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FOOTBALL "SPECIALS."

FOOTBALL FINANCE.

By HENRY LOCKETT

(SECRETARY TO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE).

The result of my efforts in going through many official accounts and reports, in order to calculate the receipts of the Football League clubs for one year, is, I must admit, not less surprising to myself than it must be to all who are unofficially connected. The period in which the facts and figures here set forth were recorded was the twelve months ended on April 30th last; and, with due allowance for the fact that previously the League was not as strong numerically, they may be accepted as a fair representation of the importance and extent of its average business yearly for seven or eight years at least. I say I am surprised. The approximate turnover has never been officially reckoned before. I expected to work out a big sum, but when it came to £183,726 I thought of Dominie Sampson, and mentally exclaimed: "Prodigious!" That, truly, was the gross income of all the League clubs last season. If there is any error at all—I believe there is not, for the returns have been compiled with every care exercised to verify them—it is certainly not made in trying to make the figures appear higher than they should be. All the figures I am giving may in fact be taken as the minimum. Of the £183,726 the clubs of the First Division received the larger share, in the proportion of much more than two to one; they took £130,652, while the clubs of the Second Division received £53,074. Not all this money, let it be understood, was paid for admission, for that is not the only means of a club's subsistence. The money taken at the gates and received for tickets by thirty-four clubs (I have omitted Darwen and Blackpool, being unable to verify their returns) came to £163,302—that is, £116,550 in the First Division and £46,752 in the Second Division. It is said that you can prove anything by figures. The saying applies when they are supplied polemically. My figures are not set forth for the purpose of any controversy, but, in minds which they most strongly impress, different thoughts and ideas will, no doubt, consequently occur. With a thought that has occurred to my own mind, which I mention without intending to be at all argumentative, there will, perhaps, be a general, if not unanimous, agreement, namely, that it is possible to estimate pretty accurately the total number of persons who paid to see the League clubs play last season by a calculation at the rate of sixpence per head. I make it, therefore, that the £163,302 represents an attendance of no less than 6,532,080 persons in the one season. That sum, it should be explained, was not paid solely to see League matches. It includes the money paid to see the League clubs in cup ties, with the important exception of what the Association received for its own purposes on account of the semi-final and final ties. The First Division clubs, out of the £116,550 which they received for playing, paid other clubs £10,815, while the Second Division clubs, out of their £46,752, paid other clubs £4,133, these "other" clubs being those who were concerned with them in cup ties. A noteworthy item is the amount received as transfer fees in the aggregate. Wouldn't your readers who have sometimes been shocked by accounts of "trading in human flesh" be a little surprised to know that in such an enormous turnover the proceeds of the sales of players only reached £4,157? Of this the First Division clubs took £2,680, the Second Division clubs making £1,477.

Now, having given a general summary of the receipts, let us take a glance at the account of expenses in bulk. "Prodigious!" I exclaim again at sight of the first great item. There is fresh matter for statesmen and philosophers—those who talk and write about the nation's marvellous progress in modern times—in the fact that the Football League pays annually considerably over £100,000 in wages! Last year (I will confine myself to that period) the First Division paid their men £77,374, while the Second Division gave their employés £23,421, making a total, including bonuses, of £100,795. Yet this sum, huge as it was, did not completely settle the bill for services rendered. In addition, it cost the First Division £10,085 and the Second Division £2,628 for the employment of gatemen, policemen, referees, and linesmen. Then the work done in printing, posting, and advertising cost the First Division £3,028, and the Second Division £673. For medical attendance, required not only through accidents, but also in cases of sickness, the First Division paid £687, while the Second Division paid £326; and I think these figures—a total of a trifle over a thousand pounds for doctors' bills—will be regarded by the public under whose notice they come as very satisfactory, indicating as they do a comparative immunity from the dangers which the game is supposed to involve. Captious critics and all who recoil from football, aghast with thoughts of its sanguinary nature, will see that they have extremely weak grounds in taking the doctors' bills as the foundation of their objections to the game. These figures may serve for some very instructive comparisons. It might satisfy a lot of curiosity to see, if possible, how much goes to the medical profession in ordinary industries where the wage-bill is similar to this. The second largest item of League expenditure, generally speaking, tells of the advantage of football to railway companies and hotel proprietors. Last year these good people took £15,059 from the League, the first eighteen clubs paying £10,069, and sixteen of the second £4,920. It is impossible to say precisely what is the proportion of this £15,059 that the railway companies take, as the returns of the clubs give the travelling expenses without definite classification; but, having regard to the fact that those companies take not only the fares but a substantial lump as hotel proprietors also, it is not an exaggeration to estimate their receipts from the League at something like £12,000. This is trifling beside the stupendous pile they make in carrying the football public generally; and I have yet to learn that the railway companies are in any way extravagantly generous in their treatment of football organisations or individual officials and players in acknowledgment of the extra trade they put in their way. Total League expenditure last year, £133,261.

I am sure no reader has followed me so far in what I fear, important as the facts are, is somewhat dry reading without forming in his mind the question—Where and in what measure does football pay? As amply as I can give the answer it is contained in the following general facts: In the First Division ten clubs made an aggregate profit of £23,455, the other eight clubs losing altogether £2,128. In the Second Division a profit of £2,810 was shared by six clubs only, ten other clubs carrying on at a total loss of £2,081. It should be very clearly understood that I am dealing with the clubs exclusively as members of the League, and not in any way as members of the Association or other bodies in connection with which they look to make some gain. As a rule football pays where it is best in quality, but I am not sure whether (to suggest a possible exception to the rule) such a club as Bury would, as champions, secure as much patronage as Aston Villa if the latter were midway in the list.

Collectively, the League gains over £13,000 net a year. This is a fact which will specially attract the attention of the enthusiastic advocates of the pooling of gates and proportionate profit sharing. There is not, by the way, any foreign competition to fear. In football (almost alone as an "industry") it does not arise, and I don't think, in our time, it will.

There is considerable variety noticeable under the same headings of income and expenditure when we look into the accounts of the clubs severally. Here are a few examples, taken haphazard:

	Capital.	Year's Income.	Wages, Bonuses, & Transfers.	Travelling and Hotel Expenses.	Profit.	Loss.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aston Villa	14,468	15,287	6,500	1,228	[illegible]	
Preston	1,901	5,288	3,984	[illegible]		539
W. Brom'ch A.	588	4,179	4,155	124		[illegible]
Everton	1,94[illegible]	10,[illegible]63	5,579	614	2,01[illegible]	
Derby County	404	7,491	5,12[illegible]	6[illegible]0	[illegible]	
Bury	1,675	3,970	3,19[illegible]	288		248
Newcastle	187	11,224	4,01[illegible]	1,[illegible]	2,8[illegible]	
Sunderland	1,572	9,185	3,8[illegible]	49[illegible]	2,419	
Sheffield Un'td		7,975	4,6[illegible]	774	1,148	
Stoke	1,709	6,683	4,17[illegible]	801		277
Woolwich	—	6,662	2,[illegible]	4[illegible]8	3,543	
Burslem	—	2,289	1,6[illegible]	307		350

These items sufficiently represent variety without going into a mass of details which lies before me. At a cursory glance, I cannot help noticing that whereas Aston Villa paid £61 in doctors' bills, West Bromwich Albion paid only £6. Several of the Second Division clubs nursed their own sick and maimed without troubling any members of the medical profession. The heaviest losers in the Second Division were Newton Heath, £475 appearing on the wrong side of their balance-sheet. Woolwich Arsenal (quoted above) made by far the greatest gain in the Second Division, Small Heath coming next in the order of profit-makers in that Division with £755. Luton lost £75 through their connection with the League. Bazaars were a good source of income last year to the Second Division clubs who were in need, accounting in all for £846. The heaviest gate-money in the year was the Villa's £14,093, and the smallest (First Division) Bury's £3,162. Small Heath's gate was £5,157, the Arsenal's £4,794, and Burton Swifts' £935.

Rent is an uncertain quantity, as the following figures, quoted in a column under the heading of "rent of grounds, &c.," readily indicate: Villa, £[illegible] 0s. 8d.; Blackburn Rovers, £111 18s. 3d.; Bury, £77 6s. 5d.; Derby County, £246 4s. 10d.; Everton, £253 15s.; Notts Forest, £71 8s. 4d.; Newcastle, £139 14s. 6d.; Preston North End, £12[illegible] 6s. 5d.; Stoke, £50 7s. 2d.; Sunderland, £72 8s. 1d.; Sheffield Wednesday, £73 19s.; Wolverhampton Wanderers, £150; West Bromwich Albion, £94 0s. 7d.; Burslem Port Vale, £45; Leicester Fosse, £66 9s.; Lincoln, £37 13s. 10d.; Loughborough, £35; Newton Heath, £111 0s. 6d.; Small Heath, £172 18s.; Woolwich Arsenal, £160; Manchester City, £188 18s. 7d. These figures are significant. The rent is, of course, heavier in the populous places, but the situations in many of them are inconvenient of access. There is no ground where the main entrance is in closer contiguity to a railway station than that occupied by Woolwich at Plumstead.

The subjoined tables will be perused, perhaps, with considerable interest:

	Players registered last year.	How many played.	Goals.
Aston Villa	39	19	78
Blackburn Rovers	47	23	60
Burnley	40	27	45
Bolton Wanderers	32	28	37
Bury	35	23	48
Derby County	44	30	62
Everton	45	28	48
Liverpool	20	19	49
Notts Forest	38	25	42
Notts County	22	18	47
Newcastle	38	21	49
Preston North End	31	24	44
Sheffield Wednesday	31	22	32
Sheffield United	40	23	45
Stoke	32	19	47
Sunderland	44	24	41
West Bromwich Albion	48	18	42
Wolverhampton Wandrs	36	23	54
Barnsley	32	24	53
Burslem Port Vale	37	22	56
Gainsborough Trinity	30	22	56
Lincoln City	29	19	61
Glossop North End	52	21	76
Leicester Fosse	39	23	64
Loughborough	36	25	38
Manchester City	30	17	92
Newton Heath	35	27	67
New Brighton	40	20	71
Luton	30	23	50
Small Heath	47	22	85
Woolwich Arsenal	27	22	72
Walsall	31	21	79
Grimsby	31	21	71

The cost and value of goals cannot be well defined, but to the wealthiest club—Aston Villa—there was a very substantial gain, each League goal being equal to something like £40 clear profit to them.

My figures, as I have said, have reference to the year which included last season. As to the current season, judging from what has transpired in the past two months, and having regard to the enterprise and vigorous health of the clubs, and to the wonderful manifestation of public interest in the game as played by the League, I firmly believe that, whereas the general expenses may not be increased (in some cases the wages bills will go down), the aggregate income will be still heavier.

FOOTBALL.

MATCHES.

HOBSON UNITED v. TANFIELD UNITED.

Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for the Hobson by 2 goals to 1.

KIP HILL RED ROVERS v. SOUTH PONTOP ALBION.

These teams met on the ground of the former on Saturday, and the game resulted in a win for Kip Hill by 2 goals to 1.

SWALWELL VILLA v. SWALWELL EXCELSIOR.

These teams met on Saturday, when a one-sided game resulted in a win for the Villa. Final:—

Swalwell Villa .... Six goals
Swalwell Excelsior .... Nil

CATCHGATE LILYWHITES v. DIPTON UNITED

This game was played on Dipton ground, and resulted in a win for the Lilywhites by three goals to one. The goals were scored by G. Thompson, Wilson, and Armstrong. The following did duty for Catchgate:—Goal, J. Riddle; backs, Coates and Cox; half-backs, Temple, Press, and Armstrong; forwards, Hodge, Wilson, Graham, W. Armstrong, and G. Thompson.

CONSETT CELTIC v. MOOR PIT RANGERS.

These teams met at Consett on Saturday, and the game resulted in a win for the homesters by 4 goals to nil. The following did duty for the Celtic:—Goal, G. Surtees; backs, W. Dodds and G. Brown; half-backs, T. Turley, T. Brown, and S. Bant; forwards, J. Nugent, W. Bant, F. James, R. Hewitson, and Thos. Chapman.

TANTOBIE RED STARS RESERVE v. ANNFIELD PLAIN RED STARS.

These teams met on the Tantobie ground on Saturday and the game resulted in a win for the former by 2 goals to 1. The following did duty for Tantobie:—Goal, W. Hannant; backs, H. Mather and W. Nicholson; half-backs, S. Reed, P. Pletts, and Joe. Athey; forwards, W. Hodge, F. Mather, S. Athey, T. Lake, and J. Collins.

BUSTY BANK EXILES v. SOUTH MOOR LILYWHITES.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by 4 goals to 1 goal. The following did duty for Busty Bank:—Goal, T. Baker; backs, J. Hull and W. Warmer; half-backs, G. Baker, J. Keefe, and G Bell; forwards, J. Admson, J. Metcalf, T. Keefe, J. Bell, and T. Simpson.

CONSETT ATHLETIC v. CATCHGATE TEMPERANCE.

Played at Catchgate, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 5 goals to 3. The team that did duty for Consett, was as follows:—Goal, C. Shields; backs, Ellis and Johnson; half-backs, Lineham, Malpass, and Meagan; forwards, Olver, Bell, Ackerman, Wilkinson, and Green.

BLACKHILL ALBION v. ST. MARY'S.

Played on the ground of the former on Saturday. The Albions won the toss and decided to play with the wind, and the Albion led by 3 goals at the end of the first half. The ball was again set in motion, and Hobday, running down the wing passed to White, who scored the first goal for the Saints, after which the following also scored for the Saints:—Colgan (3), Whitehead (3), Ward (1), and Hobday (2). Final:—

St. Mary's .... Nine goals
Blackhill Albion .... Three goals

ANNFIELD PLAIN JUNIORS v. MEDOMSLEY ROVERS.

This game was played at Medomsley in the second division of the Consett and District Junior League. The Plain won the toss and played with the wind. The visitors did nearly all the pressing in the first half, and scored thrice through Orr, Bainbridge, and Bickle. After changing ends it was thought that the home team would show up a bit better, but they could not get away, and the visitors scored other twice through Robson and Bainbridge. Final:—

Annfield Plain .... Five goals
Medomsley .... Nil

The following did duty for Annfield Plain:—Robson, Hendry, Armstrong, Norman, Simpson, Robson, Herdman, Bainbridge, Coyle, Bickle, and Orr.

CONSETT ST. PATRICK'S v. LEADGATE BROOMS.

Played on the ground of the former. The visitors won the toss and elected to play with the wind. The Saints pressed hard, and before the game was ten minutes' old, Spencer scored for Consett. From the centre kick Toner, Fox, and McKie rushed up, and from a pass off McKie, Toner scored. Half-time arrived with Consett leading by 2 goals to nil. On resuming, the visitors started to press, and soon scored. It did not take them long to equalise. The Saints now pressed, and before the final whistle sounded Fox scored. Final:—

Consett St. Patrick's .... Three goals
Leadgate Brooms .... Two goals

BURNHOPE ROVERS v. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

Played at Burnhope, the following teams did duty:—

Burnhope—Goal, W. Laycock; backs, P. Cassidy and T. Talbot; half-backs, T. Hodgson, J. McBride, and R. Muray; forwards, R. Wallace, P. Talbot, A. Flynn (captain), J. Flynn, and J. Talbot.

Leadgate—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, W. Robson and P. Clark; half-backs W. Calvert, C. McAloon, and D. Cartmell; forwards, C. Todd, P. Hughes, M. Willis, C. Walton, and J. Harper.

Referee, Mr Rodreon.

The Park won the toss, and the Rovers kicked off, and soon made tracks for the visitors' goal but were brought back by Clark, and some give-and-take play followed, but the Rovers received the leather, and Flynn put across to P. Talbot and that player raced past the backs and scored amidst cheers. After the re-start the Park were making things look lively for the homesters, and after Laycock had saved Hughes received and he made no mistake and equalised the score. The leather was soon again in motion and the Rovers were soon swarming round the Park goal where Clark had to concede a corner, which was well put in by Talbot, and McBride received and scored a grand goal for the Rovers, thus they were again leading. This seemed to rouse the Park lads, and they gave Cassidy and Talbot some work to do, but Murray and Hodgson relieved the pressure, and the Rovers got the leather again and Wallace shot into Calvert's hands, and Talbot rushed up and put the ball through for the third time, thus half-time found the score:—

Burnhope .... Three goals
Leadgate .... One goal

Willis once more set the ball rolling and play was very even, and each end was visited in turn, but Flynn received and had a clear goal but was robbed of his kick by his partner Jim, and the Park took the ball up the field where they scored a grand goal, thus making the score to be 3 and 2. After the kick-off the Rovers were around the visitors' goal again, where Robson nearly put through his own goal, but Calvert saved and threw out, but Murray returned to Wallace who beat Calvert for the fourth time. This caused the Park to wonder, and they took the ball up the field, but it was returned by Hodgson. Robson at this point gave a corner, which was taken by Wallace, who put well in and Murray put well into Calvert's hands. A foul was given off P. Talbot, the custodian took the kick and put the ball well up the field, where McAloon shot, Laycock falling in saving, but Todd rushed in and scored No. 3 for the Park with only a few minutes to go. The game was at a high pitch, but try as they would the Park could not equalise, thus the whistle went and the game resulted in a victory for the Rovers. Final:—

Burnhope Rovers .... Four goals
Leadgate .... Three goals

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.

BEARPARK UNITED v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

This game was played at Bearpark on Saturday. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play down the hill. Annfield Plain set the ball in motion, but Bearpark were not long in getting possession. Simpson got hold and gave to Simmons, who transferred to Hope, and the latter made a rare sprint down the field, and finished with a terrific shot which the goalkeeper just managed to get out. The United continued to make things hum. Hope and Pope got possession, and the former put through the first goal for the home men amid loud cheering. Simpson was not long in notching No. 2, and Hope No. 3. Half-time:—

Bearpark .... Three goals
Annfield Plain .... Nil

On the game being resumed, Pope gave to Simmons, who passed to Hope, and this player made a fine run up the field, eluding the backs and goalkeeper, and scoring the fourth point. After another attack by the United had been beaten off, Forster got hold and banged the ball into the net for the Celts, giving Crooks no chance. Bearpark buckled to again, and put on other two goals. For the most part the Plain had to act on the defensive, the final result being:—

Bearpark .... Six goals
Annfield Plain .... One goal

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LINTZ ROVERS v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

Under the auspices of this league these two rival clubs met at the Lints on Saturday afternoon. Mr. T. Reed, of Leadgate, generalled the teams in an efficient manner. When they lined up they were seen to be represented as follows:

Lints Rovers—Goal, J. Dewse; backs, T. Turpin and R. Wood; half-backs, A. Dewse, J. Sinclair, and P. Hanrattie; forwards, J. Humble, R. Pyle, J. McNaney, W. Humble, and A. Kay.

Tantobie Co-operators—Goal, J. Lishman; backs, J. Gladders and I Adamson; half-backs, T. Middleton, J. McKever, and F Bell; forwards, R Woodman, W. Adamson, W. Fletcher, T. Seath, and R. Atkinson.

Lints winning the toss took the advantage of having a strong wind at their backs, and kicked into the entrance goal. Tantobie opened hostilities by making a sally for the Rovers' goal, but they found an obstacle, and soon the home men returned play to the visitors' territory, where from a throw-in, Seath again passed to Atkinson, who gave Dewse a hard shot to save. This he did in excellent fashion, and soon after saw the ball out of danger. After a bit brisk give and take play McNaney sent in a straight shot which Gladders promptly returned. Shortly after this a corner kick taken by W. Humble just caught the inside of the cross-bar and bounded into play, from which the first of a large number of goals was obtained in a scrimmage. From a throw-in Seath was getting nicely up the wing when he was intercepted by Wood just as he was getting dangerous. From this Pyle got possession, but after slipping the forwards was obliged to give to McNaney, who let fly a straight shot which went over the top of the cross-bar. The visitors pressed matters and reached a dangerous position in front of the home goal, when a penalty was given against Lints for handling. McKever was entrusted with the kick, and sent straight past Dewse, thus equalising. From a throw-in Hanrattie, from a position near the touch-line, sent in a long shot which Lishman failed to save, amid a round of applause from the spectators. After a few more exchanges Sinclair sent a long kick to J. Humble, who was lying in a dangerous position. He shot, but the ball went wide. He had not long to wait for another opportunity, and this time he banged the third goal through in fine style. Play still raging about the visitors' goal mouth J. Humble rushed into the fray, and together with Pyle rushed the ball through. From a goal-kick Pyle again passed to J. Humble, who promptly made towards the "Co-ops." goal, where he rushed the ball clean past Lishman for the fourth time. Soon after this A. Kay contributed No. 5 amid cheering, and from a corner kick by W. Humble, Pyle made out the half-dozen, half-time arriving with—

Lints Rovers .... Six goals
Tantobie .... One goal

Soon after the resumption of play Tantobie rushed a second goal through from a corner kick, after which Dewse saved a fine shot by fisting out. Securing the ball on the wing Pyle took a shot which went through amid cheering. After some exchanges Lishman was kept pretty busy until Tantobie broke away and bombarded Dewse's charge, which was well defended, and kept intact by the backs. Securing from a throw-in Fletcher rushed past Dewse and scored the third goal of the game, the final resulting as follows:—

Lints Rovers .... Seven goals
Tantobie .... Three goals

MARLEY HILL LITERARY INSTITUTE v. CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.

This Derwent Valley League fixture was decided at Marley Hill on Saturday in the presence of a good assembly of spectators. The teams lined up as follows:—

Marley Hill—Goal, Grant; backs, Cullen and Davison; half-backs, Gilbert, McDermott, and Bouder; forwards, Warnaby, Lyle, Morton, Baker, and Douglass.

Consett—Goal, Coleman; backs, Eltringham and Wood; half-backs, McNally, Bradley, and Winter; forwards, Little, Sheldon, Hull, Pratt, and Boyle.

Referee, Mr Curry, Swalwell.

Favoured with the spin of the coin, Marley Hill elected to defend the south goal. A very stormy wind prevailed at the time and the homesters were favoured with this important factor. After a few preliminary exchanges the homesters established themselves in Consett's quarters, where they remained for some time, until a fine kick from one of the visitors' backs removed the leather to a more safe place. A foul awarded against the visitors enabled the homesters to retrieve their lost ground, and play for some time hovered dangerously near the Consett citadel. Nearly the whole of the play was on the Marley Hill right wing, and the ball seemed to refuse to leave that part of the field. Warnaby, Lyle, and Morton now put in some good work, whilst Boyle, Pratt, and Hull were conspicuous in the Consett ranks. Through the instrumentality of Little the ball was carried near the home goal, but it was not destined to remain long, and soon operations were again being carried on in front of the visitors goal. Douglass managed to get possession of the ball when in a favourable position, and notched the first goal for Marley Hill, after about fifteen minutes' play. On resuming, the homesters played with great dash and were beginning to look dangerous when they were penalised for hands. This had very little material effect, for the homesters were soon swarming in front of the Consett goal. The visitors at last got away, and a foul was awarded to them which afforded a great advantage. The kick was nicely placed, and Grant the home custodian had to kick out. Some fine play on the part of the homesters resulted in the latter finding their way into the visitors' territory. During the next few minutes the spectators were treated to some fine play in front of the visitors' citadel. A scrimmage ensued and Coleman had to fist out. The visitors were completely hemmed in, and another goal was soon registered by Lyall making the second point for Marley Hill. A few minutes after the re-start the visitors were making tracks for the home goal, when they were pulled up for off-side. They were, however, soon repulsed and play was again resumed in the Consett quarters. The homesters on several occasions shot wide of the mark, and might have been expected to increase this score. This, however, might be excused when we take into consideration the strong wind which swept the field and thus rendered accurate shooting a somewhat difficult task. Cullen was subsequently the means of adding the third goal for the homesters. Half-time:—

Marley Hill .... Three goals
Consett Swifts' Reserve .... Nil

The opening exchanges of the second period of the game favoured the home team, T. Morton missing with an open goal. The visitors pressed and P. Cullen and B. Davison defended well, but at last the visitors got in a splendid low shot and T. Grant saved on the ground with difficulty. The home forwards broke away and pressed, the visitors' defence had plenty of work to perform as the home forwards spoiled many good chances close in. The visitors got up but the off-side rule spoiled their chance. A sharp run by the home forwards brought the downfall of the visitors' goal for the fourth time, T. Morton doing the needful. After this the visitors tried hard to score, two or three sharp shots being cleared by T. Grant in splendid fashion, one shot being saved with two or three forwards on him. The ball was returned and a penalty resulted in favour of the visitors. Wood took the kick, but Grant saved and cleared in grand style. At the other end Douglass missed a very easy chance in the goalmouth. Warnaby on the right made a fine run which resulted in Lyall missing only by inches. The visitors left made some good runs, but spoiled their chances by getting off-side. Final:—

Marley Hill .... Four goals
Consett Swifts' Reserve .... Nil

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

SUNDERLAND A v. STANLEY.

About 500 spectators assembled to witness this match at Roker Park on Saturday. The Wearsiders had a very strong team on the field including Farquhar, and their latest acquisition, W. Hogg, of Willington Athletic. Stanley had their usual team.

Sunderland A.—Goal, Naisby; backs, Bach and Dixon; half-backs, Fraser, Simpson, and Pallister; forwards, Hogg, Farquhar, Craig, Prince, and Carmichael.

Stanley—Goal, Robbins; backs, Bell and Saunders; half-backs, Coates, Allison, and Redpath; forwards, Ellis, Robson, O'Connor, Douglas, and Masterman.

O'Connor kicked off for Stanley towards the sea, and a few minutes after the start Naisby was troubled by Ellis. A moment later Bach had to concede a corner, but it came to nothing, and the home team broke away. A free kick in the Stanley goal mouth was cleverly saved by Robbins, and the Stanley forwards were again set going. Naisby made some splendid saves, especially from Allison, who shot into his hands. Stanley were now all over Sunderland, having all the play, and it was seldom that the homesters could get away with the ball. O'Connor sent in a splendid shot, which struck the cross-bar, and then Hogg took the ball down the field and shot into Robbins' hands. Stanley again dashed to the Sunderland goal, and had hard lines, Bach accidentally putting his back in the way of a shot which would probably have found its way into the net. Sunderland now woke up and Robbins had to look lively. Carmichael and Farquhar each had futile shots, but a minute later the latter put a splendid shot into the net, giving Robbins no chance. Sunderland were now thoroughly aroused, and they made things hum. Following O'Connor's kick off they made another attack on the Stanley goal, and Carmichael nearly scored from the extreme wing, his shot just grazing the upright. Stanley then had a turn, and Douglas and Robson each sent past, while Allison skimmed the cross-bar. Sunderland next made a nice combined run down the field, and Hogg, with the goal at his mercy, was just about to shoot when he was fouled. A penalty kick was given to Sunderland, and Prince took the kick, but Robbins proved his worth by stopping the shot and throwing away. Saunders got the ball and conceded a corner, which was futile, and directly after the whistle blew for half-time, when the score was—

Sunderland A .... One goal
Stanley .... Nil

Craig kicked off, and after each end had been visited a bully took place in the Stanley goal-mouth, and resulted in Craig scoring number two for Sunderland from a pass by Hogg. Soon after the re-start Craig was injured in a charge and had to be assisted off the field, and Farquhar went centre. A vigorous attack on the Sunderland goal was then made, and after Naisby had saved from Douglass, O'Connor banged the leather into the corner of the net, thus reducing Sunderland's lead. After this the Wearsiders' forwards were conspicuous for some very bad work in front of the Stanley goal, their shooting being very weak and faulty. Masterman was the next to come before the public gaze, he being responsible for a run which nearly brought about the downfall of the Sunderland citadel, and also for a shot which gave Naisby an anxious moment, the latter just punching away in time. Just before time Hogg raced down the field, but Saunders stopped his flight, and this concluded the game. Final:—

Sunderland A .... Two goals
Stanley .... One goal

LEADGATE PARK v. SOUTH SHIELDS.

These teams met on the Park ground on Saturday before a good attendance. Teams:—

Leadgate Park—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, G. Temple and Joe Wilson; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and P. Daly; forwards, W. Cook, W. Crowther, S. Thompson, G. Forster, and J. Birtley.

South Shields—Goal, Seymour; backs, Wilson and Curry; half-backs, Ford, Boggie, and Elliott; forwards, Gall, Murphy, McIntosh, Gibson, and McGurk.

Referee, Mr. J. R. Douglas, Gateshead.

McIntosh won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and sun at the backs of his men. On Thompson kicking off there was some pretty even play for a time. The wind assisted Shields considerably, and they did some pressing, but Temple and Joe Wilson were in good form at back, and beat off many attacks. Cook and Crowther had a nice run, and the former beat Curry and sent across, the forwards missing a nice chance. The visitors retaliated by the aid of McIntosh and Murphy, and forced a corner, which was easily cleared. Play ruled fairly even, the effective tackling of the Park defence spoiling the visiting forwards on several occasions. About 20 minutes from the start Shields scored a lucky goal, Hedley, in trying to clear from a scrimmage, throwing the ball into the net. Notwithstanding this reverse the Park played up pluckily, and once Thompson had a favourable opening, but failed to turn it to account. The remainder of the half was equally fought out, no more scoring resulting, and at half-time the score read—

South Shields .... One goal
Leadgate Park .... Nil

With the wind in their favour the Park immediately put on pressure, and Seymour brought off a fine save. Shields got down, but had a short stay, Temple sending them back, and the home forwards bombarded the visitors' goal. However, Seymour and Wilson defended finely, and repelled numerous shots. At length Cook centred from the line and the ball was put through, but the referee refused to allow it. Still pressing the Park left sent across and Thompson beat Seymour with a splendid shot amid cheers. The game was almost entirely in favour of the home men, the visitors seldom reaching the other end, and the ball was again shot past Seymour, the referee disallowing what seemed to nearly all present to be a perfectly legitimate point. Once towards the finish Shields looked dangerous, Hedley effecting a grand save from McIntosh, but Leadgate were pressing when the whistle sounded. Final—

South Shields .... One goal
Leadgate Park .... One goal

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. HOBSON WANDERERS.

This fixture was brought off on the Vicarage enclosure, Consett, before a fair attendance of spectators. The following were the respective teams.—

Consett—Goal, W. Graham; backs, Jos Finnigan and J. Dempsey; half-backs, B. McKie, T. McGrachan, and Jas. Finnigan; forwards, Morgan, Little, Eustace, Turley, and B Rafferty.

Hobson Wanderers—Goal, Randall; backs, Liddle and McCue; half-backs, Atkinson, Layton, and Hunter; forwards, Walton, Layton, Smith, Lown, and Andrews.

Referee, Mr. J. Mitchinson, Gateshead.

Consett won the toss and elected to play with the wind in their favour towards the entrance goal. From the onset the home men attacked, and Morgan sent bye on the left forthwith. Coming back to the attack a corner was conceded on the left, which was nicely placed by Morgan, but Liddle headed out. Aided by the strong wind which prevailed the home men confined the play largely to the visitors' half, Randall sending out difficult shots by Turley and B. Rafferty. Occasional breaks away by the visitors' forwards occurred, but these were only momentary, Jos. Finnigan and Dempsey invariably sending back without much difficulty. Layton, Lown, and Andrews, by dint of good passing, changed the venue, but Graham kicked away nicely in the nick of time. The attack was once again resumed by the home men, who forced two corners in quick succession. Liddle, however, by virtue of his height, reached them with his head and averted the danger. Morgan sent well across from the left, and Turley sent in a stinger. Randall fisted out, but sent the ball right on to the toe of B. Rafferty, who opened the scoring in favour of Consett with a capital oblique shot. Resuming from the centre the home men attacked again, but Liddle and McCue were very obstinate and bad to beat, likewise Randall. Andrews got away up the touch-line and centred finely, and a lamentable series of misses ensued among the visitors' forwards with the goal at their mercy. Thrice did they essay to drive the sphere between the posts without success. End-to-end play followed, the game being fast and loose alternately. A bit of spirited play would be followed by a long wait of the ball being returned from touch. Turley got in two stinging shots, Randall dealing with one successfully, whilst Liddle headed the other by, a corner resulting. This was well placed by Morgan, but Layton (half-back) rejected. Another corner for Consett was splendidly placed by Little, and fine attempts to reach the leather with their heads found Turley and Rafferty both rolling in the net, but the "net" result was "nil." Consett maintained the pressure for the most part during the first period. The strong wind, however, neutralised all accuracy of combination, and caused erratic shooting, no further addition being made to the score on either side up to the interval.—

Consett .... One goal
Hobson .... Nil

On the resumption of hostilities, the Hobson men at once went to the fore, and kept up an incessant attack on the home goal for several minutes, but ultimately unsuccessfully, Dempsey transferring the globe to mid-field. It came quickly back again, however, and caused Graham more anxiety, that player having to be extra-specially spry and dexterous in order to keep out the many intruders which were intermittently finding their way in. Layton, Lown, Andrews and Liddie (from full-back) all essaying attempts to lower his colours, but without avail. Meanwhile Randall (the opposing custodian) had made himself comfortable at the other extremity with the assistance of his overcoat, pipe, and a seat at the foot of the upright. The Hobson men were very persistent in their attack for a good while, but were unable to penetrate the home defences to any material advantage, Graham, Jos. Finnigan, and Dempsey all working hard to prevent a notch being scored against them. Dempsey clean missing a kick on one occasion, Walton looked like getting through, but Graham ran out and cleared just in the nick of time. McGrachan cleared another shot just after at the crucial moment. The home forwards now showed up a bit better, Morgan and Little on the left making desperate attempts to get in, but Liddle proved a veritable stumbling-block, being apparently ever in the way. Breaking away the home forwards inevitably looked like scoring, but Eustace wasted the opportunity with a sickly, feeble shot which Randall cooly kicked out. The Consett men held the advantage briefly, and Morgan made a good attempt off the left, which was followed up with another from his partner Little which went over. Rafferty broke away on the right, but McCue drove out, and their another visit was paid to Graham, who conceded a corner. Nothing resulted, and James Rafferty passed forward to Turley, who made a splendid sprint three-fourths of the length of the field. Liddle, however, slipped in and intercepted the final pass to B. Rafferty, the former sending back with one of his long lunges. Turley made another dash, but this time B. Rafferty was pulled up for off-side, and again the partial advantage came to nought. The home men were now making a decidedly better show against the wind, and their supporters goaded them on to increase the score, but without success. Morgan and Little did some more effectual work up the left, and once again the scene was changed, a corner resulting at the Consett end. A wild bully in the goal-mouth was frustrated by Little, who drove back. Layton and Lown returned the sphere, and again Graham's two sticks looked "fishy." A foul off Hobson, however, relieved the pressure momentarily. The respite was only brief, the Hobson men striving hard to effect a drawn game. Semi-darkness, however, prevailed by this, the ball being scarcely distinguishable among the sea of legs in and around the home goal. A crowd of spectators gathered round Graham's citadel eagerly exhorting the home custodian to "keep 'em out," and good-humouredly chaffing the abortive attempts of the visitors to score. The darkness was now getting too great for further play, and the referee gave the game a tragic but unsatisfactory conclusion eleven minutes before due time. The match will, therefore, in all probability have to be replayed at a future date. Final:—

Consett .... One goal
Hobson .... Nil

ALLENDALE PARK v. BLAYDON UNITED.

These teams met on the ground of the former on Saturday afternoon. There was only a moderate attendance lined the ropes when the teams faced each other as under:—

Allendale—Goal, J. Scott; backs, W. Walton and H. Hobday; half-backs, J. Robinson, A. Walton, and T. Hanley; forwards, G. J. Wright, J. Trueman, T. Williams, Craig, and J. Lynop.

Blaydon—Goal, Cook; backs, Jardine and Hurst; half-backs, Davison, Batey, and Smith; forwards, Willis, Veitch, Murphy, Horne, and Brown.

