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

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

### SCHOOL BOARDS AND THEIR WOULD-BE CRITICISERS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—It is very amusing, as well as deeply to be deplored, that any party of gentlemen, in the fulfilment of their public duties, should have to tolerate the insolence and ignorance of any upstart that takes it into his head to write to the public press concerning the pros and cons of any subject that his intellect is unable to grasp. For the further knowledge of your esteemed correspondent, "J. R. C.," I venture to assert that it is the earnest desire of the members of the Greencroft School Board that their scholars should be taught both how to practise and speak the truth, so that in years to come, when they have reached the estate of manhood and womanhood, they can be depended upon as truthful men and women. This is evidently a very unimportant point in "J. R. C.s" creed. Perhaps "J. R. C." has had some little experience with a body of gentlemen known as members of School Boards; if so, no doubt they have not proved themselves to be so pleasant and agreeable as he would have desired to have seen them. It is very distressing to hear of a teacher being offered the sum of £4 or £5 for conducting evening classes, yet I have heard of one teacher (quite an expert in teaching chemistry classes). I have never seen or heard what an amount of grant he obtained. Will the gentlemen that constitutes the Greencroft School Board kindly inform your numerous readers if this worthy individual has still the oversight of their world renowned chemistry class. "J. R. C." gracefully informs us that he is not a member of the profession; if so, they are to be congratulated. Will he also deign to tell us that he has never aspired to to be a member of the profession, and, if so, with what result? Perhaps he is now studying to become a colliery manager; if so, you had better look out, Mr Bowes. Thanking you in anticipation and past favours,—I remain, Mr Editor, yours faithfully,

TRUTH.

### THE MINERS AND PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—In many district of Durham the miners are taking active steps to secure a proper representation on their Parish and District Councils where hitherto the owners and managers have represented the colliery interest on the old Board. "How will this change affect the general ratepayers?" seems a pert question at the present moment. At most of the collieries an arrangement exists by which the men's "rents and rates" are a fixed sum, which the current rate does not affect. Consequently the miners will have no incentive to economy when elected to the new Councils, their constituents only being interested in, and naturally anxious for new schemes and improvements towards the cost of which they will not be called upon to contribute. In every district, therefore, where the direct ratepayers are in the minority, the danger of extravagence is self-evident, one-half of the inhabitants having to find the money, and the other half to spend it. This can only be remedied by the miners being made responsible and paying their own rates, and in the meantime all illegal compounding being put a stop to, and the rate of every house being based on the present letting value. No one can blame the men for having decided to take the full share in the pleasures of office, but on the other hand, they cannot be coddled and spoon fed. They must also share the responsibilities.—Yours, &c.,

M.

November 18th, 1894.

### THE VACCINATION QUESTION.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—I fully agree with all your correspondent says in your issue of the 16th on the vaccination question, and think it high time that a united stand should be taken against compulsory vaccination. I have nothing to say against those who desire to have their children vaccinated, if they choose to run the risk of blighting their children with disease more loathsome than the one they seek to prevent, the guilt lies at their own door. That there is a risk of this has been proved beyond all doubt. In Tow Law, not many months ago, a healthy child was vaccinated, as a consequence it sickened and died. A medical man told me himself that its death was due to vaccination, and there are hundreds of such cases every year. Seeing there are such risks connected with vaccination, one wonders how any father or mother who is worthy of the name in its highest sense, can submit to take their offspring to have them vaccinated. No wonder that thousands have chosen to pay fines and even face the cold prison cell rather than run the risk of *indirectly murdering* their darling children. But, sir, if the end aimed at in vaccination was obtainable, we could in some measure understand the act as it stands. The first thing in favour of vaccination that uninformed persons will tell you is this:—It prevents small-pox, but this is all moonshine and nonsense; for has not George Cordwent, M.D., F.R.C.S. public vaccinator of the Launton District for 20 years, declared that the whole of the 300 cases of small-pox he has attended were vaccinated persons, and some of them had actually been revaccinated. Where was the prevention of small pox in those persons I ask? The same gentleman also states that, after 20 years' experience as a public vaccinator, he considers vaccination unsatisfactory, and that he has only met one case of an unvaccinated person suffering from small-pox. After such evidence as this who dare plead for this bruised reed of medical concoction? No person with a grain of common sense. When I objected to have my child vaccinated, on the grounds that it might be done from the matter taken from an unhealthy child. I was told that I could have calf lymph. My answer was this: it has enough calf in it already, and it will need a good deal of the lion in it to get through life. Besides, no doctor or any other person can tell whether even the calf lymph is pure; hence how foolish to talk about having your children done with pure lymph. Prof Edgar March Crookshanks, Prof of *Comparative Pathology* and Bacteriology of King's College, London, states that he had never been able to get any lymph free from organisms—not even that which he examined that was supplied by the government store in Lamb's Conduit Street; he also says that he disbelieves in any form of vaccination protecting a person from small-pox. Such then is the testimony of eminent men. In conclusion let me say that it is evident that the J.P.'s at Wolsingham have a different opinion as to what a reasonable excuse is to that of the Sussex J.P.'s. For my excuse were simply these. 1st—I was afraid to have my child done in the face of the medical evidence given in my present letter; 2nd—For fear of the risk attached to it. Perhaps someone can tell me what a reasonable excuse is—such as is demanded by the act. However the other persons and myself have the members of the Board of Guardians for this district to thank for our loss of time and the 6d fine and 7s costs. But seeing that the Guardians have such power left in their hands, it behoves all working men and their wives to seek to return a more humane batch of Guardians at the coming election. Yours faithfully.

JOSEPH DROBEY.

High Street, Tow Law.

### EYE DISEASE AT THE SPEN.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Kindly allow me to answer your correspondent "Observer's" questions on the subject. I am aware, sir, that it is a good deal easier to ask questions than to give replies to the questions in last week's issue. No. 1.—No; there is not a large proportion of the children afflicted with disease of the eyes; but, there are many suffering from chest disease, some are working at the potatoes, in order to earn a few shillings to assist their parents to buy their boots. No 2.—It is not a fact that the disease is promulgated by attending school, but it is a fact that the children have to walk almost over the boot tops in mud, as there is no footpath leading to and from the school; and the Blaydon Local Board is to blame for it. Are not some of our School Board members also members of the Blaydon Local Board. No 3—Presupposes that we at the Spen are left destitute without a doctor, since Dr Colquhoun fell and broke his leg, for which everyone is sorry; but I may inform your readers that Dr Smith, of Ryton, has secured the services of Dr Dand. No 4—Yes, a majority of the Board know what their duty is. No 5—They are not aware that one set of towels are constantly in use for healthy and afflicted children, as it is usual for School Boards to have two sets of towels. No 6—Yes, it is true; but this is no new feature about the Spen; it is now over four years since parents went to Newcastle with their children to the Eye Hospital. My own children were smitten with the same disease about three years ago, and no one took any notice of it. No 7—Yes, the best thing to do would be to sell in the Spen specialist. No 8—Some of the parents have also sore eyes for a considerable time is also true, and is proved from the fact that they love darkness rather than light. No 9—No, there is not another loathsome disease amongst the school children.—Yours faithfully.

CRAMTER.

### SCHOOL BOARDS—ARE THEY A SUCCESS?

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—I expected to have seen a short history of School Boards when I saw the heading of J. R. C.'s letter last week, but I had not far to read until I found that the success or non-success of School Boards was not the question that he wrote about. He simply abused some of the members of the two local school boards—Greencroft and Kyo. But have School Boards been a success? In some respects I think they have. Take for example the attendance of children. There was no School Board Officers in the good old times of the past to hunt up the absent ones; now, parents have to have an excuse that will bear looking into if they keep the children at home, so that in respect of attendance things are a great deal improved. I am not an old man, but I can remember when county school masters did not have the very best of houses to live in. They had houses to live in and that was about all. But now they have the very best of houses built of the best material, close to the schools, which the School Boards have built right in the midst of the children, so that in the matter of schools and schoolmasters' houses School Boards have affected a great improvement. There is another matter I will mention, wages; but I had better be careful here. J. R. C. is an educated man, I am one of those unfortunates that had to work before I was ten years old, so that perhaps he will excuse me. We know so well what wages mean, while we are sometimes in doubt when it is salary; but I can mind when wages clearly defined the pay of the school master, when in hard times the school pence were absent with the scholars on the pay Monday morning. How very different now. He does not need to disturb himself about it at all. The kindly Board secures it for him out of the grinning, grumbling ratepayer. So that in that respect the schoolmaster has something to be thankful for, even if some of the members are only half-educated. And now about the abuse in J. R. C.'s letter. The cause is this. Mr Raw commenced a night class at Oxhill Board School, and the Board was to pay him six shillings per night. Now, I suppose Mr Raw would be occupied something like two hours, so that this is something like three shillings per hour—a truly sweating wage. I wonder what educated J. R. C. would say to the half-educated miners of the district if they were to refuse six shillings per day for eight hours. I think that I see his fine educated countenance lower, and his upper lip curl, as he snarled they ought to be whipped for refusing such an offer. But here is a man refusing for two hours work what is considered more than sufficient for a working man for eight hours. In the old times past how glad some of the old school masters would have been for six shillings per week, much less for one night for a night class. The taunt about ignorant, bumptious, half-educated busy-bodies, I dismiss with this remark, that it may have been more their fortune than their fault that they are only half-educated. The other part of his remark is insulting alike to the Board and the electorate that put them in their position, and I sincerely hope that Mr Bowes will keep in the course that J. R. C. says he is perusing, namely, paving the ratepayers money as if it was coming out of his own pocket; have value for money spent, and then he will not need fear the threat about the time coming. J. R. C. is careful to say that he is not in the profession. I do not know, and care less. But this is very plain from his letter that he is very much interested. Pardon me, Mr Editor, if there is any mistakes in my letter, as I am only

HALF EDUCATED.

### SALVIO AND THE CONSETT TRADES COUNCIL.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—With your permission I desire to make a few remarks in answer to your correspondent "Salvio's" Occasional Notes in your issue of Friday last. He has devoted three paragraphs to the attention of your humble servant. I desire to take them in the order as stated by him. 1st—I do not think any attempt has been made to upset the position I took on the Consett and District Trades Council by your correspondent; but he has indulged himself with a bit harmless chaff, having no meaning or bearing on the subject under consideration. And here let me say that although Mr Harrison has a strong individuality he is not a person irrepressible; he has not been pressed into any mould after a particular shape or pattern, but is open to receive inspiration even from *Salvio Moonshine*, sewer mud, or any other source, granting that when he speaks he has something to say, or when he writes he has something to state.

2nd—I accept the statement as Trades Unionism for what it is worth (that is not much) and refer back to my letter in your issue of Nov 2nd, in which I ask him where the principles are wrong, as he insinuated in his attack on the Independent Labour Party. He says I am not at all desirous to give you the information you require. But, Mr Editor, I hold when a man takes up a position he ought to defend it, or makes a statement he ought to maintain and stand by it. I beg to reiterate that the principles on which action was taken to remove the chairman of the Trades Council from his position are tenable, and your correspondent has not proved that they are not so. (And now comes some mud from the gutter.) He says I have come to the conclusion that if such are to be carried out (meaning the principles applied to Mr Cooke) there are more men including yourself Mr Harrison not *bona-fide* representatives of the Council. (This is mud and will wipe off.) I make bold to say this is not so, but that one and all of the delegates composing that Council are wage earners and represent such. One and all having been having been duly elected by their respective Trades Unions to that Board. This was not so in the case of the chairman he had not constituents, no lodge, or branch of Newsagents in the district: so he could never have been, elected as their representative. What is the moral of his position there. I leave your readers to infer.

3rd—Comes with a revelation so personal, so insulting, that I will pass it as not worthy of notice; only this I *will* say. I am a wage earner. On the Consett and District Trades Council I represent the Iron and Steel Workers Union, and the men composing such Union are also wage earners. If "Salvio" can by any art of logic upset these facts, then I will be prepared to hear him say I am a Dutchman. He then bids me adieu. Now, Mr Editor, as a man, I do not like to fight a foe behind a mask, or concealed from observation. If your correspondent would like to tilt a lance at the I.L.P. let him show himself. I may tell him in confidence that the I.L.P. is not a *mutual admiration society*, but one called into existence by the existing conditions of society. They are trained to fight *evil* of every form and kind, social, political, and personal; they aim at the social regeneration of humanity, and the redemption of the workers from want, misery, and pauperism, claiming for every man the rights and privileges of life; while he in turn discharges his share of duties and obligations of life. They will seek out and remove the drones on human society, till each man in his individuality will—be he strong, be he wise, be he talented or gifted with genius—be to every man a brother; each to each united, and only seeking his good in promoting the good of his fellow men. I remain, yours truly,

THOMAS HARRISON.

15, Knitsley Terrace, Templetown,
November 19th, 1894.

### DRUNKENNESS AT POLICE COURTS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—It often strikes me, when reflecting upon the published reports of our Police Courts, in their dealings with drunkenness, that there must be some thing rotten in our social system and in its government. I do not believe that drunkenness is either so rampant or yet so dangerous to the State, that our police cells need be crammed to suffocation every Saturday night. I protest against it, for it is simply infamous. Drunkenness, so called by the police, is sworn to, and its victims or theirs are fined or sent to gaol, entailing often an amount of shame and suffering that nearly drives honest men to distraction. How are criminals more readily made than by such a system? But who are the police that they should ercise such power? Even though honest, and police records prove no such thing; even though sober, and police records prove sometimes the reverse, what training in discrimination have these men got for the office they hold. None that I know of, and on their own showing they need watching themselves. Are the police sober men on principle? I don't blame the police so much as I hate the system. They are goaded on to trespass upon the liberty of the citizen whom they are in theory engaged to protect. The system of promotion for vigilance is often a premium paid for persecution. A police superintendant in Bradford told me years ago that the practice of allowing policemen who had secured a prisoner to leave night duty a few hours earlier in order to get a rest before the opening of the court on the following morning, led to the filling up of the cells and the ultimate discontinuance of the practice. All such and similar methods produce like effects. Once the victim is inside the police office it is their bounden duty as they understand the word, to swear their man to the death. Relentlessly the citizen is pushed into the cells, and next day is put into the dock. He knows his fate, and, having a loathing for his surroundings, and not daring to lift up his head, he is fined or sent to prison according as he has or has not the ready money. Why, men are sometimes lifted out of their own street and even off their own doorstep, and no questions asked until the police office is reached. Is that fair, or even decent? Is that the purpose of a civic police? I deny it. Half military in function and often under the discipline of wholly military chiefs, things are as they are. But again they could not well be otherwise, for the police executive is in its turn goaded on to the practices named. And who goads them? Why the professional teetotal lecturer of modern times. Early temperance reformers, with winning and persuasive tongues, did more for temperance than all the legislation of the century has accomplished for all the social schemes then in propounded. And for that part of it, Christianity has grown in power ten thousand fold greater since its professors relinquished the arm of flesh took to proclaiming a doctrine of love. But all this is to be changed. Who are the magistrates of our police courts? Granted that they may be worthy men, some of them. They can't all be; neither are they. They are not selected on any such basis. But are they temperate men, the whole of them? Certainly not, and I do them no injustice. But if not better or worse than other people—they do act as judges; and the police, such as they are, act as witnesses, on matters of sobriety, then where does the justice come in of punishing the third party on a mere matter of opinion as to the degree of his inebriation? The whole affair is in my opinion a fiasco. When matters mend, the police will deserve all the respect they are entitled to, rather than that bitterness begotten from a feeling that they are enemies rather than friends. Let the magistrates act with charitable discrimination, and, so far as in them lies, discourage officiousness on the part of the police, holding a deaf ear to fanaticism from whatever source, and they will earn for themselves more than a tombstone epitaph.

Yours, &c.,
J. T.

### VIVISECTION.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—Fortunately, over and above the manifest antipathy of a large portion of the British public, in the past and at the present time, many very eminent medical men have been and are in active opposition to vivisectional experimentation. These are a few medical evidences against the practice; all faithful transcripts:—Sir Andrew Clark (the late): "For whatever purpose they may be employed; however carefully they may be designed and executed; however successfully may be the precaution taken to exclude error, experiments have their subtle difficulties and dangers, which are perilous to truth and cannot be wholly averted."—"British Medical Journal," February 3rd, 1883.—Professor Lawson Tait: "I have given a great deal of attention for many years to this subject, and the more I know of it the more I become satisfied that nothing whatever has been gained by vivisection.—Vide, letter in "Birmingham Daily Post," November 23 1881.—Dr. William Blackwood: "I deny that our present knowledge of nervous brain disease is due at all to the work of vivisectors, and affirm that vivisectors are less capable of managing such diseases than ordinary intelligent physicians.... The foundation for vivisection is wrong, the conclusions cannot be true."—Address at Philadelphia, U. S. A. 1885.—Dr. Charles Bell Taylor, F.R.C.S.: "No good ever came out of vivisection ever since the world began; and, in my humble opinion, no good ever can."—Speech at Nottingham, Nov. 19th, 1892.—Sir Charles Bell, F.R.C.S. F.R.S.: "Experiments have never been the means of discovery; and a survey of what has been attempted of late years in physiology will prove that the opening of living animals has done more to perpetuate error than to confirm the just views taken from the study of humanity and natural motions.... For my own part I cannot believe that Providence should intend that the secrets of nature are to be discovered by the means of cruelty."—"Nervous System," Part II. p. 7,184.—Dr. Morgan Davies: "I hold that we can well afford to dispense with vivisection. Not only could we dispense with it, but I firmly believe we should get on much more rapidly and securely without it."—Letter to Miss Francis Power Cobbe, October 12th, 1892.—Dr. F. S. Arnold: "I believe the whole method (experiments on animals) to be, scientifically speaking, absolutely unsound and untrustworthy.... Vivisection is most surely doomed."—Speech at Church Congress, October, 1892. And the moral argument against vivisection is quite clear. In a paper entitled "The Nineteenth Century Defenders of Vivisection," The late Lord Chief Justice Coleridge says: "I deny that the pursuit of knowledge is in itself always lawful; still more do I deny that the gaining knowledge justifies all means of gaining it...... In this world of pain and sorrow, surely the highest of God's creatures (man) should wilfully increase a sum which seems too great already..... I do not [illegible] to support the absolute prohibition of..... Vivisection." Mr. Joseph Collinson has recently pointed out in a London daily that according to official returns it is proved that vivisection cannot be curbed within the bounds of humanity: therefore, he says," what is wanted, and what all good humanitarians are demanding, is the total abolition of the practice," to which no doubt a good many of your readers will say ditto.

I am, yours &c.,
November 19th, 1894. ZOOPHILIST.

### IS BEE-KEEPING PROFITABLE?

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—"Expert" has raised the question "Is Bee-Keeping Profitable?" and intends I suppose at some future time to answer it according to his own experience. I am glad for one that an expert has taken up this question. But surely, Mr. Editor, "Expert" has made some mistake when he talks about bees being left natural, or, as he terms it "managed on purely natural principles." The very opposite is the way to gain large results. This has been proved by men of very large experience. "managed on purely natural principles" must mean for the bees to make the whole of their comb, and this has been proved beyond dispute to be a fallacy in bee-dom too long indulged in. But I suppose it means, in this instance, that "Expert" has tried the bar-frame hive, with the fixing of comb foundation, and all the applainces and found it wanting. Bar-frame hives so far as my experience goes, is the very opposite to this. In this system you have the bees under wonderful control, and you can assist them so nicely in fixing the sheets of foundation, arranging the size of your hive to suit the strength of your colony, and by giving them room to prevent to some extent swarming; everything in this system seems to favour success. My average this year is 25 lbs. but if it had not been for the bar-frame hive, and the section crate, with each section prepared with sheets of foundation, my bees could not have accomplished this. It is entirely due to the help I could give them through the bar-frame system. Not only so, but how useful this system is in the time of swarming; at a very small cost you can have a contrivance made suitable to fix the frames in, and in twenty minutes you can have the frames transferred to the hive and the bees on to work in their new quarters. If Expert has some thing newer and better than the bar-frame system to show us I will wait, but if he has nothing but the old system to present to us, then, I am in doubt as to his ability to convert us, even though we live in North Durham. However all will agree that this has been a bad summer for bee-keepers generally, and if anything can be done by "Expert" to give encouragement, we shall be glad to have it. I don't know whether it is controversy that "Expert" wants in introducing this subject to your columns, or simply to give advice, whatever may be his view he may depend upon one reader that will pay special attention to what he has to write, and that is your humble correspondent. NOVICE.

November, 20th. 1894.

### ARE SCHOOL BOARDS A SUCCESS?

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—It is obvious that J. R. C's real object in writing on the above subject was not to review generally the administration of our Education Acts, but rather to abuse and malign certain members of the Kyo School Board. Permit me to say that to abuse an individual in the public press anonymously is to a half-educated mind a most cowardly proceeding. Such conduct is evidently reserved for gentlemen. I am not concerned about J. R. C's drivel, and I have not time to pound a snarling dog whose real name I fear is pedagogue.

Yours truly,
JOHN W. ROBSON.

Annfield Plain, Nov. 20th, 1894.

### THE VICAR OF CONSETT AND NON-CONFORMISTS.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian,"

Sir,—My almost invariable rule has been not to write letters to newspapers; but there are occasions which seem to call for a departure from that rule. I have read in your columns an account of the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society held at Consett, on Tuesday, the 13th of this month, when the Rev. F. Steggall (who occupied the chair) thought fit to make some strong remarks about the absence of Nonconformist ministers from that meeting, as though it indicated narrowness of view and want of sympathy with the society concerned. About the lack of good taste and brotherly feeling in Mr. Steggall's utterances I think there will only be one opinion. Moreover, I am not aware that we are at all responsible to Mr. Steggall for our movements or called upon to give an account of ourselves to him. Mr. Steggall can hardly imagine that he has benefitted the society by his remarks, or that we and our congregations can be whipped to attendance in that fashion. However, in reply to his demands where we were, I have no doubt we were all faithfully doing our own work, and were not engaged in uttering (like Mr. Steggall) unjustifiable strictures on our fellow-workers because they did not happen to be in the same meeting with ourselves. Mr. Steggall was good enough to invite me to meet the deputation at tea previous to the meeting. I replied thanking him for his kindness, but saying that I had another meeting that evening which would prevent both my coming to tea and my attendance at the meeting. He had not however candour enough to state this, but indulged in sweeping condemnation of us all. It is possible that others besides myself sent similar communications. Those who make arrangements for Bible Society Meetings, are chiefly responsible for failure. There is supposed to be a local committee of which I am a member and yet the first intimation I had of the meeting was in casually noticing a bill in a shop window. I had to attend a missionary meeting at Blackhill that evening, which had been arranged some weeks previously, and of which public announcement was already made. It would scarcely be expected that all other engagements could at once be cancelled in favour of the Bible Meeting, however one might wish to be present. Mr. Steggall says that "many christians are essentially denominational in their practice of principles." "Some people were so narrow in their views that they fail to realise the importance of the work accomplished by the Bible Society." I cannot unfortunately say that there are no individuals to whom those remarks apply, but remembering the proverb about "glass houses" I should think that Mr. Steggall while uttering them must almost have felt like a person in a beautiful conservatory with a shower of stones crashing through the glass. If there is one class of the community to whom, more than any other Mr. Steggall's strictures apply, it is the clergy of the Episcopal Church. I have attended Bible Meetings from my boyhood, and usually clergymen have been conspicuous by their absence. It almost seems as if in Consett one denomination wished to monopolise the Bible Society. Personally I do not much care in what place the meetings are held, but I think a public hall the most suitable if one can be found. I understand that formerly the meetings used to rotate amongst the different churches; at anyrate I think the local committee should be consulted as to when and where the meetings shall be held and should be allowed to make all arrangements for them. This should not be done by one or two individuals. The foundation on which the Bible Society rests is broad and comprehensive. Let the Consett Branch be worked on the same principles. And, now, sir, I must trespass no more on your space. I felt I could hardly do otherwise than write to you, but Mr. Steggall must blame himself for having made this letter necessary.

Yours truly,
R. W. BUTTERWORTH.

38, Sherburn Terrace Consett.

### CO-OPERATORS IN CONFERENCE AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Saturday afternoon, a conference of co-operators connected with the No. 4 District of the Co-operative Union Board was held in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain. There was a large number of delegates in attendance, presided over by Mr Wm. Taylor (president of the Annfield Plain Society), Dipton.—The question of the commencement of the tin plate manufacture on Tyneside was discussed.—It was reported that it was decided to go on with the scheme, there being between 20 and 30 societies having already amalgamated and promised to subscribe to the fund for the commencement of the factory.—The motion from the Dunston Society, respecting the question of "over-lapping," was referred to the delegates for them to bring before the members of their societies for consideration.—The fixing of a place to hold the next conference was left in the hands of the secretary.—After the business, the delegates were entertained to tea by the Annfield Plain Society.—The customary votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

### "WAS IT A MIRACLE?"

#### A TEST CASE.

There are "miracles" and miraculous cures in the air just now, and question arises as to the pertinence of these cures.

Where effected, or alleged by quacks or empirics, they are chiefly imaginative cures, and the patient quickly reverts to the old state. Where they are cures by true scientific treatment they are permanent. The patient is always cured for good, it seems, by the particular means which have led to so many and such surprising newspaper reports—namely, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Some six months ago, Mrs. Briggs, of 9, Tinsley-park-road, Sheffield, after suffering from an "incurable" disorder which had made her a mental and physical wreck, and left no hope of her living, was enabled to test Dr. Williams' then new discovery, with the result that she was promptly restored to complete health. Written to, within the last week (six weeks from the date of cure), Mrs. Briggs replied in the firm handwriting of a person evidently healthy and intelligent, that she is still perfectly well, and owes her cure to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and to them alone.

This is the mark of a scientific cure; you do not get results like this from empirical or imitative "cures"; it is essential that the true remedy of Dr. Williams be secured, and to do this the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" must be seen on the pink wrapper. Pills sold loose or by the dozen or hundred are not of Dr. Williams' formula, which cannot be imitated or reproduced by retailers. It may be interesting to recapitulate briefly the details of Mrs. Briggs' cure, which are of so remarkable an interest that they were specially investigated by the "Sheffield Weekly Independent," a reporter from that important newspaper calling at Mrs. Briggs' house in August last.

Six months before, she said, she could not have believed that she would have been then alive. It was impossible for anyone, seeing her now for the first time to imagine the physical and mental wreck she had been for years. Her troubles began with indigestion fifteen years ago, and this had grown worse every year since. Serious complications also set in, until at length she became totally incapacitated from performing her ordinary household work. Among other symtoms were loss of appetite, loss of flesh, and inability to sleep, with almost continuous head ache and various other pains. The worst feature of her condition, however, was the extreme nervousness brought on by lying awake night after night, which produced a fearfully morbid state of mind, under the influence of which she often felt tempted to make away with herself. Subsequently her heart became affected, and she was troubled with shortness of breath. Her husband and her friends all supposed her to be past recovery. No means of cure within her power was neglected. She consulted three doctors, and was treated in the Sheffield Infirmary, but it was all to no purpose. She consented to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills only with the idea of pleasing her husband, for she had by that time lost all faith in doctors or medicine. But the first box gave her ease, and from that time the improvement went on uninterruptedly, her shortness of breath and headache gradually disappeared, and with their departure her appetite returned, until at the present moment, she declared she felt better than she had ever done in her life. What seemed to please Mrs. Briggs most was that she had completely got rid of her extreme nervousness.

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### NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

A Teesdaler in Weardale, the other day, declared he knew every bird which flew in either Teesdale or Weardale. Those whom he was addressing espied a paper kite at a high elevation, and, pointing it out to him, asked this self opinionated ornithologist what kind of bird it was. "It's a sea gull," said he, amid the titters of his confrères.

Dr Wm. Robinson, of Stanhope, has had another rise in Sunderland. This time he has been chosen as physician of Sunderland Infirmary by 35 votes to nine.

The Stanhope Co-operative people are going to build stables and cottage houses adjoining the store to the value of some £500 or so.

Building is brisk in Stanhope, J. Curry is building four houses, and J. Parker is also going to build a few, and there are others in contemplation.

An adult temperance society has been formed in Stanhope on a broad unsectarian basis. It was launched last week under auspicious circumstances. The public meeting was both a large and representative one, and included members of all the religious bodies in Stanhope. The society was a felt need in the place, and will soon be strong and ready for agressive work.

The vaccination prosecution cases at Stanhope Court on Friday, show up the feelings of the public against these obnoxious acts. The defendants objected to have their children's arms mutilated and their health imperilled. It is more than probable that intending candidates for Parish Councils or District Councils will be asked their opinions on this vexed question. It ought to be optional and not compulsory.

There have been four fish poaching cases at Stanhope Court, and only one conviction, but the cases which came before the Bench on Friday eclipsed them all. A man on crutches, and a boy of nine or ten years. The poor fellow could not catch a dead fish much less a live one. He stood up before the "Great Unpaid," and in his helpless condition, asked their worships if he was like catching salmon. The Bench at once dismissed the case, and well they might.

### NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

"By Observer"

On Saturday last, the Ouston Primitive Methodists put forth a special effort to raise funds for the renovation of their chapel and to purchase a new organ, by holding a bazaar and old English fair in the Workman's Hall. The decorations were profuse and artistic, and the goods exhibited for sale were of a choice description. They had been successful in securing the services of Sir James Joicey, Bart., M.P., to open the proceedings. This gentleman's remarks were highly appreciated. He dealt in his usual considerate manner with the subject of religion, and gave some reasonable information on religious education. He then declared the bazaar open. A vote of thanks was moved to Sir James Joicey, by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Anderson, supported by G. W. Barker, of Chester-le-Street. The rest of the day was spent in affecting sales which were very satisfactory. A good number patronised the gathering.

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Miss Bulmer, the popular evangelist, has been holding a mission at the Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Chapel. The services have been fairly well attended, and some good results have been effected by her very earnest exhortations.

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Mrs. Summers, the Newcastle district evangelist, began a ten days' mission in the Tantobie Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday last. This is the gentleman who succeeded the late Benjamin Cawood, who was so well-known for this class of work. Fair audiences are in attendance and Mr. Summers, promises to be a successful worker. His methods are good and well arranged, and his preaching is purely orthodox, faithful, earnest, and full of energy. He also sings suitable solos which harmonise with his services.

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The Beamish Wesleyans held a very successful missionary meeting recently. The addresses were given by the two new circuit ministers the Revs. Wollerton, and Beal. Mr. Pattison was chairman.

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A sacred concert was given on Monday night last, by the Beamish Choir, which was held in their own chapel. The pieces were well rendered, and consisted of choruses, solos, &c. Mr. J. Richardson, of Newfield, presided. Mr. John Woodcock was the organist. The proceeds were in aid of organ fund. A supper was held at the close.

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Mr. J. Anderson, head master of East Stanley Board Schools, has begun a series of magic lantern entertainments on the Saturday nights. The object being to educate the school children into the elements of geography. There is no doubt whatever but the pictures shown to the scholars will prove effective in fixing the teacher's purpose in their memories. Solos, duets, etc, were sung at intervals by the scholars.

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The West Pelton Prize Brass Band held their annual "Grand Ball" in the West Pelton School-room, on Friday night last. An efficient string band was in attendance. It was well patronised.

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On Friday evening last, Mr. Tom Robson and Company gave a grand concert in the west Stanley Co-operative Hall. The following artistes took part:—Rowland Harrison, Miss Kate Magee, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. J. Hovells, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. J. Ellwood, and Mr. J. Lawson. Pianist, Mr. T. Parker. Chairman, Mr. G. Simpson. There was a good attendance.

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Some mischievous and malicious persons have been doing their worst by breaking into a greenhouse in this district. It is passing strange that after an industrious person puts forth efforts to cultivate flowers, etc., that others should go and deliberately pull to pieces and scatter about the work of weeks and months. But such is the case. In my own experience I have known cabbages, leeks, celery, and carrots pulled up and just thrown away. Now such unjust, unreasonable, and contemptible actions should be prosecuted vigorously, and the heaviest penalities enforced. For if people will persist in spite and hate, or wilful mischief, violent measures must be adopted to suppress such conduct.

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The West Stanley, Radical and Liberal Association is bestiring itself in all that pertains to the Parish and District Councils Act. Meetings are being held to educate the inhabitants in all matters relative to the measure. Much ignorance prevails concerning the difference between urban and rural and district councils. And the efforts of this association will, no doubt, be productive of sensible results. I am pleased to know that the Liberal cause has been brought to the front again, for I verily thought that it was so fast asleep that death would ensue. I hope that it will remain active, and in this way interest will be taken in it by persons who have the ability to do noble service. An interesting meeting is announced for this week for the nomination of suitable candidates for the new vacancies.

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On Saturday night last. A grand operetta was given at the South Moor School Room, entitled, "A Musical Village," which was rendered in excellent style by the Sunday School children belonging to the Primitive Methodist Society. The room was packed with an attentive audience. The programme was a miscellaneous one and very interesting and attractive. Mr. M. Robinson is responsible for its success, and great credit is due to his patient exertions. I understand that this programme will be repeated in other parts of the circuit to help the New Chapel Building Fund.

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A special effort was put forth at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Oxhill, last week end. An interesting lecture was given on the Saturday night entitled "Hymns and Hymn writers," by the Rev. T. K. Upright, of Bishop Auckland. Mr. Raws, of Oxhill, was chairman. On Sunday Mr. Upright preached morning and evening, and the East Stanley Primitive Methodist choir gave a Service of Song in the afternoon, entitled "John Ashworth." The whole of the proceedings were fairly well patronised.

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An old man of the name of Thomas Batey who has resided in the West Pelton district for over 30 years, left his home on Wednesday November 14th, and as he did not return, anxious search was made for him, and his dead body was found in Urpeth Wood on Sunday last. His throat was cut and it is conjectured that he committed suicide. I have known this person for many years; he was very quiet and inoffensive. No doubt he has got weary of life's burden, and yielded to the melancholy feelings which in times of despair prompt to the awful act of self destruction.

### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A COLLIERY ENGINEMAN:

#### WAS THE ENGINEER MISTAKEN?

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions on Thursday, Nov. 15, before Messrs E. W. R. Baileey (presiding) and Mr. W. Logan, and Dr. J. Wilson, William Armstrong, engineman, employed at Messrs Hedley Brothers' Oswald Pit, Craghead, was charged with an infringement of special rule 122 of the Mines Regulation Act, in having been found intoxicated whilst at work. Mr. W. H. Oliver (Durham) prosecuted, and Mr J. McCartan (Consett) defended. Mr Lambton, secretary of the Durham Enginemen's Association, was present, and watched the proceedings.

Charles Crofton, engineer for Messrs Hedley Bros., said that on October 28th defendant attended the colliery at six o'clock for the purpose of letting the horse-keeper down the pit. About 9 o'clock witness went to the pit and complained of defendant disconnecting the pipes of the boilers. Defendant articulated very thickly, and was under the influence of drink. Prosecutor said to him: "If you had not been in the condition you were, you would never have disconnected the pipes. You know as well as me that it is not the proper thing to do under the circumstances." Mr Crofton ordered the man home, and had another engineman substituted to perform the remainder of the work till 12 o'clock. Witness spoke to James Smith, a horse-keeper, and asked him the reason he allowed Armstrong to let him down the shaft, seeing the condition he was in. Smith said that the man was in the engine-house, and he did not see him at 6 o'clock. The horsekeeper had to go down again with some water, or else procure another engineman, to let him down the pit.

By Mr. McCartan: It was not necessary to disconnect the pipes when cleaning out the boilers. He had always tried to stop the practice. He did not search the engine-house to find any liquor. Defendant made no reply, when he accused him of being under the influence of liquor. Defendant was not under notice; and was still employed at the colliery. He inspected the boilers to see if they were clean. The top on a previous occasion had been broken off, by the practice being carried out, and he ordered that such had not to be done in the future. Defendant was drunk because he did not anticipate properly. Defendant went to his work at 6 o'clock that morning. He did not smell the man to see if he was sure that he had partaken of drink, simply because he had no smell. When he accused Armstrong there was no denial, nor did defendant inquire what the pipes were for, when he complained of what he had done.

Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: Mr. Crofton said he had occasion previously to find fault with the defendant being drunk and losing time at his work, and on more than one occasion he had been suspended for losing time, and had been reported since the present case.

Mr McCartan averred that a very serious mistake had been made by Mr Crofton in accusing Armstrong of being drunk. His client went to bed at nine o'clock on Saturday night, and went straight to his work the next morning, where he was seen by several persons. It was necessary, he argued, to disconnect the pipes when cleaning out the boilers, so as to prevent the waste steam going inside the boilers when they were being cleaned out. When Mr Crofton charged defendant with being drunk, he was so flabbergasted that he could not speak. Armstrong was spoken to by half-a-dozen persons, who all declared that he was not the worse for liquor on that particular morning. If defendant had not had some dispute with Mr Crofton relative to disconnecting these pipes, the charge of drunkenness would never have been heard.

George Smith said he was employed as a horse-keeper at this colliery. On this particular morning he went to his work about 7.30. Armstrong let him down the pit. He had conversation with Armstrong previous to going down the shaft, and after he came up again. Defendant was not under the influence of drink nor smelt of the same. He heard the complaint made by Mr. Crofton, and Armstrong asked what the pipes were for. Crofton told him not to talk so silly, and said if he had not been drunk he would not have done so. Crofton then inquired if Armstrong was at the engine, and witness replied "Yes." Crofton then declined to allow Armstrong to run him down the shaft, and kept him waiting till another engineman was procured. He assisted Armstrong to put the manholes on, and he considered that there was nothing the matter with defendant.

Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: He spoke to defendant before he went down the shaft. It was a fact that Crofton asked him, why he had allowed Armstrong to run him down the shaft when he was in that condition. He replied that he did not see anything wrong with the man at the time. He never denied to Crofton that Armstrong was not drunk.

William Hutten, another horsekeeper, at the same colliery, stated that on the 28th Oct. he was at work, but did not recognise that Armstrong was under the influence of liquor.

Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: When he came "out-bye" he was drawn by another engineman.

John McColl, fireman, adduced that on this particular morning he went to his work at 4 o'clock. Armstrong came to his work shortly before 6 o'clock, and he spoke to him frequently till the arrival of Mr. Crofton. Armstrong went with the boiler, and scraped it out, and witness took away the dirt from the mouth of the boiler. Defendant was not under the influence of drink.

Cross-examined by Mr. Oliver: He was there when Crofton came upon the scene, and inquired why Armstrong had not been reported, owing to the condition he was in. He never said that Armstrong was under the influence of drink. He heard the charge, which was denied by Armstrong. Defendant was accordingly sent home, and another engineman took his place at the engine.

By the Chairman: He considered at the time, it was not a proper charge; but did not say anything.

Defendant, sworn, averred that on the Saturday night, he was in bed by 9 o'clock, and on the following morning he turned out to his work shortly before 6 o'clock. He never partook of any drink that morning after going to the colliery. After Mr. Crofton told him to go home he was seen by a large number of workmen. Ever since the taps were put on to the boilers the pipes have always been disconnected. There is no man going into a boiler without doing so. It was the custom, and he was not the only workman that carried out the practice. The reason he did not go and see the viewer was because he considered there would be nothing more heard of the case, as Mr. Crofton had only got into a "tift." It was after the charge was made that Crofton prevented him from running a man into the pit. He finished the boiler, and then went home. He was not under notice, and there had never been a complaint made against him whilst at work.

By Mr. Oliver: He never had been suspended for being the worse of liquor at the colliery. When Crofton made the charge he said there was nothing wrong with him. He was sent home, because he was considered to be under the influence of drink. His wife did want him to go and see the viewer; but he declined to do so, as he thought there would be nothing more about the case.

In answer to Mr. McCartan: Defendant said after he went home he saw a large number of people, who could be called, and they would all declare that he was not drunk.

The Bench after a long consideration, considered there was a shadow of doubt in the case, and gave the defendant the benefit of it. They considered it a very dangerous practice for a man to go intoxicated to work at the pit, and thus endanger the lives of other people. If he did not mend his ways he might probably be brought here some day on a more serious charge. They would advise defendant to keep off the drink altogether.

Defendant: I will take good care that I am not brought into this predicament again.

There was also a charge against the fireman, McColl, but it was withdrawn.

The decision of the magistrates seemed to give every satisfaction, and the court was crowded to excess during the hearing of the case.

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## FOG OR DANGER SIGNAL FOR RAILWAYS.

A fortnight ago we published a description of a fog signalling apparatus invented by Mr Menkirk, of Park Road, Blackhill, and Mr C. V. Graeme, of Middlesbrough, now writes to say he holds a previous patent for a similar idea. The Graeme patent consists of a catch or lever inside the rail. When the signal is placed at danger this catch is raised about two inches above the rail, and so placed in position to move a lever running through the floor of the cab of the engine to within an inch of the level of the rail, and connecting at the upper part with an electric bell above the driver's head. The moving of this lever either backwards or forwards by the catch within the rails connects the current and causes the bell to ring until it is disconnected by the driver.

## BOMB OUTRAGES AT EAST RAINTON.

### THE ALLEGED PERPETRATOR ARRESTED.

The feeling of unrest among the villagers of East Rainton, caused by the bomb outrage on Thursday week, and that of about a month ago, has been considerably relieved by the arrest of a man who admits that he was the perpetrator. The name of the man charged with the offence is Robert Wardle, about 30 years of age, and unmarried. He is a pitman, and has worked for some time at the North Hetton Coal Company's Hazard Pit, which is within a short distance of East Rainton. Wardle is a native of the village named, and lived there. He is fairly well known, but no suspicion was entertained amongst his friends and neighbours that he was the cause of all their terror. The apprehension of the prisoner is due to the exertions of Deputy-Chief Constable Wilkinson, of Houghton-le-Spring, assisted by Sergeant Donegan, Sergeant Riddle, and P.C. Robinson. Starting at first on limited information it was ascertained that the man was seen about eight days ago, about five o'clock in the morning, at Pittington, which is from two to three miles from the scene of the outrage. Wardle was then observed to be carrying something of peculiar shape. The circumstance, however, passed over without further remark, and nothing seems to have been thought of the incident until after the explosion at Mr Walker's farm house. This clue was cautiously followed up, and ultimately Mr Wilkinson was so satisfied with the facts which he gathered that he felt full justified in giving orders for Wardle's apprehension. This was effected by Sergeant Donegan and P.C. Robinson at prisoner's own house on Saturday night shortly after 11 o'clock. On being charged, prisoner freely confessed that he had not only placed the bombs at Mr Walker's house, but that he also was the person who placed the previous bomb on Mr Bailey's farm. He assigned no motive for his extraordinary conduct. He was at once taken to Houghton-le-Spring Police station, where he is now locked up. The prisoner Wardle has stated that it was his full intention to blow up the houses of Mr Bailey and Mr Walker, and also mentioned the names of six other householders whom he had marked out as victims. He further confessed to having made the bombs in a cavity at the side of a waggon way near to East Rainton. The powder was bought at Houghton-le-Spring. The cylinders were formed out of ordinary metal steam piping, which it would appear Walker would have an opportunity of getting, from the fact of being a packer at the pit mentioned above.

### A FARMER'S EXPERIENCE.

Mr Walker, farmer, who is a tenant under the Marquis of Londonderry, at East Rainton, was interviewed on Monday. Mr Walker, who has not yet recovered from the shock which he experienced on Thursday morning, said he went to bed at an early hour on Wednesday, and was awakened by hearing a loud report and the crashing of glass, which fell on the bed where he was lying. He at once shouted to his sister that some one was trying to shoot him. When he got out of bed he heard another report, and on going downstairs he found, besides the damage to the door and front wall of the house, that three of the windows were completely blown out.

## BAZAAR AT OUSTON.

Sir James Joicey on Religious Education.

On Saturday afternoon, Sir James Joicey, Bart., M.P., opened a bazaar and old English fair in the Workmen's Hall, Ouston, the proceeds of which were for the benefit of the Primitive Methodist Society of that place, who intend to renovate their chapel and purchase an organ. The decorations, considering that they have all been carried out by the members, were exceptionally good, and the design was well carried out. There were six stalls, presided over by ladies connected with the chapel, and concerts and entertainments also formed part of the day's programme. The opening proceedings took place at one o'clock, when there was a good attendance.

The Rev. James Young, circuit minister, having opened the proceedings in the customary manner, Sir James Joicey said that Mr. Young had well said that he took a deep interest in all that concerned both the physical, moral, and spiritual well-being of the people of that locality. He was there that day as one closely associated with that district and so long as he was interested with it he was glad to give all the assistance he could to any effort that was for a religious or philanthropic purpose. He had special reasons for being there to assist the Primitive Methodists. (Applause.) No one had had greater opportunities than he to see the good work that had been done during the last thirty or forty years by them in that locality. In his early childhood he well remembered one or two Primitive Methodists who were closely associated with him, who lived almost next door to him. As a child he found himself deeply impressed with their conversation, and some of their actions and some of their words had had an extraordinary effect upon his late life. He would not mention their names, though he was sure that if he did they would be well known to many Primitive Methodists in that locality. He could not get away from the fact that Primitive Methodism managed to get a footing wherever it was necessary to get a footing. In many of the small hamlets, indeed, the Primitive Methodists seemed to hold the place, and to make their influence felt, and in that way they had affected large numbers of people in the county of Durham, who would otherwise have had little or no religious instruction. (Applause.) In these days of religious instruction, and particularly religious instruction for the young, he thought there were few people who would consider an education thorough without some religious instruction. Just now the question of religious education was creating much interest both in the great city of London and their own adjoining borough of Gateshead. They would remember that when the Education Act of 1871 was passed a compromise was come to. That compromise was a fair one, considering how many sectarian interests were represented, and he would be extremely sorry if anyone attempted to disturb that compromise, as it probably gave them all that they as religious people wanted. (Applause.) It did not fit in with a good sectarian education, but it gave opportunities of opening the minds of the young to the important and fundamental truths of Christianity as explained in Holy Scripture. That was a great thing, and though it was possibly not enough for some of them, it gave the ground work for the building of sectarian views by the churches, and to the churches belonged the work, and to the churches alone, of putting forward their particular creeds. (Applause.) The people who did not want the truths of Holy Scripture taught were a very, very small section indeed, belonging to the agnostics, the athiests, or other people who did not believe in Christianity. For them there was a conscience clause, which was amply sufficient to protect any of their children. (Applause.) They had thus the foundation for a sound and good religious education if the compromise was left as it was, as by it the Scriptures were read and thoroughly explained. The various sects in the churches could build on that foundation, and train the views of the young people in any particular creed they wished to instruct them in. He thought the Primitive Methodists and he would thoroughly agree on that point. (Applause.) He was a Churchman, but a broad Churchman, not a selfish Churchman. He believed all churches had some good in them, though some churches had more good than others, and whatever religion a man belonged to he was the better for it. Though they allied themselves to the church they thought did the most particular good, there was no element of difference among them. (Applause.) His wish was that all the branches of the Christian Church should prosper. He was glad to find the Primitive Methodists of Ouston alive to their work. When they put their shoulders to the wheel he felt sure that they would shove the cart to its destination. (Applause.) He had pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. (Applause.)

Mr. Newton moved a hearty vote of thanks to Sir James Joicey for his kindness in coming to open that bazaar, which was seconded by Mr. Anderson, supported by Mr. G. W. Barker, of Chester-le-Street, and heartily carried.

Sales then proceeded, and the day's takings were very satisfactory.

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## Football

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

### ASSOCIATION.

South Moor Young Rovers beat Waldridge Fell 2nd by two goals to nil.

Lizzie Celtic beat Gateshead St. Cuthbert's, at Gateshead, after a pleasant game, by three goals to two.

Milkwell Burn Derwentside Rovers beat Consett Juniors by nine goals to two.

Consett United v Blackhill United.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a win for Consett by two goals to nil.

Consett Reserve v Castleside Rovers.—Played at Castleside, and ended in a win for the visitors by one goal to nil.

Spen Albion v Pelton Fell.—Played at the Spen and resulted in a win for the home team by one goal to nil.

Annfield Plain Violets v Kyo Schoolboys.—Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a draw of two goals each.

Milkwell Burn Swifts v Blackhill Albions.—Played on the former's ground, the home team winning by two goals to one. Graham, Batey, Fawcett, and Marshall played well for the Swifts.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Whickham.—Played at Whickham. The Park were weakly represented, but had the best of the game all through, and won by two goals to none.

West Kyo United v Consett Shamrocks.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a victory for Kyo by seven goals to two.

Kip Hill Rangers v Andrew's House Wanderers.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a draw of two goals each. The forwards on both sides played a good game.

Kip Hill Wanderers v Annfield Plain Rovers.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a fast and exciting game resulted in a win for the Wanderers by three goals to two.

Marley Hill Athletic v Busty Bank Albions.—Played on the former's ground, and after a very rough game resulted in a victory for the Albions by one goal to nil.

Victoria Garesfield Rovers v Swalwell Percy Wanderers.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a win for the home team by four goals to three.

Esh True Blues v Acklam Swifts (Middlesbrough.)—Played on the former's ground, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a victory for the True Blues by four goals to none.

Busty Bank Exiles v Bearpark United.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a victory for the Exiles by four goals to one. Smith, Hall, Weedy, and Howe played well for the winne[illegible]

Consett Albion v Consett Athletic.—We have received two reports of this match, played on the former's ground. The Athletic claim a victory by two goals to one, while the Albion assert that it was a draw of two goals each.

High Row United v Newcastle Douglas.—Played at High Row. The visitors were rather late in arriving, consequently it was almost dark when the game concluded. The home team scored once during the first period, and in the second half they notched two more, a pleasant game ending in a win for High Row by three goals to nil.

Lintz Rovers v Hebburn Black Watch.—Played on the former's ground in windy weather. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors, only two half-hours were played. The Black Watch won the toss, playing with the wind in their favour, and at the commencement the leather travelled rapidly from end to end, both goalkeepers being called upon to save on different occasions, which they did well, and at the interval the score stood—

Rovers ... Nil
Black Watch ... Nil

On changing ends, the ball was again set in motion, and play continued very even until about ten minutes from time, when the visitors rushed one through. From the centre kick the Lintz forwards went down in a body, and Burns passing neatly to Taylor, the latter equalised amid cheers. No more scoring took place, and the game ended—

Rovers ... One goal
Black Watch ... One goal

Oakey's Lilywhites v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's.—Played at Stanley before a good attendance. The visitors won the toss, and Gibson started for the Lilywhites against a strong wind. The "Saints" got possession and sent in a long shot, which was easily cleared, and then forced a useless corner. The home team now had a look in, and notwithstanding that they had a strong wind to face, they were playing the best game. Half-time—

Lilywhites ... Nil
St. Cuthbert's ... Nil

On resuming, it was thought that the home team, with the hill in their favour and a good wind at their backs, would have all their own way, but the visitors at once pressed, having hard lines in not scoring. It was only the good defence of Oakey's that saved them. Even play was the rule for a time, and then the home team ran the ball down, Coxon passing to Masterman, who scored a beauty three minutes from the finish. Final—

Lilywhites ... One goal
St. Cuthbert's ... Nil

Lintz Rovers Reserve v Hebburn United.—Played on the former's ground. The home team won the toss, and the visitors kicked off against the wind, scoring within three minutes of the start. The home forwards then took play into the United territory, where it remained for some time, but the visitors eventually cleared. The Lintz forwards worked hard to score, but try as they would they were unable to break through the defence of the visitors, whose custodian and backs played a splendid game, their tackling and kicking being a treat. At half-time the score stood—

Hebburn ... One goal
Lintz ... Nil

The home team resumed against a strong wind. The United looked very dangerous, and were within a shade of scoring, but were repulsed. Some nice passing by the Rovers' forwards took play to the other end, where a grand shot by A Hayes caused the custodian to fist out, but P McGinn secured and banged the ball through. The visitors made several attacks, but were unable to break down the Rovers' defence. The home team again attacked, and O McGinn scored a second point, a hard-fought game ending as under—

Lintz ... Two goals
Hebburn ... One goal

J Dunning and A Hayes played a splendid game for the winners.

Iveston Villa v Tantobie United.—This return game was played at Tantobie in windy weather. The visitors played with the wind and slope in their favour, and immediately began to press, Temple hitting the cross bar with a terrific shot, but the danger was removed. Iveston returned to the attack, and Temple scored the first goal with a very fast shot, while Gladders shortly after eluded the backs and shot a second. Tantobie tried desperately to change the venue, but the Villa halves, especially McEnaney, were in grand trim, and dropped the globe into goal time after time. After some midfield play, Tweedy received and gave to Temple, who again shot through, but was given off-side. The home team made several dangerous rushes, and Young and Robinson were repeatedly called upon, but they resisted every effort until just before the interval, when the Tantobie left wing beat Robinson and centred, the ball being put through from close quarters. Half-time—

Iveston ... Two goals
Tantobie ... One goal

The United pressed on resuming, but they were met by a capital defence, Young cleverly clearing his lines. The visitors' forwards raced away, Smith centreing grandly from the right, and R Makepeace shot, but the goalkeeper fisted out, only to see Gladders return the ball with a splendid overhead kick, which Makepeace rushed through. The home team again took up the running, and pressed severely, Jordan scoring their second goal, but Gladders responded immediately with a fourth for Iveston. United pressed till the finish, and scored again, the game ending in semi-darkness as under—

Iveston ... Four goals
Tantobie ... Three goals

Villa team—Goal, H Makepeace; backs, J Robinson and J Young; half-backs, P Foster, M Wilson, and J McEnaney; forwards, A "Smith" and G Gladders, right wing; R Makepeace, centre; J Tweedy and G Temple, left wing.

Shotley Bridge Rovers v Allendale Park.—Played in the Shotley Spa grounds before about 300 spectators. The visitors commenced, and at once assumed the aggressive, but the Rovers' backs cleared, and even play ensued until the home team were given "hands," from which Smith sent in a stinging shot, but Hunter saved well. The Rovers kept up the attack, but Smith was injured, and had to leave the field for about 15 minutes. The game became very fast, each side pressing in turn, and Charlton saved a warm attack by the Park at the expense of a corner, which was nicely cleared. Shotley next visited the other end, but their chance was spoiled by handling, and from the free kick the visitors ran up, the leather going into touch. Watson threw in, and Williamson, in attempting to fist out, put through his own goal. The Rovers' forwards at once pressed, and Barrass equalised. The Park next attacked, and got well into the home quarters, Williamson twice having to save, which he did in fine fashion. Corners followed to each side, which came to nothing, the score standing at the interval—

Rovers ... One goal
Park ... One goal

On resuming, the visitors were the first to press, and then the Shotley left made a good run, but a foul for the Park stopped them. The visitors put past from a free kick, after which the Rovers gave the Allendale backs a lot of trouble, they having to save on several occasions by kicking out. The home team, however, kept up the attack, but could not secure the leading point. The Park forwards got away, but "hands" spoiled a good chance. Surtees sent in a nice shot, which re-bounded off one of the Park backs to Barrass, who scored amid loud cheers. The visitors gained a useless corner, and strove hard to equalise, but found the home defence too strong for them. The Rovers pressed, and from a corner placed by Watson, Barrass scored his third goal for Shotley. After the visitors' forwards had been repulsed, the home forwards made a beautiful combined run, which ended in Murray notching a fourth point. Result—

Rovers ... Four goals
Park ... One goal

Rovers' team—Goal, Williamson; backs, R Charlton and Brown; half-backs, Glendinning, P Smith, and H Surtees; forwards, T Joyce, Barrass, O Murray, J Robinson, and R Watson.

### CONSETT v. CROOK.

These teams met on the Crook ground to try conclusions. Consett were short of two of their regular players, which necessitated a change throughout the team, while Crook were strongly represented. The visitors won the toss, and elected to take advantage of the wind. Immediately after the kick-off, Blackwell raced away, intent on scoring, but was pulled up by the home halves. Give-and-take play became the order for a while, when the Consett forwards began to show up prominently. Blackwell once more got possession, and ran through the home forwards, but the halves and backs were not to be beaten, and again repulsed his efforts while preparing to shoot. Blair got possession and had a smart dribble to himself, but was smartly brought to grass by Carruthers, who took the leather out of danger and gave to his forwards, who came away in a body, some smart passing being exhibited, the whole five having a lively spell at the Crook citadel. Try as they would the ice could not be broken, although missed by inches only many times. Raine then distinguished himself for the home team by a bit of smart tackling and a huge kick, giving the homesters a moment or two to breathe freely. This did not last long, as Eustace and Adams on the right commenced to make rings round their more stalwart opponents, and came on with a determined effort, passing splendidly and shooting several times without effect, until Wake stepped in and did the needful, thus scoring a well earned goal after 35 minutes' hard play. From the centre kick the visitors once more came away, but were robbed by Blair, who ran down in brilliant style, and when within ten yards of the Consett goal sent in a stinger, which Winter caught and threw away, saving what seemed a certain point. Half-time—

Consett ... One goal
Crook ... Nil

Crook started the second half with much determination, being aided by a good breeze, and they came on splendidly, but Carruthers was all there, and with the help of Simpson put danger to one side, but only for a moment, for the Crookites came away again, and Blair shooting, Winter caught and slipped, the globe rolling through and making the scores even. Not to be daunted, the visitors played up strongly, Harkness being conspicuous with some of his brilliant runs and centres, from one of which Blackwell received and shot, the custodian returning, but Sisterson obtained possession and sent through a beauty right out of the reach of the goalkeeper. Consett continued to have the best of the game, much to the chagrin of the home supporters, until the game was stopped through Bowen (who had been playing a splendid game) being seized with cramp. Time was now up, and had been for five minutes, but the referee declared two minutes more to play, during which Crook scored and equalised. Final—

Consett ... Two goals
Crook ... Two goals

The following team represented Consett:—Goal, J. Winter; backs, C. Pescod and J. Carruthers (capt.); half-backs, J. Simpson, J. Bowen, and J. Sisterson; forwards, J. Adams and M. Eustace, right wing; J. Blackwell, centre; R. Wake and R. Harkness, left wing.

