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Bigs Park School v. Leadgate Young Park.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the School by six goals to one.

Hamsterley Swifts v. Lintz True Blues.—Played on the ground of the latter, and ended in a win for the visitors by two goals to one.

WHITE-LE-HEAD SWIFTS v. SOUTH PONTOP ALBION.

Played on the ground of the former, and a one-sided game resulted in a win for the home team by 14 goals to one. The chief scorers were Steel (9), Innes (3), Atkinson (2). The following did duty for the Swifts:—Goal, Gardner; backs, Kennedy and Kelly; half-backs, Miller, Lennon, and Harrison; forwards, Reed, Innes, Steel, Gardner, and Atkinson.

OXHILL VILLA LILYWHITES v. ANNFIELD PLACE.

Played on the ground of the former and resulted in a win for the homesters by four goals to one. Errington, Hempson, Crawford, and Pace scored for the winners, and Cary for the losers.

LINTZ TRUE BLUES v. KIP HILL YOUNG WOLVES.

This game came off at Kip Hill, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to one.

BRADLEY v. CROOKHALL.

Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in a draw, both sides failing to score. The following did duty for Bradley:—Goal, W. Martey; backs, A. N. Other and Cain; half-backs, Sanderson, T. Sanders, and J. Henderson; forwards, C. Graham, W. McGowan, Cant, W. Pugsley, G. Davies.

MARLEY HILL ROYAL OAK v. DIPTON WHITES.

Played at Marley Hill and resulted in a win for the home team by six goals to one. The following did duty for the Oak:—Goal, Owen Grant; backs, W. Hogg and N. Morne; half-backs, J. Keenan, J. Cairns, R. Liddle; forwards, A. Robson, J. Urwin, P. Callaghan, J. Riley, and J. Young.

SOUTH MOOR LILYWHITES v. BURN'S HEROES.

The above teams met on the ground of the latter, and the game resulted in a draw. P. Cook scored the first goal for the Moor, and Mallet added the second, while Murphy, Handy, Connor, and Duffy also played well.

TANTOBIE RED STARS v. CASSOP HEROES.

Played at Tantobie and ended in a win for the visitors by three goals to two. The following did duty for the Stars—Goal, J. McGlovern; backs, L. Potts and W. Hodge; half-backs, J. Hardy, M. Hall, J. G. Richardson; forwards, J. Athey, W. Short, T. Athey, W. Harrison, and A. Gladders.

ANNFIELD PLAIN UNITED v. ESH WINNING.

These clubs met at Esh Winning on Saturday in fine weather. Elsdon started the ball for the visitors, and passed to Simpson. Esh began to press, and scored with a fast shot in the first two minutes. After ten minutes' play the home team scored their second goal. This wakened the United up, and they pressed, and from a pass from Hunter, Elsdon scored for the visitors. After the kick-off the home lads pressed, but found the visitors defence too strong. Trueman gave to Elsdon, who scored a second goal. Half-time arrived with the score standing at two goals each. After the re-start the home lads pressed, and shot over the bar. After a lot of mid-field play, Gray passed the backs and scored for the visitors. This aroused the home team, and play got rough. The homesters scored their third goal, thus leaving the score three goals each.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

These teams met on the Vicarage ground, Consett, on Saturday afternoon in a Derwent Valley League match. There was only a small attendance of spectators when, nearly three-quarters of an hour late, Mr. Reed, of Leadgate, acting as referee in the absence of Mr. Hodgson, got the teams together as follows:—

Consett.—J. Frosdick, goal; J. Wilson and W. G. Robson, backs; Peacock, Jones, and Wilkinson, half-backs; Nichol, Wood, Nicholson, Pratt and Morgan, forwards.

Leadgate.—J. Crowther, goal; J. Calvert and W. Walton, backs; D. Cartmell, W. Crowther, and Johnson, half-backs; J. Harper, R. Gleadow, G. Milburn, Kelly and W. Turnbull, forwards.

Milburn started for Leadgate who worked the ball along on the right. Wilson returned and the Swifts made a rapid movement which enabled Peacock to get in a strong kick striking the cross-bar. Before the Leadgate backs could clear the ball again struck the horizontal and was then knocked into the net, the Swifts scoring within two minutes of the start. The Swifts kept up the attack until the Park right got possession and passing over to Turnbull, the outside left made a good but unavailing attempt to equalise. The homesters again began to press and had several good openings, but their shooting was weak and erratic when in close quarters. Morgan was very active whenever the ball came over to his wing, and on one occasion very cleverly tricked Harper, Gleadow, Cartmell, and Crowther, but got no further. A foul against Consett gave Leadgate relief and a shot from the left nearly scored. The Swifts cleared and again got within range when Morgan headed close over. Half-time was called with the score:—

Consett Swifts R. .... One goal.
Leadgate Park R. ....None.

Following the kick-off in the second half the visitors got close in and headed over. Very open play ensued to the ultimate advantage of the Park, who obtained a corner. From the placing the ball was sent out to Walton who promptly put the ball beyond the reach of Frosdick, and placed his side on terms with the Swifts. After considerable play in the home half Morgan got possession and with a good centre gave his colleagues a capital opening which they failed to take advantage of. A doubtful foul was given against the homesters, who, however, forced the game and obtained a couple of fruitless corners. At the other end Leadgate secured a corner and sent over the bar. In a dim light the game continued to alternate but nothing substantial was achieved by either side, and the final score was—

Consett Swifts R. ......One goal.
Leadgate Park R. ...... One goal.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

MIDDLESBROUGH A v. STANLEY.

The above clubs met on the Linthorpe Road ground, Middlesbrough, in cold, bitter weather, before about 2,500 spectators. A rather strong wind blew diagonally from the plantation end, and the Stanley skipper being successful with the toss, he wisely chose to defend the plantation goal. Kempley opened hostilities, and play was immediately taken into the visitors' territory, where it lingered for some short period. Hardly ten minutes had passed when an attack upon the Stanley citadel ended in Carrick sending in a shot which Robbins failed to stop. The homesters were having matters much their own way, and Carrick almost again brought about the downfall of the visitors' goal, Robbins saving miraculously. Hodgson, the home custodian, got his first shot to save directly afterwards. Howe had a chance of equalising, but was too slow to improve upon it. About five minutes from the interval Doig sent in a high shot, which struck the cross-bar; and, the visiting backs failing to clear, Kempley notched a second point for the homesters. Stanley improved after this, but failed to reduce the score, and the interval arrived without any alteration. With the wind in their favour it was naturally expected that the homesters would add to their score. The visiting defenders, however, defied all their efforts by good defensive play, and the game ended in a win for the homesters. Result:—

Middlesbrough A ...... Two goals.
Stanley .... Nil.

DURHAM CUP.

THIRD ROUND

WOLSINGHAM v. WEST AUCKLAND.

This match, which created great interest, was played at Wolsingham, on Saturday, in the presence of a good company of spectators. West Auckland came with an unblemished reputation—having never suffered defeat this season—and they played up to it during the first few minutes of the game. They quickly scored a goal, though the referee's decision did not seem to meet with the approval of the spectators. Stung by this reverse the Wolsingham lads, who were a much lighter and younger lot than the visitors, played up with great dash, and J. Coulson scored a goal. The referee ruled it offside, and play continued as exciting as ever. Not to be denied, Wolsingham still pressed, and were awarded a penalty, which Urwin kicked over the bar. End to end play followed, and then the home team pressed heavily, and finally scored. A few minutes later, another goal was put through from a free kick. Half-time arrived with the score:—

Wolsingham .... Two goals.
West Auckland .... One goal.

With the slope in their favour, Wolsingham began to press and quickly scored again. Later, two fine individual runs by Burke and Coulson each ended in a goal for the home team. By this time West Auckland were thoroughly beaten, and the game ended in an easy win for Wolsingham. Score:—

Wolsingham .... Five goals.
West Auckland .... One goal.

ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP.

THORNABY UTOPIANS v. LEADGATE PARK.

There was only a small gathering of spectators on the Peel Street ground, Thornaby, on Saturday afternoon to witness this encounter in the English Amateur Cup competition. In the first minute Latheron ran down on the Thornaby left, and passed to Watson, in the centre, who gave to Freeland. The latter put through, but he was clearly offside, and the point was negatived. After this both goals were visited, Hedley, on one occasion, saving a splendid header from Freeland. The Leadgate halves made an opening for their forwards, and the ball was sent well into the home goal. Here, C. Stroud clean missed his kick, and Grant, taking full advantage of the opportunity, banged the ball past Reardon. The Utopians forced the game, Freeland once coming very near scoring. Still working with a will, the homesters got to close quarters through the medium of Munnock, the centre-half, who dropped the ball well into goal, enabling Latheron to put on the equalising point, Laidler missing his kick completely. The Leadgate men pressed for a while, and subsequently, both goals were assailed. There was no further scoring in the first half, but on the resumption the Utopians were first noticeable. After a bout of exciting play, the homesters rushed to the visitors' end and Govan completely beat Hedly, the goalkeeper, with a fine dropping shot. This made the Leadgate players put in all they knew, and repeatedly they swarmed to the attack, but Reardon was on his best behaviour, and he frustrated all attempts to bring about the downfall of his charge. The home goal was bombarded for the last 20 minutes, but the Park could not equalise. The final score was:—

Thornaby Utopians ... Two goals.
Leadgate Park .... One goal.

TANTOBIE ATHLETIC v. ALLENDALE LILYWHITES.

This friendly was played at Tantobie. The visitors won the toss and elected to kick up towards the entrance goal. The homesters pressed from the start, and after a good run, J. R. Watson scored No. 1 for Tantobie, J. Ramshaw soon after following with a second. Allendale wakened up after this, and attacked the home goal, but Clark and Lake kept them at bay. J. Ferguson now got possession, and after a good run on the left put on No. 3. H. Mather and J. Nicholson having hard lines in not scoring, the ball going past by inches. Shortly before half-time W. Nicholson scored a fourth, and the interval arrived with:—

Tantobie .... Four goals.
Allendale .... Nil.

From the re-start the visitors put more energy into their work, and would have scored had not T. Harrison saved well in goal for the Athletic, fisting the ball out twice in succession. A. Clark, who was now playing forward, scored No. 5, and J. Ramshaw receiving a pass from Mather, added a sixth. From the kick-off Clark centred to W. Nicholson, who scored a seventh. Allendale now got down and forced a corner, which was well placed to Kennedy, who headed in a beauty, Harrison having no chance to save. There was no more scoring after this, and a one-sided game resulted in a win for the home team as under:—

Tantobie .... Seven goals.
Allendale .... One goal.

The following team did duty for the winners:—Goal, T. Harrison; backs, A. Clark and T. Lake; half-backs, H. Mather, W. Edwards, and Ed. Harrison; forwards, W. Nicholson, J. Ferguson, J. R. Watson, J. G. Nicholson, and J. C. Ramshaw.

CASTLESIDE ROVERS v. C.I. CO.'S CLERKS.

Played at Castleside. The Clerks won the toss, and elected to play down the hill. Toward kicked off up the hill, the ball quickly travelling up to the visitors' goal, Bant relieving by punching out. Simpson next kicked well down the field, and Bates receiving, tricked the homesters half-backs, but Pallister receiving the ball kicked well up the field. Give-and-take play ensued for the next few minutes. Muse receiving gave to Adamson, and the latter passing to Young, they worked the ball to the visitors' goal, and passing to Toward the latter shot past Bant and scored. From now till half-time the play was mostly in favour of the homesters but they could not score, the bad shooting on the part of the forwards being the reason. Half-time arrived with the score—

Castleside Rovers .... One goal.
C.I. Co.'s Clerks .... Nil.

During the second half Castleside missed several splendid chances of scoring, the homesters' custodian only handling the ball once during this half. Full time arrived without anything further being scored. Final—

Castleside Rovers .... One goal.
C.I. Co.'s Clerks .... Nil.

WEARDALE.

St. John's Fair.—This annual tryst, held on Saturday, was the worst business one for stock ever experienced. The weather was wretched to a degree, snow and rain falling at intervals. The current rates of the recent past were asked in vain, and buyers were very scarce, consequently few sales were effected, and the animals shown looked badly, it being impossible to obtain accurate quotations. No servants, who were much inquired after, were in attendance, and by mid-day the attendance melted away.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

By "OFF-SIDE."

Consett Swifts Reserve entertained the second string of Leadgate Park on Saturday in a Derwent Valley League engagement and the teams left the Vicarage ground with a point each to their credit. The appointed referee failed to turn up and recourse was had to the services of Mr. Reed, of Leadgate. If the Swifts were not altogether satisfied with some of his rulings, and especially in the second half, they were unable to overlook the fact that they agreed to his appointment. Either that had to be done or the game declared a friendly. Any different reading of the game, however, to that of Mr. Reed's would not, in my opinion, have altered the final result. On the day's play the Swifts had more opportunities of scoring than their opponents, and in the early stage at least a couple of goals were lost through very bad lack of judgment. On the other hand the Park more than once got within inches of the desired end. Neither of the goalkeepers was up to form, Frosdick being far below his display of the previous week. Of the backs Walton was perhaps the best, neither of the others showing any brilliance. The Park halves were very weak on the left and Kelly at left inside did not improve the wing. Milburn played a hard and persevering game, but Gleadow and Harper were not equal to Morgan and Pratt, "Mossey" being responsible for the best work of the afternoon.

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Owing to the postponement of the Durham Cup-tie between Stanley and Leadgate Park the former team was able to bring off their Alliance game at Middlesbrough, where they gave an exceedingly clever exposition of the game. The Teessiders are a tough lot to tackle on their own ground, but Stanley gave them a good run for their money. The visitors' defence was very fine, and although Middlesbrough got a couple in the first half, they could not again penetrate the Stanley defence. A two goals' defeat is nothing whatever for the losers to be ashamed of—rather does it reflect credit upon them. The result goes to prove that Leadgate Park will have to put all in this week-end to win their cup-tie against the Stanleyites.

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Commenting upon the above game a contemporary remarks:—If Stanley had been as strong in attacking as they were in defence, they would have had some prospect of dividing points with Middlesbrough A on Saturday. Neither team ever rose to any great height. Middlesbrough A had the greater part of the play, but an alert forward line would have been "let in" many a time by the mistakes of the home team. Robins distinguished himself several times in the Stanley goal, and scooped out the ball when scores seemed certain. Saunders, the right back, was, however, the bulwark of the team, and he was well seconded by Devine. Connor, the right outside, and Proudlock, the left, both put in some good play, but the forward line as a whole lacked considerably in finish. The halves were also good. Carrick, the left outside, and Doig, the left half, in the Middlesbrough team, were the prominent men of the day. Longstaffe has not yet reached the form of a season ago. Doig with such improvement continued as he has shown recently, may come in very useful for the League team. Carrick may be expected to be heard of still more a few seasons hence.

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If ever a team had hard lines in being beaten that team was Leadgate Park at Thornaby on Saturday. They had far more than their fair share of the play, and had the shooting only been half decent they must have beaten the Topes by two or three goals. The last half-hour saw a complete bombardment of the home fortress, and how it escaped downfall time after time was a mystery. The Park had some splendid openings, but luck was dead against them, and try as they would they could not manage the equaliser. Charlie Walton just missed the upright once or twice, and the home goal had other narrow escapes. Goal kicks and corners were plentiful, but did not result in anything tangible. The supporters of the Topes anxiously consulted their watches as the minutes sped by, and it was indeed a welcome relief for them when the final whistle was tootled. Right up to the finish the result was uncertain, as the Park were pressing heavily when the referee put an end to hostilities.

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I can honestly say that the visitors deserved to win, and this opinion was fully endorsed by the home supporters, who had a very bad time during the last half-hour. The first goal scored by the Topes was of the soft order, Laidler missing a slow shot which just crawled into the net. Only for Hedley relying upon the back to clear he would have saved easily. The Park backs were clean out of it during the first half, but improved later on. The halves gave a capital account of themselves. Thompson Walton, the Allendale Park captain, although short of practice, showed a lot of his old form, especially in the second "45," whilst Birtley played a splendid game, and Tommy Wilson completed a good trio. The forwards were only moderate, Cook and Hope being greatly missed. In fact, had these two smart forwards been able to turn out, the visitors could hardly have lost. Charlie Walton, of the Juniors, was a good as any of the quintette, and very favourably impressed the spectators. He should make a rare man for the first team later on. The other forwards did nothing noteworthy, and their shooting was dead off.

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I append the remarks of a writer in a contemporary who saw the game, which bears out to a great extent what I have said above:—In the second qualifying round of the Amateur Cup Leadgate Park visited Thornaby on Saturday to play off their tie with the Utopians. A very interesting and even game took place, and the visitors, though beaten, made a splendid fight with the Topes, as they are familiarly called. Matters were equal at half-time, Grant having scored for the Parkites and Latheron for the Utopians; but shortly after the opening of the second portion Govan again scored for the Topes what proved to be their winning point. Afterwards Leadgate with admirable courage tried hard to score. They returned again and again to the attack, but seemed never to be able to pass the Topians' backs, C. and J. Stroud, who were absolutely unbeatable. The struggle was continued to the end, but the visitors could not make the draw which was otherwise their right on the play as a whole. They, however, took away with them the respect and admiration of the home supporters for the plucky fight they made under the somewhat discouraging circumstances mentioned."

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It is a curious thing that the Thornaby men, like many other teams, consider Bishop Auckland a very ungentlemanly set of players—to put it mildly. The Topes complain sadly of the tactics adopted by the "Bishops" the previous week, and stated that the game with the Park was in direct contrast to that of the preceding Saturday. The match was contested in a very pleasant manner, fouls being few and far between. Although on the losing side Leadgate made a favourable impression upon the Topes' supporters both by their play and their conduct on the field. The Thornaby men declared that they had never taken part in a more pleasant game, and admitted that they were exceedingly fortunate to gain the verdict.

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Castleside Rovers were engaged on Saturday in their first match with the C.I.C. clerks, and managed to bring off a win. Muse captained the Castleside team as usual and along with Pallister played a splendid game at back. Betts was the pick of a very good set of halves. The forwards passed well, but failed in shooting. Adamson perhaps was most conspicuous. A. Simpson was in good form for the visitors at back, whilst F. Simpson was the best of the forwards, McNair also doing very well.

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Mr. J. Davidson writes me as follows from West Pelton:—Dear Sir,—I cannot let Mr. Jobson off without a reply to his letter. He says they have taken seven points out of ten from us. Well, I must say he is talking bosh. We have played them twice at South Moor and three times at Pelton, including two games for medals on neutral ground. They beat us both times at the Moor, and drew with us here, the other two games being broken up. If he credits himself with these points he will get seven. He thinks it is a pity we can't carry the Green Tree about with us. Well, if he thinks it is the Green Tree that is stopping us from making a match he is mistaken. We will meet him at any house in Stanley, or on his own door-step if he will only come to terms. I am about tired writing through your paper, and taking valuable space up, so if he wants to come to terms let him state through this paper where he will meet us, and get to business, and be done with paper talk. He was down at West Pelton and would not come to talk to me. So now is your chance South Moor. Name the meeting place, Mr. Jobson, and I will be there to hear your terms. Hoping we may not be disappointed in a match.—I remain, yours truly, J. DAVIDSON.

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Tantobie Athletic received a visit from Allendale Lilywhites last Saturday, and vanquished the latter to the tune of seven goals to one. Up to date the Athletic have played five games, winning three, drawing one, and losing one, and scoring 14 goals against seven. This is good business for the Athletic.

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Apropos of Tantobie Athletic, I may say I have received a card from White-le-Head Swifts, and offering to play the Athletic for a ball or a set of silver medals, at any time, on neutral ground. A reply to E. Weightman, 15, Allan Square, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, R.S.O., will probably lead to business.

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Wednesday of last week was a miserable day, and one could not help but feel sorry for the players in the game between Leadgate Wednesday and Gateshead Co-ops., which came off on the former's ground. When all was over the twenty-two were like a lot of drowned rats, whilst they also carried off a considerable portion of the Park ground on their clothes and boots. The visitors arrived four short, but were provided with substitutes from the Leadgate Park Juniors. The first goal fell to the home team through the aid of Lowes, and in the second half, the Co-ops. equalised, but it was a very doubtful sort of point. Just before the finish Kershaw put on the winning point in capital fashion, and thus won the game for his side. I don't know the reason, but there hardly seems as much enthusiasm amongst the Wednesday men as formerly.

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Consett Swifts were, unfortunately, only able to take a very weak team to Chester-le-Street on Saturday. Nevertheless, the substitutes played up in very plucky fashion, and the visitors experienced rather hard lines in being knocked out of the cup by two goals to one. The Swifts allege that the result should have been a draw, as they think they had a perfectly fair goal disallowed. Having received their quietus in the Senior Cup, the Consettonians will now have to devote their energies to the Junior Cup.

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The principal game on Saturday will be the meeting of Leadgate Park and Stanley in the third round of the Durham Senior Cup. Both teams will be strongly represented, and there should be a rare tussle for the right to enter the next round. The kick-off is fixed for 2.30.

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Although only playing ten men throughout, and being short of some of their regular players, Leadgate Park Juniors easily accounted for their visitors on Saturday, winning a one-sided game by four goals to nothing. Dux Overall and George Black played a capital game at back for the winners. But for that unfortunate slip when the Hobson visited Leadgate recently, the Park Juniors would have been standing rosy for the championship of the Junior League.

VACANT DATES.

Oxhill Villa Lilywhites have all dates vacant; ages, 13 to 15.—Apply, S. Collin, 7, Sandhole Row, Oxhill, Stanley.

Consett Young Shamrocks have a few vacant dates; ages, 11 to 13.—Apply, J. Spencer, 13, Cleadon Street, Consett.

Consett Park have all dates vacant; ages, 14 to 17.—Apply, O. Quigley, 29, Queen Street, Consett.

Consett Young Swifts have all dates vacant; ages, 11 to 12.—Apply, J. McWilliams, 13, Spencer Street, Consett.

Tantobie Red Stars are in want of the following dates:—Dec. 12th, Feb. 2nd and 16th, Mar. 2nd, 16th, and 30th at home; Jan. 26th, Feb. 9th and 23rd, Mar. 9th and 23rd away. Ages, 14 to 16.—Apply, Thomas Reay, 7, New Row, White-le-Head, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Castleside Rovers Reserve would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 13 to 15.—Apply, George Hadwin, Consett Road, Castleside.

Tantobie Athletic have several dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; average age, 14. Also, a second team; ages, 10 to 12.—Apply, J. C. Ramshaw, Ash Terrace, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Castleside Rovers have still a number of vacant dates, and would like them filled up with good junior teams. (Christmas Day away, and New Year's Day at home.) Note change of Secretary's address—R. Jewitt, 8, Rowley Bank, Castleside, Consett, R.S.O.

Bradley White Stars are in want of matches; average age, 18.—Apply, T. F. Sanders, 31, Bradley Cottages, Leadgate.

Bradley White Stars Reserve are in want of matches; ages, 13 to 15.—Apply, J. T. Nevin, 36, Bradley Cottages.

White-le-Head Swifts have vacant, Jan. 5th and 19th, Feb. 2nd, Mar. 16th and 30th, April 5th, 8th, 13th, and 27th at home; Feb. 9th and 23rd, Mar. 23rd, April 6th and 20th, away; and would like them filled up as soon as possible.—Apply, George Innes, White-le-Head, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars II. have vacant dates Dec. 1 (away), Dec. 8th (home), Dec. 15th (away), and Dec. 21st (home); ages 14 to 16.—Apply, E. Weightman, 15, Allan Square, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, R.S.O.

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FATAL FALL DOWNSTAIRS AT CONSETT.

On Monday afternoon Thomas Stott, a labourer, 56 years of age, residing at 41, Constance Street, Consett, met with a fatal accident by falling downstairs in his own house. Deceased had not been at work that day, and at about five o'clock in the afternoon he went to Lambton's Bank to see Mrs. Stott, who told him to go back home. He did so, and later on he received the afternoon milk from a lad named Thomas Stones. This he took upstairs, where it was subsequently found on the table. At 7.30 when Mrs. Stott entered the house, she found him lying dead at the bottom of the stairs, the circumstances indicating that after taking the milk he had returned to the stairs and fallen down. When found he had a severe bruise on the right side of the face.—Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Police Station on Tuesday morning when Mrs. Stott gave evidence of identification and said her husband had been subject to heart disease. He had often got up at night, and stood at the window experiencing great difficulty in his breathing. She believed he had had an attack when on the stairs and had fallen. When she found the body she called in the assistance of Mrs. Catherine McWilliams and they carried him upstairs. Dr. Bratton was sent for.—Mrs. McWilliams and Thomas Stones also gave evidence, the latter being the last to see Stott alive.—The Jury found a verdict to the effect that Stott was found dead at the bottom of the stairs.

Ireshopeburn New Institute.—Sir. Jos. W. Pease, M.P., who is staying at The Warren, Cromer, Norfolk, has written to Mr. T. Pentland, Ireshopeburn, that he will comply with the request of the trustees of the above Jubilee building, and perform the opening ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 1st, the original date having had to be abandoned through the recent general election. The offer has been accepted, and Miss Pease will accompany her father to Wearhead, where they will be met and driven down to the above intermediate village, which will be en fete for this occasion.

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT INSTITUTES' BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

(By "Ivory.")

Particulars of the third week's doings will be found below:—

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. LEADGATE GUILD.

Shotley Bridge.		Leadgate Guild.	
T. B. Wilson	100	L. Kelly	67
W. T. Spence	100	H. Makepeace	53
F. Cole	100	T. W. Hanson	41
W. Egglestone	100	C. T. Todd	94
J. Henry	100	F. Lockey	34
J. Bell	93	J. S. Jopling	100
	593		389

By mutual agreement Shotley Bridge and the Guild spread their last week's games over three nights. As per my prophecy a fortnight ago, T. B. Wilson was given a trial, and his mettle came under a severe strain—as opinion ran when he was drawn against Louis Kelly—but nothing of the sort occurred, as the Leadgate youth in the first place found the table, etc., required closer acquaintance, and, again, he had cruel luck. Wilson started vigorously, even more so than is his wont, evidently due to a strong wish to do well—and it came off. He rarely missed the shot attempted, and in addition had fives and sixes intermixed. All this combined to run up a few double-figure breaks and to leave Kelly 40 behind in less than a quarter-of-an-hour. Again Wilson rushed onward with a good 18 break, which brought him on the verge of 80, and the visitor's case seemed hopeless, but a neatly-compiled break of 16, coupled with odd minor scores, lessened the gap, and finally Kelly totalled 67—a deal more than appeared obtainable just previously. Wilson played a great game for his first time out, even though lucky, while, on the other hand we must commiserate Kelly on being under the ban of fortune's frown. He had the three balls left him practically on a straight line with heart-breaking regularity.

The great improvement in W. T. Spence on a season ago is becoming more apparent every week and the good-to-gaze upon style in which he asserted superiority over Harry Makepeace is a further demonstration of it. Of course he had the advantage of playing on "his own familiar," whilst Makepeace seemed handicapped in this respect; but the greater portion of the 47 points' difference represents the merits of the two men. An 18 (unfinished) break to Spence might have been increased to over 20.

Frank Cole was merciless in his dealings with the Rev. T. W. Hanson, who seemed very much off colour. Cole made some pretty little breaks, 18 being the highest.

W. Egglestone gets a fright.

Chart Todd has become more familiar with the Tournament's ways, and is now inclined to lay no more importance to one opponent than another, consequently when drawn against W. Egglestone he commenced operations with a view of carrying them through successfully, and this he nearly accomplished, as the above scores will show. I have seen Egglestone play better, though he was always on the move and Todd always on his track.

One can hardly imagine Fred Lockey outdistanced to the extent of 66 points without luck being entirely adverse, but the scores simply represent a game in which fortune played little or no part. Henry fairly revelled on the board, keeping the marker regularly employed. An 18 break was his highest, but he had numerous double-figure compilations. Lockey was dead off—a mere shadow of what we have seen him.

Surprises Continued.

The solitary defeat of Shotley Bridge came from the most unexpected quarter, yet it was genuine, and J. S. Jopling comes in for unstinted praise through staying the progress of J. Bell. Taken as a whole the game was anything but classical, especially up to 50, when it did brighten up a little, and in the end even became exciting, as Bell, being a bit behind through a break by Jopling, drew up in the nineties; still he had small command of the balls and retired beaten on his merits. We must not omit to state that Jopling played a most gentlemanly game, as nine out of 10 would have "potted" the white more than once, and won earlier. It would have been the proper play, too, but of course some folk are very sentimental on this point.

STANLEY v. LEADGATE LEAGUE.

Stanley.		Leadgate League.	
W. Clarke	100	R. Cheesmond	65
J. Smith	100	P. Daly	26
W. Long	100	P. Matthews	58
J. Makkinson	100	J. Monaghan	22
C. Pringle	100	J. Kelly	81
T. Hodgson	100	J. Matthews	69
	600		321

The Stanleyites did not permit Leadgate League to win even the odd game, and, moreover, when they were in the winning mood rubbed it in pretty thick in most instances.

J. Monaghan was the sorriest victim, although he had close company with Secretary Daly. Makkinson, of course, was one of the smiters, and we are now so familiar with his powers that the game calls for no further comment. We are surprised, however, that Daly only reached 26; but Smith was "extra-special," fairly excelling himself in a grand 32 break. J. Kelly had his first "go" in the tourney, and presented his side with the biggest score of the six—81—against no less an opponent than C. Pringle. P. Matthews collapsed after getting a big lead of W. Long, who, when once started, literally monopolised the table. T. Hodgson looked for stern resistance from J. Matthews, but the latter was below par, and dropped 31 points. W. Clarke trotted out his best game up-to-date, and R. Cheesmond was the sufferer.

BLACKHILL v. CONSETT.

Blackhill.		Consett.	
J. Barrow	72	J. Brown	100
G. Hamilton	100	J. Merritt	69
E. Tyndale	100	W. Smurthwaite	97
J. Siddell	100	W. Elliott	72
J. Askew	92	J. Murray	100
J. Wilson	100	F. McNally	43
	564		481

The interest in the meeting between these two teams has not abated one whit, despite the fact that Blackhill was considered not to have an "earthly."

The first night's play, however, proved that the "old firm" can yet produce the right quality of material for they netted six points on total, winning two of the three games.

J. Barrow opened out in very promising fashion against J. Brown, and had the best of the deal at first, but matters were gradually levelled up, and for more than half-way a first-class contest took place, both men being in good form, saving that odd red hazards—winning and losing—were missed in turn. Brown took advantage of Barrow's failure at "red-potting," and in the closing stages gave much the better exhibition, his all-round cannons, and, in fact, manipulation generally, being a treat.

A BIG SURPRISE.

