DON'T FORGET PROFESSOR LENTON'S ENTERTAINMENT in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on WEDNESDAY, November 20th, 1895. Doors open at Seven o'clock. Those who cannot laugh don't come. Prices: Sixpence and One Shilling. 746a

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v ST. GEORGE'S A.

St. George's will visit Shotley Bridge to-morrow to play Derwent Valley. The Valley team will be chosen from the following:—T. D. Dales (captain), H. G. Young, J. E. Parker, H. H. Wattsford, G. Walton, J. Spencer, J. Todd, P. Wiggins, J. Ormerod, G. G. Robson, J. M. Nicholson, H. O. Foreman, and C. T. Foreman. Bully-off at 2-30.

FOOTBALL.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

TOW LAW v STOCKTON.

At Tow Law. Tow Law team—Goal, J Allison; backs, J W Temperley and T H Potts; half backs, R Thompson, R Wilson, and W Simpson; forwards, J Coulson, N Rippon, J McIntosh, G Simpson, and J Lumsden. Kick-off at 2-30.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION.—THIRD ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v BIRTLEY.

At Birtley. The following team will represent the Park—Goal, J Crowther; backs, F M Foreman and W McClatchie; half-backs, J T Willey, R Wilson (capt.), and T Cartmell; forwards, R Graham and W Bell, right wing; A Burnhope, centre; J Wilson and G Look, left wing. Linesman, W J Foreman. Referee, Mr Kirtley, Sunderland.

LIZZIE CELTIC v ALLENDALE PARK.

At Medomsley. The Celtic will be chosen from the following—E Coxon, J Graham, J McClatchie, P Bell, W Parker, J Burton, G T Robson (capt.), R Foster, J Williams, J W Robson, R Bell, J Dodds, W Herdman, T Robson, T Martin, and W Bell. Linesman, W H Starford. The home team will be selected from E Lynop, J Lynop, A M Hedley, M Hedley, M Walton, T Walton, Joe Walton, John Walton, R Charlton, R Gillender, J Robinson, T Gilliard, B Moonie, J Longstaff, and W Longstaff. Linesman, W G F Thompson. Kick-off at 2-30. Referee, Mr J Ross, jun., Consett.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE v MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

The Hobson will receive a visit from the champions of the League. Kick-off at 3. The Hobson team will be chosen from the following—Wilkinson, Hogg, Smith, McCue, Hall, Crosslee, Dawson, N Bell, W Rindhaugh, R Rindhaugh, J Layton, H Lawton, R Cook, and Atkinson. The "Saints" team will be as follows—Goal, O Rogders; backs, D Davison and J Ringer; half backs, P Cullen, E Cullen, and J Croft; forwards, P McDermott, McEhaney, D McDermott, Reed, and Douglas. Referee, Mr T Dixon, Lintzford.

WHICKHAM v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At Shotley Spa. The Rovers' team will be as follows—Goal, Scott; backs, Hobdes and Oliver; half-backs, Winter, Murray, and Surtees; forwards, Joyce, H Barras, Martin, Gray, and Watson.

BYER MOOR v LINTZ ROVERS.

On the ground of the latter, when the following will represent Byer Moor—Goal, R Hodgson; backs, S Lamb and T Young; half-backs, J Brown, W Henderson, and T Pharoh; forwards, W Allan and E Leighton, right wing; G Nicholls, centre; P Keefe and T Leighton, left wing. Linesman, J Trotter. Referee, Mr T Amos, Hobson.

CONSETT v SPEN ALBION.

The above teams will meet on the Spen enclosure, when the following will do duty for Consett—Goal, T Lindsay; backs, T Robinson and C Pescod; half-backs, T Simpson, J Carruthers, and R Wake; forwards, W Graham and J Blackwell, right wing; P Smith, centre; R Rackness and J Adams, left wing. Spen team—Goal, Cox; backs, Carr and Short; half backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Laing, Jun., Irwin, Laing, Mair, Little. Brake to leave the Fountain at one o'clock prompt.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v CRAGHEAD RANGERS.