### LEADGATE EXILES v. TOW LAW.

The return fixture between the above teams was played at Consett in the presence of about 700 spectators. As the Exiles' ground was engaged with a cup-tie, the Consett club kindly lent the ground for the occasion. Being the first match of such importance played in Consett, a good lift was given to the game, and the followers of football who went to witness the match were well rewarded, as the game was one of the best that has been played in the district. The Exiles were short of McGee, who was assisting the county, while T Waites and Hobson were off the Tow Law team. The Exiles kicked off against the hill, and soon became very busy in an attack upon the visitors' goal, but Temperley was in grand form, and removed play to midfield. The Exiles were the quickest on the ball, the forwards showing splendid combination being well backed up by the halves, which enabled them to do most of the pressing, but both teams held their goal intact till the interval, when the score read—

Exiles ... Nil
Tow Law ... Nil

In the second half the Exiles seemed determined to lower the visitors' colours, and Dempsey scored with a fast low shot two minutes from the re-start. Some fast play followed, in which the "greens" had the best of it. Lumsden and Simpson were very busy on the Tow Law left, but were repeatedly robbed by Allison, Callaghan, and Daly. The Leadgate right wing led the way in some pretty runs, which ended in Daly again beating the visitors' custodian with a terrific shot, the effort being loudly cheered by the onlookers. Tow Law strove hard during the remaining few minutes to break through their opponents' defence, but all attempts were futile, and the Exiles gained a well-earned victory as under—

Exiles ... Two goals
Tow Law ... Nil

The Exiles were represented by the following team:—Goal, J. O'Neil; backs, Wm. McGee (capt.) and J. Haggan; half-backs, J. Allison, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan; forwards, H. Callaghan and J. Dempsey, left wing; J. Daley, centre; J. Hill and Newbiggen, right wing.

### DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

#### HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE v. BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE.

This fixture under the auspices of the above league came off on the Temperance ground. The Wanderers had much the best of the game, and ran out easy winners as under—

Hobson ... Four goals
Temperance ... One goal

### DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

THIRD ROUND.

#### LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE v. LEADGATE PARK.

This tie was played on the Exiles' ground before a small number of spectators. The Park had the measure of their opponents throughout, winning easily as under—

Park ... Eight goals
Exiles ... Nil

The following team did duty for the Park:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and T. Cartmell; half-backs, J. T. Willey, Robt. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, A. N. Other and R. Graham, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; W. Bell (capt.) and Jos. Wilson, left wing. Linesman, James Haggerstone. The following team represented the Exiles:—Goal, V McGuckin; backs, P Rogers and F Forman; half-backs, P Croney, P Clarke, and O Slane; forwards, O McAloon, P Matthews, N Hill, J Docherty, and D McClelland. Referee, Mr Watson, Swalwell.

#### DIPTON WANDERERS v. HOBSON WANDERERS

Axwell Rovers having scratched to Dipton in the second round, the above teams met on the Dipton ground in the third round of the Senior Cup. Great interest was manifested in the game, and there would probably be about 1,200 spectators present. The visitors commenced with the slope and breeze in their favour, and quickly pressed, but the home defence was excellent, Coates and Buck especially shining. Good work by Wood, Walker, and Crooks several times enabled Dipton to reach the top end, and on one occasion the ball was shot past Brown out of a scrimmage in the goal-mouth. The Hobson now pressed severely, and had some splendid chances, but although each of the forwards had several tries, not one of them could land the ball in the net. The game afterwards opened out, and half-time found the score—

Dipton ... One goal
Hobson ... Nil

On resuming, the home team at once attacked very strongly, but the Hobson backs and halves defended splendidly, and defied all efforts to break through. The Hobson forwards then broke away, but were unable to beat Rowell, Buck, and Milburn, who were in great form. A nice run by Wood and Walker took the leather down, and the latter beating the backs, shot a grand goal, Brown having no chance. In no way disheartened, the visitors played up pluckily, and were at length rewarded with a good goal. The game now became very exciting, and Crooks put in a good run and centre, but there was no one up to take advantage of it. Towards the finish Buck was injured, and had to retire. Final—

Dipton ... Two goals
Hobson ... One goal

The following team represented Dipton:—Goal, Robt. Freck; backs, T. Rowell and M. Evans; half backs, R. Coates, E. Buck, and J. Milburn; forwards, W. Ellis and Crooks, right wing; E. Beckwith, centre; T. Walker and S. Wood (capt.), left wing. The Hobson team was as follows:—Goal, Brown; backs, Liddle and W Henderson; half-backs, McNeil, F Henderson, and Smith; forwards, Bell, Evans, Muirhead, Maddison, and Lown. Referee, Mr P. McCabe, Tow Law.

### RUGBY.

Blaydon v North Elswick.—Played on the latter's ground. The game was very even, neither side scoring in the first half, but in the second Oliver got a try for Blaydon, and Leighton kicked a goal, while Elswick equalised when F Rycroft improved a try by Graham. The result was a draw—one goal (five points) each.

Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Hamsteels 2nd.—Played at Hamsteels, the Rovers having the best of the play. Leybourne ran in a try for the visitors, which Murray converted. Nothing daunted, the home team played hard to get on terms, but could not score. Result:—Rovers, one goal (five points); Hamsteels, nil.

### BLACKHILL ROVERS v. HAMSTEELS.

Played at Blackfine before a good gathering of spectators. Hamsteels won the toss, and played from the entrance goal. With the wind in their favour, Hewitson kicked off for the Rovers, play settling in midfield. The visitors got away with some fine passing, and looked like scoring, the home team saving well. Collinson got away from a scrummage, and was all but over when Elliott grassed him in grand style. The Rovers broke away at a rattling pace, Gibbon saving well. Askew made his mark, the kick being nicely returned, and after some even play in midfield the same player got away, the result of some good work being that Sayers got over. Moore failing to improve. The visitors dropped out, and play became very fast, the home backs saving well. Askew made his mark, and Brown following well up got possession and gave to Dawson, who transferred to Stobbs, the latter getting over, but was called back. Gibbon cleared well, and Hamsteels pressed for a time, but half-time found the score standing—

Rovers ... One try
Hamsteels ... Nil

The visitors re started, Anderson returning well, and the home team following up saved a return. Hamsteels had the best of the packs, and gave their backs any amount of work, but the tackling of the Rovers' backs frequently stopped their career. Anderson got away and punted well down, and from a scrummage the home backs got possession and made tracks for the visitors' line, only to find Gibbon and Johnson defending well. Askew got away and gave to Brown, who got over behind the posts, the same player kicking a goal. Hamsteels kicked off, Askew returning, and racing up prevented a return. The Rovers' forwards broke away, Gent saving in the nick of time, and the home team were pressing strongly when the whistle went, a fast game ending in a good win for the home team as under—

Rovers ... One goal, one try (eight points)
Hamsteels ... Nil

Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

### FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

"DERBY DAY" AT DIPTON.

Keen rivals, under any circumstances, exists between Dipton and the Hobson, which is not confined to the clubs alone, but also extends to the inhabitants of those places. When it became known that the clubs had to meet in the third round of the Senior Cup the players and their supporters were jubilant, as at last an opportunity had arrived of settling the vexed question as to which was the superior team. The Hobson have had an extraordinarily successful season, as previous to Saturday last they had not been defeated this season. Dipton, on the other hand, have only had moderate luck since the campaign opened, although their grand victory over Blyth a fortnight since had imbued them and their followers with any amount of confidence. There was a very large attendance, and I should think there was scarcely a place in the district but what was represented. Both clubs should benefit considerably by the "gate."

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As to the game itself, it was not what could be called a great one. It was a hard, fast, and exciting struggle, in which there was scarcely anything to choose between the teams, and although Dipton gained the verdict, a draw would perhaps have more correctly reflected the run of the play. The Hobson had chances out of number in the initial "45," and how they missed scoring scoring must for ever remain a mystery. There was more method about the Dipton men's movements than those of their opponents, and when the former got within shooting distance they were far from dangerous. Perhaps the best bit of work of the afternoon was that which led up to the second goal being booked to Dipton. Wood and Walker brought the ball down in grand fashion, and completely beating the backs, "Tucker" shot into the net in rare style. It was a splendid effort, and well deserved a goal and the accompanying loud cheers.

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Dealing with the winners first, I should say that Coates was the best man on the defence. He tackled fearlessly, and kicked with wonderfully accuracy, especially against the wind. However, he would do well to discard a few shady tricks he seems to be possessed of, or, with a different referee officiating, he may not get off so easily as he did on Saturday. He is a really good player, and there is no necessity whatever for him to descend to such tactics. Next to Coates I should place Buck and Milburn, the latter being one of the most improved men I have seen for some time. Rowell did good work at times, as also did Freek, but Evans is not up to the standard of his colleagues. Can Turpin not be persuaded to turn out again? The best of the forwards were Crooks and Wood. The admirable and well-timed passing of the latter was a feature of the game, and for judgment he stood out far above any other player on the field. Crooks put in some dashing runs and centres, but Walker, although he did not play badly, has been seen to much greater advantage. Beckwith was only moderate, while Illis was completely out of form. On the whole, Dipton's display was a long way below that they showed against Blyth.

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The Hobson goalkeeper did not strike men as being a second Trainer, albeit it is only fair to say that he had not the slightest chance of stopping the shots that took effect. The backs kicked very strongly, and there was not much between them. Smith played a capital game at half, his tackling being rather better than that of McNeil and Henderson, although the two latter worked hard and effectively. There is no doubt that the Hobson have a powerful defence, but they are an even lot, there being no bright particular stars. The forwards treated us to some beautiful passing runs at times, but their shooting—well, I will mercifully draw a veil over it. It might have been worse—but not much. Maddison, Bell, and Lown were about the pick, Muirhead (a finely-built young fellow) being too slow in the centre. The Hobson secretary (Mr. T. Amos) was not at all satisfied with the play of his men, and informed me that they showed nothing like the form which has landed them at top of the Tyneside League.

A GOOD VICTORY FOR THE EXILES.

Greatly to the surprise of most people the Exiles on Saturday gained a really creditable victory over Tow Law, who have been doing some wonderful things this season. On the day's play the "greens" were decidedly the better team, and well earned their success. O'Neil kept goal splendidly, and shows that he still retains all his old cleverness. McGee and Haggan were very safe at back, while the halves have seldom done better. McGrachan was especially prominent, and worked like a horse. Monaghan was as good as ever, while young Allison (Consett Town Swifts) played a surprisingly clever game, considering the company he was in. The forwards all did well, Newbiggen, Callaghan, and Dempsey being the pick. Temperley, W. Simpson, G. Simpson, and Lumsden were conspicuous for Tow Law.

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THE VILLA WIN AGAIN.

In their return match at Tantobie, the Iveston team again managed to lower the colours of the United, although this time by a reduced majority. Notwithstanding that they were without some of their regular players, the Villa, as a whole, behaved most creditably, and gave a fairly good display. Makepeace in goal, although beaten three times, did well, but had no chance with the shots that passed him. Robinson and Young played splendidly at back, while McEnaney excelled himself at half, and never did better. Foster played his usual good game, his throwing from touch being of great service to his side, while Wilson got through a lot of useful work. Temple was about the best of the forwards, and along with Tweedy made a capital wing. Makepeace did well in the centre, and gave his wings every chance. "Smith" was off colour, but Gladders played a capital game. The United showed much improved form to that they exhibited in the first match between the clubs, and with more practice and experience should develope into a pretty good team.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS IN FORM.

The fact that Allendale Park are the only team that have beaten the Rovers this season caused their visit to the Spa grounds on Saturday to play the return fixture to the eagerly anticipated, with the result that there was a record "gate." The game was generally voted to be the fastest that has been seen in the Spa this season, and a good exposition of the dribbling code was witnessed by a most enthusiastic gathering of spectators. The Rovers played a splendid game, and well deserved their victory. Williamson showed up well in the home goal, while Charlton played a good game at back, his tackling and kicking being fine. Brown also did well, but has been seen to more advantage. The halves all tackled effectively, and if individual praise be given it should go to Surtees. The forwards, as usual, played a remarkable game, their passing being very accurate, and at times they completely ran through all opposition. The Rovers are undoubtedly very strong this season, and may be depended upon to make all the clubs gallop that visit the Spa.

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Hunter (the old Leadgate Park left-winger) effected some marvellous saves in the Park goal, and had no chance with the shots that beat him. Mansell was the pick of the backs, his kicking being very clean and strong. Thompson Walton played a capital game at half, and was the best of a very fair trio. Walton and J. Lynop were the most prominent of the forwards.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The usual monthly meeting of this League was held on Saturday night at the headquarters, Towneley Arms, Rowland's Gill. Representatives were present from Leadgate, Marley Hill, Byer Moor, Hobson, Lintz Rovers, Spen, Lintzford, and Burnopfield Temperance. In the absence of the president (Mr W. Fletcher) Mr Jas. Bennett, Byer Moor, was voted to the chair. The meeting decided to deduct two points from Burnopfield Temperance on account of playing an unqualified man on Nov. 3rd. A protest by Burnopfield Temperance against the referee on November 10th was withdrawn. The case of Hamsterley United was considered at some length, and it was unanimously agreed to expel them from the League, they having disappointed five teams in League games. At this point, the meeting adjourned till to-morrow, when a district game will be arranged and other cases considered.

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CORNSAY v HOBSON.

Dear Sir,—Allow me just a word or two in reply to the referee anent the above game. He says "winners can afford to be generous." It is all very well talking of generosity, but when you have goals disallowed that the opposing side tells you, and the referee as well, are fair goals, you begin to think that "something has gone wrong with the works." But it was not this that prompted me to write, but simply to get to know if the ball was in play when the whistle blew as the referee maintained. He says if he was so opposed to Hobson he could have been blind to the penalty. Now, sir, it was not dark, neither was it neatly handed. I should think that every spectator in the field saw it. He says after the usual difficulties, &c., &c. Does the referee mean to maintain that he got all the players over the line. I say no; there was one standing against the goalkeeper, and two on the penalty line nearer to the ball than the one who had to take the kick, and one of these got the kick instead of the Hobson getting a penalty, as the referee knows. Thanking you in anticipation, I am, yours, &c.,

Thos. Amos.
Hon. Sec. Hobson Wanderers.

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LIZZIE CELTIC v ESH TRUE BLUES.

Dear Sir,—In looking over the last week's issue of your valuable paper, I noticed a report of the above game, in which your correspondent states that the Lizzie Celtic were playing with ten men during the second half. Being there from start to finish of the game, I only noticed one player leave the field, and that was one of the Esh backs, who received an injury to his back. Your correspondent also states that Robson's weak knee gave way during the second half. In my opinion, Robson played the best game amongst the Celtic forwards, being the means of scoring two goals. I think the Celtic had every opportunity to win the game, as the visitors travelled without three of their best players, and had to play three reserves. If Esh had brought their full team, I think the score might have been altered a little, if the Esh team did not win, as they were leading by one goal to nil when their back received his injury.—Yours truly,

A Spectator.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

The following table shows the position of the clubs forming the above league up to date:—

| | Plyd | Won | Lst | Drn | Goals For | Goals Agst | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 12 |
| Lintz Rovers | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 7 | 10 |
| Leadgate Park R. | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 12 | 10 |
| Spen Albion | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| Burnopfield T'pnce | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 6 |
| Hobson Wands. R | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 12 | 6 |
| Lintzford | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 4 |
| Byer Moor | 6 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 21 | 3 |
| Hamsterley United | 10 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 28 | 3 |
| Axwell Rovers R. | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 2 |

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MEMS.

All clubs having dates with Leadgate West End are requested to cancel them, as they are unable to raise a team.

For cool and unadulterated cheek commend me to some of the junior clubs. A certain secretary sends me a rambling report of the club's match on Saturday, and this is the postscript to his precious epistle:—"Dear Sir,—Note what I have written, and don't cut it short, by the able secretary, ——." I refrain from publishing his name to an admiring world.

"Enthusiast" writes:—I noticed last Saturday that both Charlton and Robinson, of Medomsley White Stars, were playing for Shotley Bridge Rovers, and was rather surprised when I was told that they had joined the Shotley Club. What is the reason they have left the Stars? I think some of the old enthusiasts in Medomsley should take up the matter, and endeavour to raise a team similar to the strong one we had in the village four or five years ago.

Consett did extremely well, with a weak team, to make a draw with Crook on the latter's ground. The Consettonians are improving rapidly, and intend to make a good show in the Junior Cup.

There will be more than a trifle of excitement knocking about, Swalwell to-morrow, on the occasion of the meeting between Leadgate Park and Axwell Rovers in the Tyneside League.

I am sorry to hear that Bradley, the well-known three-quarter of the Blackhill Rovers, has been transferred to the Stockton force.

Bradley has done splendid service for the Rovers during the past two seasons, and they will experience considerable difficulty in adequately filling his place.

In addition to his prowess as a footballer, Bradley is an excellent cricketer, and assisted the Consett and District Club in nearly all their matches last season.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Rising Stars have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 9 to 12. Apply, John Finlay, No. 44, King Street, Consett.

Hobson Albion would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 13 to 17. Address: M. Bell, No. 11, Pit Row, Hobson, Burnopfield, R.S.O.

Marley Hill Athletic have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 12 to 15. Apply, W. Robson, No. 23, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

Oxhill Juniors would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Apply, J. Clement, No. 45, Oxhill Rows, Stanley.

### TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

#### BLACKHILL ROVERS v. STARGATE.

The above match will be played on the ground of the Rovers at Blackfine, when a good game should be the result. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, J. Moore, J. Askew, J. Brown, and R. Stobbs; half-backs, J. Anderson and R. Bramley; forwards, G. Sayers, W. Brown, A. Taylor, J. Dawson, G. Smailes (capt.), G. Hewitson, F. Hardy, and R. Gibson. Reserve, J. Clark. Kick off at 2.30. Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

#### CONSETT v. BISHOP AUCKLAND RESERVE.

The following team will represent Consett at home to-morrow:—Goal, J. Winter; backs, T. Skelton and C. Pescod; half-backs, Robt. Wake, J. Carruthers (capt.), and J. Simpson; forwards, J. Blackwell and J. Adams, right wing; A. Simpson, centre; Wm. Graham and M. Eustace, left wing. Reserves, H. Tindle and J. Sisterson. Kick off at 2.30.

#### NORTHERN ALLIANCE

#### DIPTON WANDERERS v. HEBBURN ARGYLE.

These teams meet on the Dipton ground to-morrow to play their Alliance fixture, and as both are going strongly, a good game will be witnessed. The Wanderers will try another new player amongst the front rank—namely, J. C. Robinson (late of Bishop-Auckland), who, it is expected, will greatly strengthen the forwards. The following team will represent the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, D. Anderson and T. Rowell; half backs, R. Coates, E. Buck, and J. Milburn; forwards, J. C. Robinson and T. Crooks, right wing; E. Beckwith, centre; T. Walker and S. Wood (capt.), left wing. Kick off at 2.30.

#### TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

#### LEADGATE PARK v. AXWELL ROVERS.

The Park journey to Swalwell to-morrow to oppose the Rovers in the above league, and the game should be worth seeing. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and Thos. Cartmell; half-backs, J. T. Willey, R. Wilson, and T. Snowdon; forwards, J. B. Robson and R. Graham, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; W. Bell (capt.) and Jos. Wilson, left wing. Linesman, James Haggerstone.

Consett Town Swifts v Iveston Villa.—To be played on the Fell ground, Consett. The following will represent the Swifts:—Goal, J. Jones; backs, J. Finnigan and Geo Eustace; half backs, F Winter, J McKie, and Jos Allison (capt.); forwards, B McKie and J Rafferty, right wing; F Bradley, centre; A Daly and A Young, left wing. Reserve, D Elliott. Kick-off at 3.

Leadgate Park Reserve v Whickham.—To be played at Leadgate. Park team—Goal, Thos Reed; backs, D Cartmell and H O Foreman; half-backs, T Calvert, J Day, and T Smith; forwards, R Iley and A N Other, right wing; G Milburn, centre; G Lock and G Foster, left wing. Reserves, T Kennedy and G Temple. Kick-off at 2.30.

Oakey's Lilywhites v Esh True Blues.—To be played at Stanley. The following will represent the Lilywhites:—Goal, T Thompson; backs, G Wallace and W Errington; half-backs, E Nicholson, R Cunningham, and G Whitfield; forwards, J Masterman, H Bolam, W Gibson, Chisholm, and B Coxon. Kick-off at 2.30. Referee, Mr W. Brydon.

Consett Town Swifts 2nd v Axwell Rovers R.—At Consett. The Swifts' team will be as follows:—Goal, A McDonald; backs, D Elliott and A Aitken; half-backs, R Bradley, Jos Walton (capt.), and G Wood; forwards, D Sheldon and J Little, right wing; T Sanderson, centre; T Ellis and J Turley, left wing. Reserve, J Ellis. Kick-off at 2.

## FATAL AFFRAY AT WINLATON.

### SAD DEATH OF A TRADESMAN.

While two two men named respectively T. G. Archbold and James Lockey, were in the Crown and Cannon Inn, Winlaton, on Saturday night, a dispute arose between them, which culminated in a fight. In the course of the affray both men fell, and Archbold's head coming in contact with a door, he was rendered unconscious. Dr. Wheeler was at once summoned, but, although he was promptly in attendance, his services were of no avail, the man having died almost instantly. The police were then informed of the occurrence, and Sergeant Christon and P.C. Fordham afterwards apprehended Lockey. He was taken to the police station, where he was charged with having caused the death of the deceased. Archbold, who was about 59 years of age, had a drapery business at Winlaton.

### INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Tuesday morning, at the New Inn, Winlaton, Coroner John Graham held an inquest into the death of Thomas J. Archbold, who died on Saturday night last. A man named James Lockey has been in custody since Saturday night on a charge of being concerned in deceased's death. The case created a great amount of interest in the place and a large number of people assembled in the main thoroughfare to await the finding of the coroner's jury. Supt. Rutherford, of Gateshead, was present during the enquiry. Previous to the inquest the jury inspected the place where the deceased died.

Robert Archbold identified the body as that of his father, who was 59 years of age.

Brice Lockey, keeper of the Crown and Cannon Inn, Winlaton, said that about 9 p.m. on the evening of Saturday last he was attending to his duties in the bar when the deceased came in and asked for a glass of beer. Witness served him and immediately after James Lockey came in. He asked the deceased to "get along to make room for him," whereupon the latter replied, "Who are you shoving, you young——?" The men then closed and fell. Archbold was underneath, and in falling struck his head against a door. He was assisted to his feet, and afterwards carried home. There were no blows struck.

Joseph Oliver, who witnessed the occurrence, gave corroborative evidence.

James Gillfillan and S. Chapman deposed to assisting the deceased to his feet, and said that no blows were struck.

Dr. R. Brown, of Blaydon, said that he was called in to see the deceased, who, he was informed, had died suddenly on Saturday night last. He made a careful examination of the body, but failed to find any marks of violence, with the exception of a slight skin abrasion above the left eye. In company with Dr. Wheeler he made a post mortem examination of the body, and found the internal organs in a very bad state, evidently of long standing. He was of opinion that death was caused by rupture of the aorta valve consequent upon excitement. In answer to a question witness said the rupture was sufficient to cause death, apart from any violence.

The coroner, in summing up, commented upon the serious nature of the case, and said that it was a singularly fortunate thing for Lockey that no blows were struck. In that case it would have been very trying for him, but fortunately it was the other way.

The jury retired to consider their verdict, and after a short absence returned. The foreman then intimated that they had decided to return a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.

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Visits Consett and District Weekly to give Lessons on the Violin.

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123, JAMES STREET, BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

£5 REWARD.

WHEREAS, on the night of Saturday, the 3rd November inst., some evil disposed Persons did DESTROY A GREENHOUSE, the property of Mr G. R. Hobson. The above reward will be paid to the first Person giving such information as will lead to the Conviction of the Offenders, and on their Conviction.

Dated this 9th November, 1894.

724 GEO. R. HOBSON.

## Public Notices.

185 1d the WINNING NUMBER of the Watch raffled at White-le Head. 818p

EDWARD BRADY, Practical Chimney Sweep, 1, Buckham Street, High Blackfine, Blackhill. All orders punctually attended to. 823p

WESLEYAN CHAPEL, TANFIELD.

THE REV. W. GOODERIDGE will LECTURE, Saturday, November 24th, at 6-30. Subject:—"Rounds in the Ladder of Success." 738p

CASTLESIDE FLORAL SOCIETY.

A GRAND CONCERT will be held in the Board School, in aid of the above, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1894. Doors open at 6-30, to commence at 7 p.m. 795p

MEDOMSLEY.

SPARROW SHOOTING! SPARROW SHOOTING! To be Shot for To-morrow, Saturday, November 24th. 1st Prize, Home-fed Ham, weighing 30lbs.; 2nd Prize, a Splendid Tea Pot. Usual conditions. 2s. per lot. Birds free. Meet Rutherford's, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, R.S.O., 12-30 prompt. 798p

ANGLO-PARISIAN SCHOOL OF DRESS.—Miss KAY, of Beamish, (Certificated Teacher) will OPEN A CLASS in the Odd-fellows' Hall, Annfield Plain, on Monday, December 3rd, 1894. Terms (payable in advance)—Instructions in Measuring and Pattern Making, including Patented Chart, £2 2s; Instructions in Dresscutting and Dressmaking, £1 10s. Miss Kay will meet Ladies who intend learning this system in the above Hall, on Thursday, November 30th, 1894, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. 790p

STANLEY PRESBYTERIAN MISSION.

Services in Board Schools.

PREACHER on Sunday, November 25th, Morning, 10 30; Evening, 6, the REV. HECTOR FRAZER, From Edinburgh.

Offertories for Mission Fund. 806p

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th.

Morning, 10-30, } REV. J. IRWIN.
Evening, 6. }

ALL SEATS FREE.

DUTCH BULBS.

GEO. PATTRICK, Chemist, Front Street, Consett, has received a consignment of above.

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| Hyacinths, all colours | 3d each. |
| Narcissus | 9d per dozen. |
| Tulips (mixed, all colours) | 8d per dozen. |
| Crocuses (mixed colours) | 3d dozen, 1s 8d per 100. |
| Snowdrops | 3d dozen, 1s 6d per 100. |
| Hyacinth, in glass, complete | 6d each. |

Liliums will be ready in November. 458p

NOTICE. — The Members of the FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE and DISTRICT 370th STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY will hold their 82nd APPROPRIATION by Ballot, in the Sons' of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Monday, the 17th day of December, 1894, at 7-30 p.m., and should the First Draw clear not exceed £200, the Second will be taken. No Subscription will be taken on 25th December, 1894, and the 1st January, 1895. If paid upon the 8th January, 1895, no fines will be charged.—By order,

822p D. ORMEROD, Chairman.

NOTICE.

HEALEYFIELD TOWNSHIP.

A MEETING of Ratepayers will be held in the Board School, Castleside, on FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30th, at 7 o'clock. Business: To appoint Waywardens for the Highway Districts of Healeyfield and Rowley for the year ending March 31st, 1896.

807p WILLIAM J. SCOTT, } Overseers.
ELLIOT LEYBOURNE, }

CONSETT WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY, NOV. 25th.

REV. R. W. BUTTERWORTH will Preach SPECIAL TEMPERANCE SERMONS, Morning and Evening.

At 3 o'clock, ADDRESSES will be delivered by Rev. R. W. Butterworth, Messrs J. W. Swainston and T. Carey.

Extra Musical attractions by the Choir and Band.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

THE VERY CHOICE CANTATA "DAY and NIGHT" (*Nichol*) will be performed by the Consett Wesleyan Choir, with Orchestral accompaniment, in the New Church, on Wednesday night, December 19th, 1894. BOOK THIS DATE. 820p

DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

TO FARMERS, COMPETITORS, and others.

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### PRIZE PLOUGHS.

Prices and Catalogues can be had from JOSEPH FISHER, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION AGENT, REDWELL HALL, BLACKHILL. 681p

DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND ANNUAL

### COMPETITION

Will be held at WHITTONSTALL, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1894, when £37 will be given in Prizes, for Horses and Harness, Ploughing, Hedge Cutting, Best Decorated Horses. All Entries to be made 14 days previous to Competition. Prize Lists now ready and may be had on application to the Secretaries.

W. J. OSWELL, Newlands Haugh, Ebchester.
GEO. BELL, Medomsley, R.S.O. 784p

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, Ltd.