We knew that George Hamilton is clever on his own board, but scarcely expected him to rise to such heights against the skilled J. Merritt, whom he completely outplayed to the tune of 31 points. From the commencement Hamilton displayed wariness worthy of a veteran, rarely failing to leave "safety" after running into double figures himself. This occurred on four consecutive occasions, his first 50 being composed of 11, 13, 16, and 10 breaks amassed in a manner correctness itself. With a deficit of 40 facing him ere he had got the run of the table, Merritt looked serious, but never flinched; he forced an opening or two by really class strokes, and although never quite able to overtake his man got within 16 points—69 to 85. This was the end, however, for Hamilton again took possession, and did not relinquish hold of the ivories until acquiring the necessary 15. We may summarise the game by dubbing it excellent from every standpoint.

W. Smurthwaite and E. Tyndale could not have been better matched, and a neck and neck game from start to finish ended in favour of the homester by three points only. There can be no two ways about these players being competent to do justice to any team.

Well as Blackhill had performed on the first night, they even did a greater feat on the concluding evening. Certainly Consett team was minus Williams and Pescod; but McNally, Elliott, and Murray should, we think, have totalled more than Wilson, Siddell, and Askew—that is, taking paper form as a criterion. But the "glorious uncertainty" completely upset calculations and the home trio were within an ace of annexing the whole 300 points. As it was they scored 292 against 215.

Eager for the fray W. Elliott straightway made 14 from J. Siddell's badly-judged initial miss, and immediately after ran up another 14 break, thus securing an invaluable lead of about 30. Then confidence and excellent judgment did Elliott display that a hollow licking seemed in store for Siddell, but a change came o'er the scene, as the latter became alive to the situation, and, aided by a good deal of luck, completely turned the tables, and won sensationally by 28 points. The sudden turn of fortune had a depressing effect on Elliott, as, although the "leavings" were not easy, a man of his capability should have made more than 35 while Siddell scored over 90. Of course, the latter enjoyed luck galore as already indicated.

I was surprised and disappointed with the bad judgment displayed by the Tournament secretary in the closing stages of his game with Joe. Murray, as in the early part he gave the impression of being a bit too good. However, a 28 point lead did not avail him much in the end, except that his side were only eight points short of the maximum that night. Murray's experience of the game was brought to bear on frequent openings with marked success, and he thoroughly earned a valuable though not huge majority.

It would be impossible for Frank McNally, or perhaps anyone else, to give a poorer rendering of the game than on Thursday evening. At first both he and J. Wilson did a "wallop-round" and stray "shells" from the latter fell about the peaceful onlookers' feet; but improvement shortly set in, though only on one side, and Wilson obtained a 20 point lead which augured well for victory, especially as McNally still showed no signs whatever of anything even bordering on usual form. The end, however, came much sooner than anticipated, for at 67 Wilson commenced a series of remarkably fine shots that only ceased when "game" was heralded. It is most unfortunate he had no further to go, as there is no knowing where the break would have ended. He certainly had a rosy prospect of making more than the 33.

I reckon that Blackhill with only one player who has participated in the Tournament year by year (John Barrow), and without importations, excepting what they have trained—Hamilton, Wilson, and Tyndale—and two old "crocks" (Siddell and Askew) have accomplished that which no other team would stake even a bad ha'penny upon doing. Of course, the return fixture is yet to be played at Consett, but in the meantime we take matters as they stand.

TABLE No. 3.

INSTITUTE.	Games Played.	Won.	Lost.	Scores. For	Scores. Agst	Av.
Stanley	18	13	5	1729	1362	96·05
Consett	18	13	5	1661	1411	92·27
Shotley Bridge	18	10	8	1581	1516	88·66
Blackhill	12	5	7	1000	1078	83·33
Leadgate Guild	18	9	9	1462	1522	81·22
Derwent Cott.	12	1	11	885	1163	73·75
Leadgate League	12	3	9	819	1110	68·25
				9096	9096	

Through the unexpected collapse of Consett and Blackhill, Stanley occupies premier position, and will probably continue to do so unless they "crack up" when entertaining the Town Hall crew on the 26th and 29th inst. The meeting between Shotley and the Guild resulted in an exchange of place—two rungs higher and lower respectively. Another exchange is that of Blackhill and the League, but in this case the rise and fall is as four to seven. Derwent Cottages remain sixth, as from the beginning. On consulting the undernoted fixtures for the current week we cannot see that the table will undergo any drastic change.

Derwent Cottages v. Stanley
Consett v. League
Guild v. Blackhill.

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RUMINATIONS.

There is room for improvement in the way of light at Blackhill—incandescent for instance. Also, the cushions require attention, replacing or something—perhaps ironing.

J. Matthews continues to be the best Leaguer with R. Cheesmond a good second.

J. Kelly made a praiseworthy debut against C. Pringle—81.

Forty-eight to 200. Such is Messrs Monaghan and Daly's contribution, but, yes, more fortunate ones do not crow yet; the game is young.

Fred Lockey had double his opponents scores prior to last week. That 34 makes a difference now.

J. Smurthwaite, who, I think, is only counted seventh man played the best game of the week on the Consett side. All the more credit to Ted Tyndale for winning.

Where is young McGurk.

Simultaneously with J. Barrow's name out of one hat comes a warm member out of the other—first Makkison and then J. Brown.

Louis Kelly, with only one win, possesses a gain of 35 points.

Although Frank Cole bagged 59 points last week he has some leeway to make up on the three games played.

Congratulations to Jack Wilson. He made the record break after only a very short experience of the Tournament. He had hard lines in being prevented from finishing it.

J. Smith also made a record—32—but was only permitted to hold it for a few days.

Frank McNally is not particularly painstaking at any time, but his show on Thursday was indifference itself.

Both J. Murray and J. Askew missed some ridiculously simple strokes.

Through lack of practice J. Siddell's ideas were hazy at first, but the mist lifted, and a combination of good play, with good luck was too much for W. Elliott.

C. Todd is only six points short of a possible 300, and that after meeting W. Egglestone too.

J. Makkinson and T. Hodgson are off a mark—total, 299 each. The former stands first in point of gain, however.

C. Pringle is the only undefeated full-timer in the whole concern.

W. Clark owes his team one—262 for, 263 against.

After shifting up and down the list in search of a satisfactory sixth man, Shotley Bridge seem to have hit upon the right man at last—T. B. W.

He has a good nerve, and any failings such as "slogging" will probably disappear as he gets settled to the business—similar to Spence.

Talking of Spence—he could not obtain a place even for an odd game last season; now amongst a strengthened lot he is a "regular."

That reminds me of the volunteers—beg pardon, this is a billiards' column.

H. Makepeace won his two first games, but the third leaves him with less points for than against.

T. W. Hanson's ability must not be gauged by his out-performances. See him on his native heath.

Contrary to his custom W. Long was a spectator while P. Matthews had a good innings to begin with.

Then the scene changed with a vengeance.

The champions lost their place, and through the wooden-spoonists too. Therefore, now Consett are no longer champions neither are Blackhill wooden-spoonists.

The best of men can be beaten in 100 up, consequently most of them are prepared for occasional surprises.

I only say "most" of them.

J. E. Thorpe is worth a trial on the Blackhill team, but who is to give way? Perhaps the secretary can solve the problem.

J. Henry wiped off a deficit contracted in his meeting with Williams.

J. Bell seemed powerless in his endeavours to give even a moderate display. The daily blending of town and country air is to blame. Recently the two have been so different.

J. S. Jopling somewhat atoned for a previous poor record by overshadowing Shotley's leading light.

Joe Brown adopted a less vigorous style than previously, and benefitted thereby.

It is said that the rule regarding paid markers requires enforcing. Is this so?

No one could wish to see a finer game than that played by George Hamilton. It was even a bit above his form.

J. Merritt had the stiffest task of his Tournament experience, and it proved too much.

The marker's decision is always final, and all true sportsmen submit with a good grace even though beaten.

I remember on one occasion Blackhill lost 20 points in majority through a marker's error. Yet they bowed the head in silence.

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KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

On Monday evening the monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Annfield Plain New Infants Schools, Mr. R. Kay (chairman), presiding. There were also present—Messrs W. Eltringham (vice-chairman), J. Reece, J. Bainbridge, J. Storey; Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk), Mr. R. Jackson (Deputy Clerk), and Mr. T. Robson (Attendance Officer).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. T. Robson, Attendance Officer, reported that since last month he had made 8 visits to schools, 94 absentees visits, reported 8 children to other officers, and served 2 bye-law notices.

NEW BYE-LAWS.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain copies of the bye-laws with the new alterations relating to the age at which children may leave school.

ANNFIELD PLAIN PLAY GROUND.

Mr. Bainbridge drew attention to the price of the ground proposed to be converted into a playground for the Annfield Plain Mixed School. The report of the vendors, the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society was that they would be prepared to sell for 3/- per yard, but he thought the Board should offer them 2/- a yard.

It was agreed that Mr. Bainbridge should do his best to strike a bargain with the Store committee.

ANNFIELD PLAIN FREE CHURCH.

An application for the use of Annfield Plain New Infant Schools was made by the Annfield Plain Free Church Mission for a meeting to be held on Nov. 24th.—The application was granted on the usual terms.

CARETAKERS' WAGES.

There were applications from Mrs. Fawcett, West Kyo, and Mrs. Wells, Annfield Plain for advances of salaries on account of increased work.

Mr. Storey moved, and Mr. Reece seconded the motion, that the whole of the caretakers be advanced 1/- per week during the winter months.

Mr. Bainbridge was against giving advances to those who had not applied.

Mr. Eltringham favoured the motion. They should not object to giving people what they were justly entitled to, simply because they had not applied for some unforeseen circumstances.

The motion was carried.

COOKERY CLASSES.

Miss Patterson, cookery teacher, applied for the use of the school and utensils.—The application was granted.

MR. GEO. PACE'S APPLICATION.

Mr. Geo. Pace, assistant-master of Oxhill Mixed School, applied for an advance of salary. He had been under the Board for 25 years, during which he had given satisfaction.

Mr. Pace received an advance of £5.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The question of the increase of salaries for the assistant teachers under the Board was next discussed when

Mr. Storey moved that all assistant teachers with three years' service under the Board be advanced to £55 per annum.

Mr. Reece supported the motion.

Mr. Bainbridge objected to the question being discussed, as he had not had the legal four days' notice. It was an important matter, and there had been no time for him to consider it, as he only got his agenda paper that morning. The ratepayers were now burdened more than ever.

Mr. Eltringham: No, they are not; they are not burdened as much now as they used to be.

Mr. Storey thought the matter might be discussed at that meeting.

The Chairman: Give the legal notice or adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Storey then gave notice of motion to move at the next meeting that the salaries of all the assistant teachers employed under the Board for three years be taken into consideration.

Mr. Eltringham: Before the question of the salaries of the assistants comes before the Board, if no one will move it I will move that the question of Mrs. Green's salary be taken up at the next meeting, and dealt with.

Mr. Reece (to Mr. Bainbridge): Do you object to Mrs. Green's salary being dealt with?

Mr. Bainbridge: I object to the whole thing until the proper notice has been given.

Mr. Eltringham then gave notice to move that Mrs. Green's salary be advanced at the next meeting.

It was afterwards resolved that a meeting be held a fortnight hence in the Annfield Plain Schools, at 2 p.m., to consider the salary question.

The Board then rose.

BLACKHILL.

Juvenile Missionary Meeting.—On Monday night, a juvenile missionary meeting was held in the Park Road Primitive Methodist School-room, Blackhill. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Williams, who, in giving a few facts in relation to their South African Mission, said it was about 30 years since they entered that field. There were 12 European missioners, three native ministers, three native evangelists, 53 native local preachers, eight day schools, 40 native class leaders, 1,466 members, 10 Sunday schools, and £20,000 worth of church property. Very encouraging missionary reports had been sent in from various stations.—Interesting prepared addresses were then given by Miss E. Kirk on "The Women of Africa," by Master H. Taylor on "The effects of the War in South Africa," and by Miss Dixon on "Something about the Churches of Africa." A number of recitations and solos were then given by the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School and a pleasant evening was spent. A collection was taken in aid of the Foreign Missions.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HARDY, OF KNITSLEY.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. George Hardy, of Knitsley Farm and Knitsley Mill on Saturday night from the effects of a stroke. Mr. Hardy, who was 76 years of age, was born in the vicinity of Satley and when a boy he removed with his parents to the Knitsley Farm, where he resided for over half a century devoting himself entirely to the study and interest of agriculture in its various branches from a practical point of view. As a skilled and able agriculturist he soon attained, and to his death retained, a high position and reputation in the North of England, and his sound and sterling advice was in frequent request. As a judge of horses for agricultural purposes he had few superiors, and not only had he a fine and valuable stud of his own, but he did much to encourage others in this important branch of the farmer's pursuit. As a judge at entire horse shows he had the advantage of an excellent veterinary knowledge, and his decisions always gave the fullest satisfaction. He was an active and highly appreciated supporter of the Beamish, Pontop, and Consett Agricultural Society, and was also closely associated with the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association, who will have to mourn his loss at their next meeting; of the Entire Horse Society, and of the Blackhill Mart, where he was a regular attender. Mr. Hardy was twice married, and had one son and several step-sons, who, with the widow, are thrown into bereavement.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Lanchester Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon, and the large number who attended was a testimony of the high respect and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held. The mourners and sympathisers assembled at the Farm at half past one o'clock, where a short prayer was offered by the Rev. T. Durant, Baptist minister, Consett, after which the cortege moved to Lanchester, the service in the Church and at the graveside being conducted by the Rev. Geo. Jepson, vicar of Lanchester. At the Vicar's request the lesson was read in the church by the Rev. T. Durant. The coffin, from the establishment of Mr. T. C. Rawes, was of oak, with brass mountings. The chief mourners were Mr. W. Hardy, Gosforth, brother, Mr. J. Hardy, Gosforth, nephew, Mr. A. Thompson, stepson; Mr. Wm. Thompson, Pelton, stepson, and Mrs. Thompson; Mr. J. Thompson, stepson, Mr. and Mrs. Richey, Gateshead; Mr. T. Hardy, West Stanley, and Mrs. Reed, Stamfordham, near Ponteland. Mr. G. Hardy (son), was unable to attend through illness. The bearers were Messrs S. Temperley, Consett; J. Anderson, Elm Park; J. Hunter, Medomsley; and Anderson, Whitonstall. Among others present were Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, J.P., Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett; Mr. John Buckham, Lanchester; Mr. Thornton, Tribley, Chester-le-Street; Mr. Reed, Ponteland; Mr. Atkinson, Greenwell, near Wolsingham; Mr. Innes, Lanchester; Mr. W. Forrest, Langley Park; Mr. R. English, Consett; Coun. J. Lowes, Coun. G. T. Hyden, Coun. J. Davison, and Coun. Jesse Hall, Consett; Mr. R. Hand, Mr. Allison, Mr. Towns, Consett; Mr. Towns, Lanchester; Coun. T. Nichol, West Shields, Satley; Mr. R. Crow, Cornsay House; Mr. J. Crawford, and Mr. J. J. Crawford, Consett; Mr. Sanderson, Brancepeth; Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley; Mr. R. Walker, Consett; Mr. T. Walker, Medomsley; Mr. Wm. Gibson, Newbiggen, Dr. Macintyre, Consett; Mr. Anderson, Mosswood, Mr. Patterson, Waskerley; Mr. Little, Consett; Mr. Dodds, Newbiggen; Mr. T. Wilkinson, Lanchester; Mr. Parker, Butsfield; Mr. Wm. Nicholson, Manor House, Mr. Oliver, Hurbuck; Mr. Dobson, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, Consett; Mr. Moody, Honey Hill, Mrs. Robson, Medomsley, Mr. Geo. Christopher, Blackhill; Mrs. Almond and Mr. C. Almond, Consett; Mrs. Davison, Four Lane Ends, Castleside; Mr. Wm. Green, Mere Burn; Mr. Whitehead, Consett; Mr. W. Reed, Knitsley; Mr. W. Chapman, Castle Dene; Mr. J. Osborne, Blackhill; Mr. W. Harrison, Blackhill; Mr. Sep. Harrison, Stobilee, Mr. J. Hunter, Medomsley; Mr. G. Wade jun., Consett; Mr. E. Grant, Consett; Mr. R. Gledson, Whittonstall; Mr. Christopher Watson, Blackhill; Mr. John Thompson, The Middles, Mr. C. Lumley, Consett, Mr. John Haughan, Knitsley; Mr. John Hopper, Castle Dene, Mr. Frank Todd, Knitsley; Mr. Simon Rowe, Consett; Inspector Waller, Lanchester; Mr. Sadlar, Lanchester; Mr. G. W. Wilson, Lanchester; Mr. J. S. Murray, Blackhill; Mr. Jackson Green, Satley; Mrs. Simpson, Bradley Farm; Mr. David Balleny, Delves, Consett, and others. Beautiful wreaths were sent by the Consett Wesleyan Sunday School teachers and scholars, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Medomsley, and others. Messrs Crawford and Son, Consett had the general supervision of the funeral, and horses and coaches were supplied by Mr. C. Rawes, Consett, and Mr. Geo. Christopher, Consett. A number of private vehicles also joined in the cortege.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Benefit Concert.—The Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, was packed to the door on Saturday evening, the occasion being a benefit concert for Messrs. T. Robson and King, who have been unable to follow their employment owing to illness. The artistes were, in addition to Mr. Tom Holland and his concert party, Miss Ritson, of Stanley; Mr. R. Winter, of Crook, a host in himself; and the Brothers Long. A substantial sum was raised in aid of the worthy object.

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THE SIREN.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

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CHAPTER VII.

A very handsome couple were standing on the deck of the Calais and Dover boat. The time was a summer's afternoon, the crossing was smooth, and the water was almost without a ripple. The pair were leaning over the taffrail, not talking much, but anyone could see at a glance each absorbed with the other. The other passengers as they passed slowly up and down glanced at them from time to time.

The man was tall with an upright figure and soldierly bearing; his hair and moustache were white, his eyes very dark, his complexion was tanned, his features aquiline, the expression on his face was radiantly happy. Now and again he turned and gave a look of adoration at his companion. The woman who absorbed his every thought was young and girlish in appearance. She was dressed in a tailor-made suit, and a small cap of the same material fitted closely on her head. She had a great wealth of magnificent hair of a deep shade of gold. [illegible]

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...is waiting for Vera to occupy it."

"The oak bedroom! The best bedroom in the house!" cried Lady O'Brien.

"Certainly." The Colonel gave his sister a look which shut her lips.

"I agree with Wilmot," she said, after a pause, "and for Vera's sake——"

"Never mind now, Nellie, never mind. I'll see you presently in my study and explain everything. If we talk any more in this kind of vein, Vera will feel uncomfortable."

"Oh, but I only feel delightful," cried Vera. "I am thoroughly happy here. I like you, cousin Wilmot. Cousin Frank, I have already told you what I think of you. My dear father, I love you, and if Aunt Helen will permit me, I shall, I hope, prove to her that a niece may be a blessing instead of a misery."

"Let us hope so, Vera," responded Lady O'Brien. "Wilmot, my dear, won't you give your uncle a cup of tea. It is very hot this afternoon."

The widow sat down as she spoke and began to fan herself. Vera was the only one in the room who was quite calm and self-possessed. While her two cousins were gazing at her, while her father was sending worshipful glances in her direction, and while Lady O'Brien was wondering how she could get herself out of the very unpleasant tangle in which she was suddenly mixed, Vera was comparing the drawing-room with the huge salons she was accustomed to in Russia, to the extreme detriment of her present quarters.

"A penny for your thoughts, Vera," said the Colonel.

"They are scarcely worth even that small sum," was the reply.

"But do tell them to us, Vera," cried Wilmot, in that light, pretty, thoroughly English voice of hers.

"You are welcome to them. I was comparing this room with those I know so well in Moscow."

"My dear," said Lady O'Brien, eagerly, "I am sure you must admire our English drawing-room. I furnished it myself not later than last spring. Dear old George was not pleased at first—oh! no, you were not and you know it, George." Here Lady O'Brien gave her brother a playful tap on the arm with her fan. Vera glanced gravely from her father to her aunt.

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...Moscow and found the child—such as you have seen. I have brought her back with me. Helen, you can imagine my pride and rapture. She is my daughter, flesh of my flesh; she must be mistress of this house in the future."

"Do you mean by that, that I, your sister, am to go?"

"I have no intention of being hard on you, Helen, but it is what I do mean."

"But, George, do you really know what you are saying? Do you seriously mean to give up this great house to a Russian girl who does not know anything about our English customs?"

"The latter fact does not matter in the least. The house can be conducted on Russian lines if Vera so wills it. If she requires Russian servants she shall have them. Understand once for all, Helen, she is not to be crossed, she is not to be worri[ed]. She stands first—first o[f] all."

"George, [you] must be mad."

The Colonel rose, stood for a moment on the hearthrug, then approached his sister and laid his hand on her arm.

"I shall do what is liberal and right for you," he said, "but, remember, I have fully made up my mind. Vera from this moment is mistress in Grosvenor Crescent."

(To be continued.)

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The Durham Volunteers.—A letter has just been received from Captain J. Turnbull, of Chester-le-Street, by his sister. The letter is dated Pietermaritzburg, Oct. 15th, and states that on that date the 5th Durham Light Infantry, with other three volunteer companies, was moving up country via Ladysmith. Capt. Turnbull did not state the work they were to perform, but thought they would not be long up country, as another of the volunteer companies (the Scottish Rifles) was left at Pietermaritzburg. Miss Cuthbertson, Chester-le-Street, has also received a letter from her brother, Sergt. J. Cuthbertson, who is with Capt. Turnbull. That officer's letter, written about the same time, is dated from Van Reenan's Pass. Capt. Turnbull states that when he certainly knows his company is coming home he will wire to the press.

SNATCHED FROM DEATH.

A WORKING GIRL'S MIRACULOUS RECOVERY FROM HEART DISEASE, DROPSY, INDIGESTION, AND NEURALGIA.

TEN DOCTORS ATTENDED HER AND AN INFIRMARY STAFF FAILED TO RELIEVE.

HER GRAVE CLOTHES WERE PREPARED AND THE BEARERS SELECTED.

CHARLES FORDE'S BILE BEANS WERE INTRODUCED AND RESTORED PERFECT HEALTH.

When 10 doctors and an Infirmary staff have failed to do any good; when, for four long years a young woman has been gradually sinking despite all efforts; when her own mother has by sheer force of circumstances had to abandon all hope, nay, to go further and actually prepare her daughter's grave clothes, and in her mind select the bearers for the last solemn ceremony, then it will be admitted such a case looks about as black as it possibly could look. This was the state of affairs only a short time back with Miss Annie Brook, who lives with her mother in Eastwood Buildings, Dark Lane, Mirfield. She is a weaver, but four years ago she commenced to suffer from neuralgia so acutely that she had to leave her work. She says:—"One side of my face was particularly bad, and I had five teeth drawn without getting any relief. I could not take food, partly because I had no appetite, and partly because if I did I had indigestion so bad that the pain in my chest and between my shoulders was agonising. I also suffered from anæmia and dropsy. Well, a doctor was called in, and to our surprise he told us that my chief trouble was heart disease. My cheeks and eyes became puffed up with the dropsy, and my legs were swollen to nearly twice their usual size. Notwithstanding the



doctor's treatment I got worse, so we asked another to attend me. He also treated me for heart disease, but with no more success; and in the end gave place to a third. In all I have been attended by ten different doctors; and none of them could do me any good. For nine long months I was in such a condition that I could not walk upstairs, and a bed had to be made for me in the kitchen. Seeing that the local doctors did me no good I went to the Dewsbury Infirmary. For nine weeks I was in that institution, and for a long time after that I was an out-patient. Then I went to Bridlington, and was there three weeks in the hope that change of air would be beneficial. Yet the result was no more satisfactory. I got no better, and gave up all hope."

Mrs. Brook interposing at this stage said:—"We also gave up hope. The doctors said she might die at any moment of the night or day, and it seemed so likely that in my mind I selected the bearers, and all unknown to her, actually prepared her grave clothes. For months and months I thought each night she would be dead before morning, and many a time my heart has nearly stood still because upon touching her she has felt a little cold, and I thought that at last she had gone." Such was the state of affairs when a neighbour one day gave the sufferer a few of Carles Forde's Bile Beans. She thought they did her a little good, so had a box bought and took them regularly. "Eight days after she had begun to take them," said Mrs. Brook, "she said to me, 'Mother, the pain in my head is gone.' That was not all. Although she had not noticed it the swelling in her limbs had gone down and her dropsy had disappeared. From that day her recovery was rapid, as you will understand when I tell you that after taking only a few boxes she was able to go and nurse her brother's wife. In all she has taken five boxes of the Beans and they have saved her from the grave."

Miss Brook again taking up the narrative said:—"I am now quite ready for work again. Several times recently I have walked to Dewsbury and back—a distance



of three miles. People who have met me have actually stood and stared at me, and have then asked me 'What! is it Annie Brook?' They could not believe their own eyes." Miss Brook also made

A Sworn Declaration.

"I, ANNIE BROOK, of Dark Lane, Mirfield, in the County of York, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the facts given above are true, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act, 1835."
(Signed),

Annie Brook

"Declared by the said Annie Brook, at [Mi]rfield, in the County of York, this first day of August, 1900, before me."
(Signed),

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Commissioner for Oaths.

NEIGHBOURS CORROBORATE.

The following corroboration from persons well known in the district lends additional weight to the above facts.

"I have known Annie Brook for 16 years, would and how ill she has been. Her condition was terrible. I recommended her to take Bile Beans, and have been amazed at their effect upon her. She is now quite well, and I have pleasure in testifying to their wonderful effect in this case.

"(Signed) TOM FRANCE SMITH,
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SWALWELL.

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Friday evening, in the Swalwell Wesleyan Chapel, Mr. Ridley, evangelist, gave an interesting lantern service entitled "A Peep Behind the Scenes," which was much appreciated by the fairly large audience.

Mission Services.—During the past few days week-night mission services have been conducted by Messrs Ridley and Darvell in the Swalwell Wesleyan Chapel, with much success. Good congregations were present at each service.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—In connection with this place of worship a successful entertainment was given on Saturday evening. The proceeds being in aid of the proposed new chapel. The artists on the programme were:—Miss Irving, Miss Robinson (Swalwell), Mr. Adamson (Whickham), and Messrs Errington and Marshall (Blaydon). There was a fairly good attendance and the entertainment was much enjoyed.

HOW GOOD TEMPERED AND ROSY your baby is, Mrs Jones! Whatever do you give it? Oh, just one or two of PATTRICK'S COOLING & TEETH-

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL CONCERT.

There was a crowded audience in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Friday night last on the occasion of the annual concert promoted by the officials of the Shotley Bridge Cricket Club. Being one of the principal social events of the season the inhabitants always anticipate and are generally gratified with a real musical treat, but it is doubtful whether the Club ever promoted a more successful or a more satisfying concert than the one under notice. The artistes engaged were Madame Marie Anderson, soprano; Mr. H. Brearley, tenor; Mr. Duncanson, bass; Miss Myrtle Lumsden, violinist; Miss H. Lumsden, pianist and accompanist; and Mr. Leslie Harris, humourous entertainer. The programme drawn up was a most excellent one, and could not have been more suitable for such an occasion. In the opening item, Richards' trio, "Up, Quit thy Bower," by the soprano, tenor and bass, an early indication was given of what was to follow. Madame Anderson proved herself possessed of a powerful voice, and if there was a fault to be found it was in the fact that she somewhat over-estimated the size of the hall. In a larger building she would have been heard to much greater advantage. Her undoubted merits, however, were fully appreciated, and for her rendering of Pinsuti's song, "Three Wishes," she was most deservedly accorded a hearty encore, and responded with "Sweet Genevieve," which she gave with delightful taste and artistic merit. Her dramatic instincts were also brought out by her share with Messrs Brearley and Duncanson in Bishop's amusing burlesque trio "Maiden Fair," which was cleverly rendered. Mr. Brearley is a tenor of the light order, an intelligent and an accurate reader, with perfect control over his voice and well up in the art of phrasing. His first song was Moir's "Down the Vale," a beautiful song which a Consett audience had the pleasure of hearing only a week previously. Mr. Brearley's voice was admirably adapted to the music, and so charmingly was it given that the audience rapturously accorded an encore. If anything the Yorkshire songman surpassed himself in responding with "Sally in our Alley." This ever popular song was never better sung before a Shotley Bridge audience, and was the means of establishing Mr. Brearley as a great favourite in their midst. His subsequent efforts were not only welcomed but enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Duncanson is well known and needs no recommendation. His great successes were in Lohr's new song "Dicky, the Driver," a very clever, tuneful, and laughable composition, and to which full justice was done, resulting in an encore and a response with "The Old Plaid Shawl," and in the trio "Maiden Fair," in which his actions created roars of laughter. Mr. Leslie Harris as a humourous entertainer was an immense success. His share in the programme was a large one, for in addition to four items he had to respond to encores on each occasion. His versatility was undoubted and in almost every branch of the Grossmith order of entertainment he was smart, apt, and clever. His song "The Old Organ Man," with a skilful piece of character singing and was most thoroughly appreciated by all present. Again in "Jones Jubilee" he fairly "brought down the house," and as an encore kept his audience in a continuous spell of laughter by a dumb illustration of a political candidate's address to a crowded meeting. Mr. Harris will be asked to visit Shotley Bridge again. Miss Myrtle Lumsden gave several very refined contributions on the violin, and treated selections from Wieniawski, Villiers, Stanford and Zarzycki in a manner which showed careful and intelligent study both of the instrument and of the themes. In response to an encore for Wieniawski's Second Polonaise she played with great acceptance a short romance specially composed by Mr. Leslie Harris, the composer himself acting as accompanist. Miss H. Lumsden discharged her duties at the piano with tact and ability, her accompaniments to the violin solos being exceedingly well performed. From start to finish the concert was a great success, and the officials of the Club are to be congratulated on the result of their enterprise.

FATAL TRAP ACCIDENT AT IVESTON.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

A trap accident which, unfortunately, terminated fatally occurred on Tuesday at Iveson. An elderly man named Robert Bell (better known as Thirlaway) was driving in a trap with Mr. Oliver, of Castle Dene Farm, when a shaft of the trap broke and the pony bolted, with the result that Mr. Oliver pulled on to the grass, but the plot not being level the trap overturned, and Bell sustained such injuries as to cause his demise on Thursday night. Mr. Oliver escaped without serious injury.

On Saturday, Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the New Inn, Iveston, to inquire into the circumstances concerning the death of Bell. Mr. Ralph Calvert, of Leadgate, was appointed foreman of the jury.

The first witness called was Henry Wanless, a miner residing at Iveston, who stated that his wife fas a niece of the deceased man, who was 70 years of age on Nov. 3rd. Bell was a retired miner and expired at his residence, Bell's Cottages, Iveston, on the previous Thursday. Deceased met with an accident on the preceding Tuesday, his collar-bone being broken and he also sustained other injuries of a serious nature. Dr. Munroe, of Leadgate, attended to Bell.