On the Swifts' ground. Swifts' team—Goal, G Eustace; backs, T Skelton and J McKie; half-backs, J Allison (capt), J Rafferty, and B McKie; forwards, J Little and J Dempsey, right wing; F Bradley, centre; M Eustace and J Turley, left wing.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

LEADGATE EXILES JUNIORS v CONSETT SHAMROCKS.

At Consett. Exiles' team—Goal, P Croney; backs, F Matthews and S Clark; half backs, R Hughes, H Rogers, and C McAloon; forwards, P Daly, N Hill, B Gleadow, F Foreman, and T Toole (capt.) Shamrocks' team—Goal, E Smith; backs, Grant and Welsh; half backs, Rollins, Roberts, and Page; forwards, McGuckin, Johnson, Marrow, Barron, and Rafferty. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr W T Hunter, Medomsley.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR RESERVE v SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES.

At Byer Moor. The homesters will be—Goal, E Gibson; backs, G Bennett and Brewis; half-backs, W Turnbull, G Brown, and W Curtis; forwards, G E Weedy, J Claspar, J Welsh, W Brown, and J Smith. Kick-off at 3 prompt. Referee, Mr Atthey, White-le-Head.

DIPTON WANDERERS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

These teams will meet at Dipton, and a good game is sure to be witnessed. The "Whites" will be—Goal, R Straughan; backs, W Errington and E Beckwith; half backs, M Cunningham, J Mcinnerney, and J Coyle; forwards, G Whitfield, J Cunningham, S Wood, J Dodds, and J Masterman. The Wanderers' team will be chosen from the following—G Morris, T Rowell, M Evans, W Thompson, R Coates, J Milburn, T Crooks, W Mills, I Gilliard, H Belam, T Walker, and M Watson. Kick-off at 2-25. Referee, Mr W Smith.

LINTZFORD v SCOTSWOOD ORD (late DERWENT STAR)

Lintzford will receive a visit from the above team to-morrow. The visitors come with a good reputation, being at the head of the Newcastle and District League. Lintzford will make great efforts to come out of the fray successful, and their team will be chosen from—T Taylor, Abbott, J Seath, T Seath, J Laing, J Andrews, Dodds, A Anderson, Thompson, Seymour, Gibson, and Ferry. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr J E Taylor.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES RESERVE.

At Stanley. Swifts' team—Goal, A McDonald; backs, R Bradley and J Walton; half-backs, G Wood, J Hamilton, and J Sheldon; forwards, J Hull, T Ellis, G Hamilton, T Sanderson, and D Elliott. The following will do duty for Oakey's—Goal, Brydon; backs, Shield and Chisholm; half-backs, Cunningham, Gailes, and Harrison; forwards, Davison, Purvis, Gibson, Wilson, and Howe.

CONSETT RESERVE v SPEN ALBION RESERVE.

At Consett. The Consett team will be—Goal, F Kempster; backs, J Laidler and T Finlay; half-backs, J Bowen, J Harrow, and J Lee; forwards, A Lindsay, J Maughan, Geo Bell, J Sisterson, and F Siddle. Kick-off at 3.

Consett Swifts Juniors v Blackhill Celtic.—To be played at Blackhill. The following will be the Swifts' team—Goal, T Edwards; backs, E Marshall and G Jobling; half-backs, W Atkinson, C McNally, and R Moore; forwards, Noble, Perry, Robinson, Walton, and Finnigan.

Consett Juniors v Sacriston Woodside Rovers.—Consett team—Goal, Henderson; backs, S Dimmick and R Mullen; half backs, Prescod, T Dimmick, and Lewis; forwards, Longhorn, Morgan, Robinson, Lee, and Jones.