THE Committee of the above Society, beg to inform the Members and General Public, that they are commencing the

### DRESSMAKING BUSINESS

In connection with their Drapery Department, and by strict attention to all orders placed with them, hope to secure a fair share of patronage and support. The Services of a FIRST-CLASS DRESSMAKER have been secured, who will be in attendance at our Central Drapery Department, Newmarket Street, Consett, on Saturday, December 1st, 1894.

We are, yours faithfully,

805p THE COMMITTEE.

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

### J. G. WADE

Begs to Thank his numerous Friends and Customers for past Patronage, and hopes by strict attention to Business to maintain the same Patronage as hitherto in his NEW PREMISES which he has just Opened at

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He has engaged a First-class Dressmaker from the Town and hopes to meet the requirements of the Public. Tailoring, Millinery, and Dressmaking done on the premises by First class Hands.

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### REV. ALEX. BAILLIE'S SEMI-JUBILEE.

The Members of this Church will, on SUNDAY, 16th, and MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1894, celebrate MR. BAILLIE'S 25 YEARS' PASTORATE amongst them.

The following Rev. Gentlemen will take part in the proceedings:—

REV. N. A. ROSS, M.A., LL.D., will Preach on Sunday, 16th December, Morning and Evening.

The Revs. Richard Leitch, A. Phimister, M.A., Wm. Steele, M.A., David Tasker, John M. Wilson, Robert Stewart, M.A., and Wm. Stuart, M.A., B.D., &c., &c., will Speak on the Monday evening following.

For further particulars see future Advertisement and Bills. 680p

## Sales by Auction.

### By Mr. John Crawford.

J. Crawford's Sale Rooms, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, December 3rd, a large consignment of NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE. Anyone having Furniture or Farm Stock to sell, can have it sold at anytime. 831p

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

### By Mr. John Lowes.

Sale Rooms, Stanley, Saturday and Monday First.

MR JOHN LOWES having been instructed to remove to the above Rooms, for convenience of Sale, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Saturday and Monday First, November 24th and 26th, 1894, a large Stock of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., New and Second-hand; also, a large Quantity of UNREDEEMED PLEDGES ... Sale at Two o'clock each day. 810p

Sale of Horses, &c., at Stanley.

MR JOHN LOWES will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Commercial Hotel Stables, on Wednesday, November 28th, upwards of 15 HORSES and PONIES, TRAPS, HARNESS, &c. Entries invited not later than Monday for Catalogue, which will be ready on Tuesday morning. Sale at 1-30 prompt.

Sale Office, Stanley. 811p

Stanley Auction Mart.

NEXT SALE of FAT CATTLE, SHEEP, &c., will be held on Monday, December 3rd, 1894. Early entries invited.

813p JOHN LOWES, Auctioneer.

### By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 1894.

12 to 15 Fat Cattle.
130 Fat Sheep.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
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A few Stores.
12 Ladders.
Poultry, Set of Gig Harness, &c.
Sale at 12 o'clock.

816p JOHN S. MURRAY.

XMAS SHOW AND SALE, December 17th. J. S. MURRAY

BURNOPFIELD GAS WORKS.

EARLY in the New Year, 1895, FOR SALE BY AUCTION. These Works have been recently overhauled and improved, and the consumption nearly doubled, with an immediate prospect of a considerable further consumption. Further particulars later.

J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

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Appointed by His Honour JUDGE METHELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

### By Mr. T. Swainston.

Swainston's Auction Hall, Front Street, Consett.

T. SWAINSTON will OFFER BY AUCTION in the above Hall, on Saturday and Monday nights first, at 6-30, the remainder of Mrs Temperley's FURNITURE and other lots of Household Effects; also, some New Furniture which must be cleared to make room for Mr Parkin, who has engaged the Hall from the 30th inst. to 16th December. 823p

### By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

NEXT SALE of COWS, FAT CATTLE, and SHEEP, will be held on Monday, Dec. 3rd, 1894. Xmas Show on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 1894. Entries solicited to J. GREEN, Satley.

### By Mr Joseph Storey.

Surtees' Hotel, Crook.

THE NEXT SALE of HORSES, COBS, TRAPS, and HARNESS, &c., will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, 1894, at 1-30 o'clock. Entries invited.

783p JOSEPH STOREY, Auctioneer, Tow Law

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 METHELL under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Office—Front Street, Dipton by Lintz Green Station

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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## Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY

W. AYNSLEY, Esq., JAMES OLIVER, Esq., HEDLEY NICHOLSON, Esq. } Trustees.

The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 3rd December, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place. Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods Cutlery, Guns &c., &c., at

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## EDITORIAL NOTICES.

OWING to a pressure of news we are compelled to hold over several reports, including that of Benfieldside Local Board, and to condense other reports.

OUR correspondents will oblige by forwarding their communications early, so as to secure insertion.

# The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1894.

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

THE LATE MR THOMAS SIDDELL.

The grave has closed over another old standard worthy, and never more will the familiar face and figure of good old Thomas Siddell be seen again. Mr Siddell was a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term, having risen by dint of native worth and force of character from handling an iron "rabble" in front of a puddling furnace to one of the chief posts of responsibility and trust on the official staff of one of the most important manufacturing concerns in the world—the Consett Iron Company. Mr Siddell was for many years manager of the puddling department of the works, both at Consett and the Tinmill, and when Mr George Burkett, then manager of the plate rolling mills, left this country, the tinmill works, rolling mills and forges, were placed under the management of Mr Siddell, in addition to which he still retained the supervision of the forges at Consett. Having climbed the ladder from its lowest rung, the deceased gentleman was master of details in relation to the department which he so worthily represented. It was that knowledge, more than anything else, which conduced to render him a valuable servant to the Consett Iron Company up to the day of his death, for Mr Siddell did not lay down the burden of life until the last messenger entered his door. The deceased gentleman held numerous public offices, but his worth as a man lay in the marvellous power he possessed of ruling the men employed in his department at the ironworks. Under his regime strikes, even in these days of industrial strife, were practically unknown at Consett. I have an amusing recollection of passing through the puddling mills at Consett one day when there was a strike among the puddlers. The men were gathered together listening to a stump speech from the ready tongue of an agitator, when tidings of the situation were conveyed to Mr Siddell. I witnessed the grand old man leave his office in the mills and approach the crowd, walking sharply at first and subsequently breaking into a run. The puddlers did not await the onset, but fled in all directions, and as Mr Siddell walked along the long lines of furnaces the men stood stripped to the waist, and the strike was at an end. The puddlers knew that Mr Siddell would stand no nonsense, and that they would have to resort to other and more judicious methods of redressing wrongs, imaginary or real. Mr Siddell was much and deservedly respected, and those who were brought into immediate contact with him unite in bearing testimony to his kindness of heart, albeit that in address his manner was abrupt, and his utterances unpolished. Few men are better qualified to touch on that phase of the character of Mr Siddell than the writer, from the fact that when I was employed under him he proved himself to be an indulgent superior, a wise councillor, and a faithful friend. Mr Siddell will be missed for many a day, and his removal by death severs another link of the official chain which for many years has been the means of winning for the town of Consett a name and fame among the manufacturing centres of the industries of the world.

## Local and District News

CONSETT.

SACRED CONCERTS.—On Sunday, the members of the Consett Iron Company's Brass Band gave two sacred concerts—afternoon and evening—in the New Town Hall, Consett. There were large companies present, and the music was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr Thomas Wood, Newcastle, conducted. The proceeds were in aid of the band funds.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening, a special sermon was preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. J. G. Binney, of Gateshead. In the evening the rev. gentleman delivered his popular and interesting lecture on "General Gordon: Soldier, Statesman, and Christian. There was only a moderate company present. The chairman was Mr W. Campbell, Shotley Bridge. Proceeds were in aid of the new organ fund.

Great Revolution in Parish Government.—The Local Government Act of 1894, commonly called the "Parish Councils Act, 1894" introduces changes in the local government of the country little short of revolutionary. To attempt anything like an exhaustive treatment of the subject in a handbook would certainly result in failure, but Portland B. Akerman, Esq. (a solicitor of the Supreme Court) and Mr. Percy H. Ford, have joined in compiling a little work with the aim of putting a general statement of the effect of the Act, in a clear and intelligent form, in order, if possible to induce that fuller administration which it is the object of the measure to create, abstaining as much as possible from merely technical details. This book entitled "Parish Councils" may be had of Robert Jackson, "Guardian" Office and 21 Newmarket Street, Consett, price 1/ or post free for 1/2 in stamps. It should be in the hands of every resident.

## Late Advertisements.

WANTED, a Strong Woman, not less than 30 years of age, as GENERAL SERVANT at the Consett Iron Co.'s Infirmary.—Particulars as to duties, &c., may be obtained from, and applications made to Miss KEENAN, the Matron of the Infirmary.

FOR SALE, Private Treaty, Six Tenantable HOUSES, and Three-stalled STABLE; also, large WAREHOUSE and LONG-ROOM at Annfield Plain.—Apply to R. THOMPSON, Maiden Law, Lanchester.

Preliminary Announcement.

Pawnlees Hall, Wolsingham, near Darlington.

SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Bedding, Books, Glass, China, and Effects; also, Whitechapel, Mare, Two Carts, Saddlery, Plants, about Six Tons of Well-won Hay, Bee-hives and Bees.

W. T. BOWDEN, Auctioneer, Durham, in conjunction with Messrs PERRY and PHILLIPS, of Bridgnorth, are instructed by the Executors of the late Rev. W. G. Wooler, to SELL BY AUCTION on the Premises as above, on Friday, December 14th, 1894, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects.

Sale Offices, Durham and Bridgnorth.

BLACKHILL.

APPROPRIATION MEETING.—On Monday evening the 81st appropriation meeting in connection with the Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society was held in the Sons of Temperance Hall, when the appropriation for £100 fell to the lot of Mr W. Davison.

THE LAX TESTIMONIAL.—A meeting of the representatives of the local committees which were formed to collect subscriptions in aid of the above, was held in the Temperance Hall, Blackhill, on Friday last, J. Annandale Esq presiding. The reports from the various districts showed that Mr Lax's friends had made a most liberal response to the Testimonial Fund, upwards of one hundred pounds having already been collected and it was estimated that further subscriptions were still to come in. There was a general opinion among those present that the testimonial should assume the form of an address and that the balance of the money subscribed should be handed over to Mr Lax. It was also decided to make Mrs Lax the recipient of a suitable present at the same time. A compliment which will, we feel sure, meet with the hearty approval of all who are privileged to know this amiable lady. The presentations will take place in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, on Thursday evening Dec. 20th, after which Mr Lax's friends will entertain him to a banquet at the Commercial Hotel. We understand that the subscription lists will close on Thursday the 29th inst.

EBCHESTER.

Church of England Temperance Society.—The monthly meeting of this society was held in the "Temperance" on Tuesday week, the Rector in the chair. The programme consisted of songs, solos, duets, and a reading rendered by members of the society. The evening's enjoyment was greatly enhanced by the singing of Mrs. Dryden and Mr. Stephenson, Blackhill.

Lecture at Ebchester.—A lecture under the auspices of the Church Pastoral Aid Society was delivered in the schoolroom by the Rev. A. Griffin last week, the rector (Rev. P. Cameron) presiding. The meeting having been opened with praise and prayer, the Chairman, in an appropriate address, introduced the lecturer, who chose as his subject, "Darkest London," which he dealt with in an interesting manner. In depicting some of the cases with which the society had to deal, Mr. Griffin spoke strongly of the need of help and funds to meet the ever increasing demands upon the society.

MEDOMSLEY.

On Monday evening, a conference of representatives of the different rating interests was held in Board Room, Medomsley, with the object of nominating candidates for the Parish Council, and to endeavour, if possible, to so arrange the proportion of representatives in each interest as to avoid the expense that would be incurred by a contested election. There were present—Messrs W. H. Hedley, A. T. Watson, J. H. Morris, W. Cooke, on behalf of the employers' interest; W. Robinson, W. Fenwick, T. Calvert, &c., for the farmers and tradesmen; and — Brown, George, Milligan, Clarke, Hanley, Shearer, G. Armstrong, J. Armstrong, &c., for the miners. Mr Hedley occupied the chair, and after a lengthened discussion as to the appointment of representatives of each interest, it was agreed that there be seven representatives for the employers, farmers, and tradesmen together, and eight for the miners.

BURNOPFIELD.

CONCERT AT THE NEW BOARD SCHOOLS.—On Friday night, the children attending these schools gave their annual entertainment. Owing to an important engagement the chairman (Councillor H. C. Wood) could not open the proceedings, so the entertainment commenced informally. The first part of the programme was miscellaneous, and unmistakable marks of approval were heard on all sides. Owing to the great length of the programme, only one or two re-calls could be allowed, and these only at the expense of cutting out other items. The second part of the programme consisted of the children's cantata, "Queen Revel," which was capitally rendered by the young performers, and was listened to by the large audience with evident delight and astonishment. At the close of the concert the chairman highly eulogised the performance and the performers, and called upon the audience to accord a hearty vote of thanks to the children and to the teachers, who must have spent many patient hours in training the young ones to such perfection. Mr W. Braidford, jun., seconded the vote. This was responded to in a hearty manner, and a most successful and enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the "National Anthem." We understand that the entertainment will be repeated at no distant date, as many people were unable to gain admission.

WOLSINGHAM.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—Miss Brayshaw, instructress under the Durham County Council, concluded a most successful course of cookery classes on Friday evening. The classes have been held in the Baptist schoolroom, and 130 students attended. A ladies' committee, including the following, admirably carried out the whole of the arrangements:—Mrs Snowdon, president; Mrs Batty, vice-president; Miss Hamilton, treasurer; Miss Hewitson, secretary; Mrs Douglas, Mrs Wiadle, and Miss Hambiyn, committee. At the conclusion of the course the whole of the students attended for the purpose of presenting Miss Brayshaw with a handsome gold bracelet as a token of their appreciation of her services. Mrs Snowdon made the presentation, and Miss Brayshaw suitably responded. Mr J. A. Snowdon, president of the Wolsingham Science and Art and Technical Education Committee, and other gentlemen were present.

WEARDALE.

Mr. Wm. Tweddle, reporter, Stanhope, read a paper on Thursday evening at the Frosterley Men's Bible Class on "Ferns and Fern Culture." Mr. R. Moffat presided. The essayist was thanked for his interesting paper.

Shocking Fatality to a Miner.—While at work in Grove Heads Ironstone Mine, the property of the Weardale Iron Company, a miner named Thos. Hodgson was buried by the fall from the roof of the mine. Speedy help was given, and the poor fellow extracted from the debris. His skull was severely crushed, and he died shortly after. Deceased was a Primitive Methodist local preacher, was one of the deputation to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners anent the making of the new railway, and was well known as the secretary of the miners. He leaves a widow and one child.

Inquest.—At Wearhead, on Saturday, an inquest was held by Deputy-Coroner Badcock on Thomas Hodgson, who was killed in the "Carricks" Mine. Mr. Plummer, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, was present; and evidence was given by Joseph Harrison, Wearhead; John Byers, Ireshope Plains; and Thomas Wilkinson, overman, St. John's Chapel.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

EDMUNDBYERS.

CONCERT.—Last Saturday night, a large and enthusiastic audience assembled in the Board School, in anticipation of a musical treat, which had been looked forward to for some time past, and seldom, if ever, has better talent been provided. Nor were they disappointed as the bill of fare was a long and attractive one, and the artistes:—Madame Marie Bellas, Mrs D. S. Majoribanks, Mr S. R. Heenan, Mr George Egglestone, Mr C. E. Featherstonehaugh, Mr Henderson, and Mr Stewart (Newcastle) performed their parts with great ability to a delighted audience. Mr John Bell, of Stanhope, presided ably at the piano, and his accompaniment left nothing to be desired. The concert was a great success in every way.

WEST STANLEY.

Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society.—The usual weekly meeting of the above society was held in the vestry on Monday night, when impromptu speeches were delivered by all present, and a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent. The president, Mr. L. W. Rown, was in the chair.

WESTWOOD.

Death of Mr. Robert Scott.—We regret to announce the sudden death of Robert Scott, of Low Westwood, on Wednesday sen'night from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Scott had been employed at Westwood pit from boyhood, and had charge of the underground haulage system for a period of ten years. He possessed a singular devotion to duty rarely met with, in addition to this he was endowed with a good knowledge of mechanics and remarkable tact, which made him a most valuable servant to his employers. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the large concourse of people that followed his remains to the grave, on Sunday. The order of the procession was as follows:—Westwood Brass Band, which played the "Dead March in Saul." Members of "The Pride of the Derwent" and "Rose of the Valley" Lodges of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, next came the drivers and other boys employed in the pit who had been closely connected with the deceased at his work, and then the hearse, which was followed by his sorrowing friends, and about 2,500 of the general public. As the solemn cortege passed through Low Westwood the inhabitants showed their respect to the deceased by lowering their blinds. A beautiful wreath with a suitable inscription subscribed for by the drivers was placed on the grave, as well as one by the Ebchester Rowing Club. He was interred in Ebchester Churchyard. The Rev. Peter Cameron conducted the service both in the church and at the grave-side. The deceased leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

STANHOPE.

WEDDING.—There was a large attendance at the Wesleyan Chapel, Stanhope, on Wednesday, to witness the marriage ceremony of Miss Proud, of Stanhope House, to the Rev Wm. Wallace, of Cardiff (Wesleyan Minister). The Rev Mr Glover, a former minister in Weardale, but now of Goole, tied the nuptial knot, and he was assisted by the Rev S. Cooper. Mr J. Bell played the "Wedding March." Mr R. Ward was also present with the chapel choir, and took part in the service, which was choral. The happy couple left the church amid showers of rice, and later in the day left for Edinburgh to spend their honeymoon. The wedding presents were numerous and costly. The bridesmaids were Miss Vasey and Miss Wallace, both of Stanhope. The bride was very popular, and the good wishes for her welfare were mingled with regret at her departure

LANCHESTER.

CRICKET CLUB.—On Friday evening, the members of this club held a supper and dance in the Lanchester National School-room, in aid of the funds of the club, which proved quite a success.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

WESLEYAN METHODIST MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—This society held their social on Monday night, as a commencement for the session, when an excellent programme was rendered. Refreshments were served at intervals. A vote of thanks to the various friends brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

SOUTH MOOR.

CRICKET CLUB.—The annual supper in connection with this club was held at the house of Mrs Dixon, on Saturday night, when a good number of cricketers and friends turned up to do justice to the good thing provided. After the cloths had been removed, the company adjourned to the smoke room, when Mr W. Welsh, president, occupied the chair. The secretary, Mr T. Welsh, read the annual report, which stated that they had played 16 matches, won 9 and lost 7. Mr J. Bennett took highest honours for batting, and Mr H. Joyce for bowling.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

In our report of a concert at Victoria Garesfield, on Nov 10 h, in last week's issue, we omitted the name of Master W. Graham, who played two violin solos in a manner which reflected great credit upon himself and his teacher.

SOUTH MOOR.

Grand Operetta.—On Saturday night a grand operetta entitled "The Musical Village" was given in the Infants School-room South Moor, by the Sunday-School scholars connected with South Moor Primitive Methodist Society under the leadership of Mr. M. Robinson, supported by the string band. There was a good company present, and the whole of the performance was gone through in a very creditable manner. About £10 was taken, and this together, with other entertainments to be given at various places, will go towards the Building Fund. The next performance is to be at Annfield Plain.

HILL TOP YEARLY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting and supper of the Hill Top Yearly Society was held at the village hostelry on Tuesday evening. The club is an old established one and the annual gathering is one of its most pleasing features. The number present on Tuesday night was slightly over the average, 40 members and friends sitting down to a very excellent spread. Every credit is due to the worthy hostess (Mrs. Waugh) and her daughters for the very satisfactory way in which the supper was served up. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. Henry Morin was voted to the chair. The annual report showed that there had been six deaths amongst the members and their families. The sick list was not a heavy one and a satisfactory dividend of 11/3 per. member was announced. The number of members now on the books is 70. The chairman after congratulating the members on the satisfactory condition of the club alluded to the death of one of their oldest members and officials of the club, Mr. Thos. Carr, of Broad gate. He was one they would all regret that he was no longer with them. The evening was afterwards spent in an harmonious manner.

## CHILDREN'S CONCERT AT WEST STANLEY.

On Wednesday night what proved to be one of the greatest successes in the shape of a concert, took place in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley. The occasion was the second annual concert given by the scholars of West Stanley Board Schools, under the leadership of the head master Mr. R. W. Little. The concert was announced to commence at seven o'clock, but at half-past six, the hall was uncomfortably crowded, and people were standing down the aisles. No more money was then taken and although only about 650 tickets had been sold, there were nearly twice that number in the hall. As the most of these had paid on entering it was clearly seen that in order to give those who had bought tickets a chance of hearing the concert it would have to be repeated. The chairman (Mr. John Green) announced that those who had tickets and could not get seats, (and there were many that had not then arrived) could keep their tickets and Mr. Little would arrange to repeat the concert on the following Wednesday. There was, he said, some misunderstanding relative to the period that prizes were given for regular attendance and good conduct. Many that night might be disappointed at not receiving a prize, but the period that the prizes were given for was from April, 1893 to April, 1894, consequently the attendance for the greater part of this year had nothing to do with these prizes. He might say that the Board had spent something like £25 for prizes for the children. Last year they spent £30. If they by this means raised the attendance 5 per. cent. it meant £100 extra grant for attendance and probable results, so that it would be seen clearly that they were not losing by spending about £25 or a quarter of the extra amount earned by such means. In West Stanley Board Schools it was a singular fact that the most of the prizes went to the lower classes, showing that if the parents were so willed they could very materially increase the number of attendances of the children. The programme was then gone through with much precision, and was highly satisfactory. The infants gave the songs "When babies go to school," "Pretty little zephyrs" in a creditable manner, and also went through the scarf drill. The solos "Bo Peep" and "The flower girl" by Miss E. Ritson were highly satisfactory, notwithstanding that she appeared to be suffering from a slight cold. There were three recitations "The new baby" by E. Fitches; "The music stool" by S. E. Brown; and "Sabbath Bells" by I. Hunter each of which were given in splendid style, the articulation being specially good. The particular hits of the evening were "The dumb bell drill" by the boys, which was encored which it really deserved to be for the manner in which it was executed; solo and chorus "The tinker" in character, by E. Fenwick, which deserved an encore but did not get it; song "Peter Piper" by the children, which had to be repeated; duet in character "Fresh fish" by E. Fenwick, and J. Graham, who appeared with their blue aprons and baskets of fish. The piece which took best was entitled "The tramps" executed by three boys, A. Pascoe, J. Graham, and E. Fenwick who each wore a card labelled lame, blind, deaf and dumb, respectively. After coming to a quiet place these three tramps were evidently in the habit of throwing off their cards and crutches and going in for a right jolly time, at the conclusion of which and after a good sing, they seemed to find out that it was the blind one that was deaf and dumb and "vice versa" so they accordingly must change cards to do the business properly. This piece was entered into heartily, the leading figure being the lad Fenwick who did it to perfection the others being good seconds. A dialogue "The discontented schoolboy" was also executed in good style, the part of "Britannia" executed by E. Armstrong being wonderfully executed for one so young. The other characters were Germany, G. Sanderson; Spain, E. Fenwick; China, Jos. Graham; India, Jos. Ridley; Turkey, R. Sanderson. A musical dialogue by E. Armstrong, I. Walker, S. Temple, and E. Watkins; vocal waltz "The steamers" by the children; and an action song "Little Gypsies" by the girls were also most creditably performed. The remainder of the programme was made up of songs by the children "Gathered once more" "Waves of sound" Evening bells." "If in the dusk of the twilight," and "List! 'tis music stealing." There was also a polka duet by E. Ritson and A. Anderson, and a vocal waltz "The steamers" by the children. Speaking for ourselves we were inclined to think that a good deal of the dancing element could have been dispensed with, without at all spoiling, what was a most creditable and excellent entertainment. The lad Fenwick was a host in himself. As mentioned before this entertainment will be repeated next week, and if people would like seats, our advice is go in good time.

## ACTION AGAINST THE CONSETT WATER COMPANY.

At the Durham County Court, on Tuesday afternoon, before Judge Meynell, George A. Wherley, draper, of Cornsay, sought to recover £40 12s, from the Consett Water Company, damages alleged to have been sustained by him owing to the negligence of the company.—Mr. Greenwell, barrister, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. A. Luck for the defendant company. The case, as opened by Mr. Greenwell, was that about 10 o'clock on June 15 last he was driving home from Lanchester, where he had been attending a Parish Council meeting, to Cornsay. On the way he was passing through the Ford Lane, when his horse stumbled into a trench, which had been dug in the road for the purpose of laying water pipes for the company. It was the duty of the company, when opening up a public road, and, indeed, their only justification, to see that the hole they made and the obstruction they caused were protected during the night by a light. There was no light on the night in question, and the trench ended at a point where there were trees on both sides of the road, so that there was nothing to show that any obstruction was there. Fortunately the plaintiff and the trap were not hurt, but the horse was injured, the flesh on the hind leg being torn to the bone, and it had never been able to work since. they did not, of course, claim for the horse's sufferings.

His Honour The horse is not the plaintiff, I suppose? (Laughter.)

Mr. Greenwell: No, but the sufferings of the horse was one of the reasons of the serious nature of the damage, because it had been unfit for work since, and the plaintiff had been at considerable expense in cartage in consequence. He claimed 8/- a week for 20 weeks in respect of loss of cartage, 9/6 a week for the horse's keep and attendance, 22/- veterinary surgeon's fees, and £22 for depreciation in value of the horse. He had claimed compensation from the contractors who were carrying out the work for the company, but they denied liability. He had offered to go to arbitration, but this was refused, and he brought the present action.

Plaintiff gave evidence in support of his case.

Cross-examined by Mr. Luck: The meeting he attended finished about 6 o'clock. He was in the King's Head for about an hour before he left, and had some liquid refreshment there. It was untrue that he was in the King's Head half an hour after closing time. When he started he drove down the Durham Road instead of taking the Cornsay Road. That was not the result of his mistaking the road, but simply that he drove a friend a short distance down the road to finish a conversation. He never said that he thought the horse shied, nor did he afterwards say that he was uncertain where the accident took place.

Mr. Greenwell: It has been suggested that you were the worse for drink when you drove home, so much so that you did not know the way home, and drove down the Durham Road instead?

Witness: It is utterly untrue—a pure fabrication and a piece of rascality I think.

Who was it you drove along the road?—A very respectable man.

Tell us his name?—It was Mr. Ritson.

The Clerk to the Guardians?—Yes.

Further evidence was given for the plaintiff, and for the defence Mr. Luck said it was useless to deny that there should be a light at the place, and that the place was not well protected. He submitted, however, that the plaintiff had exaggerated all the circumstances, and particularly exaggerated the damages. Evidence was given on behalf of the defendant company.

In the result his Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff for £22 2s.

## DEATH OF MR. THOMAS SIDDELL.

It is a mournful duty this day to record the death of Mr. Thomas Siddell, of Viewfield, Shotley Bridge, which took place at his residence on Friday afternoon last. The deceased who was 78 years of age, was well-known and highly respected in the district and has been generally failing in health for some time, but no serious apprehension was felt by his relatives and friends who saw him almost daily driving out with Mrs. Siddell. On Friday morning last he was out driving accompanied by his wife and returned home to dinner, after which he sat down on an easy chair. Shortly after two o'clock he was observed to be unwell, and aid was at once sought, but before the arrival of medical aid his death took place so quietly and painlessly that he appeared as if asleep.

Deceased figured conspicuously in connection with the northern iron industry during the past decade, and was the oldest servant in the employ of the Consett Iron Company. Originally an ordinary workman of superior intelligence, he rose, by his ability and perseverance, to be manager of the puddling mills when "puddling" and puddlers were the chief factors in the manufacture of iron, and subsequently he became manager of the Consett Tinmill Works, also belonging to the Consett Iron Company—a position he held up to his death. Mr. Siddell was a member of the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration for the Manufactured Iron Trade of the North of England, and displayed great interest in that useful organisation. Mr. Siddell was, moreover, one of the leading public personages in the Consett district, having been during his long and busy career a member of the Consett Local Board, the Lanchester Board of Guardians, Rural Sanitary Authority, School Attendance Committee, Joint Hospital Board, and was up to his death a member of the Benfieldside Local Board. Failing energies, however, prohibited him from attending to his public duties during the past few months. Politically, he was a staunch Liberal, and was during the election campaign of 1885-7 one of the most active and earnest workers for Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P. He also rendered signal service to the party prior to the extension of the county franchise, and was one of the firmest advocates of all progressive legislation. He was for a while a delegate on the North-West Durham Liberal Association. The deceased was a Churchman. He was well-known in iron making circles in the North of England. His son, Mr. Thompson Siddell, is a foreman under the Consett Iron Company.