George Oliver, of Castle Dene House, deposed that he was a farmer. On Tuesday afternoon, about three o'clock, Bell and witness started from the Board Inn, Iveston, in a two-wheeled trap for Lanchester, the trap being drawn by his pony. When nearing the New Inn the pony made a halt, and then made a sharp bolt. Witness was of opinion that the pony had shied at something. The jerk forward caused the right shaft to break near the socket, and in consequence of this the pony commenced to gallop. He was successful in getting the pony and trap on to the grass, but there being a slope to the left the thap overturned to that side. Both of them were thrown out, and deceased sustained injuries, but witness escaped with a shaking.

Matthew Atthey said he was a miner living at Iveston. At the time of the accident witness was in the yard adjoining the New Inn public-house, and heard the smash. On going outside he saw Bell and Oliver on the grass. The trap was lying on its left side, and the pony was also down. Mr. Moore and himself went to their assistance and had them removed.

Thomas Moore, landlord of the New Inn, Iveston, deposed that he received information of the accident from Atthey, and on proceeding to the spot found the two men lying in the same position as described by the previous witness.

P.C. Dixon, of Iveston, said that he resided near to the scene of the accident. He was in his house at the time of the occurrence, and immediately went to the assistance of the two men. When he arrived at the spot Bell had been raised, and was in a sitting position. Witness thought that Bell was dead until he felt his pulse.

The Coroner remarked that it was a very sad thing that an accident of this kind should have happened to the old man, who was in a feeble state of health. Probably he would not have lived many years longer, and it was a great pity that he should have been cut off in such a way.

Sergt. Newton, of Leadgate, stated that he had been informed by Dr. Munroe that the fractured ribs penetrated the lungs.

The Coroner said that the shock itself was nearly sufficient to cause the death of an old man of deceased's age, and also considering his state of health. It was undoubtedly a pure accident, and there was no one to blame. The driver of the trap did the proper thing in pulling on to the grass, as it was safer than on the road, but unfortunatley the grass was not level, or else the accident might not have happened.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this association was held on Friday night, in the small hall of the New Town Hall, Consett. The Rev. J. S. Nightingale was voted to the chair, and there was a moderate attendance.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, regretted that there was not a larger attendance. However, he trusted that they would have a pleasant and harmonious meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Wildsmith) read his annual report as follows:—

Gentlemen,—I have the pleasure of again submitting to you a report and summary of the work done during the last twelve months. Many things of note have taken place in the political world since our last annual meeting, which should incite all Liberals to increased activity. The chief things of note in connection with our local association are as follows:—

On Dec. 1st, 1899, we held a social in the Masonic Hall, when we spent a very pleasant and enjoyable evening together.

Liberal Club.—During the year many meetings have been held, and this question thoroughly gone into, and discussed in all its bearings. Several promises of support were received, and suitable rooms could have been got, but so little interest was taken in the question by the members that we were compelled to let the matter lie over for the present.

Easter Carnival.—During Easter week we again held our yearly carnival, which was fairly popular, and the financial results a little better than last year, but the question will have to have your serious consideration.

Registration.—I spent some time in going through the whole of the registers and note there is a large increase of voters in the district. For the polling district of Consett and Knitsley the following claims were sent in:—Owners, 7; occupiers, 4; old lodgers, 9; new lodgers, 28, which were all sustained but two. (Hear, hear.) In June, Mr. A. Broadbent, my co-secretary, was presented with an illuminated address and a bicycle in recognition of his valuable services to our association, on his leaving this district for Richmond, where he gained the position of Liberal agent. We wish him every success. (Hear, hear.)

In August we lost by death one of our most ardent and enthusiastic officers in Mr. Thomas Carr, a man who was always in the forefront of Liberalism and who nobly stood by his principles throughout his life. As a token of respect we sent a wreath, and our association was represented at the funeral.

Election.—During October the General Election took place, when for North-West Durham Mr. L. A. Atherley-Jones was again returned as member, but with his majority greatly reduced. The numbers were as follows:—Jones, 5,158; Joicey, 5,137; majority, 21.

It now behoves all Liberals to organise and do what they can to spread the principles of Liberalism, so that by the next election we may be enabled to see our member returned by a larger majority than ever. (Hear, hear.)

I have now much pleasure in thanking the Committee and members for their active co-operation in all work that has been taken in hand, and that as far as I am aware the relationship between the officers and members has been of the best. (Applause.)

Mr. Goudie moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Robertson, and carried.

THE LATE MR. T. CARR.

The Chairman read a letter from the relatives of the late Mr. Thos. Carr, thanking the association for the wreath sent to the funeral.

Coun. J. W. Winter, as a member of the association, moved that they place on record their high appreciation of the very valuable services rendered to Liberalism by the late Mr. T. Carr, who for many years was the honorary treasurer of that association. Those who had been brought into contact with the late Mr. Carr were compelled to recognise that with him Liberal politics was a serious matter. When he said serious he meant that Liberal politics with Mr. Carr was a matter for thought and activity so long as he had the power to devote to Liberalism. (Hear, hear.) He was a Liberal not because he was born a Liberal, but he believed in Liberalism because it was the deep conviction of his soul. He (Mr. Carr) was firmly convinced that Liberal politics were the politics for the country. He devoted himself not only to that association, but to Liberalism throughout the division. He (the speaker) felt that a strong man in their ranks had fallen when Mr. Carr departed this life. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. Brown seconded the motion. He had known the late Mr. Carr all his life, and would simply endorse the sentiments of Mr. Winter concerning his character. When one had known a man 30 years, and worked alongside him, it all went to bear out what Mr. Winter had said. However, there was one thing they could be rather pleased at, and this was that though a breach had been made in their ranks, Mr. Carr had dropped his mantle on his energetic son who was in their ranks that day.

The Chairman said it was not his privilege to know Mr. Carr very well, but from what he had seen of him he thought he seemed to attend their meetings sometimes when he was physically not fit to do so.

The motion was carried by those present rising to their feet.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Wildsmith read the treasurer's report. This showed that the association started last year with a balance in hand of £80 6s 7½d. There had been received in members' subscriptions during the year £1 14s 6d; proceeds of social, £2 5s; Easter Carnival, £4 4s 2d. The total receipts were £88 15s 3½d. The expenditure had been £17 10s 11d, leaving a balance in hand of £71 4s 4½d. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Goudie moved the adoption of the report.

This was seconded by Mr. Kirkup, and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. P. Douglas, Darlington; chairman of the association, Mr. Jas. Palliser, Blackhill; the vice-presidents were re-elected "en bloc"; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Wildsmith; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. T. Carr; auditors, Messrs S. Brodie and J. S. Kirkup; the committee was re-elected with the addition of Mrs. Waites and Mr. J. Borrow.

A SOCIAL.

Some discussion ensued with respect to the annual social.

Mr. Carr moved that a social be not held this year.

Mr. Brodie seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown moved as an amendment that a social be held.

The Chairman seconded the amendment, and said that although he might not be able to attend the social through another engagement, he thought it would be the means of drawing their friends together. Unless they stirred themselves their Tory friends might think they had become discomfited by the last election, and had no life in them.

The amendment was carried.

It was agreed to hold the social on Dec. 14th, the committee to carry out the arrangements being appointed as follows:—Mrs. Waites, Messrs J. W. Winter, Jos. Brown, B. G. Heslop, A. Robertson, J. Borrow, S. Brodie, J. E. Colling, and J. T. Carr.

THE EASTER CARNIVAL.

A short discussion took place respecting the Easter Carnival.

Mr. Brodie moved that the consideration of the question of the Easter Carnival be left over for another meeting on account of the small attendance.

Mr. Kirkup seconded the motion, which was carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

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WHICKHAM URBAN COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of the Whickham Urban District Council was held in the Council Chamber, Whickham, on Thursday last under the presidency of Coun. Robt. Winship.

THE RECENT FLOOD.

Some rather important communications were read in regard to the damage done by the recent heavy rain-storms, during which much damage was done in the vicinity of Dunston and the Teams.

The first letter was from Mr. John Riddell, farmer, Swalwell, who pointed out that he drew the attention of the Council to the bad state of the drainage near his property, and the evil effects thereof during the heavy rain-storms. During the recent heavy flood he had sustained damage to stock to the extent of £20. Nothing had been done to remedy the defect, and no reasonable effort made to cope with the difficulty. He claimed £10.

Mr. Isaac Bewley wrote stating that during the heavy rain-storm his yard and stables had been flooded to the depth of six feet. He was considering the advisability of taking action against the Council for damage done.

The Chairman pointed out that it was an enormous flood, and probably nothing they could have done would have hindered the effects.

Councillor Swinburn moved that the Surveyor draw up a report on the circumstances to which the two letters referred.

This was agreed to.

A SUGGESTION.

Mr. George Bain, of Dunston, wrote and suggested that the Council should take up the question of the condition of bridge connecting Whickham Urban District Council's land with Gateshead at the Teams as some alterations or re-building was necessary at once, to prevent the flooding of the main road.

This was agreed to.

THE RATE COLLECTOR'S SALARY.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Atkinson, the Council's collector, applying for an increase of saary. Mr. Atkinson pointed out the great increase in his duties since 1888. He showed the enormous increase in the number of the assessments, and the amount to be collected as compared with 1888.

Coun. Swinburne had no doubt that Mr. Atkinson's labours were very much greater than when he was appointed, and thought he had made out a very good case.

A Councillor suggested that Mr. Atkinson held other offices, but

The Chairman said he did not think that that should be taken into consideration. What they had to consider was whether Mr. Atkinson was worth more to them now than when he was first appointed, and whether they were paying him sufficient remuneration for the work done.

The meeting seemed fairly unanimous as to the justification of Mr. Atkinson's claim; and

Coun. Walls gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the collector's salary be increased £10 or any further sum the Council may think fit.

TELEPHONE CALL OFFICE.

The Chairman said he had received a communication from the authorities in regard to suggested telephone communication with the district. If six subscribers could be vouchsafed there was not likely to be any difficulty in the extension of the telephone service to Whickham.

SWALWELL SANDS BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Blaydon Urban District Council, asking what the Whickham authorities were prepared to do in regard to the proposed new bridge across the Derwent at Swalwell Sands?

The unanimous idea of the Council was that the present bridge was in a most deplorable state, and that a new one was absolutely necessary.

It was agreed that the letter be forwarded to Mr. Bolam, agent for the Clavering estate, and also a note stating that the sentiments expressed therein were also those of the Whickham Council; and also pointing out that it was now absolutely necessary for something to be done.

THE PROPOSED ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A communication was read from the Local Government Board in regard to the proposed Infectious Diseases Hospital, pointing out that the sanction of the Board would have to be the result of an enquiry by one of their own Inspectors. A statement that caused much comment was that cases of small-pox would have to be kept apart from the other infectious diseases. The assumption was, however, thtat the Board would be agreeable to the erection of some temporary construction if ever it came about that small-pox and any other infectious disease had to be dealt with at the same time.

On the suggestion of the Clerk it was agreed that the necessary formal application be made to the Local Government Board.

After the transaction of minor business the Council rose.

HOCKEY.

NOVOCASTRIA v. DERWENT VALLEY.

This match was played at Jesmond Towers. The game was very even in spite of the visitors being a man short and only having a moderate team. Novocastria had much the better of the game tduring the first half, and when half-time was called the score was three goals to one in their favour. During the second half the visitors played exceedingly well, and the game resulted in a draw of five goals all. The scorers for Derwent Valley were Todd (2), Wattsford, Nicholson, and Blunt. For Novocastria, A. H. Newcombe (3), H. Criddle, and P. C. Newcombe.

DURHAM v. YORKSHIRE.

The following Durham team has been chosen to play against Yorkshire on Nov. 24th, at York:—Goal, E. Taylor (Crook); backs, H. Salmon (Nondescripts) and B. Robinson (Auckland Castle); halves, F. Pickersgill (Sunderland), C. Heslop (Auckland Castle), and R. Clive (Derwent Valley); forwards, H. Greener (Crook), W. Burn (Stockton), G. H. Wattsford (Stockton), H. Spencer (Crook), and H. Sanderson (Stockton.) Reserves—Goal, F. Taylor (Chester-le-Street); backs, N. M. Ingram (Nondescripts); halves, E. Eggleston (Sunderland) and L. Baker (Stockton); forwards, D. B. Sanderson (Sunderland), W. Dixon (Chester-le-Street), and C. R. Common (Sunderland.)

WHICKHAM.

Sudden Death of a Deputy.—On Monday morning a painfully sudden death occurred at Messrs. Hannington and Co.'s Whickham Colliery. A deputy named Robert Tenant whilst standing conversing in the lamp cabin was seen to suddenly fall down, and immediately expire before assistance could be procured. Dr. A. W. Attwater was summoned, but his services were of no avail. Death is supposed to be due to syncope. The occurrence naturally caused a painful sensation at the mine. Deceased, who resided at Middletown, near Whickham, was much respected by the officials and workmen at the colliery. He leaves a widow and family, for whom much sympathy has been expressed.

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Public Notices.

LOOK OUT FOR THE

GRAND CONCERT

To be given by the Celebrated Wesleyan Choir of Blackhill, in the Free Church, Clifford Road, West Stanley, on December 5th, 1900.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

SHOULD any ASHPITS or PRIVIES be Overlooked or not properly Cleaned, please notify the Contractor at once when they will be attended to. Signed,

572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

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DERWENT VALLEY HABITATION OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL BALL given by this Habitation will be held on Jan. 3rd, 1901, in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge. Particulars will be duly announced. 406j

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DERWENT VALLEY ENTIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the above will be held at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday, the 19th inst., at 5 p.m., when all Members are requested to attend

407j THOS. HAMILTON, Secretary.

LEADGATE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND, NOV. 24th and 26th.

£15 120 YDS. FOOT HANDICAP. Entries close Tuesday Morning, Nov. 20th.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS may be paid to Mr. T. L. GLEDSTONE, Hon. Treasurer, N.E. Bank, Consett; or further information from the Hon. Secretaries—Mr. W. S. DAVIES, Bryngless, Consett; or Mr. G. T. RYDEN, Blackfyne House, Blackhill.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

FUND in aid of the Wives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors serving with the Colours.

CONSETT DISTRICT.

CHAIRMAN:—COUN. WM. AYNSLEY, J. P., CONSETT.

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HON. SECRETARY:—MR. T. W. WELFORD, CLERK, CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

	£	s.	d.
Amount acknowledged	1245	19	10
Consett Iron Co's. Workmen's 21st contribution	32	16	8
379j	£1278	16	6

CO-OPERATIVE HALL, STANLEY.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF

"THE MESSIAH,"

To be rendered by CATCHGATE FREE CHURCH CHOIR, assisted by several Friends and Full Orchestra, to be given in the above Hall, on WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28th, 1900.

ARTISTES: Soprano, MISS MAGGIE WILSON, Newcastle, Contralto, MADAME BELLAS-DRYDEN, Consett, Tenor, MR. TOM HOLLAND, Stanley, Bass, MR. J. DUNCANSON, Durham Cathedral.

Pianist, Miss Robinson, Tanfield. Organists, Messrs. Tindall and Callicott. Conductor of Orchestra, Mr. G. A. Williams, Consett. Conductor, Mr. Tom Holland.

Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m., by Coun. J. Storey, Catchgate.

Doors open for Ticket-holders at 6-30. Admission: Reserved Seats, (booked), 2s.; Second seats, 1s. For particulars see bills. Proceeds on behalf of Catchgate U.M. Free Church Building Scheme. 404j

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2nd. V.B.D.L. INFANTRY. K. & L. (CONSETT) COMPANIES.

DRILLS will be commenced in the Church Hall, Consett, as follows:

Friday, Nov. 16th, at 6-30 and 7-30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 2-30 and 3-30 p.m.

25 Men only are now required to complete the strength allowed, therefore, those who are already enrolled and not sworn in, must come forward to be sworn in and measured for uniform at the above Drills, otherwise their places will be filled up.

By Order,

J. PETHERICK, J. E. PARKER, Captains Commanding K. & L. Companies.

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BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

THIRD ANNUAL

EXHIBITION

AND

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

IN

ST. AIDAN'S HALL, BLACKHILL, ON WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, Nov. 21st and 22nd, 1900.

MRS. J. B. LAZENBY, of Summerdale, Shotley Bridge, has very kindly undertaken to open the Exhibition on Wednesday, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

For Vocalists and Instrumentalists see small Bills and Programmes.

Entries close on November 15th. Schedules and all particulars can be obtained from MR. ANDREW TROTTER, 57, Durham Road, Blackhill.

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NEW THEATRE,

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Public Notices.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT

AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY.

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

The Committee of the above Society have the pleasure to announce that THREE GRAND PERFORMANCES of GILBERT and SULLIVAN'S POPULAR COMIC OPERA—

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With full Scenic and Spectacular Effects, By permission of R. D'Oyly Carte, Esq., Savoy Theatre, London,

will be given by a full Company of Local Artistes,

On MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and SATURDAY, November 19th, 21st, and 24th, 1900.

Prices of Admission—

Numbered and Reserved Seats, First Ballot, 2s. per seat; Second Ballot, 1s. per seat.

A Discount of 10 per cent will be allowed off above prices to Patrons booking Three or more Seats.

Unreserved Seats, One Shilling each.

Seats may be booked by applying to Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., Piano Saloon, Front Street, Consett; E. Sloane and Sons, Piano and Cycle Warehouse, Blackhill; or to the Secretaries and Members of the Society.

Doors open at 7-15 p.m. Overture at 7-45 p.m. Ticket-holders only admitted up to 7-30 p.m.

Proceeds in aid of the Queen's Nursing Association.

Carriages at 10-30 p.m.

All communications addressed to 14, East View, Queen's Street, Blackhill, will have prompt attention.

SAMUEL LEYBOURNE, W. J. FOREMAN, Honorary Secretaries.

NOTE: SACRED CONCERT, On Sunday night, November 18th, 1900, by the CONSETT IRON CO'S. WORKMEN'S PRIZE BAND.

Full particulars on bills.

M. W. DELANEY is prepared to receive PUPILS in Drawing and Painting at 8, Elgin Villas, Rowlands Gill. Half Term commences Monday, Nov. 12th. 88j

Legal Notices

RE MRS. JANE LYNN, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having CLAIMS against the Estate of JANE LYNN, the Wife of Robert Lynn, of Clough Dene, Burnopfield, Farmer, who died on the 8th inst., are requested to send particulars of their Claims to us, the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1900.

JOHN G. MURRAY, RICHMOND, AND AYNSLEY, Solicitors for the Executors, Taylor Street, Consett.

NOTICE.

SCHOOL BOARD FOR MEDOMSLEY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in reference to the above District, that:—

1.—The above School Board have, subject to the approval of the Board of Education, made certain Bye Laws in pursuance of the powers given to the School Board by S. 74 of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, as amended by the Elementary Education Acts, 1876, 1880, 1893, and 1899.

2.—A Printed Copy of the proposed Bye Laws will continue deposited for inspection by any Ratepayer, at the Board Room, Medomsley, the Office of the School Board, for one calendar month from the date of the publication of this notice.

3.—At the expiration of the said calendar month, the said proposed Bye Laws will be submitted to the Board of Education for final approval.

4.—The School Board will supply a printed Copy of the said proposed Bye Laws gratis to any Ratepayer.

J. HEDWORTH COUPLAND, Clerk.

15th November, 1900. 88j

TEAM VALLEY PLOUGHING AND HEDGECUTTING ASSOCIATION.

THE THIRD ANNUAL COMPETITION will take place on Wednesday, December 5th, 1900, weather permitting, or first favourable Wednesday afterwards, on LAND NEAR LOW FELL, kindly granted by MR. CHAS. N. HULTON, Harlow Green Farm.

Substantial Prizes offered in all Classes.

Open Class for Boys.

Prize Lists and Entry Forms on application to the Secretaries:

Mr. WM. JOHNSON, Trench Hall, Gateshead; Mr. WM. PARK, Norwood Farm, Dunston.

Entries close on Wednesday, Nov. 28th.

All notices of Postponements given in "Newcastle Daily Journal" day previous to day of holding Competition. 448j

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BENFIELDSIDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTICE as to lands required for Sewage Disposal Works in connection with a Scheme for the Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for the Urban District of Benfieldside in the County of Durham.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL for the Urban District of Benfieldside, in the County of Durham intend, by virtue of the powers of the Public Health Act, 1875 or other Acts enabling them in that behalf, to purchase or take if necessary, otherwise than by Agreement, for the purpose of SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS, the whole or portions of the lands comprised in the following Schedule, with all rights of roads and accesses required thereto, and also to acquire the necessary powers for the diversion or stopping-up of any existing rights of occupation or other roads over the said lands and which lands are situate in the township of Benfieldside in the said County of Durham.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that Plans of the proposed undertaking, wherein the said lands are indicated, and coloured red are deposited at my Office, Bank Chambers, Shotley Bridge, where they may be seen at all reasonable hours.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

TOWNSHIP OF BENFIELDSIDE.

No. of Plan	Owners or Lessees.	Occupier.	Probable Quantity of Land required.
1	Messrs. Priestman and Sons.	Lewis Priestman.	1·28 Acres

SIGNED by Order of the said Benfieldside Urban District Council this Seventh day of November, 1900.

J. B. LAZENBY, Clerk to the said Council.

N.B.—All Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees or Occupiers of lands required for the said Works, or which are intended to be taken, will receive due notice of these matters during the month of December next, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, duplicate plans, &c., will be deposited at the Parliament Offices of the House of Lords and at the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and also at the Offices of the Local Government Board, in London, accompanied by a Petition, in pursuance of the Standing Orders of Parliament. 36j

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A Capital Football Picture, entitled "A RUGBY MATCH," measuring	3ft. 10in. x 2ft. 6in.
Two Artistic Etchings, "JESMOND DENE" and "WARKWORTH CASTLE," measuring when framed	3ft. 6in. x 2ft 6in.
A fine Coloured Picture, "NEWCASTLE FROM GATESHEAD," from Lund's Painting, measuring in frame	3ft. 8in. x 2ft. 6in.
Finally, that Grand Work, "STILLING THE TEMPEST," measuring in frame	3ft. 8in. x 2ft. 6in.

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Public Notices.

TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1900.

RETURN VISIT OF **MR. RENE BULL,**

(War Artist and Special Correspondent to "Black and White," who will deliver his Lecture of absorbing interest, illustrated by Photos of exceptional interest, personally "Snapped" on the Battle Field whilst with Generals Buller and White's Forces) upon which occasion Mr. Bull will be honoured by the patronage and presence of

GEO. AINSWORTH, ESQ., J.P., AND INFLUENTIAL PARTY.

In addition to Mr. Bull's Lecture—Solos will be sung by MISS LOIS BOLEO, (Soprano) of the principal Provincial Concerts.

Piano Recital by Mr. H. WARDALE, (Jun.), the Brilliant Northern Pianiste.

ANIMATED WAR PICTURES.—Illustrative of the South African Campaign, entitled, "With Roberts to Pretoria," by the latest American Bioscope, including the very latest film of the most stirring National Event—THE RETURN OF THE C.I.V.'s, and their WELCOME Home in London, and a remarkable series of films secured at a very heavy cost, depicting various incidents of the recent GALVESTON FLOOD DISASTER.

PLEASE NOTE.—All tickets given out at Mr. Bull's last Lecture must be exchanged for special Five Admission Cards at Messrs. Archibald Ramsden's, Pianoforte Show Rooms, by 12 o'clock, Friday, November 30th. Holders of the latter tickets will please note—Seats are only guaranteed between 7 and 7-30, after which non-ticket holders will be admitted upon payment at the doors, 6d, 1s, 2s. Re-arrangement of seating will be affected, ensuring a considerably larger number of 6d and 1s seats than on the previous occasion.

Please Note the Date—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th.

Lecture will commence 8 o'clock prompt, under the direction of ARTHUR JEFFERSON, North Shields.

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PARISH OF TANFIELD RESERVISTS' FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ENDING 6th NOVEMBER, 1900.

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
C. Rowlandson, Treas. to the Durham County Fund	242	0	0
G. Nesbitt	0	14	0
Taylor & Co.	0	5	0
Cheque Book	0	2	6
Balance in Bank	20	3	8
	£263	5	2

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Hobson Colliery	53	17	7
Lintz Colliery	69	19	8
South Garesfield Colliery	51	3	0
Messrs. Turnbull Bros. Employees	1	16	0
Pickering Nook Social	12	1	8
Mrs. R. Smith's Social	8	10	0
Burnopfield Concert	50	0	0
Burnopfield Conservative Club	1	6	6
Collected in Boxes left at Hotels	1	0	10
Per Mr. Gilliland	6	11	4
H. F. Bulman, Esq., subscription	1	0	0
W. Braidford, Jun., Esq.	3	3	0
Mrs. Braidford, Jun.	2	2	0
J. Robinson	1	1	0
	£263	5	2

J. ROBINSON, Treasurer, North Eastern Bank, Stanley, R.S.O.

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Sales by Auction

By Mr. Jackson Green.

BLACKHILL FARMERS' MART CO., LTD. MONDAY, NOV. 19th, 1900. MR. JACKSON GREEN, AUCTIONEER. 20 Fat Cattle. 200 Sheep and Lambs. Cows, Calves, Pigs, &c. Ballot at 12 o'clock; Sale to commence at 12-30.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOW and SALE, will be held on Monday, December 17th, 1900. J. W. OSBORNE, Secretary, 457j 10a, Durham Road, Blackhill.

MR. JACKSON GREEN AUCTIONEER, VALUER, & COMMISSION AGENT. Agricultural and Probate Valuations carefully made. All Classes of Sales conducted on Reasonable Terms. SALE OFFICE— SATLEY, TOW LAW, R.S.O. 307a

By Mr James Turnbull.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE of FAT CATTLE and SHEEP, will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, 1900. Prize-List on application. Entries close Dec. 5th, 1900, and are respectfully solicited. 448j JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

Chester-le-Street Auction Mart.

Monday, November 19th, 1900.

SALE with MILK COWS at 11.30 a.m., FAT STOCK at 1.15. Present Entries:— 30 Prime Fat Cattle. 1?9 Prime Fat Sheep and Lambs. 20 New Incalver Cows, out of local and reliable herds. 30 Young Pigs, 6 to 12 weeks old. Butcher's Cart, Coup Cart, &c. The Stock is all of the primest quality and consigned from the usual noted feeders. Trucks at the Station. 447j JAMES TURNBULL, Auctioneer.

By Mr John Crawford.

SPECIAL SALE OF HORSES, CART HARNESS, &c., Wednesday, November 21st, at One o'clock, on Crawford's Ground, Gibson Street, Consett. Grey Horse, 17 h.h., 8 years old; Brown Horse, 16½ h.h., 8 years old; Black Mare, 15½ h.h.; Roan Cob, 14 h.h.; Pony, 14 h.h.; Dark Brown Mare, 16½ h.h.; Foal, by "Set Free"; Yearling Colt; together with 14 other Horses and Ponies, 6 sets Silver-mounted Harness, Coup Cart Harness, Night Collar, Straps, Quarter Sheets, Forks, Coup Carts, Long Cart, Whitechapel, Hay Chopper (with Sheaves). Entries taken up to day of Sale. 444j JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer.

Important Sale of Valuable Business Property at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD instructed by the executors of the late Thomas Williams, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Thursday, Dec. 6th, all that Stone Built BUSINESS PROPERTY, No. 1, St. Aidan's Street, Blackhill. Anyone having Property or Shares can have it included in this Sale. Apply to the Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 445j

HOUSE, Stable, Byre, and Self-contained Yard TO LET.—Apply, JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 446j

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

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

Short Notice. Ritson's Road, Blackhill.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, instructed by Mr. E. H. Dawson, Fanciers' Specialist, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, Nov. 17th, 1900, at One o'clock prompt, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, without reserve. At Four o'clock, Pony, Trap, and Harness. For particulars see Bills. 442j T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett.

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Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr. Nathan Elsdon.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1900. LARGE SALE of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Pianoforte, Walnut Cabinet and Mahogany Sideboards, Linen, Carpets, and Cutlery.

MR. NATHAN ELSDON instructed by Wm. Coulson, Esq., of the Commercial Hotel, Consett, who is retiring, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, the whole of his Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects. Comprising:

DRAWING ROOM.—Piano by Westphal, Berlin, and Stool, cost 50 Guineas; Mahogany Suite, 9 pieces, in figured Velvet Plush; Large Walnut Overmantle, Walnut Centre Table, 2 Bamboo Side Tables, with Teapots and Stands; Ash Centre Table, 2 Card Tables, Whatnot, Marble Timepiece, Marley Horses (Bronze); Music Cabinet, 6 sets of Ornaments, Family Bible, Encyclopedia Dictionary, quantity of Music, Brass Fender and Irons, Carpet, Oilcloth, Skin Rug, Hassocks, Basket Flowers, Small Centre Table, 3 Table Cloths, Lounge Chair, Coal Box, Door Mats, Secretary with Drawers, &c., &c.

COMMERCIAL ROOM.—Walnut Sideboard, Plate Glass Back; Gilt Overmantle, Ash Dining Table, Small Table, Sofa, 5 Half Smoke Chairs, 2 Smoke Chairs, Large Marble Clock, Marley Horses, Pair Ornaments, 10 Flower Vases, Hand painted Board, 4 Pacques, 1 Side Table, Tea Cosey and Trays, 4 Cushions, Oilcloth Mats, Railway Guide, Waller's Dictionary, Bamboo Cornice Poles and Shades, &c.

HALL.—Mahogany Sideboard, 3 Smoke Chairs, 2 Flower Vases, &c.

SMOKE ROOM.—American Couch, Small Table, &c.

KITCHEN.—2 Dressers, Walnut Suite in Plush, 9 Pieces; Singer's Sewing Machine, Chest, Chairs, Bamboo Table, Knife Box, Cleaner, Square Table, 3 Clocks, Longsettle, Arm Chair, 3 Cruets, Coffee Mill, Ornaments, Brass Candle Sticks, Fender and Irons, Kettle, Pans, Cushions, Rugs, Trays, &c.

LARDER.—Dinner Set for 100, Tea Set for 100, Cutlery for 100, Soup Plates, Cheese and Fruit Dishes, Egg Cups, Butter Dishes, Coffee Pots, Pitchers, Biscuit Dishes, Flour Bin, Weighing Machine, Milk Bowls, Cruet Stand, Pie Dishes, Bread Plates, and the whole of the Ware of ordinary use.

BAR.—The whole of the Glasses, Pots and Measures, and good Safe.

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No. 1 BEDROOM.—Carpet and Oilcloth, Iron Bedstead and Mattresses, Down Bed, Pillows and Bolsters, Quilts, Sheets and Blankets, Armchair, Door Mats, &c.

