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IS SPIRITUALISM TRUE?

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Mr Simpson wants me to keep to the point at issue, and "Light v Darkness" charges me with making a "virulent attack" on Christianity, and with "rank atheism." To each and all of these charges I plead "Not guilty." I would refer to the whole of the correspondence as proof that I have tried to follow my opponents, and if they have walked in devious paths, I also have followed, that I might reply to their rambling remarks, but not strayed on my own account. As to the charge of "virulence," I leave that matter entirely to the judgment of your readers, and as to my "atheism," I did not know before that a man who made the first article of his belief a recognition of God's existence as the father of us all, could by any means be an atheist. It seems I have been labouring under a delusion. Thanks for light to illuminate my darkness. I don't know anything about Consett slag-heap, but I know something about Spiritualism, and I know that it is true by the manifold manifestations of its phenomina, both through myself and through other mediums. As I claim that Spiritualism is a science demonstrable when its laws are observed, so I do not see what advantage there would be either in myself or any other stranger travelling over one hundred miles to gratify the whim of any person so long as he or any other person can get the same by experimenting at home. This was the way I was convinced, and it is the way thousands upon thousands besides have found the truths of Spiritualism. Professor Crookes devoted three years careful investigation in his own house; Alfred Russell Wallace made years of observation; Professor Cowes, of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, and Alderman Barkas, a gentleman of extensive scientific attainments and high repute, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, have spent years in careful study of the subject, and have each and all borne testimony to the truth of the phenomena of Spiritualism, and to its super-mundane origin. In the years I have been in connection with this movement, I have watched its growth. Has it grown on fraud? Are the 150 mediums who occupy our platforms Sunday after Sunday all over this land, frauds? Then I demand of you to do your duty as a man, and take an action-at-law against one and all of them for fraudulent practices. If we are perpetuating a public wrong; if we are sinning against the wise and just conduct of a civilised community, why do you christian saints stand idly by and allow this thing to be done? I have read again and again during this and other controversies I have taken part in, that Spiritualism is dangerous. I ask dangerous to what? public morals? Then point to one of its recognised teachings in any of its literature or weekly publications that tends that way, and let us discuss it. I have given you before what are the fundamental principles of Spiritualism, and I am met with the assertion that we have no right to them; that they existed before. I replied with a quotation from Emerson, and I am taunted with atheism, because that quotation proves by the results of modern research that Christian doctrines and morals existed before Jesus. Spiritualism and Spiritualists have a right to the best thoughts that the world has in it, just as Christians have a right to take from ancient witnesses the best thoughts that they had produced, weave them into a new system around a new name, and call them Christianity. If you don't want me to say anything about Christianity, don't intrude it, for if you do, I shall say sharp things in return.—Yours truly,

JAMES B. TETLOW.

140, Fitzwarren Street, Pendleton, Nov. 1st, 1892.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—It is quite true what your correspondent says with regard to a controversy running on endlessly, without giving much satisfaction to anyone. By your leave and permission, however, I will give two or three cases of facts which "Light v Darkness" may enquire into himself as regards their truth. But, sir, I am somewhat surprised to find that my replies to his questions are "ambiguous and evasive." I am sorry they have been so; but, of course, those terms can be used many ways, and each way meaning something entirely different to the other, so I console myself with the idea that, in this case, the questions having been treated in a fair, honest, rational spirit, have been rather too much for the reasoning faculties of your correspondent "Light v Darkness." It seems very strange, too, that a professed follower of the "meek and lowly Nazarene" can have so much bitterness and acrimony in his nature against those whose opinions differ from his own, especially when one of his Master's emphatic commands was "Love your enemies." I should indeed be sorry to evoke any such feelings in any one person, although I believe that a discussion carried on in a fair and honest manner for the "search of truth" is one of the grandest things that possibly can be, for the clashing together of intellects always produces some bright sparks of truth. As regards "Light v Darkness's" remarks *re* Mr Tetlow, I am perfectly well aware that Mr Tetlow is able to take care of himself in any discussion upon the subject, and leave him to deal with the strange charges made. Mr Simpson, in his first letter, made the assertion that all Spiritualism was good for was to convince Freethinkers that there was a hereafter, proving conclusively that he believes in it to that extent, but apparently regards it as not fit and right upon which to build "a system of ethics." Again, "Light v Darkness" says I have in my last letter dropped two or three important facts. How wonderful! I think myself highly honoured by such notice; but he clinches, as he thinks, the point with the question—"What do they want with darkness and cabinets, etc., at all?" Perhaps "Light v Darkness" has seen a seed of some plant or flower; perhaps he is aware that in that seed there is a life principle, but if he keeps that seed lying in a high, dry situation, and without giving it the conditions necessary for its development into a plant or flower, and expects it to grow there, many people would think him a fool. Even so, by communications from the spirits themselves, Spiritualists have learnt that certain conditions are necessary for the development of materialized spirits, and granting these conditions, have had such proof of the genuineness of the appearances that it strikes me very forcibly "Light v Darkness" would consider twice before setting out to denounce Spiritualism, if he were to see some of them that have been seen. As regards approaching a new idea or ideas, to investigate them unprejudiced, does it necessarily follow that one must throw all previous convictions to the winds? Emphatically no; but if by investigation you satisfy yourselves that the ideas you held previously are erroneous, then I consider it a conscientious duty to throw them to one side, and embrace something which you have proved to be better. And now with respect to some facts, "authenticated facts," as "Light v Darkness" calls for. The first authenticated fact of spirit return which I will call his attention to, is one that he can find out the truth of easily. I daresay he has heard tell of John Wesley, the founder of Wesleyanism. Well, now, he was a firm believer in Spiritualism, especially the fact of spirit return, as "Light v Darkness" may "authenticate" from writings in his own journal. Fact (authenticated) No. 1. And now for fact No. 2, for which I must refer "Light v Darkness" for authentication to Dr Samuel Eadon, Ph.D., LL.D., etc., of Edinburgh and Glasgow Universities. Writing of this fact he commences—"Chicago, as is well-known, is one of the most go-ahead cities in the world. Like Jonah's gourd, it appeared to spring up in a single night. Its population increased, and water became a *sine qua non*, both as regards use and luxury. Science was at fault, for geologists had declared that there could be no water beneath such a strata. There happened to live at this time in Chicago a person named Abraham James, a simple minded man, of Quaker descent, uneducated, and in fact, quite an ignorant person. It was discovered by a Mrs C. Jordan that James was a natural clairvoyant, in fact a medium, and that he had declared when put into the trance condition, that both water and petroleum in large quantities would be found in a certain tract of land in the neighbourhood of the city. For a long time no attention was paid to his statements. At length two gentlemen from Maine, named Whitehead and Scott, came to Chicago on business, and hearing what had been said by Abraham Jones, had him taken to the land where he said water could be had in immense quantities by boring. Being entranced, James pointed out the very spot. He he told them he not only saw the water, but could trace its course from the Rocky Mountains, 2,000 miles away, to the spot on which they stood, and could sketch out on maps the strata and caverns through which it ran. Negotiations were at once entered into for the purchase of the land, and the work of boring was commenced. This was in February, 1864, and the process went on daily till November, when, having reached a depth of 711 feet, water was struck, and flowed up at the rate of 600,000 gallons every 24 hours. Yes, sir, the arch of the rock was penetrated, and the water suddenly burst forth from a bore of 4½ inches at the bottom, of a temperature of 58° F., clear as [illegible], pure as diamonds, and perfectly free from every kind of animal and vegetable matter, and which for drinking purposes and health is much better adapted than any water yet known, and will turn out to be the poor man's friend for all time to come." Here, then, is fact No. 2. A fact brought to light by Spiritualism, and which no power of negation can gainsay. Natural science said, "No water could be found;" Spiritualism said, "False, for I will point out the spot where it will flow in splendid streams, as long as the earth spins round on its axis." What has "Light v. Darkness" to say to the *cui bono* matter of fact? Will he still ask "What good has Spiritualism done? Is there no good in finding, by spirit agency, a living fountain of pure water for the use of millions of human beings for ever? Is it not a mighty boon for the humanity of that part of the earth? Verily it is; and the source of knowledge was a communication from disembodied spirits in spirit life. Whence comes this unseen, supernatural power? Can it be ought else than a disembodied spirit, of a high order, working upon, and influencing the spirit and physical organisation of man, whilst yet in an embodied form, producing effects which human beings not so impressed from spirit life, are unable to produce? What but spirits educated to higher forms of knowledge, took possession, for the time being, of Miss Emma Hardinge (now Mrs Hardinge-Britten), when, at an hour's notice, and in the presence of an auditory of 3,000, in New York, she pronounced, with thrilling eloquence, a funeral oration on martyred Abraham Lincoln—her own human spirit standing beside looking calmly on the while at the entranced and excited audience, as the oration passed from stage to stage of its eloquent and soul-exciting delivery? Yes, genius is but another name for spirit aid from a higher life. Poets in all ages, and men of high-born genius in every department of science and literature have ever felt these inspirational influences from another life. Who aided Shakespeare to roam at will through boundless and untrodden paths of thought, and to write as no man ever did before, or perhaps ever will again? Who inspired the spirit of Newton, from the mere incident of the fall of an apple, to open up the mechanism of the heavens, and demonstrate laws which govern stellar systems, invisible save by telescopic and nebulae vision? Who but some mightier Newton from spirit life. The spirit world is about us, and "Millions of spiritual beings walk the earth, both when we wake and when we sleep," and the great want of the age is a universal kind of mediumship, whereby disembodied spirits can hold high intercourse with spirits "While yet in their muddy vesture of decay." A genius is in reality a medium between the invisible and the visible, making known a higher form of thought, now and then down the corridors of time, for man's advancement. The time will come when millions of men will be thus endowed, and knowledge of a kind at present unknown will cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. In those days mankind—having cast aside the creeds, forms, devices, and uncertain theologies of men—will, with one accord, and with singleness of heart, and purity of purpose, worship the Great and Supreme Intelligence, beneath the starry dome of millions of suns and systems, mingling their songs with the music of the spheres in one grand harmonious chorus—"For ever singing as they shine, The hand that made us is divine." As regards "Light v. Darkness's challenge for an ocular demonstration, he should not forget that as a Christian he himself is a believer in a ghost (I say this with all due reverence), although he calls it "holy," and a challenge from either myself or Mr Tetlow, for him to produce his ghost, and we would ours, would undoubtedly seem irreverent to him, holding it as sacred as he does. He should remember about "glass houses and stones.—Yours, &c.

LIGHT MORE LIGHT.

MUSICAL TITLES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Again there appear two letters in your paper of October 28th, referring to my representations in regard to musical titles. I pass by the anonymous letter signed "Justice," which emanates from a person ashamed of his true name, and will only refer to that signed "Alfred J. Caldicott." The second paragraph admits that some years ago the "London College of Music" granted some diplomas without examination, and would have the public believe that matters have greatly improved. Mr Caldicott should also have informed the public that Sir A. Sullivan, Sir Geo. Elvey, Mr F. H. Cowen and others have withdrawn their names as patrons of the L.C.M. The value of some of their diplomas may be appreciated by reading a critique in the last number of the "Musical News" on a piece of music recently published by one of its graduates. The challenge which Mr Caldicott makes me is simple impudence and unworthy the university degree which he holds, and was obtained some years ago at an eminently easy time. I will only add that I will give a sum of money to a musical charity if he can obtain his Mus. Doc. degree next year. Further if he is really anxious to give ten guineas to a charitable institution he should submit half-a-dozen of the L. Mus. L.C.M. to a test examination by six unprejudiced persons and not attempt to depreciate me as an incompetent musician because I decline to avail myself of obtaining a diploma for his benefit. A diploma which in the opinion of very many is of little value. The "Metropolitan College of Music" of which Mr Waddy, Q.C., is president, is a genuine teaching institution, and not a diploma distributing concern like the L.C.M.—Yours, &c.,

J. SURTEES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—In a most gentlemanly, quiet, yet emphatic manner, Mr Surtees made certain statements in regard to the "London College of Music"—(is there such a place, or does it only exist on paper?)—to the effect that the certificates distributed by that Institution were not worth the paper they are written on. Well, sir, is that not the opinion of all the best, but disinterested musicians? And had Mr Surtees waited another year or two, the public may have then come to the same conclusion. This great storm and bluster by Messrs Caldicott and Co. is quite evidently created in the hope that the ray of sunshine let into doings of the "London College of Music" may pass unnoticed. Vain hope! Why not have contradicted Mr Surtees at once? Why not have said any of the following appendages:—L. Mus. L. C. M., A. Mus. L.C.M., L.L.C.M., A.L.C.M.—have never been granted without examination, but by the payment of a few "odd guineas." But, Mr Editor, I think Mr Caldicott knows the truth of Mr Surtees' statement, or why take shelter behind the extraordinary statement that the value of a certificate does not depend so much on the standing of the Institution that grant it, as upon the status of the examiners. Sir, I venture to say that in 99 cases out of every 100, it is not enquired who the examiner was. It has (and rightly) up to the advent of the "London College of Music" been sufficient for a musical student to say—"I hold the certificate of the Royal Academy of Music"—the Royal College, or Trinity College of Music, or which ever Institution it may have been. Had Mr Surtees been a shareholder (I get the word from Mr Caldicott, which may be the idea on which he works the examinations) of the "London College of Music," he might have been inclined to accept Mr Caldicott's childish challenge.

I hope I have not trespassed too much on your valued space.—Yours, &c.,

MUSIC.

HAS THE CAUCUS COME TO CONSETT?

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to reply to a nondescript signed "Workman." "Workman" wants to know "Has the caucus come to Consett?" For his information "Yes," and "Why not; not before time." The Consett Trades' Council does not want to teach the Local Board how to let contracts. We are well aware that there are gentlemen on the Local Board able and capable enough to do that themselves. As the Trades' Council represents considerably over 1,000 Trades' Unionists, they want to see the contracts let on Union principles. We are all aware that sub-contracting is detrimental to trade combinations. There is no call to beseech "heavenly protection," as "Workman" would have us do in an affair like this. A body of ratepayers are simply asking their representatives on the Local Board to listen to their constituency. He is evidently at sea as regards the object of the Trades' Council, or he would see that concentration of working-men's artillery (his vote) is capable of placing *bona-fide* labour members on the Local Board. That is how we get the prerogative to dictate. I might say to "Workman," the Consett Trades' Council so far has not done anything that it need be ashamed of. We don't heed what individual opinions may be of our actions. By acting openly and upright we have nothing to fear as regards public opinion. Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter.—Yours, &c.,

ROBERT GILLHESPY.

Consett, Nov. 1st, 1892.

CO-OPERATIVE STORES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

I was much astonished to find that a well-known and large Co-operative Society in the Chester-le-Street district had actually put their employees on short time, alleging, as a reason, that the profits for one quarter were a little less owing to the effects of the strike still being felt.

I have taken the trouble (so intense is my disgust at the step) to make a few inquiries as to the real state of affairs. The declared profit for the quarter is 15 per cent. on the trading account and 5 per cent on the capital invested, and the actual reduction in dividend is twopence in the pound. The general position of the society is thoroughly sound and yet the members have practically taken up this selfish position.

They have howled themselves hoarse at the iniquity of coalowners in wanting a reduction, and have cried aloud to the gods to consume with fire those terrible tyrants who have sought relief from poor "unprotected labour."

Then to their own employees at the store they have said "We know that you have the immense sum of twenty-four shillings a week out of which you have to keep your wife and bairns and pay four shillings for house rent, yet we will reduce you still lower, because we are only getting 20 per cent. for our money instead of 21, and we must have it out of labour."

Need I say a word more?—Yours truly,

November 1st, 1892. GOOD OLD DIVIDEND.

BLACKHILL PRESBYTERIAN ENTERTAINMENT.

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, have only one entertainment in the year; but when this fixture does come off, the promoters always go in for something especially attractive and "taking." This year has proved no exception to the general rule, because on the occasion of their musical and amateur dramatic entertainment, on Tuesday night, the Co-operative Hall at Consett was filled to overflowing by a most attentive, select, and critical audience. The programme, a thoroughly varied and interesting one, was highly appreciated by the vast auditorum, and a word of praise is certainly due to the secretary (Mr S. Templeton) for the excellent way in which he manages to cater to suit the popular taste. The musical portion of the programme was rendered by Mrs Catherine Bellas-Dryden (contralto) and her husband, Mr T. D. Dryden (tenor), Consett; Mr J. T. Symington (baritone), Benfieldside; Mr H. Tomkins (humourist), Newcastle; Mr G. Stephenson (Blackhill) playing the accompaniments.

The second half was occupied by the Leadgate Pickwickians in the reproduction of the famous trial scene of "Bardell v Pickwick," which (as it well-known) is a dramatised version of one of the best and most ludicrous incidents culled from Dickens' immortal "Pickwick Papers."

The programme was introduced by Mr Tomkins, an artiste of no mean ability, who is evidently a new face to Consett—at least, we do not remember to have had the pleasure of hearing him before now, but hope that we may be delighted in the future by some of his inimitable humorous songs. Mr Tomkins favoured with the song, "English as she is spoke," and very few persons indeed will have listened to a better interpretation of this laughable composition. This gentleman's efforts, it is almost superfluous to observe, won for him a large share of applause. Mr Symington, who next appeared in the song "Blow, thou winter's wind," sang it in his accustomed style, and was awarded with an *encore*. It will be hardly necessary to say that a similar mark of appreciation was bestowed on our talented songstress (Mrs Bellas-Dryden), who sang in a sweet and pathetic strain Sullivan's "Let me dream again," followed, in response to an *encore*, with "In the gloaming." She was accorded an enthusiastic ovation on each occasion. Mr Dryden contributed the song, "The warrior bold," which was well received, but his vocalisation was not up to his usual standard. Mr Tomkins next entertained the audience with another amusing song, "I dreamt that I was dreaming,"—a somewhat difficult item to sing; but which was nevertheless executed with consummate skill and ability. The cheering culminated in an unanimous re-call, and Mr Tomkins replied by giving "A tale of woe." "The fog bell" received full justice from Mr Symington, while Mrs Bellas-Dryden treated her audience to a most touching and beautiful exposition of the song "Oh! hear the wild winds blow." Breathless silence reigned during the time the artiste delivered herself of her vocal powers, and at the close she (to use a stereotyped expression) "fairly brought down the home." She was indeed accorded a vociferous ovation, and in acknowledgment of this honour, Mrs Bellas-Dryden sang "Comin' thro' the rye." Mr Dryden's song "In old Madrid" was well sung, the vocalist being in excellent form, and likewise gained an *encore*.

The Leadgate Pickwickians afterwards took charge of the platform, and gave an exceptionally good representation of "Bardell v Pickwick." The following is the *dramatis personae*:—

"Mrs Bardell"	Mr G. Willey.
"Her little boy"	Master C. Willey.
"Mr Pickwick"	Mr Young.
"Mr Windle"	Mr C. Foreman.
"Serjeant Buzfuz"	Mr J. E. Parker.
"Serjeant Phankey"	Dr W. Allen.
"Mrs Susannah Saunders"	Mr Foster.
"Mrs Cluppens"	Mr F. Foreman.
"Sam Weller"	Mr J. Day.
"Mr Weller, sen." ...	Mr A. Day.
"Judge"	Mr J. M. Nicholson.
"Clerk"	Mr Jos. Todd.
"Officer of the Court" ...	Mr Gerald Wattstord.

The acting from beginning to end was a source fun and merriment to the company, and brought to a termination a very enjoyable night's entertainment.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

No one would feel surprised when they read the remarks of Mr Logan, the chairman of the Lanchester Guardians, relating to the recent action of the Consett Trades Council. The offensive sentence to which reference was made in this column last week as closing the Council's latter had been eliminated—and very wisely—but notwithstanding this the application coming from the source it did was voted out of order. It is only natural enough. In this column, in the last issue of the *Guardian*, I ventured the opinion that the Consett Trades Council means well enough, but not being an authorised organisation elected by and representative of the general body of ratepayers of all classes and shades of opinion, cannot possibly prove of any utility in the directions aimed at. One may sympathise with the motives actuating the Council whilst the means and methods are disapproved. In the first place, as previously indicated, the organisation must be more comprehensive, and elected by the ratepayers. Secondly, resolutions must be formulated with discrimination, and all governing bodies approached not jealously, as if their only thought was to firmly withhold all or any information, however legitimately sought—but courteously and with confidence. And, thirdly, only information should be sought on matters respecting which it is competent for the association or society to deal with. A society so constituted would be entitled to proper consideration, and would command it. The title "busybodies" would be entirely out of place if applied to a society constituted and conducted on these lines.