South Moor Juniors v Witton Gilbert Juniors.—At South Moor. The South Moor team will be as follows—Goal, Cook; backs, Race and Gloyne; half backs, Wailes, Daly, and Proudlock; forwards, Brown, Parkin, McGregor, Rutherford, and Holder. Referee, Mr J Taylor.

Tanfield Lea Caesars Reserve v Hobson 3rd.—At Tanfield Lea. The Caesars will be selected from the following—J Milburn, J G Brown, R Brown, Carr, H Green, W Clarkson, F Ridley, M Irwin, B Waterman, H Christopher, W Bell, W Carry, G Thompson, and T Scrafton.

High Row United v Marley Hill Young St. Cuthbert's.—Marley Hill team—Goal, O Grant; backs, M McCormick and J Brown; half backs, W Lawson, J Donnelly, and T Bell; forwards, Jackson, Keenan, Callaghan, Morrison, and Cairns.

Dipton Violets v Flint Hill Albions.—On the Violets' ground. Dipton team—Goal, F Rooney; backs, J Robson and P Robson; half-backs, C Smith, J Chipchase, and J Harris; forwards, Mason, Robson, Gregory, Daglish, and B Mason.

MATCHES WANTED.

Oxhill Violets have the following vacant dates, and would like them filled up with moderate first or good second teams—Nov. 23, Dec. 15, 21, and 28, Feb. 15, and April 15. Apply, J Dawson, Kyo Lane, Oxhill, West Stanley.

Allendale Lilywhites would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 11 to 14. Apply, R McLean, 5, Dean Bank, Allendale Cottages, near Medomsley.

Burnopfield Exiles would like to arrange matches with moderate first or good second teams. Apply, J Campbell, Main Road, Burnopfield.

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NATIONAL INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

The "Maid of Derwent" Lodge, No. 685 of the above order held their ordinary monthly meeting on Saturday at Dipton, which was opened out with the old respected form that becomes Oddfellows, by Brother H. Cook, Noble Grand, with good advice to members to do unto others as they would like to be done by, as there was a false report going about one of their members, which was injurious to the order. And he hoped that the report would be found to be false when the charge was properly gone into, and all statements were brought forward. A motion was carried unanimously that all members in such charge be exonerated from all blame, and a vote of confidence passed to all concerned.—The financial position was considered to be on a fair way of increasing the balance. Contributions, £12 12s 4½d., paid to sick and aged members, £5 0s 0d; balance, £7 12s 4½d. There were five young men proposed to be members, to be initiated next month. A vote of thanks to the N.G., and secretary brought the meeting to a close.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

(By the "Old Crow.")

We may all of us well hope that the Chairman of the Consett and District Council will prove himself justified in his congratulations to the members the other day that they, at any rate, by reason of neglect of duty could not be held responsible for the prevailing epidemic of typhoid fever in the town and district. But most of us will consider the congratulations as a trifle "previous." If the report which appeared in last week's issue of the Guardian is to be relied upon the Medical Officer at the meeting referred to stated distinctly that up to that moment the cause of the epidemic had not been ascertained. What had been ascertained, however, was a state of insanitary conditions on certain portions of the town of a very grave character, and Dr. Eustace Hill pointed out when commenting thereon that the state of things had existed for a long period, and had previously been brought to the notice of the authorities in order that remediable measures might be put into operation. Is this a matter on which the members can congratulate themselves?

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Then again, listen to what the Medical Officer further says:—"He had no reason, says the report, "to suppose that the water was contaminated at its source. As they would perhaps be aware that in a great many places the water pipes were laid alongside the sewerage pipes, and it was possible that whenever there was a defect in the pipes, sewerage might percolate the soil and enter the water pipes."

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One wonders whose blunder this is. Do the members regard it as of serious moment that the water pipes should be in such close proximity to the sewerage pipes as to render what the Dr. hints at possible? Is this a matter for congratulation either on their part or the part of their predecessors? But let this suffice for the time being, pending the full report from the Medical Officer to the Durham County Council.