No. 2 BEDROOM.—Brass-mounted Bedstead and Mattress, Down Bed, Blankets, Sheets and Quilts, Iron Beds, Chair, &c., Travelling Rug, Ash Dressing Table, Swing Glass, Oilcloth, and 3 Boxes of Table Linen.

No. 3 BEDROOM.—Drawers and Bookcase, 3 Silver-mounted Cruets, 3 Silver-mounted Flower Stands, Set Chairs, Quantity of Books, Washstand, Chamber Set, Brass-mounted Bedstead, Spring and Wool Mattress, Pillows and Bolsters, Blankets, Sheets and Quilts, 2 Chairs, Pictures and Ornaments, Oilcloth, 2 Hearthrugs, and Fire Screen.

No. 4 BEDROOM.—Beautiful Mahogany Suite, Mahogany Drawers, Brass Mounted Bedstead, Wool and Spring Mattresses, Chamber Set, Toilet Set, Gipsy Table, Fire Screen, Linen Basket, Hearthrug and Ornaments, Sheets, Blankets, and Quilts, Brass Rail and Irons.

No. 5 BEDROOM.—Ash Bedroom Suite, Chamber Set, Hearthrug, Brass Mounted Bedstead, Water Bottles and Glass, Wool and Spring Mattresses, Sheets, Blankets, Quilts, etc.

No. 6 BEDROOM.—Brass Mounted Bedstead, Spring and Wool Mattresses, Blankets, Sheets, and Quilts, Chequered Oilcloth, Chamber Ware, Fender, Pictures, etc.

No. 7 BEDROOM.—Iron Bedstead and Mattresses, Down Bed and Pillows, Wash Stand, Chamber Ware, Carpet and Oilcloth, Swing Glass, 2 Chairs, Pictures, etc.

No. 8 BEDROOM.—Brass-mounted Bedstead, Spring and Wool Mattresses, Feather Bolster and Pillows, Sheets, Blankets, and Quilts, Wash Stand, and Dressing Table, Swing Glass, Chamber Ware, etc.

No. 9 BEDROOM.—Iron Bedstead, Spring and Wool Mattress, Sheets, Blankets, and Quilts, Swing Glass, 2 Chairs, Chamber Set, Wash Stand and Dressing Table, Cornice Pole and Shades, etc.

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Church Notices.

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

SUNDAY, NOV. 18th, 1900.

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ALL SEATS FREE.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOV. 18th, 1900.

Morning 10.30 } Evening 6 } Rev. E. CHARLESWORTH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

WESLEY GUILD MEETING.

REV. T. EDWARDES THOMPSON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, will LECTURE in Monday, Nov. 19th, 1900, in the Lecture Hall. Subject—"Who are the true successors of the Apostles." Collection at the close. Chair to taken at 7.30. 432j

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH CHOIR

GAUL'S "TEN VIRGINS," By Full Band and Chorus, ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19th, 1900.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

IN connection with the above Church, Two Sermons will be Preached on SUNDAY, NOV. 18th, Morning 10.30, Evening 6 o'clock, by the REV. G. WADDY POLKINGHORNE, of Sedbergh. Anthems by the Choir. Collections in aid of Trust Funds.

On Tuesday, Nov. 20th, the REV. G. WADDY POLKINGHORNE will deliver his Popular LECTURE, entitled "Elijah." Chair to be taken at 7.30 by JAMES SCOTT, Esq., of Consett. Silver Collection will be taken. 461j

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHURCH.

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL BY DAVID CLEGG, Esq.

Of St. George's Recitals, Liverpool, Tynemouth Palace, and Paris Exhibition, in the above Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, 1900. Vocalist, MISS CISSY SOULSBY, A.R.C.M., Blyth. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m., by J. REYMER, Esq., J.P. Tickets, 1s and 6d, may be had from any member of the Choir. Proceeds in aid of a New Instrument for Sunday School. 459j

STANLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 18th, 1900.

REV. J. HORNABROOK, OF MANCHESTER,

Will Preach Two Special Sermons. In the Afternoon a LADIES' MEETING will be addressed by MISS BULMER and others. Solos at each Service by MISS ELLA WILSON, Newcastle.

On Monday, a PUBLIC MEETING will be addressed by Rev. J. HORNABROOK and the Circuit Ministers. Chairman, MR. J. W. JAMIESON, of Medomsley. Proceeds in aid of Trust Funds. 388j

ANNFIELD PLAIN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

OPENING OF NEW ORGAN BY MR. DAVID CLEGG, ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21st, 1900.

Excursions

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

EXCURSION TRAINS from CONSETT. Saturday, Nov. 24th, at 12.35 p.m., for NEWCASTLE.

Sunday, November 25th, at 8.28 p.m., for LONDON (G.N.), 2, 3, 4, 5, or 9 days.

For further particulars see bills.

GEORGE S. GIBB, York, Nov., 1900. General Manager.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

We do not undertake to return any letters or communications whatsoever.

NOTICE TO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEMPERANCE INSTITUTIONS.

A Column of the "Consett Guardian" will in future be devoted specially in the interests of the above institutions. It will be conducted by the Rev. J. S. Nightingale, 19, Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, to whom reports of meetings, questions, and all items of interest, should be sent. Will secretaries especially note and seek to help to make the column as interesting and worthy of the organisations as possible.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.

William Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, November 16th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Consett Liberals. Although there was a somewhat disappointing attendance at the annual meeting of the Consett Liberal Association last Friday night, the proceedings were of a very satisfactory character throughout. The energetic secretary (Mr. J. Wildsmith), read a report which revealed the fact that much good work had been done during the past year, whilst the financial position of the association is excellent, there being a balance of over £70 on the right side. Feeling reference was made to the loss sustained by the association owing to the lamented death of the late Mr. Thos. Carr, who had for a lengthened period fulfilled the duties of hon. treasurer to general satisfaction. It was thought advisable, in view of the small number present, to defer the question of continuing the Easter Carnival until another meeting. There can be no doubt that the carnival imposes a tremendous amount of work upon the officials and committee of the association, and the nett results last year—a matter of a little over £4—cannot by any stretch of imagination be said to be commensurate with the labour involved. Of course, there remains the fact that the carnival is a sort of re-union for the Liberals of the district, and in this way it may do some good to the cause, apart from a monetary standpoint. We should be sorry to see the carnival fall through; but one cannot shut one's eyes to the fact that the financial results should be very much larger than they have been of late years. It was thought that by engaging local talent to provide the entertainment each evening a considerable gain would be effected; but the year previous. However, the pros and the proceeds of the last carnival did not show any appreciable increase over that of cons, will be fully discussed at a meeting to be held very shortly, and the fate of the carnival settled.

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A Presentation. The members of the Benfieldside School Board did a very graceful action at their meeting on Tuesday afternoon, when they presented a handsome marble clock to Mr. and Mrs. Teare as a token of esteem and goodwill from the Board, on the occasion of their marriage. We should mention that not only was the testimonial subscribed to by the present members of the Board, but that several past members took a special delight in adding their contributions. Mr. and Mrs. Teare have served the Board and township faithfully for a long period, and it was fitting that such an auspicious event in their lives should be recognised by the members of the Board in the fashion referred to. Canon Rees-Lewis handed over the gift in a brief, but appropriate speech; and Mr. Teare responded in a very happy manner, expressing the hope that things might go on in the same harmonious and prosperous fashion in the future that they had done in the past. Previous to this the Board had hardly had such an agreeable topic before them, as Mr. F. W. Brodie, the second master, tendered his resignation, having, as we mentioned two or three weeks since, been appointed head master of the National Schools at Tow Law. In accepting the resignation the Board expressed their high appreciation of Mr. Brodie's character and of the work he had performed whilst serving under the Board. During the twelve and-a-half years that Mr. Brodie has been engaged at the Benfieldside Schools it has been his aim to do his utmost for those placed in his charge, and he will leave the district with the sincere good wishes of his colleagues and pupils (past and present), to say nothing of his numerous friends. It is in every way likely that Mr. Brodie will be the recipient of a tangible expression of the warm esteem entertained for him ere he departs to take up his new duties. He is worthy of all the honour that can be shown him.

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Chrysanthemums. The annual show of the Blackhill and District Chrysanthemum Society is fixed to be held in St. Aidan's Hall next Wednesday and Thursday, and promises to be as great a success as previously. It is wonderful how the show has advanced in popularity since it was first started, and the result has been that considerably more attention has been devoted to the growth of this beautiful flower than formerly prevailed. The society is doing a good work and deserves every encouragement. We are told that the French have again been claiming the honour of having first introduced the chrysanthemum into Europe, but, as a matter of fact, it was a lady of the Queensberry family, who, about the middle of the eighteenth century, first brought the plant from the Far East, and a worthy named Peter Miller was growing it at Chelsea in the year 1764. Not till the last decade of the last century was the flower known in France. For a long time it was kept as a greenhouse plant, its hardy character not having been discovered until a comparatively recent period. We have native flowers of the same family in our own country, i.e., the ox-eye daisy and the corn marigold. But there is none whose beauty is to be compared with the chrysanthemum in any of its varieties. Mrs. Laschby, of Shotley Bridge, has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony on Wednesday. In addition to the charming display of flowers, etc., excellent musical programmes will be provided, so that visitors are sure to spend an enjoyable time.

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A Sad Footpath. In some quarters the abilities of the fair sex are very much depreciated by members of the sterner sex. Especially so is this in regard to the suitability of women for public offices. But some of our Councils would be adorned by the presence of a fair sprinkling of the inventive element of the type of the lady whose notions of public matters should commend itself to the members of the Stanley Council. Most readers will know that the footpath between Oxhill Railway Crossing and the Sandhole Row is not one of the best that might be. In one part the footpath has a steep slope towards the road, and in wet weather is very dangerous to walk upon, owing to the thickness of the mud, which makes the said part very greasy. A woman on coming to the portion referred to remarked to a juvenile companion that it was a wonder the Councillors didn't build a keywall on the right side of the footpath to prevent the clay and loose soil being washed on to it and so render it safe for pedestrians to walk on. In addition to that modest but wise suggestion, it might be mentioned that the Council would effect a great improvement in that corner of their vineyard if they widened the road five or six feet, as in its present condition it is somewhat dangerous after dark. There are worse ways of investing the public money than in carrying out improvements of the kind suggested here.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

OMINOUS.

Anything which Mr. Ainsworth says respecting the state of trade must claim close and careful consideration. From his position as manager of the Consett Iron Works few men are better able to know how the pulse is beating, and what the prospects are. He is not an alarmist in any sense of the word, and anything he gives expression to on trade matters is neither the outcome of pessimism nor of optimism, but of actual knowledge, and therefore the words he uttered at the last meeting of the Consett Council have a distinct value as apart from the subject which led to their utterance. Speaking on the proposal to build forty cottages under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, he asked the important question "Is there a demand for houses in Consett, and is that demand likely to continue?" Proceeding, in a measure to answer his own question he said they might take it from him that so far as indications went the demand had been as much in the last few months as it would be for some time to come. He referred to the fact that 130 coke ovens had been put out at Bradley, and that there was a distinct slackening in other parts of the County. When he added the words "the signs are not as encouraging as one would like to see them" we must characterise his speech by the one word—ominous. "I am not saying anything stronger than I mean" he said, presumably intending that he was not meaning anything stronger than he said, but what he did say was a fair warning to working men who are now earning big wages to look forward a little and prepare themselves for less prosperous times. It seems clear that the great wave of prosperity has reached the turning point, and we can only trust that the ebb may not be a violent one.

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STREET LIGHTING.

Not the least important subject which came before the Council was that of the lighting of the streets—a very hardy annual. It may be that there is nothing new under the sun, but there is something very old under the moon, and it is this particular question of public lighting. Grave and irreverent Councillors crack the shell at every point, but they never touch the kernel. They blame the moon and the tenant thereof winks and smiles. When telephonic communication has been extended he will probably startle the Councillors with the words "false economy," and advise them to go in for a course of University Extension lectures on astronomy with special reference to the problem "Why do the clouds roll so slowly by when the lamps are out?" The Surveyor is told at the beginning of the lighting season that he has so many hours allowed, and in order to spin them out he has to scheme and devise and devise and scheme. If "the moon goes wrong" he has to manipulate the lamplighters, and if there be a councillor about—who may even be a member of the Lighting Committee—he has to manufacture a way out of the difficulty, but no one says straight out "we are not doing justice to the public; we are playing into the hands of burglars, and becoming particeps criminis, and all for the sake of saving a few pounds." If you want to find the real cause of the trouble look round the Council board. Consett is only one of the many places in the immediate district where this question so stupidly easy of solution is made to appear so difficult to deal with. Councillor Lowes complains of the lateness of the lamplighters in finishing their round of lighting. There are many who can the more bitterly complain at the unreasonably early hour at which they commence to put the lights out.

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THE LATE MR. HARDY.

The agricultural interest in North-West Durham has suffered rather severely of late by the hand of death, and it is not a little remarkable that in several cases the last call has been of a sudden character. This was so in the case of Mr. Hunter, of Medomsley, Mr. Ritchie, of Langley Park, Mr. Moor, of Edmondsley, and now of Mr. George Hardy, of Knitsley. They were all good men, and leave a severe blank behind them, but while they lived they themselves did much to pave the way for others to step in. Mr. Hardy was not content with success on his holdings, but he worked for the good of others, and brought to bear a knowledge of exceptional worth and of incalculable value to farmers of the district of all ages. The young men will do well to be guided by the lesson of Mr. Hardy's life-work.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(BY "[illegible].")

A MISTAKE.

I find that the strong remarks I made last week with reference to the disappearance of the globe from off the grave of the late Mr. Luke Nicholson in St. Ives Churchyard were scarcely called for. For on enquiry, I learn that during the terrible storm that did so much mischief about three weeks ago, the globe was blown off the tripod, and the sexton found it rolling about among the graves. He picked it up and put it in a place of safety, and waited for someone to claim it, as there was no name upon it. Under these circumstances the sexton deserves the thanks of those interested for removing the globe to a place of safety, and it will be well for those who place globes in such an exposed place as St. Ives Churchyard to take every care that they are so securely fixed that the wind cannot blow them away, as has happened in this case.

A BIG SUCCESS.

The result financially of the visit of Mr. Linden Travers to Leadgate has been such as to completely eclipse the expectations of the promoters. Although the expenses were pretty high, there remains after all claims have been met the very handsome surplus of £17 14s, which will be handed over to the local branch of the Nurses' Association. Of course, this most gratifying result was not achieved without a lot of hard work, and in this connection Mr. Geo. Cooke and his co-workers deserve the utmost praise. They laboured like Trojans to secure success, and the outcome of their efforts will doubtless be considered an adequate reward for what they did. Apart from the good object involved, the entertainment provided was fully worth the price charged for admission.

THE STORE HALL.

There can be no doubt that the Co-operative Society possesses one of the best halls in the district, but I think there is a little matter by which it could be improved. Those who went to hear Mr. Travers were rather surprised to find chairs in the front part of the hall, and many, not knowing the facts, were inclined to congratulate the store committee upon their enterprise. However, the chairs did not belong to the Leadgate Society, but were generously lent by their Consett fellow co-operators free of charge. They were a decided improvement, and enabled those at the back to get a seat, owing to the forms being moved backward to make room for the chairs. I certainly think it would be a wise move on the part of the committee to purchase a hundred or a hundred and fifty chairs. I understand that the question has been mooted at a committee meeting, but with what result I am not in a position to say.

ILLNESS.

There is a very great deal of illness prevalent in our midst just at present. A lot are down with scarlet fever and other complaints, and several, I believe have been removed to the hospital. Our respected fellow-townsman Mr. Jas. Kelly has had a severe attack of influenza, but I am pleased to learn that he is now on the high road to recovery. Leadgate is a wonderful place for catching everything that is going.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

(BY "CASTLESIDEITE.")

A FALSE REPORT.

Quite a sensation was caused on Tuesday morning in the village and district by the report that P.C. Johnson, stationed at Shotley Bridge, and recently of Castleside, had been shot by poachers on the Northumberland side of the Derwent. The sad occurrence was said to have taken place late on Monday night or during the early hours of Tuesday morning, and that he only lived four minutes after being taken home. As per usual suspicion soon fell on men known to indulge in, or having a weakness for night-sport, as some call it, and some even went so far as to know the man who was the actual actor in the tragedy. Others were ready to father the blame on some of those newly-enrolled volunteers in the Consett district, who were anxious to try their hands at shooting before being called upon to defend their home, Queen and country. All this sensation, excitement, suspicion, and surmising was the result of a little fellow throwing a farthing "cracker" at the "man in blue," on Guy Fawkes Day, for P.C. Johnson is still doing duty for his Queen and country.

THE LATE ELECTION.

Now that the General Election has closed with a bumping majority in favour of Lord Salisbury's Government, a result which all solid thinking men were prepared for, yet it is not so large a majority as Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain wished and expected when they dissolved Parliament. Now after the excitement is past and men (and especially working-men) are settled down to their normal condition after all means that could be devised, both foul and fair, to secure this majority, and I question, nay, I make bold to state that never since the "toiling many" were made freemen, made citizens of this great country in the year 1885, has there been such despicable, dishonourable, and disgraceful conduct entered into in order to secure this majority, and North-West Durham has been no exception. Mr. Silas K. Hocking (of immortal fame) has said respecting the past election, "Perhaps there has never been such a period of name-calling and mud-throwing as that through which we have passed." Now I know that we are often told that we are a "gullible people," and I am afraid there is too much truth in the statement. We have been gulled by khaki and "Rule Britannia" to the tune of £100,000,000 to be met by increased income tax, cost of edibles and clothing, and that in failing labour market. What about the cry of "good times" and high wages for miners and ironworkers heralded from platform and by press during the election campaign? Scarcely has the sound of the battle-cry died on our ears till we hear that steel-plates have fallen 15 per ton, that mills have been stopped, blastfurnaces damped down, and thousands of toilers ("gulled" electors) have to find employment (if they can) in the fields. Perhaps the many thousands who have been deluded and deceived by the "good time" doctrine will live to see the fallacy of such teaching.

CALLED AWAY.

It is always painful to me when I see or learn of the youth fallen by the hand of the grim monster death. Such has been my experience of late. Again I have been called to witness the mournful procession slowly treading its way to church and quiet grave yard, where so many of our loved ones sleep until the bugle calls. Through a long and painful illness borne with christian fortitude, Norman (only son of Mr. T. Raw, of Middles Farm, near Rowley) passed, and passed peacefully into the spirit world at the early age of twenty-eight years. Norman was a young man of promise, and much loved by those who knew him, as was evidenced on the day of his burial by the number of his office companions from the Consett Iron Co's Offices where he was employed, and also from the many beautiful floral wreaths sent to adorn for a time the mound where his sleeping dust rests until the "morning breaks" and the "Roll is called." Amongst those we might mention two from the clerical staff of the Consett Iron Company and many others. The funeral ceremony was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Jenkins, in the Rowley Baptist Church, of which the departed was a member. The singing was very fine. The organ was manipulated by Mr. J. W. Golightly, organist of the above Church, who, in a very effective manner, rendered the "Dead March" in "Saul." The pastor conducted the service in the graveyard. We offer our sympathy and that of many others to Mr. Raw and his daughter in their hour of deep sorrow. Like David of olden time, "they can go to him if he cannot return to them."

TANFIELD LEA.

Accident to a Veterinary Surgeon.—On Wednesday, as Mr. J. W. Rider, of Beamish, the veterinary surgeon employed by Messrs Jas. Joicey and Co., at their Tanfield and Beamish range of collieries, was engaged at the firm's stables at Tanfield Lea Colliery, performing an operation upon a horse, the animal struck out and kicked him upon the forehead, inflicting a very severe wound, and rendering him unconscious. Mr. Rider had to be conveyed home and medically treated.

Local and District News.

Consett.

A Drunk Case.—At Consett Police Court, on Wednesday, Mr Wm. Aynsley had before him a man named John Young on a charge of being drunk in Consett on the previous night. The case having been proved, a fine of 2s 6d and costs was inflicted.

The Volunteers.—Some more men were sworn in last Saturday. However, there are still 25 men required to complete the strength allowed. Drills will take place in the Church Hall, Consett, on Friday night, at 6.30 and 7.30, and on Saturday at 2.30 and 3.30. Those who are already enrolled and not sworn in must come forward at either of the above drills and be sworn in and measured for their uniform, otherwise their places will be filled up.

New Theatre.—It must be admitted that play-goers are well provided for at the local house of amusement, where Mr C. Whitlock's company are appearing in what is described as the spectacular play, "The Missionary." It is a rather curious title, but the play itself is well worthy of a visit, dealing as it does with missionary life on the Congo and Niger, and being founded on fact. The company is a large one, and does every justice to the play. Mr Whitlock himself appears in the title role, and gives a finished performance. The other characters are sustained most ably by Messrs Fred H. Constable, John Tully, T. Mitchell, W. Halling, W. Dale, F. Davis, Ed. Finley, G. French, F. Palmer, G. Tomlin; Misses Nina France, Laura Lawson, Kitty Russell, N. Doris, Muriel Palmer, Anna de Gray, and Maude Merrick. As might naturally be expected from the description, the scenery is above the average, being in most instances beautiful. There are also some capital negro songs, and altogether "The Missionary" should prove popular.

Wesley Guild.—On Monday, under the presidency of Mr John Allison, the Rev. E. Charlesworth read a paper to the members of the Guild, the title chosen being "Amusements." The essayist had selected a subject which is, in our opinion, one of vital importance, one that must be seriously considered by the various Christian churches, and some definite line of action taken thereon. We have ventured the same opinion before, and we were very glad to find that the rev. gentleman had come to the conclusion, after an extensive and varied experience, that there was urgent need of supplying the young people of our congregations with healthy, innocent amusement. The difficulties of the position were noted, and while admitting the dangers attending the introduction of amusements, held that there should be and that there were many forms in which the natural craving of the young heart could be satisfied, and that under and in the presence of Christian people the indulgence could be gratified with no possible chance of harm. The paper drew forth a fair amount of criticism, and a very enjoyable and interesting meeting was terminated with the usual vote of thanks, and the usual dismissal hymn.

Blackhill.

Entire Horse Association.—A meeting of this association will be held at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday night first, at five o'clock.

The Late Father Foran.—The subscription list with the view of erecting a permanent memorial to the late Rev. Father Foran, for over 14 years parish priest of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Blackhill and Consett, will be closed this week. It is expected that about £80 will be raised, over £16 having been contributed by the Protestant friends of the deceased.

At a meeting of the directors of the Blackhill Farmers' Mart, held on Monday evening at the Royal Hotel, Mr Joseph Whitehead (the chairman) presiding, Mr J. Fail, of Chester-le-Street, secretary of the local Farmers' Club, was appointed secretary of the Mart Company in succession to Mr J. W. Osborne, resigned.

Burnhope

Fatal Result of an Accident.—The death occurred at Holmside Lane, Burnhope, on Monday, of Wm. Hood, miner, 52 years of age, as the result to a great extent of an accident sustained some time ago in Edmondsley Colliery. While following his employment there he was injured in the pit by a fall of top coal. His spine was affected, and he was taken to the Royal Infirmary at Newcastle, where he lay 46 weeks. He returned home a cripple and remained so up to the time of his death. Dr H. W. Gardiner, of Burnhope, had attended him for about five years, but withheld a certificate. The Coroner, however, did not deem an inquest necessary.

Castleside

Concert.—The recent concerts given in the Board Schools, Castleside, have been of a high-class character, and worthy of the patronage which they received. The concert under the auspices of the Naturalists' Field Club deserves special mention. The singing of Miss Matthews was all that could be desired. She might without flattery be called the "nightingale of the north." Her fine, sweet voice and face charms and holds her audience spell-bound. Miss Davison, Mr Symington, and Mr Robinson were up-to-date as entertainers. The entertainment given by the Blackhill Wesleyan choir was of a high order. The soloists—Misses Leybourne, Siddle, and Ellison, Mr Frankland, sen., and Mr Frankland, jun.—all received the applause of the large audience. The violin soloist, Miss Richardson, merits special mention for the artistic manner in which she handled her instrument. Coun. T. J. Muse presided at each of the above concerts in a very able manner.

Dunston

Insurance Dispute.—At the County Court, Newcastle, on Wednesday, before His Honour, Judge Greenwell, Mary Mooney, of Dunston, claimed a balance on an insurance policy from the Royal Liver Friendly Society, the dispute being as to whether plaintiff had received the full sum of £16 16s due to her on the death of her son. Mr Criddle, junr., represented the plaintiff, and Mr. Stenhouse the Society.—Plaintiff said that on the death of her son Mr Wilson, the collector, paid her £5 on account, and later £6 12s, remarking that there was some dispute, and that was all to which she was entitled. The superintendent stated to her that he had given the collector the full amount £16 16s.—George Wilson said that he paid Mrs Mooney £5, and later £10 14s 6d, which, with £1 1s 6d arrears, made the full amount of the policy. Having been good enough to keep Mrs Mooney in benefit, he paid himself the amount due out of the policy. Had he not paid the small weekly amounts the policies in respect to other members of her family would have lapsed.—His Honour gave judgment for plaintiff, and said he was satisfied that the full amount was not paid over.

Orchestral Society.—The Lecture Hall, Dunston, was, on Monday evening, filled with a large audience on the occasion of the first concert by the members of the newly-formed Dunston Orchestral Society. When we take into consideration the fact that the inception of this musical organisation dates back only a few weeks ago, it is surprising to find that the members have been able to reach, in such a remarkably short space of time, that stage of perfection which warrants them in appearing before a public audience. This speaks volumes for their skilful conductor, Mr A. W. Graham, under whose guidance the society has developed with such marked rapidity and success. From the performance on Monday night it is safe to assume that the members of this promising musical society will add still further success to their laurels, under the care of such an experienced leader as Mr Graham. Those who took part in the programme acquitted themselves with conspicuous success, and were deserving of the hearty applause bestowed upon them. In Miss Nellie Farmiloe was to be found an able and talented accompanist.

Conservative and Unionist Association: Inaugural Dinner.—At the Keel Hotel, Dunston, on Friday evening, the members of the Dunston Conservative and Unionist Association held their inaugural dinner, at which there was a large beat up of members and friends. After the removal of the cloth Dr. Dougall (president of the Association), took the chair, being supported in the vice-chairs by Mr. Edward Todd and Mr. A. Garbutt. The toast list was proceeded with as follows:—"Queen and Royal Family," proposed by the Chairman. "Navy and Imperial Forces," proposed by Mr. J. W. Frazer, and responded to by Major Abraham (Gateshead), and Trooper Henderson, Imperial Yeomanry. "Dunston Conservative and Unionist Association," proposed by Coun. R. T. Swinburn, and responded to by Mr. W. Laws, Mr. M. C. Hopper, and Mr. S. T. R. Poad; "Our Party and its Policy," proposed by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr. J. H. Burrell; "Captain Nicholson and the reduced majority," proposed by Mr. Charles McIntyre, and responded to by Captain Nicholson; "Bishops and Clergy," proposed by Mr. T. H. Gass, and responded to by the Rev. J. Jones; "Our Agents," proposed by Mr. M. Ellis, and responded to by Mr. J. H. Burrell. After the toast list had been duly completed with the usual speech making, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony. The proceedings were most enthusiastic throughout. Mr. S. T. R. Poad was an obliging and courteous secretary.

Leadgate.

Fruit Banquet.—On Tuesday evening, a magic-lantern entertainment and fruit banquet were held in the Wesleyan School-room, Leadgate, in connection with the Cadet section of the Sons of Temperance. The magic-lantern was manipulated by Mr. Jas. Barron. There was a large attendance, and the numerous youngsters present were each handed a bag containing fruits, sweets, &c., as they left the building.

Presentation of Medals.—On Monday evening a social, under the auspices of the Leadgate Temperance Cycling Club, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. There was a good attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The music was supplied in good style by Messrs Charlton and Brown. As our readers will perhaps remember the Temperance club won the championship of the Junior Division of the North Durham League last season, and opportunity was taken of this occasion to present the handsome silver medals (with gold centres) to the players. This ceremony was performed in a very suitable manner by Coun. H. Palmer, J.P., of Manor House, Medomsley, who congratulated the players upon their success, and trusted that they would have another successful season next summer. He also promised to give a magic-lantern entertainment later on on behalf of the club. Coun. Palmer then handed over the medals, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in attending and presenting the medals. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr J. Turnbull.

Lanchester.

Cricket Club Concert.—On Friday night last, there was a crowded audience in the Assembly Rooms, Lanchester, on the occasion of a grand concert being given in aid of the local cricket club. The committee were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Robert Winter's popular concert party, consisting of Mr. Winter as mimic, humorist, and lady impersonator; Mrs. J. Williams, soprano; Miss A. Grainger, contralto; Mr. J. Williams, tenor; Mr. J. Richards, baritone; and Mr. J. W. Walton, of Crook, as accompanist. In addition a number of popular selections were rendered on the American gramaphone. The programme was an admirably arranged one, and being rendered in a style for which the party has gained considerable fame, was most thoroughly appreciated by the audience. The number of encores given indicated the pleasure and delight which the artistes afforded, Mr. Winter himself coming in for hearty rounds of applause. The concert was one of the most successful held in Lanchester, and the Cricket Club ought to reap a considerable benefit from the proceeds.

Marley Hill

Sudden Death.—On Monday morning, Wm. Nicholson, 73 years of age, residing at Andrew's House, and employed as a labourer at Marley Hill Colliery, went into a closet at the colliery and shortly afterwards he was found sitting there dead. He had been under the care of Dr Attwater, of Whickham and death was probably due to syncope.

Rowlands Gill

A Successful Sale.—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. T. D. Dryden, auctioneer, Consett, conducted a most successful sale of contractors and builders plant on the instructions of Messrs Graham and Skelton who had completed their contract in the Lily Drift at Rowlands Gill. The sale took place at the Drift and was attended by a very large company, the inventory being an exceptionally advantageous one. The auctioneer effected a speedy clearance at prices highly satisfactory to the vendors, and after the sale the contractors at a gathering in Mr. Smith's Hotel, Rowlands Gill, expressed their satisfaction, and Mr. Charlton, Wark-on-Tyne, Mr. Forster, Newcastle, and others, joined in their compliments at the smart and able manner in which Mr. Dryden had disposed of the stock. He had obtained excellent prices for the timber, derrick cranes, and steam winches and had achieved what was practically a record sale.

Swalwell.

Band of Hope.—The programme submitted at the usual weekly temperance entertainment under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope in the Presbyterian Church, Swalwell, on Monday evening, was a most interesting one, and, needless to say, highly appreciated. There was again a fairly good attendance.

Annfield Plain.

Wesleyan Foreign Missions.—On Sunday, the Rev R. Nicholson, of Annfield Plain, preached the foreign missionary sermons in the Wesleyan Church, Annfield Plain. On Tuesday evening, the annual meeting was held in the Church, when addresses were given by the Revs A. Reeve, of Gateshead, R. Nicholson, and A. Barraclough. Mr H. Greener occupied the chair. The collections were in aid of the foreign missions.