Mr. Siddell was twice married, his second wife still surviving.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Siddell, took place, on Monday afternoon. Before leaving the residence of deceased, an impressive and appropriate service was conducted by the Rev. A. Baillie, Presbyterian minister, of Blackhill, in which the relatives and personal friends joined, after which the melancholy procession was formed and journeyed towards the Cemetery, accompanied by many of the leading residents of the district, and also by very many of the agents and workmen of the Consett Iron Co. The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Siddell (widow), Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Siddell, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Siddell, and Mr. W. Siddell, West Hartlepool; Mr. Wm. Caultas, Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. R. Walton, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stephenson, Blackhill; Mr. Joseph Westgarth, Blackhill; Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson, Consett, &c. The Consett Iron Company was represented by Messrs. Geo. Ainsworth, Selby Lodge (manager); J. Holliday, Beech Grove, (secretary and commercial manager); T. Hodges, (Newcastle agent); J. Heymer, Benfieldside; R. Park, Blackhill; William Jenkins, Jun., Consett Hall; J. Petherick, E. Kirkhouse, G. T. Hyden, Consett; J. Oliver, Shotley Bridge; F. Walker, Highgate; J. W. Little, Fell House; and A. Russel, Templetown. There were also present, the Rev. Alexander Baillie, Blackhill; Rev. E. W. Jenkins, Highgate; Mr. W. Raw, Mr. James Palliser, Mr. John Moon, Blackhill; Mr. Geo. Richardson, Shotley Bridge; Mr. R. W. Shaw, Leadgate; Mr. Jos. Eltringham, Mr. J. Scott, Rowley; Mr. Geo. Wade, Consett; Mr. J. Dixon, Benfieldside; Mr. J. Routledge, and Mr. T. Swainston, Consett; Mr. Robert Oliver, Blackhill; who has been in the service of the Consett Iron Company nearly 50 years and others. The undermentioned gentlemen represented the North of England Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, of which the deceased was an active member: Messrs. W. Whitwell, Thornaby (president of the Board); Douglas Upton, (Stockton Malleable Iron Company); James Davis, (Messrs. John Spencer and Sons, Newburn); Thomas Black, Jun., Spennymoor (Weardale Iron and Coal Company, Limited); J. B. Winpenny, Middlesbrough (Employers' secretary); James Cox, Darlington (vice-president of the Board); C. Parnaby, Consett; and Henry Lodge, Consett Tin Mill Works. There was likewise a large following of friends and workmen.

The coffin, a handsome one, of polished oak, with brass mountings bore a simple inscription. The service both in the cemetery chapel and graveside was conducted by the Rev. T. J. Storey, M.A., vicar of St. Aidan's, Blackhill.

The undertaker was Mr. Joseph Eltringham, of Blackhill, who superintended the arrangements, while the excellent hearse and mourning coaches were supplied by Mr. George J. Christopher, of Blackhill.

## THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT DIPTON.

### POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

On Monday at the Consett Petty Sessions before Coun James Annandale, W. B. Van Haansbergen, and J. T. Potts Esqs, an old man named William Richardson, of Dipton, was placed in the dock on a charge of attempted suicide at Dipton on the 29th of October.

John Richardson, miner, averred that he lived at Dipton, near to defendant's house On Monday morning, October 29th about two o'clock he was called out of his own house to go to his father's residence where he found the defendant on his hands and knees on the mat near the fireside. He saw blood running from his throat, He put a cloth round his neck after he found that his throat was cut. Witness asked him what he had done that for. Defendant replied "I could not bide it." The razor (produced) was lying on the table close to him. He sent for Dr Hedley and Sergt Thornton. The same day defendant was conveyed to the Newcastle Infirmary.

Dr Arthur Hedley, M.B. B.S., of Dipton, averred that he was called at 2·15 a.m. on Monday Oct. 29th to go and see defendant. He found him kneeling on the hearthrug with his head hanging down, and one of his sons holding a handkerchief round his father's neck. There was a considerable quantity of blood on the floor and on his shirt. He examined the wound and found it to be about four inches long, extending transversely across the middle line of the neck, and being sufficiently deep to lay open the windpipe. The wound was serious owing to haemorrhage and injury to windpipe. Had it been a little deeper at either extremity the large vessels of the neck would have been injured and a fatal result would have followed. He dressed the wound and had him conveyed to the Newcastle Royal Infirmary as soon as possible.

Sergt. Thornton attested that he was called to the house and found defendant suffering from a large wound in the throat. He found the razor (produced) lying on the table, and it was covered with blood. He charged the defendant the same day with attempting to commit suicide. Defendant replied "I couldn't stand it any longer, it is all in my head."

In answer to the chairman the officer said defendant had only returned from the Newcastle Infirmary that morning.

Defendant, in answer to the charge, said that he was very sorry for what he had done. He had been out of work three months, and had failed to find something to do. This had accordingly preyed on his mind.

The Chairman: Has there been some family grievance.

The Doctor: I believe so; but what it is I could not say.

The Bench, after a short consultation, dismissed the charge on the friends promising to look after defendant in the future.

## PRUDHOE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting in connection with the Prudhoe Liberal Association was held on Monday evening in the Free Church Schoolroom at that place. Mr W. C. B. Beaumont, candidate for the division, presided over a large attendance. The Chairman expressed his regret on announcing that Mr Robertson, the secretary, was ill and unable to attend. His annual report was read by Mr Michael Dodd. In it the committee regretted the decision of Mr Macinnes to retire at the next election, but while expressing that they congratulated the electors on having secured, as his successor, a scion of a house which has done so much for Liberalism in the past, and one who they were sure would tread in Mr Macinnes's footsteps should he be elected. (Applause.) The report referred with satisfaction to the passing of the Parish Councils Act, and went on to say they had held some meetings during the summer, but it was the intention of the association to commence vigorous propaganda work during the winter of which this meeting was the beginning. The funds were satisfactory and the income during the past year has been the largest they had had in any one year since the association was started. The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr J. Knox Lyall was re-elected president, and the remainder of all the other officials and the delegates to the Durham divisional committee was confirmed.

The CHAIRMAN, after formal business had been disposed of, congratulated the association on the satisfactory nature of the report, and said he hope that all local Liberal Associations would be able to show such a record of good work done. He felt very much flattered that they had asked him to visit Prudhoe again so soon after he had addressed them there, and he took it as a great honour to be asked to preside over that meeting. It was important that such associations as theirs should meet every year in order that they might keep in touch with current politics, and the present was a very opportune moment for them to be called together. The floodgates had been opened, and they had had a great deal of good, bad, and indifferent, in the immediate neighbourhood of Newcastle. The Tories had been making a large [illegible], and had sent down no less a person than the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, who had been backed up by some of the great men of the party. On the Liberal side they had had some very distinct and clear statements of the proposals of the Ministry. They had had a negative programme by the Tory leaders with hints of a social programme for the future, but what that was to contain they did not know. The Liberal party was never at a loss for a programme, because they always wanted to move forward—(applause)—but before they could move forward they must get rid of the great obstacle, the House of Lords. (Applause.) Over and over again the House of Lords had been obstinate, and over and over again it had been made to give way. He could not help but think that it could always be made to give way—it was in the nature of it that it should—but what they wanted was to get rid of this delay in social reforms and social progress. (Applause.) Times had changed a great deal. Since the franchise was extended in 1884 another two million voters had been added to the register. He thought that the people were quite capable of making up their minds on what they really want, and, having so made up their minds they did not want to be hindered by such an institution as the House of Lords. Mr Balfour the other day threw a red herring across the trail by saying that this agitation against the Lords had been got up to hinder the passing of social reforms On the contrary the Liberals were always for such reforms, but it was useless to talk of them when there was such a hindrance as the House of Lords. He next spoke of the Parish Councils Act as one which would live as a monument of Liberalism for years to come It would create that spirit of self-reliance and self-government to which they must look for the true safety of the empire. (Applause.)

Mr MICHAEL DODD then gave an interesting review of the political events of the year, dealing especially with the action of the Lords in destroying the Home Rule, Employers' Liability, and the Evicted Tenants Bills, and the attempts made to mutilate the Parish Councils Act.

At the close hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman and Mr Dodd.

Formation of an Adult Temperance Society for Stanhope.—A public meeting was held in the New Bank Room, on Wednesday sen'night for the formation of an adult temperance society for Stanhope. The Rev. Mr. Broomley, Primitive minister presided. He was also chosen president of the society. The Rev. S. Cooper (Wesleyan minister), and Sergt. Foreman, vice-presidents. Mr. Wm. Tweddle was elected secretary, and Mr. T. Egglestone, treasurer. A committee of 12 were also appointed which included Messrs. T. Philipson, W. Burns, J. Carr, R. Riedly, T. Coulthard, P.C. Fairley, O. Wearmouth, J. Ashbridge, J. G. Wales, T. Newton, T. Kidd, and W. Sinclair.

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## VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

The exhibition in connection with this Society still continues to be largely attended. The council have decided to keep it open one or two more days. On Thursday evening last a very instructive and interesting lecture was delivered by the Hon J. G. P. Vereker on "The Cell as the Foundation of Life." The lecturer pointed out that although there are limits to our knowledge of what life is, yet we can trace its processes of action to the point where it commences as one cell, but beyond this we cannot go. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, showing how cells divide and sub-divide until organic structures of vegetable and animal forms are built up. The chemical composition of cells was explained, showing how they are composed, among other things of starch and sugar. It was pointed out that organic matter is largely composed of unstable components, and that when the sustaining principles of life is removed their elements at once commence to decompose. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was heartily accorded. There was a very large attendance on Saturday evening, when an excellent ama eur concert was rendered by friends from Newcastle, Gateshead, Barcus Close, and other places. Lectures on Safety Lamps still continue to be given at intervals by Mr Allen, of Dipton.

## STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday 16 fat cattle, 139 fat sheep, 4 cows, 3 stirks, 5 calves, 28 pigs, 1 horse, about 50 head of poultry, patent blocks, and other miscellaneous lots. Fat cattle to £19 15s—top, Derwent Flour Mill; cows to £19 10s—top, Rev J. St. Clere Hick. Young sheep to 47s 6d—top, Mr Wm. Potts; 45s 6d, Mr Wm. Dixon; 44s, Mr R. Gledson; 45s, S. Brewis, Scotch wedders, 35s 6d, Jos. Teasdale; Scotch ewes, 28s. Teasdale; hogge, 33s 6d, Derwent Flour Mill; 33s, Messrs Cowen; 33s, M. Thompson. Pigs, 13s to 36s. Calves, 6s to 20s Geese, 8s each; poultry, 8d to 1s 6d. Horse, £5 5s. Harness, 10s to 53s 6d per set. A good company was present, and a fairly good selling mart was experienced for all classes of stock with the exception of small pigs, for which there is not much demand.

LANCHESTER.—Messrs Green and Dowson had forward on Monday, 9 cows and heifers, 5 calves, 11 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 96 fat sheep and lambs, and 9 pigs. Cows made from £9 2s 6d to £13; calves to 10s; fat cattle—top, Delves Lane, £15; West Belsay, £11 2s 6d; Dene House, £11; Colepike, £9 10s; fat sheep—top, 42s; average 40s a head from West Belsay; lambs—top, Low Bradley, 32s; Maiden Hall, 29s 6d; mule keeping lambs, 21s 6d. Trade was better for all classes of stock. Next sale on Monday 3rd of December. Christmas show on December 12th.

TOW LAW.—On Monday Mr Vickers had forward 46 dairy cows and heifers, 28 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 6 calves, 180 fat sheep and hoggs. Cows made up to £18 5s, fat cattle to £15 10s, store cattle to 85s. Fat mule ewes to 37s 6d—top, Mr A. Ostes, Greenwell Wolsingham; fat mule lambs to 33s 9d—top, Mr Jacob Lowes, Steeley, Satley; fat black-faced ewes to 25s 6d—top, Mr Thos Robinson, Shieldash, Stanhope; black faced wethers to 29s 6d—top, Mr G. Atkinson, Carp Shield, Muggleswick.

## GATESHEAD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

### RESULT OF THE POLL.

The result of the Gateshead School Board contest was made known on Tuesday afternoon about three o'clock. Much interest was evinced in the event. It was expected that the counting would be over by about one o'clock by a large number of persons who congregated around the Town Hall, but when they were informed that nothing could possibly be known for at least one hour the bulk of them retired to their work, leaving a straggling crowd to await the news. A large number of counters were engaged in the work, but the many voting papers and still more numerous cross-voting, took up a great deal of time, despite the good arrangements made by the Town Clerk.

Shortly before three o'clock the many interested persons who had been permitted to congregate round the door of the room were allowed to go within by the Mayor, to hear the formal declaration, which was as follows:—

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| ELECTED. | |
| Mr Walter Willson (Church) | 12,132 |
| Mr James Ford (Labour) | 11,197 |
| aMr J. Thubron (Unsectarian) | 8,200 |
| aMr G. Rule (Independent) | 7,587 |
| aMr T. Lumsden (Unsectarian) | 7,449 |
| aRev. J. G. Binney (Unsectarian) | 7,321 |
| Mrs Kempthorne (Church) | 7,125 |
| aCanon Eden (Church) | 6,941 |
| aMr R. Affleck (Unsectarian) | 6,607 |
| Rev E. A. Welsh (Church) | 6,459 |
| aCanon Greene (Catholic) | 6,176 |
| NOT ELECTED. | |
| Rev. A. H. Patterson (Church) | 4,811 |
| aMr W. C. Tyrie (Unsectarian) | 4,707 |
| Mr J. Cleary (Labour) | 4,193 |
| Rev. J. A. Kershaw (R.C.) | 4,011 |
| aMiss Connell (Independent) | 3,544 |
| Mr D. Wilkinson (Independent) | 645 |
| Mr R. Nesbitt (Labour) | 407 |

Those marked a were members of the old Board. There were two vacancies on the old Board list, so, it will be seen, that whilst two old members—Mr Tyrie and Miss Connell—have been unseated, the two vacant seats have been captured by new comers. The heading of the poll by Mr Walter Willson, the ex-Mayor, seemed a very popular victory for him; and the Labour men who could afford time to be present in the middle of the afternoon, and they were numerous, seemed equally pleased to hear of Mr Ford's success.

Councillor Walter Willson proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, as presiding officer, and this was seconded by Mr Ford, and supported by Mr Thubron and the Rev Mr Welch. The vote having been carried unanimously, the Mayor responded, paying a high tribute to the arrangements of Mr Swinburne (the Town Clerk) and his staff of counters.

The proceedings then terminated.

## BODY FOUND IN THE TYNE AT BLAYDON.

Whilst walking along the riverside at Blaydon on Sunday morning, some men found the body of a man lying face downwards on the shore near the chemical works. Police-Sergeant Kirkup and P.C. Dunn were shortly afterwards on the scene, and the corpse was removed to the chemical works. The body is that of a man 5ft 7in in height, proportionately built, about 55 or 60 years of age. The hair is grey, and the face almost clean shaven. The clothing is in good condition, and consists of a dark worsted coat, blue-striped trousers and vest, cotton shirt, folded collar, blue and white tie, grey hose, and elastic-sided boots with block fronts. The hat or cap has not yet been found. There was nothing in the pockets that would lead to identification. It is stated that the man was seen at the railway station at eleven o'clock on Saturday night.

### INQUEST AND VERDICT.

On Tuesday morning, at the Terrace Inn, Blaydon, an inquest was held before Coroner John Graham, on the body of Arthur Hoffey, who was found drownd in the Tyne at Blaydon on Sunday. Mary Ann Hoffey, a daughter of deceased, said that she lived at Harley Hill, and that her father resided at 8, John Street, Felling. On Saturday he came to see witness. About three o'clock he left to go home.—Sergeant Kirkup, stationed at Blaydon, said that on Saturday night last about 11 p.m. he saw the deceased beside the Station Hotel. He was then drunk, and as he was getting very noisy, witness told him to go away. He then went up Church Street. Witness saw him no more until Sunday morning, when he was informed of the body being found in the river.—John Riley said he had seen the deceased in the train at Prudhoe on Saturday night about 13 minutes past 6. He then had a return ticket to Newcastle. Witness did not know what reason deceased could have for getting out at Blaydon.—Frank Surrey deposed to finding the body on Sunday morning at the Chemical Works at Blaydon.—The jury returned an open verdict.

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## THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

### Meeting at Burnopfield.

On Wednesday sen'night, a meeting was held in the New Leases Schools, near Burnopfield. There was a fair attendance presided over by Mr. W. Braidford, colliery manager, Lintz Green.—Addresses were delivered on the Parish Councils Act by Councillors H. C. Wood, Burnhopefield, and W. H. Patterson, Durham.

### BURNOPFIELD.

A similar meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield, on Tuesday sen'night, which was largely attended. When addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Johnson, treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association, and Councillor J. W. Winter, Leadgate.

### URBAN POWERS WANTED FOR DIPTON.

On Wednesday sen'night, an adjourned ratepayers' meeting was held at Dipton, for the purpose of electing a committee to act in conjunction with similar committees already elected by the Kyo and Greencroft townships, in seeking urban powers for the three townships. Mr. J. W. Taylor, Dipton, presided over a representative gathering. The following committee was accordingly elected:—Messrs J. W. Taylor, Jos. G. Taylor, W. Johnson, J. Coulthard, B. Scanlon, Geo. Murray, D. Male, E. Wilkinson, T. Gatiss, T. Laverick, Thos. Clark, J. A. Castle, W. Pigg, and M. Johnson.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The Archdeacon of Westminster (Archdeacon Farrar) preached on Sunday in Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in aid of the new organ fund. The collection in the morning amounted to £62 4s 7d, and in the evening to £47 5s 10d—total, £109 10s 5d. Archdeacon Farrar lectured in Olympia on Monday evening, on "Early Christian Art."

THE TYNEMOUTH TRAGEDY.—At Newcastle Assizes, on Monday, a soldier, named *Samuel George Emery*, aged 29, was found guilty of the wilful murder of Mary Anne Marshall at Tynemouth last July. Prisoner and deceased, who was aged 17, were sweethearts, but quarrelled, and in a fit of jealousy Emery cut the girl's throat. He was sentenced to death.

The Earl of Rosebery received, on Tuesday evening, in Downing Street, a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress on the subject of State payment of members of Parliament and payment of official election expenses out of the public funds. Among the speakers in support of these points were Mr S. Woods, M.P., Mr John Burns, M.P.; Mr H. Broadhurst, M.P.; and Mr J. H. Wilson, M.P. Lord Rosebery said the settlement of these were questions of both time and money. The best constitutional authorities held that a Bill would be required for the purpose, and the Government were already pledged to a very full programme. He, however, promised that at the meeting of the Cabinet, on the following day (Wednesday) he would report to his colleagues the views of the deputation, and those views would be duly considered when they came to shape definitely the programme for the coming year.

Mr Thomas Burt, M.P., on Tuesday evening addressed a meeting of his constituents in the Co-operative Hall, Bedlington Station, and in a speech of an hour's duration dealt exclusively with the question of the hours of labour. Afterwards resolutions in favour of the abolition of the House of Lords, and of confidence in the present Government and Mr Burt as their member, were unanimously carried

## Volunteer Intelligence.

### 5TH VOLUNTEER BATTALION DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

The corps of volunteers commanded by Colonel John A. Cowen, V.D., has made highly satisfactory progress both as regards numbers and efficiency during the past official year, the returns for which have just been issued by the adjutant, Captain C. H. L. James, 5th Fusiliers The headquarters are at Gateshead, where there are four companies, and there are also four companies at South Shields, one at Blaydon, and two at Winlaton. The authorised establishment is 1,106 of all ranks, including the permanent staff; and there are 917 members enrolled, an increase of 94 during the year. The efficients comprise 28 officers, 67 sergeants, 18 buglers, and 774 rank and file, making 880 in all, and there are 37 non-efficients, viz., 4 officers, 1 sergeant, and 32 men. Compared with the returns for the previous year, there is a gain of 77 efficients, and 17 non-efficients. Certificates of proficiency are held by 23 officers and 56 sergeants. Major W. B. Proctor, V.D., has passed the senior examination in tactics, and Captains (honorary majors) J. A. Romler, and J. A. Hunter, and Lieutenant A. Henderson have passed the junior examination in that subject. Major Proctor also holds a certificate in military topography. Lieutenant Henderson was granted a commission in the reserve of officers in September last. The corps has eleven captains, which is the full complement, but there are seven vacant places for subalterns, the number serving being 10 instead of 17.

## Cricket.

### CONSETT AND DISTRICT CLUB.

### RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT.

A special general meeting of the members of this club was held on Saturday night at the Station Hotel, Blackhill, Mr Joseph Eltringham presiding over a large attendance. A letter was read from Dr George Renton, of Consett, resigning the position of president in consequence of the views enunciated by the club and its representatives anent the proposed alterations in the constitution of the Durham Senior League. Dr Renton, who has filled the office of president for a long period, is also acting president of the Durham County Club, and has done perhaps more than any other individual to cultivate cricket in the Consett district. After a protracted discussion it was resolved that a sub-committee should wait upon Dr Renton to ask him to re-consider his decision. A special meeting of the committee was next held to consider the further proposals with reference to the management of the Senior League for 1895. It was agreed that Messrs Joseph Eltringham and W. Ramsay (secretary), should represent the club at the meeting to be held at Durham, and be allowed a free hand in regard to their actions.

### THE DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the representatives of the Durham Senior League Clubs was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham—Dr Geo Renton, of Consett (president), being in the chair. The following clubs were represented:—Norton, South Shields, Stockton, Consett and District, Whitburn, Philadelphia, North Durham, Durham City, Darlington, and Sunderland.—The meeting was for the purpose of considering further circulars addressed to the respective committees relative to the management of the Senior League for the next season.—Mr R. H. Mallet, Darlington (secretary of the Durham County Association) moved: "That in the Senior League in connection with Durham County for 1895, the divisions as heretofore existing be abolished, and that the same be composed of the 12 clubs at present forming the League, or not to exceed 14; and that the club winning the Junior League Challenge Cup shall in future be entitled to be admitted to the Senior League."—This was seconded by Mr T. Crosby (Norton).—After considerable discussion the subjoined amendment was proposed by Mr A. Grundy (Whitburn) and seconded by Mr Toomer (South Shields):—"That the League for 1895 remain as it is at present; that the test matches be done away with, and the championship to be decided by points; and if two clubs are equal, the matter be determined by the highest average runs per wicket, for and against."—On being put to the meeting, 5 voted for the resolution and 5 for the amendment.—The chairman (Dr Renton) gave his casting vote in favour of the original motion, which was declared carried.—This was all the business.

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## DEATH OF MRS. LIDDELL, OF PRUDHOE HALL.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Matthew Liddell, of Prudhoe Hall, Northumberland, which occurred on Saturday night, at her residence. Mrs. Liddell was the widow of the late Mr. Matthew Liddell, formerly of Benton Grange. He purchased Prudhoe Hall some 20 years ago, and took up his residence there with Mrs. Liddell, but died some six or seven years afterwards. His widow continued to reside at the Hall, to which she added greatly, a chapel being opened in connection with it as late as three or four years ago. She and her husband were devout Catholics. Since about the death of her husband's death Mrs. Liddell had been a confirmed invalid, and on Friday last she went for a drive, and contracted a chill. She was medically attended, but inflammation of the lungs set in, to which she rapidly succumbed. Her loss will be a severe one to the neighbourhood, as she was always to the fore in charitable works, and did much for the welfare of the poor of the district. Her remains will, in all probability, be interred beside those of her husband in the mortuary chapel of the sacred edifice which she had just completed.

## IMPORTANT LICENSING PROSECUTION AT LANCHESTER.

### A Landlord Fined.

At the Lanchester Petty Sessions on Thursday, Nov. 15, before Messrs E. W. E. Balleny (presiding) and W. Logan, and Dr. J. Wilson, John Marley, of Esh Lande, was summoned on the charge of that he being a licensed person for the sale of intoxicating liquors, by retail, on his premises there situated, not to be drunk on the premises, and having sold certain intoxicating liquor, to wit, beer, to one John Mahar, was then and there consenting to the said John Mahar, drinking the same liquor on certain premises near to said premises, and belonging to the defendant. Mr. Meynell, Newcastle, defended.

At the outset, Mr. Meynell, took objection to the way the summons had been drawn, which he argued disclosed no offence under the licensing law, and therefore they had no case to answer.

The Bench said they would make a note of the objection, and the case would have to be proceeded with.

After Inspector Daley had opened out the case,—Sergt. Smallwood deposed that on Sunday, 28th Oct. in company with P.C. Johnston, he visited the "off" licensed premises at Esh Lande, generally known as the "Crow's Nest," occupied and owned by the defendant. About two p.m. they were in the field behind the defendant's premises, when John Mahar passed them carrying beer in a half-gallon can, in company with a man named Linskey. They followed the two men into a wooden shed in the field, which was owned by the defendant, and they found Mahar and Linskey, drinking the liquor from the can. There was other seven men in the shed drinking beer from cans, with the names of "Rowe, Marley, and Chambers," stamped on them. About 2.45 p.m. the defendant came into the field, as Mahar, and another man were leaving the shed. The other five men having left the shed before the arrival of the defendant. After all the men had gone away, the defendant, P.C. Johnson, and witness went into the shed, followed shortly after by the defendant's daughter, who gathered up all the cans and glasses that were lying about, and took them away. About 8.30 the same night, witness and P.C. Johnson visited the premises again. They hid themselves in an archway behind one of the houses near the defendant's premises. They witnessed a large number of men going in and out of the cellar, into the field with cans. Shortly after nine o'clock two men came out of the field, and met the defendant close to the cellar door, and whilst they stood talking together, John Mahar came out of the field, went into the cellar and then came out again carrying a can. Mahar passed close to where the defendant and the two men were standing, spoke to them, and then went down the steps into the field. After the defendant and the two men went away, he (witness) along with P.C. Johnson, went down the field, entered the shed, where they found Mahar and other four men sitting drinking. From the cellar to the place where they were concealed it would be about ten yards. The distance from the cellar to the shed was something like 50 yards.

Cross-examined by Mr. Meynell, witness said they saw Mahar come away twice from the cellar with liquor. On one occasion defendant was standing at the door.

By the Inspector: The defendant did speak to Mahar when he was coming away from the cellar.

P.C. Johnson corroborated, and stated that the cans, glasses, &c., were all lying about the shed.

In answer to Mr. Meynell witness said the first time they saw Mahar defendant was not present.

By the Inspector: The tin cans were different sizes; and there were several glasses.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Grainger): There men must have been having a proper "boose."

The Inspector: Yes? This has been a regular occurrence, and it is a proper nuisance. When the summons was served on Marley he said if he had been warned, he would have desisted the practice.

Mr. Meynell argued that there was no case to answer, according to the evidence tendered. They had to prove that this field was in their absolute possession, and this had not been done. There was nothing forthcoming to prove that the premises were under his control.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. Grainger.) There is an admission.

Mr. Meynell, continuing, said there was not, by the defendant saying if he had been told he was committing a breach of the licensing law, he would have desisted the practice. Now then what he had to state was that the field was sublet to a man named Towns. They did not deny that drink was sold to Mahar, but the liquor was consumed off the premises. The beer was drunk in the shed, which belonged to Towns. Defendant had been a licensed holder for 14 years, and there was nothing against him. He failed to see where the police had a case in this instance. The men got the drink and it was absolutely immaterial to them, where they drink the same, as long as they did not consume it on premises in their possession. They could not stop the men from going to the shed: but Towns could do so. There was no breach of the licensing law by what the defendant had done, and he would ask the Bench to dismiss the case.

Mr. Towns adduced that he was the tenant of the field behind defendant's house, and had held the same for the last 12 years. There was also a shed in the field where he allowed the men to go and drink, and enjoy themselves. The men had permission to use the shed. He received no benefit from defendant for doing this. He rented the field from Canon Thompson.

By the Inspector: He allowed the men to go into the field ever since he got possession of the same—both summer and winter. He could not give the number of people that went into the shed. He got no remuneration from defendant for doing so. The police might be able to give the number of people that patronised the shed. He never thought they damaged his field. The shed had never been locked up by him. It was not true that the shed had only been opened to these men since Mr. Marley came to the house.

In answer to Mr. Meynell: Witness said he had never instituted proceedings against the men for trespassing.

By the Bench: The field consisted of two acres, and the rental was £4 per year.

The Chairman: It is a most reasonable rent.

Mr. Towns: It is quite plenty.

Defendant, sworn, stated that he had occupied this house five weeks. The police had never complained about the drinking in the field, and they had never found fault in anyway.

He had no arrangements with Mr. Towns. He considered that there was no harm in the men consuming the liquor in the shed. He told the policeman that if he was doing wrong he would take steps to have the practice stopped.

By the Inspector: He rembered being with the police in the shed. The cans &c. belonged to him. He had no right in the shed. He was the owner of the licensed premises the field and the shed. The two latter were let to Mr. Towns.

The Magistrates, after a short consultation, considered the case proved, and fined defendant £1 and costs; the license not to be endorsed.

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## OR, WHICH GIRL DID HE MARRY?