Referee, Mr Halliday.

The spin of the coin fell in favour of the homesters, who elected to play towards the entrance goal. Immediately from the kick-off Allendale took up the attack, and the game was not many minutes' old when Williams scored the first goal for the homesters. The Park again took up the running, and were awarded a free kick close in, Cook saving in fine style. Blaydon now got away, but the leather went harmlessly by. From a throw-in Allendale got hold and made a rush for the entrance goal, but they failed to score. From the goal kick mid-field play followed, but at last Blaydon got away, but could not penetrate the defence opposed to them. At last a corner fell to the lot of the visitors, but it did not prove of any advantage, the home backs clearing in grand style. Not to be denied Blaydon still kept up a continuous attack on the home territory, and not until Craig and Williams got possession was the pressure relieved, but their effort proved fruitless, the leather going wide of its mark. A good run on the part of the visiting forwards again carried play into the home quarters, where Scott was tried with a splendid shot, but he proved equal to the occasion. The visitors were now doing most of the pressing, Willis making a splendid attempt to score, his shot just missing by inches. Blaydon still continued to press, and when the whistle sounded the score stood as under:—

Allendale .... One goal
Blaydon .... Nil

From the re-start, Blaydon got away, but were pulled up by the opposing backs. Craig and Williams got away on the right for Allendale, but were pulled up for off-side. From the free kick the visitors took up the running, Brown sending in a good shot, but Scott saved in fine style. A good run on the part of the home forwards carried play to their opponents' half, the backs and goalkeeper having plenty of work, shot after shot being sent in, but the Blaydon backs staved off the danger in fine fashion. The United left now made a splendid run up the field, Scott having some hot shots to contend with in quick succession. The Allendale forwards now carried play to the low goal where Lynop tested Cook with a lightning shot which he saved in grand fashion. End-to-end play was now the order of the game for a while. Another good run on the part of the home forwards ended in Trueman adding a second. The whistle sounded shortly after with the score:—

Allendale .... Two goals
Blaydon .... Nil

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "OFF-SIDE."

HARD LINES FOR THE PARK.

If ever a team had to bemoan their ill-luck it was the Park on Saturday. The official verdict was a draw of one goal each, but most people who saw the game went away with the impression that the home men were entitled to the verdict. They pressed for something like two-thirds of the game, but luck was against them. Although South Shields had the benefit of both the wind and sun in the first half, they could only score once, and that was through a mistake on the part of the goalkeeper, who, however, it must be admitted was sorely pressed—so sorely indeed that he threw the ball into the net instead of around the post. That mistake apart Hedley kept goal finely, and the Park are to be congratulated upon securing his services. The game was evenly contested till the interval, when the visitors crossed over leading by a goal to nil.

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Although the breeze dropped somewhat afterwards, there was no mistaking the superior team. The Park men pressed repeatedly, and only a really grand display by Seymour between the posts staved off disaster on numerous occasions. At length, however, the old Bishop Auckland man was beaten, but the referee struck it off—for off-side presumably. It may have been so, but as Cook centred from the goal-line it seemed rather a curious decision. But the Leadgateites were in dead earnest, and eventually Thompson beat Seymour with a real clinker. The home men continued to exert tremendous pressure, but the visitors' defence remained cool and collected under all attacks. Seymour was especially prominent, fisting and kicking out all kinds of shots. But this notwithstanding he had to strike his flag again before the finish, but again the home team were doomed to disappointment, as the referee refused to allow it, and was in consequence treated to a good, hearty groan. I had a talk afterwards with some Consett spectators near the goalposts, and they declared it to be as good a goal as they had ever seen scored—and they know something about the game.

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Thus Shields managed to take a point away with them, and can thank their lucky stars on their good fortune, as on the play they were a badly beaten team. For a combination that has cost so much money to get together, and whose praises were so lavishly sung by the Newcastle press, they must be put down as a disappointment. In Seymour they have a splendid custodian, who proved the saviour of his side on Saturday. Wilson is a good back, Ford shapes well at half, whilst McIntosh, Gall, and McGurk were pretty fair forward, but the others were not of much account. I have already referred to Hedley, who is a goalkeeper much above the average, being smart and active, and good alike with both hands and feet. In Temple (the Reserve captain) the Park have got an excellent back, and he makes a splendid partner for Joe Wilson, who continues to play his usual consistent and hard-working game. Tommy Wilson did well at half, but the forwards are not up to the mark by a long way. Cook was about the best of the lot, and he was nicely fed by Crowther. Birtley was too wild on the left, and his passes were badly judged. Thompson displayed cleverness at times, but is not the Sammy of old. However, his goal was a beauty. Forster would improve his play by infusing more dash into it.

TALL SCORING AT THE LINTZ.

You can never tell what the Lintz men will do on their own ground. Away from home they may not be very dangerous, but on their own pitch they are always to be feared. This the Tantobie "Co-ops." found out to their sorrow on Saturday, and it was a new experience for them this season to have so many goals piled on against them. There was a good old-fashioned blizzard in evidence on the Lintz field, and much anxiety was manifested by the partisans of either side as to how the toss would go, as it was felt that this would have an important bearing upon the ultimate result. The Rovers gained this advantage, and in consequence the visitors had a lively forty-five minutes. The Lintz opened the scoring, but McKever equalised from a penalty. Then the fun became fast and furious, the Rovers piling on the goals at a rare rate, and when Mr. Reed announced breathing time the home men had no fewer than half-a-dozen goals to their credit. The wind had dropped considerably on the change of ends, so that the "Co-ops." were fighting a losing battle all through. However, they augmented their total by two, whilst the Rovers added another point, and thus won easily by the extraordinary score of seven goals to three.

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The winning of the toss was undoubtedly a slice of luck for the Lintz, and they did not forget to make the most of their opportunities. In fact, the game may be said to have been won at half-time. For the winners, J. Dewse kept goal very creditably and he was well supported by Turpin and Wood at back, the old Diptonite doing wonderfully well for a veteran. The halves were a good trio, Sinclair as usual being prominent, and he was well supported by A. Dewse and Hanrattie. Amongst a set of smart forwards J. Humble, Pyle, and Kay were often in evidence, whilst W. Humble and McNaney were both triers. Lishman did not distinguish himself between the Tantobie posts, and altogether failed to play up to his reputation. Neither Gladders or I. Adamson were at all safe, and they have certainly played many better games. The halves were a hard-working line, McKever putting in all he knew, and Middleton and Bell also did their utmost to avert defeat. In the front rank Seath, W. Adamson, and Fletcher did their best to put a better complexion upon matters for their side, and Woodman also did pretty well. It was a great victory for the Rovers, who were fairly confident as to the result before the game started.

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AN UNSATISFACTORY GAME AT CONSETT.

The meeting between the Consett men and those from the Hobson did not prove nearly so interesting or exciting as many of the contests which have taken place between the two teams. The weather was boisterous, and contrary to anything like a scientific exposition of the game, a strong wind blowing towards the entrance goal. Consett were minus their centre-half, Harrison, who is "hors-de-combat" with an injured ankle, whilst Laidler was also an absentee on the home side. The latter's place was taken by Dempsey, whilst James Finnigan also fell into the rear—at half-back. There was only a moderate attendance, the visit of the South Shields men to Leadgate affecting the gate somewhat. In the first half the home men did most of the pressing, aided by a strong wind. Consett secured a corner almost in the first minute, but the Hobson men repelled successfully. Morgan just missed scoring immediately after. The Hobson men broke away occasionally, but were never dangerous, the high wind quickly returning the sphere on every occasion. Turley made one or two desperate onslaughts on the right, but the visitors' custodian (Randall) was ever on the alert, and kept out some stinging shots. Eventually Barney Rafferty beat him with a sharp return at cross-corners, and half-time found the Consett men leading by one to nil.

The opening exchanges of the second period were altogether in favour of the Hobson, who kept up a hot fusilade on the home goal. The shooting, however, was very erratic, owing to the high wind. The home defence likewise proved of sufficient calibre to withstand the strain put upon them—Graham, Jos. Finnigan, and Dempsey all putting in good defensive work. About the middle of the second period the home forwards smartened up considerably, and troubled Randall once or twice, Eustace failing on one occasion owing to a miserably weak shot. Darkness closed in upon the game, the referee stopping play eleven minutes previous to time.

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On the home side Graham in goal kept his charge intact, although hard pressed on many occasions in the second half. Jos. Finnigan retains much of his old-time vigour and ability as a full-back, whilst Dempsey gave a most creditable account of himself as one not accustomed to that position. James Finnigan performed well at half, whilst Morgan ("Mousey") and Little (the new man from Ashington), were a tricky and smart-passing pair. Turley, too, shewed a lot of his old dash, good shooting, and speedy dribbling. For the visitors, Randall in goal was excellent, and got away some difficult shots. Liddle played his usual capital game at full-back, and put in some nice dropping shots in the second half. The brothers Layton shewed a lot of their old ability, and are rendering good and consistent service to the Hobson team. Lown, too, is an old player of repute, and along with Layton played a dashing game at forward on Saturday. The probability is that the game will be void owing to short time being played, as a result of the darkness.

BURNHOPE SURPRISE LEADGATE.

Much interest was taken in this game, as the Park have not been beaten so far this season, and the Rovers have not suffered defeat on their own ground yet, and a good game resulted the Park having to return beaten by four goals to three. The Rovers are a team that seem destined to finish well up in the Derwent Valley League. They have won four games out of six. Laycock as usual gave a good display of goalkeeping, as did also Calvert, and could not be blamed for the shots that beat them. The home backs were in splendid trim, and played a magnificent game. The half-backs were also a grand trio, as they seemed to know their positions, and were continually on the ball. The forwards gave a much better display than they did the previous Saturday, their shooting being much better than usual, and they passed well. The Rovers meet the Swifts Reserve at home on Saturday, and will try and get on even terms with them, as they knocked a couple of points out of the Rovers at Consett.

STANLEY IN GOOD COMPANY.

There is an evident feeling of respect for the Stanley club and players down in the vicinity of "Barbary Coast," as Monkwearmouth is vulgarly termed. The Wearsiders appear to have taken particular notice of Stanley's play against Wallsend, Middlesbrough, and Hebburn Argyle, the latter especially. Hence they called upon Bach (an International) and Farquhar of the first League team, to assist in bringing about a victory. They succeeded, chiefly through Bach, but they only succeeded—nothing more. There is no doubt that the west-countrymen are a team to be reckoned with, and that at present they occupy a very false position on the Alliance table. The arrangement of the fixtures is detrimental to their present reputation, but there is clearly a change in view. Form in football may be a fallacious quantity, but a gradual improvement, such as that shown by Stanley, is bound to tell a tale in the end. "You ought to lick Leadgate by three to none" said a prominent Sunderland player after the match at Roker Park, but—well, things may not be as they seem.

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Anyhow Stanley gave Sunderland A a reminder that the far west can produce troubles as easily as the far east can boast of victories. From Robbins in goal, to the front line led by Captain Masterman, the whole team gave a rattling good account of themselves. Robbins was in rare trim and kept out a penalty; Saunders and Coates were up to the mark and shots were rained from the front rank upon the home goal with tantalising failure. Bach was a most persistent thorn in the visitor's side, and but for him Stanley would have come away handsome victors. It is true they have yet a victory to record in the Alliance; but, as I said last week, they have had the toughest of their engagements at the outset. The horoscope indicates a forthcoming big win.

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A REPLY TO MR. SHEPHERD.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—In reply to T. Shepherd's query, "Why did St Cuthbert's play C. Lumley, on Sept. 30th?" The reason is or was they had a right if they thought proper. Lumley was a member last year, but did not play much, I suppose, outside practice. T. S. had better write to the late secretary of the league and he will tell him the time Lumley joined the club. I have known C. L. since he was a very little fellow, and I will cover any money T. Shepherd likes and hand it over to the Nurses Association that Lumley is not 21; and T. S. will have to prove it on Thursday, because it is sickening. If ever the St. Cuthbert's win a game the other side protests. It is known where T. S. has got his cue from, but two outsiders will settle that for the meeting. The St. Cuthbert's should protest against T. S. being allowed to act as a referee at any match, owing to his conduct in the match of Sept. 30th. Why did he appeal to a visitor about the ball, when it was the linesman to appeal to? If he had done that things would have been square. For a final the St. Cuthbert's dare play C. L. on any match they think proper this year.

Yours, etc.

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ITEMS.

Another windy day at the Vicarage Field.
More wind than play, a good deal.
Let's hope for a fine day on some occasion.
The same will be duly recorded in the "Guardian."
If ever it happens.
Even the light gave out on Saturday.
So that the game could not be finished.
Which will probably mean another game.
And another "date."
The latter of which is the more difficult problem.
The same old faces represented the Hobson.
Which speaks well for the players' adherence to the club.
Some players change as often as the season.
Not so the Hobson men.
Harrison is lame.
He was missed on Saturday.
"Tinker" was a bit stiff at centre half.
And not so "lithe" as formerly.
Dempsey was good at full-back.
Ditto James Finnigan at half.
Eustace seemed sadly out of training.
Being obviously outplayed before the finish.
His shots too lacked "stingo."
Otherwise his dribbling and tricky play were good.
Turley is "the boy" to sprint.
When once he gets an open field.
Being bad to catch.
Barney Rafferty got an awkward fall once.
Just as he was getting away by himself.
Appearing to trip himself up with the ball.
Strange how some things happen!
Captain Wake did well on the line.
But looked as though he would have liked to be in in the fight.
He contented himself with "gratuitous" advice.
Well, who should know better than the captain?
Without it is the average spectator.
Who generally knows better than anybody—and especially that insignificant personage known as the referee.
Allendale introduced several new men into their team on Saturday.
And managed to extract two points from Blaydon.
Johnny Trueman again turned out for Allendale.
And shaped very nicely.
Hobday figured at full-back.
And played a capital game.
By the way, where was Wattie Walton?
The new men on the Allendale side promise to turn out acquisitions.
And we may reasonably expect the team to improve upon past displays.

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When they get properly settled down Allendale expect to account for Tantobie on Saturday.
By the way, the "Co-ops." came an awful cropper at the Lints.
The Rovers are demons on their own ground.
The forwards were in their best shooting form on that occasion.
As Lishman is willing to testify.
However, the old Dipton custodian was not in his best form.
J. Humble and Pyle are a couple of rare forwards.
The Tantobie defence was below par.
Six goals in the first half was a rare beginning.
And knocked all the stuffing out of the visitors.
Few teams are doing better just now than Bearpark.
Who rubbed it in thick to the Plain on Saturday.
Hope is a rattling good forward.
He can "hop the twig" to some tune, and generally finishes with a good shot.
Simmons and Hope make a good pair.
The backs and halves played a sterling game.
Crooks had very little to do in goal.
Bearpark is proving a "surprise packet" in the North-West Durham Alliance.
Teams who visit that charming locality must look out for squalls.
The Celts did not expect a six to one licking.
The Park proved themselves a better team than South Shields.
And should have annexed the points.
It was hard lines to have two goals struck off.
Many of the spectators considered them both good points.
I must confess that the second one disallowed appeared to me to be a beauty.
Temple is a coming back.
And the Park are lucky to have such a man to fall back upon.
If the Park could get hold of two or three decent decent forwards they would take some beating.
At present the front rank is very poor.
The defence is all right.
Morton Hedley gave great satisfaction on Saturday.
He is a very fine goalkeeper.
Seymour was the salvation of Shields.
Well may Bishop Auckland bemoan the loss of such a man.
It is expected that there will be a big crowd at Oakey's Oval next Saturday.
Stanley are favourites for the event.
Especially after their fine show at Sunderland last week.
Byer Moor entertained Tynemouth on Saturday with an awfully weak team.
And were defeated by two to one.
Only five of last season's players took part in the game.
The absentees being compelled to stand down owing to accidents and sickness.
Luckily for the club they have no league games for two weeks.
The committee are in no way disheartened, and they declare will bide their time.
Then it will be "fancy meeting you" to some.
The players and officials alike are similar to Mr. Bennett's song—i.e. "Pulling hard against the stream."
George Bennett is all right again.
But Sep Lamb and Welch are doubtful yet awhile.
It is to be hoped, however, the silver lining to the dark cloud will soon appear.
Burnhope astonished the Park by beating them by four goals to three.
Who would have thought it, but it is true.
The Rovers are going great guns at present—they have got six points these last three games.
Laycock in goal is a marvel, as he can get about some ground.
Cassidy and Talbot were never seen to be in better trim than they were on Saturday, and they are as too good backs as we may find in the Valley League.
Bob Wallace was an absentee from the halves, but a good set were found in Hodgson, McBryde, Murray.
The last-named makes a good half-back, but he prefers forward.
The forwards were a good set, albeit J. Talbot did not shine so well.
P. Talbot and R. Wallace play well together.
As do also the Brothers Flynn.
What price the Rovers getting to the top.
South Moor United gained a good victory over Allendale Park A by 6 goals to nil.
They had hard lines in not bringing two points from Consett on October 2nd.
They scored five goals, and two were disallowed for off-side.
They have no game on Saturday.
They are taking a rest for the next two league games at home, with Leadgate Park Juniors and Blackhill St. Cuthberts.
All clubs having fixtures with South Moor United please note change of address—T. Smailes, 80, Poplar Street, South Moor.
Stanley did well at Roker Park.
The Wearsiders put on a very strong team against them
Including Bach and Farquhar.
Yet they run them to a goal.
The Sunderland players were surprised at Stanley.
And have a very high opinion of their ability.
Present form and extended public support will do a lot for the team.
There is a nice tit-bit on for Saturday.
When they receive Leadgate Park in a cup-tie.
That both teams may play the game is all I ask for.

MATCHES WANTED

Annfield Place White Stars have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up as soon as possible.—Apply, James Huggrun, 5, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

High Hold United have several dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible.—Apply, Thos. Little, 1, Urpeth Cottages, High Hold, near Chester-le-Street.

Crookhall Rising Stars have all dates vacant; average age 14 years.—Apply, R. Fowler, 15, Red Row, Crookhall, Leadgate.

South Pontop Reserve have all dates vacant; ages 13 to 15.—Apply, F. Nather, Quarry Row, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Pickering Nook Lilywhites are in want of matches; ages 12 to 15.—Apply, T. Moyle, Hobson Colliery, Burnopfield.

Sunniside United have all dates vacant; ages 15 to 18 years.—Apply, William Hobkirk, 17, Westwood Row, Burnhope Colliery.

Burnhope Violets are in want of matches; ages 12 to 15 years.—Apply, [illegible], Quarry Row, [illegible], Sunniside, near Gateshead.

South Pontop Albions would like to arrange matches with local teams; ages 11 to 14 years.—Apply, Albert Walters, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

Tantobie Red Stars would like to have a few of their vacant dates filled up; ages 12 to 14 years.—Apply, F. Walker, Quarry Row, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Kip Hill Red Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up; ages 12 to 14 years.—Apply, Jas. Anderson, Kip Hill, Stanley.

Annfield Plain Red Stars are in want of matches; ages 11 to 14.—Apply, J. Hugman, 13, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain.

East Pontop United are in want of matches; ages 12 to 14 years.—Apply, Albert Walford, 46, East Pontop, Durham, R.S.O.

Hobson United Reserve wish to cancel all games as they are unable to raise a team.—Signed, J. Dickinson, Secretary.

Kip Hill Rovers played a draw with Oxhill—one goal each—at Oxhill, on Saturday.

Kip Hill Wanderers have all vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages from 15 to 17 years.—Apply, R. Laidler, 11, Shield Row, R.S.O.

Stanley Athletic Reserve are in want of dates; average age, 15 to 17 years.—Apply, T. Robson, 49, Joicey Square, West Stanley.

Hobson United have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once with good junior teams; ages 15 to 18 years.—Apply, R. W. Hallam, 50, Front Street, Hobson, Burnopfield.

Allendale Putters are in want of matches; average age, 15 to 17 years.—Apply, J. G. Stobbs, 38, Allendale Cottages, R.S.O.

Grange Villa Albions have all dates vacant; average age, 16 years.—Apply, R. Jacques, 2, Lee's Terrace, Grange Villa, via Chester-le-Street.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

ANNUAL PRIZE SHOOTING AT TANFIELD LEA.

On Saturday afternoon the annual prize competitions of the K (West Stanley) Company of the 4th V.B. Durham Light Infantry, took place at Tanfield Lea. A wind from the south-westerly direction somewhat interfered with marksmanship, but, as will be seen from the appended scores, not to any great extent. The light was very favourable, and, generally speaking, the competitions were a credit to the entrants. Captain Crossling was in charge, and had the assistance of Sergeant-Instructor Hill, who acted as secretary, and Sergeant W. Roxby as treasurer. There were three events, the first being the Stanley Tradesmen's Cup, which has to be won two years in succession, and the winner to be allowed the year following, the distances being 200 yards and 500 yards, kneeling at 200 yards and any other military position at 500 yards, with Bisley targets and scoring. The first prize consisted of the cup and £2, the second prize of the value of £1 5s, third of the value of 15s, fourth prize a pipe, given by Mr T. Wilson, value 10s 6d, and fifth prize a medal, given by Mr J. T. Castle. The second competition consisted of the Officers' Prize Handicap, with three prizes value £3, £2 10s, and £1 10s respectively. Then followed a special competition in which £1 was added to the entrance money and divided as in the first competition. A nursery special competition was postponed to another date. Score:—

TRADESMEN'S CUP COMPETITION.

Five rounds and one sighting shot at each distance; 21 competitors. Prize winners—

	Distance. 200 Kneeling.	500 Prone.	Total.
Lance-Sergt. Blenkinsopp	18	25	43
Captain Crossling	18	22	40
Pte. Lamb	19	21	40†
Sergt. Robson	19	21	40†
Pte. Brown	[illegible]	20	[illegible]
Lieut. Benson	14	22	[illegible]
Pte. Wood	17	19	35
Sergt. Roxby	[illegible]	17	[illegible]
Pte. Hason	14	19	33
	14	15	29

† These two shot two rounds at 200 yards for third prize, Pte. Lamb winning.

OFFICERS' HANDICAP.

200 yards, five rounds kneeling, and five rounds standing, one sighting shot kneeling only; 19 competitors. Prize winners—

	Start.	200	Total.
Pte. Purdy	6	41	47
Pte. McHatton	12	30	42
Pte. Brown	sc	38	38
Pte. Knott	10	28	38
Sergt. Robson	sc	37	37
Pte. McKeand	8	29	37
Sergt Roxby	sc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pte. Rowe	6	30	36
Pte. Hason	sc	35	35

SPECIAL COMPETITION.

Distance 200 and 500 yards, five rounds at each distance, no sighting shot; 21 competitors. Prize winners:—

	Distance. 200 Kneeling.	500 Prone.	Total.
Sergt. Roxby	20	23	43
Sergt. Robson	19	23	42
Capt. Crossling	18	23	41
Sergt. Hope	22	19	41
Pte. Brown	19	21	40
Lance Sergt. Blenkinsopp	18	21	39
Lieut Benson	18	20	38
Pte. Hason	15	21	36
Pte. Lamb	12	23	35

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LOCAL POLICE COURTS

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, October 26th, 1899.—Before the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford, and Dr. J. Wilson.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following cases of drunkenness were dealt with as follows:—Geo. Smith, 5/- and costs; Francis Armstrong, 2/6 and costs; Hy. Wardill, 2/6 and costs; John Glover, 2/6 and costs; Chas. Tie, 5/- and costs; John Collin, 5/- and costs; Thos. Hall, 2/6 and costs, or seven days; Hugh Heenan, 2/6 and costs; Jos. Bushby, 2/6 and costs; John Thompson, two charges, 2/6 and costs in each case; John Coyle, 2/6 and costs.

DAMAGE TO UNDERWOOD.

John Parker and Jas. McKnight, boys, pleaded guilty to having done damage to underwood, the property of Lord Boyne.—A fine of 6d, 1d damage and costs, was imposed.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Jonathan Smart was summoned for doing damage to turnips belonging to Mr. Blain, of Esh.—P.C. Robinson said he saw the defendant walking through the turnip field treading down the turnips. He did it repeatedly. Defendant was watching for men who were playing cards.—The damage was assessed.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

Frank Corrigan and Jas. Brannen were charged with having done damage to a fence, the property of John Kidd.—Mr. Kidd assessed the damage at 3d each. He could not keep the fence up. He had sustained a great amount of damage.—A fine of 6d, 3d damage, and costs was imposed.

Frank Waters and Geo. Cox pleaded guilty to having been found in a plantation belonging to Lord Durham.—A fine of 6d, 1d damage, and costs was imposed.

GAMING WITH CARDS.

Ralph Smith, Robt. Young, Robt. Coes, Jos. Raine, Sam Thompson, Robt. Thompson, W. Weedy, and others, were summoned by P.C. Robinson for playing a game at cards called "nap" beside Esh Colliery, on Sunday October 14th.—The officer said he saw the defendants playing near Heugh Farm, Esh Colliery, on the road side. The defendants "clubbed" up a shilling each to bribe the policeman.—A fine of 3/- and costs was imposed.

STOP THE TAP.

Wm. Turner, Thos. Mallabar, and Thos. Hunter, were summoned by P.C. Longstaff for being drunk at Esh Hill Top, on October 14th. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, defended, and pleaded not guilty.—The officer stated that while on duty at the above place he was called into Mrs. Waugh's public-house to order the defendants out, who were drunk. When the defendants got on the highway they used bad language. They were drunk at 10.30 p.m. In answer to Mr. Oliver, he never said, "The taps are stopped," when he entered the house. After leaving the house they "raised the place."—Hunter and Mallabar said they were not drunk. Hunter said the officer, after ordering him home threatened to lock him up. They were quite sober.—The Bench believed the officer, and fined the defendants 2/6 and costs.

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN.

Ed. Purvis, South Moor, was summoned for having been drunk at South Moor, on Sunday, September 3rd, and also for having assaulted P.C. Vitty. Mr. Dickinson, Shotley Bridge, defended.—The officer, P.C. Vitty, who appeared with his leg in a sling, stated that he was on duty with P.C. Stobbs, when he heard a disturbance going on near to Mr. Oxley's public-house, at South Moor. On going there they heard the defendant using bad language, and wanting to fight, he didn't care who, as long as he had a "go." P.C. Stobbs told him to go home, when he replied, "I'll not go for any b——." P.C. Stobbs then told him, if he did not go home they would have to take him to Stanley, when he replied, "I don't care for any b——." Taking him into custody they proceeded for about 30 yards, when he began to be violent and tripped him (witness) twice, causing him to break his leg. P.C. Stobbs then got hold of defendant, while he (witness) rose to his assistance, but found he could do nothing more. Defendant then kicked and plunged about until he exhausted himself, calling P.C. Stobbs disgraceful names. He had known defendant ever since he went to live at South Moor. He had not worked for three years.—In answer to Mr. Dickinson, witness did not know that defendant was under a doctor for a spinal complaint. He had heard a rumour to that effect. He had seen defendant playing at quoits and ball. When witness took hold of defendant he tripped him.—P.C. Stobbs corroborated.—Mr. Dickinson admitted the drunkenness but not the assault. The police officer was very properly doing his duty. In taking hold of the man they fell together, when it was that the officer's ankle bone was broken. His client was charged with wilfully assaulting the policeman, but he submitted the policeman was not wilfully assaulted. It would be for the Bench to satisfy themselves that the defendant had wilfully, and with intent to do harm, assaulted the policeman. There was no intent on the part of his client to assault the police.—The Bench considered the charge which was brought against the defendant was a very serious one, and they could not think of fining him for the assault case, but had decided to send him to Durham Gaol for one month with hard labour.

A BIG "SCHOOL."

J. Lazenby, Jas. Bell, W. Charlton, W. J. Crame, M. Neilson, W. Metcalf, L. Kingston, Jas. Welsh, G. Burn, J. Gibson, J. Mackenzie, W. Mackenzie, Robt. Thompson, J. Lumley, T. Halliday, W. Burdis, Chas. Ellis, W. Henderson, R. Henderson, M. Aldridge, G. Shotton, M. Hardy, and J. Dodds were all charged by P.C. Ferguson for playing at pitch and toss at Maiden Law, on October 14th. Mr. W. Oliver, Durham, appeared for twenty of the defendants and Mr. W. Dickinson, Shotley Bridge, for Kingston.—P.C. Ferguson said he was on duty at Maiden Law, and saw all the defendants playing at pitch and toss on the highway about 3.30 p.m. He watched them for about half-an-hour. They had the road completely blocked.—Mr. Oliver, for his clients, admitted that there was a good deal of "schooling" going on, but that his clients were not the persons who had engaged in it. The officers had got hold of the wrong men.—P.C.'s Thomas and Pemberton having corroborated, several of the defendants were called as witnesses, and denied that any of those charged had committed the offence.—The Bench believed the officers' statements, and fined all the defendants 2/6 and costs, excepting the Mackenzies, who were fined 5/- and costs.

ANOTHER "SCHOOL" AT CRAGHEAD.

Geo. Clement, Jas. Jones, John Bainbridge, Ed Allen, Wm. Burdis, Jas. Gordon, Robt. Gourley, Thos. Tomlinson, Thos. Burke, R. Brown, Matthew Carr, Ed. Jefferson, John Telford, Simon Grant, Ed. Horn, Ed. Ridley, John Souter, Matthew Gourley, and Wm. Gourley, were all summoned by P.C. Crisp for playing pitch and toss at Craghead on Oct. 21st. Defendants pleaded guilty.—The officer stated that on Sunday afternoon he saw the defendants playing at pitch and toss on the public footpath at Craghead. He saw money exchanged. A fine of 2/6 and costs each was imposed.

A CASE FROM CORNSAY.

P.C. Davis summoned Jos. and Robt. Simpson for having played at pitch and toss at Old Cornsay on Oct. 7th. The officer said while on duty at Old Cornsay he saw defendants playing in the Square. They were very reluctant about giving their names. A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed.

PIT WORKING BADLY.

P.C. Haw summoned a lad named William Amos, of Burnhope, for having committed a breach of the Highway Act by setting off crackers in the public street, on Oct. 13th. Defendant said he took the cracker from a little boy who was holding it to his face, fearing that he might burn himself, and was examining it when the officer asked him his name.—The officer said defendant was setting off fireworks on the road when he caught him. After taking his name the defendant followed him down the road and said the pit was working badly, and he had'nt much to pay the fine wi'. At this point the defendant completely broke down and sobbed bitterly for some time. After Inspector Waller had consoled him a little Dr. Wilson addressed him thus: "Now William, you will remember not to do this again, will you?" And the lad through his tears replied "Yes Sir," after which he was released.

STRAY SHEEP.

P.C. Waterson summoned Mr. Joseph Vickers, of Tow Law, for allowing his sheep to stray on what the officer alleged to be a public highway at Salter's Gate. Mr. Leybourne, of Bishop Auckland, defended.—The officer in his evidence stated that he was on duty at Salter's Gate on Oct. 14th, when he saw about twenty sheep, the property of Mr. Vickers, straying on the highway. After cautioning Mr. Vickers hind he returned to Salter's Gate, where he found the sheep on the road a second time.—Mr. Leybourne argued that the road was not a public highway within the meaning of the Act. It was an allotted road, and he objected to its being called a highway, an objection which if held by the Bench would be fatal to the case. He considered it was the duty of the police to prove that the road in question was a public highway. Until they had evidence to show that it was a highway he considered he had no case to answer. It was an allotted road under the Award of the Wolsingham Common.—Mr. Ornsby (the Magistrates' Clerk) disagreed with Mr. Leybourne on the point, and ruled that it was a highway, and that onus of proving it to be otherwise lay with the defence. According to the alleged information it was a highway.—Mr. Leybourne: If I allege that I am King of Italy or Kruger, am I therefore what I allege I am?—Mr. Ornsby held that the onus of proving its not being a highway rested with the defence.—Mr. Leybourne considered it a most unfair way of dealing.—Having decided that point, the officer in answer to a question from the Bench, said the sheep were on the east or Satley side on the road from Springwell.—In answer to Mr. Leybourne the officer said he knew the sheep were Mr. Vickers', because they had J.V. marked on their side. He did not examine the sheep, nor count them. The colour of the letters was black. He did not know whether the sheep had been clipped, as he was not a farmer. (Laughter.) They had a good thick coat of wool on. He was acting on instructions from the supt. in taking those cases into Court.—Supt. Benzies said he had received a complaint from Mr. Armstrong, Lord Bute's Agent. When he got the complaint he had no idea that it was sheep, he thought it was the people.—For the defence, Mr. Leybourne repeated his objections that it was not a highway, and that it was the duty of the police to prove it such, and said that Mr. Vickers would be willing to put a gate at the end of the road if he had a right to do so, but he had not, because it was an allotted road. He submitted that a case had not been made out against his client. He would call Mr. Vickers, who would tell them that it was not a highway.—Mr. Vickers, called, said the road was a public road for allottees, and he could not stop it. There were other people's sheep in that neighbourhood. He had been on the farm for 23 years, and had never been called to question about it until now. The same condition of things had existed for a generation. The road was not macadamised.—The case was dismissed.

ANOTHER CASE.

Ann Little, of West Butsfield, was summoned by P.C. Waterson for allowing her cows to stray on the highway on October 13th.—The officer said he had cautioned the defendant several times.—Defendant said the cows were not on the highway, they were on the bottoms, a place for which she paid rent. She could bring witnesses to prove that the officer drove them from the bottoms on to the road.—The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS.

Harry Copeland, a hawker, was summoned by Sergt. McDonald, of Annfield Plain, for driving without lights after sunset, on October 13th, near Annfield Plain.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5/- and costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

Geo. Forster, gamekeeper for Lord Durham, summoned Robert Appleby for trespassing on His Lordship's land while in search of game. Mr. Forster said he saw the defendant take a net off a rabbit hole in the plantation, wrap it up, and put it in his pocket, and afterwards throw it over a hedge.—Defendant, who denied the charge said he was never off the turnpike.—P.C. Iceton said when he served the summons on the defendant, he said he was very sorry he had been over the hedge for a private purpose.—Defendant (to the officer): I wonder the Lord does not show a judgment upon you for telling such lies.—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

Wm. Joice was fined 5/6 and costs for committing a similar offence on land belonging to Sarah Jane Hedworth.

MINES REGULATION ACT.

William Parkinson, manager of the Morrison Colliery, summoned Edward Spears, a miner, for stemming a shot with a mixture of coal and stone, against the rules.—Mr. W. H. Oliver prosecuted on behalf of the Coal Company.—Mr. Marshall, a pupil with Mr. Fairley, said in the course of his duties in the pit he found the defendant stemming a shot with "band" and reported the case to the manager.—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

FIGHTING IN THE MINE.

Richard Purvis and Stephen Toole were summoned by Mr. A. Kuhlman, manager of the Hedley Pit, South Moor, for fighting in the mine on October 4th.—John Maughan, rolley wayman, said he heard somebody shout for him to stop the set, and having done so he proceeded to where the defendants were, when he saw the younger lad lying on the bottom, and the elder on the top of him.—Defendants were fined 2/6 and costs.

CIVIL DEBT.