The piece which has been running during the week at the Theatre Royal, Consett, and attracting capital audiences, is of a most realistic and exciting order. "Power of Conscience," under the management of Miss Doris Hamer, has so far had a series of good receptions in various parts of the country, and for very sufficient reasons. Its lines, it is true, are conventional enough, and the plot is worked out in the accepted melodramatic fashion; but there are many features about the "Power of Conscience" that go to lift the play above the level of productions in the same category. The last scene in Act 4 is a highly realistic one, in which the stage is flooded with real water. Miss Doris Hamer as "Helen Larrel" is well supported by a capable company, and altogether thorough justice is done histrionically to the exciting play. Next week "Humanity" is to be the attraction.

BEATTY'S PIANOS AND ORGANS.—Hon. Daniel F Beatty, the great Organ and Piano manufacturer, is building and shipping more Organs and Pianos than ever. In 1870 Mr Beatty left home a penniless plough boy, and by his indomitable will he has worked his way up so as to sell so far, nearly 100,000 of Beatty's Organs and Pianos since 1870. Nothing seems to dishearten him; obstacles laid in his way, that would have wrecked any ordinary man forever, he turns to an advertisement and comes out of it brighter than ever. His instruments, as is well-known, are very popular and are to be found in all parts of the world. We are informed that during the next ten years he intends to sell 200.000 more of his make, that means a business of $20,000,000 if we average them at $100 each. It is already the largest business of the kind inexistence—Send to Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, New Jersey, for Catalogue. 801b

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LANCHESTER HIGHWAY BOARD.

On Thursday se'nnight, the general meeting of the waywardens took place at the Lanchester Workhouse. Mr W. Logan (chairman) presided, and there were in attendance—Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Rev P. C. Fortin, Coun. T. J. Muse, Messrs G. Hobson, Wm. Aynsley, Jos. Towns, W. Charlton, J. Ross, R. Robson, T. Nichol, W. Rutherford, the Clerk (Mr C. Maynard) and the Surveyor (Mr W. Dixon).

FINANCIAL.

Cheques were ordered to be signed in settlement of the previous month's accounts, amounting to over £500; reducing the balance in the bank to about £600.

THE LEVEL CROSSING AT CAUSEY ROW.

Further correspondence, which had passed between the Clerk and the solicitors to the North-Eastern Railway Company, with reference to the level crossing at Causey Row, near Tanfield, was read. The Company refused to re-build the damaged wall at the crossing. The Clerk, however, pointed out that the gate-house, gardens, &c., were clearly an encroachment upon the public highway. He also quoted the sections under which proceedings would have to be taken by the Board to enforce its contention. The Company replied to the effect that it would be best for their engineer to have an interview with the officials of the Board upon the spot before a final decision was arrived at. The conference (the Clerk explained) had not yet been arranged, and the question was therefore allowed to stand over for another two months.

THE PROPOSED BRIDGE ACROSS THE DEARNESS.

The Board, at the last general meeting, having considered the memorial from Brandon and Byshottles Local Board to the County Council in favour of the idea of constructing a carriage bridge over the River Dearness at Broadgate, together with a request that the Highway Board should support the said petition, decided that, as the *locale* of the contemplated bridge was out of their district, it was in favour of a scheme for carrying a bridge across the Dearness at Sleetburn, where it was deemed to be more suitable and convenient. A letter was now received from Mr J. G. Wilson, Clerk to the Brandon Local Board, asking the Highway Board to "reconsider its decision as to the position of the proposed bridge." The plans were also enclosed.

The CHAIRMAN said the special committee appointed by the Board reported distinctly against the situation of the bridge as recommended by the Brandon Board. He did not think there had been any change in the circumstances to warrant the Board altering its former decision.

Father FORTIN said that personally he was in favour of the bridge being at Broadgate, and he thought that by arrangement with the North Eastern Railway Company, this could be accomplished. Mr Brodie Cochrane, on behalf of the owners of the Brancepeth Colliery on the other hand, was anxious that the structure should cross the river at Sleetburn. At present there was only a wooden bridge over the water, and during the recent floods, the workmen were unable to cross this erection, and had to make a considerable detour to get over by the stone bridge. Mr Cochrane had offered to make the approach on the south side and also added that his firm would be prepared to give a sum not exceeding £200 towards the cost. He (the rev gentleman) suggested that the Highway Board ask the Lanchester Guardians to prepare a petition for presentation to the County Council urging the desirability of such a bridge crossing the Dearness for the public benefit.

The CHAIRMAN stated the road on the south side could not remain as a *ratione tenure* road. The subject was briefly discussed at the last meeting, and he saw nothing to cause the Board to change its decision. If the bridge was constructed at Broadgate, it would have to go near the railway. He moved that a reply be transmitted to Mr Wilson intimating that the Board still adhered to the decision arrived at two months ago, in favour of the bridge crossing the Dearness at Sleetburn.

Mr TOWNS seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon reported that during the past month, the roads had been flooded in many places, but no very serious damage had been done, further than in some cases the culverts were not sufficient to contain the surface water. The worst case was at Burnhope where a large culvert was required. He had had the bridge at Hagg Burn, near Flass Hall, repaired by Mr H. Rutter at a cost of about £40. The kerbing and channelling at Esh and Dipton had been completed, also the making of a footpath at Cornsay Colliery and The Loud. He had seen Mr Balleny with reference to the encroachment on waste land at Linn's Lane, which had formerly been occupied by Mr Gibson, who paid rent to Mr Balleny. The last-named gentleman had agreed to remove the encroachment whenever he was required to do so. He had made a section of road at Hill Top, where the owners of Ushaw Moor Colliery had caused a subsidence. About 60 tons of metal had been used, and the total cost of repairing the roadway was about £30. Some damage had been done to roads at Satley, by Mr Buckham's locomotive.

THE FOOTPATH AT ESH.

Father FORTIN understood that the Board agreed to carry the kerb and channel as far as the Roman Catholic church at Esh Laude, whereas the kerb stopped at the church gates.

The Clerk said the minute specified that the kerb and channel had to be laid as far as the church, but the footpath was to be continued to The Laude.

FINGER-POSTS AND MILESTONES.

Coun. MUSE suggested that the finger-posts should not only have the names of the places, but the distances to the various towns painted thereon. This was a capital idea, which had been carried into effect by the Weardale and other similar Boards. Moreover the milestones ought to be unearthed or re-erected. All the milestones he knew of were either overgrown with underwood, or the inscriptions they bore were almost entirely worn out. These stones were certainly in a delapidated and neglected condition.

The Surveyor: Yes, they are very old-fashioned.

The CHAIRMAN explained that with regard to some of the guide-posts already erected, there would not be sufficient room to add the distances.

Mr VAN HAANSBERGEN seconded Mr Muse's proposal, which was adopted.

It was agreed that the idea should be applied in future.

With reference to the milestones, the Surveyor mentioned that they were only to be found on their main roads.

The CHAIRMAN: You had better bring the proposal before the County Council, Mr Muse.

Mr MUSE: But it is taking an advantage to be backed up by a Highway Board. (Laughter.)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BHAMISH BRANCH.

Last Monday night's meeting of the above society must have reminded many of those present of the meetings held in the early days of the society's existence, when the enthusiasm of youth was upon it. The attendance was large, and a lively interest in the proceedings was sustained far beyond the usual hour of closing. The programme was probably one of the most varied that has ever been given in the National School, at Stanley. Some idea may be gathered of its character from the following, all of which were warmly applauded:—Recitations were given by Mr Appleby, of Burnopfield, and his three sons, all of whom give promise of making good reciters. "The young abstainer," "The begger boy," and "Young workers," were given by the boys and "Buttery Dick," by Mr Appleby himself. Songs were sung by the Rev C. H. Newman, Rev F. G. Cole, Mr Draper, and Miss Burnip, most of them eliciting enthusiastic *encores*, to which the contributors in all cases generously responded. Mr Calvert added a pleasing variety to the entertainment by giving two solos on the melodion, one of which received an *encore*. An amusing reading, "R. McKaskill's lesson in Cycling," was rendered with genuine Scotch humour and ability by Dr Wands. The speaker for the evening was the Rev F. G. Cole, curate of Tanfield. His address dealt with the subject of Temperance or self-control, viewed from the church's standpoint of the vow taken at baptism. Reviewing the relative merits and claims of the abstaining and non-abstaining sections of the society, the rev. gentleman, though in his own person—as he informed the company—he represented the non-abstaining section, advanced a plea so strong for total abstinence on the ground of apostolic sanction, that it was felt to out-weigh entirely the arguments he adduced later on in favour of moderate drinking. Referring again to the scope of the baptismal vow as interpreted in the Catechism he said "Let no man call himself temperate who indulges in the vice of gambling, or who does not bridle his tongue." After this interesting address, the company were favoured by Mr Appleby, assisted by several young men, with a humorous exhibition of mesmerism, most cleverly executed in a manner that repeatedly convulsed the assemblage with laughter. This brought to a close, at about half-past nine, a pleasing programme, in which the interest had been maintained at an exceptionally high point throughout.

MARLEY HILL BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above society took place on Tuesday evening, in the schoolroom. Mr J. Gilchrist occupied the chair. The programme consisted of songs given by Rev T. Chapman, Mr F. Bone, and Miss F. Bowman. Mr Chapman made his first appearance and is certain to be a valuable acquisition to this society. He was deservedly *encored*. Rev J. Madill gave a couple of readings in his usual amusing style. Rev W. J. Wingate, vicar, gave an earnest practical address on Temperance. A score of boys from the day school gave a nigger sketch which occupied the latter part of the programme. A vote of thanks to the performers concluded a very enjoyable evening. Two new members joined the society.

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held in the Public Buildings, Parliament Street, Mr Geo. Ainsworth presiding. Also present:—Messrs J. Collinson, J. W. Davison, W. Aynsley, G. D. Powell, J. Lowes, G. T. Hyden, Dr A. D. M. Macintyre, the Clerk (Mr T. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

THE COST OF MAKING CROSS STREETS.

A deputation of property-owners, from Sherburn Terrace, consisting of Messrs J. Johnson, N. Fawell, J. Johnson, I. Whitfield, and J. Conway, waited on the Board with reference to the payment of making cross streets abutting their property. The deputation pointed out that they thought that it was very hard that they should have to defray the cost of the making of these streets, whilst the other property-owners had the use of them.

The CHAIRMAN enquired it the deputation wanted the cost of the making of the said streets apportioned out amongst the other property-owners.

Mr Johnson said they wanted to be relieved of a portion of the cost. He considered it was very hard that they should be called upon to pay for the making of the cross streets.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Board had not the power to charge any owner with a portion of the cost, whose property did not abut on the cross streets The only people they could charge with the cost were the deputation, because their property adjoined the said streets. If the Board was prepared to say that they would pay for the making of the streets, it was the only way that they could clear the deputation of the cost.

Mr COLLINSON reminded the deputation that if they could come to some arrangement with the other property-owners to contribute their share towards the cost, so much the better. As a Board they could not call upon the other property-owners and say that they must defray their share of the cost.

Messrs AYNSLEY and DAVISON both observed that all property owners who purchased corner sites, had to make the cross streets, and hand them over to the Board.

After further discussion, the deputation was informed that the Board had carefully considered the question, but could not grant their request, and quoted a legal opinion bearing on the case.

THE MAKING OF NEW STREETS.

There were four tenders submitted for the making of Green and Bath Streets, Bath Lane, &c.

On the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Mr DAVISON, the tender of Mr J. Christopher, Blackhill, was accepted.

NUISANCE REMOVAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following report was read from the Nuisance Committe:—

The Committee proceeded to view:—

(1)—The nuisance caused to Mr Hedley's by the chimney in Mrs Harvey's wooden shed.

(2)—The nuisance caused to Mrs Harvey's by Mr Routledge's chimney, and by the stocking factory.

Your committee recommend that an additional four feet of brickwork be added to Mrs Harvey's chimney, and that the chimney-pot be put on the top of that, and this Mrs Harvey agrees to do.

Your committee also recommend that an additional two feet of piping be placed upon Mr Routledge's chimney, next to Mrs Harvey's house. This Mr Routledge agrees to do.

Your committee recommend that the wall between Mrs Harvey's property and Mr Routledge's be repaired by Mrs Harvey.

On the motion of Mr HYDEN, seconded by Mr POWELL, the report was adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
W. Rippon, wages	51	2	9			
W. Rippon, bills	5	0	5			
				56	3	2
T. L. Gladstone, hospital				120	2	0
Consett Waterworks Co., water, &c.				11	10	8
Ord & Maddison				2	4	8
W. Suddes, snow plough &c				3	8	0
J. Whitehead, straw, &c.				3	8	0
M. J. Elliott, rates				2	3	6
J. D. Brown, farm wage				15	17	10

That the Consett Iron Co.'s accounts for £11 17s 9d be referred to the farm manager for him to check and report thereon.

With relation to the Consett Iron Co.'s account for blockers, the committee recommend that the Clerk write Mr W. H. Hedley, informing him that the Board can get similar stone from Castleside and from Salter's Gate, ready dressed and delivered at a much cheaper cost as quoted by them.

Mr COLLINSON moved that the report be adopted, and that cheques for the various amounts be signed.

This was seconded by Mr AYNSLEY.

Carried.

THE SEWERAGE FARM.

The report from the farm manager (Mr Brown) was read, but it merely pointed out what work had been done during the month.

The farm sub-committee recommend that Mr J. Whitehead's account and also that from Mrs Elliott be paid. It was also recommended that Mr Brown's account for wages should be paid.

This was adopted.

PETITION.

A petition was read from property owners abutting Shakespeare Square, praying the Board not to remove a certain public lamp as recommended by the Gas Committee.

The matter was referred to the Gas Company, to report thereon.

TAKING OVER NEW STREETS.

It was agreed that the usual notices should be posted for the taking over of Taylor Street, Back Palmerston Terrace, and Back Palmerston Streets.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

It was resolved that notices should be served on the property-owners for the making of the front and back of George Street, and Garden Place, the same to come into effect on the 1st December next.

DOCTOR'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr G. Renton) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Urban Sanitary Authority.

GENTLEMEN,—From the vital statistics annexed, it will be gathered that the quarter which ended on Sept. 30th was satisfactory from a health point of view, and compared most favourably with the two previous quarters.

It will be noticed that the chief features in the quarter's returns are the absence of any epidemic and the lowered mortality.

Of zymotic diseases, enteric fever, scarlet fever, and diphtheria are the only examples which have been reported to me.

Enteric fever and diphtheria showed one case each, and each claimed a death.

Scarlet fever numbered three cases without any fatality.

On the whole, the district has been healthier than at any time during the last twelve months, as the zymotic returns and the death-rate sufficiently testify.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

Blackhill, November 1st, 1892.

Vital Statistics.

73 births, representing an annual rate of 34·5 per 1,000—34 females; 39 males.

34 deaths, representing an annual rate of 16·07 per 1,000—14 males; 20 females.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever	3	—
Diptheria and croup	1	1
Enteric fever	1	1
Totals, miasmatic form of disease	5	2
Pulmonary consumption ...	—	6
Bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy	—	5
Tubercular disease other than pulmonary consumption...	—	3
Diseases of the heart.........	—	3
Diseases of the brain and spinal cord	—	2
Diseases of the abdominal viscera	—	4
Inquest cases	—	1
Other diseases not named...	—	8
Total deaths from all causes	—	34

The report was adopted.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Wm. Rippon) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—All the highways and public streets in your district are maintained in good order, the following having been covered with road metal, which has also been rolled in, viz.:—Delves Lane, Medomsley, Leadgate, Park, and Consett Hall Roads, and a portion of Castleside and Tinmill Roads, and the high part of Front and Harvey Streets.

I observe that the new railway bridge on Castleside Road is in a most unsatisfactory condition at present, there being a trough along the centre for the length of about 120 yards, and on each side of the horse track deep ruts are formed, which, in wet weather, are standing full of water, and I would suggest that the Railway Company be requested to put the bridge and approach into proper order, without further delay.

Notwithstanding what is being done in the way of private street improvements, there are still a largh number of private streets in this district which have never been kerbed, channelled, macadamised, nor cemented; these are all in a more or less unsatisfactory condition, owing to the continuous wet weather, and where the traffic has been great, they are almost impassable. I am glad to find that the property-owners are beginning to move in this matter, and consider that the time has fully come when those streets should be made.

I could do with the steam-roller a few more days if it can be got before they leave the district, but I am told that their services are required by both County Councils and Local Boards in various parts of the north of England.

I will require your permission to order rough limestone, as our stock of about 700 tons is nearly used up; also a few trucks of screened limestone chippings for Consett Hall Road.

Complaints have been made about the slippery condition of the limestone crossings, horses having fallen in different parts of the town. Will you allow anything to be done to remedy this at this late season of the year?

The Consett Iron Company require all the coke ashes they may have for their own use, and I will require your instructions as to what you will cover our footpaths with in future.

I have inspected your district, and found most of the water-closets and privies clean, and the ashpits fairly well looked after. I have served 13 notices for the abatement of nuisances, which have been attended to.

Gas burnt during the month—159½ hours.

The following amounts have been paid in to your treasurer:—

	£	s	d
From various owners for street improvements in Sherburn Terrace	36	12	11
From various owners for street improvements in Ark Street	10	14	
Half the cost of footpaths in Harvey Street & Medomsley Road..........................	19	18	
Market tolls.........................	3	0	3
Total............	£69	16	2¼

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. RIPPON.

THE RAILWAY BRIDGE AT CONSETT JUNCTION.

On the proposition of Mr COLLINSON, seconded by Mr DAVISON, the Clerk was requested to write the North-Eastern Railway Company drawing their attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the bridge on the Castleside Road.

MORE WORK.

Mr POWELL moved that the Surveyor be authorised to prepare estimates, plans, &c., for the making of Seymour Street, Back East and West Parade.

This was seconded by Mr HYDEN.

Carried.

It was agreed that the usual notices should be served for the making of John and Pitt Streets and John's Square.

STEAM ROLLER.

It was decided that the Surveyor should endeavour to obtain the steam roller for other six days.

ORDERING OF LIMESTONE.

On the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, the Surveyor was empowered to order a further supply of limestone.

THE DANGEROUS CROSSINGS.

The Surveyor was empowered to have the limestone crossings "roughed."

A NEW RATE.

The seal of the Board was affixed to a rate of 1s 4d in the pound for the ensuing six months.

FIRE BRIGADE'S REPORT.

The Committee recommended that the tenders of Messrs Rose and Co., to supply the various appliances for the making of the apparatus for extinguishing fires more efficient should be accepted.

On the motion of Mr AYNSLEY, seconded by Dr MACINTYRE, the report was approved of.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr AYNSLEY gave notice of motion for the re-appointment of Mr Wm. Rippon as Inspector of Nuisance, &c., for the ensuing year.

A notice of motion from Dr MACINTYRE was submitted, and was as follows:—"That the resolution stated, ordering the removal of the registrar of births and deaths from the Local Board Offices be rescinded, and that his tenancy be reconstituted upon the old terms."

This was all the business of importance.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected COCOA, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette*.—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled—"JAMES EPPS & CO., Homœopathic Chemists London."

A married woman, named M'Nough, died at Bolton Infirmary on Saturday from the effects of injuries received during a quarrel with another woman named Davies, a neighbour. The latter threw a lighted paraffin lamp at the deceased, setting her clothes on fire. Davies was taken into custody, and will now be charged with murder.

On the arrival of a circus at Kendal, a communication was received by a man, acting in the capacity of groom, that £40,000 had been bequeathed him by a deceased relative. The fortunate groom was at first incredulous, the money coming from a source whence it was little expected; but upon inquiries it proved correct. The young man is well connected, and has received a good education, but was allured by the fascination of circus life, after spending a fortune.

PRESENTATION TO EX-SUPT. JAMES OLIVER, AT CONSETT.

The members of the Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division of the Durham County Constabulary, on becoming aware that their worthy superintendent (Supt. James Oliver), was about to retire from his position after a protracted service of upwards of 38 years, resolved amongst themselves that they should not allow the opportunity to pass without showing their appreciation in some tangible manner of the way in which he had discharged his duties during that period. The members at once appointed Inspector James Daley, of Lanchester, to act as secretary, whilst Sergt. Tate was deputed to fill the post of treasurer, and a subscription list was opened. To show the respect by which Mr Oliver was held, every member responded most liberally and heartily to the appeal. Many are the interesting letters that could be chronicled which have been written and sent along with subscriptions from retired servants of the force, speaking in high terms of the manner in which Mr Oliver discharged his duties, whilst they were under him, and how they appreciated his manly straightforwardness in all his dealings. On Tuesday afternoon, being the usual "pay-day," the officers and men of the force, to the number of 50, assembled at the Police Buildings, Consett, for the purpose of witnessing the presentation to their late superintendent. The chair was occupied by Supt. P. G. Bennies, and was supported by Inspectors Daley and Mabon, Sergts. Thornton, Tate, Nicholson, Minto, Tones, Dryden, Liddle, Smallwood, and others. The presentations consisted of a massive marble timepiece, along with a pair of beautiful mantel ornaments to match, and also two pairs of gold-rimmed spectacles, one pair of the same being for Mrs Oliver.