### A LEGEND OF TWO CONSETT GIRLS

BY SKIPP BORLASE,

Author of "Darker than Death," "Riches to Ruin" "An Ocean Secret," "Recalled to Life," "Who Killed John Cameron?" "The Police Minister" "For True Love's Sake," &c., &c.

### CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

Further Terrible Experiences at the King's Lodgings.

The Reverend Dick Bellos was, to use a modern slang expression, "all there," when old John broke in upon him, just as he was having his final pipe and glass of grog before going to bed; for anything in the shape of a hunt was exactly to the parson's tastes, and though he would doubtless have preferred the prospect if unearthing a fox, as being an animal calculated in every way to afford better sport than a girl, yet, to him, even poor sport was better than no sport, and he had a kind heart in addition, and so was ever ready to do a good turn to his fellow creatures.

The result was that he woke up his man servant, and sent him off to rouse up the sexton and the clerk, observing naively the while that "it was as well to have all the searchers connected with the church, in some way or other, as ghosts would naturally have a greater respect for them than for other folks; perhaps for the sexton especially, as being a kind of connecting link between this world and the next."

Having thus expressed himself he bade old John be silent, and dilligently set himself to study the "Order" for the laying of evil spirits, hobgoblins, and spectres; which fully occupied him until the volunteers, or rather the pressed men had all arrived, the clerk with a big Bible under his arm, and a scrap of palm (saved from last Palm Sunday) in his waistcoat pocket, whilst the sexton shouldered a spade, perhaps as being more in his line, or, perchance, under the impression that when the parson had laid all the ghosts in the King's Lodgings, he would be called upon to bury them.

As for the servant man, he had tucked his master's heavy ebony boot-jack under his arm, which looked to be a very fitting instrument to manufacture a ghost out of a living man with but scarcely adapted to turn an actual ghost into anything either better or worse.

Old John Radcliffe, who believed in no spirits whatever, except rum, gin, Hollands, and brandy, would have pooh-poohed all these preliminaries but for fear of giving the parson offence; yet he nevertheless, insisted that plenty of candles and a good length of rope should be taken in addition.

Well, the entire party presently set out, and traversing the by this time utterly deserted thoroughfare, at last reached the ancient house, where, finding the front door as firmly fastened as it had ever been, Parson Dick volunteered to go round to get the key from Jim Nuttall, the caretaker, and presently returned in Jim's company, who, upon learning, or rather getting, an inkling of what was up, had insisted upon being one of the party.

He had reasons for this, as the reader will learn anon.

He now let the entire party into the house, and, strong in numbers, their courage grew strong also in the presence of the parson, so, lighting their candles, a thorough search of the premises was made from cellar to attic, but nothing found save another candle, a common dip, which three mice were busily supping on, though they ran under the skirting board, with shrill little squals, when disturbed.

The once secret chamber, with its reputed bottomless pit yawning like a Brobdignagian rat hole at one end of it, was at last entered, and shudderingly inspected.

Perhaps the searchers had left it until last hoping that they wouldn't have to visit it at all.

'Twas by this time evident, however, that if the missing girl was in the building at all, she must be at the bottom of this yawning gulf, which, bearing in mind the character that the old mansion had for so long borne, looked as though it led down into hell itself.

To test its depths the rope was let down into it, but although 'twas of a good length, no bottom seemed to be reached even when it was entirely paid out.

The sexton was next instructed to get a loose stone out of a neighbouring fireplace with his spade, in order to drop it down the abyss, in the hope of obtaining some idea of its depth by the sound that it made in its descent.

When it was thrown down, it made a frightful noise indeed, but it seemed to be that of a hopping rather than of a falling mass, and Jim Nuttall thereupon exclaimed:

"It goes of a steep slope instead of sheer down like a well; and there's maybe a bottom to it after all, for the stone has come seemingly to a sudden stop. Give me a double turn of the rope around my body, under the arm-pit, and tail on, all of you, to the other end, and I'll be let down with a lighted candle in my hand. If I yell out haul me quickly up again, for it may be full of foul air, and that'll rob a man of his life in next to no time, if he's let stop in it. But so long as my candle will burn, it'll be all right.

Well, he was lowered down into the hole, and almost at once lost to sight.

That fact alone showed that the abyss wasn't quite perpendicular, or else his candle would still have been visible.

Everyone listened, however, with bated breath, to hear his voice come up out of the gulf, and everyone felt much relieved when it presently did, though it only shouted out, in gasping, and apparently choking tones, "Haul up!" "Haul up!"

Those who heard the words tailed on to the end of the rope with a will, and presently had the bold adventurer up out of the pit, and on to the floor, looking very red, trembling all over, and struggling hard, as it seemed, to get back his breath.

It had been observed, even whilst pulling him up, that his candle had unmistakably gone out, and the murmur now went round of "Foul air."

Jim Nuttall, as soon as ever he seemed able to answer questions, was plied with them thick and fast, especially by the now almost maddened father; but the pith of his replies was to the effect that "the air down the hole wasn't such as any human being could breathe and live: that it didn't seem to him as though he had been lowered a quarter of the way to the bottom; that there were sharp, jagged, outward jutting rocks, which would cut any rope in two that was dropped down much further; and that there was a red glow, like fire, coming, as it appeared to him, from miles lower down;" after which astounding statement he hazarded the awful suggestion that the dreadful chasm perhaps led down into hell itself, and that if so 'twas little wonder that devils, goblins, and ghosts had been accustomed to come up it, whenever they got the chance, in order to cool themselves, and take a peep at a pleasanter world than their own, out of the old house's windows.

The reader, knowing all about the subterranean, will, of course, be thoroughly aware that Jim Nuttal was telling a tissue of the most extravagant lies, but his listeners never suspected anything of the kind, for the age was such a superstitious one that even a much more extraordinary collection of falsehoods would have been readily swallowed, more especially when told amongst such dismal surroundings; and yet, come to think of it, was it after all a more grossly credulous age than the present one, for, not more than twelve or fourteen months ago, the author of this tale heard the statement gravely made, and beheld it as gravely credited, amongst a party of educated and presumably intellectual people, that both Miss Braddon and Wilkie Collins wrote their novels under spirit influence and guidance, and he was assured that if he would come on certain nights to a certain lady's house, who was one of the assembled company, and held a regular bi-weekly seance, the disembodied spirit of either Dickens or Bulwer Lytton would very probably help him on, both by plot and diction, to affluence and fame. The assertion was neither challenged or even laughed at, and was just as palpably believed. He fears that the readers of his tales will be able to discover for themselves that he either failed to accept the invitation, or that the distinguished shades failed to afford him their assistance.

The effect of Jim Nuttall's dischourse was that poor Mr. Radcliffe, affected, doubtless, also by the previous horrors and excitements of that eventful evening, went suddenly to all appearance raving mad, and saw devils moping, grinning, and dancing around him of every conceivable shape and colour, and commenced to scream out that they were trying to drag him into and down the hole; the fact being that delirum tremens, or, as it is more commonly and far more forcibly called, "The Horrors," had seized upon him for its prey; and which everybody now knows is a disease produced by long and hard drinking, and that under its influence the victim sees the most awful and terrific of imaginary shapes all around him.

The old man's shrieks of terror and of horror, however, came as an appropriate climax to Jim Nuttal's tale, and produced a rapid and general stampede out of the King's Lodgings; even Parson Dick, the redoubted victor over Satan and layer of evil spirits, proving, in this moment of severe trial, just as big a coward as the rest.

Rope, candles, flint and steel, and nearly everything else that had been brought there, was left behind, and when the last man had apparently issued forth from the gloomy old pile, the lock was heard to scroop as the key was turned in the outer door behind them, by an unseen hand, and then a peal of chuckling. Satanic sounding laughter came forth through the big key-hole, which caused the rearmost of the retreating party to hurry foward and quickly become its van.

No one observed that Jim Nuttall was no longer with them, and had they done so they would no doubt have come to the conclusion that Old Nick had got him past all chance of rescue, and that, consequently, it would be the wisest and the safest plan to let him be.

So Mr. Radcliffe was conveyed by Parson Dick and his servant man back to the Old Hall; whilst the parish clerk and the grave digger, in default of finding a public house open, started off to their respective homes, wondering all the way what the world would be coming to.

As for Mrs. Radcliffe, she was almost as much shocked at the condition in which her husband was brought home to her as she was by the tale to which she had to listen concerning the probable fate of her daughter; but this was, in the main, because she did not believe that tale, owing to her instinct rather than her reason telling her that it was not true; but then, instinct is a very strong feature in a woman's nature, and oftens strikes straight at the truth, far quicker than the wisdom of the sage.

Then Parson Dick, in turn, had to hear all about the burglary that had been perpetrated by Halcamus Greenwood, with its evident designs and its disastrous result; but the worthy divine declared that armed burglars couldn't expect and didn't deserve any better fate, and that she needn't be afraid of her husband getting into any trouble over that matter; whilst, as for the rest, he and his man would sit up with him all night, and in the morning he would doubtless be better.

(To be Continued.)

## HOME MARKETS.

### CORN.

Newcastle, Tuesday.—Wheat was held for 6d per quarter advance, which checked business, and little was therefore done. Maize scarce, and held for 6d to 1s more money. Scotch oats steady at last week's rates; foreign unchanged. Beans and Peas scarce and dear. Barley firm at late rates. Flour in fair demand at rather over last week's prices.

### FISH.

North Shields, Tuesday.—Thirty boats arrived with a large supply. Large haddocks, 5/6 to 6/9; plaice, 13/- to 15/-; lemon soles, 17/- to 21/- per basket. Halibut, 7/- to 8/- per stone. Real Soles, 1/6 to 1/8; turbot, 8d to 9d; brill, 4d to 6d per lb. Cod, 1/6 to 3/6; ling, 2/6 to 5/6; skate, 2/- to 4/- each

### CATTLE.

Newcastle, Tuesday.—The number of cattle shown on Tuesday showed the slight decrease of 31 head. The quality and condition were not beyond an average for the season of the year, although there were several pens of stall-feds. Business was fairly active for choice qualities, prices being fairly steady and fully as dear as last week. Secondary and inferior sorts were only a slow trade at prices similar to those current last week; but a fair good clearance had been made at the close of the market. Sheep showed an increase of 1,568 head on last week's numbers. A steady trade prevailed at the opening, especially for choice light-weights, and previous quotations were well maintained. But ewes and the rougher sorts had a tendency to favour the buyers, but not to any quotable extent. There was a fair demand for the Southern markets, and there were two men buying for London slaughtering, each taking fair sized lots, and a fair good clearance was the result. Calves were a small show. Prime sorts were scarce, and very dear. Pigs showed a decrease of 239 head. Trade was again slow, and prices irregular, but a better clearance was reported. The arrivals from a distance since last Tuesday consisted of 136 cattle, 25 sheep, and 394 pigs from Aberdeen and district; 585 cattle, and 611 pigs from Ireland. Total numbers shown:—Cattle, 2,043; sheep, 7,468; pigs, 1,151; and calves, 34.

### PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

Newcastle Wholesale Fruit and Potato, Tuesday.—There was very little doing in the Green Market, only a limited number of buyers putting in an appearance. Direct foreign arrivals were only light, as will be noticed from the following—From Rotterdam the John Ormston brought 695 bags of onions, 588 bags of carrots, and 541 barrels of apples. From Ghent the Busy Bee landed 2,537 barrels of apples and 195 barrels of pears. The Admiral from Hamburg discharged 800 bags of onions. From Seville the Amethyst brought some 2,000 boxes of oranges (sweets). The onion trade continues in the same stagnant condition as last reported, demands being slow and principally confined to local requirments. Never before has prices continued so low and as long as they have done this season, and until we have more suitable weather for onion consumption, improved prices can hardly be looked for. With other lines of fruit the supply has generally ruled the prices, but with onions, whether receipts were heavy or light, the same unsatisfactory values have ruled all through the season. Oranges and apples were both good supplies, but moved off only slowly.

Hexham Provisions, Tuesday.—Hares, 3/6 to 4/6; rabbits, 1/3; chickens, 2/3 to 3/-; ducklings, 2/3 to 2/9; hens, 1/3 to 2/- each; grouse, 5/-; black game 5/-; partridge, 3/6; pheasants, 6/- per brace; potatoes, 8d; onions 1/- to 1/6 per stone; Brussels sprouts, 3d; fresh butter, 1/- to 1/2 per lb; eggs, 7 and 8 for a shilling.

### HAY AND STRAW.

Newcastle, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £5 to £6; this years growth, £3 to £4; new land hay, £6 to £7; this years growth, £3 10s to £4 15s per ton; wheat straw, £1 5s to £1 14s; barley straw, 18s to £1; oat straw, 18s to £1 5s per load. At market—112 carts of hay and 45 carts of straw.

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## A CHILD SWALLOWS A SCREW AND DIES AT TANFIELD.

On Friday, Coroner John Graham held an inquest at the Library, Tanfield Lea, on the death of a child named Henry Thomas Waterman aged 2½ years, living with its parents at 7, George Street, Tanfield Lea, who died on the previous day.—From the evidence tendered it appeared that the child was lying on its back on the kitchen floor playing with a screw nail in its mouth. By some means the screw had got fastened in the child's throat during the temporary absence of his mother. Dr Wanderof, West Stanley, was sent for but the child died before this gentleman's arrival.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

## HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

At this age of misrepresentation, confidence has been destroyed, and knowing that Handyside's Consumption Cure is the best thing in the world, I have opened out shops in the principal towns of the Kingdom, and at night they are filled with people who have taken the medicine. Everyone should go and hear the grand name it has earned for the cure of Consumption, Tumours, Lupus, Cancer, Influenza, and eruption on the Skin, Runnings of the Body, and Bright's Disease. When the lungs are eaten away and immediate death has been expected, life has often been preserved for 6 months by taking this Medicine. But when the lungs are eaten away it will not put new lungs in, and no one can live without lungs. This shows the necessity of checking the disease in time. There is no hereditary consumption, but there is hereditary delicacy, and consumption proceeds from delicacy. Therefore all people should take it that are delicate and preserve their lives. It is a common thing to receive letters marked with urgent, and on opening them find the words: "save my child and I will pay you what you like," but if the lungs are half gone, it will only ease the patient but will not cure. The great tribune of the people, John Bright, might have lived yet had he taken this medicine at the early stage of Bright's Disease. For Cancer some has been cured, and shows no signs of returning, and all have received marvellous benefit. There are thirty thousand people die annually of Tumours. I have known a good many people ripped up and operated upon without being cured and have been perfectly restored to health with this medicine. At Sunderland my assistant informs me that he has thirty-two cases of tumoures and he has only failed in one case, which has been of very long standing. Whenever I visit any of my assistents, I five or six times every night draw fifty pounds from my pocket, and ask any patient before hundreds of people, whether they will have the fifty pounds spent on doctors' medicine, or if they will have more of this medicine, and never one has preferred the doctors' medicine yet. I have issued a challenge to all the doctors in the World, and offered to give the person who brings the doctor to accept the challenge a hundred pounds, but no one has been brought yet. I have also offered to take a large building sufficient to accommodate 400 persons, if the doctors will give one half of them their medicine I will give the other half this medicine, and the world will see the result. The way to ascertain the value of this medicine:-Retain the service of your doctor, and take this medicine unknown to him, and when he visits you, you will hear from what he says that you have progressed more under this medicine than any other medicine.

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## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Nov. 15th.—Before E. W. E. Balleny, Esq. (presiding), W. Logan, Esq. and Dr. J. Wilson.

### Assault Case from Quebec.

Caroline Johnson, pleaded guilty to assaulting Margaret Jane Buckler, at Quebec, on the 20th inst.—Complainant attested that defendant struck her on the face, and blacked her eye.—Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

### Wilful Damage to a Wall.

Matt. Gilligan, miner, was prosecuted against for doing wilful damage to a wall to the amount of 1d at the Cement Houses, Annfield Plain, on the 22nd ult.—P.C. Vitty adduced that he saw defendant climb over the wall, which was the property of the South Moor Coal Company.—Defendant admitted his guilt.—The chairman said this practice would have to be stopped, and defendant would be fined 5/-, the damage, and costs.

### Damaging Grass at Shield Row.

Three miners named Henry Buckingham, John Smith, and Thos. Smith, pleaded not guilty to damaging grass to the amount of 1d, the property of the West Shield Row Colliery Company, on the 30th ult.—P.C. Ferguson alleged that he saw the defendants trespassing in the field.—Defendants argued that they were never off the footpath.—The Bench considered the case proved, and fined defendants 5/- each and the damage and costs.

### Pitch and Toss.

John Cranty, Robert Cutter, William Waggott, and Wm. Howe, were charged with playing pitch and toss at Oxhill, on the 4th inst.—The evidence of P.C. Iceton, and Sergt. Willey proved the case.—Defendants were each fined 5/- and costs.

Matthew Babblin, John Herrington, John Landey, George Maddison, Richard Sanderson, William Murphy, Joseph Whitfield, Donald Fraser, James Fitchey, Thos. Herrington, and Luke Dodds, pleaded guilty to a charge of playing at pitch and toss at West Stanley, on the 4th inst.—P.C. Ferguson gave the facts of the case.—The magistrates inflicted a fine of 5/- each and costs.

Another batch of miners Thos. Hepplewhite, William Docherty, John Gouling, Patrick Murray, Thos. Welsh, James York, William Ragan, Thos. Herron, Robert Charlton, and Joseph Evans, were accused by P.C. Lawson with playing at pitch and toss at Shield Row, on the 4th inst.—The usual penalty of 5/- and costs was ordered to be paid by each defendant.

Fourteen other miners named John Dawson, Andrew Coyle, John Oldridge, Henry Davison, Stephen Dixon, John McGowan, Thomas Smith, Hugh Pendleton, John Harvey, John Martin, Wm. Gornham, Thos. Smith, George Applegarth, and Michael Martin, were each fined 5/- and costs, for playing at pitch and toss in the vicinity of Annfield Plain, on the 4th inst.—P.C. Hudson proved the case.

### Mines Regulation Act.

William Saunders, miner, employed at the Beamish Air Pit, was summoned for a breach of the Mines Regulation Act for carrying powder in a cartridge that was not in a secure case.—Mr. Oliver (Durham) prosecuted, and stated that defendant had committed a breach of the general rule 12 of the Act.—James Scott, underground inspector, averred that he went to the defendant's working-place, and inquired if he had a shot box. Defendant replied "yes," and he (witness) accordingly searched his clothes and found a quantity of powder in his coat pocket.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5/- and costs.

George Potter, hewer, pleaded guilty to a charge of striking his lamp with his pick whilst following his employment at the Craghead Colliery on the 30th ult.—Mr. Oliver (Durham) prosecuted.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs.

### Larceny at Tanfield.
### A Heavy Sentence.

Thos. Hennessey, labourer, was brought up and charged with an act of vagrancy by sleeping out at Tanfield Colliery, on the 11th inst, and also with stealing a can, and "bait," on the same date, the property of John Stephenson, labourer, Tanfield Lea.—The evidence of P.C. Wallace was to the effect that he found prisoner sleeping in a cabin on the top of the coke-ovens.—John Stephenson stated that on this particular morning he placed the can (produced) containing tea, and his "bait" in a cabin, and he proceeded to his work. Shortly afterwards he missed the same, and gave information to the police.—He valued the can and bait at 1/-.—P.C. Wallace said when he arrested the prisoner on the charge he made various statements, but never denied stealing the can and bait. On searching him at West Stanley Police Station, he found several keys in his possession, three of which belonged to a Mr. Smith, farmer, Tanfield Lea, and there was one the property of prisoner's father. One of the keys, fitted most of the locks connected with the colliery.—Prisoner pleaded guilty.—The magistrate dismissed the charge of vagrancy, and committed prisoner to goal, for three months with hard labour for the other offence.

### Stealing a Ferret.

Thomas Davison, miner, of Greencroft Cottages, was brought up and charged with stealing a ferret, the property of John Jameson, farmer, of the Rec Farm, West Stanley, on the 13th inst.—Prosecutor attested that on the 12th inst. he fed the ferret and made it secure for the night.—On the following day he missed the animal. He accordingly obtained a search warrant, and in company with P.C.'s Ferguson and Hudson he went to prisoner's house. In a loft over the kitchen he found the ferret, which he valued at 10/-.—P.C. Ferguson stated that on the 13th inst, about 5 p.m., in company with the prosecutor and P.C. Hudson, he went to the residence of prisoner. Davison was not in the house, and he saw Mrs. Davison, who was informed that a ferret had been stolen from prosecutor's farm, and that they had a search warrant for the purpose of searching the house. In a loft over the kitchen, in a box, amongst a quantity of nets the ferret (produced) was found. Later on the same evening, he saw prisoner in Pontop Pit, he told him that he had come to see him about a ferret that was stolen from the prosecutor's farm Prisoner replied "I have no ferrets. Witness then informed him that he had been to his house with a search warrant, and in the loft over the kitchen a ferret had been found which was identified by the prosecutor as his property. He accordingly took prisoner into custody, and charged him with stealing the animal. Prisoner replied "Scotch John bought it at Newcastle, and I am keeping it for him."—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and asked the Bench to pass a lenient sentence for the sake of his wife and family.—The Bench sent prisoner to goal for two months with hard labour.

### UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT WEST STANLEY.

James Oldham, miner, of West Stanley, was brought up and charged with unlawfully wounding Mark Thwaites, mason, and John William Boak, labourer, at West Stanley, on the 8th inst.—Prisoner was undefended.—The prosecuter Thwaites stated that he was employed as a mason at South Moor, and resided with James Herrington, at No 3, Peel Street, West Stanley. On Thursday, Nov. 8th, about 8 p.m. he was in the kitchen when the prisoner came in, and commmenced to quarrel with the landlord, who endeavoured to put prisoner out of the house Prisoner knocked Herrington down, and whilst the latter was on the floor Oldham kicked him. Prosecuter tried to prevent prisoner from continuing his illtreatment towards Herrington, when prisoner struck him several times with his fist. Prisoner then got a shovel, and struck him several blows on the back of the head, inflicting a wound; Dr. Wands came and dressed the same.—The other complainant, Boak, alleged that he lodged in the same house, and went to Herringtons assistance. Prisoner got a shovel and struck Thwaites on the back of the head, knocking him to the ground. Oldham then turned upon him, and dealt him a blow on the forehead with the shovel. Whilst on the ground, prisoner kicked him several times. The wounds were dressed by Dr. Wands. The shovel (produced) was the one used by the prisoner to cause the wounds.—Dr. James Wands, deposed that he was a surgeon, and resided at West Stanley. On Thursday, Nov. 8th about eight p.m. He saw John Wm. Boak, and found him suffering from a recent scalp wound, about two inches in length. It was not a wound of serious importance in itself, and he accordingly dressed the same. The same evening, later on, he examined Thwaites, and found he had a scalp wound on the back part of his head, about one and half inches in length, and of the same character as Boaks. They were both such wounds as would be caused by a blow from a blunt instrument.—P.C. Ferguson averred that on this particular night, from information received, he went to No 3, Peel Street, Stanley, and there saw the two prosecuters. Thwaites was bleeding from a wound on the back of his head, and Boak was suffering from a wound on his forehead. There was a large quantity of blood on the floor, near the fireplace he found the shovel (produced) which was also stained with blood. He apprehended prisoner, and accordingly charged him with unlawfully wounding the two prosecutors. Prisoner made no reply.—The doctor recalled, stated that he did not think the shovel heavy enough to inflict a dangerous wound.—Prisoner, on being charged, made no reply. The Bench committed prisoner to take his trail at the ensuing Durham Assizes.

### He did not Appear.

Edward Nesbit, who failed to put in an appearance, was charged with an act of vagrancy for sleeping in a coke oven at West Stanley, on the 14th inst.—P.S. Waller, proved the case.—A warrant was issued for his arrest.

## SPORTING ITEMS.

### HARRIERS.

Blaydon Club.—On Saturday afternoon the members of this club held a paperchase over the Crawcrook course. There was a large muster. The weather was fine, the roads were in fairly good condition, and the run turned out to be very enjoyable. The course was a very long one—extending over 10 miles—the route being from the head-quarters (St. Cuthbert's Polytechnic Institute), through High Blaydon, to Path Head, past Boss Hills, and on to the Folly at Greenside; then round to Crawcrook, and out on to the turn-pike past Emmaville, Barmoor, Ryton, Ross Head, and down to Stella home. The hares were J. S Prudhoe and T Hopper, and they got a start of 10 minutes. The pack was in charge of J. B. McElvorne (pace), and G Renoldson (whip). The hares made good use of their start, and although the pack got on to the trail several times, they never managed to catch them, the result being that the hares got home five minutes before the pack. Time for the hares, 1 hour 10 minutes; for the pack, 1 hour 15 minutes. This is the longest run that the members have had this year, and they were all thoroughly tired after it.

Blaydon.—The usual weekly run under the auspices of the above club took place on Tuesday night over the Swalwell Bridge course. There was rather a small muster. The night was fine but rather dark and the roads were in bad condition. The slows were looked after by J. Jude (pace) and F. Carling (whip), whilst J. W. Thompson (pace) and T. Carr (whip) were in charge of the fasts. The slows got two minutes start, of which they made good use. They kept up a good pace all the way and were on the road home, coming over Swalwell Bridge when the fasts overtook them. The two packs then united and came home together. There was no "sprint in." Time for the slows, 28 min.; for the fasts, 26 min.; distance, 4 miles.

### HOCKEY.

Derwent Valley v. St. George's (Newcastle).—These elevens met at Blackhill on Saturday. As the previous game between them resulted in a draw, much interest was evinced in the contest. St. George's pressed at the onset, and were unlucky in not scoring. Derwent in self-defence forced the game, and play was taken to the visitors "25," when R S Hay succeeded in scoring Derwent's first goal. After the bully off St. George's made repeated rushes to the home goal, but could not succeed in passing the backs. Derwent again assuming the agressive, C T Foreman, scored number two, the score at half-time being:—Derwent, 2; St. George's, nil. On re-starting play was even for a time. Then Derwent's left wing, taking the ball up again, beat T Eyton from a pass from H Wattsford. St. George's still played a determined game, and made many rushes down the field, but were still unable to score, C M Pennefather being especially conspicuous by his pretty play. Another run by the home forwards resulted in G Wattsford scoring No. 4. Derwent played a very strong game, their combination being excellent. St. George's also played well, but could not break through the home defence. A very pleasant game ended in a win for Derwent by 4 goals to nil. Teams:—Derwent Valley.—Goal, J E Thorpe; backs, J E Parker, T D Dales; half backs, P Ainsworth, J M Nicholson, H G Young; forwards, G Dawson, C T Foreman, R S Hay, G and H H Wattsford.—St. George's.—Goal, T Eyton; backs, J C Walsham, W B Reid; half backs, L Macarthy, R Ellis, C G Wilkinson; forwards C M Pennefather, R Stephenson, R S Rowell, J C Ridley, B K Wilson.

### GOLF.

Shotley Bridge Club.—The usual bi-monthly competition in connection with the above club took place on Saturday afternoon over the Blue House course, near Shotley Bridge. Scores:—

| | Gross. | H'cap. | Net. |
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| S. F. Annandale | 118 | 34 | 83 |
| Rev. E. H. Greatorex | 119 | 34 | 85 |
| R. E. Kirsopp | 122 | 36 | 87 |
| T. R. Willis | 120 | 27 | 93 |
| W. Raw | 122 | 28 | 94 |
| Dr. Geo. Renton | 130 | 33 | 97 |
| Wm. Annandale | 132 | 35 | 99 |
| W. Willis | 121 | 22 | 99 |

A. Annandale, W. R. Town, F. Cole, James Annandale, and H. Peck, retired.

### HUNTING.

The North Durham Foxhounds.—This pack of foxhounds met on Monday, at Little Greencroft, near Consett, when over 70 ladies and gentlemen were present on horseback, besides an immense crowd of followers on foot. Amongst those in attendance were the genial master (Mr. J. E. Rogerson), Messrs Lewis Priestman, James Pumphrey, J. A. K. Falconar, Shotley Bridge; W. Rogerson, Croxdale; Pearson, Brancepeth; Alan Greenwell, Durham; Ritson, Burnhope; E. W. E. Balleny, Little Greencroft; Charles Balleny, Delves House; Eustace Balleny, Catchgate; Richard Murray, Jun., Benfieldside House; Matthew Clark, Hallgarth; George Aynsley, J. Brown, and J. Towns, Consett; Mrs. Faber, Shotley Bridge; Miss Cole, Shotley Bridge; Miss Armstrong, Burnhopeside Hall; besides a number of gentlemen belonging the Tynedale Hunt. After partaking of the hospitality of the worthy host (Mr. E. W. E. Balleny J.P.), in the shape of an excellent breakfast, Freeman, the huntsman, took the dogs towards Stockerley cover, which was drawn blank—a most unusual occurrence. However, after proceeding in the direction of Iveston, another attempt was made in a field just below the ancient village, with the result that Reynard was found, and after traversing a circle three times, he returned to the little Greencroft Estate, where he went to ground. A trial was next made at Sunniside and Howen's Gill, but in both places "foxey" was not at home to casual visitors The subsequent movement was towards the Woodlands Estate, where Reynard was unearthed in the covers of Mr. W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., but after giving his pursuers a sharp spin across the country, he was lost in the Rippon Burn Wood. The hounds were next taken to Colepike, near Lanchester, where a fox was discovered on the property of Mrs. Taylor-Smith, in the covers just below the Hall. He ran off via Rockwoodside, down as far as the River Browney, and then finding himself hotly pursued, he changed his course, and skipping over the Roman Wall towards Lanchester, he took the course over the Margery Flatts, and there turned his head straight in the direction of Mr. Balleny's covers at Little Greencroft. The chase became very fast and exciting, Reynard making tracks towards Iveston, where he was killed just as the shades of darkness were setting in. The brush was presented to Mrs. Faber, Shotley Bridge. As is invariably the case, this proved to be one of the best and most exciting runs of the North Durham this season. The only drawback was that the number of pedestrians occasionally prevented the hounds having a clear course.