Mr. J. R. Lupton, Inspector to the Lanchester Rural Council, acting upon instructions from the Council summoned John Foster, an elderly gentleman, the owner of some three cottages at Cornsay, to recover the sum of two guineas, incurred in laying on water to Mr. Foster's cottages. Mr. W. H. Oliver, Durham, defended.—Mr. Oliver, in cross-examination, asked Mr. Lupton when the demand had been made. Mr. Lupton, after turning over the pages of a book containing the required information, handed the book to the Bench, and in so doing, incurred the displeasure of Mr. Oliver, who asked rather sharply a second time when the demand for payment was made, when Mr. Lupton replied "Keep your hair on."—Mr. Oliver: Then you don't have any insolence.—Mr. Lupton, addressing the Bench, said the water was laid on on July 4th. He knew Mr. Foster had paid the Consett Water Company some money for water. He also heard that Mr. Foster had got a tender from the Water Company for the work.—Mr. Oliver said Mr. Foster received a post office order for two guineas, which he had not cashed, from Bishop Auckland.—Dr. Wilson (to defendant): When you got the note from the Water Company do you know it was your duty to pay the money to Mr. Lupton?—Mr. Lupton said the Council had proceeded according to the Statute, and that Mr. Foster had a right to pay the money to him because the notice was received by him that the Council intended to do the work before he went to pay the Water Company.—An order was made for the payment of the two guineas, with costs.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, October 30th, 1899.—Before Mr F. Priestman (in the chair), Mr J. T. Potts, Mr W. Aynsley, Mr G. Ainsworth, and Mr W. Holmes.

CONSETT RATES.

On behalf of the Consett District Council, Mr W. S. Shell summoned a large number of persons for the non-payment of the district rate. Mr T. W. Welford prosecuted.—The majority of the cases were settled amicably.

A STRAY PIG.

Elizabeth Ward, Leadgate, was summoned by Supt. Benzies, of Consett, for allowing her pig to stray on the highway on October 22nd, contrary to the Diseases Animals' Act.—The Superintendent said he had previously cautioned her.—Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 1/- and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

Mr Seymour Meddick, Attendance Officer to the Tanfield School Board, summoned Joseph Congleton, miner, Leases, for refusing to send her daughter to school.—A fine of 5/- was imposed.

ALLEGED WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

Sergt. Dryden, of Consett, arrested Thos. McTernay, in a lodging-house in Consett, on Saturday night, and charged him with attempting to wound Thomas Haley, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.—The officer said the complainant was suffering from a black-eye, fractured ribs, and bruised chest, and had been removed to the Lanchester Workhouse. When taken before the complainant, he identified the prisoner.—Defendant was remanded for eight days.

ASSAULTING A POLICEMAN.

David George, of Stanley, was summoned by P.C. Millions, of Stanley, for being drunk and disorderly at Stanley, and for assaulting him in the execution of his duties, on Saturday evening.—P.C. Physackles said he was on duty in Front Street, Stanley, in company with P.C. Millions, when they saw the defendant drunk and disorderly. They were obliged to take him into custody. He behaved in a most violent manner.—P.C. Millions said at 10.45 p.m. he went to the assistance of P.C. Physackles who had the prisoner in custody. Defendant kicked him (witness) twice on the right shin-bone, and once in the ribs and on the hand. It was not until they got the assistance of Sergt. Leadbitter and P.C. Tate that they were able to get the prisoner into the police-station. They had to carry him bodily to the station.—Defendant was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk and disorderly, and 20/- and costs for assaulting the police.

MIND THE WINDOW.

John Telford, Miner, South Medomsley, was summoned by William Bertram, for breaking a window, the property of the South Medomsley Colliery Company, and a lamp, the property of Wm. Bertram. Mr. J. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, prosecuted, and Mr. T. W. Welford, Consett, defended.—Mr. Welford said the damage to the window had been repaired to the satisfaction of the Company, and if the prosecutor would give them the lamp they would give them the 9/3.—Prosecutor: I'll give you the lamp.—This course was agreed to.

SECOND COURT.

Before Mr. G. Ainsworth (chairman) and Mr. W. Aynsley.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were charged with this offence and dealt with as under:—Robert Richardson, Consett, 5/- and costs; John Laing, Shotley Bridge, 2/6 and costs; Barton Johnson, Iveston, 2/6 and costs; John Atkinson, Leadgate, 2/6 and costs; James Snowdon, Leadgate, 2/6 and costs; Stephen Armstrong, 5/- and costs; John Jackson, 2/6 and costs; Hugh McCurry, 2/6 and costs; Thomas McCardle, 5/- and costs; Rose Carroll, married woman, Consett, 2/6 and costs; Bridget Clark, married woman, Consett, 2/6 and costs; John Williams, Castleside, 5/- and costs; William Dixon, 5/- and costs; John Johnson, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; Terrance Glancey, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; Mary Smith, married woman, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; Frank Murphy, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; John Haines, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; James McCreary, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; Edward Lanigan (two offences) Blackhill, 10/- and costs; William Dawson, Blackhill, 5/- and costs; William Dixon (two offences), Leadgate, 15/- and costs; John O'Neil, Burnopfield, 10/- and costs; John Grey, Iveston, 5/- and costs; John Morris, Flint Hill, 5/- and costs; William Maughan, 5/- and costs; Amos Urwin, Lintz Colliery, 5/- and costs; Peter Kirk, Lintz Colliery, 5/- and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Thomas Hanning was charged with doing wilful damage to grass and a wall.—A constable testified that on the 12th ult. he saw the accused climb over a wall and cross two fields at Ebchester, of which Mr. Joseph Rodgers is the tenant.—Mr. Rodgers said a great amount of damage had been done through walls having been knocked down, and gates opened, thereby enabling the cattle to escape upon the highway. He assessed the damage at 1/-.—The Chairman thought that damage could not have been done to the amount of 1/-, and Mr. Rodgers would have to show that damage had been done to that amount.—Mr. Rodgers agreed to reduce the amount of damages to 6d.—A fine of 2/6 the damage, and costs was imposed.

AMONG THE TREES IN THE PARK.

John Moore, a young lad, was charged with doing damage to underwood to the amount of 1d.—P.C. Johnson stated that on the 22nd ult. he was on duty near the Blue Bridge, Shotley Bridge, where he saw the defendant in company with other boys, all of whom were in the park, and running about. The accused was throwing stones at some squirrels which were upon the trees.—The defendant's mother said the accused, who earned 1/- per day, was her only support.—The Chairman remarked that the quantity of damage done all over the country was something serious. It was very hard for the parents, especially in the case of a widow like the one before them.—The Bench decided to deal leniently, and fined the accused 6d, 1d damage, and costs—6/- in all.

TROUBLESOME CHIMNEYS.

Henry Nelson was charged with a contravention of the Towns' Police Clauses Act, by setting his chimney on fire.—Sergt. Tones characterised the case as one of the worst he had known.—A fine of 1/- and costs was imposed.

AN UNLICENSED DOG.

John McLaren was summoned by P.C. Robson for keeping a dog without a license.—The accused was fined 7/6 and costs.

SCHOOL BOARD PROSECUTIONS.

John Slaven, Blackhill, was summoned for not sending his child Mary Ann, regularly to school.—The child, it was stated, had been eleven times present at school out of a possible twenty-nine.—The child's mother handed a medical certificate to the Bench, showing that the child had been ill.—The case was adjourned for one month.

Joseph Hall was summoned for a like offence, and fined 5/-.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Patrick McGreary was charged on a warrant with having committed a breach of the peace at Allendale Cottages, on April 30th.—The accused was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £5 and ordered to pay the costs—11/-.

A NOVEL APPLICATION.

A young married woman made an application to the Bench for a summons against a publican whose name she gave, whom she stated had kept 2/- for beer obtained by her husband.—Sergt. Tones was asked to throw some light upon the case, and he informed the Bench that the applicant had sent her child for some beer at an inn, the child having 2/- to pay for the same. The landlord kept the change.—The Chairman: Because the husband owed him money?—Sergt. Tones: It appears so.—Sergt. Tones, continuing, said he had seen the publican referred to, who had informed him that the applicant's husband had got some supper-beer to the value of 5/1½, which amount was unpaid.—The applicant: It was not dinner beer.—The Chairman: It does not matter what it was for.—Sergt. Tones, continuing, said the landlord told him that he had asked this man for the arrears, when he told him that he could go to a warm place, and added that he would never get the money from him.—The Chairman considered it a case in which a summons could not be granted.—The Bench agreed that the application was one for the jurisdiction of a County Court.

A Home of Rest for Authors and Artists.

The Hon. Lady Murray has started a Home of Rest in the Riviera for over-worked authors and artists, and a well-illustrated description of this Chateau appears in the November "Windsor Magazine." "Lady Murray has called the beautiful villa she possesses there, with its commanding views of a country which is the garden of the South, the 'Chateau de l'Esperance,' and indeed it is well calculated to bring hope to lives where hopelessness is unnatural, intolerable. Her aim has been to provide a home for artists and authors in search of rest after illness which has made immediate return to work impossible, and a residence of a few weeks or months in a warm climate necessary, or at least advisable, if they are ever to regain strength to resume work. It will be as well to give a summary of the rules Lady Murray has laid down for the guidance of those who desire to go to the Chateau de l'Esperance. First, the health of the applicant must be such as to make a winter in a mild climate necessary, or at least advisable. Second, he must be unable to obtain this without assistance. Third, his medical advisers must be able to give some hope of his being able to return to his work after the benefit of a winter abroad. Fourth, those admitted must pay their journey expenses, and a pound a week for board and lodging. Antibes is only a few miles from Cannes, and Messrs Cook have recently arranged to issue tickets to Antibes direct, the price of a return ticket, second class, of six weeks' duration, being £7 4s 6d. One word as to the circumstances which led Lady Murray to conceive and carry to execution the project of the Chateau de l'Esperance. She is the daughter of Lord Castleton, and married Sir Charles Murray, the younger son of Lord Dunmore, who was for many years employed in important posts in the Diplomatic Service. Sir Charles was successively Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Courts of Sweden, Portugal, and Persia. After his death Lady Murray's chief hopes and interests were centred in her only son, who while still very young showed promise of a distinguished career. He was an extraordinarily good linguist, and published articles in some of the leading French reviews. Not long ago he went to America, and on the voyage home he met with a tragically sudden death, being accidentally poisoned by a remedy for sea-sickness. He was young, strong, gifted, and had enough motive power to drive a dozen lives. His death was a cruel blow to his mother, but with the fortitude of generous souls, which catastrophe cannot overcome and pessimism cannot invade, she determined not to spend her life in useless grief, but in some practical way to attempt the alleviation of a fragment of the great mass of pain in the world. We have mentioned this pathetic incident in Lady Murray's life because it serves to show the source from which the Home for Authors and Artists at Antibes has sprung, and why these brain-workers in particular were chosen for the good work."

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THE DIPTON WOUNDING CASE

A DISGRACEFUL DRUNKEN ROW.

At the Consett Police Court, on Monday, Wm. Wears and William Bertram, miners, of South Medomsley, Dipton, were brought up on remand charged with having unlawfully maliciously, and feloniously assaulted John Wigham, miner, South Medomsley, on Oct. 13th, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. Mr. T. W. Welford, Consett, appeared for the prosecutor, and Mr. J. Turnbull, of Chester-le-Street defended.

Mr. Welford, in opening the case, said that on Oct. 13th the complainant was in the Red Lion Inn, Dipton, along with the two defendants, when an argument took place amongst them. His client afterwards left and went to the home of his father-in-law, who lived in the same row as himself. After remaining there for some time he went home with his wife. After getting outside one of the defendants went up to him, and knocked him down. Complainant had about eleven wounds in his head and other two or three on the side of the head. The complainant would tell the Bench that the first blow on the head knocked him down after which Wears and Bertram got at him with a knife and a poker. Wears did not live in that row at all, but at the high end of Dipton. It would appear that the defendants had waited for the man and followed him with intent to do him harm.

Complainant, in answer to Mr. Welford, said he was in his father-in-law's house on the night in question, and left it about 11.30 p.m. He lived in the opposite row to Bertram. He was knocked down in Fitzackley's yard by Bertram striking him on the back of the head. He remembered nothing more until P.C. Curtis went into the house. He had about eleven wounds in his head, which were attended to by Dr. Fraser, of Dipton. Since that night he had been unable to work and was still in a weak condition.

In answer to Mr. Turnbull, complainant denied leaving the public-house for the purpose of fighting with Bertram. He left at closing time. He did not make the remark when Bertram was passing Fitzackley's house that he "was just the b—— he wanted." Nobody was present then excepting his wife. He did not rush at the defendant opposite Fitzackley's house. He did not have three rounds in Fitzackley's yard, and was knocked down every time. He was sober, although he had had some drink. He would swear that he did not know anything about the disturbance after he was struck down. He didn't remember Telford, his father-in-law, being there, or tell him to go into the house and get the gully. He would swear he didn't know whether he had a gully in his hand or not. He didn't remember seeing Wheatley take the gully out of his hand. He had never heard anything about a gully. He had some knives but no gullies, in the house; they never used any gullies.

Jane Wigham, wife of the complainant, said on Oct. 13th she left her father's house about 11.20 p.m., when she saw Bertram standing outside, who hit her husband on the back of the head. There was not a word spoken. Her husband never rushed at Bertram. She never heard her husband say to Bertram that "he was the b—— he wanted," and she was close behind him. When Bertram hit her husband he fell on to the ground in Fitzackley's yard. After Bertram knocked her husband down Wm. Wears arrived and started to beat him on the head. When Wears hit her husband she shouted, "Murder" and "Help," when her sister Mrs. Garfoot, and Mrs. Hodgson and her brother-in-law, Mr. Garfoot, went to her assistance. She assisted to get her husband up, whilst Mrs. Hodgson assisted to get Bertram off him. After getting her husband on to his feet Wears struck him over her sister's shoulder twice. She found the poker produced opposite Bertram's house that night which she handed over to P.C. Curtis shortly after the affray. She found the knife where her husband was hurt. It was covered with blood, and this she also handed over to P.C. Curtis. It was shut when she handed it over. There was a good deal of blood on her clothes. Mrs. Garfoot attended to her husband's head.

In answer to Mr. Turnbull, witness said Bertram could hit her husband on the back of the head nicely from where he was standing.

Mr. Turnbull: If they were standing face to face how did Bertram strike your husband on the back of the head?

Mrs. Wigham: If I was standing face to face with you could I not hit you on the back side of the head?

Mr. Turnbull (smiling): No, I should be inclined to think you would hit my nose. (Laughter.)

In answer to Mr. Turnbull, witness said Bertram got on top of her husband after knocking him down. When she gave the alarm her sisters and her brother-in-law arrived, but there was nobody else there. The witnesses Morton and Wheatley were not present until after the window was broken. Thos. Dixon was not there to her knowledge. Her husband fell on the bricks. He was not knocked down more than once, and did not strike his head on the sharp bricks and the projecting end of the pantry. After he was knocked down he was unconscious. Wheatley forced her husband out of the house to fight, and held her husband up for Bertram to beat him. She had found the knife about ten minutes before her husband had been felled. Telford did not arrive until after all was over. She never heard anything said about a knife. Nobody took a knife out of her husband's hand that night. Wears struck him when he was down. She picked the poker out of the channel.

Mary Garfoot, wife of Matthew Garfoot, miner, South Medomsley Cottages, said she was in her own house when Mrs. Wigham shouted "Murder," which brought her out. She ran to her sister's assistance, and found Wears and Bertram on the top of Wigham. They were striking him on the top of the head. She could not say whether they had anything in their hands or not. Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Wigham pulled Bertram off Wigham, whom she assisted to his feet. After that Wears returned and began to quarrel and strike Wigham on the head a second time. He struck past her shoulder, when she said "O! man, what are you doing." Wigham said, "Oh! dear," and she asked him what was the matter with him, when he replied "They have struck me on the head." Wigham was bleeding very much. She saw her sister pick up the knife from Fitzackley's flags or bricks.

In answer to Mr Turnbull, witness said she did not see the beginning of it. She could not tell whether Wigham had had any liquor or not. She did not see any poker at the time. Wigham was taken home, where he remained until another man took him out. She only assisted Wigham part of the way home. After that she didn't see him any more that night. She held him by the arms when he was struck.

Re-examined by Mr. Welford witness said Wigham was not in a fit state to fight. He was bleeding freely.

Hannah Hodgson, wife of Jonah Hodgson, of South Medomsley, corroborated the evidence of the last witness, and said she pulled Bertram off Wigham, and asked him to go home. She didn't see anybody else do anything. She saw her sister pull Wears off Wigham. After Wigham had been got up she asked him to go home, when he said he couldn't, as he had been stabbed on the head. Wears went to Bertram's house, and when he neared the door she saw him throw a poker away, which her sister picked up. She took Bertram home in response to his wife's request, because he was drunk. On arriving home Bertram said they were picking at him. She heard him say that he was very pleased he had got such a clever shot. The poker was Bertram's poker. She never saw Bertram pick the poker up when the stone went through him window. Laverick was never in Bertram's house. She didn't know where the poker came from. The marks were made on the crown, and each side of Wigham's head. She didn't see any knife used. She never saw Wigham with a knife in his hands.

Dr. C. W. Fraser, of Dipton, said he was called to attend Wigham about 12.30 a.m. on Saturday morning, about an hour after the affair. He saw Wigham, examined his wounds, and found that on the back part of the scalp, within a circle of about four inches in diameter, some eleven wounds. They were short. A knife or something of the same nature could have caused them. He found another big mark on the middle of the fore-part of the head, some 2½ inches long, which could have been inflicted with a poker. After the blow on the top of the head Wigham would be stunned. He was still in a weak state. There was no bruise on the back of the head. The wounds were short, from three-eighths of an inch to half-an-inch long, and could have been caused with an instrument having a blade. The sharp edge of a brick could not have produced the wounds he saw. The wounds differed with regard to the sharpness. The knife was not shown to him until after he had examined the wounds. He examined the knife and found what appeared to be blood upon the blade. Blood would be drawn from the first wound. The wounds could have been caused by no other instrument.

Matthew Garfoot, miner, South Medomsley, said he lived opposite Bertram's house. On hearing somebody scream "Murder" he went out, on October 13th, and found Mrs. Wigham standing about 15 yards from his door, and the two defendants on the top of Wigham in Fitzackley's yard, striking him on the head. He corroborated the evidence of the female witnesses, and said further that he found Wigham in a sitting position, and he was a total mass of blood. He helped Wigham to his feet, who said, "Oh! I'm stabbed." Witness, on asking who had struck him, received the reply that it was Wears and Bertram. After taking Wigham home he went for P.C. Curtis and Dr. Fraser. He took him home a second time after Bertram and Wigham had closed for a fight. That was as much as they did. Wigham was not in his proper senses at the time.

In reply to Mr. Turnbull, witness said there were no independent witnesses present that he knew of. The street was crowded after the second meeting took place. They had not more than one meeting. The poker was found higher up the street afterwards. There was not a row between Telford and Bertram. He stopped Wigham on his own door-step with a knife in his hand. Wheatley did not take it from Wigham. Wheatley took the knife after Wigham had thrown it on the door-step. Wigham never used the knife.

P.C. Curtis, stationed at South Medomsley, said on October 13 he went to 41 South Medomsley Cottages, and saw the complainant, who complained of having been stabbed. Wigham showed him the handkerchief, shirt, and collar, which were produced. He also produced the knife and poker he received from Mrs. Wigham before the doctor arrived. The poker was in the same condition when he received it as it was that day, with the exception that there were two or three pieces of hair upon the edge of it, which had got rubbed off. He went with Sergt. Lawson to the houses of the defendants. He examined Bertram's kitchen, and found nothing there but a coal-rake. He asked Bertram if he had a poker, when defendant replied, "I have one, but it is outside, I don't know who has got it." He assisted to take him to the lock-up.

In reply to Mr. Turnbull, witness said he had made no effort to find the owner of the knife. Both defendants denied having any knowledge of the knife being there.

Sergt. Lawson, stationed at Dipton, said about three a.m. on Saturday, 14th October, he apprehended Bertram in his own house at South Medomsley. He was in bed at the time and was wearing the shirt produced, with blood on the wrist-bands. He afterwards conveyed him to Consett, and charged both the defendants with "mortally" wounding John Wigham with intent to do him bodily harm. Wears made no reply, but Bertram said it was a fair fight. Wears lived about a quarter-of-a-mile away from the scene of the occurrence, in Easton's Cottages. He measured the distance from Telford's house to the spot where the assault took place. It was 36 feet, and from the same place to Bertram's house was 176 feet in the opposite direction. He afterwards examined the spot where the alleged wounding took place, and found a place on the bricks about 15 inches in diameter, which was completely soaked with blood, the remainder of the yard also being covered with blood, of which there appeared to have been a considerable quantity lost.

Defendants were here charged with the offence, and Mr. Turnbull pleaded not guilty on their behalf.

Mr. Turnbull, for the defence, said that none of the witnesses were independent witnesses; they were all the relatives of the complainant. After reviewing the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution, Mr. Turnbull said he did not wish to rest his case upon small points, but would call independent witnesses, who would tell the Bench their story of what happened, and would say that the injuries received were received in a fair fight. Wears had nothing whatever to do with it. There was no evidence that he had struck, excepting over the shoulder. There was no evidence to show that an instrument had been used by the defendants. If the complainant had been struck he would have shouted to that effect. He would call witnesses who searched the yard but found no knife. Every effort had been made to identify the owner of the knife. Defendant said the knife was not his. Wears was going up to have his supper at one of his friend's houses. The friction was on Wigham's side. He could not say how the cuts had been received. The witnesses for the prosecution had denied that Wigham had a knife until Garfoot went into the box, who said he had seen Wigham with a knife. If a knife had been used it had probably been used by Telford, who renewed the quarrel by banging a stone through Bertram's window. There was no allegation that the poker had been used. His client would have used it to Telford, but it was taken from him, and was not used at all. Where Wigham received his injuries there were bricks set up between the yards. The cuts received were from his being knocked down. There were three rounds in Fitzackley's yard, but no knock-down blow had been given, as Wigham had intimated. After the Bench had heard his evidence he wished them to say that it had been nothing but a disgraceful row, and as there was a considerable amount of doubt about the case, his clients were entitled to have the benefit of it.

Wm. Bertram (sworn) said he lived at South Medomsley Old Rows, Dipton. He was in the Red Lion Inn, Dipton, on October 13th, when a quarrel arose between him and Wigham about a dog, with the result that they went out into the street to fight, but did not indulge in any fighting, because the policeman was standing near. He did not expect to see Wigham any more that night. Wears was going to Morton's for his supper. He had nothing to do with the quarrel. They had a bit spite against him and had brought him into it. In passing Telford's house Wigham went out and said, "Thoo's just the b—— I want." They were arguing at Fitzackley's yard when Wigham let drive at him. Every time they got together, witness flung Wigham. He had never carried a knife in his life. The knife produced was not his. Wears never struck Wigham over the shoulder. It was a wonder the stone did not strike Mrs. Hodgson. Wears and Laverick took the poker from him. He intended to have used it to Telford. When he went out to ask Telford why he had thrown the stone the latter never replied, but let drive at him. Wigham then went out, and they both got on the top of him (witness.) Wheatley had not to hold Wigham up. He never used a knife. Wheatley took the gully off Wigham, who was going out of the yard to use it. Wigham threatened to cut his (witness's) head off with it. The third round they had he threw Wigham into the channel. The wounds were made by the bricks. Mrs. Hodgson did not pull him off Wigham, nor did Mrs. Wigham shout "Murder."

Geo. Wheatley, miner, South Medomsley Rows, Dipton, saw Bertram and Wigham leave the Red Lion Inn to fight. On going up the row he heard Wigham say to Bertram, "You are the very man I want." They fought, and had three rounds in Fitzackley's yard, but Wigham was not knocked down with the first blow. He could have touched Wigham he was so close to him. There was not a knife used in the struggle. Wigham was "mortal drunk." Wears was not near hand. When Telford and Bertram were fighting Wigham went out with a big gully, about two feet long, without a handle. When he saw it he said, "We will have none of these used," when Wigham said he would cut his head off. Witness took it from Wigham, and both Wigham and Telford at him and Bertram. He was not a dead man then. (Laughter.) He pulled Telford off Bertram, and pushed him up the row.

In answer to Mr. Welford, witness denied being in Wigham's house. He was in the public-house till closing time.

John Chipchase, miner, South Medomsley, said he heard a row as he was returning home on October 13th, in Fitzackley's yard. He saw Bertram and Wigham fighting. There were two stones thrown by Telford, and one went through the window. He heard old Telford say, "Bring the gully out," when Wigham went in and took it out.

In answer to Mr. Welford, witness said Wears was in Fitzackley's yard when the fight was going on. Wigham's head bled, but he went home without assistance. Wigham was not in the house "five ticks," let alone five minutes. He did not know whether Wheatley was in Wigham's house. There was nobody else present but Wears, Bertram, and Wigham, in Fitzackley's yard.

John Morton, miner, South Medomsley, Dipton, said he asked Wears up to supper on the evening of October 13th. Bertram and he and Wears were proceeding up the row when Wigham and Bertram began to fight. They had two or three meetings and fell among the bricks.

In answer to Mr. Ainsworth, witness said the bricks had been there a long time. He thought it was a fair fight. There was no knife used. Wears could not have taken part in it without him seeing him.

In answer to Mr. Welford, witness said he didn't see anybody help Wigham home, nor see any women get hold of Bertram.

Thos. Dixon corroborated.

James Hall said the gully would be about seven inches long.

Thos. Laverick also corroborated, and Wm. Wears said he took no part in the row whatever.

Dr. Fraser (recalled) said it was impossible for the wounds to have been inflicted by the edges of the bricks. They were clean cut wounds.

After consideration the Bench dismissed the case against Wears as there was some doubt about him, and ordered Bertram to stand his trial at the next Assizes, bail being allowed.

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FIRE WORKS AT LINTZ COLLIERY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to make a very reasonable complaint with respect to the setting off of fireworks. For the last six or eight weeks it has been something disgraceful to see between 30 and 40 pit lads congregating together and keeping up a volume of fire in the Front Row from six o'clock until ten, and that is not the worst. Some of them are even placing fireworks in the key-holes and setting them off. Repeated complaints have been made to the people who are selling them; but we don't seem to get any redress. The most strange thing about the matter is this—the police is living within 40 yards of the whole thing, and is never seen to try to put a stop to it. On the pay-week end, it is, as I say, disgraceful from 6 o'clock on Friday night right up till Sunday night at 10 o'clock. The whole row is in a state of fire and smoke. I am, however, very glad to hear that a company of gentlemen are forming a deputation to meet the agent of the Colliery on the matter. Hoping some abler pen than mine will take this matter in hand,—I am, in anticipation, yours respectfully,

W.E.C.

THE SLAG HEAP NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Please to allow a small space in your valuable paper in order that I may voice a great annoyance to the general public, and a destruction to paintings and property, viz., this powdered slag which comes in very large quantities from the Consett Iron Company's slag-heap, whenever there is the least amount of wind. I do really think it is high time some measures were adopted by the managers of this huge concern, which do not content themselves with abstracting every atom of profit, but are seeking the destruction of private property and health by allowing this matter to go unimproved. Where are our Councillors, who pledge themselves at times of election to look after the ratepayers and general public's benefit? It is to be hoped something will be done by the wise men from the west, or even the east, to destroy this terrible plague.—Thanking you in anticipation,—I am, yours,

ANNOYED.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD

On Monday evening the final meeting of this Board was held in the New Infant Schools, Annfield Plain, under the presidency of Mr. R. Kay (chairman.) There were also present—Messrs T. Bowes, J. W. Robson, W. Eltringham, and Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk.)

COOKERY MISTRESS.

There were eight applications for the position of cookery mistress under the Board, which were considered, with the result that Miss Frances Pallister, of Birtley, was appointed cookery teacher.

A CHANGE SANCTIONED.

A letter was read from the Education Department, sanctioning the transfer of Standard I. form the infant to the mixed department at Hare Law Board School.

SIGNING CHEQUES.

Cheques were signed by the Chairman and Mr. Robson, to the amount of £211.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr. Robson seconded by Mr. Eltringham, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Kay for his services as Chairman during the past three years.

Mr. Kay suitably responded, and the Board rose.

A MAN KILLED AT STANLEY

On Monday morning, Joseph Smith, a hewer, 25 years of age, residing with his parents at 8, Mary Street, West Stanley, met with his death under sad and painful circumstances at the Louisa Pit. A putter lad named Tom Armstrong pulled a tub out from the place where Smith was working and returned two or three minutes later. He then found that during his brief absence a huge stone had fallen upon Smith. He atonce gave an alarm and with as little delay as possible had assistance brought. Nearly half-an-hour elapsed before the stone could be removed, and it was then found that Smith was quite dead. His body was removed to bank and examined by Dr. Johnson, of South Moor, and subsequently removed to Mary Street. The deceased was a single man.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held in the Police Station at West Stanley, on Tuesday afternoon, before Mr. Coroner Graham. Mr. Bain, Government Inspector; and Mr. J. Fairley, were present.

Mr. J. W. Kellett (surveyor) submitted plans of the district where the accident occurred.

Thomas Teasdale, said the deceased was his stepson, and was 25 years of age. He was employed as a hewer at the Louisa Pit. On the 30th October his stepson was at work at the Louisa Pit and was unfortunately killed.

Tom Armstrong, residing at 17, Louisa Terrace, said he was a putter, and put for Smith. He took the last tub away before the fall about 10.20 a.m. on Monday. Smith was all right then. Witness went back about five minutes after and found then that a fall had taken place. He tried to get him clear himself, but failing, he went for assistance. He got Gibson Collinson and Geo. Rutherford to come, and it took them about 25 minutes to get deceased clear. Smith was quite dead when he was got out.

Gibson Collinson said he was working within six yards from Smith's place. He did not hear the fall. When Armstrong called witness went to the place and found the fall. He and George Rutherford got deceased out but he was dead when they got to him. There was as far as he could see one prop lying under the stone.

By Mr. Bain: There was plenty of timber in his (witness's) place. He had not been in Smith's place, and could not say what timber there was there.

George Rutherford, Louisa Tce, hewer, said he was working in the fore-shift about 20 yards away from Smith. He knew nothing of the fall until the boy came. He helped to get Smith out. He only saw one prop lying under the stone. He agreed with Collinson's evidence.

James Knox, Elm Street, South Moor, said he was in charge of the 3rd North District, and Smith was employed within his district. Smith started work about five o'clock. Witness was in the place, before Smith started, for the purpose of inspection, and he left some loose timber in case it was wanted. Witness went again about five minutes to nine o'clock. Smith was then working in the middle of the gateway in front of the tubway. The part of the band that came down was exposed. He examined it and found there was a slip in front and a Jack running along the face. That being known timber was set with the intention of keeping it up. Witness pointed this out to Smith and told him on no account had he to go under it. He must have been under it and witness's idea was that he had done so to get his coal easier. Witness told him to skirt over to the loose end and set a row of props along with him to keep himself safe. Witness cut and set some timber right lengths and left them for deceased. Another slip and Jack were found. Deceased was working under where he was advised by witness not to work. There were five props under the stone and all were down when the stone fell. There was both a slip and a Jack in the place.

Geo Ollie and Kay Dixon, workmen's inspectors reported that they had examined the sixth gateway, 3rd North Long Wall district, where the accident occurred and found the place well timbered, and also plenty of loose timber. They, however, found a slip at the loose end but in their opinion it was a pure accident.

The Coroner briefly reviewed the evidence, and said the statements of Mr. Knox were of a most satisfactory character. Mr. Knox had been most careful not only in his examination of the place before the man was allowed to start work but also when he was there by drawing Smith's attention to the danger which evidently existed, and by cautioning him not to work under that particular portion where the stone actually did fall. The deputy was right in saying this place was not safe. Unfortunately what had happened on this occasion had happened before in spite of warnings. It was a very great pity that it should be so. For what purpose were deputies employed except to keep others safe by applying their judgment and experience? It was a pity that Mr. Knox's good advice was not followed. The Jury must be satisfied that the place was well timbered and that the mistake was on the part of the poor man himself.

A verdict of accidental death was then returned.

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT 741st STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an APPROPRIATION MEETING will be held in the Society's Office, Front Street, Consett, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 2nd November next, at 8 p.m.

C. W. ALMOND, Chairman.

651f A. ROBSON, Secretary

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

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Will be held in St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 15th and 16th, 1899. Doors open at 1 o'clock.

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Public Notices.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HIRINGS will be held on November 8th, 1899. 720f

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SWINE FEVER INFECTED AREA.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by an Order made by the Board of Agriculture on 19th October, 1899 (No. 5,993), the Petty Sessional Divisions of Lanchester and Consett, Durham County, and the Borough of Durham, have become an area infected with Swine Fever for the purposes of the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1896, and that Swine cannot be moved into, within, or out of, the Said Area without a License. The said area, so long as it continues to be a Swine Fever Infected Area, will not be subject to the Swine Fever Movement Order, of 1898. Forms of application for Licenses and further information can be obtained on application at any COUNTY POLICE STATION, or to the undersigned, at the Shire Hall, Durham.

RALPH SIMEY,

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NO. 4 BED-ROOM—Wood Bedstead, Wool Mattress, Flock Bed, Pillows, &c., 2 Painted Dressing Tables and Washstands, Towel Rail, 2 Looking Glasses, Chamber Ware, Cornice Pole and Rings, Armchair, Ottoman, Fireguard, Carpet, and Hearthrug.

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KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — Please accept my sincere thanks for returning me to a seat on the above Board by such a substantial Vote, trusting by my actions, in carrying out the Duties of the Office, to at all times meet with the approval of so large a proportion of the Ratepayers. Again thanking you for your favours.

I remain, yours faithfully,

JOHN STOREY.

Catchgate, Annfield Plain, October 31st, 1899.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I take this opportunity of thanking you for your generous Vote, on this, my initial appeal to the Electorate, in giving me a seat on our School Board.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN REECE.

South View, Annfield Plain,

October 31st, 1899. 71f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — I beg to thank the 292 Voters who so kindly recorded their Votes in my favour on the day of the Poll.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM DOWN.

Rose Villa, Catchgate, October 31st, 1899.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE 553 ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Accept my heartiest thanks for the honour you have conferred in returning me one of your representatives for the next three years.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM ELTRINGHAM.

Catchgate, Nov. 1st, 1899. 751f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to return my thanks to all who have, in any way, helped me to obtain a seat on the above Board.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BAINBRIDGE.

East Pontop House,

October 31st, 1899 746f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — I beg to thank the 525 Voters who supported me on the day of the Poll. Although defeated, I am not discouraged, having only lost Election by a few Votes on a large Poll, in spite of misrepresentations (both oral and written) that have been so extensively circulated in the District. Again thanking you all for past favours.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS BOWES.

Annfield Plain, November 1st, 1899. 753f

Victoria Garesfield

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH COMMITTEE.—A meeting of this committee was held in the school-room, Victoria Garesfield on Saturday, when the Rev George D Eath gave a lecture, entitled "The Church Committee; its object and work," in which he showed how the present Church Committee evolved from the Church Defence Institution founded in the year 1859, its object being the self information and spreading abroad by its members of the truths of Church history, including the Church's position—both past and present. He explained establishment as the recognition of the Christian Society and organisation by the Civil Government, and said that the Church was first established in that sense by the issue of the Edict of Milan by Constantine the Great in the year 313, and from that time forward the Church had always continued in a definite though varying condition of recognition by the civil power. That recognition had determined how far in any given place the Church was regarded as national. He said the importance of taking our start with Constantine should be clearly understood, because it was too often the habit to connect establishment with certain Acts of Parliament in this country. The lecture was illustrated with lantern views. The Hon. Mrs Vereker, of Hamsterley Hall, was present, and spoke a few words emphasising the importance of the work of the Church Committee in the near future. Mr John Cheeseman ably presided.

Sales by Auction
y Mr John S. Murray.
L AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.
NDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1899.
5 Fat Cattle.
t Sheep and Lambs.
le Shearing Gimmers.
and Keeping Calves.
Cows and Heifers.
Tins from a quart to 8 Gallons, Milk ns, Cow Bands, Ladders, Ropes, ultry, &c.
Sale at One o'clock.
J. S. MURRAY.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.
tant Sale of Superior Household Furniture.
J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from the Executors of Mrs. Iitt, deceased, will SELL BY ON, on Wednesday, November 8th, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD NITURE AND EFFECTS, China, Carpets, &c.
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JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY, THE CULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, GENERAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
nted by his Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.