Chester-le-Street

Homing Society.—At a meeting of this Society held at the Bridge Hotel, Chester-le-Street, the hostess, Mrs. Oliver, awarded diplomas (Jackson's) to Messrs. Bewick, Clifford, Rutherford, Stewart, Rymer, and Winter, and afterwards, on behalf of the members of the club, presented a solid gold medal suitably inscribed to Mr. E. Rutherford, as a recognition of that gentleman's services as honorary secretary during the season 1900. Several additional members were nominated, and Mr. J. K. Bewick promised a special prize for next season.

Oxhill

Church Tea and Concert.—On Saturday afternoon, a public tea was held in the Oxhill Board Schools, kindly granted for the occasion by the Kyo School Board, in aid of the lighting fund of the Oxhill Church of England Mission. A good company enjoyed a splendid repast. In the evening a concert was rendered by Mr. R. Simpson, Mr. L. Caine, Mr. W. Indian, Stanley; Mr. Geo. Bell, and Mr. Wilson, South Moor. Miss L. Welsh accompanying in an able manner. The concert was presided over by the Vicar of Beamish (the Rev. D. W. James).

Visit of the Rev. W. Gelley.—On Sunday, the Rev. W. Gelley, of Lemington, visited the Oxhill Primitive Methodist Chapel and preached special sermons, while in the afternoon, Mr. J. Dyson, of Burnhope, occupied the pulpit.—On Monday, a grand entertainment was rendered by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. Mr. J. Humble, Annfield Plain, occupied the pulpit. After the entertainment a coffee supper was well attended.

Stanley.

Wesleyan Church.—The Wesleyans of Stanley have another treat in store this week-end. The preacher will be the Rev J. Hornabrook, of Manchester, from whom great things are expected. The proceeds are for the trust funds.

Wesleyan Social.—The first of a series of social teas proposed to be held during the winter months in aid of the trust funds of the Wesleyan Church, Stanley, was given on Wednesday night by Mrs. Barraclough, the wife of the esteemed resident minister, the Rev. A. Barraclough. There was a goodly company present and an enjoyable and profitable evening was spent by the company.

P.M. Concert.—On Wednesday evening in the Primitive Church, Stanley, a grand evening concert, a repetition of the music rendered at the Primitive Methodist Choir Festival in the Olympia, Newcastle, recently, was rendered by the united choirs of the Annfield Plain, West Pelton, and West Stanley Primitive Methodist Choirs. The music consisted of choruses, anthems, hymns, and solos. The special soloists were Miss Wheatley, soprano, Gateshead; Mr. J. Bowran, bass, Gateshead; Mr. Tom Holland, tenor, Stanley. The baton was ably wielded by Mr. R. Bowran, Gateshead, while the organ accompaniments were skilfully rendered by Mr. R. Hindmarsh, of Stanley. Mr. W. Latimer, of Baydon, made an excellent chairman.

White-le-Head

Primitive Chapel.—On Saturday evening, a grand concert was given in the Primitive Chapel, White-le-Head, by the Stanley Primitive choir, in aid of the minister's new house. There was a good attendance.

BLACKHILL.

Success of a Blackhill Young Man.—We are pleased to hear that Mr. J. W. Kelsey, son of Mr. W. Kelsey, West View, Blackhill, on Oct. 24th passed the Board of Examiners of the Apothecaries' Society of London, and is now a qualified dispenser of medicine. Mr. Kelsey was "coached" at the Westminster College of Chemistry and Pharmacy, and gained full marks, which goes to prove that he made the best use of his time.

Wesleyan Church.—On Sunday first the Rev. G. Waddy Polkinghorne (son of the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, of Consett) will preach in the above place of worship (morning and evening), and on Tuesday night will deliver his popular lecture entitled "Elijah." Chair to be taken at 7.30.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Fancy Ball.—To-night (Thursday) a fancy ball will be held in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, which has recently been re-painted and decorated. The entire proceeds are to be spent in the improvement of the porch of the building.

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, November 8th.—Before Col. Leadbitter Smith (chairman), the Rev. T. L. J. Warneford, Mr. E. W. E. Belleny, and Dr. Wilson.

AN EJECTMENT ORDER.

On the application of the owners of South Pontop Colliery the Bench granted an ejectment order against Thomas Radford, who occupied one of their houses.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Luke Routledge and Geo. Cruickshanks were charged with being drunk on the licensed premises of John S. Nicholson, the Smith's Arms, South Moor, on the 15th October; and John Smith Nicholson was charged with having permitted drunkenness on the same day.—Mr. T. W. Welford defended.

P.C. Stubbs said at 10 o'clock at night he was on duty in South Moor with P.C. Haw. On approaching the Smith's Arms he heard a lot of shouting, as though there were a lot of drunken men in the house. When he got to the door he saw Cruickshanks in the passage very drunk, and seeking the bar door. Witness told him to get away home, and he replied that he had been in the yard and just wanted to go back and finish his drink, and then he would go. Witness led him to the door and then went into the bar, where there were seven or eight men. Routledge was very drunk, and was staggering about and shouting. He called the landlord's attention to Routledge's condition, and Nicholson said he had given him nothing but soda water for a good bit. The landlord got out, and the latter went staggering away towards Quaking Houses.

Cross-examined, P.C. Stubbs said it was ten o'clock when he went into the house. Routledge was rolling about the bar, but he did not see him have any drink. As soon as he drew the landlord's attention he got Routledge out.

P.C. Haw gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Welford, for the defence, said he was prepared to call evidence as to Routledge's condition, and also to show that when the policemen went in Routledge had a small bottle of soda water, and that was all the drink he had in the house. When Nicholson went round and spoke to Routledge the latter made no objection, but went out and went home.

Luke Routledge said he went into the house about 5.30, and had a soda water to drink. He was in the house for about half-an-hour before the policemen came. He went out himself, and went straight home and went to bed.

Cross-examined by P.C. Stubbs, he said he was never out of his lodgings after six o'clock. He could not remember being in the house at 10 o'clock.

Geo. Nichol, miner, said he was in the house and saw Routledge come in a little after five o'clock and have a small soda. He went out between six and seven o'clock. In witness' opinion Routledge was sober. He saw the policeman speak to the landlord and the landlord speak to Routledge, and then Routledge walked straight out. Cruickshanks was in the kitchen, but had no drink.

The Chairman asked if it was usual for people to go into a public-house and not have any drink?

Witness said he could not answer that question. Routledge was not in after six o'clock. Witness was assisting in the house from 4.30 to 10.30.

Mrs. Nicholson said Routledge came into the house about five o'clock, and asked for a soda, and she supplied him. He had no other drink that night in the house. The policemen came in between six and seven o'clock. Her husband was in the cellar at the time, but came up on the policemen coming in. Routledge was never in after that. No one served in the house that night except her husband, Nichol, and herself. Cruickshank had no drink in the house, and was sober.

John S. Nicholson said when P.C. Stubbs spoke to him he at once went to Routledge and asked him to go out and he did so. Cruickshank was in the kitchen with the people with whom he lodged. He did not see anything in front of Cruickshanks, who went out about eight o'clock.

The Chairman asked witness if he had had any unpleasantness with the police?

Witness said he had not. He had been three months and nine days in the business.

Geo. Cruickshanks said he was in the kitchen with his own landlord and landlady, to whom he "stood" a glass of beer and a small whiskey. He had nothing himself. He went out about eight o'clock and met P.C. Stubbs at the corner. Stubbs said "it is time you were away home George," and he replied, "All right, Mr. Stubbs." It was not true that he met the policeman in the passage.

Mrs. Hall said Routledge lodged at her house, and came home between six and seven o'clock, and went to bed. He was sober, and was never out again that night.

P.C. Haw, re-called, said he joined Stubbs at Langley Moor farm, at nine o'clock. He was not in South Moor at six o'clock, and was not there until ten o'clock at night.

The Chairman said some most extraordinary evidence had been given, but the Bench had not the slightest doubt that the policemen had told the truth, and that the story of the other side was a concocted one. Routledge had had some experience of being drunk on licensed premises, having been previously convicted. He would now be fined 7s 6d and costs, and Cruickshanks would have to pay 5s and costs. In the case of Nicholson, as it was his first offence, they would dismiss the charge, but with a very great caution, as there had been a good deal of perjury in the case.

OFFENCE IN THE MINE.

J. W. Rumney, a lad, was charged under the Mines Regulation Act with failing to use a proper number of spraggs when following his employment in East Stanley Colliery, on October 22nd.

Mr. Oliver (Durham) said the defendant had charge of some tubs, and his instructions were that when he left the flat he had to put in a certain number of spraggs. He was required to put two extra spraggs in before going down the incline, but failed to do so. The result was the pony and tubs ran amain, and the harness was broken and knocked to pieces. The defendant had beforehand said he would set the tubs amain before "loosing" time.

Wm. Kay, overman, said he gave instructions to the lads respecting the use of spraggs.

Robert Appleby, waggonway-man, said before the occurrence defendant said he would let the set amain. In reply to the Chairman, witness said defendant had had no unpleasantness with him. He admitted not having the proper number of spraggs.

The Chairman asked if the pony was attached to the tubs?

Mr. Oliver said it was, but managed to keep its feet.

The Chairman said he hoped the defendant would never get into such a mischievous action again. He would be fined 10/- and costs, 19/- in all, and would be allowed six weeks in which to pay.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Christopher Wilson was summoned by his wife Jane Wilson, who asked for a maintenance order.—Mr. Oliver defended. Mrs. Wilson said her husband came home on the morning of the 24th of August, and put her outside and took the child away. They had been married four years, and had one child. He did not give her any reason. He had badly treated her ever since they got married. She had since been staying at her father's in Quebec. On one occasion she went to his father's house, but her husband ordered her out, and threatened to strike her. He had not given her any money.

Mr. Oliver: What happened on the night before he turned you out?—Nothing that I know of.

Were you in the Black Bull yard with a man named Mason?—Yes, and Mason's mother was there also.

Did the defendant find you with Mason?—Yes, when we were standing together with Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Mason was with us all the time.

Have you been too friendly with this man?—No I have talked to him, that is all.

Have you been in the habit of drinking with him?—No, just when my husband has been with me.

Mrs. Mason said there had been some talk about her son and the complainant, but there was no truth in it. They were neighbours and talked to each other. On the Friday night defendant broke up his house. There were often quarrels between them.

Mary Ann Sherrington, mother of the complainant, said she was sent for and was present when defendant put his wife out. He also struck witness. There was nothing said. They had disagreed ever since they got married, and he had brought all kinds of charges against her.

Sergt. Gillespie said the complainant had always, as far as he knew, conducted herself properly. Her parents were respectable people.

Defendant was then sworn, and said he found his wife with Mason in the Black Bull yard. He left her and sent the child to his parents at Croxdale.

Inspector Waller said the defendant came to him and made a complaint. When they were standing at the police station door Mrs. Wilson and Mason went past on the other side of the street. Mrs. Wilson called out "You dirty —— do your worst, you have seen nothing." He had seen Mason and Mrs. Wilson together several times.

The Chairman said the Bench were unanimous in refusing to make an order.

THEFT OF WHISKEY.

Jane Simpson, married woman, of Blackhill, was charged on remand from Consett with having stolen a quart bottle of whiskey from Mr. Nathan Elsdon, on the 5th of November.

Nathan Elsdon said he was a wine and Spirit Merchant and resided at East Parade, Consett. About 6.30 p.m. on Monday, the 5th November, 1900, the prisoner, Jane Simpson, went into his shop, and as she was going out he saw her take a quart bottle of whiskey from a shelf in the window, and hand it to another woman who was with her. He afterwards gave information to the police. He valued the whiskey at 3/-.

Sergt. John Minto said on Monday, Nov. 5th, about 10.15 p.m., in consequence of information he received he apprehended the prisoner in Harvey Street, Consett. He took her to the police station and charged her with stealing a bottle of whiskey from the shop of Nathan Elsdon. She replied "I have never been at Mr. Elsdon's to-night." The following morning she was brought before a magistrate and pleaded guilty to the charge.

Prisoner now denied the charge, but the Bench decided that the case had been proved, and fined her 10/- and costs, or in default 7 days' hard labour.

FALSE PRETENCES IN CONSETT.

Alfred Taylor was charged on remand with the larceny of 2/- from Louisa Smith, assistant in the shop of Mr. Aitchison, fruiterer, Consett, on Oct. 30th.—Miss Smith said defendant came into the shop at about five o'clock in the afternoon and said "do you want any rat poison?" Witness replied that she did not, but sent him to Mr. Aitchison. Defendant left the shop and shortly after he returned and said "the master has seen the stuff; you have to take a 2/- box." He handed her a small parcel containing the two boxes produced. Witness gave him 2/- of her master's money believing the story to be true.—P.C. Dobinson said he apprehended defendant on a warrant at South Medomsley and brought him to Consett. On charging him he replied "guilty."—The Bench sent him to gaol for seven days.

A CHARGE DISMISSED.

James Armstrong was charged with having stolen a mackintosh valued at 10/-, the property of John Birbeck, of New Kyo, on the 3rd of November.—John Birbeck said he missed the macintosh, and from what he surmised he went to Tantobie to look for defendant, who lodged with witness's father, but failed to find him. He, however, recovered the coat at the Oak Tree Inn.—Ada Swinburn, servant at the Inn, said Armstrong left the macintosh, and said he would call for it at night. He did not call for it that night, but on the same day that Birbeck got it Armstrong called and was told a young man had taken it away.—P.C. Reeks gave evidence of arrest, and when defendant was charged he said he intended to return the coat; drink was the cause of it all.—The case was dismissed.

LARCENY OF COALS.

James Jefferson was convicted of having stolen 21 lbs. of coal from a heap on the waggon way at Burnhope on Oct. 5th. The coal was the property of Ald. U. A. Ritson.—He was fined 10/- and costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford and Dr. Wilson.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases were dealt with:—Walter Simpson, 5/- and costs; Michael Doyle, warrant issued; Jas. Barnes, 7/6; Patrick Maleny, 7/6; Michael Finnegan, 10/-; Michael Leary, 10/-; Frederick Crewell, 7/6; John Clark, 7/6; John Ward, 10/-.

DRUNK IN CHARGE.

Wm. Elringham was charged with having been drunk in charge of horses at Annfield Plain on Oct. 13th.—P.C. Pemberton proved the case, and defendant was fined 10s and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Thomas Smith, Thomas McKay, and Charles Errington, were, on the evidence of P.C. Hildreth convicted of playing pitch and toss at Annfield Plain on the 27th of Oct., and were each fined 2/6 and costs.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

Walter Thompson and Thos. Forster were charged with having refused to quit Mr. Joseph Lawson's beerhouse, Annfield Plain, when requested on Nov. 3rd. After hearing the evidence the magistrates fined Thompson 10/- and costs, and dismissed the case against Forster, who, however, was fined 7/6 for a similar offence on the following day.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, Nov. 12th.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (Chairman), Mr. J. T. Potts, Mr. W. Aynsley, Mr. F. Priestman, and Mr. H. Palmer. Col. Eden (Chief Constable of the County) also occupied a seat on the Bench.

EJECTMENT ORDER.

Mr. A. Philipson, of Dipton, applied for an ejectment order against Jane Henderson, a widow of Dipton. Mr. Philipson said she was in arrears and had kept a noisy house. They had had her under notice for six months and had put up with her as long as possible.—An order was made.—Mr. Philipson also obtained orders against Wm. Harris and Thomas Greenhow, the latter's rent book showing arrears amounting to £10.

GAME TRESPASS CASE DISMISSED.

Thomas Stoker was charged with having trespassed in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of Thomas Eccles, near Combe Bridges, on Monday, the 1st of October. Mr. J. M. Aynsley prosecuted and said P.C. Hadwin heard the shot of a gun in one of the woods and on going in the direction of the sound he saw the defendant who had a gun and two dogs. The dogs were ranging the wood. The defendant was about 300 yards from the highway and 150 yards from defendant's own shooting, he with others having the shooting over Foxhall farm which verged on the land occupied by Mr. Eccles, and also on the Allansford shooting. Defendant and his friends got a good proportion of the game from the adjoining land. On the day in question defendant was on the land with the object of attracting birds on to the Foxhall farm so that the others could shoot them. In that way they got a good deal of shooting free of cost.

Henry Surtees, Edmondbyers, gamekeeper to Mr. Eccles, said from information given to him by P.C. Hadwin he communicated with Mr. Eccles, who instructed him to take proceedings. On a former occasion he told defendant and another man to keep off their land.

P.C. Hadwin said he was between Castleside and Combe Bridges when he saw the defendant in Whinney back wood. Defendant had two dogs with him, one a pointer and the other a springer, and he was carrying a gun and a game bag. The dogs were ranging about the wood. Witness spoke to him about being there and he said he had shot a rabbit on his own land and had followed it into the wood. Defendant's own ground was 150 yards away, and he was 300 yards from the highway.

Defendant said his dogs put a rabbit out and he shot at it and wounded it. Before he got to it it had got through the rails and not thinking to leave his gun behind he followed the rabbit. His gun was not then loaded. He was returning to his own shooting when he met the officer.

The Bench said defendant had a right to follow the game and the case would be dismissed.

Mr. Aynsley asked if it was dismissed on account of pursuit—

The Chairman said they did not give any reasons for their decisions.

THEFT OF A PLANK.

James Carter and John Newry were charged with the larceny of a plank the property of Joseph Towns on Nov. 5.—Thomas Coleman said he was a labourer and resided at Medomsley Road. He was employed by John Thompson and worked at Carr House Quarry. On Sunday Oct. 28th he visited the quarry and found a plank of wood missing. He gave information to the police. The piece of wood produced was part of the plank missing and was Mr. Thompson's property and was worth two shillings.—P. C. Steele said he visited the Quarry on Sunday afternoon Oct. 28th. The defendants lived in a van there. There was a fire on outside and the small pieces produced were near the fire, the large piece being behind a stable which was in the occupation of the defendants. When he charged defendants with stealing the plank they said they knew nothing about it. Carter said he got the wood on the tip and not at the quarry. Newry knew nothing about it.—Carter was fined 10/- and Newry was dismissed.

A THEATRICAL LICENSE.

On the application of Mr. T. W. Welford a theatrical license was granted for the New Town Hall for one month from that date.

A MILK CASE DISMISSED.

Frank H. Burn J.P., colliery owner, West Stanley, was charged under the Food and Drugs Act with having sold milk not of the nature or substance demanded by the purchaser.

Mr. Laidlaw, inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, said the charge was laid under section 6 of the Act. Defendant had a dairy at West Stanley Colliery and on Oct. 12th a sample of milk was taken from a man named Kennedy who delivered milk in Stanley and the neighbourhood. All the formalities of the Act were complied with and the analysis showed about 7.69 parts of non-fatty solid, the standard being 8.50 with regard to genuine dairy milk.

John Wm. Wilson, assistant inspector, gave evidence as to having purchased a sample from the defendant's cart. He asked George Kennedy, who was in charge of the cart, for a pint of milk for which he paid three-halfpence. He told Kennedy what he had purchased it for and had it divided into three parts one of which he gave to Kennedy, and one was sent to the public analyst at Darlington.

In reply to Mr. J. M. Aynsley, who defended, witness said he did not notice any particular name on the cart, but he saw Stanley Hall Dairy, or Farm. He did not see "Owners of West Stanley Colliery." He could not say whether it was their's or not. He asked for a pint of new milk and was certain he used the words "new milk." He could not say what the standard was; he was not an analyst, but simply acted upon instructions given to him.

Mr. Laidlaw said he sent his assistant to follow the cart in West Stanley and get a pint of new milk. Witness followed and saw the sample divided in the usual way. The next day he took one of the parts to the analyst at Darlington and he afterwards received a certificate showing that the milk contained 10 per cent. of extraneous water.

Mr. Aynsley asked if the standard for non-fatty solids was 8.50 what was the standard for fatty?

Witness said that question was outside his province. The County Analyst was the man to ask, but he might say that the standard for fatty at Somerset House was 3.0.

Mr. Aynsley contended that on the analysis this milk was exceedingly good.

Mr. Laidlaw did not think so.

Mr. Aynsley asked why not?

Mr. Laidlaw said because there was a deficiency of non-fatty solids.

Mr. Aynsley said in this case they were getting good cream and were getting one per cent. more fat than was asked for.

Mr. Laidlaw said if they got good milk they would get good cream. He could not speak of the analyst's certificate, but if they altered one of the certificates in any shape or form they altered the other as well.

Mr. Aynsley asked if he did not know as a matter of experience, there was such a thing as feeding cows to produce cream? Was not the object of the Act to give the people full value for their money and proceedings taken to prevent tampering with foods and drugs?

Mr. Laidlaw said it was.

Mr. Aynsley said in this case they had not interfered with the milk after being taken from the cow, and it was simply a question of the analyst dividing his points into fatty and non-fatty solids. The purchaser was getting more than he was entitled to under the Act. He asked Mr. Laidlaw if he noticed the milk cart?

Mr. Laidlaw said he did not know that he did at that particular time. He noticed "the West Stanley Hall Dairy Farm" or something to that effect.

Mr. Aynsley asked who were the owners?

Mr. Laidlaw said he did not know ... what Kennedy told him. Kennedy said it was Fred H. Burn, but witness afterwards found it was Frank H. Burn.

Mr. Aynsley: Mr. Burn was not there?—No.

Then Kennedy sold the milk?—For Mr. Burn.

Oh, no.—That was what he said.

When the milk was sold you were not there?—No.

The milk was sold to Mr. Wilson?—Yes.

And Kennedy sold it to Wilson?—Yes.

The Chairman said it appeared from what they had heard that 8.5 was the proper non-fatty solid, and that 3.0 was the standard at Somerset House. Adding those together they got 11.5 and taking that from the total volume of milk of 100 left 88.5 per cent. of water liable, but he only found 87.71 of water. Therefore the milk was better than the analysis by .79.

Mr. Laidlaw said the defence had had an offer of having the analyst there. If there was any doubt about it he should appeal to have the sample sent to Somerset House.

The Chairman said it was so much of a conundrum they did not feel inclined to convict.

Mr. Laidlaw said in that case he must ask that it be sent to Somerset House.

The Clerk said Mr. Laidlaw had better consider the point as to whether Mr. Burn was the proper person to have been summoned. There was no evidence against Mr. Burn at all.

Mr. Laidlaw said he had no evidence there that day on the point of ownership. He simply said what was told him. He went to the Colliery and was told that Mr Burn was the owner of that particular cart. Mr. Aynsley said that was not evidence against Mr. Burn. He submitted he was entitled to a dismissal on its merits. It was no use referring it to Somerset House. If the Bench were against him on the legal point he would submit that the right man had not been proceeded against.

Mr. Laidlaw said he must still hold to his right in asking to have it sent to Somerset House.

The Clerk said if they had summoned the wrong man it was no use sending it to Somerset House. Mr Laidlaw had not shown that Mr. Burn was the owner.

Mr. Laidlaw said he could not get any information on that point that day. It meant that they must go and ask Mr. Burn himself. He took what the man said. He asked if he might have an amendment now?

Mr. Aynsley said he would most certainly object.

The Chairman asked if Mr. Laidlaw could prove who the owners of West Stanley Dairy were? Was Mr Burn included in them?

Mr. Laidlaw said he could not say until he made special inquiries. That was the only evidence he had on the point.

The Chairman said they thought the wrong man had been summoned and the case would be dismissed.

EDUCATION CASE.

Wm Turnbull appeared on an adjourned summons respecting the attendance of his daughter at school.—Mr. Gibson, Attendance officer, said that since the adjournment a month ago the child attended regularly up to the previous Wednesday. She was off on Thursday and Friday. He believed defendant did his best, but had trouble with his wife. He suggested that the case might be adjourned for another month.—The Chairman thought the best plan would be to dismiss it and if necessary further proceedings could be taken.—The case was accordingly dismissed.

A KRUGER SOVEREIGN.

Frances Childs, a young woman with a child in her arms, was charged with the larceny of 20/- from Mary Ann Swan, servant with Mr. Towns, Queens Head Inn, Lanchester, on the 5th of November.—Mary Ann Swan said the defendant came into the house about seven o'clock at night and asked for change for a sovereign. Witness went and got 20/- in silver and gave it to her, receiving the coin produced which she afterwards found was a Kruger sovereign. She gave information to the police and on Sunday the 11th she identified the defendant among a lot of others at Lanchester Workhouse.—Inspector Waller said he saw the defendant at the Workhouse on Sunday and charged her with stealing 20/- by means of a trick. She said a man named Watson gave her the coin near Leadgate and she spent it all but 4/-. She said Watson told her it was a good one, that he had got it at a public-house and it would pass again. Witness ascertained that defendant spent most of money on clothing for herself and for her child. She handed the remaining 4/- over to him. Defendant seemed to be of rather weak intellect and he did not think she knew the difference between a good coin and a bad one.—Defendant now said she met a man and asked him for a copper towards a night's lodgings. The man said he had no copper but said "there is a sovereign; I got it from a public-house and it will pass again." She thought it was a good coin. It was passed to her in the dark.—The Chairman said the magistrates were not at all satisfied that defendant was as innocent as she tried to make out, but they would give her a chance by ordering her to come up for judgment when called upon.

THE DIPTON CASE.

Martin Gallagher, miner, South Medomsley Rows, Dipton, was charged on remand with an attempted rape on Margaret Ions on Nov. 4th.—Mr. J. M. Aynsley defended.

Margaret Ions, a young woman, said she was a widow and on October 23rd she went to defendant's as housekeeper. On Sunday morning Nov. 4th at 5.30 she was lying asleep upstairs when she was awakened by Gallagher. He put his hand over her mouth and badly used her. She struggled with him from 5.30 to 8.30. He pulled her out of bed by the hair of her head and threw her on the floor and prevented her from shouting. At 8.30 he went downstairs to the pantry to get a drink. When he came out he had a gully knife and said "Meggie, I will hang for you." He tossed the gully at her and she then ran out to Mrs. Hall's, a neighbour, and from there across the street to Mrs. Carr's. She afterwards went to the police, and gave information. When they were upstairs defendant got a poker and struck her on the side causing blood to gush from her mouth. She was now in another situation at Annfield Plain.

Cross-examined she said she hardly had an opportunity of shouting; he kept putting things into her mouth. She did shout once and a neighbour heard her. That was after she came downstairs. There was a boy, son of the defendant, downstairs, but he was sound asleep and slept through all the disturbance. When defendant was at work she went back to the house, entering by the back door. There was no one in the kitchen and she went upstairs and did not come down again that night. She came down next morning about seven o'clock but neither made breakfast for defendant nor for herself. She did not clean up the house. She was not very long in because she was frightened of the man. Before she went to Dipton she was at Wallsend with a Mrs. Pringle. She did not try to prevent defendant from getting her character from Mrs. Pringle.

Mr. Aynsley read a letter from Mrs. Pringle in which she said she could not give complainant a character. She ran away from Wallsend and behaved very dirty in many ways.

Prosecutrix in continuation of her cross-examination said she knew nothing of a man coming to the door begging on the Saturday morning. She did not give a quarter or a half a loaf of bread away. She did not threaten to use a poker to defendant, nor did she prevent him from writing some letters that morning. When she ran out of the house she did not "click" the key out of the door and take it away with her.

John Quinn, miner, said he lived next door to defendant, and at nine o'clock on the Sunday morning he heard a woman crying and screeching. Shortly after he saw prosecutrix. She was bleeding at the mouth. She ran out of the house and stood against the railings, and then went back to the house. He heard her come out a second time, about 10.30, and she was shouting, "Oh, he has a knife."

Cross-examined, he said he was quite sure about the times. If she had screamed between 5.30 and 8.30 he thought he would have heard her.

James Barnes, wife of John Barnes, said she heard prosecutrix run out of Gallagher's house at 9.30. She was crying on Gallagher's door step when witness looked out.

Elizabeth Carr said the prosecutrix came to her house at about 9.30. She had a black skirt and an old blouse on, and seemed to be "sore tewed." There was blood on her face and hands.

Dr. Bratton said he examined prosecutrix at his surgery on the Monday. He did not find any marks. If she had been struggling for three hours he would have [illegible] expected to have done so. If she was struck with a poker over the ribs there would have been a mark. He did not think a blow on the side would cause blood to flow from her mouth.

P.C. Curtis said prosecutrix came to his house and made a complaint. She was crying and seemed to be in a distressed condition. He noticed there was blood on her face and hands and her hair was disordered. On the Monday he apprehended Gallagher on a warrant, and brought him to Consett. On reading the warrant over to him he replied that he did not know her for a man or a woman.

Cross-examined he said he had known Gallagher for ten years. He had borne a fairly good character. He took his drink at the week end, but nothing out of the way.

The Chairman without calling upon the defence said the Bench had decided to dismiss the case.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. W. Aynsley and Mr. H. Palmer.

The Drunk List.

The following charges of drunkenness were dealt with:—Terence O'Hanlon, 2/6 and costs; Thomas Moore, Catherine McNally (two charges), Thomas Henry Fell, Wm Ryan, Thomas Punchson, John McKenna, John Gray, Thomas Elliott, and Joseph Nolan, 2/6 and costs each. Joseph Reay, Robert Mason, Matthew Daley, Robert Giles, John Middlemas, Joseph Johnson and Robert Cain, 5/- and costs each. A charge against Andrew McGlade was dismissed.

THE DROVE LIST.

Ernest Sister Pallister, on the evidence of P.C. Johnson, was convicted of allowing horses to stray on the highway at Blackhill, on November 6th, so that they were out of his control.—He was fined 2/6 and costs.

NO LIGHTS.

Wm. Lamb was convicted on the evidence of P.C. Hadwin of an offence against the County Bye-laws, by driving a trap at Castleside without lights on the night of October 23rd.—He was fined 1/- and costs.

FIREWORKS.

John McKie was fined 1/- and costs for setting off fireworks in contravention of the Explosives Act at Consett, on November 5th.

AN OXFORD ORDEAL.

TERRIBLE STORY CONFIRMED.

It is consoling to think that few people are called upon to undergo so terrible an experience as that which has fallen upon the shoulders of an Oxfordshire farm worker.

The facts being of an extraordinary character, an Oxford journalist visited the man and obtained details from his own lips in confirmation. Mr. Albert Calcutt, of Alderside Cottage, Newland, Witney, thirty-two years of age cheerfully volunteered the following information:—

"In January, 1898, I began to lose the use of my legs, and gradually a numb feeling crept over my limbs and the abdomen. On the 12th of March I was forced to give up my work. I was almost helpless and could only just manage to hobble along on two sticks. When I went upstairs my feet had to be lifted on to each step, one after the other. After a time I had a doctor for a few weeks, and he advised me to go into the hospital. This I did at once, and was there fourteen weeks. They treated me for paralysis. For a fortnight I had to lie with a seven-pound weight on each leg, as it was thought the guides of my legs were drawn up. For six weeks after that I was given a rest and took strengthening medicine. An electric battery was then applied to my legs. In the end I was put into a plaster-of-paris jacket, and was sent home for six weeks, but no hope was ever held out to me that I should ever walk again."