The CHAIRMAN said he scarcely need remind all present what they were congregated together for. It was to do "honour to whom honour was due." (Applause.) Mr Oliver, their late superintendent, had well-earned the presentation that was about to be made to him. (Hear.) Ever since the day that he (the speaker) came to Consett to act as Inspector, he had always found Mr Oliver to be a true gentleman. (Applause.) Mr Oliver was ever straightforward in all his dealings, and always liked to see those that were under him do their duty. After upwards of 38 years' service, he had now retired. He need not say that when their worthy friend withdrew himself from the onerous position he held, that he carried with him the well-wishes of every member of the force. He thought that when he pointed out that every member had subscribed most liberally to the presentation it would be sufficient proof in itself to convince Mr Oliver of the high respect in which he was held. (Applause.) There was no doubt that Mr Oliver would appreciate the testimonial far more when he became acquainted with that fact. It was a most noble testimonial, out they had to remember that the recipient was a most honoured and tried servant of the police force. (Applause.) Now that Mr Oliver had retired from public life, he could rest assured that he carried with him the goodwill and respect of all present. They all wished that he might have long life to enjoy his well-earned retirement. (Applause.) He would now call upon Sergt. Thornton, as the oldest officer in that division, to make the presentation. (Cheers.)

Sergt. THORNTON observed that he had great pleasure in stating that he had served under Mr Oliver, as sergeant, for about 18 years, and during the whole of that time, whenever it was Mr Oliver's painful duty to be called upon to interfere with any member for breach of discipline or misconduct, he had always found him to be straightforward, nevertheless impartial, and did that which was just and right between man and man. (Hear.) Mr Oliver had now retired, but would have the satisfaction of knowing that he had earned the respect and confidence of all with whom he had been brought in contact. This knowledge, he thought, would in itself bring that happiness to Mr Oliver's declining years, which they all hoped he would live long to enjoy. (Applause.) In making the presentation he said, "Mr Oliver, having retired from the police force where you have so faithfully fulfilled the post of superintendent of the Lanchester Division for so many years, the officers and constables who have served under you, are wishful to present you with this small token of their esteem and respect, which consists of a pair of gold spectacles, the timepiece, along with a pair of mantel ornaments to match, with the following suitable inscription engraved thereon:—

"Presented to Supt. James Oliver, on his retirement from the Constabulary, on the 29th day of September, 1892, after a service of upwards of 38 years, by the whole of the members of the Lanchester Division."

In doing so, the members of the division desire to express their satisfaction in presenting you with this token of their respect, and tender their warmest wishes for your continued welfare and prosperity. The officers and constables at the same time have great pleasure in presenting to Mrs Oliver a pair of gold spectacles, and trust that she may long live to wear them, and enjoy many years of conjugal happiness with you." (Cheers.)

Mr OLIVER, who was loudly cheered, feelingly acknowledged the testimonial. He stated that the presentation was a very valuable and handsome one, but the fact that every member of the force had subscribed to it made it still more valuable. He could not find words to sufficiently express to them how grateful he felt for the manner in which they had shown their respect and esteem for him. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the testimonial. It was a consolation to know that they had been satisfied with his conduct whilst he had acted as their superintendent. It would always be a pleasure to him to look upon the testimonial, knowing that it indicated the goodwill and respect in which he was held by them. Whilst acting as their superintendent he had always tried to do his duty, and see that justice was meted out to officers and men alike. It had been stated that if he was called upon to interfere with any member for breach of discipline or misconduct, he did such without any ill-feeling, but because his duty demanded him to do so. If an act of injustice had taken place to any member of the force, and he did not know of such, he could assure them it had been a mistake. It was his desire, whilst acting as their superintendent, to do what was right, and to see that those whom he was appointed to look after did their duty. (Applause.) He need not say that he had always tried to do justice, and this opinion was fully confirmed by their assembling together on that occasion. His (the speaker's) conduct had never once been called to question within his own district, but had always been highly spoken of by the magistrates, and by those with whom he was accustomed to associate. Strange to say, his conduct had been called to question outside his own division. Why it was, he could not tell. Whilst carrying out his duty on that occasion, God only knew whether he exceeded it or not. He was now making reference to the unfortunate dispute which arose at Silksworth. What he was compelled to do that day was a matter of duty. They all knew what had been the issue. His conduct, after passing through various law courts, had been upheld both by magistrates, judges, and jurymen; and which shewed that he had only done that which was right. Mr Oliver next spoke in commendatory terms of the conduct of the officers and men alike, and urged the young constables present to remember that their position was one of trust, and to be steady and persevering, so that they might raise themselves to a similar position to the one that he had just quitted. He would once more, on behalf of himself and Mrs Oliver, thank them for the beautiful presents, and hoped that the subscribers would live long to enjoy good health and prosperity. (Cheers.)

Ex-P.C. STOKOE also spoke, and stated that Mr Oliver, whilst acting as superintendent, was one of the truest gentlemen he ever came in contact with. The Lanchester and Consett Petty Sessional Division was to be congratulated upon having had such an efficient superintendent as Mr Oliver, who, during his protracted career in the police force, always displayed a brotherly love to those he came in contact with. (Applause.)

Sergt. TATE spoke, and handed to Mr Oliver the subscription list, in order that he might keep it for future reference.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the officers and men giving three cheers for Mr and Mrs Oliver.

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

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging, irritation inflammation, all kidney and kindred complaints, cured by "Buchu-paiba." At chemists. Newbery and Sons, Agents. King Edward Street, London, E.C.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had of Robt. Jackson's bookseller, 9 and 10, Newmarket Street, Consett.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 17 fat cattle, 135 fat sheep, 20 pigs, 8 calves, 13 cows and heifers, 1 horse, a quantity of harness, poultry, ladders, carts, &c. The company present was not so large as usual, on account of many of the farmers being engaged with harvesting operations. Trade was not brisk, but most of the stock were disposed of at prices in harmony with other markets. Fat cattle to £14; sheep to 36s; pigs, 16s to £4 10s; calves to 15s; cows to £13. Poultry to 2s 3d. Harness, &c., brought fair prices.

TOW LAW.—On Monday, Mr Vickers had forward 49 dairy cows and heifers, 38 fat cattle, 8 store cattle, 444 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £19, fat cattle to £16; store cattle to £5 10s; fat sheep to 35s 6d; fat lambs to 27s; fat black-faced wethers to 30s; fat black-faced ewes to 23s 9d.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his fortnightly sale on Monday, and had forward 40 fat cattle, 30 grazing cattle, 13 in-calving and newly-calved cows, 120 fat sheep and lambs, 20 black-faced ewes, 20 half-bred and mule lambs, 1 bacon pig, 20 pork and young pigs, 1 pony, phæton, coup cart, sacks, shovels, &c. There was a fair attendance of buyers present, and trade for fat cattle and sheep were fair for good quality; medium quality in slow demand. The trade for milch cows was very good, the animals being a really good lot. Grazing cattle was also a dull trade, in accordance with late markets. Prices as follows:—Fat cattle: Bullocks to £13—top, Mr R. Bell, Leamside; heifer to £15—top, Mr John Lawson, Low Cocken; fat cattle to £16 15s—top, Mr T. D. Johnson, Aykley Heads, Durham, and Mr Gray, Washington; grazing cattle to £10 10s; milch cows to £20 10s. Fat sheep: Shearlings to 37s—top, Mr R. Bell, Leamside; ewes to 42s 6d—top, Mr L. Wood, The Hermitage. Fat lambs to 17s each. Bacon pigs, £4; young pigs to 27s. Pony, £4 15s; phæton, £3 10s; coup cart, £5. The sale concluded at 4.45 p.m.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 31st—Before J. T. Potts, Esq.

THE ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT:

A CORRECTION.

In last week's *Guardian*, Thomas Jewitt, the defendant in this case, was described as a "cashier of Hamsterley Colliery." This should read, "Thomas Jewitt, labourer, of Newlands."

THE LAW AS TO BILLPOSTING.

The manager of a theatrical company now performing at Dipton made application to the magistrate for a summons against a local billposter for wilful damage.

Applicant stated that the person referred to had (it was alleged) deliberately covered up his bills, which were posted on public stations throughout the district. Applicant employed his own billsticker, because in many places they went to there was no recognised billposters. In two instances, however, his man had inadvertently stuck his bills on the defendant's stations. He had communicated with this party offering to pay a reasonable amount for allowing the bills to remain there, but the billposter obstinately refused to come to terms, simply because he had not got the whole of his posting work.

The Magistrate: I think this is a case for the County Court.

Applicant: I don't want to recover damages from the billposter. I only want the practice stopped. Besides, I understand that proceedings in the County Court entails a long process, and I want this matter stopped at once, inasmuch as I am suffering loss in the meantime.

Mr Potts: Did you pay rent for these other stations?—Applicant: No, sir. They are public stations.

Mr Potts: Then he has as much right to post his bills there as you have, and it is only a matter of chance whether you cover his bills or he obliterates yours.

Applicant: But he has no right to cover up my bills when the dates of the entertainment contained upon them have not expired.

Mr Potts: I'm afraid we can't help you.

Applicant: It is very hard lines for me. I have to announce from the stage every night what the performance will be the following evening, or the people would not know we are here.

Mr Potts: Is there no station where you have paid rent for?—Applicant: Well, I got permission from Mr Young, of the Red Lion Inn, Dipton, to put bills on his private station, and this person has gone and covered them over, although he had no right to do such a thing.

Mr Potts: In that case, I'm afraid that Mr Young will have to take action, not you.

Eventually, the applicant was counselled to try to come to some arrangement with the billposter referred to.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday week, Rev P. C. Forsin presiding.—The schoolwardens presented the annexed reports:—

Eastern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—During the last month the following schools have been examined by Her Majesty's Inspectors of schools:—Consett British, Consett National, Consett St. Patrick's, Leadgate National, Brooms St. Mary's, and Leadgate Wesleyan.

Since the examinations a considerable number of children have begun to absent themselves on the Friday afternoon. This was particularly noticable at St. Patrick's School last Friday afternoon. Unless the notice I shall give the parents has the desired effect I must at a future meeting bring each case under your notice.

According to the returns to hand for the quarter ending September 30th., the percentage of attendance of the children over five years of age is 88.

Two hundred and seventy-four absentee visits have been made in the parish of Consett and Knitsley, 125 in Iveston, and 3 in Ebchester; total, 402.

Six bye-law notices and four official warnings were served, and 28 visits to schools made.

On Monday last, Mary Ann Moss, of Blackhill, was summoned before the Magistrates for failing to cause her son William to attend school. Proceedings were taken under your bye-laws and the full penalty was inflicted.

I am gentlemen, your obedient servant,

WM. WARD.

Iveston, October 27th, 1892.

Southern District.

To the Chairman and Members of the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee.

GENTLEMEN,—I have to report the attendance in a very unsatisfactory state, owing largely to the unpropitious weather, and also to the prevalence of sickness amongst children in many parts of your district. The following table gives the number of visits made in each parish during the last month respecting absentees:—

Name of Parish.	Number of visits made.	Number of children dealt with.
Cornsay...	60	68
Esh...	130	151
Hedleyhope...	6	7
Lanchester...	176	200
Langley...	6	10
Satley...	4	6
Totals...	382	442

During the month 35 visits to schools have been made. Five bye-law notices have been served as follows, viz:—One each at Esh Winning, Hamsteels, Cornsay Colliery, South Moor, and Quaking House Cottages. One official warning was served at Cornsay Colliery.

George McKenna, of Cornsay Colliery, was, by your direction, summoned before the police court on the 20 inst., and the case was adjourned for 14 days, as only one magistrate attended.

The annual drawing examination was held at Hamsteels National, Esh National, and Esh Roman Catholic Schools on 24th October.

I have entered 10 cases, dealing with 13 children, in the Report Book to be submitted to you herewith.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN GIBSON.

Lanchester, October 27th, 1892.

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

Football.

Secretaries of football clubs will greatly oblige by sending their list of fixtures to this office as early as possible.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Swalwell Y.M.C.A. beat Flint Hill Albion by five goals to nil, at Swalwell.

Oakey's Lilywhites 2nd and Craghead 1st played a draw of two goals each, at Stanley.

Leadgate Science and Art beat Leadgate Celtic, on the former's ground, by three goals to nil.

Waldridge White Star 2nd beat Witton Gilbert, at Waldridge, by two goals to nil.

CORNSAY ROVERS 2ND v CORNSAY ALBIONS.—Played on the latter's ground, and ended in a victory for the Rovers by two goals to one.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v BYER MOOR.—This match should have been played on the ground of the former, but Byer Moor sent word that they could not raise a team.

MEDOMSLEY WHITE STARS 3RD v MEDOMSLEY CHURCH CHOIR 2ND.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a victory for the Stars by five goals to nil.

CROOKHALL RED STARS v LEADGATE PARK ALBION.—Played on the latter's ground, and after an exciting game ended in a win for the visitors by three goals to nil.

TOW LAW LEAGUE v EAST HEDLEYHOPE HEROES.—Played on the former's ground, and after a capital game resulted in a win for the League by four goals to two.

LEADGATE WEST END RESERVE v LEADGATE ROYAL OAKS.—Played on the former's ground, and after an exciting game the Reserve were victorious by one goal to nil.

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES 2ND v MEDOMSLEY CHURCH CHOIR.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the home team by two goals to nil.

GREENCROFT BOARD SCHOOL v ANNFIELD PLAIN BOARD SCHOOL.—Played at Annfield Plain on Friday, and resulted in a win for Greencroft by three goals to one. Harvey played well for the winners.

CROOKHALL WANDERERS B v ALLENDALE HEROES.—Played at Allendale, and resulted in an easy win for the Heroes by seven goals to nil. R. and W. Gillender played well for the Heroes.

WEST STANLEY RED STARS v SOUTH MOOR ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground, and after a very quarrelsome game ended in a win for the home team by three goals to nil.

ANNFIELD PLAIN RED STARS v SPEN ALBION.—Played on the former's ground, and after a fast and exciting game ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

ESH TRUE BLUES v NEW HERRINGTON.—Played on the ground of the latter, before a good company, and after a tough and exciting game the result was a draw of three goals each.

LINTZ ROVERS v MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.—Played on the former's ground, the visitors winning a very hard game by two goals to one. G. Ringer was in splendid form at back for the "Saints," tackling and kicking in grand style.

BUSTY BANK EXILES v FLINT HILL.—Played on the ground of the latter. The Exiles had much the best of the game, and were finally victorious by five goals to nil.

KYO GEMS v KIP HILL.—Played on the ground of the latter, in two thirties, and after a pleasant game resulted as follows:—Kip Hill, three goals; Kyo Gems, three goals.

BURNHOPE 2ND v GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH 2ND.—Played at Burnhope. The ball was quickly taken into the visitors' lines, but Robinson fisted out well and saved some good shots. The Black Watch then warmed up, but nothing was scored by either team, and the game ended in a draw.

CONSETT FELL RANGERS v LEADGATE SCIENCE AND ART 2ND.—Played on the former's ground, resulting in an easy victory for the home team by seven goals to nil. J. Welch, M. K[illegible]kup, and Longhorn played well for the winners. [We have received a communication from the losers, alleging that four of the goals were scored after time was up.]

OUSTON INSTITUTE 2ND v BROWNEY ALBION 2ND.—Played on the former's ground. Browney kicked with the wind in the first half, but neither side had scored at the interval. On re starting, Ouston put on a goal in the first ten minutes. The visitors appealed for hands off one of the home forwards; but the referee gave a goal, and the Browney childishly walked off the field.

ALLENDALE PARK v WOODBINE ROVERS (Byker.)—Played at Medomsley, and resulted in a win for the Park by three goals to one. The following did duty for Allendale:—Goal, T. Bailey; backs, A. Burns and R. Milligan; half-backs, J. Brown, Ed. Lynop, and J. Ryans; forwards, H. Glasgow and C. Eeslop, right wing; T. Walton, centre; J. Lynop and E. Parker, left wing.

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES v LEADGATE WEST END.—Played on the latter's ground. We have received two reports of this match. The visitors claim to have had the best of matters all through, and state that the result was a draw of one goal each. On the other hand, the Heroes allege that they won by two goals to one, and that Leadgate left the field before time was up, owing to a dispute between the visitors' custodian and one of the home forwards.

CONSETT FELL 2ND v LIZZIE CELTICS.—Played on the former's ground. The visitor's forwards were too much for the home backs, while the Lizzie backs played a good game against the neat combination of the Fell forwards. The game, which was most pleasantly contested, ended in a win for the Celtics by four goals to two.

MEDOMSLEY WHITE STARS v LEADGATE ST. IVES.—Played at Medomsley. Midfield play reigned nearly all the first half, until Makepeace got away and put through the first goal for Leadgate, who were leading at the interval by one goal to none. On resuming, the Stars began to press, and continued to do so until the finish. About two minutes after re-starting, Brown scored for the home team with a fast shot, as did Robinson a short time after. Goals then followed in quick succession, Graham and Wilson doing the needful, the latter dribbling one right through the "Saints" goal. Final score—

White Stars.......................Seven goals
St. Ives..........................One goal

TANFIELD LEA STIFF-'UNS v ANNFIELD PLAIN ALBIONS.—Played at Annfield Plain. Shortly after commencing, Fletcher got possession and scored for Tanfield. After some even play, the visitors claimed for hands in front of the home goal. Stephens took the kick, and Thompson headed through, the visitors leading at half-time by two goals to nil. The Albions pressed on resuming, and Keevor was beaten after a good attempt to save. Soon afterwards, the homesters broke away and equalised the scores. The Tanfield right wing then made a good run, eluding the backs, and Atkinson scored the third and winning point. Final result—

Tanfield..........................Three goals
Albions...........................Two goals

Referee, Mr T. Scrafton. Keevor and Christopher played well for the winners.

WALDRIDGE WHITE STAR v CHESTER EXCELSIORS.—These old rivals met again at Waldridge. The play was fast throughout. Waldridge got a corner, which was well placed by Hull, but the ball was carried by the wind on to the cross-bar and went over. Neither side had scored at half-time. On resuming, the home men scored from a well-placed corner by Hull. This enlivened the game, and Chester nearly scored, Scott fisting well out. Waldridge again pressed, and added another through Scott, who was playing well in his new position, and Stokoe put on a third. Then Halliday sent well in, and the visitors bundled both ball and goalkeeper through one minute before time. Result—

Waldridge.........................Three goals
Chester...........................One goal

BLACKHILL PARK v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.—Played on the latter's ground. The Park won the toss, and elected to play with the wind. The home team took the ball well up, but the Park backs cleared with a huge kick, and the visitors' forwards got possession and scored three minutes from the start. This put the Lilywhites on their mettle, and after the centre kick they at once worked the leather up and equalised the scores. At half-time each side had scored twice. In the second period, the home team had much the best of the play, and put on other five goals. Final score—

Lilywhites........................Seven goals
Park..............................Two goals

GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH v STEPHENSON'S ROVERS (Killingworth.)—Played at Greencroft. The Blacks won the toss, and decided to play down the hill with a good wind in their favour. Wilkinson kicked off, and the visitors made tracks for the home goal, but Blakey and Coleman were as safe as ever, the former returning to midfield. Not long after, Graham got possession, and after some tricky play gave to Atkinson, who scored No. 1 for the home team, Graham adding a second shortly afterwards. During the remainder of this half the Blacks played up splendidly, piling on goals in rapid succession, and at the interval the score stood—

Greencroft........................Six goals
Rovers............................Nil

On resuming, the visitors took up the running, but Coleman was all there, and again gave Graham and Boyle possession, the former sending No. 7 through with a swift shot. The Rovers now warmed up, and Wardropper scored with a long shot, Brown being out of his goal at the time. The game now became even, and each side scored once more before the call of time, leaving the score as under—

Greencroft........................Eight goals
Rovers............................Two goals

The following did duty for the Black Watch:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, A. Blakey, jun., and R. Coleman; half-backs, M. Hardy, J. Argyle, and J. Maddison; forwards, P. Boyle and J. Graham, right wing; J. Thompson, centre; J. Rounsley and R. Atkinson, left wing.