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MARRIAGES.

DONNISON—YOUNG.—Ryton, Congregational Church, 7th inst., John Donnison, The Leazes, Throckley, to Hannah, eldest daughter of R. Young, stationer, Ryton.

SURTEES—STODDART.—South Africa, Klerksdorp, on October 3rd, 1895, by the Rev H. B. [illegible]ward, J. G. Surtees, late of Newcastle, to Lizzie [illegible] daughter of the late Mr Wm. Stoddart, [illegible]chester.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—Baxton Burn, Blackhill, on the 11th inst., aged 78 years, Francis, beloved husband of Jane Armstrong.

BURDON.—Middlesbrough, 27, Harris Street, Newport Road, on the 6th inst., aged 37, Thomas Burdon, formerly of Consett. 797s

CHARLTON.—Burnopfield, 6th inst., aged 7 years, Mary, daughter of John and Margaret A. Charlton.

CALDER.—Annfield Place, on the 1[illegible]h inst., aged 35 years, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of John Calder.

DOBSON.—Daisy Hill, Medomsley, on the 11th inst., suddenly, aged 41, Anthony D[illegible]son, husband of Margaret Dobson.

DUFFIN.—Flint Hill, Dipton, 6th inst., aged 66 years, Sarah, wife of Thomas Duffin.

ELSDON.—Blackhill, 60, Wesley Terrace, 11th inst., aged 16 years, Elizabeth Ann, youngest daughter of William and Elizabeth Elsdon.

KELLY.—East Stanley, 7th inst., John George, son of Thomas and Mary Ann K[illegible].

LAWSON.—Marley Hill, A[illegible]ew's House, 11th inst., aged 78, Jane, relict of the late Geo. Lawson.

LITTLEFAIR.—Lanchester, 1[illegible]th inst., Thomas, dearly-beloved husband of [illegible]ne Littlefair. To be interred at Lanchester, on Saturday, 16th inst. Friends please accept this intimation. 757s

LYNN.—Whickham, 6th inst., aged 66, Thomas, husband of Elizabeth Lynn.

SCORER.—Mickley Square, 10th inst., aged 75, William, husband of Hannah Scorer.

WALTON.—Stanhope, 10th inst., aged 41, William Walton.

WILLIAMS.—Dipton, 7th inst., aged 22, Tom, eldest son of Edward and Elizabeth Williams.

WILSON.—Quebec, 9th inst., aged 66 years, Elizabeth Wilson.

In loving memory of Ro[illegible]bert Scott, dearly-beloved husband of Isabella S[illegible]cott, who died at Westwood, Nov. 4th, 1894, aged [illegible]8 years; also, John, infant son of the above, who died Nov. 16th, 1892.

"Thy will be done." I. S.

In loving remembrance of John, the dearly-beloved son of John and Eleanor Hogarth, who died at Pit Hill, on November 16th, 1894, aged 4 years and 5 months.

"Dearest son, how much we miss thee,
None but loving hearts can tell;
Earth hath lost thee, heaven hath found thee,
Happy [illegible]ught that all is well."
J. and E. HOGARTH.

In affectionate remembrance of Alice Turner, the dearly-beloved daughter of John and Mary Gailes, who died on November 13th, 1886, aged 24 years.

"Cold and silent she sleeps in the lonely churchyard
Away from the friends who have loved her so dear;
And over her head grows the green grassy sward
Which affection has watered with many a tear."

In loving memory of Mary Thompson, dearly-beloved grand-daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Thompson, of South Pontop; who died Nov. 19th, 1894, aged 3 years and 3 months.

"Cold in her little bed of clay
Our darling child, our joy and care,
Now lies to moulder and decay,
Her loss we mourn in deep despair.
"Her heart will pain and throb no more,
She's now a little angel blest;
On yonder bright and happy shore
Shelters within the Saviour's breast."
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