"I returned home" continued Mr. Calcutt, "with my plaster-of-paris jacket, and had to be dressed and undressed and carried from room to room. I could do nothing for myself. At the end of six weeks I was taken back to the hospital, and had my plaster-of-paris jacket taken off. I had to be carried from the conveyance into the infirmary and back again. I saw the nurses look pitifully upon me; one could see that they did not believe I would ever walk again. I returned home and was looked upon by my friends as a hopeless paralytic. However, I had an idea that Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people would do me good. On December 1st, 1898, I procured a box of these pills, and in three days (I took three pills a day) there was already a wonderful change in me.

"I kept on with the pills," continued Mr. Calcutt, "until I had taken ten boxes, improving in health and strength every week, until I could walk and work as well as ever I could in my life. After I had left off taking the pills for some time, I caught a cold which flew to my legs, and I felt they were becoming useless again, but a box of the pills soon set me up, and I have been in better health than I was before my illness. Ever since last October I have been at my ordinary work. It is a heavy and trying occupation. Yesterday I had to lift 100 half-hundredweights of hay."

To be able to follow such an arduous occupation day after day is sufficient proof that Mr. Calcutt is in possession of a measure of health and strength that many a person who has not passed through such a trying ordeal might well envy, and, indeed, nothin is more remarkable than the permanent effect of Dr. Williams' pink pills, even where they have cured such diseases as paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatic fever, consumption, bronchitis, and other ailments usually esteemed incurable or at all events invariably expected to leave behind them indelible traces of their effect. Dr. Williams' pink pills, however, acting as they do on the root and causes of disease, not only cure permanently, but leave the patient often stronger than before. When they do so much in fatal and serious diseases, it is not surprising that they should be so loudly praised for their strengthening and tonic effect, and for their cures in mere everyday ailments, such as anaemia, indigestion, pale and sallow complexion, biliousness and skin eruptions. They are likewise a special boon to women of all ages in those special troubles from which men are exempt. The pills can be obtained without substitutes being offered, from respectable chemists at two shillings and ninepence a box. Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, supply them post free (and will send six boxes for the price of five), and it is well to see when buying at a shop, that the package bears the full name—all seven words.

AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 43 dairy cows and heifers, 6 fat cattle, 9 finger calves, 90 fat sheep and lambs. Calved heifers, £14 to £16; calved cows, £16 to £22 7s 6d; in-calving heifers £13 to £15 12s 6d; in-calving cows, £14 15s to £20 10s; fat cattle to £14 5s; calves to 25s each; fat sheep to 33s from Mr. Harison, Hollin Hall; 30s 6d from Mr. Morton, Tow Law; 30s, from Mr. Vickers, Eastgate; 24s, from Mr. Mennel, Hamsterley; 21s, from Mr. E. Pickering, Frosterley; 19s 6d, from Mr. Dowson, Joffass; fat lambs, 30s 3d, from Mr. J. Spedding, Tow Law; 30s, from Mr. Button, Wooley; 16s 3d, from Mr. Morton, Tow Law. Cows about 20s less than last week. Beef, 8s per stone. Mutton met an improved demand at 8d per lb.

BLACKHILL.—The Blackhill Farmers' Mart Company had forward on Monday 47 sheep and lambs, 16 fat cattle, 1 calf, 3 pigs, and 1 cow. Bullocks, £18 5s, from Mr. T. Oliver, Blanchland; heifers, £16, T. A. Stephenson, Newbiggen; £13 12s 6d, A. Stephenson, Blackhill; £12 5s, Matthew Robson, Edmondbyers; £11 2s 6d and £14, J. Lowdon, White Lees; £13 7s 6d, H. Thorn, Hurbuck. Young sheep 42s, Jos. Teasdale Ridding; 37s, J. Davidson, Blackhall Mill; 35s, J. T. Hedley, Finings; BF wethers, Mr. Jos. Teasdale, Ridding; BF ewes, 28, T. Copeland, Muggleswick; 29s 6d, J. S. Newton, Horsleyhope; mule ewes, 41s, Derwent Flour Mills, Newlands; 35s, Messrs Cowan, Grey Mare Hill; lambs, 30s 6d, Thos Dodd, Edmondbyers. Pigs, 15s 6d, W. Archer, Crooked Oak. Trade was animated from start to finish, but no change in prices. The Christmas sale will be held on December 17th.

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CATHOLIC BAZAAR AT STANLEY.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

On Thursday evening the second day's bazaar in aid of the New Roman Catholic Church was opened by Canon H. Gillow, of Blackhill. The rev. gentleman, in his remarks, said they only had a short time for spending all the money they had got for completing that glorious church, which would do their pastor an immense amount of credit, and when it was finished Father Thompson might be able to say that it was paid for. It was very gratifying to find that their first day's work had been a great success, no less than £150 having been taken on Wednesday at the stalls. They should be particular not to let anybody go out without having paid the utmost farthing—to do credit to that most noble object to help their energetic pastor to pay for the tremendously magnificent work he had undertaken. He had great pleasure in declaring the bazaar open—(applause)—and hoped those present would begin to spend a lot of money.

Rev. Father Thompson in proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Gillow, said he would not be doing justice to them or him if he did not propose a vote of thanks to Canon Gillow for discharging that courteous act of friendship and goodwill. There was a tradition of good feeling existing between the Blackhill and Stanley flocks and pastors. They could all look back to the time when they raised subscriptions at Blackhill for the commencement of that work which was going on in their midst, and he felt sure Canon Gillow would tread in the footsteps of his revered predecessor, the late Father Foran, and extend to them that goodwill which had always been shown to them. It might be of interest to some of them to know that the dimensions of the new church were 140 feet in length, and in pointing that out to Father Magill, that it was 50 feet longer than the church at the Brooms, he felt some little sympathy for the Brooms. (Laughter.) But they could not rival the tower at Blackhill, excepting in the handsomeness and simplicity, and yet the grandeur, of that new church. Canon Gillow pointed out that the takings on Wednesday were £150. The amount exceeded his expectations by £80 or £90. He did not aspire very high; it was not a good thing to be too ambitious, for fear they made a big drop. He asked them to patronise the stalls. He trusted a hearty welcome would be given to Canon Gillow on his visit to Stanley, and hoped it would not be his last one. (Applause.)

Mr. John Tansey, secretary to the bazaar committee, in seconding the motion, said Canon Gillow's presence showed the good feeling which existed between the two parishes, and trusted it would long continue.

Canon Gillow, in responding, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present and help Father Thompson's object. If he could do anything for them at Blackhill he would be ready and willing not only to give his sanction, but enforce and carry out any scheme which would be helpful to the friends at Stanley. He hoped Father Thompson would have the inner desire of his heart of hearts gratified by getting all the money he wanted.

The sale then began, and during the evening there were other entertainments in the shape of side-shows, refreshments, etc., at moderate charges.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

On Friday evening the bazaar was opened for the third time by the Rev. Father Magill, of the Brooms, who was supported on the platform by the Rev. Father Thompson and Rev. Father O'Brien, of Houghton-le-Spring.

Father Thompson, in introducing the Rev. Father Magill to the audience, said he need hardly do so, because that gentleman was already well-known in the district by his kindly action and patronage at the last bazaar. Father Magill was there as the representative of the parish of the Brooms, and a worthy representative too. He felt sure they would be pleased at having him as one of the patrons of the bazaar that night. (Applause.) He had to congratulate the stall holders on the success of their efforts during the last two days. The first day's proceedings amounted to £150, and Thursday's takings were £49 10s 6d. It was highly creditable to the workers of the bazaar, all included, old and young, and was an augury of the future success which was to be achieved during the next two nights. He could not praise too highly the generosity of the many friends in Stanley and neighbourhood, who had given so many useful articles to help the bazaar. In reference to the object of the bazaar and the necessity of making as much money as they possibly could, he might say the more money there was made the less debt there would be incurred afterwards. He had great pleasure in calling upon the Rev. Father Magill to declare the bazaar open for the third time. (Applause.)

Rev. Father Magill, who was well received, said he felt very highly honoured in having to do a work which seemed to stalls they had there, all packed together bazaar had, he thought, been well opened on the two preceding evenings. The purse-strings of the patrons of the bazaar had also been opened. What struck him in first entering the room, was the exceeding eastern character of the whole business. It was supposed to be international, but what it really reminded him of was a real bazaar in the east. He had visited Tunis and some Algerian cities. In the old city of Tunis they might see the real bazaar as it existed in the east, and the east alone. They might pass through the covered arcades and narrow streets, and on each side they might see little bits of shops about the size of those very elegant little stalls they had there, all packed together, and the fronts hung with carpets of beautiful dyes and eastern work, pottery, and brass work and old silver, daggers, and pistols, and all sorts of curios to tempt the westerner to waste his money. Those stalls were served, not by young ladies, in the east the ladies are invisible. As people went down the bazaar they might stumble against a few. There were two types, the Arabian wrapped from head to foot, the only portion of her anatomy visible being a pair of dark beady eyes, which she shows pretty largely. The next type was the Jewess. The type of beauty among the Algerian Jewess was fatness—(laughter)—and so they might see the great, ponderous mass of flesh walking down the street, and readily conclude that they had seen a woman of advanced age, when they would be told that the person was only a girl of about 18 years of age. On their heads they had a diadem with a peak at the top covered with gold. There were two types of figures not serving, but making their way to their business or homes. They did all the beautiful work in leather and cloth sold in the bazaars. The bazaar servers were a different type altogether. They were young men dressed with a close-cut jacket, and salute visitors with an invitation to "buy, buy, buy," which they might, if they responded to, find themselves amongst a nest of thieves. If visitors were foolish young men they would give 400 francs for an article worth about five francs. They might say the same thing about an Irish fair. (Laughter.) In the east there was no such thing as a fixed bargain; the price was what they could get; and the price of the buyers was the least they could get articles for. The objects they had in those bazaars were not exactly the same thing; they were generally for some philanthropic cause or church building; for instance, the finest church in North-West Durham. They were going the succeed in raising a large sum of money at Stanley. All the generosity of the parish showed itself at the bazaars. They found that people who were not enthusiastic in attending church came up to the bazaar, and they saw what they had got in them. But besides that there were other things at bazaars. All the petty jealousies came up as long as the bazaar lasted, and down they went again until the next one came round. And then the bazaar gave the girls the chance of getting new friends. The object of Father Thompson was different, he wanted to make as much money as they possibly could. He had the greatest pleasure in declaring the bazaar open for the third time. (Applause.)

Father O'Brien, in moving a vote of thanks to Father Magill, said that gentleman had one great gift—sympathy and kindness to his fellows. He knew Father Magill had taken an interest in that work, and as a neighbour he was perfectly sure that if Father Thompson wanted a priest to help him in his difficulties, either by his sympathies or by his purse, he could not have a more sincere neighbour than Father Magill. (Applause.)

Mr. Patrick McDonald, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he knew Father Magill was fond of old musical instruments, because he bought one at their last bazaar. (Hear, hear.)

Father Magill, in responding, thanked them for the kind way in which they had received him. It was a great pleasure to him to help a neighbour when he could, even at the expense of buying old instruments. (Laughter.) He was engaged now in raising money for a new instrument, a new organ, and was most anxious to oblige anyone in the bazaar, because he hoped in their turn they would oblige him. (Laughter.)

During the evening the usual entertainments were carried on. The string band was under the leadership of Mr. J. Wood, instead of Mr. J. Moody, as was inadvertently stated in our last issue.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

On Saturday afternoon the Catholic bazaar held in St. Joseph's Schools, Stanley, in aid of the Stanley new Catholic Church, was opened for the fourth day's sales. The result of Friday evening's work was that some £61 1s were added to the bazaar fund. The bazaar was opened by Councillor F. J. Finn, J.P., ex-mayor of Gateshead, who was introduced to the meeting by Father Thompson. He felt sure Mr. Finn's visit to Stanley would be a benefit to them in many ways. In speaking of Mr. Finn's loyalty to his church, Father Thompson said he admired the person, no matter what nation he was of, who stuck up for his country and did everything in his power to keep up his character. (Applause.) With reference to the takings he was pleased to state that up to that day some £261 had been realised. They must not expect Mr. Finn to patronise their stalls very largely, because he had already given him a generous donation of £3. (Applause.) It was very kind of Mr. Finn to patronise their efforts. When the church was finished he hoped to have Mr. Finn with them at the opening ceremony, and he would be right well welcome. It was an honour and pride to have a mayor amongst them one of their own religion. It proved that the Catholics were carving their way up to social positions, and were aspiring to the higher offices in the towns. The position itself showed Mr. Finn's worth, and therefore he thought they had a man of great worth amongst them, and it was a great pride to have him there encouraging them in their efforts to build a new church. (Applause.)

Mr. Finn, who on rising was well received, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to help them in their good work. He was glad to find on looking round that the Catholics, as well as other churches, were doing their part in the improvement of the people. It was for such reasons as those that he had accepted their kind invitation to visit his fellow-Catholics at Stanley. It reflected great credit upon their pastors to have such a large and magnificent church established in Stanley. Not only the Catholics but the adherents of other religions were spending their money in the education of their young people, and were building larger churches to meet the growing requirements of the times, and it behoved them as Catholics to be up and doing, and to educate their children in the faith they believed in, and so to have a temple worthy of the town. There was one sad feature noticeable amongst the young men, and that was the want of generosity. The married and old men were better subscribers. The young men who had no responsibilities seemed to think of nothing but the pleasures of the day, forgetting that they had responsibilities, and that they would have to give an account of them some day. He trusted the young men would go in large numbers and help the maidens to get rid of their nice stock. It gave him the greatest pleasure to be at the bazaar, and hoped they would do their utmost to help their pastor to raise the money required for the new church. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Finn for his sympathy and kindness, after which the business proper was begun. The receipts for Saturday amounted to £92, making a total for the four days of over £352.

RETURN HOME OF PRIVATE D. McKINNELL, OF MEDOMSLEY.

There were great rejoicings at Medomsley on Saturday over the return of Private David McKinnell of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who has been in South Africa some nine months. The gallant soldier arrived at Southampton in the "Tagus" on Friday, about a couple of hours before General Buller reached the same port in the "Dunvegan Castle." McKinnell went on to London the same night, and journeyed to Medomsley, via Newcastle, on Saturday. It had been arranged for the Westwood Brass Band to meet him at Ebchester station and play him to his home at Medomsley, but owing to the short notice received it was not found possible to carry this out. However, several of McKinnell's friends went through to Newcastle to welcome him, and he had a hearty reception on arriving at Ebchester station which was renewed when he reached Medomsley. Although he had a severe attack of dysentery in South Africa, and has passed through many hardships, McKinnell does not look much the worse, and was in the best of spirits. He has brought home several curios, including a musical instrument used by the Basutos; a Boer bandolier; two cheques on the National Bank signed by General Eloff; another endorsed by Roos, the State Secretary; Mauser bullets, and other interesting articles. McKinnell told our representative that whilst on his way to the Transvaal he dropped a bottle overboard containing instructions directing the finder to forward it on to the "Guardian" office, Consett. However, it has not reached us up to the present, although it is not improbable that it may do so later on. McKinnell greatly prizes a knife presented to him by ex-Colour-Sergt. Ross, late of the Grenadier Guards, before he left Medomsley, and which he has carried with him throughout the campaign. He travelled to Berwick (the depot of the K.O.S.B.) on Tuesday, but expects to be granted a month's furlough very shortly. We understand that it is intended to entertain McKinnell to a complimentary dinner at the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, during his furlough. It is a matter for congratulation to his relatives and numerous friends that he has returned safe and sound from South Africa.

STANLEY.

Wesleyan Church.—On Sunday, the members of the Stanley Wesleyan Choir held special services to raise funds on behalf of the church debt. The services were conducted by the Rev T. W. Fawthrop, of Hexham, while in the afternoon a musical service was rendered by the Annfield Plain Primitive Choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Herdman. A substantial sum was realised. During the day, Miss Maggie Wilson, of Newcastle, sang several solos in her usual efficient style.

RETURN OF THE STANLEY VOLUNTEERS.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE WELCOME HOME.

On Thursday evening a well attended public meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, Stanley, for the purpose of making preparations to welcome Privates S. Rowe and McHatton, who have been serving their Queen and country in South Africa. Amongst those present were Capt. Crossling, commanding the Stanley corps, Coun. W. Welsh, Coun. M. G. Armstrong, Coun. A. Swinburn, Mr. D. Dawson, South Moor; Mr. J. Harrison, White-le-Head; Coun. A. Kuhlman, South Moor; Mr. M. H. Lindon, Stanley; Mr. W. Foster, Stanley; Mr. Little, Birtley; Mr. H. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. J. Palmer, Stanley; Mr. M. Coates, Stanley; Mr. W. Nicholson, Stanley; Dr. Wm. Benson, Stanley; Sergt.-Instructor Hill, Stanley; Mr. T. Wilson, Lanchester; Mr. W. Hogarth, Stanley; Mr. T. Ramshaw, Stanley; Mr. Leighton, Stanley; and others.

Capt. Crossling at the outset of the meeting stated that he was responsible for calling the meeting by circular. Coun. Welsh was elected chairman of the meeting and announced that the first business would be the appointment of a secretary. Several gentlemen who were proposed for the office declined the honour, and eventually Capt. Crossling was appointed. A letter was read from the vicar, the Rev. D. W. James, apologising for being unable to attend, but expressing his full accord with the object. His sympathies were with the meeting in anything they might happen to do in reference to welcoming home their two volunteers.

with the meeting then read an army order made out in South Africa, which spoke in highly complimentary terms of the gallant way in which the Durham Volunteers had acquitted themselves while under the colours.

The Chairman, in addressing the meeting, said they had met to promote some scheme whereby they could give those two gallant young men who left Stanley to fight in South Africa for their Queen and country, a welcome home. He thought they would be all agreed that they ought to give them as hearty a welcome home as they could. To commence with, a subscription list would have to be opened. There was nothing left from the last fund, so that the whole thing would have to be commenced with again, and it would greatly depend upon the subscriptions as to the form the welcome should take.

Coun. Swinburn asked if it would not be advisable to form a committee at once and have a meeting a fortnight hence, and then make suggestions as to what would be the best way in which to carry out the scheme.

Capt. Crossling remarked that people liked to know the object to which they were asked to subscribe, and thought they should not start a subscription list before they had decided what they intended to do.

The Chairman suggested that if sufficient funds could be raised they might supply the two volunteers with a suit of clothes and a gold watch and guard, or something they could keep all their lives. The clothes would wear away, but there was no doubt upon, and hang the clothes. (Laughter).

Mr. Wilson proposed that they be each given a gold watch and chain. There was plenty of money, and the scheme only wanted setting away and it would be subscribed to. There were plenty in that room to subscribe for two watches and chains, which were a very small item.

Mr. Little thought the suggestion to purchase clothes for the two volunteers smacked of an insult, as both were respectable young men. Let them give something substantial, that they could look back upon, and hang the clothes.

Mr. Dawson suggested that an illuminated address, with a record of the circumstances under which they were sent out to South Africa, and an expression of the appreciation of the inhabitants of the district would be a suitable thing.

The Chairman, replying to Mr. Little, said he never intended to give an insult to anybody when he made his suggestion about the clothes, and hoped Mr. Little would not use that word again.

Coun. A. Kuhlman suggested that they entertain the volunteers on a suitable night and have a jolly night at a smoking concert. He thought they could manage it nicely, and after that they could raise money with which to make them presents. They would be lacking in loyalty if they did not have a good entertainment for the two young men, and make them feel happy on the first day they met them. Whatever the cost of the entertainment, each gentleman would be willing to pay his share.

Mr. Lindon suggested that a cold luncheon be provided for the two volunteers, on the evening of their return.—Mr. Hogarth seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Lindon proposed that a committee be formed from that meeting.—Carried.

Mr. Welsh proposed that Mr. Frater be appointed treasurer to the committee.—The motion was carried.

Coun. Swinburn moved that one representative from the different lodges in the district be appointed on the committee, after which the committee could be increased by the tradesmen of the district.

Mr. Leighton seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Secretary was instructed to ask the different miners' lodges in the district to appoint a representative on the committee.

The following gentlemen were also added to the committee:—Mr. M. H. Lindon, Stanley; Coun. A. Swinburn, Stanley; Mr. Thos. Armstrong, Mr. Nicholson; Coun. M. G. Armstrong, Mr. W. Hogarth; Mr. Jos. Watson, Mr. Thos. Wilson, Mr. Jas. Larkman, Stanley; Coun. A. Kuhlman, Mr. D. Dawson, South Moor; Mr. Gawthorn, Mr. Robson, Mr. J. Welsh, Dr. Wm. Benson, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. Wm. Forster, Stanley; Mr. Little, Birtley; Mr. R. Dunwoodie, Mr. Geo. Lee, Mr. M. Coates, Mr. Hodgson, Stanley; Mr. Kingston, Beamish Air Pit; Mr. Chas. Scott, Oakeys Cottages; Mr. Stewart, Mr. T. Ramshaw, Mr. Leighton, Stanley; Mr. H. Ridley, Stanley; Mr. R. Cranston, No Place; Mr. J. Dixon, Stanley; Mr. Murray, Mr. Warkman, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Madlin, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Collicott, Dr. Charles, Mr. John Bates, Mr. W. Johnson.

Mr. Nicholson having declined the honour of the assistant secretaryship, Mr. H. Ridley accepted the post.

Coun. Swinburne moved, and Coun. Wilson seconded, the motion that the secretary be authorised to get bills and notices printed, announcing subsequent meetings.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the committee be held next Thursday evening at the Royal Hotel, Stanley, and after a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Chairman the meeting concluded.

HAMSTERLEY.

Social.—On Friday night, the teachers of the Hamsterley Colliery Schools held their fifth annual soiree. The rooms had been nicely decorated for the occasion by the teachers, with the assistance of a few friends, and presented a really neat appearance. A splendid company assembled by invitation, and seemed to enjoy the music supplied by Mr. R. Dawson (piano) and Mr. J. Vasey (violin.) Songs were rendered at intervals by Miss Burke, Mr. A. Allan, and Mr. Charlton, and added much to the evening's enjoyment. Excellent refreshments were provided by Mrs. Wilson, of Busty Bank, Burnopfield, and to all appearances received a fair amount of attention from the guests. The secretarial duties were in the able hands of Miss Chippington. It is noteworthy that this gathering is becoming year by year more popular, while a very pleasant feature of this year's entertainment was that on looking round were to be seen some who, though not connected officially with the schools, have on former occasions done much to bring success and credit to this undertaking.



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BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

On Thursday night last a public meeting was held in the Church Hall, Parliament Street, Consett, under the auspices of the British Women's Temperance Association, when the Rev. W. D. Croudace, Vicar of Consett, presided over a fairly good audience. He was supported on the platform by the Rev. T. Durant, Mrs. Knox Lyal, Stocksfield, and Miss Routledge, Consett.

The Vicar said they could not but rejoice at the number of societies formed for efforts in the cause of temperance. He was sure that all who had their eyes open felt strongly that intemperance was very great in the land. Wherever they went they saw it, and unfortunately they saw it among women as well as men. They could therefore support a society like that which would do work amongst women. The work of the society commended itself to them all. He was not much of a believer in meetings only for work of that kind. The people they wanted to attend temperance meetings were not so much the people who were already convinced as those who were given to intemperance. He was in favour of going to the homes of those who were addicted to the sin, and of wrestling with them in prayer and conversation. He believed that that was a great way of bringing people over to temperance. There was plenty of work to be done all around.

Mrs. Knox Lyal said that was her third visit to Consett, and each time she had been most kindly received. She hoped each meeting would not be without some good result. In reference to personal dealing with those who were victims of drink she felt that they were doing a womanly work in trying to save human souls. Too often it had been said that men must work and women must weep. Women had to do a great deal of solitary watching for those they loved, and who were victims of drink. But they were tired of that watching business, and wanted to work, to save and to educate the public mind and conscience. In their temperance work they were sometimes accused of advertising themselves. If they did do so it was merely for the sake of getting others to join them and they could not do so by keeping quiet. Having referred to the letters of Lord Wolseley and Lord Roberts, which she thought ought to be posted and circulated throughout the district, she proceeded to say that they wanted to see a great uprising of the moral sense of the community in order to put down the horrors of the drink traffic. They not only wanted to say "don't drink" but they wanted to help in the schemes of rational enjoyment and education. They had a great deal of prejudice to contend with. So many people thought that because their fathers and mothers thought alcohol was a good thing therefore it must be so. She however believed that total abstinence was the only safe plan. She trusted that many who had not yet done so would join their ranks and that a good and successful work might be carried on in Consett.

Miss Routledge also spoke and expressed the pleasure it gave her to be at a meeting in that hall on behalf of their association. It proved that their work was united and unsectarian. Though they had not done a great deal in Consett so far they hoped to do much in the way of cottage and visitation work. They were feeling more convinced that if they were to do good among the people they must go to them. She hoped that great progress might be made in Consett in the near future.

The chairman thought if they could get a better café system in Consett they would be establishing a counter attraction to the public house.

During the evening songs and duets were rendered by the Misses Suttees and Mr. J. Siddle.

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BLAYDON.

Co-operative Society.—An interim report just issued by the committee of this society states that the sales during the past quarter amounted to £58,090 13s 9½d, which showed a substantial increase of £8,899 15s 3d as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. A dividend on members' purchases of 3s 6d in the £ is declared.

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The Quarterly Meeting of the Freedom of Labour Defence was held on Thursday, the 8th of November at the office of the Society for the Employment of Women, 22, Berners Street. Mr. W. E. Thompson Sharpe, M.P. presided.

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The meeting was chiefly occupied with the projected introduction of Chinamen as laundry workers. Some striking information was given as to the methods on which the scheme was being worked. The following resolution was passed unanimously:—"That this meeting profoundly regrets the attempt now being made to import Chinamen as laundry workers, and whilst cherishing the English tradition of hospitality to all those who seek our shores as the Land of Liberty would urge on the public and the legislature that this is not a question of spontaneous emigration, but of exploited labour. They would further urge that any restriction laid on any class of British wage-earners which impedes their employment is a direct encouragement to irresponsible foreign speculators to import alien workers who, differing not only in race and language, but in their ideas of life and morals, have proved in other countries a serious menace to the health of the State."

CHESTER-LE-STREET RURAL COUNCIL.

On Thursday afternoon the usual meeting of the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council was held in the Board Room, Chester-le-Street, Col. J. Hamble (chairman) presiding. There was a good attendance of members, together with the Clerk (Mr. R. Dickinson), Deputy-Clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson), Medical Officer (Dr. Taylor) and the Inspectors (Mr. J. H. Mole and Mr. G. Brown.)

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. J. Taylor, Medical Officer, reported that during the month there had been 178 births, giving a birth-rate of 39 per 1,000; there were 83 deaths, giving a death-rate of 18.6 per 1,000; 14 deaths had been due to zymotic diseases, giving a death-rate of three per 1,000. The infantile death-rate was 202 per 1,000. He had received 53 notifications of diseases from scarlet fever, enteric fever, and diphtheria. He had given notice to Mr. H. Simpson, the owner of insanitary dwelling-houses at Edmondsley, but nothing had been done, and he suggested that notice be served upon that gentleman to put the houses into a proper state of repair.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. G. T. Brown reported that a gulley at Pelton had been stopped up by the recent storm. Mr. J. H. Mole reported that the sewer alteration at Hendon Hold was making progress, the Railway Company having granted permission to let the railway be crossed at Pelton on condition that an agreement be entered into to pay 10s for way leave. At Seaniside the owner of the house recently erected had not accepted the offer of the Council for the sewerage of his building. He asked that the Council bear the whole cost.

Coun. Mitchell thought the matter reported by Mr. Brown should be looked after by the Local Committee before they were brought before the Council.

The Chairman: That is very good advice of yours, Mr. Mitchell.

This course was adopted.

CHESTER-LE-STREET LOCAL COMMITTEE.

The Chester-le-Street Local Committee asked permission to examine plans for houses to be erected in the town, so that they might be able to report to the Council upon the defects of those plans.

Coun. Mitchell said they did not in any way interfere with the plans, and it was very important that they should have the plans thoroughly examined before they were passed, and if they had any fault to find with them before they came before the Board they would simply point out the defects to the Board. There had been a good deal of nonsense lately about houses which had been built, and if that course had been adopted the unpleasantness would not have arisen.

Coun. Banks: They only ask to be entitled to see the plans at their committee meeting. I second the proposal. It will be an advantage to the Council, it would throw the onus on to the committee, and we will expect more from them.

The motion was carried.

ALLEGED INSANITARY DWELLING-HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to the representation made to them by the Durham County Council, that the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council appeared to be sanctioning the violation of their own bye-laws, by permitting the building of insanitary dwelling-houses in their district. The defects were such that would be difficult, if not impossible to remedy when once the houses were erected.

The matter was referred to the local committee.

ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Peace, drawing the Council's attention to the mismanagement of the Birtley Ford Sewage Disposal Farm.

The Chairman: Who is responsible for this mismanagement?

The matter was referred to the local committee.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Ouston "E" Lodge of the Durham Miners Association, petitioning the Council to take the necessary steps for the adoption of Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act of 1890, seeing that there was a great scarcity of houses in the district; and high rates and insufficient and inadequate accommodation for the working classes was their reason for petitioning the Council.

The Chairman: I think there was a similar application to this from the Ouston district not long ago, and they refused to entertain the matter.

Coun. Renwick proposed that the matter lie on the table.

Coun. Banks: I move that it go to the Local Committee.

The amendment was seconded and carried.

BEECH GROVE TERRACE FLUSHING TANK.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Asquith, engineer to the Consett Water Company, agreeing to supply the Automatic Flushing Tank at Beech Grove Terrace with water.

The letter was considered satisfactory.

A CRY FROM NEW WASHINGTON.

A letter was read from the ratepayers of New Washington, calling the attention of the Council to the serious amount of damage done by the large quantity of water which flowed from the main road on to the road leading to Usworth Colliery.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Council that nothing could be done in the matter, and the question was allowed to drop.

LAMESLEY SEWERAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Wallace re the fixing of the price of the annual leasement of the pipe line of the Lamesley Sewerage.

The letter was not entertained, the Council considering that they had acted within their rights.

APPOINTING AN ARBITRATOR.

A letter was read from the Misses Anderson, of Usworth Place Farm, appointing Mr. McCartan, Usworth, an arbitrator re the claim for damage to the surface of land and herbage by the Council's sewer.

Coun. Douglas moved, and Coun. Mitchell seconded, the motion that the Council appoint Mr. Nathaniel Clark, of Beamish Hall, arbitrator for the Council in the case.