NATHAN ELSDON, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, FICES AND SALE ROOMS, DELVES LANE, CONSETT.

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conducted on the most reasonable terms.

Election Thanks.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.
TO THE ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN, — Please accept my sincere thanks for returning to a seat on the above Board by such a antial Vote, trusting by my actions, in rying out the Duties of the Office, to at all s meet with the approval of so large a portion of the Ratepayers. Again thanking for your favours.
I remain, yours faithfully,
JOHN STOREY.
Catchgate, Annfield Plain, October 31st, 1899.

O SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.
TO THE ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I take this opportunity of thanking you for your rous Vote, on my initial appeal to the torate, in giving me a seat on our School
Yours faithfully,
JOHN REECE.
th View, Annfield Plain, October 31st, 1899. 745f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank the 292 Voters who so kindly ded their Votes in my favour on the day e Poll.
Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM DOWN.
e Villa, Catchgate, October 31st, 1899.

O SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE 553 ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Accept my heartiest thanks for the honour you have rred in returning me one of your representatives for the next three years.
Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ELTRINGHAM.
ngate, Nov. 1st, 1899. 753f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to return my thanks to all who have, in any helped me to obtain a seat on the above
Yours faithfully,
JAMES BAINBRIDGE.
st Pontop House, October 31st, 1899. 748f

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
TO THE ELECTORS.
ADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to thank the 525 Voters who supported me e day of the Poll. Although defeated, I ot discouraged, having only lost Election few Votes on a large Poll, in spite of misentations (both oral and written) that been so extensively circulated in the ict. Again thanking you all for past
Yours respectfully,
THOMAS BOWES.
nnfield Plain, November 1st, 1899. 750f

Victoria Garesfield

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Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
WILLIAM AINSLEY, Esq., Chairman.
SUBSCRIPTION MEETINGS are held in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, between 7 and 8 o'clock every alternate Monday.—The Monday after the Consett Iron Co.'s pay Saturday. ☞ DEPOSITS received at four per cent. interest, repayable on giving one month's notice.

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, November 3rd, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

IT WOULD SEEM AS IF the proposal of the Blaydon District Council respecting the alteration of the boundaries at Blackhall Mill, is very likely to be acceded to. A joint committee representing the Lanchester and Blaydon Councils met at Blackhall Mill on Wednesday of last week—under the presidency of Coun. T. J. Muse—to consider the matter. At the outset some discussion ensued as to the difference in the rates between the two authorities, and after going fully into the subject it was found that the rates on the Blaydon side were somewhere about tenpence in the pound higher than those of the Lanchester portion. A deputation representing the supposed opposition asked to be allowed into the room; but, on making its appearance, it turned out to be one solitary ratepayer, who stated that he represented other three ratepayers, this four being the largest payers of rates at Blackhall Mill. This gentleman, to the surprise of the meeting, further added that those he spoke for and himself were in favour of the change proposed—viz., that the River Derwent should be the boundary between the two authorities, and he remarked that at present "the Mill" appeared to belong to no authority whatever. He would consider his property of more value if under the Blaydon Council's jurisdiction. After this gentleman had retired the committee unanimously decided to advise their respective Councils to make application to the County Council with a view to having the proposed change of boundary carried out. Thus it would appear as though what promised to be a somewhat vexed question is going to be settled in an amicable manner, and this must be extremely satisfactory to all concerned.

WELL, THE KYO SCHOOL BOARD election has come and gone, and it must be admitted that there have been a few surprises. For instance, two of the old members have been rejected and, as Mr. Geo. Ridley did not seek re-election, this means that there are no less than three new members. The fact that Mr Robert Kay (the popular chairman of the old Board) headed the poll occasioned no surprise, as he was generally thought to have a good chance of attaining that honourable position. Mr. John Storey comes an admirable second to Mr. Kay, and his return was fully in accordance with expectations. Between Messrs Kay and Storey and the next on the list (Mr. Reece) there is a wide margin, but nevertheless Mr. Reece is to be congratulated upon having done so well. His position on the poll was a surprise to most people. There is very little difference between the figures of the last three of the successful candidates, Messrs Eltringham and Bainbridge being the other members of the trio. Mr. Bainbridge's return was scarcely anticipated, although he was expected to poll well. Mr. Bowes only missed re-election by some twenty votes, and we must confess that we are sorry that his name does not figure amongst the fortunate five. Mr. Bowes has rendered yeoman service as a member of the old body, and we should have been pleased had he retained his seat. Mr. J. W. Robson is last but one on the list, and we certainly expected to see both him and Mr. Down secure more votes. The poll was an exceptionally heavy one, no less than 1,023 electors casting their votes out of a total of 1,298 on the registers. We trust that now the people have given their decision, any little friction or bitterness engendered during the time of the election will be forgotten, and that the new Board will settle down to their work with a determination to carry out their important duties with advantage to the "rising generation," and to the satisfaction of the ratepayers.

AN INTERESTING EVENT in the lives of the people of the charming little village of Stanhope was the presentation last week of a silver bowl and silver inkstand to Dr. Thos. Livingstone and his good lady, on the occasion of their silver wedding, by the members and teachers of the Stanhope School Board and other friends, as a memento of the notable occasion, and as a token of the doctor's long and faithful services to education. Dr. Livingstone is a magistrate for the County of Durham, as well as being an alderman of the County Council. On the latter body he has for many years occupied the important post of Chairman of the Health Committee, and his experience and ability have been of great use in the excellent work of sanitation. In addition to this, Dr. Livingstone has been a member of the Stanhope School Board ever since it was formed, 26 eyars ago, and for twelve years he has acted as chairman. He was also chairman of the Weardale Board of Guardians for many years. Mrs. Livingstone is a sister of Mr. Joseph Walton, the Liberal M.P. for Barnsley. Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone are held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance, and there is no question as to their popularity in the Wear Valley. The worthy doctor has ever evinced the liveliest interest in all movements promoted for the benefit of the dale's folk, and therefore it is not to be wondered at that his name is held in the deepest respect in Weardale.

THE NORTH-EASTERN Railway Company have just granted another concession to this district which will be greatly appreciated by the people of Leadgate particularly. The Leadgate District Council made application to the Railway Company a short time ago, asking that the 9.50 train from Newcastle to Consett via the Derwent Valley line, should be continued on to Leadgate. We have been informed by Mr. J. H. Coupland (the Clerk to the District Council) that the application has been granted, and that the new arrangement commenced on Monday night last. The inhabitants of Leadgate will doubtless feel grateful to the Council for having moved in the matter, and more especially so as the latter body's application has been attended with such successful results.

A DARLINGTON CONTEMPORARY says:—"Though gloom rather than boom is the industrial condition of the dale, the inhabitants are not indifferent to the concessions granted from time to time by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners evidently. It became known to the trustees of the new institute at Ireshopeburn that their representative, Sir Lindsay Wood, had arrived at the residence of the Lead Company's directors on Thursday night and out of gratitude to the Whitehall body for giving the site and leave to get the stones from their quarries gratuitously Mr. T. Pentland, postmaster, and Mr. W. H. Featherstone, jun., Riggs, were deputed to ask the baronet to lay the foundation-stone as a post-prandial function. Mr. Geo. Hopkins, London, introduced the latter gentlemen to Sir Lindsay, who appreciated the graceful offer to him on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but regretted his brief stay would be fully absorbed on important mining matters. He expressed admiration of the effort to get up a building for public instruction of that description, and handed the deputation a private donation of three guineas, which was supplemented by £5 from the directors of the Lead Company, in addition to a similar sum from Mr. Cuthbert M. Bainbridge, Wolsingham, and a further one of £2 from Dr. and Mrs. Livingstone, Stanhope. The prospects of the trustees are now cheering, and acting on the suggestion of Sir Lindsay Wood, who left the dale on Friday night to get someone connected with the valley to perform the ceremony, Sir Christopher Furness, as chairman of the new Weardale Iron Company, whose mines are in close proximity to the institute, has been invited. It is pleasant to find self-help meeting with influential approval, as it was with a £20 note nucleus the plucky villagers essayed the project—on a fair way of realisation."

WE HAVE HEARD MANY expressions of approval respecting the letter from Mr. Robert Eccles, of Blackhill, which appeared in our last issue suggesting that a fund should be raised in this district for the benefit of the wives and families of those local reservists who have been called upon to join the colours. We understand that the workmen of East Pontop Colliery have resolved to contribute twopence per man per fortnight to the Newcastle fund. Writing in reference to the proposal, "Old Crow" says:—"The suggestion of your correspondent, Mr. Eccles, that a local effort should be made in aid of the wives and families of the reservists who have been called away on active service is a worthy and timely suggestion, and it is to be hoped it will be put into operation without delay. Such a fund has been started in all the other centres affected by the order of the military authorities, and the men at several of the works on Tyneside, have voluntarily agreed to each subscribe a penny per week during the enforced absence of the reservists on active service. Surely there is no reason why Consett should be behind other firms in the starting of some similar arrangement. The subscription per man would, of course, be still less than a penny per man at Consett. While however, the individual outlay would be infinitesimal, in the aggregate a very substantial fund would be made available for the benefit of the families whose bread-winners are in enforced absence from home, in the service of their country and Queen."

THE URGENT NEED FOR the provision of houses for the aged miners of the county and their helpmeets was plainly manifest from the statements of the various speakers at the opening of the homes at Haswell Moor on Saturday. Mr. John Wilson stated that in many cases the income of these veterans of industry was 3s 10½d per week, of which 1s 3d went for house rent. This is a state of affairs of which probably many people are not aware. Mr. Wilson said that the Permanent Relief Fund gave four shillings a week, and we quite agree with him when he remarked that they (the miners) must try and make it more. He suggested an appeal to the coalowners to make it larger. An extra two shillings might seem little; but it meant all the difference between plenty and poverty to many superannuated couples. It is to be hoped that the start of Saturday—a really practically partial solution at least of the old age problem—may be only the commencement of a movement that shall gather momentum as it proceeds. The will to do much in this matter by all classes is not, we think, wanting. It is a scheme which should commend itself to every right-thinking person, and we trust that the efforts of the promoters will be backed up as they deserve to be. Mr. H. Wallace of Trench Hall (the hon. treasurer) said he had been struck by the kindly tone of the letters from the lodge secretaries and treasurers when they enclosed the "levies." This is as it should be, and we trust that the time is not far distant when the committee will be able to announce a ballot for some hundreds of additional homes for aged couples. It is a noble object, and one deserving of our best sympathy and support.

Cinderella Social at Dipton.

On Wednesday evening the members of the Dipton and District Naturalists' Field Club opened their first winter session with a grand Cinderella Social, which was held in the Collierley Infant School. There was a hearty response to the numerous invitations sent out, and everything passed off most successfully. The stewards were Messrs McQuillen, Bolam, Hann, Batey, and Errington, while Mr George Thornton supplied the instrumental accompaniments on the piano. During the evening solos were ably rendered by Miss Coulthard, Miss Bell, Messrs T. McQuillen (Newcastle), J. E. Davis, Hawkes, and H. Bates. The refreshments were catered for by Mr Geo. Murray, of Dipton, who supplied a most excellent repast. Amongst those present were:—Mrs W. Young, Dipton; Mr F. Thompson, Catchgate; Miss Sayers, Mr Allen, Mr McGee, Mr Burgess, Mr Jas. Allen; Miss Thompson, Catchgate; Miss Forster, Mr Bottoms, Mr Heslop, Mr and Mrs Boswell, Mr Errington, Miss Boswell, Miss Murray, Mrs and Miss Ball, Miss Herron, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Gatiss, Mr and Mrs Bates, Miss Brown, Mr and Mrs W. McQuillen, Mr Hann, Mr R. Thornton, Miss Bell, Mr Cuth. Cooke, Mr Baker, Mr Southren, Mr Williams, Mr Geo. Brown, Mr Lawson, Mr R. Maude, Mr Robson, Mr Wherley, Mr J. Graham, Mr Arkless, Miss Armstrong, Mr Jessop and Miss Wilson, Mr G. and the Misses Dixon, Miss Arkless, Miss Hunter, Miss Ledger, Mrs Johnston, Miss Gainer, Mr J. Hunter, Miss Robson, Miss Wilkinson, Mr Geo. Murray, Mr G. Bolam, Mr R. Wylam and Miss Robinson, Mr A. Murray and Miss Wylam, Miss Richie, Mr Hawkes, Mr and Miss Coulthard, Mr J. Coulthard, Miss Brankstone, Mr Clark, Mr Davis and Miss Coulthard, Mr J. Hardy, Mr Hodge, Miss Gladders, Mr Castle, Mr Holmes, Miss Gibson, Mr J. Butler, Mr F. Turnbull, Mr R. Steel, Mr Thompson, Mr M. Errington, Mr T. McQuillen, Mr Weston, Mrs Armstrong, Mr H. Bolam, and others.

Local and District News.

Consett.

TRAP ACCIDENT.—On Sunday last, a steelworker, named McArdle, belonging to Stannifordum, engaged a trap from Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., Consett. It appears that a party of six travelled by way of Leadgate and Iveston to Butsfield, where, in taking a turning, the trap was upset, and the occupants pitched into the road. One or two of them were rather badly injured, and a conveyance had to be despatched to fetch them home. The shafts and splash-boards of the trap were smashed, and the horse also sustained some injuries.

THE SWINE FEVER OUTBREAK.—Last week the Durham County Council issued a notification, as the result of the somewhat extensive outbreak of swine fever at Consett, that by an order of the Board of Agriculture, dated the 19th October, the petty sessional divisions of Consett, Lanchester, and Durham, and the borough of Durham would on and after the 26th October and until further notice, become an area affected by swine fever, and certain restrictions were imposed under the Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Act of 1896, against the removal of pigs in these districts.

SAD ACCIDENT TO A BOY.—On Friday last, whilst a boy named Bell, belonging to Consett, and employed as a greaser by the Consett Iron Company, was attending to his work on a mineral train near Leadgate, he, by some means fell off, and several trucks passed over one of his legs. The poor little fellow was badly injured, and was at once conveyed to the Consett Infirmary, where it was found necessary to amputate his right leg near the thigh. Notwithstanding his sufferings he bore up bravely, and we are pleased to learn that he is progressing as favourably as can be expected under the circumstances.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—A meeting under the auspices of the Conservative and Unionist Association was held at Consett on Friday night, under the presidency of Mr Westhorpe. Mr W. H. Cruddas, Unionist agent for North-West Durham, said if Mr Atherley-Jones appealed to the constituency on the subject of "Briton versus Boer," he could no longer be the Parliamentary representative for North-West Durham. (Applause.) The Radicals themselves were not satisfied with Mr Atherley-Jones's attitude of the Transvaal question.—Mr R B Parry, of Sunderland, delivered an address on the Transvaal.

DEATH OF MR. E. SUMMERBELL.—The death took place on Friday afternoon, at the residence of his mother, Rose Mount, Consett, of Mr Edward Summerbell, at the age of 52 years. The deceased came from West Stanley to Consett in 1868, and was employed on the railways under the Consett Iron Company until he had the misfortune to lose one of his legs, when he was appointed to take charge of a level crossing in Consett Terrace. He was well known throughout North-West Durham, and was a keen naturalist and an expert taxidermist. About a fortnight ago Mr Summerbell was attacked by influenza, and he never recovered from the effects of his illness. The deceased was unmarried. The funeral took place at Benfieldside Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Mr Lot Whitworth, of Darlington, agent of the Durham and Northumberland Band of Hope Union, paid a visit to Consett last week-end in the furtherance of temperance work among the young. Mr Whitworth preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday morning, and at the Primitive Methodist Church in the evening. On Monday night a great temperance meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church Hall, Middle Street, when representatives of the various Bands of Hope and other juvenile temperance organisations in the district were present. The meeting was presided over by Mr G. Powell, an old veteran in the cause of temperance, being supported on the platform by Coun. J. Lowes, Mr Geo. Egglestone, Rev. J. S. Nightingale, Rev. T. Durant, and other temperance advocates of the town and district. Addresses were delivered by Mr Lot Whitworth, who said that he would always be glad to come to help the Consett friends in any way he could in the cause of temperance. The speaker commended Bands of Hope very strongly as an important adjunct to Church work. The Rev. J. S. Nightingale also gave a stirring address, and further added variety and pleasure to the meeting by selections on the gramaphone, which were listened to with much interest and appreciation by the audience. Votes of thanks to the chairman and speakers concluded a very successful meeting.

SOCIAL.—On Tuesday evening, a most enjoyable social was held in the Masonic Hall, Consett, and was well attended. Music, games, etc., were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening spent by all. Songs were rendered by Messrs O'Neal, Newcastle; Cook, Consett; Miss Wake, Consett, and others, whilst Miss Hall, Miss Wood, and Mr Robson presided at the piano. Mrs and Miss Armstrong, of Consett, supplied first-class refreshments. A vote of thanks was proposed to Miss Robinson, and all who had helped to promote the social, Messrs Raper and Walker performing this duty. Miss Robinson suitably replied. Great credit is due to Mr Wake and Mr Matthews for the way in which the arrangements were carried out. Amongst those present were:—Miss Annie Armstrong, Shotley Bridge; Mr Rawes, Consett; Miss Robinson, Consett; Mr Simpson, Medomsley; Mr E. Brown, Consett; Miss Hunter, Medomsley; Mr Alex. Smith, Consett; Mr J. Thompson, Consett; Mr F. Surtees, Consett; Mr Dolphin, Consett; Mr H. Emmerson, Consett; Mr T. Cook, Consett; Mr J. Potts, Miss E. Lamb, Consett; Mr J. Brown, Miss Broadbent, Blackhill; Mr S. Rawes, Miss Williamson, Blackhill; Mr. P. Rawes, Misses P. and F. Mackey, Blackhill; Mr Eldon, Miss E. Jackson, Consett; Mr Raper, Mr Spratt, Consett; Mr Robson, Mr Wood, Consett; Miss Swindle, Newcastle; Mr Charlton, Consett; Miss Rogers, Newcastle; Mr Bainbridge, Consett; Mr O'Neal, Newcastle; Misses M. and G. Hall, Consett; Mr Burns, Blackhill; Miss Reed, Consett; Mr Harker, Blackhill; Misses A. and S. Shield, Miss Emmerson, Consett; Mr Brodie, Miss Ward, Consett; Miss Jackson, Lanchester; Miss Wake, Consett; Miss Williams, Lanchester; Mr Walker, Consett; Miss Parker, Lanchester; Mr Wake, Consett; Mr Robson, Lanchester; Mr Matthews, Consett; Mr A. Kilpatrick, Miss Brown, Mr J. Kilpatrick, Miss Brown, Mr Gordon.

Annfield Plain.

SOCIALIST SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening of last week the last of the course of lectures delivered by Mr S. D. Shallard, of the Fabian Society, London, was delivered in the Annfield Plain Board Schools. The subject of the lecture was the "Municipal Socialist," and the chief points brought out in the lecture, by way of introduction, were triumphant democracy—our common needs and the Municipal Reform Act of 1835, with a short account of its great work. The other leading features of the lecture were urgent questions, industrial activities, and the progressive policy. The chair was occupied by Coun. J. Storey, of Catchgate, who presided over a fair audience.

Blaydon

JUST TOO LATE.—Application was made to the Gateshead Bench of Magistrates on Thursday by Mrs George E. Armstrong, of Blaydon, for a certificate of exemption from vaccination for her child Dorothy, borne June 1st, 1899.—The Clerk (to Applicant): You are just too late.—Applicant: Too late!—The Clerk: Yes; this is October 26th.—The applicant left the Court evidently much disappointed.

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY.—The 163rd quarterly balance-sheet of this society has just been issued. The sales showed a decrease from last quarter of £1,367 8s 4d, wholly owing to the usual decrease in the drapery sales at this time of the year. There was a disposable profit of £2,743 7s 5½d, which enabled the society to carry £50 to the reserve fund, £214 12s 8d to the educational fund, and to pay a dividend of 3s 6d in the £ on members' purchases. The newly formed dairy department again shows a loss of £12 12s 6d, but more satisfactory results are anticipated. The membership is stated to be 5,677, being an increase of 135 over last quarter.

Blackhill.

MISHAP ON THE RAILWAY.—On Monday evening, the passenger train timed to leave Blackhill at 9.21 p.m., was delayed for over an hour owing to the spring of the engine breaking. Another engine had to be telegraphed for, before the passengers could be conveyed to their destination. Much inconvenience was occasioned to the passengers.

Burnopfield

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Wednesday night, a supper was given in the School-room (in aid of the scheme for the enlargement of the chapel and schools) by one of the young men of the society. A good number of people patronised the supper.

Chester-le-Street

RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO CHESTER-LE-STREET should not fail to call at PETER HAY'S and inspect his enormous Stock of Drapery, Ready-mades, Millinery, Mantles, and Fancy Goods. His display is a great attraction and ought to be seen by all.

The members of the E (Chester-le-Street) Co. V.B.D.L.I. have opened a fund for the relief of the wives and children of the reservists who are called to South Africa. The fund will continue open until the end of the war.

SMOKING CONCERT.—On Tuesday evening, the members of the Chester-le-Street Tennis and Bowling Club held a smoking concert at the Lambton Arms Hotel. Mr Jas Turnbull occupied the chair and the programme was arranged by Mr. Len Gray. The proceedings opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr. J. Young and then songs were rendered by Messrs W. Curry, J. Thompson, J. Allen, L. Wood, A. Parkinson, H. Tomkins, L. Gray, and J. Davis. Mr Tomkins also recited "The Thin Red Line" and a short poem on the death of General Symons. Shortly before the finish "Rule Britannia" was sung by the assembled company, and before calling upon them to do so the Chairman said they would all know that at the present time they as a nation were at war with the Boers. So far the Boers had had the advantage in number and he was very sorry to see that two British battalions had had to capitulate, but they had far better do that than be shot down. (Hear, hear.) The General took the whole blame upon himself, and he had to take the offensive in a small scale. However, in the next few days there would be so many troops out there as to place the ultimate issue beyond all doubt. (Applause.) The first verse of "Rule Britannia" was then sung by Mr J. Cuthbertson, and the company sang the chorus. A duet entitled, "Love and war," was sung by Messrs L. Wood and A. Robinson, and then the toasts of the gentlemen who had taken part and the chairman were drunk, and the concert closed with "God save the Queen."

Castleside

THE WAR.—The Vicar of Castleside (Rev. John Wallis) announces that the offertories at the Parish Church on Sunday next will be given to the Soldiers' and Sailor's Families Association, of which the Marchioness of Londonderry is president for the county of Durham.

Catchgate

U.M.F.C. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.—The above society held their first Rally on Oct. 28th, to which about six and seven societies came together and in good numbers to have a blessed time. The speakers were the Rev A. Crago, Blackhill; Rev G. Harris, Stanley; Mr T. Robson, Annfield Plain; Mr J. Hosking, Annfield Plain; and Misses A. Boustead, L. and E. E. Dawe, East Pontop. Mr Hosking sang at intervals. Tea was provided in the afternoon at four o'clock. On Sunday, sermons were preached by Mr T. Cull, of South Moor. In the afternoon all the Sunday school scholars were awarded prizes.

Dipton

FREE CHURCH.—On Wednesday evening the United Free Church Choirs of Dipton and Westwood Societies rendered the sacred cantata, "Under the Palms," in the Dipton United Methodist Free Church, in aid of the funds of that church. The chair was ably occupied by the Rev. A. Crago, of Blackhill, who presided over a fairly good audience. The conductor was Mr. J. Burton, Dipton, and the harmoniumists Miss Cawthorne and Mr. I. Clark, of Westwood. A supper which followed was well patronised, the tables being ably presided over by Mesdames Molo, Barns, Laverick, Graham, Nicholson, Callaway and Simpson.

CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Wednesday of last week the annual harvest festival in connection with the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Dipton, commenced with Holy Communion in the morning and evensong, with a sermon by the Rev A. Allwork, M.A., Rector of Whickham, in the evening. On Sunday morning Holy Communion preceded the Matins with a sermon by the Rev. W. D. Croudace, M.A., vicar of Consett. In the afternoon a musical service was rendered by a few friends, the soloists being Miss Maud Woodman, Howdon; Miss Swallow, Tanfield Lea; Miss Terry Dipton; Mr J. T. Symington, Consett; Mr Ed. Pearson, Newcastle; Mr J. E. Davies, Dipton; and the members of the choir. A quartette was also rendered by Miss Coulthard, Miss Ada Coulthard, Mr G. Thornton, and Mr Davies, while the hymns, "Tell me the old, old story," and "Sowing the seed," were sung nicely by several children. The instrumental music was supplied by Mr E. H. Hayward, of Shotley Bridge, and Mr W. T. Daglish, of Dipton, and the "Austrian" hymn by the South Derwent Brass Band. The choruses and anthems sung were Simper's "He watereth the hills," Marmder's "Sing to the Lord of Harvest," "I will arise," and "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimittis." The church was decorated for the occasion by several parishioners, who sent gifts of bread, corn, fruit, plants, flowers and vegetables. On Monday evening a fruit banquet was held to dispose of the fruit, etc. The offertory, which amounted to some £21 19s 9d, has since been slightly augmented.

Edmundbyers

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—On Monday evening, a Conservative meeting was held in the schoolroom, Edmundbyers, which was crowded. Mr W. H. Cruddas (the Unionist agent) presided, and a most interesting speech on "The Transvaal" was delivered by Mr R. B. Parry, of Sunderland.

Hobson

On Tuesday night last, the Hobson to Mountsett, No. 1 Circuit, under the Tanfield District Council was lighted by electricity for the first time, and gave every satisfaction.

Sunniside

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The members of the Methodist New Connexion Church held their annual missionary meeting on Wednesday evening, when a good number of people attended to hear the instructive addresses given by the circuit ministers and the missionary deputation.

Whickham

SCHOOL BOARD PROSECUTIONS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, the following persons were summoned at the instance of the Whickham School Board for not sending their children regularly to school: —William Newton, William Gillender, Matthew Brown, John Wilkinson, Isabella Watson, Annie Forster, William Dixon, George Delaney, Frank Ellis, Edward Findlay, George Hepplewight, John Dixon, Henry McLean, and George Willis. Mr William Bourn appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Board.—In most cases fines were imposed, whilst in others orders for regular attendance were made.

Stanley.

RED ROBIN INN, NO PLACE.—Mr Robert Cranston having secured confirmation of the license granted at Lanchester for his premises, the Red Robin Inn, at No Place, and having completed the necessary arrangements, opened the doors of the house to the public on Monday evening and within a few minutes the commodious premises were crowded by the surrounding population. Some time ago we gave a description of the building and need not repeat the details now. Suffice it to say that Mr Cranston's initial patrons were delighted with the rooms and appointments, and the landlord came in for many congratulations on the success which had crowned the patient efforts of his late father.

DR. BODIE AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.—The oftener Dr. Walford Bodie visits West Stanley the more popular he becomes. His present engagement at Mr Lindon's Theatre has been the means of drawing crowded audiences in spite of counter attractions, and his marvellously clever performances have aroused the utmost enthusiasm. As a hypnotist, ventroloquist, and electrician he gives an exhibition which has baffled many scientists and medical men. The electrocuted man forms the chief item, and is a remarkable feature in his programme. In the ordinary course a man placed in the death-chair would require only 150 volts to end his career, but by means of hypnotism Dr. Bodie shows it to be possible to pass thousands of volts through the human frame without risk. Other mesmeric and hypnotic feats are performed and altogether the performance is clever, thrilling, and sensational. The doctor is accompanied by a variety company, and the programme from start to finish is most attractive, instructive, and entertaining. Those who have not already visited the Victoria so far this week should not fail to do so.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY CONCERT.—On Sunday night, the members of the Stanley and District Orchestral Society gave an excellent concert in the presence of a large audience in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley. The orchestra consisted of 30 performers with Mr W. Moody as accompanist, and Mr J. H. Garbutt as conductor. The object of the Society is to organise a competent orchestra in Stanley, and as the expenses are necessarily heavy, funds are equally required. By giving high-class concerts, and placing before the local public some of the finest compositions they more than give value for the subscriptions they receive. For this reason they deserve every encouragement and support. The first item on the programme was Harwood's hymn "Vital Spark," followed by Auber's overture "Zanetta" both of which were artistically performed. Mr Tom Holland then sang "The star of Bethlehem," for which he was loudly applauded, and the band having played the serenade, "La Manola" (Einienberg) Miss Hannah Dixon, of Annfield Plain, contralto, gave a very fine rendering of "O rest in the Lord." This was followed by a cleverly executed clarionet solo "Air Varie" (Barmann), by Mr William Waugh, for which he was loudly and deservedly applauded. After Wagner's March "Tannhauser" had been performed, Mr Holland sang "The Lost Chord," and then the orchestra gave Mozart's "Benedictus" in a manner which reflected the greatest credit upon the performers. As a closing item Miss Dixon sang "Rock of Ages," and so brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable and successful concert.

Swalwell.

A YOUTHFUL TOPER.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Charles Higgins, a young man belonging to Swalwell, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Swalwell.—The accused, who had twice previously been convicted, was fined 5s and costs.

SWALWELL BAND OF HOPE.—What proved to be the most successful entertainment held under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope, took place on Monday evening in the Presbyterian Hall, Swalwell, when the programme was given by the members of the Blaydon Co-operative Choir, under the leadership of Mr Urwin. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Beveridge. Without going into detail the concert can be summed up by saying that it was one of the best ever held in the village.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.—The usual weekly entertainment held under the auspices of the above took place on Saturday evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Swalwell—Mr. Henderson, Newcastle, presiding. An attractive programme of music was rendered by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chisholme, Waite, and Miss Parker. An interesting temperance address was dedlivered by Mrs. Henderson, of Newcastle, which was attentively listened to. The gathering was very successful.

THEFT OF COAL.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, James Burns, James Atkinson, George Walton, George Moffitt (Swalwell), George Arnott, and William Bewick were all charged with stealing 2 cwt. of coal, the property of the North-Eastern Railway Company.—Sergt. Gregory attested that on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., in company with two constables he went to Derwenthaugh, near Swalwell, where they saw the whole of the defendants, who were standing upon the buffers and taking coal from some waggons. The defendants ran away, but were afterwards captured. The defendant Walton said he had been a coke-drawer at Annfield Plain, whilst Moffitt told the Bench that everybody knew he was a cripple and could not get upon the buffer.—The defendants were each fined 5s, with the exception of Walton, who was ordered to pay 10s.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Sunday the members connected with the above place of worship celebrated Connexional Temperance Sunday. In the morning the children took the service, which was conducted by the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr Wm. Barnes. In the afternoon, Mr Pratt, of Kibblesworth conducted the services assisted by Mr W. Smith, whilst in the evening the children again took the services, seeing that the Sunday was set apart for them, with a view of raising funds for a new chapel, which is greatly needed. The children recited temperance pieces and sang select hymns, assisted by the choir. Their efforts were highly appreciated by the large congregations. Mr Pratt conducted the services, whilst Mr Smith gave a spirited address. The secretary of the building fund, Mr Arnold A. Fletcher, followed the children in their pieces, Mr Wm. Barnes conducted the choir, and Mr James Jobling presided at the organ. During the evening a duet was ably given by Miss J. Barnes and Miss L. Barnes.

Tanfield

OVERCROWDING.—Mr E. Heslop, Surveyor and Inspector to the Tanfield Urban District Council, has just issued in tabular form an exhaustive report of his inspection of the houses in the district in which he shows that there are 148 houses where overcrowding exists. The minimum air space allowed for common lodging-houses was fixed at 300 cubic feet for each adult for sleeping accommodation only, independent of cooking and living rooms. He based his figures on this 300 cubic feet and also allowed for living rooms to be used as sleeping rooms. A regulation of the Local Government Board prescribed for 400 cubic feet as the minimum allowance for each occupant of a sleeping room, independent of living rooms. If that were enforced then one-third of the houses in the district were overcrowded. There were 1571 houses and tenements in the district and a population of 7991.

LOCAL LEEK SHOWS.

HILL TOP.

The most successful leek show ever held at Mr. I. Ledger's, Commercial Inn, Hill Top, was that which took place on Saturday. Mr. M. Bates, of West Kyo, was judge, and his decisions gave general satisfaction. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr G. Ledger, of Dipton. The following is the list of awards:—

Best Three Leeks—1, R. Thirlwell, pair of blankets; 2, W. Stoker, pair of blankets; 3, G. Greener, set of carvers; 4, F. Stoker, pair of blankets; 5, S. Smith, pair of blankets; 6, R. Ball, armchair; 7, J. Ledger, pair of blankets; 8, J. Champney, dress piece; 9, J. Crawford, sheets; 11, R. Rumney, sheets; 12, S. Thrilwell, bed-rug; 13, G. Robinson, mutton; 14, W. Crawford, umbrella; 15, J. Jennings, dark rug; 16, S. Boswell, pipe; 17, S. Rouse, lamp; 18, J. Steele, leg of mutton; 19, J. Mellon, table cover; 20, G. Ledger, pan and steamer; 21, G. Weedy, calico; 22, W. Southern, knives and forks; 23, J. Milburn, calico; 24, W. Mellon, sheets; 25, J. Stobbart, shirt; 26, J. Jennings, shawl; 27, I. Ledger, bed-rug; 28, J. Cruddace; 29, W. Ledger, table-cover; 30, J. Atkinson, table spoons; 31, J. Bell, umbrella; 32, S. Ledger, table-cover.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties, one of each—1, J. Crawford, blankets; 2, W. Ledger, linen tablecloth; 3, S. Smith, sheets; 4, J. Milburn, sheets; 5, W. Stoker; 6, R. Thirlwell, shovel and grape; 7, G. Greener, boots; 8, W. Crawford, bag of potatoes; 9, G. Robinson, garden spade; 10, G. Ledger, syringe; 11, J. Stobbart; 12, R. Rumney, pair of shades; 13, T. Jewitt, felt hat; 14, S. Boswell, bed-rug; 15, I. Ledger, tea; 16, G. Weedy, garden seeds.

Gents' Buttonholes—1, J. Mellon, 2s 6d; 2, T. Jewitt, 2s 3d; 3, J. Crawford, pillow-cases; 4, G. Weedy, 1s 6d; 5, G. Ledger, apples; 6, J. Champney, pair of stockings; 7, W. Mellon, 1s; 8, W. Crawford, 1s; 9, G. Ledger, onions.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Saturday and Monday evenings the annual leek show connected with Mr W. Aitchinson's Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, was held as usual in the long-room. The entries were numerous. The judges were Messrs M. Bates, West Kyo, and W. Hall, of West Pelton. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr S Smith, of South Pontop, a gentleman who devotes a large portion of his spare moments to horticultural pursuits. The following is a list of the awards, which gave general satisfaction.

Best three leeks—1, S. Smith, dinner set; 2, J. Armstrong, dinner set; 3, R. Holling, tea pot; 4, W. Stoker, tea service; 5, W. Stoker, quilt; 6, E. Vipond, fireirons; 7, J. B. Smith, couch; 8, W. Armstrong, clock; 9, J. Kirsopp, lamp; 10, J. Stoddart, rug; 11, J. Holling; 12, R. Smith, kettle; 13, R. Robson, quilt; 14, J. Gibson, kettle; 15, M. Bates, steps; 16, R. Mitchell, sheets; 17, R. Summerbell, Gladstone bag; 18, P. Armour, fireirons; 19, T. Turnbull, chamber set; 20, R. Mitchell, jun, sheets; 21, J. Champney, skirt; 22, W. Turnbull, spoons; 23, W. Gibson, rug; 24, J. Cornwall, dress; 25 J. Ward, flannel; 26, G. Settrey, 3 cushions; 27, G. Coote, umbrella; 28, Mrs Armour, pan and steamers; 29, G. Crookes, tin trunk; 30, R. Ball, flannel; 31, J. Farmer; 32, J. Robinson, calico; 33, M. Foster, tablecloth; 34, J. Mason, calico; 35, J. Robinson, jun., pair of sheets; 36, Summerbell, flannel; 37, J. Mellon, tins; 38, T. Harvey, calico; 39, J. Scott, shades; 40, W. Jackson, cups, &c.; 41, H. Bates, kettle; 42, T. Lights, cups, &c.; 43, R. Rumney, tablecloth; 44, J. Bell, carver; 45, S. Boswell, saw; 46, J. Mellon, candlesticks; 47, G. Ledger, cheese dish; 48, F. King, plates and dish; 49, W. Ledger, clothes basket; 51, R. Johnson, basket; 52, J. Ruth, 3 towels.