### QUOITING.

Winlaton.—On Saturday afternoon, a deposit of £1 a-side was placed in the hands of Mr John Dixon, of the Turf Hotel, to bind a match between G Forster and G Renwick, both of Winlaton, for £10 a-side. The match takes place in a fortnight's time in the enclosure adjoining Mr Dixon's hostelry, and will be played under the following conditions:—3lb. quoits, 2-inch pins, 10 yards on the clay, and 41 points up. The final deposit takes place at the above house on the evening before the match.

### PIGEON SHOOTING.

Castleside.—On Saturday a pigeon shooting sweep promoted by Mr. H. Rollins, of the Smelters' Arms Inn, Castleside, was resumed and finished in favourable weather. There was a large number of spectators present. The shooting was most successful. The following is the result:—Tippit, 20, 11110; Butcher, 21, 1111111; C Robinson, 20, 1111111; Edmund, 21, 1110; Highburn, 22, 111110; Indian Queen, 22, 1110; Tom Cat, 22, 1111111; Old Johnny, 18, 0; Park, 18, 0; Ross, 22, 11111111; Cuddy, 18, 0; Railway Hotel, 20, 1111111; Chester, 21, 111110; Park (2nd lot), 111110; W.H., 24, 1110; W.H. (2nd lot), 24, 1110; Jones, 24, 110; Sister Mary, 24, 1111110; Floss, 18, 0; Harvey, 23, 1111111; Butcher, (2nd lot), 11110; Parry, 18, 0; Harvey, (2nd lot), 1111111; Newfield, 21, 111110; Pot Luck, 18, 1111111.

### SPARROW SHOOTING.

Blaydon.—On Saturday afternoon, a sparrow shooting sweep was held in a field near Mr. J. Parkin's, Red Lion Inn. The event was promoted by Mr. J. Tilley, who added 30/- to 3/- entrance. The conditions were from 16 to 19 yards rise, 50 yards fall, 1 oz shot, use of one barrel, and first miss out. Scores:—Forster Clark, 18, 0; J. Lockey, 18 111; Mary St., 18 0; Polly, 18 0; Bridge End, 18, 0; Tilley, 18, 0; Smith's Arms, 19, 111; Charley, 18, 0; Stagshaw Bank, 18, 0; Pant, 18, 10; Bob, 18, 0; Red Lion, 16, 10; W. Lawson, 19, 10; W. Elder, 19, 0; Crawley, 19, 110; Arms, 19, 110; J. Little, 18, 0; Clifford, 18, 10; Spen, 19, 0; Bute Arms, 19, 10; W. Brunton, 17, 10; J. Punly, 17, 0; Rider, 17, 111; Forster Clark, 18, 0; Bowe, 18, 0; Fred, 18, 0; Mary St., 18, 111; J. Little, 18, 110; Never Can Tell, 18, 0; Pant, 18, 111; Bob 18, 111; Nap, 18, 10; Brunton, 17, 10; Nanna, 17, 0; Bowe, 18, 0;—A small sweep followed under the same conditions. Scores:—Tom Dan, 10; Nap, 0; Mary St., 111; Lockey, 0; Clark, 0; Red Lion, 10; Wenth, 111; Tilley, 10; Bowe 0; Riller, 0; Laybourne, 111; J. Little, 0; Lawson, 110; Out, 0; Winlaton Mill 110. J. Crone was book-keeper and J. Forster trapper.

### RABBIT COURSING.

Burnopfield.—There was a big attendance on Saturday at these grounds near the house of Mr R Pace, Queen's Head Inn, Burnopfield, when the first event was a rabbit match for £20, the best of 23 courses, between Robson's Sportsman, (Marley Hill) and Lightel's Go-as-you Please, (Shield Row.) The wagering was at 5 to 4 on Go-as-you Please, who won an exciting contest by one point only. Scores:—Go-as-you-Please, 1001101010011—7; Sportsman, 01100101 011—6. Judge, Mr. Coates, Craghead; pistol-firer, Robt. James, White-le-Head.—This was followed by a small dog sweep, Mr T White giving £3 to 3/- per lot, for 24 dogs, the best of 3 courses. Details:—Smith's Daisy Cutter beat Elliott's Disturbance, by 2 to 1; Elliott's Mischief beat Sanderson's Day Dawn by 2 to 0; Green's Jenny beat Ward's Clay Police by 2 to 0; Gordon's Toes Up beat Clayton's Troublesome Lass by 2 to 1; Black's Fancy beat Wright's Sweep by 2 to 1; Sheely's Green Linnet beat Dawson's Grace Darling by 2 to 1; Cowman's Butcher Boy beat Brown's Belle Mahone by 2 to 1; Stephenson's Big Head beat Thompson's Bad Temper by 2 to 1; Green's Dick beat Hughe's Finch by 2 to 1. In consequence of darkness setting in a division had to be agreed upon before the first round had been run off, Referee, T White; scorekeeper, Jos Fenwick.

Tantobie.—On Saturday afternoon, Mr M. Snowdon of the Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, re-opened his grounds with a rabbit coursing sweep, Mr. E Gaffney adding £2 to an entry of 3/6d per lot for 44 dogs. There was a good attendance of spectators. Results:—Brown's Merry Girl, 17½, beat Wilson's Quick Time, 19; Merry Girl, (2nd lot) beat Banker's Jilt, 15; Kell's Indian Queen, 16½, beat Tibble's Colliery Inn Lad, 19½; Nicholson's Skinny Hannah, 19½, beat Murray's Country Lass, 17; Dodds's Wink and See, 18, beat Burdon's Monkey, 17; Jilt (2nd lot) beat Teasdale's Nancy, 18½; Hall's Plaything, 18, beat Skinny Hannah (2nd lot); Brown's Pigeon, 17, beat Simpson's Turn Quick, 17½; Burdon's Happy Go Lucky, 18, beat Plaything (2nd lot); Athey's Hairy Toes, 16½, beat Wilson's Life Line, 19; Wink and See (2nd lot) beat Simpson's Useless, 17½; Waggott's Broken Bob, 19½, beat Nancy (2nd lot); Haughan's Last Try, 18, beat Teasdale's Shy Girl, 17½; Useless (2nd lot) beat Pidgeon (2nd lot); Last Try (2nd lot) beat Athey's Young King, 18½; Hairy Toes (2nd lot) beat Reed's Lad of the Lonnen, 16½; Turn Quick (2nd lot) beat Hall's Hope You're Well, 19; Riddle's Rose 17½, beat Hope You're Well (2nd lot); Young King (2nd lot) beat Colliery Inn Lad (2nd lot); Rose (2nd lot) beat Shy Girl (2nd lot); Happy-go-Lucky (2nd lot) beat Broken Bob (2nd lot); Farrar's Drunken Jonah, 15½, beat Indian Queen (2nd lot). Second Round—Merry Girl beat Jilt, Plaything beat Pigeon, Hairy Toes beat Happy-go-Lucky, Wink and See beat Broken Bob, Useless beat Last Try, Hairy Toes beat Last Try, Turn Quick beat Rose, Young King beat Rose, Happy-go-Lucky beat Drunken Jonah. Third round—Merry Girl beat Indian Queen, Wink and See beat Plaything, Hairy Toes beat Wink and See, Useless beat Hairy Toes, Turn Quick beat Young King, Happy-go-Lucky a bye. Darkness coming on, the stakes were divided. Referee, E Gaffney; pistol-firer, H Scott, book-keeper, T Bell.

Winlaton.—On Saturday afternoon, a most successful rabbit coursing for greyhounds, best of 3, was held in a field adjoining Mr Joseph Evan's, Winlaton Old House, Winlaton. The event was promoted by Mr R Evans, who added 30/- to an entrance of 5/- per lot, and a good entry was obtained. A large number of sportsmen assembled to witness the sport, which proved very interesting. Details:—First round—Robinson's Rough and Ready beat Whitfield's Beer or no Beer by 2 to 1; Brooks's Very Pretty beat Stewart's Katie Scott by 2 to 1; Camel's Eyes of Fire beat Graham's Rather Slow by 2 to 0; Dowson's Aberdeen Jack beat Graham's Jenny Deans by 2 to 1; Dowson's Joker beat Logan's Careless Bob by 2 to 0; Pearson's Nelly at the Well beat Camel's Danger Signal by 2 to 1; Johnson's Moonraker beat Pearson's Black Tom by 2 to 1; Auldbridge's Last Penny beat Walton's Derwent Lad by 2 to 1; Rayne's Katie Dora beat Camel's Danger Signal (second lot) by 2 to 1. Second round—Very Pretty beat Moonraker by 2 to 1; Rough and Ready beat Joker by 2 to 1; Nelly at the Well beat Aberdeen Jack by 2 to one; Katie Dora beat Eyes of Fire by 2 to 1; Last Penny a bye. Third round.—Last Penny beat Very Pretty by 2 to 1; Nelly at the Well beat Rough and Ready by 2 to 1; Katie Dora a bye. Stakes divided. Joseph Lowes was judge; William Rayne, slipper; and Edward Stobbs kept the book.

Winlaton.—On Monday afternoon, a sweep for greyhounds was promoted by Mr R Evans, who added 20/- to an entrance of 5/- per lot. The event took place in a most convenient and well adapted field near the hostelry of Mr. Jos Evans, Old House, Winlaton, and was witnessed by a large crowd of sportsmen. Details:—First round—Bennett's Bob beat Tilly's Macpherson by 2 to 1; Esther's Ginger beat Rayne's Katie Dora by 2 to0; Rayne's Just For Beer beat Goodfellow's Rough and Ready by 2 to 1; Rough and Ready (2nd lot) beat Brooks's Very Pretty by 2 to 1. Second round—Bob beat Ginger by 2 to 1; Just For Beer beat Rough and Ready by 2 to 1. Final—Bob beat Just For Beer by 2 to 0. Jos Lowes was judge, W Rayne slipper, and Jos Evans bookkeeper.

Birtley North Side.—A very large company of spectators assembled in a field in close proximity to Mr. Joseph Robson's, Moor Inn, North Side, to witness a match at rabbits between the greyhounds Weatherspoon's Queen of the Meadow and Briggs's Poor Thing, who ran the best of 15 courses, for £20 a-side. Betting ruled at 5 to 4 on Queen of the Meadow. Result:—Queen of the Meadow, 7; Poor Thing, 2. Mr. Joseph Robson was slipper, and Mr. Wardle was referee and stake-holder.—At the house of Mr. Joseph Robson, Moor Inn, North Side, Birtley, on Saturday evening, the sum of £2 a-side was deposited with Mr. Wardle, who is appointed final stakeholder and referee, for the proposed greyhound match at rabbits, between Birtley Pet and Bone Shaker, who are to run the best of 15 courses, at the Moor Inn Coursing Grounds, North Side, Birtley, on Saturday, December the 22nd., for £20 a-side. The parties are to meet on Saturday evening, to post a further sum of £3 a-side, and arrange further details. The third deposit falls due at the same hostelry a fortnight later, and the final deposit on the morning of the match.

Queen's Head, Birtley.—Before a company of 600 spectators which assembled in a field near to Mr McEvoy's, the rabbit sweep promoted by Mr Ralph Winn, who added £2 for 16 small dogs at 8/- per lot, was got through. Results:—Smith's Common beat Savage's Savage; Scarr's Ladas beat Burn's Bella; Bruce's Pelton Lass beat Smith's Beauty; Smith's Miss Piper beat McBride's Orphan Girl; Pearcey's Bird of Freedom beat Palmer's Monte Carlo; Dorman's Flycatcher beat Bolam's Bob; Bolam's First Try beat Wilson's Faster and Faster; Brigg's Miss Temple beat Smith's Daisy Bell. Second round—Ladas beat Common; Pelton Lass beat Miss Piper; Flycatcher beat Bird of Freedom; Miss Temple beat First Try. Third round—Pelton Lass beat Ladas; Flycatcher beat Miss Temple. Final—Pelton Lass and Flycatcher divided. Judge, P McAvoy; bookkeeper, J Humphrey.

Swalwell.—On Saturday afternoon, a most successful sweepstakes for small dogs was held in a field near Mr. Edward Myers's Wherry Inn. The event was promoted by Mr. Myers, who added £2 to an entrance of 8s per lot. Details:—First round—Urwin's All's Up beat Jones's Two Little Girls in Blue by 2 to 1; Roland's Ribbon Mary beat Myers's Polly's Fancy by 2 to 1; Roland's Never Can Tell beat York's Fat Hannah by 2 to 1; Moses's Grey Face beat Reay's Jenny by 2 to 0; Urwin's Dusty Miller beat Fenwick's Bad Cavil by 2 to 0; Danby's Fancy beat Roland's Allendale Lad by 2 to 1; F. Reay's Little Mick beat Lambert's Nance by 2 to1; Surtees's Primate beat Jenny (2nd lot) by 2 to 1; Second Round.—Ribbon Mary beat All's Up by 2 to 1. Never Can Tell beat Grey Face by 2 to 0; Dusty Miller beat Fancy by 2 to 0; Little Mick beat Primate by 2 to 0; Stakes divided. Mr. J. Thompson was judge, Mr. E. Nixon pistol firer, and Mr. R. Westy bookkeeper.

## Trade Notes.

### THREATENED RENEWAL OF THE STRIKE BY THE SCOTCH MINERS.

The opinion is general that the Scotch miners' leaders will be unable on this side of the New Year to persuade the miners to enforce the demand for 6d advance daily, the executive's recommendation being coldly received. The leaders state that if the Scotch miners strike a fortnight hence, their English brethren will be asked to cease working. The leaders are busily organising, and hold that the Lancashire, Lothian, Ayrshire, and Fifeshire miners were never better organised. All the Scotch collieries are working full, but the master's affirm that prices don't justify an advance.

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## STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, Nov. 16.—Before Alderman Livingstone (Chairman), and Messrs. J. W. Roddam, and W. A. Rippon.

### A Weardale Poaching Case.

William Scott and John Hart, navvies, working on the new railway, were charged by P.C.'s Fairley and Taylor, under the Night Poaching Prevention Act, with coming off land belonging to J. A. Hilyard, Esq., of Horsley Hall, at White House near Eastgate, where they had been running a dog on the night of the 7th inst. The officers were on duty and came across defendants and on searching them found 2 nets, a catapult, and 2 ferrets. They were fined £1 each and costs.

### Illegal Fishing in Upper Weardale.

Joseph Martindale, a cripple on crutches, and Harrison Martindale, a boy between 9 and 10 years old, of Weardale district, were charged by P.C. Reeves with grappling for salmon on the 2nd inst. The tributory, runs through their field, and the police officer deposed to seeing them get one out. Another person person was there but got away. The police officer admitted his mistake in bringing the man on crutches who to all appearance could not catch a dead fish much less a live one. He stood up in the prisoners' dock and asked the Bench if he was a likely person to catch salmon, he had a crutch under one arm and a stick in the other hand and seemed as if he could not stoop at all. The Bench dismissed the case.

### Illegal Fishing.

Thomas Watson, and Frederick Nattrass, two youths of Wearhead neighbourhood were also charged by P.C. Reeves with illegal fishing at the Glynn Foot, Ireshopeburn, on the 24th ult. Defence was that there was a public road by the place on which they were standing along with some 15 others watching the fish jump the rocks. They had a perfect right to be there on the public road as they were not fishing or attempting to fish. They had no fish on them nor anything to catch them no gaff or other instrument to catch salmon. The officer had not witnesses while they had several. The Bench also dismissed this case.

### VACCINATION CASES.
### A Respectable Citizen Objects to Vaccination on Principle.

Ralph Bainbridge, Frosterley, a highly respectable citizen clerk to Messrs. Pease and Partners at their Broadwood limestone quarries and also a Wesleyan local preacher on the circuit plan of Wolsingham was summoned by J. G. Bainbridge, Relieving Officer to the Weardale Guardians for neglecting to have his child vaccinated, the child being now 15 months old. In defence, he said, he objected to have his child vaccinated on conscientious grounds and on principle entirely. He did not believe in vaccination owing to the risks to the child's health, and what was more the Bench could not convict him under the 29th Section of the Act. The case was dismissed.

Robert Dodd, Edmondbyers, was also charged with neglecting to have his child vaccinated. He objected to the detestable practice on account of the child's health which was at present very precarious.

(The Chairman): Have you a doctor's certificate.
Defendant: No.
Chairman: You ought to have had one.
Defendant: My child is all covered with sores.
Fined 10/- including costs.

### Assaulting his Wife.

Thomas Hornsby, Daddryshields, was charged by his wife with assaulting her by kicking her and otherwise ill-treating her on the 27th ult. Defence was that he had great provocation through a lodger with whom she was on too intimate terms. He admitted the assault but pleaded provocation. Fined £1 and costs. He was also bound over to keep the peace for 6 months.

### Indecency in the Street.

Joseph Priestman was charged by P.C. Fairley, with indecent conduct at Stanhope. The defence was that it was late at night, no persons being about, and that there were no public urinals in the place.—The Bench did not fine defendant, but dismissed him on payment of costs.

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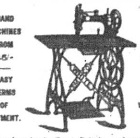
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## COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting of the above Board was held at the Dipton Board Schools, on Wednesday afternoon, under the presidency of the Chairman (Mr J. W. Taylor). There were likewise present:—Messrs Wm. Young, T. Clark, S. Swalwell, W. Eltringham, and the Clerk (Mr D. Mole).

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL, ETC.

The Clerk said he had received the subjoined tenders for repairs, &c., in answer to the schedule sent out by him:—

Joseph Dunn, Kyo—Pointing windows, £8 6s 6d; repairing plastering round doors and windows, 18s; renewing back doorstep, 2s 6d; replacing damaged bricks in boys' yard, £2 7s 9d; repairs to gate pillar, 2s 9d; opening out sink in master's house, and putting in large pipe, 2s 3d per yard.

W. Johnson, Flint Hill—Pointing windows, £7 10s; repairs to doorway and ceiling, £1; replacing damaged bricks, £1 16s; larger pipe and sink in master's house, 7s 6d; renewing doorstep, 4s 6d; repairs to gate pillar, 4s 6d.

R. T. Johnson, Hare Law—£7 15s; drainage, 2s 3d per yard; stone step, 4s 6d; cement step, 2s 6d.

T. Storey, Catchgate—£14; drainage, 3s 6d per yard.

The CHAIRMAN enquired what would be the probable number of yards of drainage?

The Clerk thought about four.

The CHAIRMAN said in a case of this sort there was an unwritten law that they should accept the lowest tender, providing the qualifications were all right. If they had advertised it it would have been a different thing.

Mr YOUNG moved that Mr R. T. Johnson's tender be accepted.

Mr SWALWELL seconded the motion, which was carried.

MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of Collierley School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to report that Mr Rawlinson arrived on Monday, November 5th, and commenced work on the following morning. Mr Smithwhite returned to work on Monday, 12th inst. I regret to have to report that Mr Rawlinson and Fred Harrison were absent yesterday, and are still away, ill.

As it is imperative that we should have some form of instrumental music to accompany our drill, marching, &c., and as I do not feel justified in pressing for a piano, I have determined to form a flute band, the expense of which we shall be able to meet ourselves.

The workshop is so damp and open to dust that the apparatus in it is being completely spoiled. It is, also, much too cold and dark to work in. Could we not cheaply heat it with an oil-stove? In order to make a beginning with the "varied occupations" recommended by the department, I am ordering some articles for advanced kindergarten work. I should be glad if the Clerk would read over to you some extracts from circ. 332.

The attendance has been rather poor this month, owing to sickness. It is now slightly improved.

Mr A. J. Dawson, H.M.I.A., inspected the evening classes on Tuesday, 13th inst. We have had no additional pupils since my last report. I have announced the alterations in fees made by the Board.

Permit me to thank you for the leave of absence so freely granted me at your special meeting.

I am, gentlemen, yours respectively,

A. E. HAYES.

The CHAIRMAN: Is Rawlinson still bad?

The Clerk: He's away to-day.

THE OIL-STOVE.

Mr ELTRINGHAM thought the oil-stove would be nasty unless they had good oil.

The Clerk explained that the ventilation would be all right. He did not think the stove was required so much for warmth as to keep the things dry and in proper condition.

THE REQUISITION.

The Clerk read circular 332, as mentioned in the master's repor which dealt principally with object lessons, and advised the introduction of improved methods to enable the scholars to more easily and thoroughly grasp the meaning of the subjects taught.

The CHAIRMAN was of opinion that some of these items required by Mr Hayes would be very expensive. He had seen some trays at Tanfield, which were used for delineating objects. The master informed him that they cost between £3 and £4. There were six of them. However, he supposed they would have to go in for these things in accordance with the requisition of the code.

The Clerk: If you don't do it you will suffer a diminution in grant.

Mr SWALWELL: Will this be compulsory next year?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. He thought the articles required would cost about £6 or £7.

The Clerk remarked that they would not be to obtain again.

Mr YOUNG proposed that the things referred to in the master's report be obtained, and also an oil-stove.

Mr CLARK enquired whether an ordinary coal stove would not be better?

The CHAIRMAN thought the oil more convenient. There would be no fire to light.

Mr ELTRINGHAM said it would be all right if they got good oil.

Mr SWALWELL said a stove would need a lot of attention.

Mr CLARK considered his idea would be safer and cleaner.

Mr SWALWELL thought there would be little danger with an oil-stove.

Ultimately, Mr ELTRINGHAM seconded Mr Young's motion, which was approved of.

INFANT'S REPORT.

No. on books—227.

Average attendance for weeks ending:—

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| Oct. 26th | 175 |
| Nov. 2nd | 156 |
| Nov. 9th | 160 |
| Nov. 16th | 166 |

The piano needs tuning.

M. CASS.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

Our average attendance for the month is considerably less. This is partly owing to sickness, but not entirely.

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|---|---|
| No. on books | 213 |
| Average attendance | 187 |

Two of the teachers are requiring leave of absence—Miss Clark for the second week in December, to attend the certificate examination, and Miss Teasdale for the following week, to attend the scholarship examination.—Yours respectfully,

S. E. HINDSON.

On the motion of Mr YOUNG, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, the reports were adopted, and it was likewise agreed that the piano in the Infants' Department should be tuned.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORTS.

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with your instructions, M. McCluskey and William Hennessy were proceeded against at Consett on 5th November, with the result that both defendants were fined 5s each.

The case of George Robson, adjourned from the previous month, was dismissed.

The attendance at your schools has suffered severely during the past month, owing to the prevalence of sickness in varied forms, but chiefly skin disease and inflammation of the eyes. For the week ending Oct. 26th our percentage of attendance was 80·3; Nov. 2nd, 80; Nov. 9th, 82·4; and Nov. 16th, 84·1, whilst for the present week we have reached 85·7, so that we may fairly hope to have passed the worst.

In the report-book will be found nine cases of irregular attendance, on which I await your instructions.

On Oct. 31st, an examination for labour certificates was held at Consett, at which five of your scholars sat. The schedule of results is before you to-day.—Yours obediently,

D. MOLE.

On the motion of Mr CLARK, seconded by Mr ELTRINGHAM, the report was accepted.

LOAN OF SCHOOLS.

A letter was read from the Rev R. Tuson, Vicar of Dipton, asking for the loan of the Infants' Department on Jan. 1st and 2nd, for the purpose of holding an adults and children's tea respectively.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Mr SWALWELL seconded that the application be granted.

Agreed to.

The Clerk mentioned that the Choral Society wanted the use of the schoo some evening before Christmas for a concert. The date was not fixed, or there would have been a written application before the Board. They would also like a night or two for practice, and the use of the piano.

The CHAIRMAN said the society was not worked in connection with the school.

Mr SWALWELL explained that the members did not work for profit.

The CHAIRMAN: They must understand that the usual fee will be charged on the night of the concert.

Mr SWALWELL moved that the society have the use of the piano free on four nights, and be charged 10s 6d on the concert night.

Mr CLARK seconded, and the motion was approved of.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Letters were read from Mr Murray and Miss E. Teasdale and M. Craigie, applying for leave of absence to attend examinations at Newcastle next month.

After some discussion, it was agreed, on the motion of Mr SWALWELL seconded by Mr CLARK that the teachers should be granted the necessary leave of absence.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

A letter was received from Miss Clark, applying for an increase of salary.

Mr SWALWELL: What month did Miss Clark get an increase? It was in the beginning of this year—I think about January or February.

The Clerk referred to the minutes, and said that at a meeting on the 21st January Miss Clark's salary was increased to £45 a year.

The CHAIRMAN said according to that resolution a year had not expired since the increase.

Mr SWALWELL moved that the salary of Miss Clark be advanced £2 10s from February next.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that he could not see his way clear to second the motion. The wage was fixed till next February according to the resolution read by the clerk. If they increased the salary now they would have to rescind the present resolution standing on the books. He would propose that the question of Miss Clark's salary be deferred till February next, and then dealt with.

Mr CLARK observed that some teachers were getting more than others. He did not see why a teacher with the same teaching capacity as another should be paid £5 less.

Mr ELTRINGHAM: £2 10s does not put them level.

Mr YOUNG considered it best to put the question off till another date. He would second the chairman's motion.

The CHAIRMAN thought that by doing so it would enable them to put their wages on a fair basis. The clerk had got a basis of wages paid at other schools in the district, and he thought that they would eventually be able to place things on a fair footing all round. This was a question that had often been spoken of, but had not been dealt with.

The Chairman's motion was adopted.

FINANCIAL.

The Clerk reported that the cash in bank was £151 19s 8d. They required that day for salaries, £78 12s 6d, and sundries, £4 9s 10d, making a total of £83 2s 4d. This would leave a balance in hand of £68 17s 4d.

Cheques were ordered to be signed for the above accounts.

This concluded the business.

## HOCKEY.

### DURHAM v. NORTHUMBERLAND.

At a meeting of the Durham County Hockey Association, held on Wednesday evening, at Sunderland, the following team was selected to play for Durham against Northumberland, at Heaton, on Saturday, Dec. 1st:—Goal, J. E. Thorpe (Derwent Valley); backs, H. G. Squance (Sunderland, capt.) and T. D. Dales (Derwent Valley); half-backs, J. M. Nicholson (Derwent Valley), H. P. Ingram (Hartlepool), and J. R. Wheldon (Sunderland); forwards, Gerald Wattsford and H. Wattsford (Derwent Valley), T. S. Short and G. Swainston (Sunderland), and E. Sprott (Hartlepool.) Reserves—C. T. Foreman (Derwent Valley), H. J. Ingram (Hartlepool), C. W. Walker and L. Thorman (Sunderland), J. E. Parker (Derwent Valley), Dr Todd (Sunderland), and J. White (Hartlepool.)

## A CONSETT BANKRUPT'S EXAMINATION.

On Thursday afternoon week, Cather Cook, hosier, Kelso, formerly of Consett, appeared before Sheriff Speirs at Jedburgh for examination in bankruptcy. There were present Mr. T. D. C. Smith, Kelso, trustee; Mr. Charles Anderson, Jedburgh, agent for the trustee; and Mr. Sturrock, Jedburgh, for a creditor. On being questioned by Mr. Smith, the bankrupt deponed—I am sole partner of the Premier Hosiery Company, Kelso. In July, 1893, I acquired the business from Mr. Clendinnen, and since then I have been sole partner. I had no capital. I granted bills for the stock-in-trade, and was backed up by some relations. When my sister opened a shop in Berwick, the name of which was The Hosiery and Wool Warehouse, the business was carried on under the name of C., F., & L. Cook. The initials were those of my sisters. I had no partnership arrangement in the Berwick business. I sent from Kelso goods to the value of £19 10s to the Berwick shop when it was opened. I got a bill from my sister Frances for £19 10s as payment of these goods, and I handed it over to Mr. Clendinnen. The bill was renewed last month. About half of the goods sold in the Berwick shop would be sent from Kelso by me. I would send about £50 worth. I got all the drawings of the Berwick shop, but kept no note of the transactions. The drawings would amount to £5 a week. That shop was opened about eight months ago. I have been paid all by my sister. A Miss Douglas was the first who had charge of the Berwick shop. My sisters went down every three weeks or a month. In March I took down three knitting machines, and they are there yet. My sister did not take away any machines. I can't say how many machines I got from Mr. Clendinnen. I have got six new ones, and have disposed of about the same number. I took down four machines, and used parts of them in repairing others. I arranged with the proprietor for the shop in Berwick, and told him it was for my sister. I went down on the Saturday night to lift the drawings in Berwick, as I required them to pay wages. A shop was opened in Alnwick under the same name, but I had no interest in it. A deed was signed about the end of September, in which I made over any interest I had in the Berwick business. That deed is in possession of my sister. I have now no claim against my sisters, and they have no claim against me. Shops were also opened at Amble and Consett by our family, but I had no interest in them. I don't think I ever ordered any goods for the shop at Consett. I don't think I ever represented to any one that I had a partner. I got the stock from Mr. Clendinnen at 25 per. cent. off selling prices, and got about £100 of bad debts at 10 per. cent. off. Of the £100 of debts I only recovered £56, after much expense. I account for my losses having arisen from the difficulty in realising Mr. Clendinnen's stock. The statutory oath was administered. The liabilities are estimated roughly at about £925, and it is expected that the assets will realise about £260, being a deficiency of about £665.