LANGLEY PARK ROVERS v BROOMPARK.—Played on the former's ground. In the first period, the visitors had the wind and hill in their favour, and being a heavy team, made the best of their chances; but the Rovers held them in check, and ultimately got dangerous. The visitors cleared, and making a good run scored the first goal after 15 minutes' play. Langley Park again showed up prominently, but could not score. The visitors, however, put on two more goals, and half-time found the score standing—

Broompark.........................Three goals
Rovers............................Nil

The Rovers pressed during the whole of the second half, and at the commencement took nine corners in succession. Newton converted the ninth into a goal, making the first point for the Rovers. The latter pressed severely after this, gaining several corners, and scored three times in the last 10 minutes, Broompark only crossing the centre once in the second half. Result—

Rovers............................Four goals
Broompark.........................Three goals

Rovers' team—Goal, Newton; backs, Pickering and Vickers; half-backs, J. Shorten, Moss, and Lamb; forwards, Wardle, Elliott, Vickers, Egglestone, and Iveson.

LINTZFORD v SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—This match was played at Lintzford in fine weather, before a capital attendance. The ground was very heavy, owing to the recent heavy rains. The visitors arrived rather late, and the game was played in two "30's." Shotley started, and the homesters at once commenced to press, having hard lines on several occasions. Leadbitter cleared a splendid rush by Swinburne and Taylor. Midfield play followed, after which Seed got possession and ran well up, but Weedy saved grandly. The globe was quickly returned, and Shotley scored a beauty. From the kick-off, Abbott got possession and gave to Taylor, who shot, but the visitors' custodian fisted over the bar, the corner proving abortive. Shotley afterwards pressed, and scored just previous to half-time, when the record was—

Shotley...........................Two goals
Lintzford.........................Nil

On resuming, the visitors pressed, Seed being seen to great advantage, and he scored four minutes from restarting. After this the homesters had a look in, and from a splendid centre by Abbott, Taylor scored amidst cheers from the home supporters. The visitors then pressed and added a fourth point. The rest of the game was played in semi-darkness, and from a scrimmage in front of the visitors' citadel, Lintzford scored a second goal. Result—

Shotley...........................Four goals
Lintzford.........................Two goals

Lintzford team—Goal, T. Smith; backs, J. W. Andrews and J. Weedy; half-backs, J. Seath, J. Nixon, and Geo. Burton; forwards, Jas. Andrews and Robt. Abbott (capt.), right wing; Jos. Andrews, centre; M. Swinburne and J. R. Taylor, left wing. Shotley Bridge team—Goal, T. Errington; backs, E. Bell and S. Leadbitter; half-backs, G. Glendinning, J. Armstrong, and J. Pestle; forwards, J. Seed (capt.) and T. Joyce, right wing; M. Williamson, centre; G. Hall and W. Lee, left wing.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. SCIENCE AND ART (NEWCASTLE.)

The above well-known teams met at Dipton, when a fast and exciting game resulted in a victory for the Wanderers by two goals to one.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD TOWN.

The above match was played at Gateshead. The game was well-contested and exceedingly pleasant all through, the result being—

Gateshead.........................Five goals
Wanderers.........................Four goals

LEADGATE EXILES v. MEDOMSLEY.

Played on the Exiles' ground in miserable weather, the field being in a very unsuitable condition. The game was played in two "35's." The Exiles attacked first, Beadling saving a shot from W. McKie in marvellous fashion, right under the bar. The visitors paid a visit to the other end, Callaghan kicking well down the field. Hill, after a grand run, caused Beadling to throw out, and the Medomsley custodian soon after made another grand save, a fast, low shot from Rafferty nearly taking effect. Play ruled in midfield for a time, but the home team again tried the visitors' defence, and Beadling was finally beaten by a long shot from McGrachan. At half-time the score stood as under—

Exiles............................One goal
Medomsley.........................Nil

The second half was mostly in favour of the home team, although the visitors played an excellent game. Beadling saved grandly, while Hedley and Veitch tackled in rare form, the Exiles only being able to add another goal to their score. A pleasantly-contested game ended—

Exiles............................Two goals
Medomsley.........................Nil

The following represented the Exiles:—Goal, H. Callaghan; backs, J. Haggan and Wm. McGee; half-backs, T. McGrachan, F. Thompson, and Jas. Monaghan; forwards, P. Rafferty and P. McKie, right wing; W. McKie, centre; Jas. McGee and J. Hill, left wing. Linesman, W. Costello. The Medomsley team was—Goal, G. Beadling; backs, A. M. Hedley and Dr Philipson; half-backs, R. Cant, R. Charlton, and Jas. Veitch; forwards, C. Cooke and J. Todd, right wing; W. Cant, centre; S. Ward and J. Day, left wing. Linesman, Wm. Hunter. Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun., Medomsley.

ENGLISH CUP—QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND.

TOW LAW v. LEADGATE PARK.

These two teams met at Tow Law to decide which of them should enter the third round of the Qualifying Competition. It was some three or four seasons since the teams met last, and the result was booked an open thing. Leadgate won the toss, and Tow Law kicked off amid the cheers of a large number of spectators. The Park assumed the aggressive, but found the home defence sound, and a move was then made towards the visitors' quarters. Crowther, in saving a hot shot, had to concede a corner, which Potts took, and centreing beautifully, Coulson headed through five minutes from the start. From the kick-off, Tow Law again pressed and Coulson shot one through, but the referee disallowed it. A few minutes later, Hobson, from a scrimmage in goal, placed the second point to the credit of the homesters, and Potts, soon after, with a splendid shot, lowered the colours of the Park once more. No more scoring took place before the interval, which found the score—

Tow Law...........................Three goals
Park..............................Nil

For the first quarter-of-an-hour in the second period, the home team pressed continually, but could not add to their score. At last Coulson "snicked" one through, and just after Joe Waites shot hard in, and Crowther had to give a corner, but nothing came of it. The Park forwards then went up the field in a body, and Temperley missing his kick, Wattsford put the first point on for the visitors. The Park after this played up better, but again Tow Law pressed, and Conroy headed another goal. A few minutes only remained, and the Leadgate forwards made their last charge. A free kick was given against Temperley, and by a smart piece of work the globe was through before any of the home players were aware of the fact. The whistle then sounded, leaving Tow Law with a decisive victory. Score—

Tow Law...........................Five goals
Park..............................Two goals

The following represented the Park:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. Foreman and Wm. Mansell; half-backs, G. Brown, J. Wilson (capt.) and R. Boustead; forwards, J. Robson and C. Foreman, right wing; A. Burnhope, centre; H. Wattsford and J. Hunter, left wing. Linesman, A. Graham. Tow Law team—Goal, N. Crinnian; backs, J. W. Temperley and W. Waites; half-backs, Fred Blair, R. Wilson, and W. Simpson; forwards, J. Coulson, Jos. Waites, F. Hobson, T. Conroy, and T. Potts (capt.) Linesman, J. Colman. Referee, Mr J. T. Lowthian, New Shildon.

RUGBY.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. MOUNT PLEASANT.

The above fixture was played on the ground of the latter club at Gateshead, in two "30's," before a large gathering of spectators. Dixon, the home captain, won the toss, and choose to play down the hill, with the wind at their backs. The Rovers kicked off, and play settled in the home "25" until Thompson relieved with a neat punt to the visitors' quarters, and several scrummages took place, but the Rovers were equal to the occasion, and kept the homesters at bay. Some good passing by the visitors enabled them to reach the Gateshead "25," but they did not remain long, as Shaw ran well down, being grassed by Robson. Mount Pleasant were awarded a penalty kick for off-side, but the oval fell short, a minor resulting. Half-time score—

Mount Pleasant....................Two minors
Rovers............................Nil

On resuming, the home team went off with a rush, and a kick by one of the visitors' backs being charged down, Shaw ran in for Mount Pleasant, but failed at an easy place. The Rovers now played for all they were worth, and the leather was at once taken to the home line, W. Brown scoring under the posts, and Urwin landed a goal. The visitors again attacked, but were met by a strong defence. Urwin got over for the Rovers, but the point was disallowed. Blackhill continued to press, but could score nothing but minors, and when the whistle put an end to a splendid game the Rovers had won a hard-fought struggle. Result—

Rovers............One goal, seven minors (five points)
Mount Pleasant....One try, two minors (two points)

Referee, Mr J. Craig, Ryton.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

LEADGATE EXILES V MEDOMSLEY.

Despite the fact that the Exiles' ground—like the majority of grounds on Saturday afternoon—was in a most deplorable condition, being inches deep in mud the first fixture of the season between the above old, rivals resulted in a really capital game. Play was fast and exciting all through, there being scarcely a dull moment. The visitors, for the first time this season, showed something approaching that form which gained them such a reputation three or four years since, and gave their redoubtable antagonists an admirable game. A commendable feature of the encounter was the exceedingly pleasant manner in which it was contested, rough play and fouls being conspicuous by their absence, and making the referee's position a sinecure.

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Callaghan had very little to do in the Exiles' goal, owing to the excellent play of McGee and Haggan at back, both of whom were in their best form. The halves were likewise good, Monaghan taking my fancy most, and his display was almost faultless. Thompson got through a tremendous amount of work, and McGrachan shows much promise. J. McGee was unquestionably the best of the forwards, and gave a brilliant exposition, his dodging and dribbling being a treat. Hill and W. McKie came next, but the right wing was hardly so conspicuous as usual.

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It would be impossible to praise Beadling too much for his grand exhibition between the Medomsley sticks. Some of his saves were almost miraculous, and he seems to be playing quite up to his old form. Hedley, who appears equally at home in any position in the field, played magnificently at back, and was repeatedly cheered for his clever saves. It was simply wonderful how he got his kicks in on several occasions. It is nothing else than a rank injustice that he has not been selected to take part in the second trial match—North v South. Dr Philipson is improving every time he turns out, and should make a name for himself. Veitch worked like a nigger at half, and his tackling was quite refreshing. If everybody played as vigorously as him we should see better football. R. Cant and R. Charlton performed most creditably, and the latter, who is only young, gives promise of making a really good man. The forwards were a long way behind the Exiles' front rank, Todd being the pick.

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TOW LAW V LEADGATE PARK.

Tow Law, 5; Leadgate Park, 2. What a surprise! If anyone had told the Park supporters on Saturday morning that Tow Law would beat them easily, it is probable they would have been well laughed at for their pains. But they did, and did it well. It was no fluke either. From the very first Tow Law played a remarkable game. Their passing was neat, short, well-timed, and effective; their shooting was deadly, and their heading superb. On the other hand, after the first five minutes, the Park played like a disorganised team, and their performance was, contrasted with the display of the home men, very mediocre indeed. It was very much so, when we take into consideration the fact that for a good part of the game Tow Law played with practically three forwards. After the first ten minutes, Joe Waites began to vomit blood and was for the remainder of the game little else than a spectator. Then, before the pass-over, Potts had his knee twisted, and was not of much use afterwards. These facts, together with the one that Tow Law had to rely on Crinnian, the Reserve goalkeeper, and Hobson, Reserve centre, makes the performance of Tow Law a very brilliant one indeed.

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For the Park, Crowther played a good game. He could hardly be blamed for the shots that did pass him. Foreman was better than Mansell at back, although both men played beneath their form. The halves worked hard, especially Wilson, but the Tow Law forwards were too clever for them by half. The forwards, individually, played well, but there was an entire absence of that cohesion which we expect from the Park, and the whole team played miles below the form they displayed on the previous Saturday.

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For the winners, Crinnian in goal was a very great success, and quite justified his selection. He is rather small for a custodian, but is wonderfully active and full of pluck. The backs experienced little difficulty in holding the opposing forwards until Tow Law had scored five, when they became a little careless, and paid the penalty by having two goals scored against them. The halves were the backbone of the home team. They broke up with ridiculous ease any attempts at combination made by the Park forwards, and fed their front rank with judgment and precision. The forwards played a capital game. Coulson on the right wing was in one of his best moods, and literally made rings round Boustead. His first goal was cheered to the echo, and was a grand effort. His partner, Joe Waites, was ill, and by no means did himself justice. Hobson, the centre forward, was the right man in the right place. He feeds his wings most unselfishly and can shoot with deadly aim. His display sent the Tow Law supporters into ecstacies, and there is no doubt that he is a rare catch. The left wing up to the time of Potts' accident, was very good. Conroy excelled himself, and he and Coulson were the two best men on the field. He is the most improved member of the team, and fully deserves his County cap. Whether he will get it or not is another matter.

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Altogether, the home team deserved to win. They commenced in a way that showed they meant business, and their performance was all the more creditable after their recent uncertain displays. Of course, they cannot hope to get any further in the competition; but they are the first team in this district who has reached the third round of the English Cup Qualifying Competition, and deserve every credit for doing so.

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HOBSON WANDERERS V GATESHEAD TOWN.

The Wanderers visited Gateshead on Saturday to fulfil their fixture with the town club, and accomplished a really splendid performance in only being defeated by a single goal. Taking the home team first, the custodian had not much chance with the goals which were scored against him. The backs played a sound game, McDonald on the left saving well on several occasions. The halves were also smart. The forwards commenced finely, their short and tricky passing at first greatly deceiving the visitors' defence. They are a set of fine young fellows, their urbanity and gentlemanly conduct, both on and off the field, being a distinct characteristic of the whole team.

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The Wanderers gave a trial to a new goalkeeper, and although five went past him, it might be said that four of them were almost unnegotiable, being scored close in. The backs, as usual, played a safe and reliable game, their coolness when being pressed being especially noticeable. The halves were also prominent, McNeil in particular being conspicuous for his clever play. Leadbitter, their old custodian, was tried at centre half, and acquitted himself most creditably, while Smith on the right played a good and effective game. The forwards at first were rather slack, although towards the finish they were playing a strong game, giving the home defence plenty of work.

The return game between the two clubs is fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), when, considering the neatness of the above match, a grand game may be confidently anticipated. The proceeds are for the benefit of Tom Amos, who had his leg broken in the cup-tie *versus* Tanfield Lea. The object is a most deserving one, and I sincerely trust that there will be a bumper gate.

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BLACKHILL ROVERS V MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Rovers travelled to Gateshead on Saturday to meet Mount Pleasant, and a splendid game was the result. The visitors had the sweet satisfaction of avenging those three defeats of last season, and were on particularly good terms with themselves. No scoring was done in the first half, during which the home team had slightly the upper hand. Immediately on resuming, the Mount got over, but no goal followed. Five minutes later, the Rovers gained a try, from which a goal was kicked, and had hard lines in not adding materially to their total. They confined the Gateshead men to their "25" nearly all the second half.

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For the Rovers, Elliott at back had little to do, but what fell in his way he accomplished neatly. The three-quarters played well together, and formed a very strong division. They passed very nicely, and Robson had hard lines in not scoring, being grassed a foot off the line. The halves played fairly well, Smailes being the pick. The forwards were far superior to the home pack, and they worked like trojans throughout. Their screwing and rushes were grand, and took a great amount of stopping. Where all did so well, it would be unfair to single anyone out for special praise.

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Hurst showed good form at back for Mount Pleasant, and defended well against a strong attack. Thompson was the most conspicuous of the three-quarters, Martin also playing well at times. Barnfather was the best half on the field, and should have a future before him. The forwards are a heavy lot, and managed to hold their own fairly well in the initial portion of the game, but were completely outclassed after the interval. Maughan and Wood were about the best.

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MEMS.

The North v South trial match was put off last Saturday on account of the English cup-ties, and will probably be played to-morrow week.

Shotley Bridge again showed good form on Saturday, beating Lintzford on the latter's ground, and thus turning the tables.

Medomsley White Stars are a wonderful lot of juniors. They actually turn out three teams, and several very promising players are included in their ranks.

We often hear tell of newspaper enterprise, but somebody had evidently been having a joke with the Darlington *Echo* last week, as they published in all seriousness under their football news on *Saturday morning* the following choice morsel:—"Bishop Auckland, 2; Mickley, 1. English Cup—First Round!"

I earnestly hope that football lovers in the Hobson district will liberally patronise the match to-morrow for the benefit of T. Amos, who is a most respectable and well-conducted young fellow, in addition to being a capital player.

I understand that the Medomsley club are very sore at Hedley being passed over for the county. They claim, and with ample reason, that he is streets ahead of the two right wing men chosen for the North.

I thought when the Durham Committee began to take an interest in our district that teams would be selected with some regard as to the merits of the players. But I am sorry to find that I was mistaken. Influence still reigns supreme.

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MATCHES WANTED.

The Medomsley Church Choir still have a few dates vacant—from Jan. 20th to March 30th. Ages, 12 to 16. Also, 2nd team have all dates vacant. Ages, 10 to 13. Address, Jos. Walton, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Allendale Lilywhites would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 10 to 13. Address, E. Talbot, 93, Allendale Cottages, near Medomsley, R.S.O.

Stanley Red Stars have a few vacant dates and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 14 to 17. Apply to A. J. Chrisp, Havanna Houses, West Stanley, R.S.O.

The Swalwell Y.M.C.A. Juniors have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as early as possible. Ages, 13 to 15. Secretary, H. Gilpatrick, Swalwell.

Marley Hill High Row Sportsmen would like to arrange matches with good third or moderate seconds. Apply to T. Brown, High Row, Marley Hill, *via* Swalwell, R.S.O.

Langley Park Rising Stars have still a few vacant dates and would like them filled up with junior teams. Ages, 16 to 18. Address, R. Jewitt, Quebec Street, Langley Park.

The Annfield Plain Royal Oaks would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 9 to 12. Apply to Geo. Smith, 10, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at MEETING OF THE STANLEY DISTRICT LOCAL BOARD, acting as the Urban Sanitary Authority for the said District, duly convened in conformity with the said Act, on the 12th day of October, 1892, a RESOLUTION WAS PASSED in pursuance of Section 5, ADOPTING THE SAID ACT.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that such Resolution will come into operation on the First day of January next.

JOHN GEO. RIDLEY,
Clerk.

Stanley,
31st October, 1892. 651j

CONSETT & DISTRICT 741st STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.

THE 23rd APPROPRIATION will be made at the Society's Office, New Town Hall, Consett, on Wednesday, November 16th, 1892, at 7·30 p.m.
C. W. ALMOND, Chairman.
T. W. WELFORD, Secretary, pro tem.

All Persons who become Members, and pay Four Weeks' Subscriptions, will be entitled to participate in the above Ballot.

Shares can be taken up at any time on applying to Mr. C. W. ALMOND, Front Street Consett, or to Mr. T. W. WELFORD, Parliament Street, Consett. Also at Mr. Welford's Office, at Stanley, on Tuesdays and Fridays, between 2 and 4 o'clock p.m.

N.B.—On and after Monday next the Subscription Meetings will be held at the Office of the Society, New Town Hall, Consett (entrance from Front Street). 596j

SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

GRAND EVENING

CONCERT

under the Auspices of the above Club, in the TEMPERANCE HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE, on Thursday, Nov. 17th, 1892.

ARTISTES:—
MADAM MARIE BELLAS (MEDALLIST), Contralto, Newcastle.
MR. J. SLOANE, Tenor, Blackhill.
MR. L. WINSTONE, Humorist, South Shields.
MISS ADA E. DAVIS, Soprano, Edinburgh.
MR J. DUNCANSON, Bass, Durham Cathedral.
MR RICHIE THOM, Humorist, from the Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Special London Concerts.

Accompanist, MR WINSTONE, Organist, Tynemouth Church.

JOHN BOOTH, Esq., Summerdale, will Preside

Admission,—Reserved Seats (Numbered), 2s; Second Seats, 1s; Gallery, 6d each.

Plan of Hall can be seen, and Seats booked at Mr LAX'S, Shotley Bridge. Tickets also at Messrs Sloane, Post Office, and W. Ramsay, Blackhill, and from the Members of the Club.

Doors Open at 7; Concert to commence at 7·45.

THE PROGRESS OF CONSETT.

A SKETCH.

BY GEORGE NEASHAM,

Assistant-Librarian at the University of Durham

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Public Notices.

UNITARIAN SERVICES.

TWO SERVICES will be held in the Smaller Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, on Sunday, November 6th, 1892, to be Conducted by Mr A. ROWE, of Newcastle, in the Afternoon at Two, and in the Evening at Six o'clock. 670j

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THE MOSSWOOD CALAMITY.

Silver Tongue, Nov. 1st, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—We beg leave, through the medium of your paper, to thank you and the Committee who have worked so well, and the Public generally, for the kind manner in which they helped us, and for the practical sympathy they have showed us in our unfortunate trouble.—We are, yours truly,

ISABELLA SNOWDON
653j WILLIAM SNOWDON.
To Mr Robert Jackson, Proprietor.

NOTICE TO CONCERT PROMOTERS.

ROBERT RAMSEY, of New Delaval, Northumberland, is prepared to SING singly, or to GET UP CONCERT COMPANIES where it may be desirable during the forthcoming Concert Season. For Dates and Terms address as below, where a communications will receive careful and prompt attention.