The motion was carried, after which the Council rose.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF THE C.T.C.

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Hotel Metropole, Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 6th November. There were present:—Mr. J. J. S. Heslop (Sunderland), in the chair; Messrs J. W. Hopper (Sunderland), J. A. Williamson (hon. solicitor, Tynemouth), G. Tyzack (Haydon Bridge), J. R. Spink (Gateshead), R. Bellwood, J. M. Gibson, P. M. Laws (Newcastle), Wemyss H. Atkinson (hon. sec., Newcastle), and Norman Guthrie (assistant sec., Newcastle).

The Secretary stated that Mr. Wm. Cail having supplied him with two authenticated instances of broken glass being left on the road by lamp repairers after repairing lamps, he had communicated the facts to the Secretary of the Gas Co., who had promised to look into the cases mentioned and afterwards inform him of the result.—The hon. solicitor drew attention to the bye-laws just passed by the County Council, making it an offence punishable by fine not exceeding 40/-, to place, deposit, or leave broken glass or other sharp substance on a highway, or to leave hedge cuttings for a longer period than 48 hours after the hedges have been cut. These bye-laws will come into force 40 days after being advertised at the Moot Hall, and after the Home Secretary formally sanctions the same, he having already approved of them in draft.

The following local members of Parliament have promised to support the Cyclist's Railway Carriage Bill, and the Vehicles Lights Bill, or the principles embodied therein—Messrs W. R. Plummer, G. Renwick, H. Crawford-Smith, T. Burt, W. C. Beaumont, W. Allan, Sir W. T. Doxford, J. S. G. Pemberton, W. S. Robson, J. Wilson and J. M. Paulton.

A vote of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. S. Kynnersley, Highway Surveyor for the county of Northumberland was unanimously passed. Cyclists were under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Kynnersley for the excellent condition of the roads under his control in the county. A cyclist himself Mr. Kynnersley always lent a willing ear to their complaints, and the association desired to express their appreciation of his unfailing courtesy. The annual general meeting was fixed for the 16th January, 1901.

FACTS ARE STUBBORN.

If Consett People are not Convinced by Consett Testimony They Differ From Other People.

Our readers will have noticed that for some time there has been a wonderful increase in the number of so-called cures advertised in the papers, many of which claim to cure every disease under the sun. But the public have become sceptical and ask who has been cured in Consett.

Consett people say:—"Tell me of some neighbour, some friend, someone living in Consett who has been cured, and then I will believe."

Well, here is the very proof they are asking for; it comes from Mr. Richard Pearson, who lives at 4, Berryedge Road, Consett. He says:—

"I have suffered on and off for some years from dull and heavy pains in the small of my back, and gravel caused through my kidneys being out of order.

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19,298.—October 29th, 1900. C. J. Howe, Gateshead-on-Tyne. Howe's mechanical horse control.

19,357.—October 30th, 1900. E. Robson and A. Cawood, Stockton-on-Tees. New or improved means of lubricating the necks of rolls used for rolling sheet iron and steel.

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WINES AND SPIRITS.

THE VINTAGE.

Messrs J. R. Parkington and Co., 24, Crutched Friars, E.C., state:—The slight but very welcome improvement in demand that has been evidenced of late, was steadily maintained during the past month. No particular branch of our trade, however, presents any feature that requires special comment, though considerable attention was naturally directed to the important sales at public auction, of exceptionally large parcels of Claret and Champagne. These attracted good audiences, and bidding was as animated as might be reasonably anticipated, in view of the somewhat depressed condition of our markets; yet it is scarcely possible that the prices realised will be regarded by the Vendors with unalloyed satisfaction. The shipments of Port for October amount to 7,718 pipes (Great Britain 3,428 pipes), making 78,055 pipes for ten months against 82,715 pipes in 1899. The Sherry shipments were 4,984 butts, making 29,087 butts for ten months as compared with 36,356 butts for the corresponding period of last year. Now that the vintage is an accomplished fact, an approximate estimate may be formed as to the general result. That throughout France the yield has been most prolific, is unquestionable. In Champagne the abundance certainly surpasses anticipations, and it is expected that the quality also will leave but little to be desired. The Cote d'Or districts have been equally favoured, so far as quantity is concerned; whilst the product of the Bordeaux vineyards exceeds the famous year of 1893, and even rivals the abnormal crops of 1874 and 1875; indeed it was impossible to procure sufficient casks, irrespective of cost, to stock the exuberant supply. Growers in the Charentes are exultant at the prospect of being enabled to resume shipments of genuine Brandy at reasonable prices, and Cognac may once more enter the lists as a formidable competitor with Whiskey. Notwithstanding the somewhat protracted date to which the gathering on the Banks of the Rhine and Moselle was postponed, the result is distinctly satisfactory; whilst both Italy and Portugal join the chorus of mutual congratulation, as in both countries the harvest at least, equals a good average. From Spain alone, is heard a discordant note to mar the general harmony. From apathy or want of capital, vineyard proprietors in the southern districts, producing the white wines, have neglected to replant the blighted vines, or to employ the necessary precautions to combat crytogamic diseases with the inevitable corollary of scanty crops of poor quality. The red wines of Catalonia and Rioja appear to have escaped these evils, as fairly good yields have been secured.

BLACKHILL.

The Rev. R. R. Greenwood.—The following extract is from a Sunderland contemporary, respecting the anniversary services at the Christian Mission Church, Southwick Road, Sunderland, where the Rev. R. R. Greenwood, late of Blackhill, is pastor:—"The sixth anniversary services were held on Sunday, when Mr. James Steward, of Aberdeen, Scotland, preached morning and evening to good congregations. Five were converted, and 42 consecrated. The P.S.A. programme for the afternoon was given by Misses Steward, Winship, J. Cooper, R. Cooper, Parsons, and Oatesend, Messrs. Martin and Benson. Mr. Steward gave an address. On Monday the annual tea was held, when 252 sat down. The following presided over the tables:—Mesdames Ritson, Graham, Foster, Elliott, Sydney, Shepherd, Greenwell, Fairley, and Etherington, and Misses Ritson, Parsons, Sydney, Weelands, Smeeton, Shepherd, Greenwell, Abbott, Cole, Elliott, Clarke, and Meek. At the concert which followed a capital programme was given by the Burns family, Miss Passco, and the Brothers Benson. Mr. Palmer gave selections on the gramophone. Recitations were given by Mr Greenwood, of South Shields, and Mr Martin, of Jarrow. Mr H. Retallick, of Newcastle, took the chair. The pastor, the Rev Robert Robertson Greenwood, read the report of the work done by the mission during the sixth year. Outdoor meetings 222, indoor meetings 376, band of hope 52. The Sunday school is held every Sunday under the superintendence of Mr G. Winship. The pastor has visited 2,000 homes, and 23 have been converted and a number of pledges taken. Votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by Messrs Winship and Lisgo. Miss Cole presided at the organ.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM AT STANLEY.

(By "Rosicrucian.")

At the last meeting of the Stanley Urban Council the important question of the housing of the working classes, about which much has been written and said, was brought under discussion by the report Coun. John Anderson gave of the conference on housing reform recently held in Newcastle. The question, apart from that conference, has been debated upon many a public platform, and is one of far-reaching consequences. Hitherto the employer of labour has had pretty much of his own way in settling the class of houses his workmen should inhabit. And fine places some of them have been! In many cases the employer has placed a very low estimate upon the morals of his poorer fellow-men, whom he has looked upon as being of a lower order of creation to himself. A few years ago almost any building of bricks and mortar was considered quite good enough for "Poor Geordie," but with the advance of civilization there has come a correspondingly strong desire to secure better housing accommodation amongst the working-men of this vast empire. The exposure of some of the most revolting conditions of life, due to the lack of proper houses has had much to do with the bringing about of a more desirable state of things amongst the working-classes of this country than their forefathers enjoyed. But the subject has not by any means been exhausted. There is still room for a mighty improvement. The dwellings of many of our "black-diamond hunters" are not worthy the name of houses. The wood-huts, which are a crying disgrace to any owner of property, are fair samples of what the employer considered was good enough for his servant. But necessity is the mother of invention, and the workers of this country have awakened to the fact that if their social and moral conditions are to be improved they will have to take the initiative in a movement to secure the desired and much needed reforms by asking and demanding from their Parliamentary representatives a pledge to introduce and support any measure introduced into the British House of Commons by which they hope ultimately to accomplish their object. The opinion of the "starched-up fop" of the middle class gentry has been that so long as pitmen, and, for the matter of that, all working-men get plenty of "beer and skittles," it does not much matter what sort of dwellings they are huddled into. A greater mistake could not possibly be made. From whom has the idea of better dwellings for working-men emanated but from the working-men themselves, who had the painful experience of sleeping in houses through the roofs of which those nocturnal luminaries might, with comparative ease, be admired. Nor is the employer of labour the only sinner in this respect. He finds a boon companion in the greedy grasping speculator whose only thought is to extort the highest possible rent for his property. Like all grabbers the speculator in property such as have been described above, by taking undue advantage of the scarcity of house property, seeks to amass wealth at the expense of the health and morals of his tenant, by erecting dwellings which may fairly be termed "baby-houses," only intended, of course, for young couples, whose means he conceives are so limited that they are unable to furnish more spacious habitations. Coun. Armstrong, who gave notice to move that the section of the Act relating to working-men's houses be adopted by that Council, will undoubtedly have something to bring before the Council at its next meeting. Coun. Indian, brimful of the subject, seemed anxious to confirm the view expressed here regarding the twentieth century property-owner. His opinion was that the only solution of the vexed question of overcrowding was to build suitable houses for the working-class population. At the same time he expressed the hope that the Council would erect a better class of houses than some which were being erected in their midst under sanction of the Council, in which the rooms were so extremely small that he was at a loss to understand how they had been permitted to be built, since his opinion had always been that when the Parish and District Councils' Act was passed into law it was for the purpose of effecting real, not imaginary, improvements in the existing condition of things in place of which he regretted an element of retrogression was noticeable in their Council life. Mr. Indian made bold to say that some of the rooms to which he referred were scarcely large enough to hold a bed and a chair. If that be the case and his words cannot be doubted, it is high time some alteration was made either in the constitution of the Council or its bye-laws.

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CONSETT.

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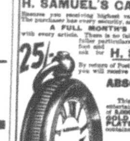
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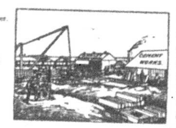
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ROBERT ENGLISH.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the Benfieldside Edge Schools on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. E. W. Jenkins (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Rev. Canon Ross-Lewin, Mr. G. J. Robinson, Mr. John Sloane, Mr. J. Collinson, Mr. H. Carss, and the Clerk (Mr. R. G. Barclay, J.P.)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee advised the Board to accede to the application of Mr. M. Hall, attendance officer, for an increase of £5 per annum, this sum to include all work under the Board. Miss Henderson, of Derwent Street School, attended and explained to the committee that the number of scholars on the books, and the number of teachers were as follows:—Number of Children, 104. Under the code there was a staff sufficient for 180 children, which was 76 in excess of the attendance. The committee, finding the Derwent Street School so over-staffed, ordered Miss Henderson to send Miss Davison to the Boys' School, Benfieldside, to fill the place of Miss Ratcliffe, who has resigned. The committee advised the Board to accede to the application of Miss Eledon to remain as a certificated teacher under the Board, and that her salary be regulated by the scale of the Board.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S SALARY.

Mr. Sloane asked what salary the attendance officer was receiving?

The Clerk: £80 a year, and £5 for uniform.

Mr. Sloane: In addition?

The Clerk: Yes.

Mr. Sloane: That raises it to £85 and £5 for uniform. That is what Mr. McKean had.

The Clerk replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Sloane asked if there had been any improvement in the percentage of attendance? It was left over for the School Committee to deal with.

Mr. Carss said the committee had ascertained that the rejoicings on account of the war were a complete pest—if he might use that term—to the attendance at the schools. They had made the attendance most irregular.

Mr Robinson inquired if anything could be devised to get the children under five years of age at school at an earlier age? He thought if parents knew that it was to the benefit of the children to send them to school half-a-year earlier it would be better. The attendance officer might look after the children about 4½ years old, and try and persuade the parents to send them to school.

Mr. Carss said if they relegated the matter to the School Committee they would have Mr. Hall in, and try and concoct some plan to meet the case.

Mr. Sloane asked if the School Committee was satisfied that the attendance had been raised sufficiently to justify them in increasing the officer's salary? Were they satisfied that the percentage had risen?

Mr. Carss said they were more than satisfied, taking into consideration the celebrations, etc., to which he had referred. Under the circumstances the attendance was really excellent.

Mr. Sloane failed to see what the School Committee were going upon, owing to the absentees.

Mr. Carss replied that they had no difficulty in the matter.

Mr. Sloane said on reference to the report book he thought it was not sufficient to justify the proposed increase. However, if the committee was satisfied he was satisfied. On two or three occasions when this application had been discussed, it had been mentioned by Mr. Hall that he did extra work. He hoped the School Committee would take that up at some future time, and impress on Mr. Hall that he was engaged to do all this kind of work at the time he was appointed. It was explained to the applicants, and they expressed themselves as agreeable to do all the work referred to.

Mr. Carss said that all that came up before the committee.

Mr. Sloane said he understood when Mr. Hall got the situation that he was expected to do this work, and that he was not conferring a favour upon the Board.

The Clerk said the only extra work he knew of for which the officer got paid was the white-washing of the privies.

Mr. Carss said they intended the £5 increase to cover everything.

The Clerk said that in writing Mr. Hall an official note concerning the rise in his salary he would tell him that no extras were to be paid.

Mr. Sloane then moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried.

FINANCE.

Cheques for sums amounting to £217 4s were ordered to be signed.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A communication was read asking the Board to appoint a representative on the governing body of the Technical Institute.

Mr. Robinson moved that the Chairman be appointed as their representative.

Mr. Carss seconded.

The Chairman expressed a wish that some other member of the Board should be appointed. He moved Mr. Robinson, who, he thought, would make an excellent representative.

Mr. Sloane said, seeing the chairman declined the position, he would like to move that Canon Ross-Lewin be appointed.

The Chairman said he would withdraw, and seconded the nomination of Canon Ross-Lewin.

Mr. Robinson thought that the Chairman was the proper one to represent them.

Mr. Collinson supported Mr. Sloane's amendment; and ultimately Canon Ross-Lewin was elected.

THE PRICE OF COALS.

A letter was read from Mrs. Proud, asking for an increase of £1 in the amount paid to her for the use of the Shotley Grove Schools, owing to the great increase in the price of coals.

It was agreed to accede to Mrs. Proud's application.

BYE-LAWS.

The question of the new bye-laws was referred to the School Committee.

TEACHERS' SOCIAL.

A letter was read from Mr. Lubbock, on behalf of the teachers at the school, asking the permission of the Board for the use of the schools for the annual social, the proceeds of which are to go to the Teachers' Benevolent Fund of the National Union of Teachers.

The necessary permission was granted.

MR. BRODIE RESIGNS.

A letter was read from Mr. F. W. Brodie, enclosing a formal resignation, and stating that he was sorry to leave the place where he had laboured for the past 12½ years. However, having succeeded in obtaining a head-mastership at Tow Law at a greatly increased salary, he had decided to accept it. He thanked the members of the Board for the great kindness he had always received at their hands.

Mr. Sloane moved that the resignation be accepted, and that the Board express their high appreciation of Mr. Brodie's character, and the good work he has performed whilst under the Board.

Mr Robinson seconded the motion, which was adopted.

A MONITRESS.

An application was read from Miss J. M. Smillie, of Shotley Bridge, asking for a position as monitress under the Board. It was decided that the application should be relegated to the School Committee.

SHOTLEY GROVE SCHOOL.

The report of H.M. Inspector respecting the examination at this school was very favourable, the amount of grant earned being £34 15s.

A TEACHER WANTED.

It was resolved to advertise for a certificated assistant in the Boys' Department, floated assistant in the Boys' Department.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Education Department, objecting to the fuel and lighting of the evening schools being all charged to the account of the day schools.

On the motion of Mr. Collinson, the matter was referred to the School Committee.

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. TEARE.

The ordinary business of the Board having been completed, Mr. and Mrs. Teare were called into the room to receive a present at the hands of the Board, on the occasion of their marriage. The testimonial took the form of a handsome black marble clock, which was subscribed for by past and present members of the Board.

The Chairman said it would be known to all the members of the Board that they proposed to make a small presentation to their two head teachers as a token of their regard for Mr. and Mrs. Teare. He personally wished them every success. He would now call upon Canon Ross-Lewin to make the presentation.

Canon Ross-Lewin said he did not think that he would have been called upon to make the presentation, but he did it with hearty goodwill, as he had a most profound respect for Mr. and Mrs. Teare. (Hear, hear). They were presenting that clock as a mark of their esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Teare. He trusted that they would have many years of happiness in their honourable and useful calling. (Applause.)

Mr. Teare, in responding, said that to him at all events that was a kind of ordeal he would rather had been dispensed with, because it was difficult at a time like that to give expression to one's exact feelings. On behalf of Mrs. Teare and himself he wished to thank all for their kind words and good wishes, which had taken tangible form in that very splendid, very appropriate and, he hoped, very serviceable article. He hoped, if it was needed that it would serve as a stimulus and incentive to them to do their duty in the future as they had tried to do it in the past. (Hear, hear.) Some time ago it occurred to them to look back and re-call a few of the incidents connected with that Board, which had now lived to a little beyond its majority. It was a rather curious coincidence that there had been just as many members as there were years in the life of the Board. It was a rather melancholy retrospect to some present, as well as Mrs. Teare and himself. There were not less than eight or nine former members now dead. In the time that the school had been open considerably over 4,000 names had been inscribed on the registers of the school. That represented close upon two-thirds of the population of the township. He thought it was not necessary to say anything further, except that they were exceedingly indebted to the Board for their kindness, and hoped that things would go on as harmoniously and prosperously in the future as they had done in the past. (Applause.)

Mr. Carss said he would like to say a word. Some wonderful men had sat upon that Board who had now passed away, and he could re-call Charles Wilson, Jonathan Priestman, John Annandale, Thomas Smith, and Frederick Thompson.

The Board then rose.

"PATIENCE" REVIVED.

A HAPPY CONSUMMATION.

A correspondent writes us:—Last week, at the Savoy Theatre, London, the winged messenger—the press—proclaimed how rapturously welcomed was pretty "Patience" by her most numerous admirers. Again, she held them in a spell by her witchery, to which was added a richer charm and beauty by her long period of rest. As the first note of music filled the great theatre and struck the waiting ear, the fragrant odour of bye-gone memories were awakened. Down through the years since "Patience" first delighted the happy multitude of music-loving people, this delicious first note, recalled in all the freshness of a pleasing dream, the soft, voluptuous fall of sweetest melody floating out of the past, bringing back to memory the auspicious year in which Sir Arthur Sullivan's best beloved "child" saw the light of day. From start to finish this famous opera was thoroughly enjoyed, and the different parts were vociferously encored, there being only one regret, that, in the midst of such a merry night of music, when the house was full of honest enthusiasm, the master-mind (Sir Arthur) was absent from participating in our joy. It is not too much to say Sir Arthur Sullivan in this opera has excelled himself, and for sweetness even "The Mikado" and "The Yeoman of the Guard" do not surpass it. "Love that no wrong can cure," "Silvered is the raven hair," have only to be once heard never to be forgotten. Next week, in the New Town Hall, Consett, we venture to think that a delightful surprise awaits the patrons of the Consett and District Amateur Operatic Society. "Patience," in her plaintive pleadings and quaint attitudes, combined with music as fresh and merry and full of melody as ever delighted an audience, in the able hands of our local artistes will reflect the highest credit upon our district, and we predict for the society a thorough success. Our readers must not forget the one chief aim the society have in producing this celebrated opera, which is to add materially to the funds of the Queen's Nursing Association. The proceeds we are assured, will be devoted entirely to that worthy institution.

THE SACRED CONCERT.

On Sunday evening first, a special programme of sacred music will be given by the Consett Iron Company's Workmen's Prize Brass Band, who have gratuitously offered their services to render all the help they can in adding to the sum to be handed over to the Nursing Association. Miss Maggie Wilson, soprano, of Newcastle, and Mr John Duncanson, bass, of Durham Cathedral, with Dr. Sloane, of Blackhill, as accompanist, will also assist.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people. So true is that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism.

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LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this body was held on Wednesday evening, in the Council Chamber, Leadgate, under the presidency of Coun. W. Robson (vice-chairman). There were also present—Couns. T. Keenleyside, J. W. Winter, R. Robson, W. F. Lane, Geo. Nicholson, W. J. Foreman, H. Cheesmond; the Clerk (Mr J. H. Coupland), and the Surveyor (Mr. T. S. Longstaff).

THE APPROACH TO THE STATION.

The Clerk reported that he wrote Mr. Palmer and Mr. Forsyth as instructed. Mr. Palmer waited upon Mr. Forsyth on Oct. 15th, but had apparently received no reply.

Coun. Keenleyside: We are rightly served.

Coun. Lane moved that the matter be left over till the next meeting.

Coun. Robson wished to observe that when anything like that took place the Clerk ought to be there. The Clerk knew all about the man coming, and he (the speaker) thought that the Clerk should have accompanied whoever went to meet him. Here they had a man coming from Newcastle, and he would come to the conclusion that nothing was wanted.

Coun. Lane thought the Clerk was not to blame. Mr. Forsyth wrote saying he would meet either the Chairman or the Clerk, and as the Chairman was definitely decided upon, he thought the Clerk not in the least to blame.

Coun. Robson said if anyone wanted any business done with the Council they were supposed to have an office, but it was closed from one month to another. That was where the thing was wrong.

The Chairman thought the Surveyor and Inspector was generally on the premises, and if communication was necessary Mr. Longstaff would be there.

Coun. Robson said the communication came to the Clerk. It was a very unfortunate affair.

Coun. Nicholson said that they did not engage the Clerk on those lines. It was arranged that the Chairman should wait upon Mr. Forsyth. He thought it a pity that they did not appoint more to wait upon Mr. Forsyth. He thought it a pity members in the place who could have done so.

Coun. Keenleyside said he advocated this, but it was not approved of.

The Clerk said he took no blame. Mr. Palmer had the whole matter in his hands, and promised to meet Mr. Forsyth.

Coun. Winter thought in connection with that business that their Chairman had had a lot of work, and except that mistake had followed up the matter persistently. He was not sure that they had lost a great deal.

Coun. Keenleyside said if it had been any other member he would have been censured.

Coun. Lane's motion was then carried.

THE MINERS' HALL.

A letter was read from Mr. R. Murray, stating that he had recently bought the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, and had obtained possession. As the Council some time ago contemplated the purchase of the property for a meeting room and offices, he was willing to let it either on an annual tenancy or lease if the Council desired it, and assuming the question of rent was mutually arranged, he might be prepared to make alterations to meet the Council's requirements.

Coun. Winter said as the matter had been sprung upon them he moved that it lie over for discussion till the next meeting, and that in the meantime the Clerk obtain Mr. Murray's terms.

Coun. Keenleyside moved that they have nothing to do with it except they got it free. (Laughter.)

Coun. Robson seconded Coun. Winter's motion, which was adopted.

ALLEGED NUISANCE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. W. Welford, stating that he was instructed by his Council to inform the Leadgate Council that the Surveyor reported that he found no nuisance as alleged.

The Council expressed very great dissatisfaction with the reply; and it was decided to communicate with the Consett Council again.

Coun. Winter said the matter was referred to in the County Medical Officer's report. He thought the reply little less than an insult.

POOR GAS!

Coun. Lane raised the question of the bad supply of gas.

The Surveyor said that a leakage had been discovered and put right on the Number One Road.

Coun. Lane said it was a curious thing that in his house at seven or eight o'clock at night there was a glimmer of light, but about eleven o'clock it was like the electric light. He moved that they apply to the Gas Company for a better supply of gas.

Coun. Winter said they had been "gassing" about this matter a long time, and sending letters, but there was little or no improvement. It all meant that they would have to come to the question of seriously considering whether they should not light up the place with the electric light.

Coun. Keenleyside: Hear, hear.

Coun. Winter said he intended to give notice of motion that a strong committee be appointed to go into the question.

Coun. Lane's motion was then carried.

ENCROACHMENTS.

The Clerk reported that at 10/- per acre some people would have to pay a halfpenny or a penny per year. There were 50 people, and the total amount was under £2. The highest amount was 3s 4d.

Coun. Lane moved that the account respecting encroachments lie on the table.

Coun. Foreman seconded the motion, which was carried.

ASPHALTING.

An application was read from Mr. W. Stockdale, asking the Council to asphalt the front and side of his new house at the corner of Watling Street and Quarry Row.

It was decided to asphalt the side of the house.

A further application was read from the trustees of the P.M. Chapel, asking the Council to asphalt the footpath in front of the chapel up to the palisading.

The application was acceded to.

NEW RATE.

It was agreed that a rate of 1s 4d in the pound be levied for the ensuing half-year.

Accounts for sums amounting to £189 7s 10d, were ordered to be signed.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that he had had the steam-roller three days on Annfield Lane, and one day on Stockerley Lane. The railings at Iveston Bank foot-bridge were rotten and dilapidated, and wanted renewing. As it was a party bridge between that Council and the Lanchester Council he had written Mr. Cumming, surveyor, Lanchester, on the matter. Some new posts were required on Stockerley Road to support the railway at the Witch Hole. Twenty waggons or more of coke ashes would have to be ordered from the Consett Iron Co., for the footpaths.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Longstaff reported that the ashpits, privies, and other manures were fairly well carted out. The Consett Iron Co. required a habitation certificate to occupy their ten new houses at the north side of Leadgate. As collector, he had collected and paid to the treasurer £3 4s 3d. All the rate was now collected, there being no outstanding balance. He required a new 66 feet steel tape line, as all the asphalting would require re-measuring.

This concluded the business.

SUDDEN DEATH AT BLACKHILL.

On Wednesday morning, a painfully sudden death occurred at Blackhill. Richard Frankland, a well-known resident, left his home, 13, Durham Road, at seven o'clock for the purpose of going to his work at Mr B. Ormerod's cement works, where he was employed as a clerk, and had reached the railway bridge in Durham Road when he was seen by a man named John Lamb to stagger and fall. Lamb went to him at once and raised him up against the wall, but the unfortunate man died within five minutes. Dr. Moore saw the body shortly after death, but was unable to give a certificate, and Sergt. Toes, in consequence, communicated with the Coroner. Mr Frankland, who was 59 years of age and married with a grown-up family, was a soldier in his earlier days, and saw active service in India and elsewhere in the east. He was generally regarded as being a man in good health, and had had little cause for medical advice. He was for some years a plate inspector at the Consett Iron Works, and was a man who was highly respected in the district.

CONSETT.

Train Alteration.—We again remind our readers that the train at present leaving Blackhill at 11.3 a.m. for Newcastle via Consett and Annfield Plain, will on Monday next be re-timed to leave Blackhill at 11.25 and run a quarter of an hour earlier throughout.

WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD.

SETTLEMENT OF THE LAMESLEY QUESTION.

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Tuesday evening in the Board Room, Whickham, Mr. R. T. Saunders (chairman) presiding. The other members present were—Messrs. Rutherford, Taylor, Dixon, Newman, Wright, Fenton; and the Clerk (Mr. W. Willis).

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

The Board were occupied for about an hour in considering the accommodation at Dunston and Swalwell Schools, and in regard to which the architect to the Board (Mr. Rounthwaite) attended the meeting with plans showing the proposed enlargement to these schools. It was proposed to provide extra accommodation at an estimated cost of £1,550. At Swalwell it was proposed to add new cloak-rooms and teachers' study-rooms at an estimated cost of £320.

The Chairman remarked that the suggested additions at Swalwell required to be carefully considered before they came to any definite decision. He would like to know if any temporary accommodation could be provided?

Mr. Rounthwaite said he did not see any means of providing temporary accommodation at Swalwell in the existing building. Every place was occupied and there did not seem to be an inch of space that could be utilised for the purposes required.

The Chairman: This is the first time that we have had the matter before us, and it will require some thought.

This question was therefore adjourned for further consideration.

Mr. Rounthwaite remarked that in regard to the proposed extra accommodation at Dunston, the first scheme that was drafted out had not been approved by the Board of Education. That authority would not agree to the corridor arrangement as shown upon the plans sent to them. Since the plans had been sent to the Board of Education he had seen the architect to that authority, Mr Robson, with whom the matter had been talked over. Mr. Robson stated that the corridor system was out-of-date in a school of the magnitude of Dunston. The Board of Education would not tolerate any passages, or corridors, or lobbies if they could help it. They wanted a large central place, when the classes were together, they could be kept under observation. Since his interview with Mr Robson, that gentleman had sent him a pencil sketch indicating what the Board of Education would agree to. Following the lines of the sketch he (Mr. Rounthwaite) had prepared an amended scheme and plans which he had brought with him that evening. The plan, he said, showed a central hall twenty-four feet wide. Opening off that central hall were eight class-rooms—four opening off the ground floor and four off the galleries. The male and female teachers' rooms were upon the ground floor. Mr. Rounthwaite added that 335 seats would be gained by the class-rooms, without taking into consideration the hall.

The plans were now examined by the Board and the unanimous opinion seemed to be that the proposed alterations would transform the schools into an imposing structure, whilst the members expressed their satisfaction at the manner in which the plans had been prepared.

It was decided to forward the plans to the Board of Education for their approval.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MARLEY HILL.

Mr. Rounthwaite informed the Board that the improvements ordered to be done at Marley Hill had been carried out at a cost of about £209. The playground at the old Marley Hill school, he said, was in a very wretched condition, whilst the out-buildings were very poor indeed.

TEACHERS SOCIAL.

Application was made on behalf of the teachers at the Marley Hill Board Schools for the use of the schools in which to hold their annual social on Friday, Dec. 21st, and the Board were asked if they would kindly grant a holiday upon that date.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Rutherford to grant the use of the schools as requested, and that the teachers receive half a day holiday.

THE LAMESLEY QUESTION SETTLED.

The Clerk read the following letter in reference to the Lamesley question from Mr. Hy. Wallace:—"I have written to the Overseers to forward a cheque for the amount due 1st September last, and I now think everything is understood between the two parishes as to future payments. I think, to save trouble, it may be as well to let me see the letter you propose to send to the Education Board so that no trouble or dispute may arise in the future."

The Chairman said he would like to make one or two remarks upon the subject, and which he thought were due from him after what had taken place. Before he did so he would like to ask the Lamesley representative, Mr. Fenton, whether he could confirm the letter which had been received from the correspondent to the Lamesley Overseers?