Collection of vegetables—1, J. Armstrong, pair of sheets; 2, R. Holling, 2/6; 3, W. Stoker, crockery ware; 4, J. Scott, 2/6; J. Summerbell 1/6; 6, S. Smith cheese dish; 7, C. Vipond, bakeboard; 8, J. Gibson, bakeboard; R. Kirsopp crockery ware; 10, W. Gibson, 1/6; 11, W. Crosby, pair of vases; 12, J. Stobbart, 1/-; 13, T. Turnbull, 1/-.

Hand-bonquets—1, Sam Smith, 9/-; 2, Robt. Johnson 5/-; 3, Wm. Stoker, 2/6; 4, J. B. Smith, 2/6.

Funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Smith, of Stanley.

On Wednesday afternoon the remains of Joseph Smith were laid to rest in the West Stanley Cemetery. In addition to the relatives and immediate friends of the deceased there was a large attendance of members of the local branch of the Miners' Union. Preceded by the banner the South Moor Colliery Band played the "Dead March" in "Saul" as the cortege wended its way down Front Street to the Cemetery. The coffin was borne into the church, where the vicar (the Rev. D. W. James) conducted the first portion of the service, and subsequently the latter portion at the graveside. There were many manifestations of sorrow at the untimely death of the young man.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. CROOK.

At Crook on Saturday the Valley eleven will be T. D. Dales (capt.) J. E. Thorpe, and T. W. Hansom, backs; A. C. Blunt, J. Hamilton, and W. H. Croudace, halves; H. H. Wattsford, W. S. Douglas, G. Hamilton, R. Roe, and R. S. Renton, forwards.

Bully-off at 2.15.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

The following is the result of the tournament up to date:—Allendale, games played 12, won 8, lost 4, for 1149, against 970, average 95.75; Blackhill, 12, 6, 6, 1133, 1042, 94.41; Stanley, 12, 7, 5, 1117, 958, 93.08; Leadgate Guild, 12, 4, 8, 1106, 1080, 92.16; Shotley Bridge, 12, 8, 4, 1070, 975, 89.16; Consett Town Hall, 12, 7, 5, 1053, 1098, 87.75; Leadgate League, 12, 5, 7, 999, 1122, 83.25; Derwent Cottages, 12, 1, 11, 809, 1191, 67.41.

TANFIELD.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Tanfield District Council on Wednesday week, presided over by Mr. W. Holmes, J.P., it was resolved to issue a precept for 1s 3d in the £. Several notices were ordered to be served under the Working Classes Act at Madgin's Row, White-le-Head, and at Tantobie. The Surveyor was ordered to inspect other houses at White-le-Head and report upon their condition. It was resolved to make a new road twenty feet wide from Curry's Buildings towards Madgin's Row, at White-le-Head.

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FOOTBALL.

Fixtures for Saturday, Nov. 4th.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

THIRD ROUND.

STANLEY v. LEADGATE PARK.

This important event comes off at Stanley on Saturday, when there is sure to be a big gate and a good game. Teams will be as follows:—

Leadgate Park—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, G. Temple and J. Wilson; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, W. Crowther, G. Forster, and J. Harper.

Stanley:—Goal, Robbins; backs Saunders and Bell; half-backs, Coates, Allison, and Redpath; forwards, Crute, Robson, Douglas Masterman, and Dodds.

Referee, Mr. Greener.
Kick-off at 2.45.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC.

At Annfield Plain.

Consett Swifts—Goal, W. Graham; backs, J. Laidler, and Joe. Finnigan; halves, B. McKie, W. Harrison, and J. Dempsey; forwards, B. Rafferty, J. Turley, James Finnigan, M. Eustoce, and J. Morgan.

Referee, Mr. J. Robson, Ouston.
Kick-off at 3 p.m.
Train leaves Consett 1.40 p.m.

BEARPARK v. HOBSON.

At Bearpark.

Hobson (chosen from)—Randall, Liddle, McHugh, Layton, Heslin, Bell, Hunter, Walton, Jos. Layton, P. Cullen, Andrews, and Lown.

Kick-off at 3.

ALLENDALE PARK v. TANTOBIE.

At Medomsley.

Allendale Park team chosen from:—J. Scott, M. Walton, Hobday, T. Walton, T. Hanley, W. Gillender, Craig, Brown, Morris Truman, Lynop and Robinson.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. BURNHOPE.

At Burnhope.

Consett—Goal, J. Sheeky; backs, G. Wood and J. Wilson; half-backs, P. McNally, R. Bradley, and J. Winter; forwards, W. Walton, J. Sheldon, R. McAleer, W. Atkinson, and T. Boyle.

Referee, Mr W. Hodgson, Tantobie. Kick off at 3.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1.15 p.m.

LINTZ ROVERS v. BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Lintz (chosen from)—Dews, Gibbons, Turtin, Wood, A. Dews, Sinclair, Hanrattie, A. Kay, R. Pyle, J. and W. Bumble, McAneny, Barnes, and Watson.

Blackhill—Goal, Johnson; backs, Patterson and Aitkin; half-backs, Cain, Taylor, and Robinson; forwards, Smith, Robson, Redshaw, M. Robinson, and Higgins.

Referee, Mr G. F. Gray, Marley Hill.

HAMSTERLEY v. TANFIELD LEA.

At Blackhall Mill.

Hamsterley—Goal, Rudd; backs, Carr and Swinburn; half-backs, Dodds, Richardson, and Anderson; forwards, Parker, Johnson, Ferry, Fenwick, and Smith.

Referee, Mr R. Milligan. Kick-off at 2.45.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. CATCHGATE LILYWHITES.

At Catchgate.

Blackhill—Goal, Smith; backs, Dempsey and Richards; half-backs, Lynn, Millhouse, and Wilkinson; forwards, Robb, Lynn, Kelsey, Simpson, and R. Richards.

ISAAC WALTON CUP.

CHESTER-LE-STREET WEDNESDAY v. SUNDERLAND OLYMPIC

These teams met in the second round of the Isaac Walton Cup at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday. Each side scored twice in the first half, but there was no scoring in the second, and an exciting game ended in a draw.

Chester-le-Street Wed. ... Two goals.
Sunderland Olympic ...... Two goals.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agt	Pts
Leadgate Prk Res	7	5	1	1	19	8	11
Tantobie	6	4	2	0	24	11	8
Burnhope	6	4	2	0	12	10	8
Annfield Plain R.	7	3	3	1	14	19	7
Consett Swifts R	7	3	3	1	6	15	7
Hamsterley	4	3	1	0	11	6	6
Marley Hill	6	2	2	2	11	6	6
Tanfield Lea	5	2	2	1	10	9	5
Lintz Rovers	5	2	2	1	16	16	5
Byer Moor	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Blckhill St Cuths	5	1	4	0	4	11	2
South Tanfield	6	0	5	1	5	18	1

WM. PAYNE, Secretary.

HINTS FOR THE HOMF

To keep flies away from any place, sprinkle a few drops of oil of lavender in the adjacent vicinity.

To get rid of moths, sprinkle allspice berries among the clothes, or shavings of camphor are equally efficacious.

To cure burns, lime-water beaten up with sweet oil is about one of the best and most reliable preparations known.

FLOUR absorbs odours, and should not be kept in a place where there are onions, fish, vegetables, or any odorous substances near.

MEDICINE stains may be removed from silver spoons by rubbing them with a rag dipped in sulphuric acid and washing it off with soapsuds.

A TABLESPOONFUL of powdered borax dissolved in the bath will prove very invigorating, as well as soften the water so that it will feel like velvet.

ADVICE TO COOKS.

Great cleanliness as well as care and attention are required in cooking.

Keep your hands very clean, and don't wipe your fingers on anything that is handy.

Don't try to save time by laying down utensils anywhere; it makes work.

Clean up as far as possible as you go. Put scalding water in each pan as you finish with it.

Dry your pots before you put them on the shelf.

See that all "left-overs" are promptly used.

Never throw anything but water down the sink. Keep sink and sink-brush scrupulously clean.

Be careful not to use a knife that has cut onions until it has been cleaned.

STRAWBERRIES.

To Preserve Strawberries Whole.—Select only firm, entirely ripe berries, and cook but a few at a time. Stalk and free from sand. For each pound of fruit allow one pound of loaf sugar, and for each four pounds one pint of red currant juice. Make a sponge of the sugar and currant juice, and let it boil until clear and thick. Add the strawberries, cook them gently until they are clear and tender; take them up carefully and place in the jars, and continue thus until all the berries are finished. Drop a little of the syrup on a cold plate to see if it will jelly; if not, let it cook until it will, then pour it over the fruit, and when cool cover and put away.

Strawberry Jam.—To each pound of strawberries allow three-fourths of a pound of white sugar, add barely enough water to keep them from burning, bring slowly to the boiling point, cook gently for twenty minutes, skim carefully, pour into jam pots, and in twenty-four hours cover and put away.

Strawberry Cream.—Crush and strain one quart of fine, ripe berries and add one large cupful of white powdered sugar. Dissolve one-half box of gelatine (previously softened in one cupful of cold water) in a bowl over a kettle of boiling water and strain the strawberry juice into it. Cool, and mix it with one cupful of whipped sweet cream. Pour into a suitable mould and leave on ice overnight. Serve with whipped cream.—*Farm, Field, and Fireside.*

CAUSES OF HYSTERIA.

Most people do not sufficiently understand that hysteria is a *symptom*, and not a disease. Among the many predisposing causes which might be named are chronic dyspepsia, neuralgia, anaemia, depressing surroundings, and great mental anxiety and worry. Sometimes hysteria is due to *ennui*, and it is a well-accepted fact that it is an affection which chiefly attacks the upper middle classes. Poor people have not time to indulge in the luxury of a display of the emotions. When the cause can be ascertained, the general treatment must be directed towards its removal. Daily exercise in the open air, the morning sponge bath, and a good quinine and iron tonic are valuable aids towards cure. A change of air and scene will also sometimes work marvels, and in all cases the patient's mind should be kept interested and amused.

SCIENCE NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

DR. SIMPSON, of the Academy of Boston, maintains that false teeth are bad for the aged, because if nature makes their teeth fall it means that she intends them only to eat vegetables at their age.

In the Paris Exhibition of 1855 the motive power required was 350 horse-power. In 1867 it had doubled; in 1878 it was 2,500 horse-power; in 1889 it was 5,500; in 1900 it will be 45,000, of which 5,500 will be utilised in producing electricity.

THE American Bureau of Health, Boston, is carrying on a campaign against the habit of expectorating in the streets and public places, or vehicles, theatres, &c., because it spreads infection. In Boston it is forbidden to spit in the street or in a public vehicle.

ACCORDING to Mr. T. J. J. Lee, of the United States Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C., the sun cannot continue to shed his light and heat on the earth and support life as he does for more than four million years. His argument is an extension of the Helmholtz theory of solar heat.

AN accident to the Cornwall bridge over the St. Lawrence, Canada, shews the importance of deep boring to make sure of the foundations of a structure. The piles of the bridge reached a bed of hard clay, but it proved to be thin and lying over mud. It has bent under the weight of the bridge.

IN a letter to *Nature* Mr. E. J. Jarvis-Smith calls attention to the magnetic quality of nickel cases for compasses. One he used lately in Australia misdirected him owing to magnetism of the case affecting the needle. Yet nickle is frequently misused for compass cases, the makers thinking it non-magnetic.

GERMAN SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION.

The German Antarctic expedition will only employ one vessel, specially constructed, and built of wood. The expedition will start in 1901, and last two years. After touching at the Cape and Kerguelen Islands, it will found a scientific station and winter on the Antarctic Continent. Siberian dogs will be employed to reach the South Pole, and South Magnetic Pole if possible. A captive balloon will be used to make meteorological observations. After wintering an attempt will be made to explore all the coasts of the Antarctic continent. The chief will be Dr. Von Drygalski, who led the Greenland expedition of 1891-3. Is the Government quite sure that the Germans will not annex territory even there. In the interests of Australia it would be well to consider the matter. Perhaps there are valuable minerals, furs, or fisheries in the Antarctic.

AMERICAN FOSSIL FINDS.

Every year parties are sent to explore the great fossil beds of Kansas and Wyoming for the American Museum of Natural History. They prospect along the bluffs and beds of hard clay, and fossils which protrude are cut out with their matrix around them, covered in plaster and sewn in raw hide for transport to the museum, where they are taken to pieces and the bones fitted into a skeleton. Photographs of the proceedings are taken at intervals to record the positions of the bones in the matrix. One fossil recently unearthed was a huge herbivorous reptile, a camarasaur, whose bones had been gnawed and broken here and there, presumably by a carnivorous reptile of the same beds. A fight between the two monsters might be compared to one between an elephant 60ft. long and 16ft. high and a tiger in proportion.

HOW TO TEST ESCAPED GAS.

The following effective method of dealing with the subject of escaping gas is published in a London contemporary. Take an empty soda-water bottle, or any strong bottle, fill it with water and cork it. Take it as near as possible to the part of the room where the odour is strongest, uncork, and empty the bottle. Recork it at once, and you have a bottleful of the mixture—gas and air. Wrap a duster or cloth about this in case of accident. Take the bottle outside, withdraw the cork, apply a light, and if the mixture is dangerous there will be a harmless explosion. If there is no explosion a light may be safely used in searching for the escape. In the case where an explosion takes place, open all doors and windows for a few minutes, test again, and doubtless the mixture will now be found to be harmless.

PROFESSOR ROGERS'S PRECISION LATHE.

The *American Machinist* suggests the institution of a "Precision" workshop as an object well worthy of endowment by wealthy men wishing to benefit science and engineering. The suggestion is made in connection with a description of Professor Rogers's "Precision" lathe, which was constructed with a view to the commercial production of accurate screws. Unfortunately, the demand for these was insufficient to make the undertaking financially successful, in view of the very high prices necessary to cover working expenses and to pay for the skill and knowledge essential to the work. Unfortunately, the lathe was destroyed by fire whilst still new, and Professor Rogers died shortly afterwards. Some screws, however, produced by the machine before the fire, were perfect, within the limits of measurement available. The cutting of one of these screws occupied a month, towards the close of which only one chip was taken per day, with a view to avoid the introduction of errors through the unequal breaking of the blank during the process of cutting.

A NEW MAGNETIC PAVILION AT GREENWICH.

Owing to the recent tensions at Greenwich Observatory, it has been found necessary to build a new magnetic pavilion. The site of the bijou structure is some two hundred yards away, so as to be removed from the influence of iron and steel in the new Physical Observatory. The cost of the magnetic pavilion is £800. The locks and keys are of copper. A copper fence surrounds the pavilion, which contains the Dip instrument, a Declination magnet, and a Deflector. With this last-mentioned instrument observations are taken four times a day; the others less frequently. Inside the fence are a rain-gauge, and the thermometers for registering solar and terrestrial radiation. Altogether the additions to the Royal Observatory, including the Physical Observatory newly opened, have cost £15,000, placing Greenwich on an equality in astronomical appointments with any observatory in the world, excepting, perhaps, Vienna.

VENTILATED SHOES.

The ventilated shoe is the invention of a Canadian, and the ventilation is obtained by an air-pump worked automatically by the action of the feet in walking. There is a collapsible centre sole of pure rubber between the leather lining of the shoe and the sole, and this occupies the place of the ordinary filling, without adding to the size or weight of the shoe. This rubber sole is moulded in the form of transverse grooves and ribs, placed alternately over each other, so that when the leather lining is compressed by the foot the ribs sink into the grooves, stretching the thin central web of rubber so that a kind of spring is formed, which throws the ribs back into position and expands the sole when the foot is lifted. In the heel of this ventilated shoe is provided a small valve, which admits air when the sole expands and closes when it contracts. The air thus constantly pumped into the sole and retained there by the action of the valve is distributed round the foot by a number of perforations in the leather lining, and serves to keep the foot at all times cool and dry from perspiration.

PERFECT HUMAN PROPORTIONS.

A writer in the July number of *Pearson's* gives many interesting particulars about the proportions of the perfect human figure, illustrated with explanatory photographs and diagrams. A man's hand, he says, is precisely equal to the length of his face, from the top of the forehead to the chin. The index finger is about half the length of hand and wrist combined, while the two small points of that finger are equal to the length of the longest, and are also equal to the length of the nose, which measures about two inches. In the feminine hand the fingers are comparatively longer, the hand narrower, and the wrist bone smaller than in the case of a man. When the hands are folded before a figure they should just cover the centre of the body. Again, when the arms hang at the sides in man, the finger tip should reach half-way down the thigh. This, however, is seldom found to be the case when a negro or other black man is measured, while it is interesting to note in this connection, that the arms of the gorilla reach almost to his feet. To illustrate the fact that the length of a man's hand equals the length of the face, and that the face is a tenth part of the body's length, a diagram is sometimes placed before art students shewing a figure down the length of which ten hands are indicated, the first covering the face. In the olden days the generally accepted theory was that the perfect human body should measure eight heads in height. Thus the Venus de Medici satisfies the law accurately, and also the Venus de Milo and the Achilles of the Louvre. In the two Venuses, de Milo and de Medici, we have the one majestic, tall, and heroic, the other *petite* and full of grace. Nowadays, however, only the very tallest women measure eight heads, seven and a half being accepted as the general average for a well-developed woman.

Reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of men and things, yet it is our own meditation that must form our judgment.—WATTS.

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SWALWELL CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The members of the Swalwell United Cricket Club held their annual meeting and dinner on Wednesday evening week, at the Queen's Head Inn, Swalwell. There was a large beat-up of members and friends, and amongst those present we noticed Couns. R. T. Swinburn, Wm. Blackbird, Wm. Fletcher, and R. Rutherford. A capital repast was placed on the table by the genial and obliging host and hostess, Mr and Mrs H. Lockey, which reflected great credit upon the culinary department. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloths were removed, when Coun. R. Rutherford was voted to the chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. T. Berry, in submitting the treasurer's report, said they had a great deal to be thankful for, and they had to extend their thanks to the people of Swalwell and Whickham for their warm-hearted support. (Hear, hear.) A pavilion had been erected, the same costing something like £30, which had been contributed by voluntary subscriptions. (Applause.) He might say that Mr. Slater had been most instrumental as a money gatherer towards this object, having secured no less than £13. (Loud applause.) He (the speaker) had used his humble services amongst the miners at the colliery, and had collected £6 19s. (Applause.) He thought that before he proceeded to give the report in detail, they ought to accord to the people of Swalwell and Whickham their sincere thanks for the support given by them. (Loud applause.) They could not have erected a pavilion without outside support, and they had not only got their financial support, but also their physical aid, which had proved of great value. The club ought to thank Mr. Thompson for the trouble taken by him in preparing the plans for the pavilion. (Applause.) The same was to be said as regards Messrs Hannington and Co., for having supplied the paint. (Applause.) This had not been the first item the club had got from that firm, and he hoped it would not be the last. (Hear, hear.) Amongst the workmen at the colliery was a blacksmith (Mr. Forster), and this gentleman had rendered great assistance towards the erection of the pavilion. Coun. Blackbird had amongst his many actions of generosity kindly given a flagstaff. (Applause.) Mr. Burrell had also rendered valuable aid in the erection of the pavilion. (Applause.) After all expenses had been paid the club would have a substantial balance in hand. (Applause.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. E. Slater) submitted his annual report, which read as follows:—"I have much pleasure in submitting to you the 7th annual report of the Swalwell Cricket Club. The season now past has been the most critical in the club's history, but, thanks to the committee, ably supported by the members, it has successfully overcome all the difficulties which faced it at the commencement of the season. A pavilion had been erected since our last annual meeting, particulars of which you have already heard. We have also commenced a Wednesday afternoon team this season, which, I am glad to say, has been a success; in fact, more successful than might have been expected for a first season team. This success, I may say, has been largely due to the willing assistance given by the members of the Saturday team. The club had played 51 matches, winning 25, losing 20, and drawing 6. The first team has played 19 matches, of which it won 10, lost 8, and drew 1. The second team played 17 matches, winning 8, losing 8, and drawing 1. The Wednesday team played 15 matches, of which it won 7, lost 4, and drew 4. The prize for best batting average (qualification, 12 innings), given by Mr. J. Shield, draper, Swalwell, was won by the following:—A. Brownless (1st team), whose figures read: 18 innings, 190 runs, highest score, 61—10.55 per innings, and he gets a blazer. G. Booth (2nd team): 17 innings, once not out, 119 runs, highest score 22, average 7.25. I may also say that he is the best bowler in the 2nd team, his record being 172 overs, 52 maidens, 286 runs for 72 wickets, which shows the low average of 3.79 per wicket. In connection with prizes it is pleasing to have to say that the winners took part in every match played by their respective teams." (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The electon of officers next took place, and resulted as follows:—President, Rev. J. W. Napier-Clavering; vice-presidents, Couns. Wm. Blackbird, R. T. Swinburn, Wm. Fletcher, R. Rutherford, Mrs Errington, Miss Gregory, Mr Wm. P. Glass, Mr Joseph Harbottle, Mr Robt. Glass, Mr J. Lewis, Mr James Cartmell Ridley, Dr. A. W. Attwater, Rev. Arthur Allwork, Mr H. E. Taylor, Mr J. Stewart, Mr J. W. Thompson, Mr James Jobling, Mr Wm. Rutherford, Mr T. Armstrong, Dr. A. Smith, Mr J. E. Colley, Mr Wm. Speers, Rev. W. Dryburgh, and Mr Neesam. Captain 1st team, Mr A. Brownless; vice-captain, Mr A. A. Fletcher. Captain 2nd team, Mr G. Booth; vice-captain, Mr G. Lee. Captain Wednesday team, Mr E. Slater; vice-captain, Mr J. Coulson. Auditors, Mr T. Berry, Mr T. Dove, Mr A. A. Fletcher, and Mr R. Smith. Committee, Messrs Ryding, Adamson, Dove, Spencer, Robson, and Drinkald.

The Chairman congratulated the members upon having erected such a handsome pavilion, but at the same time pointed out to them a difficulty which arose—who were the owners of it? They might say that it belonged to the Swalwell Cricket Club, but he did not think that club existed in law. Should anyone damage or destroy the pavilion they had no means of redress, therefore he thought they ought to have some means of rectifying this. This could be done by appointing some trustees, and drawing up a trust deed.

After discussion, Councillors Blackbird and Fletcher were appointed trustees.

It was also resolved to insure the pavilion against fire, and Mr. Wm. Glass kindly agreed to do this at his own expense.

After the business had been transacted the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony—Messrs Swinburn, Booth, Dove, Robson, and Lee contributing.

The Chairman asked the company to drink the health of the landlord. The dinner, he said, had been an excellent one; in fact, he had never seen a better one purveyed in Swalwell. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically drunk.

Mr. T. Berry submitted "Success to the British forces in the Transvaal," which was duly honoured.

Coun. Swinburn gave "The Chairman," which was drunk with musical honours.

Coun. Rutherford briefly replied.

A pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of the "National Anthem" and "Rule Britannia."

HALLO, OLD MAN, WALKING without your stick! I thought you were crippled with rheumatic pains! So I was, until I went to PATRICK, CHEMIST, Front Street, Consett, who gave me some Liniment and Medicine, and soon sent me to work again. 370a.

Presentation to Mr. C. Turnbull, of Consett

A large company assembled at the Town Hall, Crook, on Thursday evening to do honour to Mr. Charles Turnbull, of Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, late of Crook, who has been associated with the fortunes of the Crook Town Cricket Club, is universally admitted to be the best cricketer the district has ever produced. It was not surprising, therefore, that this fact, together with the admirable qualities that stamp the man, that a practical recognition in some way should be made. This took the form of a presentation of a silver tea and coffee service, with tray to match, suitably inscribed, at a supper and smoker, at which Mr. Turnbull was the principal guest. Mr. Wm. Pallister presided. Amongst those present were Messrs T. J. Wilson, R. Winter, R. Daglish, R. Turner, M. Coates, A. Anton, Barley, W. Coates, R. Coates, T. Linton, F. Lax, F. Morson, A. Lax, T. Buston, T. Scales, J. Thompson, W. Simpson, R. Thompson, Geo. Dowell, C. P. Stewart, J. Lerman, W. and E. Reid, E. Turner, J. Smith etc. Mr. Thomas Raine made the presentation in a most appropriate and characteristic speech, ably touching upon Mr. Turnbull's ability as a cricket coach and his character as a man. Mr. Turnbull, in responding, met with a very hearty reception. Amongst those who associated themselves with the sentiments of Mr. Raine were Mr. Ralph Dixon, Mr. W. D. White, Mr. C. P. Stewart, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. T. Scales, and Mr. Wm. Pallister. During the evening Mr. R. Winter, Mr. C. P. Stewart, Mr. F. Lax, Mr. J. Ferguson, Mr. T. Woodman, Mr. Isaac High, and Mr. Pallister contributed songs, Mr. Horler accompanying. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly observed, including that of "The Host and Hostess" (Mr. and Mrs. Dryborough). As a gathering it was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable functions of that character that have taken place in the town, and Mr. W. D. White is to be congratulated upon the success with which it was attended.

Operatic Bazaar at Pelton

On Friday afternoon last, what was termed a Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic bazaar was opened in the Co-operative Hall, at Pelton Lane Ends, by Mrs. E. Stout, of Urpeth Hall. The object of the bazaar was to raise a sum of £150, a large proportion of which would be required to renew, and in part, rebuild the boundary walls of Pelton Parish Churchyard, which in many places are in a dangerous state of collapse. The title of the bazaar will indicate that the various stalls and attendants represented the principal operas of the Gilbert and Sullivan collaboration. Needless to say that from such a repertoire there was ample food for the decorator and costumier. The hall was so arranged and the costumes of the attendants of such a nature that it was not difficult to run through the list of the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. For the district the idea was novel and effective, and could not fail to please visitors on their entrance to the hall. The various stalls were presided over as follows:—Fancy work and bric-a-brac, Miss Chamberlain; cakes, sweets, and confectionery, the Misses Stout; Parish Stall, Miss Ledger, assisted by Misses Lilliman, Lish, and Todd; St. Andrew's Mission Stall, Misses English, Grainger, Lawson, Clark, and Mrs. Young; Ouston Mission Stall, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs Hopper, Mrs. Stokoe, and Misses McLean, Stokes and Talbot. The Bachelor's Stall was attended to by the bachelor's committee, the Rev. B. W. Thompson being secretary and Mr. F. Bolam treasurer. The Plant, Flower and Bulb stall was in charge of the members of the Vicarage Bible Class, while the refreshment stall was attended to by Miss Ledger, Mrs. Bolam, Mrs. Ryle, Mrs Clark, Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Skeen. Tables for the tea were given by Mrs. Ryle, the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Ledger) Mrs. Bolam, Mr. J. Harrison, Mrs. Teasdale, the Church Council, and the Bachelors. At the opening ceremony, Mrs. Stout who was well received, said she had very great pleasure in opening the bazaar, although she would rather that someone from outside the district had done so. The object was a most deserving one, and if the buyers only worked as hard as the sellers it would be a great success. (Applause.)

On Saturday afternoon Miss Chamberlain, of Urpeth House, opened the bazaar in the presence of an exceedingly large attendance. After the Chairman, the Rev. A. B. De Moleyns, of Chester-le-Street, had spoken the object of the bazaar, Miss Chamberlain said, as the Chairman had told them what the object was, she did not think it necessary for her to add anything and she had great pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. The opening ceremony on Monday, the last day, was performed by Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Bedford House, Gateshead. She said that the object had her entire sympathy. The churchyard wall was in need of great repair. She would like to thank Mr. Ledger and the bazaar committee for asking her to come and open the bazaar. She had great pleasure in declaring the bazaar open. (Applause.)

A hearty vote of thanks was then given to Mrs. Wilson.

Stabbing Case at Chester-le-Street

Argument on the War

On Saturday afternoon last, about 2.30, two miners named Joseph Pearson, Chester-le-Street, and George Brown, High Flatts, met near the latter place, close to the town when they got into an argument on the War with the Boers. Some high words were indulged in, and Pearson, drawing a knife from his pocket, suddenly rushed at Brown, and stabbed him in the breast, inflicting a wound about an inch deep, and an inch-and-a-half long. Dr. Brown was called upon, and had to put in three stitches, and otherwise attend to the wounded man. Pearson was taken into custody and conveyed to the Police Station, where he was retained until Monday morning, when he was brought before Mr. H. Kerrich-Walker, and formally remanded in custody until the ordinary Court day on Wednesday next.

The man Pearson was arrested by Sergt. McAnany shortly after six o'clock on Saturday night, the officer merely acting upon a description given to him. The sergeant conveyed him to the Police Station, and he was placed in the cells and detained there until Monday morning when he was brought before Mr. Kerrich-Walker, as stated.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET GUARDIANS AND COUNCIL.

Opening of a New Board Room.

On Thursday last, the new Board-room for the use of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians and Rural District Council, and which has been in course of construction for some time, was formally opened on the occasion of the regular monthly meeting of the Guardians. Mr. John Humble presided in the regrettable absence, through illness, of Mr. Geo. Ridley, J.P., of Stanley, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. John Hodgson, of Edmondsley, Vice-chairman. In a few words at the opening of the meeting Mr. Humble welcomed his fellow members to their new meeting place. The building, which adjoins the Workhouse and is a little to the south of the old Board-room, has been built by Mr. C. Groves, contractor, Chester-le-Street, from plans prepared by Messrs J. G. and R. G. Cowe, architects, of Chester-le-Street. The building, which is of red brick with stone dressing, is in the Elizabethan style of architecture, and stands back 43 feet from the roadway. It has a handsome and attractive appearance to the passer-by, and cannot fail to be regarded as an ornament to the ancient but growing town of Chester-le-Street. The building is square with four elevations, the front facing the east. At present the frontage is in a somewhat dilapidated condition, but when the gardeners have a chance of getting to work there will be a beautiful garden adornment in the approach, and visitors will have better cause to stay and observe the inscription on the shield over the front entrance which reads:—"1899. Chester-le-Street Union Offices; Geo. Ridley, Esquire, Chairman; John Hodgson, Esquire, Vice-Chairman." This shield is placed over the front entrance leading into a capacious hall, from which are branched off the Board and other rooms in excellent order. In addition to a handsome Board-room there are two Committee rooms, a waiting room, two clerks' offices, a relief applicants' room, relieving officers' room, strong room, cloak and store rooms, and lavatories. The Board-room, the dimensions of which are 43 feet by 27 feet is in an amphitheatre form, well ventilated and lighted, handsomely furnished, but in order to improve the acoustic properties there is need of a sound board over the chairman's Bench. The present fixed seating accommodation is only up to the present strength of the Board, but there is space to provide for ample accommodation in the event of a full dress debate. The Board-room is fitted up with oak furniture, and the seats are upholstered with morocco leather. All the joiner work in connection with the Board room is finished with pitch pine, the walls being similarly panelled to a height of 5 feet 6 inches. Telephonic and electric bell communication can be held with and from the Board-room, which becomes, as it ought to be, a centre for the whole building and its ramifications. Immediately off the Board-room is No 1 Committee room which is capable of accommodating 25 persons, and, like all the other rooms, is lofty, well ventilated, and well lighted. On the north side there is an entrance for applicants leading to a relief waiting room, 14 feet 6 inches by 15 feet. This is, of course, a kindly matter of consideration for the public. for the due discharge of the responsibilities of the officials, ample accommodation has been made in the shape of departmental offices, store-rooms, and a strong room. The store-room is reached by a spiral staircase. The whole building is heated by the hot water process for which M. H. Walker and Co. of Newcastle, are responsible, and the furnishing has been handsomely and effectively carried out by Mr. H. Mole, of Chester-le-Street. The cost of the whole buildings, including the boundary wall now in course of construction, will be about £4,000. It was observed that the large number of members present, though short of the total on the list, would have uncomfortably crowded the old Board-room. It may be added that a brass tablet has been fixed in the entrance hall, giving the names of the present members and officials of the Board.

DINNER AT THE LAMBTON ARMS.

In the evening the members of the Board and others assembled in the Lambton Arms Hotel, where they sat down to dinner to celebrate the opening of the new room. Mr. J. Humble presided, and he was supported by the following members:—Mr. P. Hay (in the vice-chair), Messrs P. Oswald, T. C. Renwick, J. Mitchell, F. Harle, J. W. Bolam, R. B. Clark, J. Tully, M. Gilhespy, R. Bolam, W. Norman, Geo. Middlemas, T. Arnell, J. Smith, J. H. R. Garson, R. Morris, F. Herbert, A. P. Stoker, and C. Green. The officials of the Board present were Mr. R. Dickinson, clerk; Mr. R. V. Dickinson, assistant clerk; Dr. Taylor, Medical Officer of Health; Mr. J. H. Mole, Surveyor; Mr. J. Armstrong and Mr. J. McKay, Relieving Officers; and Mr. A. Aikman, Workhouse Master, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Galloway, and Dr. Mann. There were also present Messrs J. G. and R. G. Cowe, architects; Mr. C. Groves, contractor; Mr. G. W. Ayton, Surveyor to the Highway Committee; Mr. Bullock, Hodgkin's Bank; and others. After dinner had been partaken of

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

The Vice-chairman proposed "the Bishop, Clergy, and Ministers of all denominations." He said he felt in somewhat of an anomolous position, inasmuch as he was a churchman and a Radical. In one sense he should think there were very few there who knew all sides of the religious question better than he did. He was brought up in the Church of Scotland and then for 20 years he was a Presbyterian in England, since when he had been connected with the Church of England. Their religious denominations had made England to a very great extent what she was that day. (Hear, hear.) They often sent out people to far off countries where sometimes there was very little respect for religion shown, but still the principles of religion had caused Englishmen to be respected. (Applause.)

Mr. Mitchell next proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary forces." He said he was neither a soldier nor a sailor, but he could say he was a true Briton. (Hear, hear.) He was a supporter of the Army and Navy. That was a very important toast that evening. They were at war with the Transvaal. They had their Big Englanders and their Small Englanders, but instead of calling the latter small Englanders he would say they were no Englanders at all. They were not worthy of the name of Englishmen. He had sometimes wondered what these men would have said in reference to the taking of India when our population was probably from 20 to 25 millions, and they actually laid hold of India with its vast population. What would they have said under these circumstances? So far as he knew at the present time from Cape Town to Cairo the entire population was at peace with the British Government, with the exception of the Transvaal, where there were something like 50,000 population, and these people said Britain would have to give up the whole of South Africa. He did not believe one bit in their statement. He believed England with her firmness, christianity, and good qualities, would be able to soothe the sores of the Transvaal, and serve out justice to the Boers as well as to Englishmen who might happen to be out there. Their army had always proved strong and powerful, and he had always said there was not an army in the world equal to the English Army. The men who formed the English Army were natural soldiers, and, as such, were the best in the world. They had also reason to be proud of their navy and of their volunteer forces, and therefore he had great pleasure in proposing the toast. (Applause.)