ROBERT RAMSEY,
No. 85, New Row,
586j New Delaval, Northumberland.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

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

Rev. F. STEGGALL, Vicar of Consett, in the Chair.

Rev. EDWARD F. PROUT, M.A., District Secretary, will attend as a Deputation from the Parent Society, and will deliver a LECTURE, Illustrated by Magic-Lantern Slides, on "A Trip from England to India on the Track of the Bible Society."

SYLLABUS OF LECTURE:

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

Several Ministers and Laymen are expected to take part in the proceedings.

A Collection will be made in aid of the Society's Funds.

BESSEMER HOUSE, BLACKHILL.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
November 4th, and for 28 Days, absolute
SALE OF ALL STOCK, AT & UNDER COST PRICE,
To effect a Clearance, and to meet the demands of of the Public in the great depression of trade.
Dress Goods of every description under cost.
Men's and Boys' Ready-mades at any price to clear. Caps, 2d. each.
And every other Article in the Trade will be Sold at Less than Cost Price during the Sale for Cash.
COME EARLY.
W. RICHARDSON. 663j

CONSETT POLYTECHNIC, TRADES' EXHIBITION, & PROMENADE CONCERTS.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. J. Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, November 7th, 1892.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers, 17 Fat Cattle, 230 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 5 Store Cattle; 7 Finger Calves; Colt Foal by "What's Wanted." Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE of STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Thursday, Nov. 10th, 1892. Present entries:—

20 Farrow Cows.
3 S H. Bull Stirks.
200 Steers and Heifers, 1 to 3 y.o.
500 Mule and Black-faced Ewes and Lambs.
Additional entries expected.
Ballot drawn Wednesday evening.
Special trains as on Mondays.
Sale at 10·30 a.m.

667j J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

The Middles, near Waskerley.—1½ Miles from Burn Hill Station, N.E.R.

MR JOSEPH VICKERS, instructed by Mr A. Batey, who is leaving the above farm, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 1892, the following STOCK, HAY, EATAGE, IMPLEMENTS, &c., viz:—Roan S.H. Dairy Cow, 4 y.o., March calver, H.B. Cow, March calver, Long Cart, Coup Cart, Hay Bogie, in good order, Grass Cutter, by Wood, Horse Hay Rake, 3 Swing Ploughs, D.M.B. Plough, Pair Iron Harrows, Seed Harrows, Grubber, Chain Harrows, 2 Rollers, Scuffler, Turnip Drill, Winnowing Machine, Long Ladder, 3 Short Ladders, Sheep Racks, Corn Troughs, Hay Knife, Hay Spade, Hedging Knives, Meal Chests, Cow Tubs, Sledger, Grindstone, Rakes, Forks, Gripes, Shovels, Cow Chains, a number of Hurdles, quantity of Old Iron, Cart and Plough Gears for two Horses, Trace Chains, with Quarter Straps, &c., a number of Barn-door Fowls, about 20 Tons Well-won Old Land HAY, in lots ready weighed to suit Purchasers. Also, the Eatage of about 200 Acres of Pasture and Allotment Land till April 6th, and 30 Acres of Fog till May 13th, 1893.

Sale to commence at One o'clock p.m.

Mart Office, Tow Law. 668

By Mr. W. T. Ryan.

New Town Hall, Consett.

MR. W. T. RYAN, F.A.I., will SELL BY AUCTION, as above, To-day (Friday) and To-morrow (Saturday), November 4th and 5th, 1892, a large quantity of READY-MADE CLOTHING, SHIRTS, SHIRTINGS, BLANKETS, SHEETS, QUILTS, DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, TABLE-CLOTHS, &c.

Sale each day at 2 and 6·30 p.m.

Sale Office, 24, Lynn Street, West Hartlepool.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr J W. Berry.

Monday, November 7th, 1892.

JOHN WM. BERRY is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, within the Park Road Sale Rooms, Consett, several Consignments of Valuable Mahogany and other Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Splendid Walnut Piano, Tallboy and other Chests of Drawers, Book-case, Bed Couch, Square Tables, Sewing Machines, Bedsteads, &c.

Sale at One o'clock.

N.B.—Don't forget the Sale of Fancy Goods on Saturday First, at Half-past Six o'clock. 674j

JOHN W. BERRY,
AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE COMMISSION AND EMIGRATION AGENT
PARK ROAD SALE ROOMS, CONSETT,
are Open daily for the reception of Goods on Sale on Commission.
Cash advanced on Goods sent in for absolute Sale.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1892.

11 Prime Fat Cattle.
130 Prime Fat Sheep and Lambs.
30 Grand Mule Keeping Lambs, mostly Ewes.
9 Grazing Cattle.
Pork and Store Pigs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
Harness, Cart, Poultry, Stackyard Ladders.
14 Grand Cock Chickens (Leghorns), and various other Lots.

Sale at One o'clock.

658j J. S. MURRAY.

Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside.

CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW and SALE will be held on Monday, Dec. 19th, 1892.

658j J. S. MURRAY.

Freehold Dwelling-House, Shares, &c., for Sale by Auction.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, having received instructions, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr WYLAM, Freemasons' Arms, Consett, on Tuesday, November 15th, 1892, all that Commodious DWELLING-HOUSE of 7 Rooms, together with large Cellar, Yard, and Conveniences, pleasantly situated in Sherburn Terrace, lately in the occupation of ADAM BRODIE, and immediate possession can be had.

Also, £600 APPROPRIATED SHARES in the Shotley Bridge and District 370th Starr-Bowkett Building Society, cash ready for immediate advance, to be repaid in 12½ years without interest.

150 SHARES in the Consett New Town Hall.
3 BUILDING SITES in George Street, Consett.
1 CORNER SITE in Aynsley Terrace, facing the Consett Park.

Conditions will be read prior to Sale, and further particulars may be obtained of the Auctioneer, or T. W. Welford, Esq., Solicitor, Consett.

Sale at 7 for 8 o'clock.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

Redwell, near Edmondbyers.—Farm Stock, Implements, Crops, &c.

MR JOHN S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr JAS. HUNTER, who is declining Farming, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 1892, the whole of his STOCK, PRODUCE, IMPLEMENTS, DAIRY UTENSILS, &c., comprising 20 Head Cattle, 3 Horses, 80 Sheep, 50 Head Poultry, 2 Stacks Hay, 4 Stacks Corn, not the straw, ½-Acre Potatoes, the whole of the Implements, Harness, Whitechapel and Harness, the whole of the Dairy Utensils, and part Household Furniture.

Detailed particulars in Bills and next week's issue.

Sale at 12 o'clock prompt.

Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
AUCTIONEER,
AGRICULTURAL VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,
Appointed by His Honour JUDGE MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888.
ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE

By Mr. John Crawford.

John Crawford's Sale-rooms, 6, 13, 23, and 25 Victoria Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will CLEAR OUT the BANKRUPT STOCK BY AUCTION, on Saturday Night, Nov. 5th, 1892.

Sale to commence at Seven o'clock. 627j

Monday, November 7th, 1892. — Victoria Sale Rooms, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mr FOSTER and Mr THOMPSON, to remove and SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above Rooms, their Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE. Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt, as the Lots are numerous, some of which have been on the hire system and seized under distress for rent.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold in the Fortnightly Sales or at any time. Persons wishing to emigrate can be booked to any part of the Globe. 628j

Notice to Innkeepers and Others,—Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed by Mrs LUMLEY, who is retiring from Business, and leaving the above Inn, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Golden Lion Inn, Leadgate, on Wednesday first, Nov. 9th, 1892, her Valuable Mahogany FURNITURE, &c., comprising splendid Toned Piano, Beautiful Walnut Suite, Mahogany Drawers, Bed-room Drawers, Washstands, Dressing Tables, Mahogany Chairs and Sofa to match, Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Feather Beds, together with the high-class FURNITURE from a Neighbour.

See Bills.

Sale to begin at One o'clock.

No. 2, Garden Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at an early date that Well-built FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE, large Attic and every Convenience, being No. 2, Garden Street, Consett.

Anyone having Property, Building Sites, or Shares can have it included in the Sale by applying to the Auctioneer. 629j

Valuable Freehold Business Property For Sale at Front Street, Catchgate.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from Mr R. PEARSON, will SELL BY AUCTION, on November 10th, 1892, at the house of Mr MILES HANDY, Catchgate, that Well-built SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE and SHOP, Yard, Water-closet, &c., situate in Front Street, Catchgate, at present occupied by Mr JOHN ANDERSON, Shoe-dealer. Also, the TWO-ROOMED COTTAGE, COACH-HOUSE, and BUILDING SITE, 66ft. by 24ft. at the rear, now occupied by Mr R. PEARSON.

Full particulars apply to the AUCTIONEER, Consett

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
MR. JOHN CRAWFORD, AUCTIONEER, VALUER, HOUSE and LAND AGENT, is prepared to execute all orders for AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE SALES on reasonable terms, prompt settlement. Appointed by his Honour Judge Meynell, to levy distress for Rent under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Furniture bought for Cash.
Sale Office: 25, Victoria Street, Consett 542

By Mr. W. Richardson.

Dans Castle, Tow Law.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at Mr WHEATLEY'S Cattle Mart Hotel, Tow Law, on Monday, 7th November, 1892, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon precisely (subject to such Conditions as will then be read).

MR. WM. RICHARDSON, AUCTIONEER.

All those 10 COPYHOLD COTTAGES and PREMISES known as "BUCKHAM'S COTTAGES," and situate on the south side of the West Auckland and Corbridge Road, Dans Castle, Tow Law. Each Cottage contains 2 Rooms, and there are Pantries, Yards, and Conveniences. The whole are leased to the Weardale Iron and Coal Company until 13th May, 1895, at a yearly rental of £35, and there is an additional 2s 6d per year paid by the adjoining owner for wayleave. The Premises will be offered in Lots, as follows:—

LOT 1.—The 4 Easternmost COTTAGES.

LOT 2.—The 4 Westernmost Front COTTAGES and the 2 COTTAGES behind them in the Yard.

The Lease Rent will be apportioned at £3 10s per Cottage.

Further particulars may be obtained of the AUCTIONEER, Tow Law (who will show the property); or of

JOSEPH MAWSON, Solicitor.
Exchequer Offices, Durham.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Lowes.

Dunn Cow Inn, Chester-le-Street.

JOHN LOWES, favoured with instructions from Mr THOS. PEARSON, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 1892, the following PONIES, COW, SHEEP, PIGS, TRAPS, HARNESS, &c.;—

Chestnut Pony (Mare), 4yrs. old, clever in all harness and fast (warranted).
Black Pony, 4 yrs. old.
Brown Pony, 4yrs old, 14·2 h.h.
Milch Cow, in good condition.
4 H.B. Lambs (fat).
5 Young Pigs 9 weeks old.
2 Traps, quite new.
2 Sets of Harness in Silver and Brass-mountings, together with a host of other useful lots.

Sale at One p.m.

Further particulars see Posters.

Sale Office, Stanley, R.S.O. 346j

By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Freehold Cottage Property For Sale at Hill Top, Dipton.

MR A. PHILLIPSON is respected with instructions to OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Mr R FREAK'S, Gray Horse Inn, Hill Top, Dipton, on Monday, November 14th, 1892, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, in one lot, all those THREE STONE-BUILT DWELLING-HOUSES, one House of Two Rooms, and Two Houses of one Room and Attic each, with conveniences, and large Piece of Garden Ground in Front, walled round, and measuring 30 yards by 10 yards, or thereabouts, situate at Hill Top, Dipton, and occupied by Messrs McCabe, Ruddie, and Kerns.

The Cottages are let to Messrs Joicey and Co., at the yearly rent of £12 15s, and the Property is kept in repair by them.

The Tenants will show the Houses, &c., and for further information apply to Messrs Ingledew, Daggett, and Fenwick, Solicitors, 3, Dean Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, or to the Auctioneer, Dipton.

SPECIAL EMIGRATION OFFICE, &c.
A. PHILLIPSON, Dipton, by Lintz Green Station. AUCTION SALES will be conducted in the best style, and upon most reasonable terms. LETTERS by Post will have prompt attention, and all Sorts of GOODS, FURNITURE &c., can be bought right out for Cash.

JOSEPH OLEY
THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER AND VALUER
10, WOOD STREET SHOTLEY BRIDGE

Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT

BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY

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

The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 7th Nov., and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place. LOANS received at 4 Per Cent. Interest. 80j

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LOCAL AGENTS:—
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WITTON GILBERT.—J. HODGSON, STATION HOTEL.
MEDOMSLEY.—R. M. RUTHERFORD, ROYAL OAK HOTEL.
DIPTON. — ROBERT ARMSTRONG, WINE MERCHANT.
STANLEY.—WM. CHARLTON, STANLEY HOTEL.
ANNFIELD PLAIN.—WM. TAYLOR, RAILWAY HOTEL.
BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, BURTON HOUSE.
TANFIELD.—JOHN IRWIN, PACK HORSE INN.
BLACKHALL MILL.—T. ARMSTRONG, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
SOUTH MOOR.—R. DIXON, THE OAK INN.
TOW LAW.—J. MOSES, POST OFFICE, HIGH STREET.
LEADGATE. — JOHN SNAITH, QUEEN'S HEAD HOTEL. 889h

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SEE THAT YOU GET TO THE RIGHT SHOP—No. 12.
OBSERVE PROJECTING ILLUMINATED CLOCK OVER WINDOW 739

WEATHER CHART FOR NOVEMBER.

Mr B. G. Jenkins, F.R.A.S., London, gives the following as the probable weather for November:—A wet and stormy month. The general tendency of the barometer is downward. Gales about the 5th, 12th, 20th, 24th, and 29th. Fogs about the 9th, 18th, and 26th.

TEMPERATURE. — A comparatively warm month. High temperature round the 3rd, 9th, 17th, and 26th. Cold periods round the 6th, 14th, and 23rd.

RAIN.—About three inches; chiefly about the 5th, 12th, 20th, 24th, and 29th.

PREVAILING WINDS. — S.W., and S.E. Southerly winds predominate.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1892.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

LIVING IN HOPE.

It has been beautifully said that hope springs eternal in the human breast, and believing in the dictum, I am looking forward to the time when the members of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club will honour me with a visit. If I cannot go to them, they may peradventure come to me, and as I have some grounds for believing that such an event will come to pass, I am, as the saying goes, living in hope. In recent years the energy of the members has left no nook unexplored from the

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source of the Derwent to its junction with the coaly Tyne; but as there is no limit to the radius of their explorations, there is a probability that the programme for the year of grace 1893 will include a visit to the historical locality in which their humble servant "hangs out." I have already a tacit promise to that effect, and in the event of it being fulfilled, my quondom friends will see inoffensive ducks disporting in the foss which nearly 2,000 years ago was dug by the strong hands of our ancient masters—the Romans. Should they have a taste for the supernatural, that also may be gratified by exploring a haunted mansion, in which ghosts and disembodied spirits romp at the witching hour of night. Nor is that all—but I scorn to boast. Should they come, they will meet with a Highland welcome, and my basket and my store will be at their service.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR J. ROYSTON BOOTH.—The above—which takes the form of an ILLUMINATED ADDRESS and PURSE OF GOLD—will be presented at a "Smoking Concert" to be held at the Constitutional Club, Mount Pleasant, Consett, on SATURDAY FIRST, Nov. 5th, at 7·30 p.m. All Subscribers are cordially invited to attend.

THE PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION OF LONDON, LIMITED.—Result of drawing held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on Wednesday night—No. 189,093.

UNITARIANISM.—On Sunday, Mr C. Thrift, of Gateshead, conducted the services in the Small Hall of the New Town Hall, Consett, to fair congregations. In the afternoon, at two o'clock, Mr Thrift discoursed upon "God is love," and in the evening, at six o'clock, upon "The mission of Jesus," in both discourses showing the simple, plain, and rational teachings of Unitarianism.

We are pleased to learn from a notice above that the Unionists of the district are going to present a testimonial to-morrow (Saturday) night, to Mr J. Royston Booth, in recognition of his valuable services to the Unionist cause in North-West Durham.

P.C. Stokoe, of the Consett Iron Works, retired on Tuesday, after 32 years' active service, on a pension. He was a workman under the Consett Iron Co. before he joined the Durham County Constabulary.

WESLEYAN DAY SCHOOLS.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached in the Consett Wesleyan Church, by the Rev F. R. Watson, of Headingly College. The congregations were large on each occasion, and the collections taken were in aid of the funds of the day schools.

WESLEYAN SOCIETY.—The ladies of this society held their usual sewing meeting on Monday afternoon. The tea and supper was provided by Mrs J. H. Taylor, of Sherburn Terrace, Consett, and were well patronised. A programme of music was rendered by several local artistes, and the proceedings were a succes.

WESLEYAN BAND OF HOPE. — On Thursday se'nnight, the members of the Consett Wesleyan Band of Hope opened their series of meetings by a magic-lantern entertainment entitled "A trip to Paris," in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was a fair company present. The descriptive guide was Mr Lane, of Leadgate. The proceeds were in aid of the "Banner of Hope" Fund.

THEATRE ROYAL.—"Power of Conscience," one of the most realistic and sensational comedy-dramas that has ever been here, is the attraction offered this week, and is proving a thorough success, most enthusiastic audiences having been present every night. The company producing it are under the management of Miss Doris Hamer, and are all well-known artistes. Mr Philip Sefton plays the part of "Gilbert Crossley" in a manly and vigorous style, and Mr W. H. Sharp is an admirable "Thomas Smith." As "Dr Arthur Haveril" Mr Sam Hamer plays very well, whilst Mr Edward Surrey as "Chief of the Police," and Mr George Morley as "Jay Swinbourne," do full justice to their parts. Miss Emily Snowdon as "Laura Barton" displays ability of a very high order, and was accorded her share of well-deserved praise. Miss Doris Hamer is a charming "Helen Larrel," and Miss Harrie Brookes is a lively "Maude Mayden," whilst as "Mary Smith" Miss Katie Carlton is also very good. Messrs R. P. Rutter as "Timothy Timpkins," and M. C. Winderman as "Fred Neill," are responsible for the comedy element. They both work hard and are very successful, especially the first-named gentleman who, by the way, is the author of the piece, and as the representative of the patentees of the "celebrated patent self-acting automatic door closer," keeps the audience in roars of laughter, in the third act he sings a "Song of songs" which is *encored* nightly. The absorbing interest of the piece reaches a climax in the fourth act, when in the last scene a splendid moonlight view of the Manchester Ship Canal is presented, and a cutting of real water is placed before the view of the audience and the heroine is pushed from the embankment into the canal, from which she is ultimately saved by the hero who dives into the water and rescues her amidst the enthusiasm of the audience which finds vent in most vociferous applause. It is really one of the best companies ever seen upon a local stage, and is well deserving a visit.

BLACKHILL.

HIGHGATE BAPTIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL BAND OF HOPE.—The usual meeting in connection with the above was held in the school-room on Wednesday night, when a good programme was gone through. Mr W. Grainger, Consett, occupied the chair.

WESLEYAN FOREIGN MISSIONS.—On Sunday, special sermons were preached in Blackhill Wesleyan Chapel, by Rev. J. Crawshaw, Annfield Plain.—On Monday evening, the annual anniversary meetings were held at Edmondbyers and Medomsley, Rev J. H. Taylor, Consett, speaking at the former, and Revs J. V. Sutton, Shotley Bridge, and J. Crawshaw, at the latter.

Rev Arthur Mursell, who preaches and lectures at Blackhill, on Friday next, is one of the most eloquent and popular ministers of the Baptist body. He is the son of the founder of the Liberation Society, and was born at Leicester on November 14th, 1831. After graduating at Marishal College, Aberdeen, he studied for two years at Bristol Baptist College, becoming in 1856 minister of the Grosvenor Street Chapel in Manchester. In the following year, Mr Mursell commenced in the Free Trade Hall, at Manchester, a series of Sunday afternoon lectures to the Lancashire people, which soon became amazingly popular. For seven years the immense Free Trade Hall was packed with audiences of not less than 7,000 persons, who came, not merely from Manchester, but from the numerous adjacent towns and villages. These addresses were immediately reported by the press, and circulated far and wide. When, at the height of his Manchester popularity, Mr Mursell accepted an invitation to become pastor of a new Baptist Chapel in Stockwell. In 1878, he left Stockwell to undertake a long-delayed lecturing tour in America and Canada, and, on his return the next year, settled down as pastor of the Canon Street Church, in Birmingham, one of the oldest Baptist Chapels in England. Referring to Mr Mursell and his work, one of our religious contemporaries said a few years ago:—"As one best antidote for the slang of converted thieves and happy Jack fiddlers we recommend Mr Mursell's lectures."