Having received Mr. Fenton's confirmation, The Chairman said he welcomed the letters which had been received; and thought that they were in striking contrast to the two communications that the Board had before them only two months ago, and written by the same individual, and which were sent down by the Board of Education for the Whickham Board's perusal. He undertook to say, as the present Chairman of the Board, that if the same spirit had been manifested in the same quarter when the claim was raised, then the thing would have been settled two years ago at least. He admitted that the representatives of Lamesley had probably acted on the lines of doing the best they could for their parish, and endeavoured to get an agreement for 12/- per head; and that they had taken the action which the Board knew they had taken, was due, in his humble opinion—and due almost entirely—to the attitude taken up by the majority of the members of the old Board who encouraged the idea of 12/- as a proper contribution from Lamesley parish. That contribution would have amounted to £60 per annum; and which the majority of the old members of the old Board agreed to accept. As they now knew this amount was less than one-half of what the Lamesley people themselves were now prepared to pay—namely 25/9; or £130 per year. He was pleased that wiser council had prevailed; and he was prepared to admit that this was due to a very great extent to the efforts of Mr. Fenton—(hear, hear)—who had since understood the matter in all its bearings; and who had done his best to bring about an arrangement which would be satisfactory and in the interests of both parishes. Now that they had come to an agreement for Lamesley to pay 25/9 per child—and which was a fair amount—he hoped that they had heard the last of this matter. (Hear, hear.) To him it had been tedious and troublesome, one, and an uphill fight from the first day he suggested that the claim should be made. However he was satisfied. All was well that ended well; and it was only to be hoped that what had taken place in regard to this Lamesley question was something by which all the members of that Board would profit. It was an experience which he thought many of them would profit by as public men. He thought it would be an object lesson to themselves in safe-guarding the interests of the ratepayers of Whickham who had sent them there to represent their interests. He felt that he could not allow the matter to be settled without making these remarks, and which he had put as mildly as he could under the circumstances. He felt it was his duty to make these remarks and he hoped that they now had heard the last of the matter.

Mr. Fenton echoed the latter part of the Chairman's remarks; but at the same time, he could not help stating that if the same feeling had been manifested on both sides, he thought there would have been a speedier settlement. He did not think all the feeling had been on one side. He was afraid that there had been a little feeling upon both sides; and if they acknowledged that that evening he did not think they would be far astray.

Mr. Taylor said as soon as any degree of fairness at all was shown the Board were ready and willing to come to an amicable agreement. He contended that the first suggestion which came to the Board was very unfair; and certainly he thought hard things had been said; but at the same time he considered the action taken by a Lamesley gentleman had widened the breach, rather than having made it so that the question could be amicably settled.

Mr. Rutherford said that no one had taken a greater interest in the matter than himself. Before he became a member of that Board he spent nights over the question. There was not the slightest doubt that what prolonged the discussion and delayed the settlement was the encouragement that was given the Lamesley people by a majority of the members of the old Board. It was only from the fact that the resolution by the old Board to accept 12/- per child, not having been sent up to the Education Department that the Board had been able to effect the settlement they had done that evening. It was quite clear, to his mind, that if the Board, after passing that resolution had instructed the Clerk to forward the resolution to the Department that Whickham—probably so far as the Board were concerned at any rate—would have been in receipt of 12/- instead of 25/9; although perhaps that might have been modified by the letters that were sent to the Education Department by individual ratepayers who objected to the 12/- arrangement. He thought it was a fallacy for some members to say that an outside person had no power over the actions of public bodies. He did believe that if the Department were approached upon any matter they would probably give as much consideration to an individual ratepayer who had a complaint, as to the Board. Although the 12s agreement might have been sent up to the Board of Education, there would have been some opposition. The fact of getting 25s 9d was due entirely to that resolution not having been sent up to the Department at the time it was passed by the old Board. It was a most fortunate thing for the parish of Whickham that it had not been forwarded to the Department.

The matter then dropped.

THE SALARIES QUESTION.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Coulson, teacher at the Marley Hill school, in reply to a communication from the Board, asking him for any special reasons why he should apply for an advance of salary, and in which Mr. Coulson stated his reasons for so doing.

The Chairman pointed out the fact that there was a great increase in the amount of money paid by the Board for salaries. He would be the last person to refuse an advance if the applicant was justly entitled to it, but in this case he could not vote for an increased pay.

Mr. Rutherford thought it would be best to appoint a committee to draw up a scale of salaries.

Mr. Fenton moved "That Mr. Coulson receive an advance of £2 10s per annum."

Mr. Dixon moved as an amendment that the letter be laid upon the table.

Mr. Newman seconded the amendment.

No one seconded Mr. Fenton's motion, and the amendment was carried.

An application was received from Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson, asking for an increase in salary. She was now in receipt of £30 per annum, and 22 years of age.

A letter was read from the headmaster, Mr. Dewhurst, in support of the application.

Mr. Rutherford: I don't think it is a proper thing for the masters to write about salaries.

The application was not granted.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SWALWELL.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Wright, "that a partition be purchased for Swalwell Board Schools."

APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF SCHOOLS.

An application was received from Mr. A. Rutherford on behalf of the Dunston Amateur Cycling Club for the use of the Dunston Schools in which to hold their annual social on Friday, Dec. 28th.

The application was granted on the usual terms.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE IN SALARY.

Mr. Robert Davidson, caretaker at the Marley Hill Board Schools, wrote asking for an increase in salary.

The application was adjourned for further consideration.

FINANCE.

Cheques were signed amounting to £689 1s 4d.

This was all the business of note, and the meeting terminated shortly before 10.30 p.m.

STANLEY CRICKET CLUB DINNER

On Wednesday night the members of the Stanley Cricket Club held their annual dinner at the Royal Hotel when a good number sat down to an excellent repast purveyed by the manager, Mr. Mark Coates and staff. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Beattie, and the vice-chair by Mr. T. C. Frater, and among those present were Messrs. Ed. Wylam, G. McKnight, R. Summerbell, L. Errington senr., L. Errington junr., A. Parker, J. Anderson, J. Shield, M. Smith, R. Knox, J. Leybourne, R. J. Curry, C. Scott, R. Gibson, W. Craggie, M. H. Lindon, J. Thompson, G. Clough, J. Benfold, G. Watson, T. Siddle (secretary), T. Siddle, M. Coates, J. Humble, and others. On the removal of the cloths

The Chairman submitted the loyal toasts, which were heartily honoured.

Mr. T. Siddle, secretary, in his report, said, in reference to the first team, of 16 matches arranged they played 14, won 8, lost 3 and drew 3, two not being played through the visitors not turning up. The total number of runs scored was 1387 for 135 wickets, or an average of 10.27 runs per wicket, whilst their opponents scored 1150 for 147 wickets, or an average of 7.21 per wicket. He might say that the play all round had been better than it had been for two or three seasons. There had been a great improvement both in batting and fielding, in the latter especially. As to the second team of 17 matches arranged they played 11, of which 5 were won, 5 lost, and one drawn, 6 not being played through unforseen circumstances. The total runs scored was 770 for 104 wickets, or an average of 7.42, against 783 runs for 109 wickets or an average of 7.20 for their opponents. The total number of catches during the season was 53. J. Thompson headed the first team batting averages with 18.9 for 15 innings. W.H. Ramsay second with 16.0 for five innings, and H. Curry third with 11.10 for 15 innings. James Shield headed the second team batting averages with 14.4 for 10 innings, R. Henderson being second with 12.0 for the same number of innings, and G. Shield third with 12.0 for seven innings. M. Smith was at the top of the first team bowling averages with 6.3 for 45 wickets, and T. Jewitt 7.5 for 20 wickets.

The Chairman presented a prize offered by himself of a pair of trousers to Mr. Thompson, as being first in the batting averages, and the vice-chairman presented a badge (the President's badge,) to Mr. H. Curry, who was entitled to the second prize.

Mr. M. H. Lindon on behalf of the club presented a handsome flower vase to Mr. M. Smith as a prize for heading the bowling averages, and Mr. Scott presented a teapot to Mr. Shield for the second team batting. Mr. G. Clough was presented with a cruet stand as second prize in the first team bowling.

Mr. Anderson proposed "The Navy, Army, and Volunteers," and referred to the gallant conduct of British Arms during the past twelve months. He thought they might take it for granted that the volunteers would be looked upon in a different light to that which had been their experience in the past. Foreign nations must now recognise that they could not step upon the Lion's tail without finding there was a force behind it and that with the aid of the Colonies, England's strength could scarcely be estimated. (Applause.)

The Vice-chairman proposed the trade and commerce of Stanley. He had known Stanley for 25 years and during that time it had grown like a mushroom to immense proportions. He did not think he could do better than couple the toast with the name of Mr. Wylam, who was a very old resident in their district.

Mr. Wylam, in responding, said that during the 35 years he had resided in the district he really did not know that so far as agriculture was concerned things were ever in a worse condition than at the present day.

Mr. Mark Coates briefly proposed success to the Stanley Cricket Club.

Mr. T. Siddle responded and said it was only by a little bit of bad luck that they did not win the cup last season. Their prospects for the ensuing season were very bright indeed, and he fully expected that at their next dinner a rosy report would be submitted. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Frater proposed the toast of the Press to which the "Guardian" reporter responded.

Mr. Scott submitted the health of the host and hostess, and Mr. Coates responded.

Mr. Summerbell gave the health of the Chairman which was heartily honoured and responded to, and the health of Mr. Leybourne, a substantial supporter of the club was submitted and replied to.

Mr. L. Errington senr. proposed the health of the vice-chairman to which Mr. Frater suitably responded.

During the evening songs were given by Messrs Anderson, Lindon, R. Summerbell, Humble, and Craigie, and recitations were given by Mr. Frater and Mr. Lindon.

BURGARLY AT BLACKHILL.

Between Monday night and Tuesday morning a somewhat daring burglary was committed at the New Steam Laundry at Blackhill. Some person or persons had effected an entrance either by means of breaking a window or by the aid of a duplicate key, and when inside had forced the tills and abstracted a sum of £15 and two cheques valued at £2. The authorities are necessarily reticent, but as far as we have been able to glean, the cash was the sole object of their visit as no linen appeared to have been removed.

DURHAM COUNTY DIVISION.

CANDIDATES' ELECTION EXPENSES.

The election expenses of the candidates in several of the Durham County Divisions were made public on Tuesday night by the Under-Sheriff (Mr J. G. Wilson.) In South-East Durham, the expenses of the successful candidate, the Hon. F. W. Lambton, were £1,721 14s 11d, and those of his opponent, Alderman J. Richardson, were £1,588 19s 11d.—In the Bishop Auckland Division, Mr Hustler Hopkins spent £1,053 15s 2d, and the successful candidate, Mr J. Paulton, £642. The North-West Durham election cost Mr Atherley-Jones, M.P., £707 15s 5d, and Mr James Joicey £1,267 7s 11d.—In the Chester-le-Street Division, the cost to Sir James Joicey, M.P., was £1,390 18s 6d, and to his opponent, Captain Nicholson, £863 13s.—The returns for the remaining divisions have not yet been issued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. "C. G."

THE FOUNTAIN

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—May I be allowed to express the pleasure with which I read in your last number that the Fountain, which was erected in Front Street in remembrance of my father's services to Consett, is not to be removed—at least I so understand the resolution passed at the last monthly meeting of the District Council. I quite understand that with new times come new needs, and hence come necessary changes which sometimes rather rudely push old things aside. Yet I fail to see why in this case, an erection which marks some of the most interesting history of Consett should be removed. I am sure that every member of my family is glad that it is to remain. Perhaps it may seem a small thing to some to say that I have been proud to show my children, when I have had the pleasure of bringing them to Consett, a memorial which proves that their grandfather had a high place in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen for the sake of his public services; but public spirit is a precious influence in all citizens. May I say that when I saw the condition of the Fountain last August I was pained. There was not a drop of water to be obtained from it for man or beast, and young men were sitting in the dry basin. Before it was erected my father was consulted as to what he would like to have as a gift, and I think he decided graciously and well when he asked for something that would be of public benefit. But I am sure he never dreamt of a dry fountain. Could not that defect be repaired? It seems to be due to his memory, to the townsmen who subscribed for the Fountain, and to the public at large. I know that old friends and neighbours will receive this letter kindly from one who is so much interested in Consett now as he was fifty years ago. Consett news has a meaning all its own to—Yours faithfully,

J. P. GLEDSTONE.

Streatham Hill, S.W.

LEADGATE LADIES' CYCLING CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL ASSEMBLY.

The members of the above club and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening on Tuesday last, on the occasion of an assembly in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. There was a liberal response to the invitations issued by the committee, and everything passed off without a hitch, thanks to the admirable arrangements. The M.C.'s were Mrs. Best, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Wilkinson, and Miss Smith, who performed their duties to general satisfaction. Miss Best made a most efficient secretary, and deserves much of the credit for the success achieved. The music was of a high-class order, which was only to be expected from such an accomplished member of the profession as Dr. Sloane, of Blackhill, whose skill at the piano was the theme of general admiration. The refreshments were supplied by Mrs. M. J. Chorley, of Park Road, Consett, and gave every satisfaction. During the course of the evening a presentation of a handsome fancy basket was made to Mrs. Dixon, of Seaham Harbour, who for two years rendered good service to the club as captain. Mrs. Armstrong made the presentation in appropriate terms, and Mrs. Dixon suitably acknowledged the gift. We should mention that the platform was beautifully decorated with plants, etc., and presented an attractive appearance. Amongst those present we noticed:—

Inspector and Mrs. Best, Consett.
Mr. and Mrs. T. Stokoe, Consett.
Mrs. Bradley, Crookhall.
Mrs. Dixon, Seaham Harbour.
Miss James, Seaham Harbour.
Miss Best, Consett.
Mr. and Mrs. Coates, Consett.
P.C. and Mrs. Armstrong, Leadgate.
Miss Forster, Consett.
Miss Harris, Consett.
Miss McKinnon, Consett.
Mr. J. Steel, Leadgate.
Miss D. Milburn, Leadgate.
Mr. and Miss Lumley, Leadgate.
Miss M. Smith, Leadgate.
Mrs. Benzies, Consett.
Mr. Harris, Consett.
Mr. Thompson, Medomsley.
Mr. Richardson, Blackhill.
Mr. Routledge, Blackhill.
Mr. George Lister, Leadgate.
Mr. C. Todd, Leadgate.
Mr. C. Burnhope, Newcastle.
Mr. M. Jackson, Bradley Cottages.
Mr. T. Snowdon, Wood Houses.
Mr. F. Lockey, Leadgate.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Burnhope, Consett.
Mr. Cawthorn and Miss Aitchison, Annfield Plain.
Miss M. Wilkinson, Leadgate.
Mr. W. Graham, Leadgate.
Mr. J. Pescod, Consett.
Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood, Blackhill.
Miss Hall, Blackhill.
Mr. and Miss Freek, Blackhill.
Miss Dawson, Leadate.
Mrs. Evans, Consett.
Mrs. Reay, Consett.
Mr. Moore and Miss Freek, Consett.
Mr. T. Whitfield, Consett.
Mr. J. Bowes, Dipton.
Mr. Jas. Brown, Leadgate.
Mr. Smith, Marley Hill.
Miss Dewhurst, Marley Hill.
Mr. and Miss Smith, Marley Hill.
Mr. and Miss Surtees, Derwent Cottages.
Mr. F. Walker, Leadgate.
Miss Skeldon, Consett.
Mr. H. Stanton, Consett.
Mr. Yates, Consett.
Mr. Jos. Walton, Medomsley.
Mr. C. Prior, Consett.
Mr. R. Maude, Dipton.
Mr. Geo. Black, Leadgate.
Miss Gibson, Annfield Plain.
Miss Richardson, Annfield Plain.
Mr. Arkless, Tanfield Lea.
Mr. Howell, Tanfield Lea.
Mr. J. Tolson, Consett.
Miss Greener, Leadgate.
Mrs. Gray, Leadgate.
Miss D. Burnhope, Leadgate.
Mr. F. Caswell, Medomsley, and Miss Charlton, Ebchester.
Miss Raine, Dipton.
Miss Kinleside, Leadgate.
Mrs. Jacks, Blackhill.
Mr. Walker, Consett.
Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Shotley Bridge.
Mr. Hodge, Catchgate.
Mr. M. Bell, Leadgate.
Mr. Maddison, Pelton.
Mr. Fable, Pelton.
Mrs. Maxwell, Consett.
Misses Wood (2), Consett.
Mr. Strachan, Blackhill.
Mr. Potts, Newcastle.
Misses Robson (2), Leadgate.
Mr. and Miss Kelly, Leadgate.
Miss Shield, Leadgate.
Mr. and Miss Temperley, Consett.
Mr. Robson and Miss Henderson, Leadgate.
Miss J. Smith, Leadgate.
Miss Gibb, Leadgate.
Mr. Berry, Medomsley.
Mr. Stobbs, Medomsley.
Mr. L. Kelly, Leadgate.
Miss Wylam, Castleside.
Miss Aitchison, Annfield Plain.
Miss Gibson, Leadgate.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advantages offered by the Scholarships of the Royal College of Music, South Kensington, London, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., is the Founder and President. Preliminary Examinations for 15 Free Open Scholarships will be held on Jan. 30th, 1901, in various local centres throughout the United Kingdom. The scholarships will be allotted as follows:—Composition, 2; singing, 3; pianoforte, 3; organ, 2; violin, 1; clarinet, 2; hautboy, 1; bassoon, 1; horn, 1. The scholarships are open to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects within the ages stated in the particulars issued to applicants. They entitle the holders to free musical education at the College, and are as a rule tenable for three years. In some cases grants towards maintenance are added. Further information and official forms of application can be obtained on application to the Registrar, Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.

WHICKHAM.

Cricket Club.—At the Three Tuns Inn, Whickham, on Friday evening, the members of the Whickham Cricket Club held their annual dinner, when a large number of members and supporters were present. As the Press was not officially invited, we regret we are unable to give a full report of the proceedings.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP. THIRD ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v. STANLEY.

This tie will be played on the Park ground on Saturday, and should prove an exciting encounter.

Leadgate Park.—Goal, M. Hadley; backs, J. Laidler and G. Temple; half-backs, T. Walton, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, G. Hope, J. Grant, J. Wilson, G. Foster, and J. Birtley. Reserves, Jas. Crowther, J. Calvert, and G. Milburn.

Kick-off at 2.30. Referee, Mr. R. Smith, Gateshead.

TANTOBIE ATHLETIC v. ANNFIELD PLAIN VILLA.

To be played at Annfield Plain, the following team will do duty for Tantobie.—Goal, T. Harrison; backs, A. Clark and T. Luke; half-backs, S. Holmes, R. Mather, and W. Edwards; forwards, W. Nicholson, Jas. Ferguson, J. R. Watson, J. G. Nicholson, and Ed. Harrison.

BLACKHILL ATHLETIC v. CONSETT ATHLETIC.

At Shotley Spa.

Blackhill.—Goal, C. Shield; backs, E. Ellison and A. Cahill; half-backs, R. Tyndall, E. Davies, and J. Richardson; forwards, F. Simpson, G. Oliver, G. Richards, J. Sheldon, and J. Clark. Reserves, A. Jackson, W. Barron, and C. Porteous.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. WEST PELTON.

This game will be played at West Pelton, when the following will do duty for the Park.—Goal, T. Dodds; backs, J. Thompson and D. Overall; half-backs, J. Johns, E. Birtley (capt.), and W. Graham; forwards, C. Walton, L. Davison, A. McGowan, T. Walker, and J. Grant.

West Pelton.—Goal, J. Wrangham; backs, J. Mallams and J. Davidson; half-backs, E. Dargue, J. W. Scott, and E. Kennedy; forwards, S. Dargue, J. Owers, W. Cornforth, H. Scott, and R. Hughes.

Referee, Mr. J. Hills, Blackhill.

Leadgate team to leave by train leaving Leadgate at 1.40 p.m.

CROOKHALL WANDERERS v. TANTOBIE RED SARS.

At Crookhall.

Crookhall.—Goal, Sayers; backs, Henderson and Browell; half-backs, McNamee, Henderson, and R. Jowitt; forwards, W. Russell, McNamee, G. Russell, McQuade, and Conway.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

SOUTH MOOR UNITED v. HOBSON UNITED.

At Hobson.

South Moor.—Goal, Perryman; backs, Young and Mason; half-backs, Parnell, Lambert, and Stewart; forwards, Smailes, Wilkinson, Armin, Smailes, and Boggan.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

BYER MOOR v. STANLEY RANGERS.

At Stanley.

Byer Moor.—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, W. B. Liddle and G. Bennett; half-backs, J. Reed, T. Spoor, and R. McDermott; forwards, G. E. Woody, S. Lamb, J. Welch, Leighton, and H. Lowe.

Referee, Mr J. Gray. Kick-off at 2.45.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT CONSETT STATION.

An unfortunate accident occurred at Consett Railway Station by which John Matthews, employe of the North-Eastern Railway Co., sustained injuries on Monday of a serious character, and from which he died on the following day in Newcastle Royal Infirmary. It seems that Matthews was employed as a checker and had tendered his assistance in some shunting operations. Through some cause not clearly defined he fell across the rails, and before any attempt could be made to rescue him he was shockingly crushed by the wheels. Dr. Grainger was sent for, and on his arrival he bandaged the unfortunate man whom he feared was badly injured internally. He deemed it advisable to have Matthews removed to Newcastle, but at the Infirmary there little or nothing could be done for him, and after suffering great pain he died on Tuesday afternoon.

At the Newcastle Royal Infirmary on Wednesday evening, an inquest was held into the circumstances attending the death of John Matthews, 41, of 8, Railway Cottages, Sherburn Terrace, Consett. From the evidence it appeared that at 9.30 a.m. on Monday deceased and others were engaged in shunting operations at Consett Goods Yard. Matthews, who had the shunting stick under his arm, was in the act of adjusting a label on to one of the waggons when the stick fell on to one of the wheels, and in recovering it he was caught between two of the vehicles and severely crushed internally.—The jury agreed that death was accidental.

DEATH OF MRS. JANE LYNN, OF CLOUGH DENE.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Jane Lynn, of Clough Dene, the sad event taking place last Thursday morning at an early hour. The deceased lady, who was 79 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, so that her death did not come as a surprise to her relatives and friends. She was a native of Morpeth, but was best known at Newburn and Jarrow. She was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Andrew Liddle. The deceased kept the Turf Hotel at Jarrow for a considerable number of years, and was well-known and highly respected in that town. She retired from public business many years since, settling down first in private life at Jarrow, but afterwards removing, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Robert Lynn, to Clough Dene, about 14 years ago. She was attended by Dr. Anderson, of Tantobie, her death being due to old age and decay. The funeral took place at Newburn (where the remains of her first husband were interred) on Saturday last, and was numerously attended. The "cortege" proceeded by road from Clough Dene to Newburn. Amongst those present were:—Mr. Robert Lynn, Clough Dene (husband); Mr. Robt. M. Rutherford, Fox Inn, Dipton (nephew); Master George Rutherford, Miss Jennie Rutherford, Dipton; Mr. John Rutherford, Newcastle (nephew); Miss G. Brady, Newcastle (niece); Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Waldie, Newcastle (nephew and niece); Mr. and Mrs. Younger, St. Anthony's; Mr. Robertson, Bridge End Inn, Ovingham; Councillor John and Miss O'Connor, Jarrow; Mr. John Leith, Alnwick; Mr. Geo. Cawthorn, Hobson; Mrs. Attey, White-le-Head; Mr and Mrs. Pirie, Tantobie; Mr. Joyce, Stanley; Mr. J. Richardson, Clough Dene; Mr. S. Northey, Mr. R. Giles, Mr. T. Simpson, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. W. Simpson, Mrs. Gathland, Mrs. Proud, Mr. J. Proud, Clough Dene; Mr. M. Henderson, Pickering Nook; Mr. Henderson, jun., Pickering Nook; Coun. W. Holmes, J.P., Tantobie; Mr. Wm. Swinburne, Mountsett; Mr. and Mrs. Forster, Cat House; Mr. Geo. Maddison, Hobson; Mrs. O'Brien, Dipton; Mr. M. O'Brien, Dipton; Mrs. Burke, Hobson; Mr. Geo. Watson, Hobson; Mr. P. Carroll, Clough Dene; Mr. Turnbull, Hobson; Mrs. Henderson, Tantobie; Mr. and Mrs. Rowell, Burnopfield; Mr. Henderson, Lintz Farm; Mr. Geo. Whittle, Newburn; Mr. and Mrs. Black, Chester-le-Street; Mr. and Mrs. Dacup, Heaton; Mr. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Throckley; Mr. Pattison Liddle, Newburn; Mrs. S. Chapman, Newburn; Mrs. Pearson, Hobson; Mrs. and Miss Payne, South Shields; Mr. T. Lawson, Dipton; Mrs. M. Johnson, Dipton; Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Tantobie; and others. The remains of the deceased lady were laid to rest in the family vault, the vicar of Newburn (the Rev. Dr. Knowles) officiating. The coffin, which was a beautiful one of oak with brass mountings, was supplied by Mr. Geo. Maddison, of the Hobson, whilst Mr. G. J. Christopher, of Blackhill, supplied the hearse and mourning coaches. The following acted as underbearers:—Messrs S. Northey, Clough Dene; Robt. Giles, Clough Dene; Thomas Crisp, Clough Dene; Thomas Simpson, Clough Dene; J. Ridley, Clough Dene; John Richardson, Clough Dene; Jos. Proud, Clough Dene; John Harrison, Hobson; and George Watson, Hobson.

SWALWELL.

Law Breakers.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday last, George Sherlock, Benjamin Ackerley, and Matthew Storey were charged by P.C. Kindred with being drunk and disorderly at Swalwell.—Storey and Sherlock were each fined 2/6 and costs, whilst Ackerley was ordered to pay 1/- and costs.—At the same court P.C. Kindred charged Ann Forster and Ethel Findlay with stealing three stone of coal at Swalwell, the property of the Dunston, Swalwell, and Garesfield Colliery Company.—The defendants were imprisoned till the rising of the court.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

CRANDALL — MASON. — Chicago, Ill., U.S. America, Oct. 31st, 1900, by the Right Rev. C. N. Clement-Brown, curate of Trinity Church, Mr Levi Seymour Crandall, of Steubenville, Ohio, to Miss Emily Maude Mason, of Consett, co. Durham, England.

SHORT — ARCHER.—At Brunswick Place Chapel, Newcastle, on the 1st inst., by the Rev T. E. Freeman, of Nenthead, Edward William Short, physician and surgeon, Lumley, Fence Houses, third son of the late Mr James Short, Madras, to Sadie, third daughter of the late Mr John Archer, West Nenthead.

Deaths.

BELL.—Iveston, on the 8th inst., aged 91, Robert Bell (better known as Robert Thirlway.)

BROWN.—Beaumont's Cottages, Prudhoe, on the 9th inst., aged 22, William Thomas Brown.

BELL.—Blackhill, 2, Buckham Place, on the 13th inst., aged 56, Frances, beloved wife of Thomas Bell. Interment at Blackhill on Friday. All friends kindly invited.

FRANKLAND.—At Durham Road, Blackhill, on the 14th inst. (suddenly), Richard, beloved husband of Annie Frankland. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday, Nov. 17th, at Three o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

GALLON.—Birtley, on the 9th inst., aged 66, Ann Gallon.

GRIFFITH.—Crawcrook, Jubilee Terrace, at the residence of his son-in-law, on the 7th inst., aged 72, Aaron Griffith.

HUNTER.—Dipton, South Medomsley, on the 9th inst., aged 18, Lily Ellen Hunter.

HOOD.—Pear Tree Cottage, Holmside Lane, on the 12th inst., aged 52, William Hood.

HARDY.—High Knitsley Farm, on the 13th inst., aged 76 years, George, dearly beloved husband of Jane Hardy.

KELLY.—High Spen, on the 11th inst., aged 33, Francis Kelly.

LEE.—Plantation Street, Leadgate, on the 13th inst., aged 78, John Lee.

LEADBITTER.—4, Flass Street, Blaydon, on the 13th inst., aged 75, John Leadbitter.

LISLE.—Whickham, Ivy Cottage, on the 9th inst., in his 34th year, Andrew Scott Lisle.

MAUGHAN. — Stargate, aged 79, Mary Maughan.

MATTHEWS.—At the Newcastle Infirmary, on the 13th inst., aged 41 years, John, son of the late George Matthews, of Blackhill, and dearly beloved husband of Hannah Matthews, of Railway Houses, Consett. To be interred at Blackhill on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

NICHOLSON.—Andrew's House, Marley Hill, on the 12th inst., aged 74, William Nicholson.

PICKERING.—East Stanley, 5, East Street, on the 14th inst., aged 61 years, Edward Pickering. Will be interred on Sunday, the cortege leaving the house at Three o'clock.

SWINBURNE.—Causey Gates, on the 9th inst., aged 69, Jane Swinburne.

STUBBS.—Quebec, on the 11th inst., in his 64th year, John Stubbs.

STOREY.—Blackhill, 2, Eltringham Street, aged 55, Benjamin Storey, dearly beloved husband of Margaret Jane Storey. Interment on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

WEATHERSPOON. — Birtley, on the 9th inst., Sarah Weatherspoon.

WATSON.—No. 1, Annfield Place, at the residence of her son-in-law, A. Speed, on the 12th inst., Margaret Watson.

In loving memory of George Bell, son of George and Margaret Elizabeth Hope, 10, Berry Edge Road, Consett, who died on Nov. 16th, 1899, aged 4½ months.

In loving memory of Joseph, the dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Graham, who departed this life Nov. 18th, 1898, at 47, Bradley Cottages, near Leadgate.

Ever remembered

By his loving wife and family.

In loving remembrance of Joseph Mason, beloved husband of Isabell Mason, of Annfield Plain, who died Nov. 17th, 1893, aged 57 years.

We hope to see our father face to face
When we have crossed the bar.

Ever remembered by his wife and family.

In loving memory of William, beloved husband of A. Forster, Castleside, who departed this life Nov. 13th, 1899.

O, for a touch of the vanished hand,
And a sound of the voice that is gone.

In loving memory of Nicholas, the dearly beloved husband of Isabella Morales, of Blackhill, who departed this life Nov. 17th, 1898, aged 62 years.

We miss him from our own dear home,
We miss him from his place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast
We miss the sunshine of his face;
We miss his kind and willing hands,
His fond and constant care;
Our home is dark without him,
We miss him everywhere.

Ever remembered by his wife and family.

In loving memory of John George, dearly beloved son of Stephen and Mary Ann Nicholson, who was accidentally killed on the railway, near Shield Row, on Nov. 18th, 1899.

Ah, well do we remember
The 18th of November.
To us it was, and will be, a memorable day;
For early on its morrow
Our hearts were filled with sorrow,
For our loved and loving son so suddenly snatched away.

Ever remembered.

By his parents, brother, and sisters.

Mrs Hardy and family, of Knitsley Farm, desire to express their gratitude to all their friends who sent wreaths and expressions of sympathy; also, to the Consett Wesleyan Sunday School for their beautiful wreath.

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