Dr. Mann (Lieutenant) responded to the toast, and after having spoken in high terms of the Army and Navy, he said they had proof that in case of any national calamity the volunteers would be willing to do their duty. With regard to the artillery, to which he belonged, they were far behind the times. They were supplied with guns which were used in the Crimean War, and were absolutely useless for defensive purposes. They were only useful for gaining a very preliminary and elementary knowledge of gunnery. The Government were now supplying a better class of guns, but the distribution was few and far between.

Dr. Garson (Lieutenant) also responded, and spoke of the willingness of some of their volunteers to go out to South Africa. He hoped they would be allowed to go out and show that on leaning upon the volunteers they were not altogether leaning upon a broken reed. (Applause.)

Mr. Renwick proposed "The trade and commerce of the Chester-le-Street Union." He believed trade in Chester-le-Street, as well as in other places, was in a state of prosperity. If they looked at Chester-le-Street and the progress made there they would think that the whole of the trade of the Union was concentrated there. Wherever banking extensions were necessary in a town they might safely take it as a sign of prosperity. (Hear, hear.) There were many gentlemen in Chester-le-Street who had already made their fortunes, and were now able to give their time to the public affairs of the district. He hoped that prosperity would continue for some time to come. (Applause.)

Mr. Gilhespy responded, and said he was glad that trade was so brisk in the Chester-le-Street Union. So long as the coal trade was good, he was quite satisfied that all other trades would be prosperous. They could only hope that the coal trade, as represented by Mr. Renwick and others present, would continue in its present prosperous state. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. Smith, as a tradesman of 30 years standing, and Mr. C. Green also responded.

Mr. J. W. Bolam submitted the toast of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council and Board. His duty was rather a sad one, but if there was a dark cloud he believed there was a silver streak passing through. (Hear, hear.) Knowing as they did the cause it was very sad that the Chairman and vice-chairman were absent that night. They all hoped that Mr. Ridley would be restored to them. He declined to be ranked as second to anyone in his admiration for Mr. Ridley. Mr. Ridley was an ideal chairman, and his kindness and courtesy were beyond speech. They also felt very sincerely the illness which prevented Mr. Hodgson from being with them, but again they hoped he might be restored to them for he was a hearty good fellow, and that none of them would dispute. He thought all round they had the finest chairman and vice-chairman they could have found. He also referred in felicitous terms to Mr. Oswald, vice-chairman of the Council, and to Mr. Humble, who had been able to fill a gap "most remarkably well." (Applause.)

The Chairman responded and said that in the absence of the Chairman and vice-chairman, while he would liked to have fulfilled the duties very much better, he had done his best under the circumstances. He might say that during the 23 years he had had the honour of being a member of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians there had been many changes. Some, to their regret, had passed away, but others who were younger were coming to the front. The greatest change during the time he had named was, he thought, the one they were celebrating that night—the removal from the old Board Room to the new. With increasing numbers they found the old room too small and that the ventilation was ineffective. He had been told by a doctor that a man who breathed impure air would eventually end in paralysis. If that be so, then he thought they ought all to be proud that they were there that night to tell the tale. (Laughter and applause.) Well they had left the old Board Room. With some hesitation and after a good deal of debating they employed the architects, who, with great skill, were able to lay before them plans which they agreed were very satisfactory. He ought not to forget that Messrs Cowe had the assistance of a skilled Building Committee. (Laughter and applause.) They were now in possession of some of the finest offices that any Union had or could wish to have, and he hoped they would all be long spared to attend the fortnightly meetings and take an active part in affairs affecting the ratepayers. It was very sad that they should have to celebrate the opening of the new offices in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, whom they all honoured so much, and who had done a very great deal of hard work for the Union. He knew they would agree with him when he proposed that a vote of sympathy should be sent to Mr. Ridley and Mr. Hodgson. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Harle proposed the health of the architects who had so successfully carried out the new building. He knew of no finer profession except his own—(laughter)—than that of an architect. If they looked around their large towns and saw the magnificent buildings reared by the architects of their district he thought they could not but agree that that profession had made enormous strides of late years. He thought their new building reflected the greatest credit on Messrs Cowe. (Applause.)

Mr. J. G. Cowe responded, and said it had been a very great pleasure to them to have had to design the building. A good deal depended upon the way in which the work was carried out, and he could say that it had been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. Groves. (Hear, hear.) The Building Committee had also been of great assistance to them. They had tried to do the best they could, and he hoped they had given satisfaction. (Applause.)

Mr. Herbert next proposed the health of Mr. Groves, the builder, and spoke in high terms of the design and the way in which the work had been carried out.

Mr. Groves briefly acknowledged the toast and hoped the building would answer their purpose, and that it would be a place wherein conclusions beneficial to the ratepayers would be arrived at. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. J. W. Bolam proposed the health of the officials of the Union, to which

Mr. R. Dickinson responded, and acknowledged the kindness and consideration they received at the hands of the Board.

Dr. Taylor also replied and said they had a very densely populated district. During the last quarter the death-rate was less than the average of the administrative County, and the birth-rate—though he was treading on dangerous ground,—(laughter)—was larger.

The toast was also acknowledged by Dr. Galloway, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Mann.

Mr. Renwick proposed the health of Mr. Harle and Mr. Mitchell, who were the initiators of the dinner, and had carried out the arrangements in an admirable manner.

Mr. Harle and Mr. Mitchell responded, and other toasts included "the Press," "the Visitors," "the Host," "the Singers," and "the Bankers." To the two latter Mr. Len Gray, and Mr. Bullock responded respectively.

Excellent vocal music was rendered during the evening by Messrs H. Tompkins, W. Curry, J. Allen, J. Thompson, and L. Gray, Mr. J. Young presiding at the piano. Mr. Tomkins also gave an effective recitation from Conan Doyle.

Amusing Matrimonial Case from Swalwell

Charge against an Oxhill Man.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, John Wilson (formerly of Oxhill), was charged with deserting his wife, Elizabeth Wilson, who now applied for a separation order. Mr. Hick appeared on behalf of the complainant.

The Clerk (to defendant): Do you admit it?

Defendant: I am committed, I think. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hick: Have you left her?

Defendant: Yes.

Mr. Hick: Have you given her any money?

Defendant: No.

The Clerk: You have no defence in that case.

The complainant said she resided at 32, Ramsay Cottages, Swalwell, and had been married to the accused for about 15 years. During that time the defendant had been intemperate in his habits. Last April the accused had been summoned by prosecutor.

The Chairman: What was the summons for?

Mr. Hick: For desertion.

Complainant (continuing) said her husband again came back to her, but subsequently went to his father's house at Kyo Lane, Oxhill.

The Clerk: Did she get a separation order?

Prosecutrix: I was not applying for a separation order.

Complainant (continuing) said about eight weeks ago her husband told her that he was making good money. The accused would not work when he was with her, but he worked when he was with his father, because he made him work. (Laughter.) Prosecutrix now asked for a separation order for 12/- per week.

Defendant: Twelve shillings! She can get it, nee doot. (Laughter.) I hae nee questions ta ask, but aal taak her back agen if she likes. (Loud laughter.) What odds; she can mek the best of it she can. (Renewed laughter.)

The Chairman: We will make an order for 10/- per week.

The defendant: Verry canny, tee. (Laughter.)

The accused then left the dock.

Refusing to [illegible] Rates

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Maria Renwick, of Winlaton, was summoned for the non-payment of rates.

The defendant: It's five years this time since they first brought me here for this man's lies, and I'll keep coming till they get my rates. (Laughter.) Yes, I have been turned out of Court for speaking the truth, and I have the truth here again. Some of you hand that up to the Bench if you please! The accused here produced a demand note.

The Clerk (to defendant): You are summoned for non-payment of a rate made Oct. 6th, amounting to 18/- and arrears—£1. Has it been paid?

The defendant: The rate was made on the 6th Oct., 1898, and there's the receipt for it. I ask you not to make an order.

The Chairman: Will you keep quiet until the note is looked into.

It was here explained that the present demand note was for a rate made October, 1899, and not 1898.

The defendant (crying): I have been seriously used here and it's all through him.

An order for payment of the rates was granted.

Sad Fatality at Allendale Cottages

On Saturday evening, a miner named Thomas Bushby, aged 61 years, met with a fatal accident. It would appear that at about 5.45 p.m., the deceased was in his usual state of health, but while coming down stairs at his residence, No. 40 Dene Bank, Allendale Cottages, he slipped and fell to the bottom of the stairs. About 6.30 p.m. he went outside, when he again fell upon the cement footpath. Bushby died about half-an-hour afterwards, from concussion of the brain. The deceased was a widower, and leaves a family. An inquest was held on Tuesday morning at the Station Hotel, Broomhill, Ebchester, before Mr. Coroner John Graham. The jury having heard the evidence, returned a verdict of "Accidental death" consequent upon concussion of the brain, caused by a fall.

"THE TRANSVAAL."

INTERESTING LECTURE BY THE REV. WM. DRYBURGH.

The Swalwell Presbyterian Church was filled with a large audience on Thursday evening, to listen to the Rev. Wm. Dryburgh, B.D., deliver an interesting lecture upon "The Transvaal." The lecturer aided with a map, delivered his lecture in a most lucid manner, and touched upon the subject in a way that showed full knowledge of the Transvaal. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Speers, who in the course of a few remarks said the subject was one upon which great diversity of opinion existed. He was not there to talk about the war, and he would therefore call upon the lecturer to give his interesting lecture. (Applause.)

The reverend gentleman said he was pleased to be of any service to them. There was no subject of greater interest to the civilised world at the present day than the subject of the Transvaal. It had sprung upon them with terrible suddenness, although there had been a great deal of talk about it, and we possibly never dreamt of any such results accruing as we had now to bewail. The subject at its present stage could not be introduced unless they had some knowledge of the past, and his aim was not to pose as a partisan in favour of any one party more than another. He had endeavoured to glean knowledge from the best sources at his disposal, which had been rather limited, and such knowledge as he had acquired, he was quite willing to place before them. (Applause.) He had made a few marks upon the blackboard which might possibly help them to understand the subject under notice. The lecturer here described the south part of Africa, which for some time had been unknown, but which was now becoming rapidly well-known. After pointing out the Orange River, he explained the part of the country belonging to the Germans. There was a portion on the west side belonging to Portugal, above that was a part claimed by France, all in South Africa. The Zambesa river belonged to Portugal. The middle part had been recently acquired by Great Britain, and joined the Transvaal border, and far beyond that away up the Zambesa river and in the new country now called Rhodesia after Cecil Rhodes. Our territory had extended during recent years, in fact, it was larger in South Africa than Germany, France, and Italy all combined; that was the state of affairs at the present day, and still there was a prospect of acquiring more. The part in which they had most to do was marked upon the map "O.F.S." meaning the Orange Free State, and the part marked "T." standing for Transvaal. These were the parts to which he now invited their attention, and they had to begin at the Cape of Good Hope. He supposed many of them remembered about the discovery of it in the year 1847. That was one of the things which gave Portugal one of the advantages in the early days, and enabled her to acquire territory. They ought to have some idea of the reformation period, and what a wonderful upheaval there was in the minds of men in every Christendom. A great struggle ensued, in which the Dutchmen were victorious. They afterwards had another great enemy—France, before the reign of terror. France, then a great military power, made an incursion upon Holland, but Holland used their determination, and they had their country still. Subsequently three sections, the Dutch, German, and French united; they inter-married and became what they now called Boers. The name Boer simply meant farmer, and they were called that because they were all given to farming, which had been their chief occupation ever since they settled in Africa. Things thus went on and they were left undisturbed. They increased in numbers, and spread out to Cape Colony, where they commenced new farms. This lasted for some time, and then they came to the reign of terror in France. They all knew what a terrible condition France got into, and how Napoleon was the means of obtaining honour, and then subsequently becoming Emperor of France. His track was like a mark of blood and ashes, wherever he set his foot. All Europe was trodden under his iron heel. By and by they found that there was only one Englishman for every eight Dutchmen. They must remember that they always lived a kind of patriarchal life, and had no institutions. The kind of life they lived was something similar to the life of Abraham thousands of years ago. The law at that time was an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. The Dutch were then patriarchal, as they were to this day, and the Dutch found this to be a law, which they greatly approved of. He contended that their treatment towards the native races was such as could not be defended as far as he could see. Slavery prevailed at this time to a great extent, and they were not always scrupulous in their treatment towards the slaves. There were frequently complaints, and the Kaffirs were taken under British protection. In the year 1833 it was resolved in the British Parliament—and this was one of the things about which they had no cause to hang their heads—to abolish slavery in every colony belonging to Great Britain, and twenty millions of money was voted as compensation to the slave holders. When the award was made, if a slave was worth £25, the owner would receive £10 as compensation. This was not the worst of it. Those who possessed slaves were told that they would have to go to London, to prove their claims and receive their compensation money. Many of them shook their heads and said, "It will take far more money to take us to London, and bring us back again, than we will receive as compensation for our slaves," therefore, many of them never went to London at all. Some did go and might have received a little benefit, and they might have lost. Others tried to carry on the business through merchants, but they received upon the average wonderfully little for their property, which Britain had recognised up to that time, and then begin to spoil them of. That was not all. There was £700,000 worth of paper money used in this colony about that time, which was depreciated to two-fifths less than it represented. Many Boers were ruined by this transaction, and no one could justify that transaction on the part of Great Britain. Of course, this further increased the discontent, and so many of the Boers said that it was becoming intolerable, and they could not stand it any longer, as they were going to lose everything under Great Britain. They made up their minds that they would have to try and find a new place for themselves rather than submit to these injustices, and he did not think he was wrong in calling it by that name. He was proud of his country, but when he found acts of injustice he was ashamed, and he felt ashamed of what had been done in Cape Colony at that time. Not a little of the discontent and suspicion that had always been found in the Boer mind and heart towards Great Britain originated through our own injustices, and then we had a great deal of trouble, and were only reaping what we had sown. The Boers set out to find a new settlement about the year 1831. A pack was formed of about 100 people, and it was decided to go north. When they got to the Orange Free State, one half made their way to Delagoa Bay, belonging to the Portuguese, whilst the other half went further north. The portion which went northward were never heard of again, so that they met with disaster. Another company was sent out to try and find a new region, and these reached the Vaal river—a branch of the Orange river. The country seemed to be fairly suitable, so they settled down in 1836. They began to do their best in this place and commenced farming in their new settlement. A new settlement called Buluwayo was subsequently formed, which was now in our possession. The settlers were allowed to remain here a little time in peace. When they came to look at the country more fully some of them began to think that it was not altogether suitable, as they were far away from the sea, and could not have any communication with the country outside. They said to themselves, "There is Natal, and if we can get a settlement made in Natal on this side it will be suitable for our crops, and we will have access to the sea." Natal was occupied by the Zulus, another of these powerful tribes. They determined to try negotiations with the king of the Zulus, consequently some of the Boers had an interview with him. They wished to be allowed to settle down in Natal they told the king, and intimated their desire to cultivate the soil. The king received them graciously and said, "I will give you permission to settle in my country on conditions that you will bring back some of my plundered property from a neighbouring chief." Through these negotiations they were able to recover some of the property. They were allowed to go into Natal, and in due time the first party with the cattle arrived, and were graciously received. The treaty was signed, giving them the permission they sought. The king was threatened after a time and the party was massacred. In the morning 41 white men, 56 women, 185 children, and 250 servants were all found dead in the massacre by these Zulus. The Boers were terribly weakened by the disaster and some of them were in doubts as to whether they should survive any longer. Some were determined, and thought that their friends would join them. They went back, but only to be repulsed. Again they returned, and a great man named Pretorius went with the party. They were very much cheered by his presence and by the people he had brought with him, and so again they went into Natal, overcame the king, put his half-brother upon the throne, and the two fierce tribes, the Zulus and the Matabele, were thus overcome by these very few Boers who were ready to stay in Natal and did so. The lecturer after having further traced the history of the Boers, went on to speak of the Sand River Convention in which promise was made to the Boers that they would be allowed their independence, which was the beginning of the official recognition of this South African Republic. Very little was done for twenty-five years, during which time the Boers multiplied, and spread far and wide, being still patriarchal. They did not care a great deal about paying taxes. They said, "No, we are here, and we are dependent upon our own farms." They did what was right in their own eyes, but not always what was right in other people's eyes. Their treatment of the natives was anything but what could be commended; they were not slaves, but they were little better. They had no hesitation in making a raid amongst the tribes round about and capturing them. They were independent and no one interfered with them at this time. Again they came to a period where there was considerable trouble, and war again resulted, in spite of that convention, to which he had previously referred. The Zulu war took place, and the greatest enemy of the Transvaal was ultimately beaten, the Boers being delivered from their worst foes. After the British had overcome the Zulus, they said, "We shall now annex your country." The Boers were not in a prosperous condition, and made no organised opposition to that. There were a great many attempts made at negotiations; promises were made at the very outset—that they would have a free hand, that the Queen would be sovereign, and that they would have a representative Government. By and bye the Boers got satisfied, and three times they were saddled with a military administration. Lord Wolseley was sent out as commander, and he said that the Transvaal should remain British as long as the sun and moon endured—this after all the promises had been made. They could not agree to these terms, and ultimately called a great mass meeting, and then affirmed that they had never sworn allegiance to Queen Victoria. They refused to pay taxes to those sent to collect them. They know how this terminated in Messrs Kruger, Joubert, and Pretorius joining together, and they knew what happened. The British forces were inadequate for the work they had to do, but they fought as British soldiers always did. A soldier knew his duty, which could be summed up in one word—"obedience." There was the engagement on the Ingogo river, where our troops were caught in the open, and also the Majuba Hill battle. A nobler deed he had never read of than when the Boers took Majuba Hill. A convention was come to, and negotiations were opened. That convention was one of great interest at this moment, for it was upon the meaning of the terms in that convention that the present war depended. When that convention was made in 1881, the Queen was acknowledged suzerain of the country, and supreme governing power, and the rights of the natives were to be protected. It was found not to work satisfactorily, and Kruger, Joubert, and Pretorius came to London and laid their complaints before our authorities, and received some attention. The country was not greatly interested in the matter at the time, as the Soudan war had broken out. A new convention was entered into in the year 1884, the terms of which were in a book he had lying upon the organ at the Church. After explaining the chief points in that convention, the last that was made, and which had been in use up to the present time, the lecturer referred to the Kimberley diamond mines, which were discovered, and from which we had drawn about five million pounds worth of diamonds in the year. The Boers adopted the franchise, and according to the Boer law the English would have to fight against Britain. The difficulty with the franchise he thought had greatly been over-estimated. It was just upon the word "convention" or "conventions" that the whole war depended. Britain had been disturbed from centre to circumference, and we were receiving volunteers from all parts of the world. If he was at variance with a neighbour, and that neighbour asked him to his house and said he wanted to talk over a matter in a friendly way, and when he got into the house and sat down and began to talk, and then saw policemen coming from all directions, then block up all the doors and windows, so that there was not a loophole of escape, then he would suspect his neighbour of being false, and should think that he was not really wanting a settlement, but only wanted to waste time so that he could force him into submission; this seemed to have been the policy pursued in the present case, and he was ashamed of it—he was not saying that the Boers were right. There were perhaps not more Boers than there were people in England, and he likened the war unto a mighty upheaval of the ocean to sink a feather, or to drown a fly.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

A SOLDIER'S HISTORY.

STIRRING STORY FOR STIRRING TIMES.

Mr. Samuel Williams, of Brithdir, a station master on the Snowdon tramroad, is a man with a stirring history, which a "North Wales Observer" representative elicited from his modest and manly lips. He is an old soldier, of whom in these warlike times we may be proud, and his story is appropriate to present interest. Born 45 years ago at Newark, Nottingham, Mr. Williams served with the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers in Burmah, and was, in fortitude as well as in courage, a credit to the splendid record of that famous regiment.

For he faced pain as well as danger. "In Burmah," said he, "I had often to march with wet feet," and the reporter was able to see (though the brave fellow was too modest to mention) that he did his duty at the expense of great suffering, which did not end when he returned to civil life.

"For three years," he said, "my feet summer and winter alike, were intensely painful. For some time I was employed at the Sett-Quarries, but I had to give up my work owing to the pain I suffered. Having had a slight relief, I got employment at another quarry, but my old complaint again compelled me to leave my work. Lastly, I was appointed to take charge of the Hebron Station on the Snowdon tramroad, but it was with the greatest difficulty that I could attend to my duties. It took me three quarters of an hour to walk a distance I could now cover easily in a quarter of an hour. So painful had my feet become when the rheumatism took firm hold that I often wished myself dead. They were burning like roothing fire, and, though I tried a number of remedies and embrocations, I could find no relief, until I took Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people."

"Living in such a remote place as you do, how did you come to know of these?"

"Well, I saw an account of the cures they have effected in the newspapers."

"When did you first take them."

"Towards the end of last year. After taking the first box I found hardly any improvement, but the second box eased my pain considerably. The third box gave me complete and permanent relief."

"Do you continue to take them?"

"No; I took the last box two months ago, and I have had no pain since. Now I can walk miles without suffering any pain, and if you had been a quarter of an hour later coming here I would be on my way across that mountain."

Hardly anything causes such agony as inflammatory rheumatism. Red-hot needles seem to be searing the tender nerves. It is not cold alone that causes rheumatism, though cold and damp often bring on the attack. But the original evil is in the blood, and it is because they act direct upon the blood that Dr. Williams' pink pills have cured so many cases of rheumatism, rheumatic gout, and sciatica. They are likewise praised for their cures of anæmia (or impoverished blood) and even consumption, which often succeeds anæmia. But substitutes do not cure; the true pills are always labelled with the full name—Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people—and may be had, if desired, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn Viaduct, London, post free at two and ninepence a box—six boxes thirteen and nine.

Shocking Burning Fatality at Dunston

On Saturday morning an inquest was held at the Dunston Police Station, before Mr. Coroner John Graham, touching the death of a child named Robert Boston, who died on Thursday last from the effects of burns received.—Isabella Boston, wife of William Boston, residing at 31, Athol Street, Dunston, said the deceased was her child, and aged three years and five months. On Wednesday, the 25th inst., at about 5.35 p.m., the child's clothes caught fire during her temporary absence. Witness heard the child scream, and upon going back she found the deceased standing upon the stairs enveloped in flames. Someone put a coat over the child and the flames were extinguished. The child was conscious enough to tell her that he had burnt himself by lighting a piece of string at the fire, which had set fire to his clothes. Everything possible was done for the child, and Dr. Witherspoon was sent for, but the deceased expired about nine a.m. on Thursday, the 26th inst.—A verdict of "Death from burns accidentally received," was returned.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

On Thursday last the members of the Chester-le-Street Highways Committee met in the new Board-room, adjoining the Workhouse. Mr. H. E. Henderson presided, and there were also present—Messrs J. Humble, J. Mitchell, J. W. Bolam, T. C. Renwick, Geo. Middlemas, M. H. Douglas, W. Morris, J. Emmerson, P. Oswald, F. Harle, R. B. Clark, J. H. R. Garson, J. Tully, C. Green, T. Richardson, C. J. Banks, the Clerk (Mr. J. Chambers), and the Surveyor (Mr. G. W. Ayton.)

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to £1,558 2s 10d. were passed for payment.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that at Eighton Banks, the landlord of the Coach and Horses had commenced to build a house adjoining the Inn, part of which was, in his opinion, an encroachment upon the highway. The road from the main road was about 50 feet in width, and it was now reduced at the entrance to 23 feet. The landlord informed him that the road had been pegged out by Lord Ravensworth's architect. The workmen had completed the asphalting of the path at Pelton Fell, and also at Daisy Hill, and were now preparing material at Washington for the paths in that district. In Urpeth Parish the path had been asphalted from the Shepherd and Shepherdess to the Four Lane Ends, and down to the armoury, a total distance of 1,689 yards. At West Lane, Chester-le-Street, the improvement in front of Oakdale Terrace had been completed, but the drains were not adequate to carry the large volume of water coming down in a flood. He suggested that the County Council be asked to put in a larger surface water drain down the Front Street from the foot of West Lane. At West Pelton it was very necessary that a kerb and channel be put in from the top of the bank near the School, down to the foot of the bank to the road leading to Handon Hold, about 90 yards in length. He estimated the cost at £24 15s.

Mr. Humble moved, and Mr. Mitchell seconded that the alleged encroachment at Eighton Banks be referred to the Local Committee, the Surveyor in the meantime to obtain information on the subject of the road being an awarded one.

The motion was agreed to, and the report was adopted.

HANDON HOLD.

Messrs J. and J. Turnbull, agents for Mr. G. J. Fenwick, wrote with reference to the adoption of the road at Handon Hold, and enclosing an agreement for the consideration of the Board.

The agreement was considered satisfactory, and was approved of.

WEST PELTON FOOTPATHS.

A letter was read from the Pelton Parish Council, requesting that the footpath from West Pelton to Grange Villa be asphalted, and that the asphalted footpath be continued past the School House, at West Pelton, to the Railway Arch at Handon Hold.

Mr. Bolam moved, and Mr. Humble seconded, that the work be done.

Mr. Garson pointed out that it was not included in the estimates, and he moved that it be deferred.

The amendment was seconded and carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT WITTON GILBERT.

The Clerk read a letter from the Witton Gilbert Parish Council, with reference to an alleged interference with the public use of the footpath leading from the North Lane to Nursing Lane, on the Langley Estate. The letter asked the Board to take steps to have the caution boards erected on the path taken down, as they prevented many persons using the path who wished to do so. A committee had interviewed Mr. R. Turner, sen., of Fell House, who said he had known the footpath for over 60 years, and had never known anyone being stopped travelling on the road. Mrs. Jopling, of Witton Gilbert, had stated that she sold her portion of the land to Lord Durham, at a reduced price, owing to the path running through it.

Mr. Mitchell moved that the Parish Council and a Committee of that Board should meet and report to a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Tully said the agent's attention had been drawn to the matter. He (Mr. Tully) did not know where the Clerk to the Parish Council referred to, but there were certainly no public footpaths where he said they led to. They had several servants who had been on the estate for 40 to 50 years, and they could say that no one had ever been allowed to go on the path. In fact there was no path across this particular point to Nursing Lane. On behalf of Lord Durham he certainly did not mean to admit there was a path. Their gamekeepers went across in the course of their duties, and made a slight track, but that did not make it a footpath. He ridiculed the statement made in reference to Mrs. Jopling.

Mr. Garson asked if Mr. Tully could not meet the Parish Council?

Mr. Banks said he thought the onus lay with the Parish Council to prove the existence of a footpath.

Mr. Green seconded Mr. Mitchell's motion. There was a strong feeling among the inhabitants that Lord Durham had stopped the path. He thought if Mr. Tully met the Parish Council it would help them very much.

The motion was agreed to.

A REJECTED PROPOSAL.

Sir Lindsey Wood wrote stating that he was desired to intimate that if the Committee were to offer to contribute £200 towards the cost of forming a subway under the North-Eastern Railway Bridge over West Lane, Chester-le-Street, such offer would be favourably entertained by the Railway Company.

Mr. Clark thought they decided at the last meeting that it was not necessary to have this subway.

Mr. Mitchell did not think they could entertain the suggestion.

On the motion of Mr. Bolam the Clerk was instructed to inform Sir Lindsay that the Committee could not see their way clear to accept the proposal.

A SACRISTON FOOTPATH.

Mr. Oswald, in the absence of Mr. Brass, who had given notice, moved that the kerbing of the footpath on the west side of Front Street, Sacriston, be extended to the new chapel.

Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

WASHINGTON NEW ROAD.

The Clerk stated that an order had been made at Quarter Sessions stopping up various footpaths across the proposed new road at Washington, and Lord Boyne had consented to give up a portion of land under certain conditions laid down in a communication he (the Clerk) had received from Lord Boyne's agent.

After a short discussion it was agreed that Messrs Bowes and Partners be asked to consent to the adoption of the road from Usworth Lodge to the proposed new road, and that the Clerk obtain a plan of the road mentioned in Lord Boyne's letter.

The meeting then concluded.

CHESTER-LE-STREET GUARDIANS

A monthly meeting of the members of the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians was held in the new Board Room, on Thursday last. Mr. J. Humble presided, and there were also present Messrs P. Oswald, J. W. Bolam, T. C. Renwick, C. J. Banks, R. Bolam, T. Richardson, T. Arnell, J. Burnett, R. B. Clark, J. Smith, J. Todd, J. Mitchell, Geo. Middlemas, M. Gilhespy, J. Emmerson, P. Hay, M. H. Douglas, R. H. Lonsdale, F. Harle, C. Green, J. Tully, J. H. R. Garson, W. Norman, W. Hedley, R. Selby, H. E. Henderson, T. F. Brass, R. Morris, A. P. Stoker, the Clerk (Mr. R. Dickinson), and the assistant clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson).

THE NEW BOARD ROOM.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed

The Chairman said he had hoped their chairman (Mr. George Ridley, J.P.) or vice-chairman (Mr. J. Hodgson), would have been present to give them a welcome to their new Board-room. He regretted to say that the account he had as to the state of their health was not satisfactory. He hoped there might be some improvement, and that they would again have the pleasure of their company in that room. (Hear, hear.) He had not come prepared with a speech, but he understood speeches would be made later on. With these remarks he would proceed with the business of the Board. (Applause.)

PAUPER STATISTICS.

The Workhouse Master (Mr. A. Aikman) reported that the number of inmates in the house was 138, as against 156, in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 18. The number of vagrants was 141 as against 80, being an increase of 61. The Master also reported that a workhouse girl had been twice refused domestic service on account of her religion—Roman Catholic.

The Chairman thought the reason for refusing the girl was a very paltry one.

VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Visiting Committee reported that Miss Robson had refused to accept payment at the rate of 10/- a week for her services as temporary nurse. She asked for £1 a week but the Committee thought that too much. They now advised that she be met half-way and be paid 15/-.

Mr. Hay moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed to.

AGRICULTURAL RATES' ACT.

The Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board fixing the amount of grant at £184 5s 2d. payable to the Chester-le-Street Union under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896.

THE VACCINATION ACTS.

A letter was read from the Wycombe Union with a copy of a resolution on the "enforcement of the Vaccination Acts by Vacination Officers." The resolution was to the effect that both Houses of Parliament and the Local Government Board should be petitioned to repeal the clause in the new Act giving the sole authority to prosecute to Vaccination Officers, and leaving the Guardians to disburse the ratepayers' money without having any voice in the matter.

Mr. Hay said the matter had worked very well with them, and he moved that the letter lie on the table.

Mr. Garson seconded the motion and said they had had no trouble in their Union.

The motion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The Clerk read a letter from the Guisborough Union enclosing a resolution to the effect that the Local Government Board be informed that the Guardians were of opinion that they ought to have sole control over the appointment and management of all officers.

Mr. Hay moved that they do not entertain the resolution. He did not think it would work well. He had known a time in Chester-le-Street when there had been a certain clique against their officers, and an officer might have been improperly discharged.

Mr. Banks seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

AN ALTERED CONTRACT.

Mr. Banks according to notice of motion, moved the adoption of the following resolution:—"That the resolution adopted on the 31st August last, not to entertain Mr. Groves' application for an addition to his accepted tender for erection of boundary wall at the Workhouse be rescinded, and that he be paid the sum of £22 19s 6d over and above his contract price." He said as a matter of principle he believed they were wrong in advancing contract sums over the amount of the accepted tenders, but the Building Committee were waited upon by Mr. Groves who made representations and produced documents which changed their opinion. As Chairman he was asked to bring forward Mr. Groves' case. From the time at which they accepted the tender until the time when the Local Government Board sanctioned the scheme a considerable period elapsed, and during that time the price of material advanced seriously. At first Mr. Groves asked for £70 more, but that amount had been brought down to £22 19s 6d as being fair under the circumstances. He might say that there was no one to blame; it was due to the delay between the acceptance of the tender, and the official sanction.

Mr. Clark as a member of the Committee seconded the motion. The only people to blame in the matter were the Local Government Board.

The motion was agreed to and the meeting ended.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

The following list is specially compiled by Mr J. A. Harvey, chartered [illegible], 4, St. Nicholas' Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from whom all information [illegible] designs, and trade marks may be obtained:—

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Derwent Valley Ploughing Association

Annual Meeting

The members of the Derwent Valley Ploughing and Hedge-cutting Association held their annual meeting on Saturday evening at the Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester, Mr W. Stonehouse, of Hedley, presiding. Those present included Mr A. Fewster, Mr R. Dixon, Mr J. Hunter (Grange, Medomsley), Mr Brown, Mr J. Hunter (Town Farm, Medomsley), Mr T. Hunter (Medomsley Edge), Mr Swinburn (Hedley), Mr Hamilton (Newlands), Mr Simpson (Priestfield), Mr R. Gledson (High Field), and Mr G. Hunter (Medomsley).

FINANCE.

The financial statement submitted shewed that after all expenses had been paid there would be a balance of £53 10s left in the hands of the treasurer.

The report was considered highly satisfactory and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr Lewis Priestman, Shotley Park, Shotley Bridge; vice-presidents, Messrs J. Pumphrey, Derwent Hill; J. S. Murray, Blackhill; J. Hunter, Anton Hill; T. Dixon, Lead Hill; H. Wilson, Shotley Hall; J. T. Potts, Consett; F. Priestman, Shotley Park; Geo. Hobson, Harperley Mill; W. M. Annandale, Lintaford; G. R. Aynsley, Consett; J. Annandale, The Briary; R. G. Barclay, Shotley Bridge; W. Telford, Shotley Bridge; G. Hunter, Medomsley; H. Oliver, Hurbuck; Whitehead, Consett. Committee—Messrs T. Walker, Medomsley; G. Hunter, Medomsley; Moffitt, Medomsley; J. Hunter, Grange, Medomsley; A. Fewster, Low Bradley; T. Bushby, Hole Row; J. Pattinson, High Waskerley; R. Gledson, High Field; J. Anderson, Black Hedley; H. Oliver, Hurbuck; G. Snowball, Stocksfield; T. White, Potherley Buildings; R. Stokoe, Airy Hill; E. Stokoe, Hedley Woodhead; R. Johnson, Tanfield; J. Fisher, Redwell Hall; T. H. Smith, Tanfield; J. Simpson, Bradley; W. Archer, Eddis Bridge; W. Dixon, Hollands; J. Miller, Panshield; W. Cowen, Grey Mare Hill; J. Hunter, Town Farm, Medomsley; R. Johnson, Unthank; C. Thompson, Newlands; W. Stonehouse, Hedley; W. Potts, Shotley Field; R. Anderson, Mosswood; G. Morgan, Shotley Bridge; R. Swinburn, Hedley; W. Wilson, Shotley Bridge; W. Bruce, Newlands Grange; W. Green, Mare Burn; T. Hamilton, Newlands; J. Swinburn, Hedley; J. Robinson, Medomsley; J. Jewitt, Medomsley; W. Young, Dipton; G. Bolam, Pontop Farm. Hon. secretary, Mr Geo. Bell, Medomsley; treasurer, Mr R. Dixon, Broad Oak.

THE CHOICE OF LAND.

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs G. Hunter, Fewster, J. Hunter, Gledson, Stonehouse, and Miller, was appointed to carry out the arrangements as regards the choosing of land for competition purposes.

THE RULES.

The old rules were adopted.

THE PRIZES.

The prize list was altered in some cases, the chief item being the ploughing competition which was made to read—"Two champion classes, open (one for wheel, and one for swing.")

HEDGE-CUTTING COMPETITION.

It was resolved to hold the hedge-cutting competition as usual.

THE COMPETITIONS.

The competitions were fixed to take place on Wednesday, December 20th.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Missionary Meeting at Tow Law

Address on South Africa

Missionary meetings one generally associates with dry statistics, and as a whole are perhaps not the best attended class of meetings by any means. Although it must be admitted that those who found their way into the Tow Law Wesleyan Church on Tuesday evening week found room and to spare it must be confessed, on the other hand, that statistics generally were at a discount, and whilst listening to the deputation, Rev. Mr. Parsonson, they were interested, amused, and benefitted withal.