STANHOPE.

LOCAL BOARD.—The ordinary meeting of the Stanhope Local Board was held on Monday evening, Mr J. W. Roddam presiding. It was decided to repair the wood foot-bridge over the Wear at Unthank Mill, in conjunction with the Highway Board. A beam, 15 ins. by 14 ins. is to be got, of the best material, and to be put on the south end of the bridge. The surveyor is to invite tenders for the work. It was decided to levy a rate of 1s. in the pound to meet emergencies. The surveyer's report was read. A 12 inch sewer pipe from the Church Lane has been connected with Butts drain.—Estimates of proposed street improvements are to be got up, and submitted to the Ways and Works Committee.—The Co-operative Store plans were passed subject to some slight improvements and alterations.—The month's pay-bill was £35 5s. 4½d.

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WEARDALE.

A public meeting was held at Wearhead on Friday night, when it was decided to apply to the County Council to have cookery classes. A local committee was appointed with Mr Joseph Hewitson, chairman, and Mr J. F. Carr secretary.

TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE. — The Weardale branch of the National Union of Elementary Teachers held a meeting in the Board School, St. John's Chapel, on Saturday, Mr Jos. Coulthard, of Wearhead Board School, occupying the chair.—An address on "Superannuation of teachers" was delivered by Mr Charles Bowden, of Gateshead, the acting president of the Teacher's Union. Mr Bowden said that the only countries of Europe which made no provision for the elementary teacher in his old age were, in addition to England, Norway and Spain. The scheme of superannuation which had been framed by the executive of the National Union provided for the teachers, themselves contributing, and for a certain sum being added to their contributions by the State. It was framed in the interest not of the well-to-do teachers of large schools, who in many cases would suffer considerably through the action of the scheme, but in the interest of that class of teachers which was ill-paid.—After the address, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That this association wishes to place on record its cordial appreciation of the labours of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on teachers' superannuation. It is, however, of opinion that a subsidy of £1 a year for every year of service should be paid to all teachers on reaching the pension age, in addition to the amount purchased by their own contributions."

LOW WESTWOOD.

On Friday night, Mr G W. Foote, editor of the *Freethinker*, gave an excellent lecture in the Co-operative Hall, Low Westwood, on the subject, "Is the Bible a true guide." The place was about filled.

We beg to acknowledge, for Mr Cooke, the receipt of 10s from F. Priestman, Esq., and 17s 6d from some Catchgate friends, per Rev A. Bromley (second donation), towards the relief of Mrs Sparks' family.

HAMSTERLEY COLLIERY.

THE CHARGE OF INDECENT ASSAULT.—With reference to this case, from Hamsterley Colliery, we regret that we inadvertently reported the defendant as being cashier at Hamsterley Colliery. He is not in any way connected with the colliery, but is employed at a neighbouring pit, and we are extremely sorry if this accidental error has caused any annoyance to the officials at Hamsterley Colliery.

TOW LAW.

Joseph Allison, miner, Tow Law, at a meeting of the Blackhill, Consett and district Model Building Society, was declared entitled to an appropriation of £100, repayable without interest.

SWALWELL.

BAND OF HOPE.—The usual band of hope meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Swalwell, on Monday evening. The Rev W. Dryburgh, B.D., occupied the chair, and gave an address on "Temperance," between the first and second part of the programme, which was furnished by the Primitive Methodist choir, from Blaydon, under the leadership of Mr Waggot. The programme consisted of 1 recitation, 3 solos, 2 duets, and 7 anthems and choruses. The choir numbered about 40 voices, and the various pieces were attacked with a precision and confidence which can only come from thorough preparation, and rendered with that taste and expression which flow from comprehension of the theme, and sympathy with it. Mr Pickering ably played the accompaniments. The meeting was large and appreciative, a hearty and well-deserved vote of thanks was awarded to all concerned, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

MARLEY HILL.

SCHOOL TREAT.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr and Mrs Dewhurst, with their usual generosity, gave their annual tea to the children attending the Marley Hill Colliery School. This kindness on the part of a teacher is very rarely to be found. Upwards of 220 children and friends partook of the good things provided. After tea, there was an entertainment given entirely by the children, who must have had an unlimited amount of pains bestowed upon them both by Mr Dewhurst and Miss E. B. Thirlaway, who have deservedly won the love and regard not only of the children, but also their parents. The first part of the programme consisted of a miscellaneous collection of various kinds of drill, songs, &c. The second part consisted of a cantata in character, entitled "Little folks at play"; and the third part was a nigger performance. All the youngsters acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner. The Thursday evening entertainment was provided for the parents only, and on Friday evening it was repeated, when a charge for admission was made, and a sum of £8 14s was taken at the door, which will be devoted towards the maintenance of the school. The room was crowded on both nights. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded at the close of each night's entertainment to Mr and Mrs Dewhurst and Miss E. B. Thirlaway. Rev S. J. Wingate (vicar) presided on Thursday night, and Mr J. Gilchrist on Friday night.

ESH COLLIERY.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday se'nnight, Rev. G. T. Southron, Crook, delivered his popular lecture entitled "Sammy Hicks, or the village blacksmith." On Sunday, Mr Southron preached sermons in the afternoon and evening in his usual impressive manner. The congregations were exceedingly large, many being unable to gain admittance. Mr Taylor officiated at the harmonium, and collections were taken in aid of Circuit Fund.

CORONER'S INQUEST. — On Wednesday, an enquiry was instituted by Coroner Graham, at the house of Mr George French, Hobson Hotel, Waterhouses, touching the death of a little girl, named Deborah O'Neil, aged ten years, who died suddenly, and under rather suspicious circumstances. After hearing the evidence of the father of the deceased, Dr Hare, Waterhouses, and Dr Kirtland, who had made a *post-mortem* examination of deceased, the jury returned a verdict of death from scarlet fever, in accordance with the evidence of the medical practitioners.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

REVIVAL SERVICES.—On Saturday evening, a meeting of varieties was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Allendale Cottages. Mr J. Crawford occupied the chair, and Mr G. S. Meek, editor of the *Lifeboat*, Glasgow (of whom a short sketch appeared in our columns a few months ago) delivered an address. The following ladies and gentlemen also took part in the meeting:—Miss Hocking, Miss Charlton, and Miss Armstrong (recitations); Miss Robson, and Mr Teasdale (solos). Selections were rendered by the choir and string band, under the leadership of Mr R. Bewley. Miss Holland presided at the harmonium. There was a fair company present, and a collection was taken in aid of the mission fund.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached, in the afternoon by Mr Meek, and in the evening by Mrs Meek, and Mrs Mackey (Benfieldside).—On Monday, a series of week-night services were commenced, and will be continued for a fortnight.—On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Meek and Mrs Mackey conducted a ladies' meeting in the school-room.

WATERHOUSES.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Monday night, a very successful entertainment was given in St. Mary's Hall, New House, towards the reduction of the Mission. Despite the many other attractions in the neighbourhood the hall was crowded to excess by a very appreciative audience. The proceedings commenced with a concert by the New House Choir, who, with their accompanist, Mr Harrison, gave a choice programme. The trial scence, "Bardell v Pickwick," was then enacted by the Leadgate Pickwickians, who kindly offered their services, and the rendering of the above was often and vigorously applauded.

WEST PELTON.

THE "BACHELORIES."—There was a very large company at this assembly, at West Stanley, on Tuesday night. The Victoria Orchestral Band, under the leadership of Mr Sam Winn, played in a magnificent style. Miss Appleton, assisted by Messrs Lumsden and Jackson, superintended the refreshment room. The officiating M.C's. were Messrs J. Coyle, R. Dorling, J. Robson, and P. McDonald. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN.

SUPPER.—On Saturday evening, the members of the "Jubilee" yearly fund held their annual supper at Mr Taylor's Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain. After the cloths had been removed Mr J. Champney took the chair. The secretary's report showed there had been £3 paid for deaths, and £16 for sick relief. After the enrolment of members had been taken it showed an increase of five. Songs, &c., were rendered by Messrs Champney, Mitchell, Henwood, and Taylor.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday night, a concert and fruit banquet was held in the above chapel, at Victoria Garesfield, in connection with the "Lily of the Valley" Band of Hope. The concert was given by Mr A. Kirkup and party from Blackhill. Mr J. McWilliams presided. Fruit was dispersed at intervals during the concert. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

CASTLESIDE.

CHURCH PREFERMENT.—Rev James Wallis, who has been senior curate of the parish church of St. John, Seaham Harbour, for the past eighteen years, has been presented by the Bishop of Durham with the living of Castleside.—During his ministry at Seaham Harbour, the newly-appointed vicar has proved himself to be a zealous and efficient parish worker, and a gentleman who has gained the good wishes of all classes, whether Church of England members or Dissenters.

WEST STANLEY.

GOOD TEMPLARY.—In connection with the above the usual meeting was held on Sunday, in the Co-operative Hall, Mr Carr presiding. Mr J. G. Eltringham gave a suitable address. A large company was present.

LEADGATE.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The usual fortnightly meeting in connection with the above Band of Hope was held on Saturday night, at Leadgate, and was presided over by Mr N. Parker. Solos were sung by Miss Leatherd, Derwent Cottages; Mr G. Hedley, and a duet by Miss Marr and Miss Leatherd. Four Band of Hope girls gave a dialogue entitled, "The two giants," in an admirable manner, each girl speaking clearly and distinctly. A vigorous and practical address was delivered by Mr J. G. Cooke, Blackhill. Referring to the law of heredity in relation to the drink question, he, the speaker, said that he had inherited the taste and appetite for alcohol, yet for twenty-three years he had fought against it and been a total abstainer. The influence of home life was great, and he would like to see more temperance homes. Selections were rendered during the evening by the Band of Hope choir, and four pledges were taken at the close of the meeting. There was a good company present as usual.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday night, shortly before seven o'clock, Sergeants Tones and Minto were called into the residence of Christopher White, at Park Road, Consett, and found him lying upon the bed in an upstairs room with his throat cut. Life was then extinct, although the body was quite warm. Sergt. Tones discovered a razor covered with fresh blood upon the bed beside the deceased's right hand. The wound had pierced the windpipe, and is supposed to be self-inflicted, death ensuing almost instantaneously. Deceased was a roller at the Consett Iron and Steel Works, and was well-known in the town and district. He had been in a depressed state of mind for some weeks past, in consequence of family troubles. He was at work on Monday, and was last seen alive at six o'clock on Wednesday night. White, who is about 52 years of age, leaves a wife and family. The inquest will be held at noon today (Friday).

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

On Saturday night, no less than two meetings were held in the village, each for the purpose of furthering the interests and education of the rising youth. The first was held in the Co-operative Society's Reading Room, under the direction and supervision of the Educational Committee. Mr W. Clayton occupied the chair, and Mr Symington acted as clerk. There was a good number present. Several suggestions were made for improving the reading room, and a few new papers were added to the list. Our thanks are due to the Educational Committee for the interest manifested in the village youths. The reading room and library connected therewith are certainly a boon to all who avail themselves of their use. Such an institution would have been a blessing to many a village youth twenty or thirty years ago. The second meeting was held in the Board Schools, and was called by circular, issued by the Technical Education Scheme Local Committee. The chair was occupied by Coun. T. J. Muse, and he was supported by Messrs Leybourne, Duckworth, Pattinson, and J. Proud (secretary). The meeting was not so well patronised as might have been expected, yet it was lively, and at times a little excited, caused by the difference of opinion as to what subject would be the most interesting, and benefit the greatest number. The following are a few of the subjects named, viz., "Soils and their origin," "Plants and how they grow," "Grass land and its improvement," "Electricity," "Agriculture," &c. The last-named subject found the greatest number of supporters, and was consequently chosen for a course of twelve lectures. It has been stated by an authority that by another year we will be perfect in agriculture, that there will be no spoiled corn in future, we will know when to reap, and when to sow, when to plough, and when to mow.

Rev H. Farrar, M.A., of the Seaman's Mission, South Shields, occupied his father's pulpit, morning and evening, on Sunday Oct 23rd. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing this promising young divine. On Sunday morning last, the venerable old veteran of the cross occupied the pulpit himself, assisted by the Rev Mr Wilson (curate of Consett). In the evening, Mr Wilson preached. On Sunday first, it is understood that Mr Farrar will preach his farewell sermon, assisted by his youngest son, the Rev E. Farrar.

It has pleased the Lord Bishop of Durham to present the living of St. John's Church, Castleside, to the Rev James Wallis, who for eighteen years has been senior curate of the Parish Church of St. John's, Seaham Harbour, in preference to the choice of the parishoners, who, some few weeks ago, petitioned his Lordship in favour of the Rev C. J. Walker, late curate-in-charge. In this matter it appears the people have no choice. Recently two vacancies in the district have been filled contrary to the wish of the people, viz., Muggleswick and Castleside.

On Saturday night week, a sewing meeting supper was given by Mr M. Lee, in the Primitive Methodist school-room, which realised the sum of £2. On the Monday night following, an entertainment and supper was given in the Wesleyan school-room. The supper, which was given by Mrs A. Hall, realised the sum of £3 14s. On Monday night last, an entertainment and supper was given in the same place, the good things for supper being provided by Mrs J. Proud, and realised £3 7s 6d. The artistes at each entertainment were Misses Cash, Muse, Ripley, Raine, Young, Leybourne, and E. Raine, and Messrs Bell, Proud, Duckworth, Elliott, and Thompson. Councillor T. J. Muse presided.

Some little excitement was caused on Saturday morning. Mothers and daughters were early astir, as that which had been kept a secret so long was now made public property, that he who had struggled his best, against great odds, to win the heart and hand of one of England's fairest daughters, had succeeded, and was that morning about to crown his efforts by changing her name. As the closed carriage and pair dashed up the village many cheers and good wishes greeted the happy pair, and many conjectures were ventured as to who would be the next. Some are trying to solve the problem when and who by sleeping and dreaming, after placing a piece of bridescake under their pillows.

EDDA'S BIRTHRIGHT.

By Mrs. Harriett Lewis,

Author of "The Sundered Hearts," "The Bailiff's Scheme," "The Double Life," &c.

Chapter XLIX.

TWO WOMEN.

While Lord Clair had been so leisurely carrying out his villainous plans to their ultimate success, the Earl of Charlewick, haunted by a thousand fears, had been moving restlessly from place to place, without actual design other than seeking diversion from his own thoughts. He had visited Racket Hall, spending but one day there, but the loneliness of the moors oppressed him. He had hurried away, stopping at the nearest town of any size, and buying the furniture which he had sent on, and which Mrs. Diggs had subsequently arranged according to his previous directions. Then he had proceeded to London, thence to the south coast, where he dismissed the French yacht he had hired, and which he was not likely to again require, and then he returned again to London, stopping a day or two at the Alexandra Hotel.

During his stay in town he purchased wines and various other luxuries, sending them by express to "Mrs. Dee," Racket Hall; he also subscribed for two or three daily newspapers, ordering them sent to Moor End, the post-office nearest the Hall, causing them also to be addressed to Mrs. Dee—meaning Mrs. Diggs, whose name he shortened to its initial.

He was secretly fearful lest some suspicion might have become directed to him as the murderer of Dingo. He read the newspaper accounts of the inquest, and secretly trembled at the speculations concerning "Spanish Bob," but these speculations were all wide of the truth. A morbid desire grew upon him to see Mrs. Dingo and probe the extent of her husband's communications to her. Yet he dared not visit her, lest in doing so he should draw suspicion upon himself.

"I wish I was well out of the country," he thought. "I'd like to go to Spain a year or two. Dingo was only a low fellow, and his murder would be passed over as the result of a drunken quarrel with one of his own kind, were it not for these allusions to Spanish Bob, who is rich and honoured, but whose past life held a mystery to which this unfortunate Dingo held the key. Why, that sentence might almost fix the eyes of the police upon me! I did not suppose that Dingo's death would provoke more than a casual paragraph, and though, to be sure, it is not a 'sensation,' yet the papers seem to harp on it in a quiet way. Of course, my name has never even been thought of in connection with Dingo's death, but were I once suspected, what a chain of evidence could be wrought out against me! He accosted me as Spanish Bob in Piccadilly—Clair and that hotel clerk can testify to that. And I showed terror at sight of him. He came to see me that very day, at this hotel; Clair met him here, and these hotel servants saw him. I was out until late that night, and came home with a blood stain on my waistcoat. I carry a stiletto, and Peter Diggs is aware of the fact. I am half Spanish; I owned that the fellow had been my servant, and there is the mystery of my singular disappearance twenty years ago, and my absence during twenty years, when all my friends believed me murdered and dead. A bad case, but they could hardly convict me upon even the evidence I have summed up. They may prove that I had reason to kill him; they cannot prove that I killed him."

This reasoning satisfied him for the moment. But he said to himself, restlessly:

"An arrest—even suspicion directed against me—would bring upon me a lot of ghouls and vampires whom I knew on the other side of the earth. My secret would be threatened with discovery—no, I will get off to Spain immediately—as soon as I shall have married Hellene. Until my marriage with her, I will remain at Racket Hall, allowing people to believe that I am upon the Continent. I must hurry up my marriage. Clair must exercise his parental authority. I love the girl—I hate Ronald. It will be some compensation for my annoyances if I make her my wife and make him poor and miserable for life! By Jove! it would make me happy to know that he was miserable!"

There was nothing to detain him in London, and he made a hurried visit to his ancestral home of Charlewick-le-Grand. The mansion was in the care of an old woman and her husband, the former second gardener and his wife, who had left their own comfortable cottage at the earl's command to take charge of the great house. They were Germans and had come to Charlewick-le-Grand during the long absence of Lord Odo Charlton, and knowing nothing of his early life had no feeling against him, which fact accounted for their retention by the present earl.

Lord Charlewick passed through the village of Little Charlewick in the early evening and hastened on to his home. The grand old pile of buildings of grey stone, with their slender turrets and stately towers and lovely windows, shone in the pale starlight as if covered with a hoar frost. The great park, with its ancient trees, inclosed the house, gardens, and terraces like a guardian army.

The earl dismissed his cab at the lodge gates and let himself into the grounds, and walked slowly up the avenue, which was half a mile in length. The mansion seemed uninhabited. He passed around to the servants' quarters and knocked loudly upon the door of the servants' entrance. The German gardener opened the door, giving his master admittance. Charlewick stalked by him in silence, making his way to the kitchen.

The table was laid for supper. A savory rabbit-stew was on the fire. A jug of beer, with a thick froth upon it, stood on the table. The German woman, a broad-faced, honest-souled frau, greeted her master with a cry of surprise and a voluble welcome. The German man, a stolid, good-natured fellow, dusted a chair and offered it to the earl.

"If we had only known you were coming, my lord," said the woman, anxiously. "But I'll prepare your room directly, and light the library, and—"

"I'm in no hurry," said the earl. "Your kitchen is as clean as marble. I'll sit with you awhile. You can prepare my room after you get your supper. I shall go away in the morning. I am going over to Spain to visit my mother's people, and I ran down from London to see if all is right here. Does Graham look after affairs as he ought?"

"Yes, my lord," replied the gardener. "He comes here every day."

"That is well. He was faithful to my father, and I believe he will be faithful to me. You are to obey him implicitly during my absence. Is everything going on well here and at Little Charlewick?"

"Yes, my lord," said the gardener.

"Is there any news?" inquired the earl, cautiously. "Any gossip?"

"Why, there's always gossip in a village, my lord," said the housekeeper, hesitatingly. "They do talk about your lordship's strange absence and strange return, and they do gossip because Lord Ronald, who was always thought the heir, is turned out of his home as poor as any clerk. But gossip is only gossip, my lord," she added, repenting her frankness, "and the one who has most money and power has the most friends."

"I like them to gossip," said the earl, although he scowled as he said it. "I like the villagers to regret Ronald and to suffer on his account, the miserable wretches. Has anyone been here to see me since I left? Have there been tourists to look at the house, any curious beggars or tramps inquiring about me?" he added, trying to speak carelessly.

"Why, yes, my lord," said the housekeeper, wonderingly. "There are always such people about!"

"But who has been here?" cried the earl, commandingly. "Who, I ask. Describe them to me."

"Why, the other day, it must be near a week now, sir," said the housekeeper, quite bewildered at her employer's interest in such ordinary and trivial matters, "a lady called to see the house, my lord. Charlewick-le-Grand has always been shown to strangers, so I took her through the picture-gallery and the state-rooms. She asked me a great many questions, my lord, about your lordship. She had heard from the landlady of the inn, at Little Charlewick all about your lordship's disappearance twenty years ago, and your lordship's reappearance in the very hour the late earl died, and she would have me tell it all over to her, and describe your lordship, even to your very complexion, my lord."