## Late Correspondence.

### SCHOOL BOARDS—ARE THEY A SUCCESS?

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Dear Sir,—You will oblige me very much, by stating in your next week's issue of the "Consett Guardian," that I had nothing whatever to do with the letter sent to your paper last week headed "School Boards.—Are they a success?"

Yours very truly,

JOHN R. CURRY.

68, Rye Hill, Newcastle, Nov. 21st, 1894.

### MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

Dear Sir,—In your last week's issue there is a statement in connection with your report of the above election, viz:—that it had resulted in a "decided victory for the church." Such a statement is calculated to give the impression that the contest was conducted on Sectarian lines. Such, sir, I am happy to state, was not so. And I may further state that during several years of experience on the Board the political and Sectarian element has been entirely absent. The old Board was emphatically a harmonious Board, studying only the best interests of all concerned, and striving in an impartial manner to carry out the provisions of the Education Act, and I doubt not but that the new Board as constituted will follow on the same lines. Trusting you will give this a place in your valuable paper.

I remain, yours &c.

NONCONFORMIST.

## ANNUAL GATHERING OF MECHANICS AT BLACKHILL.

### "Derwent Valley" Lodge.

On Saturday evening the members of the "Derwent Valley" Lodge of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, held their annual dinner at the Commercial Hotel, Blackhill. About 60 members partook of the excellent repast provided.

After the cloths were removed, Bro. Lowes, I.G. Blackhill, was voted to the chair, whilst Bro. W. Peacock, D.M. Consett, occupied the vice-chair.

The Chairman stated that he was sorry he had to apologise for the absence of their worthy and esteemed Grand Master, (Bro. Ralph Walton) and several other members who had been prevented from attending the gathering through a family bereavement. Most of them present would be aware of the death of Mr. Thomas Siddle, which took place most suddenly on Friday. He was sure their sympathy was extended to the family of the deceased gentleman, who were now lamenting the loss of one of the oldest residents in the district.

After the usual loyal toasts had been submitted and duly honoured,

The Chairman, proposed "The Bishop, clergy, and ministers of all other denominations." He stated that the ministers of the Gospel were a class of men that were endeavouring, day by day, to fulfil their duty. Whilst they proclaimed truth and righteousness throughout the land. (Applause.)

Bro. Wm. Westgarth, in responding to the toast, said he fully endorsed all the chairman had said. The ministers of the Gospel were a class of men that required every encouragement, whilst they were labouring for the purpose of establishing that which was right in the land. (Hear) He was glad to think that these men were now throwing more enthusiasm into their work, and were looking more after the interests of the working classes. (Applause.) In conclusion the speaker remarked that he would be exceedingly sorry if the cause of religion was ever thrown into the back-ground, but this would never be as long as ever those who had charge of the truth did their duty. (Applause.)

The next toast, "The army navy, and volunteers," was submitted by the vice-chairman, who stated that he considered this a most important toast. He was proud to think that they had an army and navy which were not equalled in the world. (Applause.) They, as a country, had something to boast of in this respect. It was also gratifying to know that there was a class of men serving in the volunteers corps throughout the country ready at a moment's call to take their stand so as to protect the land in which they lived. (Cheers.) He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Clarke.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours Mr. Geo. Clarke acknowledged the same, by stating they had an army that was frightened of no other army in the world. Whilst the navy stood second to none. (Cheers.)

The chairman gave "The general trade of the district." He remarked that at the present time the various branches of industry in their own immediate locality, were in a flourishing condition, especially the building trade. They all knew that houses were in great demand, and the builders of the district could not erect them quick enough, so as to comply with the wishes of the people. (Applause.) To this toast he would couple the name of Bro. Westgarth.

The toast having been honoured, Mr. Westgarth said it was always glad news when trade was in a flourishing condition. So far this year, the builders of the district had no reasons to complain It had been a prosperous time for them, and he hoped it would continue.

The next toast submitted was "The staple trade of the district." The chairman in proposing the same, said they had nothing to complain of in this direction. The iron, steel, and coal trade of their district was flourishing and bright. (Applause.)

The vice-chairman in returning thanks for the way in which the company had honoured the toast, said the coal trade, was the life of the district, because it was the coal that carried on the other industries. The miners of this county enjoyed a great many advantages which had been brought about by unity. (Cheers.) They would well remember the time when boys of nine and ten years of age were taken into the mines to work; but through the labours of their late esteemed and worthy leader—Mr. Alex. MacDonald—(Cheers), a measure was passed in the House of Commons, which prohibited this practice, and now boys were not allowed to enter the mines under a certain age. (Applause.) Although, Alex. MacDonald's body laid crumbling in the grave, yet his influence, and labours still live, and they now enjoyed privileges brought about by his exertions for their benefit. (Cheers.)

Bro. Carr also spoke, and referred to what had been accomplished by organisation.

Bro. H. Wood also responded to the toast on behalf of the steel trade.

Bro. Bell submitted the toast of the evening—"Success to the Derwent Valley Lodge" which was duly honoured.

The Chairman said he was glad to respond to the toast. It was now a good many years since he joined the lodge, and he had been an officer 15 years. He considered their lodge was the best in the district, it was really a model lodge, and commended itself to all the young men in the district. (Applause.)

Mr. William Watson (Secretary) also acknowledged the toast. He said he was delighted to see so many members present on that occasion. He (the speaker) had been an officer of the lodge for a considerable period, something like 14 years. He was proud to occupy the position of secretary to the lodge, because it had been in operation something like 30 years. The lodge was opened on Jan. 13th, 1864. Out of the twelve members that were present at the opening ceremony only three were now living—viz.—Bro. Ralph Walton, who is Grand Master of the Order, this year (Cheers) Robert Dick, Consett, and Thomas Lodge. Their membership now stood at 186, and they were in a good financial position. They had in their sick fund at the present time something like £850. Ten years ago the lodge was paying its members the sum of £64 per annum for sick benefit, now they were paying no less a sum than £137. During the last ten years they had paid for sick benefit alone the sum of £1,035 10s 1d. In spite of this they were in a remarkable financial position. In conclusion, the speaker referred to the Juvenile branch connected with the lodge, and urged all members who had families to enter this fund. It would help to make the parent lodge stronger, and would be a benefit to the members themselves. All children were eligible from the age of seven to sixteen years. At the latter age they could be transferred to the parent lodge. They had also a children's fund it was levied every half year. This was also a great benefit. Having touched on the question of degrees, the speaker urged all present to be true to the lodge, by attending its various meetings, so as to transact the business and thus assist the officers. (Applause).

There were several other toasts proffered.

During the evening songs, &c. were rendered by Bros. H. Wood, Rottie, Lamb, Grey, Broadbent, Clark, and Robson. Bros. J. J. Gardner, and Thos. Grey officiated as accompanists.

## FIRE AT STANLEY NEAR CROOK.

### Singular Coincidence.

Early on Thursday morning week, a serious outbreak of fire was discovered at the large hall or parish room adjoining Stanley Church, near Crook. Three buildings stand in close proximity to each other, the vicarage, the church, and the hall. The last-named structure was demolished by fire on Thursday last, and by a remarkable coincidence it is almost exactly twelve months since the church itself was destroyed by fire. Fortunately during the progress of yesterday's fire the wind was blowing in a direction which kept the destruction isolated to the building ablaze. Had the wind been in an unfavourable direction the church must have been attacked by the flames. Soon after the discovery of the outbreak, which was made by a man proceeding to his work, there were a goodly number of men present to readily give assistance, but the salvage was extremely slight. The building, which was capable of seating between 200 and 300 persons, was entirely destroyed. The whole of the Sunday school books, &c., have been lost, and, in fact, nothing appears to have been recovered beyond a number of choristers' surplices and a few seats. Singularly enough when the church was destroyed by fire last year the wind was blowing in a direction which saved the rest of the property. The church has been re-built at great cost during the last year, and Saturday last saw the re-opening of the building. The second misfortune has caused widespread regret, and the Vicar, the Rev. W. Loney, formerly curate at St. Paul's, Darlington, has already received many expressions of sympathy. It is not known how the fire originated.

Shot at the Altar.—A terrible tragedy took place in a suburban church quite recently. A marriage ceremony was in progress when a young man among the congregation rose and shot the bride dead. The assassin is said to be an old lover of the unfortunate girl. Such a tragic end to a young life strikes the imagination and arouses universal sympathy, but is it not true that thousands of young lives are just as wantonly sacrificed? A child seems poorly, it has a cold, its stomach is out of order, it complains of headache and weariness. The trouble is considered unimportant and is neglected. How foolish this is, when Holloway's Pills are a simple and infallible cure for all children's complaints.

## CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

### FIRST COURT.

MONDAY Nov. 19th.—Before COUNCILLOR JAMES ANNANDALE (presiding), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, and J. T. POTTS, Esqs.

### STEALING CAPS AT CONSETT:

"HE THOUGHT HE HAD BOUGHT THEM."

*Samuel McCann*, labourer, of Consett, was charged with stealing three caps, on Saturday night, the property of the Bankrupt Stock Clothing Company, at Consett.

Charles Atkinson stated that he was in the employment of the Bankrupt Stock Clothing Company, carrying on business at 16, Middle Street, Consett. On Saturday, November 17th, at about one o'clock in the afternoon, he put 14 dozen and five caps at the shop door in charge of a boy named James McNally, whose duty was to sell the caps. About six p.m. the same day Sergt. Dryden came to the shop with the three caps (produced), which he identified as their property. He knew the caps by the private mark. They were worth 1s 6d.

James McNally said he resided with his parents at 33, Trafalgar Street, Consett. On the day in question he was employed by the Bankrupt Stock Clothing Company to sell the caps at the shop door. About 5 30 p.m. he noticed the prisoner loitering about the shop door, but he did not sell him any caps.

Sergt. Dryden stated that about 8·30 p.m. on the night in question, he noticed the prisoner loitering about the Bankrupt Clothing Company's shop window. When defendant saw him watching him, he walked away. Witness then noticed he had something under his jacket. He went to him and inquired what he had under his coat. Defendant replied, "A cap." He then searched him and found the three caps produced under his jacket. He asked him where he had got them. Defendant replied, "I bought them," and he then asked him what size he wore, and defendant replied 6¾. The caps he found upon McCann were of three different sizes, and he according brought him to the Police Station, where he was charged with stealing the caps from the Bankrupt Stock Clothing Company, and called defendant's attention to the fact that they were of different sizes. Defendant, in response, said "Oh! they don't fit me." Witness then showed the caps to Atkinson, who identified them as the property of his firm.

In answer to the charge, defendant said he was guilty, but said he was drunk, and did not know anything else but what he had bought them.

The Chairman, after a lengthy consultation, said they would give defendant one more chance, and would only inflict a penalty of 10s including costs.

### "THE INDIAN MEDICINE MAN" IN TROUBLE.

*William Pasquaj*, herbalist, known as the Indian Medicine Man," carrying on business in Front Street, Consett, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday evening, Nov. 10th.

Defendant pleaded guilty to being drunk.

P.C. Carruthers alleged that defendant was standing on a rolley in the Market Place attempting to sell his drugs, but he was so drunk that he did not know what he was doing. Defendant was using very bad language to a young man in the crowd, which was an exceedingly large one, and they did nothing else but jeer the "doctor." Defendant exclaimed that he did not care for the police or the sergeants. They could bring the whole barracks if they liked, because it would take them all to lock him up. Afterwards, defendant came down off the rolley, and went into a neighbouring public-house. The officer followed, and told the landlord not to fill the defendant with any more drink. The landlord replied, "I have stopped this man's tap an hour ago." He ordered the man out of the house, and told him to get away home. Defendant refused to go, and he accordingly locked him up.

In answer to the defendant, the officer said he was disorderly, and was using bad language to the crowd. He was too drunk to conduct his business.

P.C. Mitchell corroborated.

Cross-examined by defendant: Witness said he never extracted teeth during his presence.

Defendant: Oh! yes I did. I extracted a large number of people's teeth that night. I paid for my right to stand in the Market Place, my shop rent and taxes, and therefore had a perfect right to sell my medicine.

The Chairman: The Magistrates consider the case proved, and defendant would be fined 5s and costs.

A MUSICIAN AND HIS VIOLIN.

*James Miller*, musician, of Newcastle, was next charged with being drunk and disorderly at the same time and place.—Defendant pleaded guilty to being drunk.—P.C. Carruthers said defendant was in company with the "doctor," standing on the rolley, in Middle Street Consett, and he was very drunk. Whilst the "doctor" was addressing the crowd, defendant was jumping up off his seat and repeatedly offering his violin for sale. When no one in the crowd would have the violin, he told them to go to h——. He did not care for anyone, as his father had nine blocks of buildings in Newcastle. (Laughter.)—The Chairman: What was the defendant supposed to be doing on this rolley.—The Officer: The defendant was supposed to provide the crowd with music.—The Bench found defendant guilty and fined defendant 5s and costs.

ANNOYING RESIDENTS AT CONSETT.

Five youths named *John Allison, Joseph* and *John Johnson, William Ramsden* and *Robert Young*, were charged with a breach of the Towns' Police Clauses Act by obstructing, shouting, and kicking doors to the annoyance of residents in Palmerston Street, Consett, on the 6th inst.—Sergt Mitchell attested that on this particular night the defendants came running along Taylor Street, down Palmerston Street into Knitsley Lane. The youths returned by way of Front Street causing a disturbance by obstructing the footpath, shouting and swearing when they got near the *Guardian* Printing Establishment Defendant made way into Back Palmerston Street where the defendants made an attack on the gate connected with Mr William Rippon's residence, and thus damaged the same. There had been a great many complaints about the conduct of these boys, He might point out that the same gang of youths had done a considerable amount of damage to property in this particular locality by running about at nights kicking doors, &c. There had also been a window broke through this conduct.—P.C. Carruthers corroborated.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted on behalf of the Consett Local Board, and stated this practice should be stopped.—Defendants pleaded not guilty, and one of them alleged that the gate had never been repaired. It was true they were carrying on, but never kicked any doors.—The sergeant in answer to the Chairman, said it was perfectly true that the gate had been damaged, but which of the defendants did it, he could not say. All the defendants were present. The youth that be caught he had not summoned.—The Chairman cautioned the youths, and said such a practice ought not to be carried on to the annoyance of the residents. They would each be fined 1s and 7s costs, but if there were any more boys brought up on a similar charge in future they would be more severely dealt with.

Other three boys named *James Philips, Philip Fox*, and *Patrick Cassidy* were charged with a similar offence committed at Consett, on the 11th inst. Mr Welford (Consett) prosecuted.—P.C. Carruthers said that whilst on duty in Trafalgar Street, he witnessed the defendants running about kicking the doors of the dwellings houses to the annoyance of an old man named Thomas Wilkinson, who was extremely ill.—Defendants denied the charge.—The Bench considered it was an intolerable nuisance, and fined defendants 1s each and 7s costs.

THE POLICE DID NOT KNOW HER.

*Catherine McNally*, married woman, was charged by P.C. Mitchell with being drunk and disorderly in Princess Street, Consett, on the 10th inst.—The evidence of the officer was to the effect that defendant was drunk and causing a disturbance.—Defendant denied the charge and said the police did not know her when he saw her now. (Laughter.)—Defendant called an old woman named Cousins, who declared that defendant was not drunk.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2s 6d and costs.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

*Joseph Ward* was represented by his father to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Blackhill on the 3rd inst.—Sergt. Tones adduced that defendant was drunk in Derwent Street with his coat off, and there was a large crowd of people around him. Defendant was using most abusive language.—A fine of 5s and costs was ordered to be defrayed.

HE GOT ON THE SPREE.

*James McGinn*, miner, was next proceeded against for being drunk and disorderly at Lintz Colliery, on the 10th inst.—P.C. Pemberton proved the case, and said defendant was causing a disturbance.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s and costs.

TOO MUCH DRINK.

*Charles Taylor*, miner, pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct at Lintz Colliery on the 11th inst.—P.C. Pemberton adduced the facts of the case, and the magistrates imposed a fine of 5s and costs.

DID NOT LIKE TO LOOSE WORK.

*Matthew Watson*, miner, was charged by P.C. Wall with being drunk and disorderly on the highway at Burnopfield on the 11th inst. The officer said the defendant pleaded guilty to the charge, but could not appear that day owing to not being able to leave his work.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

BEER TOO STRONG FOR THE PUTTER.

*Anthony Hayes*, putter, was charged for having been drunk and disorderly at Burnopfield on the 10th inst.—P.C. Wall said defendant was a miner, and on this particular date he was drunk and using very bad language.—Mrs Hayes said she represented her son, and he was only a putter.—The Chairman: Well, your son will have to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

*William Hamer*, labourer, for a breach of the peace at Blackhill on the 10th inst, was bound over in the sum of £5, and ordered to defray 7s 6d costs.—P.C. Wardell proved the case.

*Michael Moins* and *Patrick Shaughan*, labourers, were summoned for fighting at Consett on the 4th inst.—P.C. Pattison averred that he caught the two defendants fighting with a large crowd around them.—Defendants were each bound over, and ordered to defray the costs.

DID HE THREATEN HIS WIFE.

*Thomas Chapman*, miner, of Dipton, was summoned by his wife, Sarah A. Chapman, for using threatening language towards her on the 3rd inst.—Defendant denied the charge.—After hearing the evidence the magistrates dismissed the case, with a view that defendant and his wife would come to a compromise.

EXCITABLE WOMEN.

Two women, named *Mary Ann Kirk* and *Alice Kelley* were placed in the dock on a charge of using obscene language in Queen Street, Consett, on the 10th inst.—Defendants pleaded not guilty.—P.C. Carruthers attested that on this particular night in company with P.C. Mitchell, he went into this street, where they found the two defendants quarrelling, and using most abominable and filthy language towards each other.—Kirk: How far were you off?—Officer: I came up to you and told you to get into the house.—P.C. Mitchell corroborated.—Whilst in the dock, defendants began to blame each other for the language that was used, to the amusement of those in Court.—Kelley declared that she had a life like a dog, owing to the conduct of the other defendant towards her. She was not the guilty one, and would call her mother to prove that she was not.—Mrs Kelley averred that Kirk was drunk every Saturday night, and then commenced to blackguard her family, because they seemed to get on a little better than she did. It was Kirk's husband that commenced the disturbance.—The Bench said they had heard sufficient, and defendants would be fined 1s each and 7s costs.

BLACKGUARDING THE POLICE.

*Annie Ward*, was proceeded against for a breach of the Town's Police Clauses Act, at Blackhill, on the 3rd inst.—P.C. Ward stated whilst he had a man in custody, and was on the road to the Police Station, defendant followed, cursing and swearing, to the amusement of the spectators.—Defendant, who was represented by her mother, was fined 1s and 7s costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

*Peter McArdle*, miner, of Burnopfield, was summoned for not sending his son regularly to school.—Mr Seymour Meddick, attendance officer for the Tanfield School Board, stated that on the 14th inst. defendant's boy was absent from school. During the month the boy only made two attendances out of a possible 21.—The Chairman: What distance is the boy's home from the school.—Officer: About half-a-mile. On Sept. 10th the defendant was fined for the same boy. The parents refused to send the child to school.—The defendant said he was willing to send the boy to the Board School, but not to the Roman Catholic School at Byermoor.—The Chairman: It does not matter to the Bench which school your son goes to, as long as he does so.—The defendant: I know that; but the Father objects to me sending the boy to the Board School.—The Chairman: We cannot help that. You will be fined 5s including costs.

FOOTBALLING IN THE STREET.

Three boys, named *Robert Walker, Robert Judge*, and *Thomas Adamson* were charged with committing a breach of the Highway Act by playing football on the public highway at Shotley Bridge on the 8th inst.—Defendants pleaded guilty.—P.C. Ward said that he witnessed the boys playing at football to the obstruction of several pedestrians.—The Chairman said it was very wrong for the defendants to play this game on the street, but the magistrates had decided to let them off this time with a caution, and the case would therefore be dismissed.

ASSAULT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS.

*Joseph Bell*, labourer, was charged with assaulting a boy named Alfred Shaw at Shotley Bridge hirings on the 7th inst.—Prosecutor did not appear but Supt Benzies informed the Bench that one of his men witnessed the assault.—P.C. Ward said that Shaw informed him that defendant was following him about. On going up to Bell, the latter took his fist, struck the boy which felled him to the ground.—Defendant said Shaw accused him of doing a certain thing when he was innocent.—The Chairman informed Bell that he had no right to take the law into his own hands and he would be fined 2s 6d and costs.

STILL TAKES HIS BEER.

*Michael O'Hanlan*, labourer, of Consett, was charged by Sergt Dryden with being drunk and disorderly at Consett on Saturday night.—The officer said he was sent for to eject defendant out of James O'Hanlon's lodging house. Defendant was very impudent, and he locked him up.—Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 5s and costs in default 7 days' hard labour.

SHE WAS VERY FORTUNATE.

*Ellen Trodden*, was proceeded against by P.C Crabb for drunkenness at Leadgate on Saturday night.—The Bench gave defendant one more chance and dismissed the case.

LUKE IN TROUBLE.

*Luke Tait* was charged by Sergt Mitchell with being drunk and disorderly on Saturday evening.—The officer said he found defendant in Newmarket Street in a drunken condition and he was staggering about.—Defendant was fined 1s and costs.

GEORGE SHOULD KEEP SOBER.

*George Lamb*, labourer, was accused by P.C. Warwick for having been drunk and disorderly in William Street, Consett on Saturday evening.—The officer said Lamb was intoxicated and was swearing at several women.—Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 5s and costs.

### SECOND COURT.

Before W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN Esq.

THE TRAMP NUISANCE.

A batch of tramps named *Henry Simpson, John Wilson, Robert Turnbull, Thomas Carter, Solomon Wyles, George Wilson, Tones O'Neil, John Kennedy, John Donnough, William Scales*, and *William Radcliffe* were all brought up and charged with an act of vagrancy by sleeping out at the coke ovens in the Annfield Plain district on the previous night.—The magistrates inquired if the men had means.—One defendant said they all worked at the coke ovens but could not get lodgings and were obliged to take shelter somewhere.—Inspector Mabon said an offence had been committed. The owners objected to these men loitering about the coke ovens and owing to the various complaints made, the police were obliged to make these raids from time to time.—The whole of the defendants were let off with a caution.

BEGGING.

*Patrick Quigley* was committed to goal for seven days for begging at Consett on the 17th inst.—PC Carruthers proved the case.

## HARVEST FESTIVALS.

### SATLEY.

Harvest festival services were held in the Parish Church on Sunday both morning and evening. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, and though the weather was not very favourable, there was a good attendance, especially in the evening. The sermons were preached by the vicar. Mr Mark Maddison presided at the organ, and, aided by a willing choir, rendered the services in a hearty manner. The collections, which amounted to £2 10s 6d, were equally divided between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Church Fund. In the afternoon, a harvest festival was held at Cornsay Almshouses where the vicar preached, and Mr Brewis, the master, presided at the harmonium. Here also the singing was hearty, and praise is due to Mr Brewis for his exertions.

## WOLSINGHAM.

Improvements.—The quaint old town of Wolsingham is being rapidly improved in many respects. The Improvement Association, of which the rector, the Rev. Chancellor Espin, D.D., is president, has placed seats in various shady nooks in the outskirts, and on Saturday afternoon the committee attended by the energetic secretary, Mr. R. W. Wraith, were busy planting trees in the town. The rector had promised to plant the first tree, and some disappointment was felt when it became known that a pressing engagement had called him away.

NOTICE.

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SPECIAL TERMS TO UNDERTAKERS.

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Blackhill, April 14th, 1894.

## LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon—Mr W. Logan, J.P., (chairman) presiding.—It was reported that there were only three patients in the Leadgate Infectious Hospital, and they were recovering from typhoid fever.—Plans for the proposed new fever hospital at Langley Park, were submitted by Mr J. W. Rounthwaite, F.R.I.B.A., of Newcastle. There would be two wards—a large and small one—with two nurses rooms and other conveniences. The cost would be about £2,600.—The Chairman said that all it was necessary to provide at present was an administrative block and one ward.—Eventually the plans were approved of, and the architect was empowered to invite tenders for the laying down of the main drain to the site.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

CONSETT—54, Sherburn Terrace, 21st inst., the wife of J. C. Hudson, of a daughter.

BEAMISH—Russell House, 13th inst., the wife of J. W. Rider, M.R.C.V.S., of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

STANHOPE—Wesleyan Chapel, 21st inst., by the Rev Mr Glover, of Goole, assisted by the Rev S. Cooper, of Stanhope, the Rev William Wallace to Elizabeth Proud of Stanhope House.—10th inst., William Brown, of Westgate, to Jane Moses, of the Haswicks.

Primitive Chapel, 10th inst., John Hodgson Craig, of North Grain, Wearhead, to Mary Hannah Featherstone, of Stonedress, Wearhead—17th inst., John Wm. Ward to Margaret Swalwell, both of Wolsingham.

WOLSINGHAM—Register Office, Thomas Walker to Dorothy Walker, both of Wolsingham.

### DEATHS.

CONSETT—3, Edith Street, 20th inst., aged 30, John James Tucker, husband of Maria Tucker.

BLACKHILL—Viewfield, 16th inst., aged 78, Thomas Siddell, forge and mill manager, Consett Iron Works.

WINLATON MILL—17th inst., aged 53, Mary, wife of Robert Brown, grocer.

WOLSINGHAM—Trodbeck House, 17th inst., aged 68, Thomas Bell.

PRUDHOE HALL—17th inst., Susannah Mary, widow of the late Matthew Liddell.

GREENSIDE—14th inst., aged 21 years and 7 months, Jane, wife of Thomas Wheatley.

CRONIWELL COLLIERY—15th inst., Bridget, wife of Robert Brown.

39, MICKLEY SQUARE—Aged 34, John, son of John and Jane Thompson.

PELTON FELL—14th inst., aged 56, George, husband of Elizabeth Pigg.

OUSTON—14th inst., aged 6 months, George Ernest, son of James and Ellen McAndrew.

LONDON—12, Wembury Street, Highgate, 20th inst., aged 61, Elizabeth, wife of William Hayward, for many years editor of the "Northern Daily Express."

CLICK-'EM-IN—On the 22nd inst., aged 76 years, William, husband of the late Barbara Suddes. Interment at Esh Laude, on Monday first, at 2·30. *Cortege* to leave the house at 1·45.

In loving memory of my dear husband, and father, John Reed, who died at Lintzford, on November 24th, 1893, aged 58 years.

In loving memory of my dear husband, John Atthey, White-le-Head, who died on Nov. 23rd, 1874.

"Gone from sight, but still to memory dear."
"Thy will be done." 779p

In affectionate remembrance of Mary Elizabeth beloved daughter of M. and E. Laing, of Castleside, who died at Woodlands Hall, Nov. 22nd 1893, aged 23 years.

"We cannot call a day our own,
Nor yet one single hour;
For death will cut the strongest down,
And blast the fairest flower." 819p

In loving memory of our dear brother, Thomas Greener, who died Nov. 11th, 1893.

"Thou art not forgotten, brother dear,
Nor ever wilt thou be;
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee."
"Rest in peace."

From his affectionate sisters,
ISABELLA and MARY JANE.

In affectionate remembrance of my dear wife, Hannah Mary A. Herdman, who died at Dipton, Nov. 19th, 1892.

"She is gone, but not forgotten,
Never shall her memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round the grave where she is laid." 815p

In loving memory of Ralph, dearly-beloved son of Jane and the late John Proud, who was killed at the Derwent Colliery, on Nov. 3rd, 1892.

"Gone to his rest—another call
To the regions bright and clear.
A bright life closed—a sad farewell
To one we held so dear.
Tried and tested—staunch and true,
Pure gold amidst the dross.
A vacant chair—a life well spent,
None can replace his loss."

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