Mr. John Hillary took the chair, and after the report had been presented by Rev. D. Stothard, the Rev. Geo. Samuel, M.A., who was cordially received, addressed the meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Parsonson, in the course of an exceptionally interesting address, interesting for obvious reasons, said that he was born in South Africa, and had been a missionary for 25 years. Over there they thought all the world of "the folks at home." It seemed to him, said the rev. gentlemen, that England was waking up to a sense of her imperial responsibility. Her flag, which was flying in all parts of the world, taught them that where it was there was justice, there was security, and order for all. He remembered the story concerning a native who was loud in the expressions of delight that the English were going to annex his country. When being asked the reason he said, "Where the great Queen's flag flies we can sleep at night." He (the speaker) believed England was imperial because she was missionary; she was increasingly missionary because she was imperial. Referring to the Boers, the speaker said the Dutch had lost their empire because they did not care for their subject race. The bushmen they had shot down at first sight, like rats, whilst they enslaved the Hottentots. There were a race of people whom they spoke of out there as bastards—descendants of the Dutch connection with Hottentot women. It seemed to him in spite of their Calvinism and in spite of their religion their empire was passing away from the simply because they cared for nobody but themselves. In a very racy and interesting fashion the speaker referred to South Africa generally. People out in South Africa often asken why the English were there. Well, they were there simply because they had bought the Cape at a cost of £6,000,000. That was a part of the National Debt for which they were paying interest. They were often asked what kind of a country was it. It was a very healthy country, and a dry country, but a place where Englishmen were Englishmen. The deputation then humorously referred to the methods of locomotion, and in passing touched upon the Buluwayo Railway, a project, he said, which was sure to be carried through in spite of what Mr. Stead said, or anyone else. The native races were faithfully pictured, and the Kaffirs were especially dealt with, his remarks being interladen with anecdotes illustrative of South African life and character. Concluding, Mr. Parsonson pointed out the great missionary progress that had been made in South Africa, which he continued to say in three years would become self-supporting. He appealed for a liberal response in aid of those missionaries who had been compelled to leave their mission stations and churches on account of the war on the Transvaal frontier, and in this manner closed an interesting address of about an hour's duration upon a topic which at the present time claims special attention.

COURSING.

BROOMYHOLME (CRAGHEAD) MEETING.

Saturday, October 28th.

Judge, Mr W. Young; slipper, Tom Sutton.

This meeting took place over the Broomyholme estate, Craghead, under the most favourable weather conditions. Between 400 and 500 people were present, and an enjoyable day was spent. Hares were found in abundance, but they were somewhat difficult to approach, and ran wild. Riggley Twist displayed the best form, winning both his courses pointless. The judging and slipping were admirable. Details:—

BROOMYHOLME STAKES, for 8 all-ages, at £2 10s each.—Winner, £12; second, £4.

Mr J. Wilkinson's b and d w Golden Hue, by Percussion—Lonely Girl, beat Mr R. Wallee's bd and w b Sally, by Lushington II—Tissy.

Mr Young's bd d Elswick, by Nenagh—Melliod, beat Mr J. Lazenby's bk and w d Happy Drayton, by Tankerville—Dear Sal.

Mr J. Coulson's bk d Carville, by Hope—Castenella, beat Mr Hamilton's f and w d Fashoda, by Ancestress—Good Return.

Mr J. Wear's bn and w d Riggley Twist, by Huntsilent—Lights Lucky, beat Mr J. Carr's w and b d Snowball, by King's Beadsman—Marble Queen.

Second Round—Elswick beat Golden Hue, Riggley Twist beat Carville.

Stakes divided.

DERWENT VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB

Complimentary Dinner

On Saturday night, at the house of Mr and Mrs Geo. Morgan, Crown and Cross Swords Hotel, Shotley Bridge, the members of the above well-known club gave a complimentary dinner to three of their colleagues who have lately become Benedicts, viz., Messrs J. E. Parker, J. M. Nicholson, and H. H. Wattsford. A repast which greatly redounded to the culinary resources of the establishment was placed upon the tables by the Host and Hostess Morgan, and this was admirably served up by an efficient staff. The company present included Messrs T. D. Dales (the popular captain of the club) J. E. Parker, J. M. Nicholson, H. H. Wattsford, T. Green, S. Leybourne, W. J. Foreman, Dr. Henley, Dr Moore, E. J. Sloane, J. Kershaw, C. T. Foreman (hon. sec.), T. W. Vasey, J. W. Jamieson, J. E. Thorpe, J. E. Davies, J. Hamilton, G. Hamilton, J. O. Todd, W. S. Douglas, Rev T. W. Hansom, Rev A. C. Blunt, R. Heymer, W. H. Croudace, Scott, &c.

At the conclusion of the repast, Mr. Dales said before they adjourned downstairs he had a toast to submit to them. As they all knew, the reason of their meeting [illegible] cognisance of the fact that three of their most prominent members—who had been members of the club since it was formed—had lately taken an important step, and joined the noble army of Benedicts. (Laughter and applause.) They had got safely across the state of single blessedness, and landed in the "United States." (Laughter.) And for that reason that little gathering had been promoted that night. Although he felt it impossible to propose the toast as it should be proposed, yet he felt pleased to be able personally—and also on behalf of the club—to show his esteem and respect for their guests, and was very much gratified that so many members and friends had gathered together to do honour to them. (Applause.) It required no words of his to bring to mind the many services rendered to the club—and also to the county—by their guests. They had also rendered valuable assistance in the various social functions promoted in connection with the club. (Applause.) He had seen it stated that marriage was a lottery. (Laughter.) He thought they ought to congratulate their friends on being successful ones, not having drawn blanks, but prizes. (Laughter and applause.) It was a great pleasure to have their friends, Messrs Parker, Nicholson, and Wattsford, with them, and he wished them every happiness and prosperity. (Loud applause.)

Mr Thorpe supported the toast in able terms, after which it was accorded musical honours.

Mr Parker, in responding, thanked the company very heartily for the kind manner in which they had expressed themselves. It was a very difficult subject to talk about. (Laughter and applause.) He felt it impossible to thank them adequately for their kindness. On behalf of his wife and himself he felt grateful to them for their good wishes. (Applause.) He had always been pleased to be associated with the Derwent Valley Hockey Club. They had passed through a rather critical time, but had managed to weather the storm, and there had been an infusion of new blood that seemed to augur well for the future. (Applause.)

Mr Nicholson replied in a very humorous and witty speech, and concluded by thanking the members of the club for their kindness.

Mr Wattsford also responded, and, on behalf of his wife and himself, thanked them for the many kind things said. He took it as a great compliment to be entertained by the members of the Hockey Club in that manner, and he sincerely appreciated it. (Applause.)

The company then adjourned downstairs, where Mr Green took the chair, with Mr Dales in the vice-chair.

The loyal toasts were warmly honoured.

Mr Thorpe proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxilary Forces," and referred to the gallant deeds our troops were performing in South Africa. They were sending the largest number of troops from their shores that they had ever done since they were a nation. The reserve forces had turned up in the proportion of over 98 per cent.—(applause)—and the small percentage that had not turned up were either ill or at sea. It was a matter for satisfaction when they thought of the kindly way in which several firms had treated the reservists. (Applause.) He thought it was a pity that the country only seemed to take a pride in the army when we were at war. He advocated the Government finding occupation for soldiers when they had finished with the colours, as he thought it would induce many more to join if they knew that situations would be found for them at the end of their term of service. (Hear, hear.) He was rather in favour of conscription, as he believed that it would do many of them good. As regards the navy, they were keeping the seas open for their transports whilst he had no doubt the volunteers would be ready if called upon. (Applause.)

Mr Nicholson, whose name was coupled with the toast, thought they would all feel proud at the prowess of their troops. (Applause.) Another cause for gratification was the way in which the Colonies had come forward to help the Mother Country. (Applause.) He had no doubt but that the present trouble in the Transvaal would be speedily settled by Sir Redvers Buller and the gallant men he commanded. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman then called upon Mr Dales to present a silver whistle to Mr R. Heymer in recognition of his services as referee.

The Vice-chairman said that on the hockey field there were not only contending teams, but a gentleman to see that everything went on right, and that the game was played as it should be played. It was a position that took a good deal of filling. (Hear, hear.) Not only had the referee to please both sides, but also the spectators, and himself as well. No matter how he tried to do right, he laid himself open to a good deal of criticism. He thought that a referee should try and please himself. When he (Mr Dales) was refereeing, whether he gave satisfaction to either team or spectators, he always pleased himself, and thus had the knowledge that he had given satisfaction to someone. (Laughter and applause.) In Mr Heymer they had a gentleman who had assisted them in every possible way as referee. (Applause.) Although he had not always seen eye to eye with Mr Heymer, he had the satisfaction of knowing that that gentleman had, to the best of his ability, tried to do his duty fairly and impartially. (Hear, hear.) On behalf of the Hockey Club he had much pleasure in presenting a silver whistle to Mr Heymer, and hoped he would long live to use it, and never blow it except in the cause of right and justice. (Loud applause.) The whistle bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr R. Heymer by the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club, October, 1899."

Mr Heymer's health was drank with musical honours, after which that gentleman responded, thanking the members of the Hockey Club for their kindness. He said it was not popularity he sought, but he had always been pleased to do his best for the Hockey Club. (Applause.)

Mr Parker said it afforded him much pleasure to propose the toast of "The Visitors." It was gratifying to the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club to see so many visitors present as there were that evening. (Applause.) He asked them to drink to the health of the visitors, and might they see them often. (Loud applause.) He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs Leybourne, Vasey, and J. Jamieson.

The toast was musically honoured.

In response, Mr Leybourne said: Amidst the pleasure and the tinkling of the convivial glass, and the warmth—the glow of the hearty expressions of good-will from the members of the Hockey Club in support of Mr Parker, the worthy proposer of the toast, we recognise the true ring of their welcome to us—the visitors. (Applause.) In responding to the toast of the visitors, I am happy to say that that good-feeling is fully reciprocated—that every visitor has the liveliest sympathy for the prosperity—the continued prosperity—of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club. (Hear, hear.) On every hand we hear, and we are proud to hear, of the club's—our club's (hear, hear)—exploits in the hockey battlefield; how, by their daring, their prowess, and skill, they have achieved many victories over hard and stubborn foes, thereby justly creating for themselves an honourable name throughout the whole of our beloved north-country as the "Invincibles." (Laughter and applause.) To the timorous the game of hockey may be considered too dangerous; it is full of that devil-may-touch-and-go spirit closely bordering on to actual warfare. We English are fond of wide travel and sport. We love the exciting and glorious uncertainties of bold or venturesome play. (Hear, hear.) Without this most essential quality, the glamour and soul-absorbing interest now experienced in the field would soon be lost, and sport. We love the exciting and glorious thing of the past. (Applause.) I take this opportunity of congratulating the members of the club in that, nothwithstanding the many hard physical knocks and the few defeats they have sustained at the hands of their opponents, there is ample evidence that the gentle heart-tappings and the soothing influences of that bright little God, Cupid—(loud laughter and applause)—has richly compensated some of their number, to wit—the typical three. This, gentlemen, I submit is a healthy sign—just as it should be, and augurs well for the stability and prosperity of the club in the coming years. (Applause.) Permit me to conclude by recounting a little wayside incident, which I trust none of us may have reason to repeat as a personal experience. A certain country rambler came upon a wayside Inn, and addressing the landlord said, "Pray, friend, are you the master of this house?" "Yes, sir," half doubtingly replied mine host. Then a vision of a smile of evident relief puckered up his worn cheeks, as he continued, "Ye see sir, the missus died bout a month syne, God save her." (Laughter and Applause.)

Mr Vasey said it gave him great pleasure to be there amongst the members of the Derwent Valley Hockey Club, and he hoped that they would have many similar meetings, and enjoy themselves as heartily. (Applause.)

Mr Jamieson said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of coming there and meeting many old friends and making many new ones. (Applause.) He was sure that if they had enjoyed themselves as he had done there was nothing to complain of. He hoped that they would meet on many another occasion round the festive board. (Applause.)

The other toasts being "The Chairman," "The Vice-chairman," "The Secretary," and "The Host and Hostess," during the evening, the following gentlemen contributed to the harmony:—The Chairman, Vice-chairman, Dr. Moore, Messrs Thorpe, Davies, W. J. Foreman, Sloane, etc., a most pleasant gathering concluding with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

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Miss Murray, Blackhill.
Mr H. Bates, Consett.
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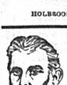

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CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Council Chamber, Parliament Street, Consett, under the presidency of Coun. W. Aynsley, J.P. There were also present—Couns. W. Rippon, G. R. Powell, J. Lowes, G. Ainsworth, J.P., G. T. Hyden, R. C. Foster, J. Kempson, J. Daly; Mr. T. W. Welford (Clerk), Mr. W. S. Shell (Surveyor), and Mr. H. Foggon (Deputy-Clerk.)

GAS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that Bridge Mill, Mortimer, and Moor Streets, so far as built, be taken over; that one lamp be fixed at the junction of Hawthorn and Sarah Streets, in Holly Street, and at the junction of Mason and Ash Streets respectively. Cheques to the amount of £255 19s 7d were recommended to be signed.

BROKEN LAMPS.

Coun. Powell thought that as a great many lamps had been broken on the road to the Consett Iron Company's Works it would not be a bad idea to remove them to some of the new streets.

The Chairman said the remarks were very well timed, but it would be a pity to deprive the respectable people of the light.

Coun. Ainsworth said that not only the whole of the glasses of the lamps from the Consett Iron Company's offices to Consett Hall been broken during the last week, but the lamps themselves had been wrecked.

It was decided to request the police authorities to give more attention to the matter, and also that if there was anybody caught doing damage to the lamps they would be prosecuted.

Coun. Lowes moved, and Coun. Powell seconded the motion, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

BUILDING AND SEWERAGE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee recommended that Mr. J. Stephenson's plan for eleven houses in Constance Street, Consett, was referred to the Surveyor to see Mr. Stephenson, and point out the requirements of the new bye-laws; that the surveyor be instructed to construct an air-shaft at the Settling Ponds, Berry Edge Road.

It was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Hyden, seconded by Coun. Foster, that when Mr. Stephenson made his plan in conformity with the new bye-laws, the Building Committee should have power to pass it.

THE NEW RATE.

The Clerk having prepared a rate of 1/4 in the £, it was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Hyden, and Coun. Ainsworth seconded, that the seal of the Council be affixed to the new rate.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. W. S. Shell reported that the footpath in Albert Road had been completed, and Mr. Christopher was proceeding satisfactorily with the making of the new streets. There had been collected and paid over to the treasurer the sum of £131 18s 9d, for general district rate, private street improvements, market tolls, bye-laws, rent of offices, etc.

The report was adopted.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. A. D. M. Macintyre reported that during the quarter there had been 25 births and 27 deaths, both showing a decrease upon the quarter preceding. Eleven cases of preventible diseases had been reported.

The report was received.

THE BURIAL GROUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board on the question of the borrowing of £2,000 for the extension of the burial ground. Before deciding upon the application the Board would direct a local enquiry be held on the subject by one of their inspectors when convenient, of which due notice would be given. The Board would require to see the resolution of the vestry meeting sanctioning such expenditure.

It was resolved to ask the overseers to call a vestry meeting.

The Council then rose.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1st, 1899.—Before His Honour, Judge E. J. Meynell.

KNOCK OFF THE EXPENSES.

Geo. Atkinson, mason, Blackhill, sued Geo. Smith, contractor, Blackhill, for £7 8s 2d for work done for defendant.—The plaintiff said the defendant had offered to settle with him in July if he would agree to take off the expenses of the case.—An order for payment was made.

STONE CHANNELLING.

Wm. Bird, stone-dresser, Ponteland, sued Wesley Whitfield, contractor, Elm Park, Shotley Bridge, for the payment of 13/4 for 45 yards of stone dressing for channelling.—Plaintiff said he had received payment for 35 yards instead of 45 yards at 1/4 a yard. The work was done three years ago, and had received only £2 6s and a few coppers.—His Honour: Why have you allowed the debt to stand so long?—Plaintiff replied that it would not have paid him to bring the case to the County Court if he had not had another case.—Defendant said in November the plaintiff started to work for him. He had paid the plaintiff £3 6s 6d. He had never arranged for any price at all. The plaintiff had worked day work.—Judgment was for the defendant.

LEMONADE CASE.

Nathan Elsdon, aerated mineral water manufacturer, Consett, sued Felix Nugent, cartman, Consett, for the sum of £2 3s 1d, for stout and stintage.—Mr. Bell, in the employ of Mr. Elsdon, said he had sold part of the goods to the defendant.—Mr. Shaw, from Mr. Douglas's office, Consett, defended.—Defendant said he had always paid for the stout whenever he bought any. Defendant never received any stout from Mr. Bell.—Mrs. Nugent, corroborated.—His Honour found for plaintiff.

ANOTHER ONE.

Ellen Nugent, daughter of Felix Nugent, was sued by Nathan Elsdon for 12/- for whisky and port wine obtained on November 5th, 1898.—Judgment was given for defendant.

WHOSE WERE THE PIGEONS?

Thos. Stokoe, miner, White-le-Head, sued his brother, Joseph Stokoe, for £9, the value of five pigeons. Mr. J. McCartan, Consett, appeared for the plaintiff.—Ellen Stoker, wife of plaintiff, said when her husband was away the defendant asked her for the keys of the pigeon-ducket. She told him her husband was coming home on the Saturday, and if he wanted anything with the pigeons he would have to talk to him. When the keys were refused he drew the staple, and took five pigeons. Defendant used to keep pigeons in plaintiff's ducket.—Sarah Jane Dixon, neighbour to the plaintiff, saw the defendant take the pigeons from the ducket on October 6th, 1899. She afterwards took a note for him, but gave it to another brother. She had heard of the brothers being in "co."—Defendant said he took the pigeons because he had a share in them, and paid for them. He broke it open because it was his. He got a share of the winnings, which were about £8, not £12. He never claimed his share to take them away. His brother gave him two pigeons after they differed, out of the cree. He bought the pigeons together from Wm. Farry, and paid £1 to Farry for them. They entered the "sweeps" and paid the entrance fees between them.—Wm. Farry, White-le-Head, said he sold he "big young pigeon" to the Bros. Stokoe, for 30/-, and other ten if it won a handicap. The defendant paid him £1 for another pigeon. He used to help the Stokoes to train the pigeons. Witness said Thos Stokoe paid 12/6, and pawned his watch to pay the remainder of the money.—Matthew Nicholson said the brothers Stokoe bought the two pigeons and the cree that the defendant broke into. The brothers each paid 10/-.—Thos. Stokoe, re-called, said when the pigeons were bought from Farry he made the bargain for them, his brother having bought his before that. They each had their own pigeons. Defendant got a share of the winnings because he helped the plaintiff to train them. They quarrelled in June, about a fender, after which plaintiff gave defendant his two pigeons out of the cree.—The case was adjourned for a month for the defendant to bring Armstrong and additional witnesses, and His Honour impounded the receipts.

WATERHOUSES.

On Saturday last, the new Primitive Methodist Church and school was opened at Esh for public worship. In the afternoon Mr. Geo. Rhymes, of Tudhoe, who has been architect for the building, in a few appropriate words formally opened the door, after the Rev. G. W. Moorse had conducted the devotional services. The opening sermon was preached to a large audience by the Rev. J. S. Nightingale, of Consett, who also delivered a lecture to a crowded congregation in the evening, when Mr. J. Pearson, of Waterhouses, presided. A public tea meeting was also provided in the schoolroom at the close of the first service. On Sunday Mr. Nightingale preached morning and evening, and at the latter service a great number of persons were unable to gain admission, the church and school being filled to their utmost capacity. A service of song entitled, "The torn Bible," was rendered by the choir in the afternoon, the connective readings being given by Mr G. Toppin. The whole of the opening services have been a very gratifying success, and only about £560 now the debt upon the premises. The officials and members have worked hard and persistently for their new church, and are full of hope for the future.

Blackhill Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club.

Chamber Concert in St. Aidan's Hall

The committee of the above are to be congratulated on the aggressive character of their efforts in general. After a most successful out door season during the summer months, the energetic Secretary, Mr Leybourne (to whom must be relegated a large modicum of the present success of the club) has turned his attention towards a like comprehensive and educational programme for the winter months. The origin and design of Tuesday's programme was of a dual character. Whilst the financial aim of the concert was the very commendable one of securing money wherewith to provide funds for prizes in order to cultivate diligence in the students, the musical aim of the evening was also of an educational character. True, it was largely experimental, classical musical displays not being general, or even popular, but the Society evidently work on the assumption of "Nothing venture, nothing have," and left no stone unturned to make the proceedings a success in spite of ultra appearances. Explanatory and annotated programmes detailing the prominent characteristics of the various compositions were supplied to the audience, and no doubt helped to identify and portray the various movements and significant passages to a material extent. The artistes were all local with the exception of Miss Laura Barnes, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., of Sunderland (soprano), whose musical degrees were in themselves ample testimony and guarantee of at least a thoroughly representative and technical interpretation of the two items to which her name was attached. Mr J. T. Symington, of Consett, was the baritone exponent, and Mr C. Stelling represented the tenor principal. In the String Quartette Mr J. H. Swainston and Mr T. Borthwick took the violins, Mr J. P. Walton the viola, and Mr A. H. Heslop the 'cello, whilst Mr J. Davison had the lion's share of the work in accompanying at the piano both to the quartett and the soloists. The concert opened with a quintett, Op. 44, Schumann, comprising piano, violins (2), viola, and 'cello. The work consists of four movements. It is distinguished throughout for nobility of thought and breadth of design. The opening subject and principal theme is bold and striking. It occurs a considerable number of times in the course of the composition and is easily recognisable. The second subject is of an entirely different nature, being introduced as a 'cello solo. It is a theme of great beauty and is worked out at considerable length; each of the stringed instruments taking it in turn as a solo, whilst the piano gives out a very plaintive minor theme. The movement ends with a triumphant repetition of the opening phrase given with all possible fire. The quintett as a whole may be said to be one of the finest works of its class and is deservedly popular with musicians of all tastes. The second item on the programme was "Star of Eve" (Tannhauser), Wagner, by Mr J. T. Symington, whose acknowledged fine baritone voice and finished style of song did ample justice to this popular composition. The same singer was heard to even better advantage in his subsequent rendition of "Onaway, awake, beloved" (Cowen), a perfect round of applause greeting its conclusion. A further sample of his powers was the only pacific remedy, and the singer repeated the second portion with like appreciation and demonstrations of approval on the part of the audience. Miss Barnes sang "Sands o' Dee" in a sweet and charming fashion. Her low notes were beautifully sweet, whilst in the higher reaches her voice lost none of its volume or rich fulness. A well-merited round of applause greeted both her efforts, the second song being "Come, sweet morning" (Old French). Mr J. H. Swainston's violin solo, "Romance" Svendsen) was a masterly performance. Mr Swainston's capacities as a violinist are thoroughly well-known locally to need very little recapitulation. Be it said, however, that he fairly excelled himself on this occasion, and to use a common expression for descriptive ends fairly "brought down the house" with his contribution. "The piece is a very fine example of Scandinavian music. It is passionate and weird, and is at present very popular. An undeniable encore was the natural outcome, and again Mr Swainston developed all the powers of his instrument to their maximum extent, his execution generally being of a very finished and accomplished order. Mr C. Stelling sang Schubert's "Erl-King," attacking the composition in that bold, aggressive, and confident manner pertinent to an experienced well-tried singer like himself, doing both the song and himself abundant justice. The quartett, Op. 18 (Beethoven), by the piano, violin, viola, and 'cello, was without doubt the best instrumental performance of the evening. This quartett was originally written as a quintett for piano, oboe, clarionette, horn, and bassoon, but was afterwards arranged by the composer as a quartett for piano, violin, viola, and 'cello, in which form it was performed. Beethoven was evidently fond of this particular sonata and arranged it once more, this time as a string quartett. It is laid out in three movements, the first having a lengthy introduction, which might also be called a separate movement. The introduction is slow and stately, and is quite a contrast to the first movement proper; which is of a quick, happy, character, full of life and "go." There are several very dramatic moments in this movement which will no doubt be easily recognised. The "working out" or middle section of the movement is one of Beethoven's finest examples, shewing what a wealth of suggestion there is in in the comparatively simple themes with which he opens. The second movement is one of those entrancingly beautiful conceptions, peculiar to Beethoven. The third and last movement is an entire change from the two proceeding movements, and is of the lightest possible nature. It overflows with good nature and fairly romps in places. Beethoven, however, never lets us forget the serious side o' things, even in his lightest movements, and there is an occasional reminder in the form of a minor melody in this one. The piece ends with what might be called a dialogue between the various instruments, one answering the other until all join in a final outburst of joy. Despite its length it was never wearisome and "patience was no virtue," being listened to with eager appreciation by the audience. The manipulation of the leading movements on the piano by Mr Davison was the favourable comment of many and the admiration of all. The consistent vivacity which the accompanist maintained in following out this lengthy piece was most marked, the execution at times, where the subject is bright and lively, being brilliant. In fact, a great amount of practice must necessarily have been put in by the whole of the instrumentalists before such finished interpretation could have been given in so facile a manner. In the interval between the two parts of the programme Mr S. Leybourne read a short paper on the aims and pursuits of the club. He said:—Ladies and gentlemen,—It is with great reluctance I come before you to-night, to speak on behalf of the Naturalists' Field Society, knowing, as I do, to an assembly like this, it is most unusual to intrude prosy remarks upon your thoughts—thoughts charmed and elevated by the witchery of sweet music—music such as we have to-night flooding this hall, and which still rings in our ears, as if dying echoes gave tuneful voice among the hollows of the distant mountains. Our apology for thus submitting the claims of the society to your attention is, that those claims are of an unusual character, the importance of which our members are anxious should be brought home to the intelligent understanding of every individual in this large and industrial centre, to arouse, by every honest effort, the enthusiasm and practical sympathy, not only of this indulgent audience, but of every true lover of this most beautiful valley. A love of country is one of the grandest traits in the human breast; from it springs that patriotism that makes nations famous amongst the peoples of the world. By its potency the sinews of war are set in motion and a Gilead redeems his country from the devastating hand of its force. Its God-like attributes burning in the breast of a hero stays the decay of a nation, and phœnix-like it rises exultingly from its ashes; it has swept away, as the shadows of night flee before advancing day, state corruption and priestly intolerance. By its unquenchable fire the spirit of liberty has broken the fetters of bondage, and to-day we live the freest of the free. How, then, if love of country should achieve such grand results, why should not the same love quicken within us a desire to conquer apathy and indolence, and at once set to work to acquaint ourselves with the beauties and facts relating to our immediate neighbourhood? Here we have one of the sweetest valleys, replete with some of the richest specimens of the vegetable kingdom, abundantly affording excellent examples of geological formations, embracing over a wide area a goodly selection of the mammalian class, and teeming with associations of an interesting past, all forming a grand school in which the scholar may find the most valuable information. Our society has for its objects the study of all the foregoing subjects, and we earnestly invite all who may desire to co-operate with us in acquiring such important and useful information to throw in their lot with us. (Applause.) In botany the student has a field so varied and coloured that the eye may never weary in searching over its prolific growths. It is most interesting to see how "nature paints her colours." To watch the pansey, the viola, and the violet, faithful duplicates of those living aerial flowers, the butterfly and the moth, springing like the latter from a lowly state into all the gorgeous hues that no painter's art has yet equalled, should captivate our attention and make us long to revel in the delight of the field. To attempt to describe one-tenth of a tithe of the beauties of the flower, the grace and stateliness of the tree, would require more time than we have to-night at our disposal, but we can promise you next year, our summer field-meetings will be one long continued source of happiness to all who may indulge in our rambles. (Applause.) In geology there will be found a mine of wealth of such intrinsic value, that the student will be amply rewarded by exercising patient toil in winning its treasures. As we examine the rock whose face may have been covered by the debris of ages, we discern as clearly as though written in letters by the hand of man, the indelible signs the glacial age has left behind. As we investigate the successive changes which have taken place in the organic and inorganic kingdoms of nature; when Time has rested, as it were, at different epochs in the building of the mountains and the moulding of the rocks, we shall find sufficient to engage our most serious attention. In the animal kingdom we shall find many interesting subjects to discuss. It may surprise us to learn that the animal and vegetable kingdoms are closely allied to each other, making it difficult indeed to define at what point the animal life ends and the vegetable begins. In the antiquarian branch of our study it will be our province to illustrate the ancient, civil, military, and ecclesiastical history of the county of Durham, tracing it progressively, from the earliest records of its original inhabitants, to the present period. We are confident that the researches into the traditional law and historical events, and the idioms peculiar to the hardy race of this county, including a concise account of their habitations and monuments, will prove of vital service in rendering to us a fund of knowledge, of a character, at once intellectual and pleasing. (Applause.)

Mr. Leybourne also added a word or two on behalf of the Chamber Music Society. They had, he said, given their services gratuitously on behalf of the Field Club, and whilst they did not despise the present company in point of numbers (on the contrary, they were well satisfied with the success of the first concert), he would like to bespeak for them a "bumper" house on the occasion of their next concert. (Applause.)

Speaking generally it was a pretty, artistic, and enjoyable concert, reflecting the highest praise and credit on all the performers concerned. The concert finished with a quintett (Pleyel) by the piano, violins (2), viola, and cello, after which the National Anthem was played.

Grand Invitation Concert at the Town Hall, Consett

Messrs Archibald Ramsden, Ltd., gave a grand Invitation Concert on Wednesday evening last in the New Town Hall, Consett. The seats were all free for the mere trouble of calling to book at the firm's new business premises in Front Street, Consett. Needless to say there have been many callers at the above address during the last week or two in order to ensure a place on the occasion of the visit of such talented artistes were billed for the event. The hall was packed to the very rear, which in itself was ample proof that the efforts of Messrs Ramsden were duly appreciated. Although there has been quite a plenitude of concerts of a first-class order already this season, including the recent successful effort of the Philharmonic, still the music-loving populace of Consett appears not to have had quite a surfeit for amongst the audience we noticed most of (what may be termed for the sake of distinction) the well-known musicians of Consett and district, both instrumentalists and vocalists. The special attraction of the evening were as set forth on the programme which likewise was to use a redundant phrase presented to all acceptors of the invitation "free gratis for nothing." The artistes were:—Madame Emily Squire, of the Handel Festival, St. James's Hall, Queen's Hall, and Crystal Palace Concerts, prima donna English opera, Drury Lane, soprano; contralto, Miss Kitty Longland, of the London concerts, &c.; tenor, Mr Gwillym Evans, of the Albert Hall concerts, London, and Royal College of Music, London; bass, Mr Herbert Hilton, of the Albert Hall concerts, London; violinist, Miss Mabel Burmester, of the Royal Academy of Music, London; solo pianist, Mr Julian Clifford, graduate of the Royal Conservatoire, Leipsic; accompanist, Miss Allen. The opening piece was an instrumental duet, violin and piano, by Miss Mabel Burmester and Mr Julian Clifford, and took the form of a "Greig Sonata," which of course took the ear of the more classically inclined musicians. Mr Herbert Hilton, the bass exponent, was below his normal standard owing to being in the unlucky possession of a severe cold, which is not by any means a conducive to good singing; nevertheless he rendered a good account of himself in his opening song. Madame Emily Squire, the soprano principal, took the ear and fancy of the audience generally, and sustained her initial good impression throughout, on one occasion being the recipient of a double encore, delighting the audience with her magnificent voice three times in succession. Her "Jewel song," from "Faust" (Gounod), was a triumph in itself, and called forth an enraptured encore, "Robin Adair." "The wooden shoes," and other songs were given in like conspicuous and brilliant style, an encore being demanded and responded to on every occasion, audience and singers being most prolific and generous respectively. Her rendering of the old favourite, "Home, sweet home," upset the emotional equilibrium of almost everybody. Madame Squire was perhaps the most popular artiste of the evening, and in fact as well appreciated as any soprano that has been in the district for a long while. Added to her magnificent voice her style and manner are both of a pleasing and taking nature. Mr Julian Clifford gave two pianoforte solos—one of them being his own composition, viz., "Three episodes, (1) Allegro, (2) Andante, (3) Scherzo Appassionato." He, however, dropped the "Allegro," giving only the two latter, the third one, "Scherzo," being perhaps the better one of the two which were rendered. Miss Kitty Longland gave "Hey ho, the daffodils" (Edidth Bracken) in a rich contralto voice of much worth and training. The same singer followed on with "Abide with me" (Liddle), which drew forth a well-merited encore. It was in response to this encore that the singer scored her grandest success in her beautiful interpretation of "Husheen" (Needham), which was equal to any single item rendered in the course of the evening. Not perhaps so popular as "Home, sweet home," but none the less sweet or faithfully interpretated, the last notes of the cradle song leaving a beautifully peaceful and lasting effect in the memory. "My heart's delight," by the tenor principal, Mr Gwillym Evans, called forth an encore from the audience, which was responded to with that now very popular tenor song, "The sailor's grave," in both of which Mr Evans gave a good account of himself. Other songs by the same artiste were "Good night," and "Good bye sweetheart," which Mr Evans sang in a good clear voice, the singer putting both heart and voice into his efforts, and particularly the conclusions, which were markedly of a bold character. Mr Hilton's "Holy Friar" was sung in a nice musical voice, but without any great volume or depth, resultant no doubt from the effects of the cold already referred to. In fact, as announced to the audience by Mr Whitehead, the vocal duet by Mr Evans and Mr Hilton had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of Mr Hilton. Miss Mabel Burmester's performances on the violin were those of a thorough mistress of the art, and met with a corresponding share of appreciation from her hearers, encores being demanded and responded to on both occasions of her appearance. A fitting wind-up was a vocal quartette by the four vocal artistes, "My wedding morning," in which the combined efforts of the four parts was seen to great effect, the harmony being very fine. Two pianos a Knauss and a Schiedmayer (the property of Messrs Ramsden) were in operation on the platform. Taken in the aggregate the concert was of a most comprehensive nature, and such as to be generally popular. Popular music by really first-class artistes is after all the most acceptable to the general music-loving people. There are schools of music and types of music to which great common weal are debarred from participating in, and there are those on the other hand to which the average music-lover would rightfully despise and disdain, but there is in music as in everything else a happy medium to be struck, and Messrs Ramsden seem to have got the bearings nicely of the average musical taste, judging by the popular appreciation exhibited at last Wednesday's concert. True it is that it wasn't perhaps the province of the audience to grumble even had the musical fare been meagre and inferior. Neither was it their duty to applaud and encore had it not been the contrary. But the fact that nearly every item on the programme was encored is ample proof in itself that the efforts of the singers were only appreciated by the audience, and the recognisances of the audience reciprocated by the singers who gave their encores so unsparingly and apparently with such good grace and willingness. Mr Geo. Williams, the indefatigable manager of Messrs Ramsden's establishment, and the helper and co-operator of all the leading musical events of the town and district, worked with Trojan-like effort to make the affair a gigantic success, and which with the help of many willing friends, he has achieved in every way.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Patrons of the above place of amusement have no reason to complain of the fare being provided for them by the worthy lessee and his manager just now. Some really excellent companies have visited the theatre of late, and amongst them must be classed the company appearing this week. This is Mr Horace Stanley's combination in the powerful and curiously named drama, "The 10.30 Down Express," of which, by the way, Mr. Stanley himself is the author. As one might naturally suppose from the title, the play is a most exciting one, the interest being sustained in a clever manner throughout, and the large audience present on Monay and succeeding nights testified their appreciation in no uncertain terms. The scenery is very fine indeed, especially in Act 3, where the 10.30 down express is introduced. This is a most realistic piece of stage mechanism. The silent river in Scene 3 of Act 4 is also extremely good. A clever company of artistes give an admirable interpretation of the drama. Mr. Ray Cochrane gives a fine and manly impersonation of "Jack O'Malley," the hero of the story, and comes in for much applause. Mr C. W. Spencer as "James Inderwick" (the villain of the piece), makes the most of it, his acting being excellent. Mr. Austin H. Longford, Mr. Norman A. Overton, and Mr. Robert Vyner are very good respectively as "Huntley Mason," "Cuthbert Leigh," and "Seth Coombes." Miss Rose Maitland is charming and sweet as "Bessie Leigh," whilst praise is also due to Miss Anna Beaumont, and Miss Lucy Monteith, who fulfil their several characters in admirable style. The humorous side of the drama is in the capable hands of Mr. H. Stanley ("Sam Wagstaff") and Miss Kate Kilpark ("Peggy Potts"), who, when they occupy the boards, keep the audience in continual roars of laughter. All the other parts are adequately filled, and local playgoers should certainly not miss seeing "The 10.30 Down Express."