"And how did she look?" asked the earl, hoarsely.

"She was tall and slender, my lord, and as beautiful as an empress," said the German woman, enthusiastically. "She was richly dressed. Her hair was like pale gold, and her eyes a dark grey. She had a woman-servant with her, and they came in a carriage from Crediton. I am sure they came up directly from London."

"It was Agnace Powys," the earl said to himself, in the depths of his wicked heart. "I expected it. She'll be a remorseless enemy, now that she's on my track. I have seen in the newspapers that her father has just died in Switzerland. Before she has time and opportunity to think of me again, I must be in Spain, with Hellene as my bride."

He was silent a few minutes, scowling darkly. Presently he resumed his questionings.

"Has anyone else been here who seems to take an interest in my affairs? Any man or woman, high or low?"

"No one, my lord," said the housekeeper. "Why, Katrina," said the gardener, "there was that tramp last night, who begged to stay all night, and who slept over the stable. My lord said 'man or woman, rich or poor. And the tramp was a woman, and poor enough as to looks, and she asked a great many questions about my lord."

"Ah!" said the earl. "What did she ask?"

"Why, about your long and mysterious absence, as they told her about at a farm near here, where she stopped to get a bit of supper—Talcot's farm it was, my lord, and Talcot is all for Lord Ronald. She asked when you went away and when you came, if you were the real earl and such nonsense. And she asked if you had a Spanish look—"

"Ah, she asked that, did she?" inquired the earl, breathing hard.

"Yes, my lord, Tom Dark, the under park-keeper, was in to spend the evening with us, and he answered all her questions prompt," said the gardener. "She asked if you had a devilish sort of temper, and if you had not been to Australia, or Tasmanny, or some such place. Tom Dark, he told her your lordship had been to South Ameriky. Then the woman laughed sort o' queer, and asked who was the next heir of the earldom, and plenty more such questions. I reckon she was touched in the head, but my wife here thought she had never been under an eral's roof before, and that might have made her ask such strange questions."

"How did she look?"

"She was a short, thick-set woman, with very broad shoulders and very long arms," said the housekeeper. "She had light eyes, and hair growing completely down to her eye-brows, with not an inch of forehead between. And, oh! she had a long seam down the side of her face. She was an ill-looking woman, my lord. I shouldn't like to meet her alone on a lonely road, in a dark night."

Lord Charlewick's dark face became livid in its hue.

He had known a woman answering the housekeeper's striking description during his twenty years absence from his home. She had been a lodging-house keeper in a far distant country. She had known Dingo there. Could it be that they had returned to England on the same vessel—this woman and Dingo—and that they had been married to each other since their arrival?

If so, and the earl was certain that this was the truth, then he had still a bloodhound on his track. The woman meant to avenge her husband's death. She knew that Spanish Bob and the Earl of Charlewick were one and the same person. Undoubtedly, her husband returned to her after his meeting with the Earl in Picadilly, and informed her of his discovery that the earl was no other than their old acquaintance, Spanish Bob. The woman had not revealed all her knowledge at the inquest. She meant to hunt down her husband's murderer to the death.

A cold sweat broke out on the earl's face. He knew now that not only his secret, but his very life was in peril. An ignominious death was lurking for him—but how should he avoid it.

He asked a few more questions, and then desired his room to be made ready for him. The German woman hastened to do his bidding. The room was soon prepared, and he went to it in a gloomy silence.

The room was well lighted with wax candles, but shadows lurked in the corners, and the air was chilly. The bed had been freshly made with finest linen and dainty satin coverlet. The earl undressed and crept into bed, drawing the satin curtains completely around his couch, but he could not shut out his affrighted thoughts.

"The evil that men do does not quickly die," he muttered, turning restlessly on his pillow. "The deeds of twenty years ago live still, and their punishment will never end. Why was I born with this devilish disposition? Why was I not like my saintly brother?" and he sneered. "No, the recklessness and wickedness that has ruled my life have had their own charms and delights, and if I were to live my life over, I'd be more cunning, perhaps, more hypocritical, more guarded, more sleek, but at heart I would be the same. I never could bear a tame, goody-goody soft of existence. But I'm in a tight place now, there's no denying that."

He raised his head on his hand, leaning heavily upon his elbow, listening intently. What if justice were already on his track!

"I would rather have all the police of England and France after me," he said to himself, "than those two women. I suppose a compromise with either would be impossible. Agnace, so proud, so wronged, will be remorseless. She will demand what I can never give. And as to Scarred Kittaline, she is a very devil in her revengefulness, and she has the patience and cunning of a North American Indian. Had I known that she was the wife of Dingo, and that he had seen her after our meeting in Piccadilly, I think I should not have dared to kill him."

With thoughts like these he passed the whole long night, not once closing his eyes in sleep.

He took breakfast the next morning with the gardener and his wife, and departed in his own carriage for Crediton, going through Little Charlewick.

He stopped at the village to inquire for any letters that might have arrived for him during his absence, and remarked that he was to leave for Spain that evening in a yacht he had hired.

Then he went up to London.

He went to a well-known costumer's on his arrival in town, and procured a long silver-grey beard and wig, a walking-stick, and a white powder with which to lighten up his complexion. He explained that these were required for a masquerade-party out of town, and departed with them.

It was easy to find a private place in which to don his disguise without remark, and, once disguised, he boldly proceeded to the railway-station and took the express train to Leeds.

"If Scarred Kittaline is looking for me now," he thought, "she'll not find me, that's certain. If she don't see me face to face, she won't be able to identify me, and I intend that she shall not see and shall not identify me. And as to Agnace, she's in Switzerland, probably, and will have to bring her father home and bury him. All this takes time, which I shall improve."

His journey to Leeds was made in safety. The next day he went to Hebden Bridge, arriving there about noon. He hired a carriage to convey him to Racket Hall, and set out upon the last stage of his journey, arriving at the Hall long after the hour Mrs. Diggs had appointed as his coming.

The old Spanish woman met him at the door, but did not recognise him under his disguise.

"If it deceives you, nurse, it is pretty complete," said the earl, with a laugh. "Is Lord Clair here?"

"Then it is you, my lord, after all? But why are you disguised? Lord Clair is here, and so is Miss Clair. They came yesterday toward evening in the worst storm I ever beheld," cried Mrs. Diggs. "Has anything gone wrong, my lord?"

"Nothing," replied the earl. "To the contrary, all has gone well. Come into the room here with me."

He passed into a room at his left hand, where many of Mr. Nizbit's effects were stored. Here he removed his wig and beard and rubbed the white powder off his face, standing before her dark and strange, with glittering black eyes and gleaming teeth—his olden self.

"Ronald is in London. I did not see him," he said. "He's hand-in-glove with Hartson, the lawyer, and I was told that Ronald had commenced the study of law. He may be Lord Chancellor of England yet, who knows? I knew that he would soon become alarmed about Miss Clair's safety, provided she was not heard from, and that he would try to trace my movements in order to find her. Hence my disguise. I have dismissed the cabman, who is gone back to Hebden Bridge. Do not let Lord Clair know that I came in disguise."

"No, my lord. You can trust me," said Mrs. Diggs.

"Does Miss Clair know that she is a prisoner?"

"Yes, my lord. I locked her into her room this morning. Lord Clair is anxious to see you. He finds the Hall lonely."

"I don't wonder. In what room is he?"

"The dining-room, my lord. It's the best room in the house, sir, and he's been sitting there more or less all day. Miss Clair is in the room you selected for her. Peter is here, and devoted to you, my lord."

"I saw John at Little Charlewick," said the earl. "He feels cut up at having been so taken in by Lord Ronald. Ronald sent him back from Paris to London on a trumped-up errand to get rid of him. John will be here in a day or two with reports of what goes on at home. And now for Clair."

He crossed the narrow hall and entered the dining-room. The corpulent baron, lounging in an easy-chair, welcomed him with a genuine delight. He sprang up to receive him with outstretched hands.

"Charlewick at last!' he exclaimed. "I expected to find you here waiting for us. We are here safe, you see. Hellene's in her upper room, and actually shows signs of yielding. We're breaking in her proud spirit at last. She'll be your wife three days hence."

Chapter L.

EDDA'S TROUBLES CULMINATE.

Edda was stunned by the terrible alternative proposed to her by Gascoyne Upham. She comprehended fully all his meaning. He loved her in his mean, selfish way; he was ambitious to succeed to the great Powys wealth, and he meant to stop at nothing until he should seize that glittering prize. And Edda thought of Miss Powys—not even now to herself could she call her mother—of her magnificent blonde beauty, of her stately pride, of her queenliness in society, and remembered that Upham had threatened to humble that proud spirit to the very dust.

Until now the girl had been very bitter in her heart against Miss Powys. Even in her tenderest thoughts of her at Storm Castle there had mingled a bitterness beyond expression. But now her very soul went forth in yearning to the gracious, proud lady, and she felt that she could die cheerfully to save Miss Powys one further pang of grief. She thought of Dugald, and said to herself that if he proved generous, and desired still to marry her when she should have told him all, she must be more generous and refuse to marry him. This foul plague-spot of disgrace must not infect that noble and honoured family. If he would not care for himself, she must care for him. And since her life must then be empty and desolate, why not devote it to the rescue of Miss Powys, her own proud, suffering mother?

But to marry Upham, from whom she recoiled in aversion, and now that she had seen the hideousness of his moral nature, ah, would not that be martyrdom?

Poor Edda, brave as a young lioness ready and willing to die for Miss Powys, yet shrank back in horror from the thought of a life with Gascoyne Upham.

"Oh, I cannot—I cannot!" she cried, shuddering. "I would rather die than perjure myself by promising to love and honour you."

"And you would rather Miss Powys would die also, I suppose—die of shame?" said Upham, coolly.

"Will you not have mercy? Have you neither heart nor conscience?"

"Not where you are concerned. You have stolen my heart, Edda, and as to conscience, why should it trouble me? 'All is fair in love and in war,'" said Upham, smiling disagreeably. "All this has come suddenly upon you. Take a little time to think the matter over. I will not even urge you for an answer to-day. Only let the matter be settled before Miss Powys returns, so that I may present you to her as my promised wife."

"I must have time to think," said Edda. "I will not answer you at present."

"Then you will take my proposal into consideration? Very good. I will not intrude upon you longer to-day, Miss Edda, but I will come to you to-morrow and every day until Miss Powys returns. Whatever I can do for you, I shall be glad to do."

"You will be good enough to stay away till I ask you to come," flashed Edda. "When I want to see you, I'll let you know."

Upham smiled again in his disagreeable fashion and arose to take his leave. He deemed it best to leave while the impression he had made upon Edda was in full force. He again proffered his services to the young girl, begging her to call upon him should she need advice or [illegible] away, well satisfied with the situation of affairs.

"She is sure to drop into my arms like a ripe peach," he muttered to himself as he hurried down to his cab. "I'm sure of her—sure of the great Powys wealth. Jove! luck is come to me at last!"

As a consequence of his visit, the lodging-house keeper hastened to consult Edda's "reference," the housekeeper of Mr. Powys' mansion in Cavendish Square. The worthy landlady thought Edda too young and beautiful and richly dressed to be wandering about the world alone and receiving visitors like Upham, and upon consultation with her acquaintance, the housekeeper, she discovered that the latter person was inclined strongly to her opinion.

"I don't know anything about Miss Brend, and I can't be responsible for her," said Miss Powys' housekeeper, importantly. "She came here from the country, and Miss Powys took her to be a companion, and petted her extravagantly on account of her beauty; but in my own mind I am certain that Miss Powys sent the girl away because Miss Brend was too fond of Mr. Upham's admiration. And already Miss Brend has got Mr. Upham to visiting her—the very day of her return to town, too. It's absolutely scandalous!"

"She's paid me for a week," said the lodging-house keeper, with a severe countenance, "but all the gold in London won't hire me to keep her longer. My house depends on its reputation for respectability, and I want no young ladies in it who receive young gentleman callers. Miss Brend must go when her week is up!"

The lodging-house keeper returned home strong in this resolve.

The next day Edda spent several hours in Hyde Park, returning home about six o'clock in the afternoon. She had scarcely entered her sitting room when the housemaid appeared with a request that Edda would exchange a sovereign for her mistress, as the baker's boy was waiting below.

"Certainly," replied Edda. "Fortunately, I can change it any way you may want. I have more silver than I like to carry."

She made the required change, the housemaid went out, and Edda entered her bedroom to freshen her toilet before her dinner.

She was in the midst of this occupation when Gascoyne Upham arrived to call upon her. The housemaid gave him admittance at the house door, notwithstanding that she had received an order from her mistress not to admit him on his next visit. A half-crown slipped into her hands by Upham caused a very convenient forgetfulness on her part, and he was permitted to slip upstairs to Edda's sitting room.

Edda did not hear his knock and he went in.

The room looked very dingy and dreary to him, used as he was to luxury. It utterly lacked homelikeness and cosiness, and Upham stood near the door and looked upon his surroundings with a positive disgust.

"It must be hard for her to remain here," he thought. "The halls retain the odours of all the fish and onions and meats cooked in this house in a year. Faugh! Wretched, little stuffy place! I wonder what Agnace would say to it? I wonder what mood my proud little beauty will be in to-day? I'm afraid if I don't exact a promise from her before Agnace returns, my cousin will brave all disgrace and own her daughter. She has the spirit to do it once she is roused, now that her father is dead. But how to make the girl dependent upon me and cling to me in Agnace's absence?"

The gleam of a silver portmonnaie on the table caught his glance. After giving the housemaid her small moneys, Edda had carelessly laid her pocket-book upon the table, and gone into the inner room.

Upham saw that it was well filled. The evil spirits, which are said to wait upon us all, watching for moments of weakness in which to tempt us to deeds of evil, tempted Upham then. If Edda found herself suddenly penniless, he thought, and friendless, with Miss Powys far away from her, she must turn to him as her only friend. Upon the instant he glided to the table, seized the portmonnaie, thrust it into his pocket, and retreated to a chair near the door.

"'All is fair in love and in war,'" he said to himself, repeating his favourite motto in excuse for his meanness. "I'll give it back to her with interest some day. We'll laugh at this robbery then together."

Yet, viewing his act with such lenity, it was strange that his face flushed and his eyes fell uneasily when Edda came out of the adjoining room, dressed neatly for her simple and solitary dinner. She started at sight of him.

"You here again?" was her unflattering greeting.

"Yes," he answered. "I had a telegram from Miss Powys, and I thought you might like to see it."

"I should indeed," said Edda, more graciously. "If you had sent it by a servant I should have been better pleased. My landlady has been very cool to me since you were here yesterday, and you must not come again on any pretext whatever."

"Here is the telegram. You can see for yourself what my cousin says. She starts for England to-day."

Edda read the telegram and returned it.

"I shall be very glad when she comes," she said. "I am very lonely here."

"Have you given my proposition consideration yet, Edda?" inquired Upham.

"I have come to no decision. I will not give you an answer at present," said Edda, wearily. "I must have time."

Upham's call was brief. In going down the stairs he met the lodging-house keeper, who seized upon the occasion to give him a severe lecture, and to forbid him to enter the house again.

"I shall come just as often as I choose," said Upham, with a quiet defiance that stung the woman like a blow. "Miss Brend has taken her rooms for a week, and she has a right to receive whom she pleases in them. I shall come every day, and you cannot help yourself."

"I cannot, eh!" cried the landlady, in a rage. "Miss Brend leaves my house when her week is up, you'll find, and you can tell her so."

Upham bowed and smiled and passed on.

The landlady paid another visit to the housekeeper in Cavendish-square that evening, and detailed in vehement terms the fancied shortcomings of her lodger. The housekeeper's horror was loudly expressed.

"I never did think much of Miss Brend," she remarked. "She's a saucy face of her own, and a saucy tongue, too, I'll be bound. One thing is certain, she won't see Miss Powys when she comes. My mistress shall not be again imposed upon by such an artful little piece. I shall do my duty to Miss Powys, in any case."

The days of waiting passed slowly to Edda. She discovered the loss of her portmonnaie speedily, and searched everywhere for it without avail. She remembered when she had last had it, and questioned the housemaid closely, but the innocence of the domestic was apparent.

"It must be that Mr. Upham took it, though I can hardly believe it," was Edda's final decision. "He wants to drive me into his arms. He'll find he can't drive me. It's fortunate Miss Powys is coming so soon. I shall have no need of money, and my loss cannot embarrass me."

Mr. Upham called regularly day after day, and as regularly managed to find his way to Edda's room at the dinner-hour, and consequently at a time when she could not lock her door against him. She did not accuse him of abstracting her money, and indeed said little to him. He brought her telegrams from Miss Powys to himself, flowers and fruits from Covent Garden for herself, and new books and court newspapers. The lodging-house keeper said that "it was a scandal," but when Edda asked her to be present during Upham's visit her virtuous scorn was beautiful to witness.

At the end of a week of this sort of life, Edda went to Cavendish-square to make inquiries for Miss Powys. She hoped and even expected to find Miss Powys herself at home. The housekeeper came to the door, in the absence of the hall-footman, and frowned majestically as she recognised the young visitor.

"Has Miss Powys returned yet?" asked Edda.

The housekeeper closed the doorway with her person, so that the girl should not enter.

"Yes, miss," she said, acidly. "She returned the night before last, and yesterday Mr. Powys's funeral took place at his country seat. Miss Powys was here this morning. She has left England again, and will be gone a year."

The latter clause of the sentence was intended to crush any designs Edda might have formed of waiting for Miss Powys's return.

"Is she gone to Scotland?" asked the girl.

Miss Powys had set out for Scotland that very morning, to seek her homeless child, of whose whereabouts she was in total ignorance, but whom she believed to be at Storm Castle. The housekeeper knew her mistress' destination, but not her errand; yet in her zeal for the benefit of Miss Powys, she made answer:

"No, she is gone to Germany, and she didn't leave her address. She's not well, and is gone for her health."

"Did she know that I have been here to see her? that I am waiting here in London for her return?" asked the girl, eagerly.

"Yes, miss," said the housekeeper, comforting her conscience with the reflection that her falsehoods were "well meant," and that it was her duty to protect her sorrowing mistress from all intrusive and designing persons. "But she said she could do nothing for you; she had lost confidence in you through your goings on with Mr. Upham, and you must earn your own living now, for that she washed her hands of you."

The housekeeper was startled at the quick flash of Edda's black eyes.

"Did she say that?" demanded the girl.

"Yes, miss. Them's her own words."

Edda turned abruptly and began to descend the steps. Half-way down she stopped and asked:

"Has any young gentleman been here to see me during the week? Have any letters come for me?"

"None whatever—no letters, no nothing."

Edda hurried away, her heart full of a wild, fierce anger.

"No mother—no lover!" she said. "I've lost everything. What is to become of me?"

She hastened back to her lodgings.

She was scarcely again in her own sitting-room when her landlady entered her presence, grim and hard of aspect.

"Your week is up this morning, miss," she said. "I can't keep you another week, not if you was to pay me a fortune. There'll be a cab at my door for you in one hour's time. If you're not ready to go then peaceable, you'll be put out by force of arms!"

Chapter LI.

APPROACHING THE END.

Punctually at the period she had indicated to Edda, the lodging-house keeper had a cab in waiting at the door. She then came up to Edda's room to hasten the girl's departure. She found Edda's trunks packed and strapped, and the young girl, flushed with exertion, in the act of putting on her hat.

"The cabman is waiting," the landlady announced, grimly. "Are your trunks all ready?"

Edda turned, her passionate eyes glowing in the midst of her pale face with a strange fire.

"You know that I have lost all my money," she said; "you know that I have nowhere to go, and yet you turn me out into the streets, not caring what becomes of me. Will you not give me shelter for one night longer?"

"Not a night—not an hour!" said the landlady, in a hard, cold voice, and with a hard face. "It's not noon yet. You've got the whole day before you."

"But where am I to go?" demanded Edda, pale and desperate.

"How should I know? Go to your friend, Mr. Upham. Go back where you came from. That's my advice."

"—But I have no money."

"No money, and that gold brooch you've got on worth five guineas if it's worth a penny! You're not so destitute as you pretend," sneered the landlady. "As to losing your money, I never did believe a word of that—never! I know too much of the world to be taken in so easily."

Edda hesitated, then she unclasped her brooch with trembling hands and laid it on the table.

"Will you let me stay one day longer for that?" she asked.

"No, not an hour."

"Will you give me two sovereigns for it?"

The lodging-house keeper reflected. The girl's story might be true; she might have lost her money, and in any case the brooch would be a bargain at the sum mentioned. She bought it with a greediness that showed how willing she was to take advantage of the necessities and misfortunes of others.