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FERGUSON, OF LEADGATE.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. George Ferguson, of Durham Road, Leadgate. Deceased had been in failing health for some time, but still his demise occurred somewhat suddenly last Saturday morning. The late Mr. Ferguson was born at Branch End, some five miles from Hexham, and was 62 years of age. He remained in that district until he was about 30 years old, when he removed to Toft Hill. From here he went to Crook, where he resided some five or six years, and finally came to Leadgate about 15 years since. Deceased was well known as a horse dealer, etc., throughout the four northern counties, and he was generally acknowledged to be one of the best judges of horseflesh in the North of England. For many years he attended the fairs at Stagshawbank, Brough Hill, Newcastle, Durham, Appleby (Westmoreland), etc., and was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was of a genial and kindly disposition, and was very popular in Leadgate. The interment took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended, the nomadic population with which the deceased was connected being numerously represented, and showing great grief at the loss of their departed friend. A short service was held outside the deceased's residence, conducted by Mr. T. Lammasby, of Leadgate, and then the mournful procession proceeded on its way to St. Ive's Churchyard. At all the places of business and private houses on the route the blinds were drawn as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Ferguson. The cortege proceeded to St. Ive's Church, where the Burial Service was performed by the Rev. T. W. Hansom (curate), who also officiated at the graveside. The under-bearers were—Messrs W. Stewart, Wolsingham; W. Broughan, Wolsingham; J. Stewart, Wolsingham; and J. Simpson, West Cornforth. The relatives present included:—Mrs. G. Ferguson (widow); Mr. Wm. Ferguson, Penrith (brother); Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Ferguson and family, West Cornforth (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson and family, Aycliffe (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Bishop Auckland (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. Whitelock, Harrogate (daughter); Mr. G. Ferguson (son); Mr. Thos. Ferguson (son); Miss Mary Ann Ferguson (niece); Mr. B. Moore (step-son); Mr. J. Ferguson, West Cornforth (nephew); Mrs. Gleadow, Leadgate (sister-in-law); Miss P. Gleadow (niece); Messrs William, George, Benj. and Robt. Gleadow (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Leadgate; Mrs. Stewart (cousin), etc. Amongst others present were:—Mr. Wm. Johnson, Coalburn; Mr. C. Bell, Winlaton; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Winlaton; Mr. C. Lee, Shincliffe; Mr. A. Watson, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Winlaton; Mr. and Mrs. McLoughan, Dipton; Mr. Ben. Boyd and Mr. Thos. Boyd, Gateshead; Mrs Bowman, West Cornforth; Mr. B. Wilson, Gateshead; Mr. T. White, Spennymoor; Mr. and Mrs. J. Mouldon and family, Leadgate; Mr. P. Mouldon, Hexham; Mr. John Kelly, Dipton; Mrs. M. Brand, Bishop Auckland; Mrs. Kelly, Dipton; Mr. Felix Kelly, Dipton; Mrs. M. Mouldon, Hexham; Mr. J. Crawford, Consett; Mr. Ed. Todd, Mr. R. Calvert, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. W. Urwin, Mr. John Kershaw, Mr. W. Lee, Mr. A. Usher, Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. T. S. Longstaff, Mr. L. Nicholson, Mr. Jas. Kelly, Mr. T. Sinclair, Mr. A. Blench, Mr. J. Jacobson, Mr. Jos. Day, Mr. W. Beck, Mr. J. Black, Mr. R. Laidler, Mr. E. Lumley, Mr. W. Hansom, Mr. R. Temple, Mr. W. Tinkler, Mr. John Day, Mr. Thos. Walton, Mr. I. Walton, Sergt. Newton, P.C. Dixon, Mr. T. Lammonby, Mr. Doulton, Mr. A. Salkeld, Mr. Jos. Davison, Mr. J. Prest, Mr. J. Ross, jun., all of Leadgate. Mr. Jos. Slater, of Leadgate, acted as undertaker, whilst the hearse was supplied by Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., Consett.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT HEWITT, OF CONSETT.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Robert Hewitt, fruiterer, of Consett. The deceased gentleman some short time since was attacked by influenza, and, going out too soon, suffered a relapse. Alarming symptoms afterwards set in, with the result that he passed away at his residence, Palmerston Street, Consett, on Friday last. The sad event caused quite a sensation in the town, as Mr. Hewitt appeared to be most robust and healthy. He was only 35 years of age, and leaves a widow and four young children, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Mr. Hewitt's parents hailed from Carlisle, but settled down in Newcastle many years since. The deceased, previous to coming to Consett, had been in California for seven years, being engaged for most of that time in the tinned salmon export trade. The serious illness of his father was the cause of his return to England. About five years since Mr. Hewitt came to Consett, and started business in the New Town Hall Buildings, Consett, as a wholesale and retail fruiterer. He soon built up for himself a large and flourishing business, and became extremely popular with his customers and the many friends he made. He was of a genial and kindly disposition, and will be much missed. Mr Hewitt's father died a few years since, but his mother is alive and resides in Newcastle, being the owner of some valuable property in the metropolis of the north. The interment took place last Monday at Elswick Cemetery. Previous to the departure of the "cortege" from Consett, a short service was held at the residence, conducted by the Rev. M. J. Bennett, curate of Consett. The mournful procession consisted of the hearse, two mourning coaches, and a waggonette, the latter conveying several friends to Newcastle. In the coaches were Mrs Hewitt (widow), Mrs Hewitt (mother), Miss Hewitt (sister), Mr Hewitt (brother), Mrs Gowland, Mrs Charlton, and Mrs T. C. Rawes. Messrs Powell and Rawes walked in front of the hearse. The under-bearers were Messrs J. Collinson, R. Thompson, T. Stoker, and Ward, and amongst others present we noticed:—Mr M. Brodie, Mr H. Cornforth, Mr E. Lockey, Mr J. Moreland, Mr G. Teasdale, Mr F. A. Coltman, Mr T. Dunne, Mr J. Hart, Mr T. George, Mr G. Pattrick, Mr T. D. Dryden, Mr G. Patterson, Mr G. T. Broadbent, Mr J. Davison, Mr G. A. Williams, Mr J. Frosdick, Mr Grant, and others. Arrived at Newcastle the "cortege" was met by several other relatives and friends, and the remains of the deceased reverently laid to rest in Elswick Cemetery. A number of beautiful wreaths were placed upon the coffin from members of the family and others. The coffin was of pitch pine, with brass mountings, from the establishment of Messrs T. C. Rawes and Co., Consett, who also supplied the hearse and other conveyances, and efficiently carried out all the arrangements in connection with the funeral. We may mention that a photo of the late Mr Hewitt which was struck from one he had taken while resident in California will appear in our next issue.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES.

BY "ROSICRUCIAN."

DILAPIDATED HOUSES.

Councillor Armstrong has more than once drawn the attention of the Stanley District Council to the dangerous condition of a number of houses at High Stanley. It seems that the pantries are breaking away from the houses, and that the dwellings are dangerous and unfit to be occupied. They are at present held under a lease by Messrs Burn, who decline to admit liability, contending that the responsibility rests with the owners. On the other hand the owners declare that Messrs Burn are under an obligation to return the houses at the termination of the lease in a habitable condition. Considering the risks the tenants are running, and the difficulty there is of getting other houses, this attempt to shift the responsibility from one to the other is somewhat paltry. Something will have to be done, and the sooner an arrangement is come to the better.

A LAMENTABLE ACCIDENT.

The fatal accident, reported in another column, which occurred at the Louisa Pit, at West Stanley, on Monday, was the first for a considerable period at this colliery, and carrying with it, as it does, a lesson, it is sincerely to be trusted it will be the last of its kind. Falls of stone are frequent in mines, and sometimes they are sprung upon the workmen without notice. In this case there was a previous warning, but, it is to be feared, a risk was run, and a life was lost. No sermon is required to point the moral. The young man was highly esteemed, as was evidenced at the funeral on Wednesday, and it is a most regrettable circumstance that he is not still with us, and with his friends.

THE SOUTH MOOR FILTER BEDS.

Mr. Routledge, the Surveyor to the Stanley Urban Council continues to receive congratulations on the success of the bacteriological treatment of sewage at South Moor. He has recently had a visit from Stockton Councillors, who were greatly impressed with what they saw, and it is perhaps not going too far to say that the effluent at South Moor is equal, if not superior, to any in the country. The tests continue to give the utmost satisfaction, and, I expect before long to hear of some favourable comments from Dr. Hill, the Medical Officer for the County.

PROPOSED URBAN POWERS FOR MEDOMSLEY

On Wednesday night, a meeting adjourned from September 20th, was held in the P.M. School-room at Allendale, to consider the advisability of applying for urban powers for the parish. Mr. H. Palmer, J.P., presided, and there was a large attendance.

The Chairman, after a few introductory remarks, said that by way of clearing the air he might state that, as requested, he had obtained the cost of scavenging in the parish to the Consett Company. The present cost was £250 per annum. It was exceedingly doubtful whether this would not be considerably increased if done by an Urban Council instead of the Consett Company. Under an Urban Council the Local Government Board would probably insist upon the work being done in the mornings, and that would enhance the cost. Although he could not speak authoritively, he thought it might be taken for granted that the Consett Company would no longer discharge the duties themselves, but throw the whole work on the rates. Another thing—whereas the Company now found a tipping ground for all refuse removed, in future this would have to be undertaken by the urban authority.

Mr. Crawford estimated the scavenging at 2/- per house per quarter, which would mean £400 per year. The Company would still have to pay in accordance with their rateable value, which was £18,110 10s out of a total rateable value of nearly £27,000. The work was being very satisfactorily done by the Company, and he thought an Urban Council would never think of taking it over. He thought that Councils only did this when the work was not satisfactorily done. He hoped they would arrive at an intelligent decision as coming from intelligent men on this question, and whatever their decision he would abide by it. (Applause.)

In response to a suggestion from Mr. Cooke, Mr. Crawford then stated his arguments in favour of the proposed change, which have already appeared in our columns.

In answer to a question from Mr. Cawthorn, Mr. Crawford said their figures were largely taken from the Tanfield Council, whose rate was 1/6 in £, at Stanley it was 2/4; Annfield Plain and Leadgate 2/-. He did not know what it was at Consett and Benfieldside. This included scavenging, laying down new sewers, and repairing old ones.

The Chairman said at Benfieldside the rate was 2/6, and at Consett 2/8. He asked the other day the reason of the Tanfield rate being so low, and was told it was because they did nothing. (Laughter.)

The Hon. Mrs. Vereker said at Blaydon it was 1/5 in the £ for the half-year. The poor rate was also 1/8, so that it was 6/6 for the year. Rates had enormously increased in the Blaydon district.

Mr. Crawford said at Stanley there was £349 7s 7½d for sewerage works, and £1,735 14s 9d for sewage disposal works. In a 2/4 rate that was a lot of money. At Tanfield there was £419 9s 8d for sewerage works, and £15 14s for sewage disposal works.

Messrs T. W. Vasey, W. G. Thompson, and T. Storey next spoke.

Mr. Moffitt alluded to the fact that they would lose nearly £300 of rateable value by transferring Blackhall Mill to Blaydon, and only get some £3 in return. It was rumoured that Leadgate were going to try and get a portion of the Bunker Hill Estate and Bradley Cottages. If this happened it would mean a loss of £1,261 12s.

Mr. Cooke pointed out that these things were not yet actual realities. The Parish Council had always tried to do what was best for the ratepayers of the parish.

Coun. Crawford then moved the following resolution:—"That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient to constitute an Urban District Council, and that the Parish Council be requested to make application to the County Council in favour of it being carried out."

Coun. Storey seconded the motion.

Messrs Daniels and Harrison were appointed tellers, and the voting resulted as follows:—For the motion 12; against 43.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. Storey demanded a poll on the question.

The Chairman said that he would take the necessary steps, in conjunction with the Clerk, to see that a poll was taken.

The meeting then concluded.

DERWENT COTTAGES NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

Lecture by Pastor T. J. Reed.

In the above place of worship on Sunday, Pastor T. Reed (of the Sailors' Bethel, Newcastle), preached two eloquent sermons to good congregations. On Monday evening, Pastor Reed gave an interesting lecture to an appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by Mr. Watson, of Blackhill, who expressed his pleasure at being present at that meeting. He was glad they had got there, and left the other place. However, they had had many good meetings at the old place, but they would have better ones there. (Applause.) It was to be hoped that they would obtain many victories for Jesus Christ. He would now call upon Mr. Reed to deliver his lecture entitled "Nil Desperandum"—never despair. (Applause.)—Mr. Reed said he felt very much at home in that pulpit, especially under the care of their chairman. He remembered how kind they were when he visited them before. He believed one way to get enheartened was to enhearten someone else. The chairman had made beautiful reference to the love of Jesus Christ, and when they thought of the faith of their Lord their doubts took wings and flew away. (Hear, hear.) It enheartened them when they thought of the love and wisdom of the Lord. There was every reason why they should never despair. A sub-title to his lecture was, "Triumphs over physical disabilities." Some were born great, some achieved greatness, and some had greatness thrust upon them. He proposed to show how men had triumphed over physical disabilities. Anthony Trollope, in one of his novels said, "It's dogged does it." Would that chapel have been erected if there had not been enthusiasm, energy, and perseverance? (Applause.) That chapel was an ocular demonstration of it. Look at John Wesley. He was a delicate little fellow, always consumptive. If he had given way to despondency they would never have had the new face on Christianity that they had. There were opportunities to do good for their chapel and fellow-men every day. They needn't ask for them—they were there. When Horatio Nelson was alive the captains in his fleet were second to none in the world, because of his mighty power and energy. Carlyle had said that enthusiasm was the fundamental principle of all souls, and that there were many failures because men put little energy into many little things. He wanted the young men and women on the threshold of life to see this. Mr. Reed referred to the water mark on all vessels, and said that the life of every British seaman was more secure as the result of the efforts of Samuel Plimsoll in spite of the opposition he incurred. (Applause.) He (the speaker) pleaded for enthusiasm in the cause of God. Oh! the power and resources of God if they only used them. They had the enthusiasm, thank God, to build that House of God. If they went on with the same enthusiasm God would crown them with many victories. (Applause.) Referring to Channing and other poets, Mr. Reed said he would advise the young people to read them. It would enrich their lives. Knowledge was better than gold. They would help them to realise the brightness and beauty. The poets were great thinkers; they put their ideas in such choice language and choice spirits loved to read them. If only they took the trouble to read the Bible they would find their minds enlarged, and their mental qualities improved; and they would then turn to Tennyson, Longfellow, and other poets with a mind better prepared to understand and appreciate them. Mr. Reed then referred to Homer (who was blind), Burns, Cromwell, Byron, Tasso (an Italian), John Bunyan, John Milton, Dr. Johnson, Cowper, Pope, Tom Hood, Oliver Goldsmith, and Dr. Watts, men who had triumphed over severe difficulties, and whose motto had been—"Nil Desperandum." (Applause.) Then there were Socrates and Demosthenes, the latter of whom, by his will-power, energy, and perseverance, became the greatest orator of the world. Then there were artists, painters, and sculptors, who were examples of the title of his lecture, "Nil Desperandum"—never despair. In conclusion Mr. Reed said they had got the chapel and must get the people. (Hear, hear.) They must not despond at any difficulties which presented themselves. The forces of right were strong, and must triumph against the forces of wrong. (Applause.) Their motto must be "Nil Desperandum," and God would bless their efforts. (Applause.)

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Lecturer and Chairman; and the singing of the Doxology concluded a pleasant and instructive evening.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

On Monday the election for five members for the Kyo School Board area took place at Annfield Plain, Oxhill, and West Kyo. At Annfield Plain, Mr. W. W. Thompson, of Lanchester, was presiding officer, with Mr. R. Bates, of West Kyo, and Mr. R. W. Walton, of Lanchester, as assistants. At Oxhill Mr. R. Jackson was presiding officer, and Mr. G. Pace poll-clerk. At West Kyo, Mr. T. L. Watchman was presiding officer, and Messrs J. Dixon and Joseph Hall assistants. At all the polling-booths there was a heavy poll, and the officers were kept busily engaged the most of the time the booths were open. Out of a possible 563 electors at Annfield Plain 431 recorded their votes. The polling strength at West Kyo was 570; and of these 231 availed themselves of their rights; while at Oxhill the most of the electors turned up to record their votes. During the day great excitement prevailed, and at different intervals the candidates visited the booths. At eight o'clock the boxes were closed and conveyed to Lanchester, where the counting took place on Tuesday morning in the Guardian Chamber. Several of the candidates were present, and seemed to manifest great anxiety respecting the result. There were 15 spoilt papers. Through the excellent arrangements made by the returning officer (Mr. W. H. Ritson) and a staff of expert assistants, the result was made known shortly before 11a.m. It was as follows:—

ELECTED.	VOTES.
*Robt. Kay, mining engineer, Oxhill	1,097
John Storey, grocer, Catchgate	980
Jno. Reece, checkweighman, Annfield Plain	561
*Wm. Eltringham, under-manager, Catchgate	553
James Bainbridge, under-manager, East Pontop	544
NOT ELECTED.	
*Thomas Bowes	525
William Down	293
*John W. Robson	288
George Bullerwell	153

Those marked with an asterisk were old members.

Coun. Storey moved, and Mr. Reece seconded a vote of thanks to the returning officer for the able and impartial manner in which he had conducted the election.—Mr. Ritson suitably replied and the company dispersed. The plumpers received by the various candidates were as follows:—Kay, 158; Storey, 92, Reece, 56; Eltringham, 44; Bainbridge 67; Bowes, 77; Down 14; Robson, 18; Bullerwell, 5.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Annual Missionary Meeting.

The annual missionary meeting in connection with Consett Wesleyan Church was held on Tuesday evening. There was only a small attendance. After the singing of a hymn and prayer, the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne called upon Mr. R. C. Foster to take the chair.

Mr. Foster, who had a hearty reception, said he did not know that he should say very much that evening, as he knew that they wanted to hear Mr. Ellis. He did feel that he ought to say this: that the meeting as regards numbers present did not represent the interest which the people of Consett took in the missionary field. (Hear, hear.) He knew that Consett had a deep interest in missions, and had given not only financial support, but had given her sons—(applause)—and her daughters in the work of the mission, and he believed that their hearts were in this work. He believed that their duty with regard to those whom they had sent to the front, was that they should support them not only with their prayers, but with their contributions. He believed that as Methodists they did not rise to their privilege and duty in regard to these missions. He thought they were getting a little too parochial, and also narrowing down. They felt bound to support those brave men who were at the front, and offering their lives for their country. He did not think that there were braver men in the army than those missionaries they had sent to the front. They wanted to support such persons, and to lend their hearts in sympathy with them. The Chairman now asked the Rev. J. Bishop to present the report.

The rev. gentleman said he had great pleasure in responding. First of all he would give the financial statement. The total income last year amounted to £130,533 16s 8d, whilst the expenditure was £130,466 6s 6d, leaving a balance on the right side of £67 10s 2d. (Applause.) Consett district last year raised the sum of £3,665 19s 4d, being an increase of £25 5s 11d on the previous year. Consett circuit last year raised £243 11s 9d. As regards the general report the main points were the growth of missionary connection and feeling of the church at home, but not yet all that might be hoped for. Last autumn sixteen additional missionaries were sent out to take the place of others, to strengthen and extend work already in existence. (Hear, hear.) The statistical returns were again encouraging. He was sure that their hearts went out towards those brave missionaries who were standing at their guns in South Africa in spite of the terrible circumstances in which they were placed. He was sure that they would sympathise with them and pray that God would defend them in their danger, and stand by them in their difficulties. They ought by their contributions to help their missionaries in their present difficult circumstances. (Applause.)

The Chairman now called upon the Rev. J. Robert-Ellis (deputation) to address the meeting.

The rev. gentleman, who was loudly cheered, said it afforded him sincere pleasure to be present amongst them that evening, and to have an opportunity of saying a few words to them. He was going to take it for granted that what they wanted from him that evening was a short personal testimony concerning the influence of Christian truth on the minds and hearts of the people in India. (Hear, hear.) The first difficulty was to decide where to begin his subject, and the second difficulty would be what he should say, and what he ought not to say, and the third difficulty was when to stop. (Laughter.) He would not trouble them with anything of a geographical character. At the same time he should like to remind them of the enormous vastness of the missionary field. If they wanted to readily grasp all the most important things, whether social, political, or religious, it was very potent that this little fact should be kept constantly in mind—the enormous vastness of the country. A few days before he left a good old lady was anxious to see him, and called upon him, bringing with her a threepenny-piece with a hole in it, with the request that he would take the same very carefully all the way to India, and upon arrival there, to give the threepenny-piece to her son John who was serving there as a soldier in the army. He was sixteen hundred miles off that particular John. This was simply an illustration of the importance of keeping in mind the vastness of India. The chief fact was this: India was not a country inhabited by one kind of people. In the Southern part of India they had nine million of one nationality; in the north they found sixteen million people of another nationality, whilst in the west were eight millions of a different nationality. They had another nationality consisting of over twenty-two million people who spoke a different language, and according to his humble opinion these people spoke the best language in the world, with one exception; of, course; he referred to the grand old Welsh language. (Laughter and applause.) The greater majority of these native Christians worshipped God in their own Christian sanctuaries, through their own language. In the face of that fact he dared say that they would like to have an illustration of that language. In a house at which he was present there was an interesting little boy who asked him for an illustration of their language. He gave him two or three illustrations, and then asked him if he understood that language, when he replied, "No, sir. I don't understand you, but if our baby had been here she would have been able to understand you." He asked the boy how he made that out, and he replied that their baby was constantly talking the same language, which nobody could understand, and it might be that foreign language. (Laughter and applause.) The people of India were just now divided into two classes. He referred to on the one hand what they called the educated Hindoos, or the English-speaking Hindoo, and on the other hand to the simple, ignorant, and superstitious villagers. Their missionary work in India was carried on amongst both classes, as they did not believe in ignoring either class. (A voice: Not at all). He wished to impress upon them the fact that one of the greatest obstacles that the missionaries had just now to contend with in that country arose out of the double lives lived by the average educated Hindoo, but he wished to assure them of the fact that the great troubles and principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ were at the present day exerting a powerful influence. He made an earnest appeal for support towards those men and women who were carrying out missionary work abroad.

TANFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

A monthly meeting of the members of the Tanfield Urban District Council was held on Wednesday night in the Board Room at Tanfield. Mr. W. Holmes, J.P., presided, and there were also present the Rev. T. H. Archdall, Messrs B. Mason, W. Gilliland, W. Bulmer, T. Pringle, W. G. Turnbull, J. Rodham, H. C. Wood, A. Davis, the Clerk (Mr. T. Armstrong), and the Surveyor (Mr. R. Heslop.)

Plans and Sewerage Committee.

This Committee recommended that a plan of five cottages in Blanche Terrace, for the Tantobie Co-operative Society, be passed; that a block plan of a number of cottages at Pickering Nook, for Mr. G. Wailes, be approved; that a plan of a wash-house at Burnopfield for Mr. Iley, a plan of additional porch at Tantobie for Mr. G. Hunter, a plan of a wash-house at Friarside, for Mr. Smith, a plan of addition to cottages at High Friarside for Mr. Allison be approved. It was resolved that the rule re time for plans to be sent to the Surveyor be strictly adhered to, and that the Surveyor examine, when necessary, the site, and give a written report on each plan. The Committee had had the Inspector's report before them. It was resolved that part of the sewage area at Tantobie be planted with osiers. In reference to the insanitary cottages at White-le-Head to put them into a proper state of repair and sanitary condition, otherwise closing orders would be applied for:—Mr. Telford for cottages occupied by G. Reed and Campbell, Thomas Arkless, for cottage occupied by James Hardy; Jacob Rowell for cottage occupied by P. O'Neal; W. R. Gladders for cottages occupied by J. W. Greener and M. Pearson; Messrs James Joicey and Co for cottages occupied by J. Armstrong, T. Brabban and Gladders; Geo. Bolam for cottage occupied by J. Morris. It was resolved that notice be served upon the directors of the Workmen's Club, Syke Lane, to provide a privy for the use of members; that the water of Joe's Well be analysed; that the Surveyor make further inquiries about the water supply at Clough Dene; that closing orders be taken against Mr. Ainsley owing to the insanitary condition of a cottage at Toft Gate; that the owners of the houses at White-le-Head occupied by James Hardy, J. Kirtley, J. Atthey, J. Allen, J. Armstrong, T. Brabban, J. W. Gladders, P. Lennon, J. W. Greener, and W. Oswald be served with notice to put the out offices into a sanitary condition.

On the motion of Mr. Bulmer, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, the report was adopted with the exception of one or two plans, which were held over for further consideration.

Highways Committee.

The Highways Committee reported that they had had the Surveyor's report before them and they recommended that the footpath leading from Middle Friarside to Rowlands Gill be repaired and that where the stiles were broken wicket gates be put in; that two wicket gates be erected on Syke Lane to Friars Row footpath; that the Clerk endeavour to find out their true position in relation to the footpath in Lintz Hall Dene; that the Whickham Council be asked what was the longest term for which they would let the Tanfield Council have the repairing of the road at Busty Bank at the rate of £50 per mile per annum; that the Surveyor consult the Stanley Surveyor with reference to Houghal Burn Bridge, and reply to the letter of the County Surveyor respecting the County Bye Law for bridges; that the following notice be placed on the Lobley Hill road at the end of the Prosperous Pit road:—"There is a public right of way through this field;" that in reference to Mr. Marsham's claim re electric installation Mr. Marsham be informed that the Surveyor had been instructed to look into the matter, and pay him whatever compensation might be considered due to him; and that each circuit of electric installation as completed be lighted.

The report was adopted.

Medical Report.

Dr. Benson reported that there had been a steady diminution in the number of cases of measles since his last report, and at the present moment the outbreak as an epidemic had practically ceased. Only a single fatality resulted from the epidemic. Excepting an unimportant case of erysipelas the district was free from notifiable diseases during the past month. The mortality returns for the month of October gave seven deaths, being equal to an annual ratio of 9.3 per 1,000. Not one succumbed to infectious disease.

The report was adopted and the remaining business was of an unimportant character.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROWLEY STATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir.—Your comment upon the prizes given to different stations of the N.E.R. Co. for well-kept gardens, &c., hereabouts, were correctly given; but, sir, we were surprised that Rowley should have even got a third prize, taking into consideration that it was only during the last four months there has been anything of the kind at Rowley Station and what was a barren, naked-looking station is now like a well-kept gentleman's garden. The stationmaster deserves great praise for what he has done, and no doubt by next year he will be second to none.—Yours, etc.,

PHILLIS.

Rev J. H. Hopkins at West Stanley

On Wdenesday afternoon the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Superintendent of the South London Wesleyan Mission, conducted a service in the Wesleyan Church at West Stanley. He delivered an eloquent discourse from the words "Jesus Only," from the 8th verse of the 17th chapter of St. Matthew. In these two words they had a description of the most transcendent spectacle the world had ever seen. Here they had the most remarkable prayer the world had ever heard. Here they had the conference of all conferences. Wherever he was he took the chair, but unlike their presidents he did not call upon two of the brethren to pray. He opened the Conference by praying himself, and while he prayed he was transfigured. Had they ever noticed that every great event in the life of the Son of God was preceded by prayer? They called Menai Straits in North Wales a river, but only when it was fine. When there was a storm the Straits were no longer a river, but a part of the great ocean. While Jesus toiled, and hungered, and wept they said he was a man, but when he was transfigured they said he was God. The rev. gentleman's sermon was delivered in powerful and earnest strains and created a great impression upon the fairly good congregation assembled.

Property Sale at Consett

On Wednesday evening, Mr. J. S. Murray, auctioneer, Consett, offered for sale at the Fountain Hotel Consett, those two superior freehold dwelling-houses belonging to Mr. Thos. Little, of the Delves, and situated in Delves Terrace, with a frontage of 42 feet to Delves Lane. Also two three-roomed houses belonging to Messrs Howard, situated on the Consett Park Estate, Castleside Road together with the adjoining building sites and quarry right. The solicitor for the vendor for the first lot was Mr. T. W. Welford, of Consett, while Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley were solicitors for the latter proprietors. There was a good attendance. Bidding was opened for the first lot by Mr. Jas. Oliver, who offered £200. The subsequent bids were as follows:—Mr. Walton, £205, £220, £230, £240; Mr. Parnaby, £210, £225, £235, £245, £255, £265; Mr. Craggs £215, £275; Mr. Lynn, £250, £260; Mrs. Batey, £270, £280. Mr. Welford here announced that the reserve bid was £320, at which the property was withdrawn. The property was afterwards sold for £305 to Mr. C. Parnaby, Blackhill. The second lot was then offered for sale. The bidding was slow, and was as follows:—Mr. Craggs, £250, £305, £300, £310, at which it was withdrawn. Two shops with a frontage of 21 feet to Victoria Street, Consett, a three-roomed house with a covered-in yard, in the occupation of the owner, Mr. W. Brand, were then offered. The total rental amounted to £51 4s per annum. Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley were the solicitors for the vendor. The bidding was as follows:—Mr. C. Parnaby, £200, £260, £280; Mr. Gallagher, £250, £270, £300; Mr. G. Teasdale, £310, at which it was withdrawn.

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WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with this place of worship mission services were commenced on Sunday, and are to continue for fourteen days. The inaugural service was largely attended.

RECHABITE HALL.—A successful eight days' mission, conducted by Mr. Thomas Barker, of Newcastle, under the auspices of three local temperance societies, has just been concluded. During the last evening Mr. Barker gave his life's story, in a most interesting manner. The services were largely attended.

MECHANIC'S HALL.—On Thursday evening, the children connected with Dr Stephenson's homes gave an interesting entertainment in the Mechanics' Hall. The youthful performers went through a long programme, consisting of action-songs, etc., in a highly creditable manner. The children were under the care of Miss Stephenson.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Marriages.

CAMERON—ALLAN.—At St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Newburn, on the 27th ult., special license, by the Rev Dr Nowell, Alexander Cameron, youngest son of John Cameron, of Motherwell, to Isabella Allan, eldest daughter of John Allan, fruiterer, Newburn.

LISTER—MILNER.—At Shildon Parish Church, on the 25th ult., by the Rev J. W. Milner, M.A. vicar (father of the bride), assisted by the Rev F. E. Milner, B.A. (brother of the bride), James Albert Lister, of Mirfield, to Edith Rhoda Milner, of New Shildon Vicarage.

Deaths.

BELL.—Mickley Square, on the 28th ult., aged 48, Margaret Bell.

BOSTON.—Dunston, 31, Athol Street, on the 26th ult., aged 3 years, Robert Boston.

BUSHBY.—Medomsley, No. 40, Dean Bank, Allendale Cottages, on the 28th ult., aged 62, Thomas Bushby.

CARTER.—Pity Me, Durham, on the 29th ult., aged 33, Nicholas Carter.

CROSSLEY.—Whickham, Pit Row, on the 24th ult., aged 37, Annie Crossley.

DIXON.—Chester-le-Street, on the 30th ult., aged 76, John Dixon.

DAVISON.—Hall Yard Cottages, Mickley, on the 29th ult., aged 7 years and 9 months, Dorothy Ann Davison.

DICKINSON.—Gateshead, 45, Pine Street, on the 21st ult., aged 62 years, Mary Ann Dickinson, widow of the late William Gilbertson, Shotley Bridge.

FARTHING.—Dunston, 2, Ellison Road, on the 26th ult., aged 46

GILL.—Consett, 6, Eldon Terrace, aged 1 year and 8 months, Stanley, dearly-beloved son of Samuel and Ellen Matilda Gill, who died on Oct. 29th, 1899.

HALL.—Greenside, Ryton, on the 26th ult., Isabella Hall.

HEWITT.—Consett, 19, Palmerston Street, on the 27th ult., aged 35, Robert Hewitt

HOPE.—Consett, 11, Spencer Street, on the 2nd inst., aged 34, Esther, dearly beloved wife of John Hope, and daughter of the late William and Isabella Walton, of Medomsley. To be interred at Medomsley, on Sunday; cortege to leave at 2-30. All friends kindly accept this, the only intimation.

JOHNSON.—Eight Houses, Prudhoe, at the residence of her father, on the 30th ult., aged 23, Sarah Jane Johnson.

JEAFFRESON.—Newcastle, 24, Eldon Square, on the 27th ult., aged 56, Christopher Samuel Jeaffreson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

KIRKUP.—Fatfield, on the 29th ult., Margaret Murton Kirkup.

NEWTON.—Barnhope, on the 25th ult., aged 74, George Beck Hedley Newton.

PALMER.—Station Lane, Birtley, on the 30th ult., aged 30, Mary Jane Palmer.

SUMMERBELL.—Consett, No. 4, Rose Mount, on the 27th ult., aged 52, Edward Summerbell.

TEASDALE.—Accidentally killed, aged 75, Joseph Smith Teasdale, of Stanley.

VIVIAN.—Blackhill, 5, Murray Street, on the 31st ult., at the residence of his son-in-law, R. Kirkup, aged 73, James Vivian, husband of the late E. B. Vivian, after a long and painful illness borne with Christian fortitude. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery on Saturday, at Three o'clock. All are invited. "His end was peace."

WILLISS.—Lumley, on the 25th ult., at the Fox and Hounds Inn, aged 82, Thomas Williss.

YOUNG.—18, Woodhouse Terrace, Gateshead, on 29th ult., aged 20, Minnie Meldrum Young.

In loving memory of Mary Wanless, of Leadgate, who died Nov. 7th, 1898.
Ever remembered by husband and family.

In affectionate remembrance of Jane Watson, beloved wife of John Watson, newsagent, Annfield Plain.
"Rest in peace."

In loving memory of our dear brother, John Hoggarth, son of the late John and Frances Hoggarth, of Waskerley, who departed this life November 5th, 1896.
Ever remembered by his sisters.

In loving memory of Annie Isabella, beloved daughter of Robert and Mary Foster, who died at 24, Buddle Street, Consett, October 30th, 1898.
Ever remembered.
By her father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

In loving memory of my dear husband, John Humphrey, of Street Gate, who departed this life November 6th, 1896, aged 76 years.
Ever remembered
by his loving wife and daughters, M. and A.

We fain would have kept him and shrank from the stroke,
But link after link his tender chain broke:
In sadness we watched the last lingering breath,
Till he lay like the snowdrop so lovely in death.

In loving memory of Susannah Bell, who died at Verge Cottage, Bessemer Street, Blackhill, Oct. 30th, 1898.

Her languishing head is at rest,
Its achings and troubles are o'er,
Her quiet immovable breast,
Shall heave with affliction no more.

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