Edda dropped the two shining coins into her pocket.

"Now, young lady," said the woman, pinning the brooch upon her own dress, "just take my advice. Mr. Upham means you only harm. You've no friends in London. You are poor, and your good looks will be a snare to you. London is a hard place for one like you. It is overrun with young women trying to get work, and many of them skilled in trades, yet dying of starvation. Get out of London, unless you are worse even than I think you are. Go back to the place you came from. Better die there than live here."

"If all London people are as hard and pitiless as you, I agree with you," said Edda, sternly.

She took up her travelling-bag and shawl-straps and left her room, descending to the waiting cab. The cook and housemaid brought down Edda's trunks, and the cabman placed them on his box. Edda entered the vehicle.

"Where to, miss?" asked the cabman, as he closed the door.

"To some good lodging-house," replied Edda, wearily.

"I don't know of none suitable for you, miss," said the cabman.

"To some quiet hotel, then."

The cabman shook his head.

"Respectable hotels don't like ladies that travel without gentlemen," he suggested. "I don't think they'll like to take you in."

Edda turned sick at heart. Why, there was nowhere for her to go. Friendless, helpless, why should she try to struggle on in a world so bitter against her? She wanted to be alone, out of the sight of prying eyes, out of the sound of venomous tongues. Why not take her landlady's advice and go back to the place whence she had come? The winds of her native moors would be music to her. The loneliness and desolation of that level, heather-spread moor on which her life had been spent would be very sweet to her now. Racket Hall would be of course unoccupied, and Mr. Nizbit's furniture remained there still. All her bright young courage was beaten down like a tree in the storm. Why not go back to Racket Hall and wait there until her courage should revive, and she could decide upon her future course?

In her friendlessness, homelessness and desolateness, the thought seemed an inspiration.

"To the Great Northern railway terminus," she said, sinking back on her seat.

The cabman mounted his box and drove to the required destination.

The day express was gone, and there were hours to wait before the evening express should start. Edda paid her cabman, placed her baggage in the cloak room, and spent her hours of waiting in the ladies' waiting-room, her veil drawn over her face.

She journeyed northward by the evening express.

At about the very time she was steaming out of London on her return to Racket Hall, Mr. Gascoyne Upham, dressed in deep mourning, called at her lodgings in the Edgeware-road. In consequence of his attendance at the funeral of Mr. Powys, he had not called upon Edda upon the preceding day, and he entertained lively hopes that she would have missed him during his absence, and would accord him a pleasanter reception than usual.

It was the landlady herself who opened the door to him.

He essayed to pass her, but she placed herself in his way.

"Miss Brend is gone, Mr. Upham," she said, aggressively. "She went this morning."

"She is gone? Where?"

"To the place she came from, I suppose. She went to the Great Northern terminus," said the woman, "though I don't know as I ought to tell you."

Mr. Upham did not delay to question her. He glanced at his watch and sprang into the hansom, giving the order to proceed to the station mentioned.

He arrived too late. Edda was gone.

"I am cheated," he said to himself, sulkily, as he returned to Cavendish Square, thoroughly chagrined. "She had money to get away with. She has gone to Racket Hall. Nizbit gave me the exact address of his late residence, and I'll follow her by the morning train. Strange that Agnace should take such a fever to go off to Scotland the very day after her father's funeral. She ought to be worn out by travel and grief. No ordinary thing could take her off on such a journey, at such a time. It must be that Edda was sent to Storm Castle, that she was rendered homeless by Mrs. Vavasour's death, and that Agnace believes her to be still at the castle. That is it. Agnace is gone for her daughter. I must find the girl and force her to consent to marry me before Agnace discovers her."

To think was to do. The very next morning he also set out for Yorkshire and Racket Hall.

(To be continued.)

Trade Notes.

WEARDALE IRONSTONE MINES.

We hear that the Weardale Iron Company are going to start a few more men, who are to be placed at the ironstone mine. No doubt the wisdom of availing themselves to the fullest of cheap labour will be apparent by and-bye, when the making of the railway brings competitive demand for it.

DURHAM COUNTY MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

An ordinary council meeting of the Durham County Mechanics' Association was held at Durham, Mr J. Orr, of Annfield Plain, was in the chair. There was a good attendance of delegates.—The general secretary (Mr L. Trotter) read the balance-sheet for the quarter, which was unanimously adopted.—Amongst the many questions discussed and agreed to were the following:—"That we seek to have the basis wage for mechanics raised to 4s 6d per day." "That steps be taken to obtain a reduction of the working time to 48 hours per week." It was also decided to take action towards furthering the work of the National Federation of Colliery Mechanics in mining districts of the county. A resolution in favour of asking the owners for a 15 per cent advance was withdrawn.

The most wholesome and nutritious of confections is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate-makers by special appointment to the Queen.

Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer never fails to restore grey hair to its youthful colour. It acts directly upon the roots of the hair, invigorating them, cleanses the scalp, removing dandruff, rendering the hair soft, silky, and glossy, and disposing it to remain in any desired position. It has hosts of admirers, male and female, young and old. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers. 875

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WEARDALE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The ordinary meeting was held at Stanhope, on Friday, Dr Livingstone presiding. There were also present:—Rev P. C. Jones, Messrs W. Vickers, G. Curry, G. R. Wooler, W. Snowball, W. Love, P. Wherley, W. Teasdale, J. Roddam, G. Stephenson, J. Rutherford, W. Rippon, V. A. Rippon, J. Maddinson, and M. Reid.

THE WORKING OF THE POOR LAW ACTS.

A letter was read by the Clerk (Mr Thompson) from Mr Alfred Thomas, M.P., in respect to a Royal Commission to enquire into the present working of the Poor Laws, with a view to necessary legislation, seeing that little has been done in that respect since 1832 and 1833.

It was decided to let the letter lie on the table.

AN UNSUITABLE SITUATION.

A letter was also read from Mr G. Bainbridge, farmer, at Parson Byres Farm, Stanhope, proposing to re-engage Thomasina Robson, a girl from the Workhouse, as domestic servant at 2s per week. The girl was sent for and she said she did not like the place. Some of the Guardians thought it was a very unsuitable place for her and so refused the farmer's offer.

A PAUPER'S CLUB MONEY.

A sick benefit society wrote to say that an out-relief pauper had died and the sum of £10 was due to him from the society. They wrote to the effect that if no relations turned up to bury him the £10 was due to the Guardians, and they asked them to refund it to the funds of the society.

The Board returned them £5, and took the other to defray expenses.

THE COST OF REMOVING A LUNATIC.

A lively discussion took place in respect to the removal of Jacob Peart (the workhouse porter) from Stanhope to Sedgefield Asylum. He had become insane and the Guardians took exception to the exorbitant charge of £4 4s, the cost of his removal, and asked for the items, which were as under:—Justices' Clerk's fee, 10s, medical officer's fee, 21s, telegram, 1s, horse and trap hire, 30s, dinner for three persons, 9s, horse feeds, &c., 4s 6d, do. 4s 6d, ostler, refreshment, &c., 4s. The reason of Jacob Peart's insanity was also discussed.

Mr Vickers thought that the curtailing of his liberty by the Workhouse Master had something to do with it. Jacob for years had been allowed to go out very much and to do errands for people in the town and also to distribute newspapers and now when these privileges were cut off it had, in his opinion, seriously affected his mind.

Mr Thompson: The master said they were bound to have discipline in the workhouse and Jacob had of late come in several times the worse for liquor. He had remonstrated with him frequently but all to no purpose, he still took drink, people gave it him and also money for running them errands, which he also spent in drink. He thought his mental aberration was caused by indulging too much, besides Jacob showed symptoms of insanity once before.

Mr Vickers thought that if he had been allowed to go out as usual it would not have occurred.

Mr Roddam also concurred with Mr Vickers's views.

It transpired during the discussion that Jacob was a general favourite in Stanhope and there was a lot of sympathy for him in the place.

Mr Vickers spoke to the beneficial effects the "outing" had on Jacob's health, and acted as a relief to the monotony of the workhouse.

The Board, however, exonerated the Workhouse Master.

Mr Thompson: You clear me of blame.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr Thompson: Then it is understood I am clear of blame.

The Chairman: Quite so. Discipline must be maintained in the House.

Mr Vickers then asked if the Master and Matron could both leave the House together, and go for a long walk now and again.

Some of the Guardians considered that they could not draw a hard and fast line. They could not tie up the Master and Matron to be always in the House, especially if it was left in charge of a competent assistant-matron in their absence.

Rev. P. C. Jones: thought it very unfair of Mr Vickers to invite the Master and Matron to his house to tea, and then come here and report them for being out too much.

Mr Vickers: I beg your pardon, Mr Jones. I never invited them to my house to tea. They were walking past our place, and called to see the domestic servant I have from the Workhouse, and I then invited them to tea. I am surprised that a man in your position should come here and tell lies like that. (Sensation.)

The Board then resolved itself into the

RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The Inspector read his report.

ALLEGED IMPURE WATER.

A letter was also read from Mr G. Barkas, of Crawleyside, complaining of an impure water supply at that place. Rain water got into it, and made it muddy.

The Inspector said that since he sent in the letter, it had been put right.

From the Inspector's report it appears that the Commissioners and the Railway Co. could not agree in respect to land for a water tank at Crawleyside.

The Inspector was instructed to write to the Commissioners and ask them to find a water supply to Mr Ward's farm at Crawleyside.

THE FLOODS AT ROOKHOPE.

The Highway Board's Surveyor had written to say that they would see what could be done to the flooded houses at Rookhope, from the highway.

SCARLET FEVER.

A case of scarlet fever was reported at Park Head.

NEW DRAINS AT WOLSINGHAM.

New drains are being put in at Wolsingham Station, and other improvements are being carried out in the district.

HIGHWAY BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Friday, Mr C. J. Backhouse presiding. There were also present:—Messrs G. R. Wooler, J. Dalkin, W. Featherstone, W. Love, J. Maddinson, G. Curry, J. Dobson, and H. Pickering.

KNITSLEY FELL ROAD.

It was decided to postpone the repairing of the Knitsley Fell Road until next spring.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor reported that the work at Ireshope burn new bridge was well done this time.

NEW BRIDGE AT WOLSINGHAM.

Mr Curry suggested that the Board should ask to see the plans of the new bridge over the Wear at Wolsingham Station, to see if the approaches are to be better than those in Weardale, which are condemned by everybody.

It was decided that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor and ask him to send plans to the Board, as the highway joins the bridge at both ends. It was only fair that they should see them.

REPAIRS TO UNTHANK MILL BRIDGE.

The Board decided to stand half the cost of repairing the foot-bridge over the Wear at Unthank Mill, Stanhope, the Local Board to defray the other half.

DANGEROUS STONES.

A complaint was made as to the dangerous stones by the roadside at Hill End, which is to be looked into.

DEPOSITING RUBBISH.

The Surveyor was instructed to get 200 bills printed and posted, giving notice to the effect that no person would be allowed to deposit rubbish by the roadsides.

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

A letter was read from Edward Jackson, of Upper Weardale, asking compensation for waiting upon a man who had fallen over a bridge which had recently collapsed in Upper Weardale, and had been injured thereby. He asked for 10s per week for waiting on him.

The Board disallowed the claim, as they were not responsible for it.

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THE LATE GEO. G. TAYLOR-SMITH'S ESTATE.

IMPORTANT ACTION AFFECTING SHIPPING SHARES.

At the Durham Court of Chancery, on Wednesday week, Mr F. J. Greenwell, barrister (instructed by Messrs Wilson, Ornsby, and Cadle, Durham), appeared before the Registrar (Mr A. O. Smith) in summons for the determination of a question which had arisen between the executors of the late Mr Geo. G. Taylor-Smith, of Colpike Hall, who died in March, 1891. He said testator appointed his daughter and his brother, Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith, trustees of his will, to whom he devised all his estate upon certain trusts, with a discretionary power to postpone the realisation thereof. Part of the estate consisted of 614 shares in the Durham Steamship Co., of which Mr Thomas Taylor-Smith was chairman. They were of the nominal value of £12 10s each, of which £10 10s had been paid up. They had fallen considerably in value since testator's death, their present market price being about £5 per share. A difference in opinion had arisen between the trustees as to the conversion of the shares, Miss Taylor-Smith desiring to sell, whereas her co-trustee wished to retain them, and the former asked that the Court should decide between them. The shares being property of a wasting character, he submitted should be promptly realised.

Mr John Strachan, barrister (instructed by Messrs C. D. Forster and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for Mr Taylor-Smith (the defendant), said two years ago the Company paid a dividend of 25 per cent., and last year made a profit of 6 per cent., of which 4 per cent. went to the Reserve Fund, and the remainder as dividend. His client objected to a sale of the shares at this depressed time, and asked that they should be retained until the return of the tide of prosperity. He submitted on the strength of the case in re Northington (13 C.D. 654) the Court should not deprive his client of his discretionary power. It should be remembered that the shares were not invested in by the trustees, but were purchased by the testator himself.

The Registrar: That fact does not relieve a trustee of his obligation to convert.

After considerable discussion, the Registrar said a trustee was not bound by the opinion of his co-trustee as to the time of exercising a discretionary power vested in them, but if they differed on the point, the Court would control them both and say what should be done. Ordinarily a trustee was bound to realise his testator's estate, and place it in a state of security within a year from his death, and shipping shares being of a hazardous character should not be retained longer than was reasonably necessary to effect a provident sale of them. Since testator's death the shares had gradually fallen in value, and might suffer still further depreciation. He therefore thought they should be sold, but not without reserve.

Mr Greenwell asked that Mr Taylor-Smith, who had compelled them to come to the Court, should pay the costs of the proceedings.

The Registrar, however, said the costs of both trustees should be paid out of the trust estate.

NEW WESLEYAN SCHOOL-CHAPEL FOR BLAYDON.

The foundation-stone of this building was laid on Wednesday afternoon by Mr James Joicey, M.P., and other stones were laid by nine friends. The site acquired for the new erection is a very desirable one, surrounded on all four sides by streets, the principal front being on Shibdon Road. The buildings that are at present being proceeded with comprise a large hall, 61ft. by 35ft., with entrance through a porch from the Shibdon Road. It is covered by a handsome open timbered roof, ceiled at the collar level at 21ft. from the floor. At the north end is a raised platform or dais, with vestry opening off at the east side. There is also in this position a second entrance into a spacious lobby, with a staircase leading down to the basement. Owing to the great slope of the side street the basement is practically above the level of the exterior ground, enabling three large class-rooms to be obtained, again with direct access from the street at the lower level. There is also designed a range for tea and cooking, with lifts to serve the large hall on the floor above, and on this floor there is to be a cellar for the heating boiler, latrines, &c. The buildings are constructed of stone, the facing being in snecked rubble from Blaydon Bank Quarry, and the dressings clean chiselled, from Bearl Quarry. The woodwork is in pitch pine, varnished; the basement floors being laid with solid wood blocks. The roofs are to be covered with green Westmorland slating, and the glazing executed in lead quarries. The whole is to be warmed by the circulation of hot water in pipes on the low pressure system. The style adopted is geometrical Gothic, the windows being large to give ample light. Ventilation is receiving special attention, the gas being conveyed away in tubes to a louvred turret in the apex of the roof. Designs have been arranged for the erection, at a future time, of the chapel on the remaining portion of the site. The cost of the buildings now contracted for is about £1,900. The contractor for the whole of the works is Mr Humphrey Atkinson, of Blaydon, and the architect Mr W. Lister Newcombe, F.R.I.B.A., Newcastle.

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DEATH OF THE WEARDALE EVANGELIST.

Mr Joshua Dowson expired at his residence, Pryse House, St John's Chapel, Weardale, after a lingering illness, at the age of seventy-one, on Monday night. No dalesman of the present generation was wider known and respected than Mr Dowson, who in early life was a lead washer, and afterwards a leadminer. By dint of self-tuition he established a school at Ireshopeburn, which he taught himself, utilising the small apartment at Lane Hill in the evenings for prayer meetings and religious instruction soon after his conversion to Wesleyanism. He afterwards started business in a small way at St John's, and was also rural letter carrier when the present postal arrangement was in its infancy. The subsequent growth of his business enabled him to devote himself more fully to evangelistic work all over the kingdom. To great natural endowments of eloquence and fluency was united the bluff, rugged fervour of the dalesman, and he made numberless converts. Broad in his views, his efforts halted not at Wesleyanism, but he was active when and wherever it was possible to do good. His sympathy went out warmly towards his fellow-dalesmen, and he proved a worthy advocate in their cause in the crisises of 1872 and 1884, supplementing rhetoric at all times with financial aid from his substance, as was also evidenced during the late Durham strike. He took a leading part in the Wear Valley Railway extension movement, and was chairman of the local committee. In politics Mr Dawson was an ardent Liberal, and personal friend of the member for the division, Sir Joseph Pease, for whose family and ancestors he had a rigid regard, which overcame his personal scruples on the Home Rule question, and in order to avow his views vacated the posts of assistant-overseer and postmaster, now held by his son, Mr Tinniswood Dawson, also manager of Messrs Backhouses' bank. In addition to the latter, the deceased gentleman leaves an adopted son, Mr T. Dawson, Appleby, and four daughters. Mrs Dawson pre-deceased him.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BENFIELDSIDE.—A harvest festival service was held in St. Cuthbert's Church, Shotley Bridge, on Thursday week. Full choral evensong was sung at 7·30 p.m., and a sermon was preached by Rev Canon Bailey, Rector of Ryton, and Rural Dean of Jarrow. The preacher showed that it is our duty to return thanks even when the harvest may locally be deficient. He also ably combated some popular objections to Foreign Missions. The collection was for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, founded in 1701. The harvest anthem was well rendered, together with other portions of the service, by the choir, under the leadership of Mr T. T. Addison, choirmaster, and Mr Geo. Stephenson, organist. The church was very tastefully decorated. In addition to Rev G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., and Rev E. H. Greatorex, M.A. (the curate of the church), the following clergymen joined in the service:—Revs P. Cameron, Ebchester; J. Clare Hick, M.A., Whittonstall; T. J. Storey, M.A., St. Aidan's, Blackhill; and R. W. Wilson, B.A., Shotley. The services were continued on Sunday—Holy Eucharist 8 a.m., morning prayer 10 30 a.m., evensong 6 30 p.m.—when sermons were preached by Revs G. H. Ross-Lewin and E. H. Greatorex. The congregations were large at each service.

STANHOPE CHURCH—The annual harvest festival was held at Stanhope Church on Friday evening. The church was crowded, the preacher being Canon Body, who preached an eloquent sermon. The service was choral throughout. The Bishop of Richmond and Rev J. Eddowes assisted in the service, and Rev A. E. Burdekin presided at the organ. Miss Hildyard assisted with her violin during the musical part of the service.

CORNSAY COLLIERY.—At the Methodist New Connexion Chapel, Cornsay Colliery, on Sunday last, two services were conducted by Mr J. Oliver, Waskerley, and were attended by fair congregations. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated by the ladies connected with the society with plants, fruit, flowers, grain, and vegetables, kindly supplied by the neighbouring farmers and friends. In the afternoon, a service of song, entitled "Little Abe," or "The Bishop of Berrybrow," was rendered by the choir. Miss Eland, a Yorkshire lady, gave the connective readings in a most exquisite manner. Mr G. Turner acted as conductor, while Mr E. C. Newton presided at the organ. Collections were taken at the close of each service in aid of the church fund.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

MICKLEY.

On Saturday afternoon, a leek show was held at the Blue Bell Inn, Mickley. The judges were Mr G. Scott, of Blaydon, and Mr J. Errington, Riding Mill. Mr J. Steel acted as secretary. Principal prize-takers:—1, G. Scott; 2, T. Metcalf; 3, L. Collins; C. Bell, L. Campbell, J. Steel, T. Wilby, T. Scott, J. Angus, Joseph Angus, M. Proudlock, E. Ward, J. Middleton, W. Scott, J. Lowdon, R. Wilby, W. Briddick, G. English, E. Robson, W. Davison, H. Latham, W. Middleton, W. Bailey, E. Batey, R. Brown, C. Davison, W. Stobart, M. Latham, M. Turner, T. E. Batey, T. A. Steel, and J. Steel.

PRUDHOE.

The annual leek show in connection with the Fox and Hounds Inn, Prudhoe, was held on Saturday, when some fine specimens were exhibited. The awards of the judges (Mr G. Scott, of Blaydon, and Mr J. Wilson, of Stephen's Hill) gave every satisfaction, while the duties of secretary were discharged by Mr W. Charlton. The prize-takers were:—1, J. Wardle; 2, L. Collins; 3, T. Coulson; H. Dunn, L. Campbell, T. Robson, W. Hodgson, T. Rowell, T. Robson, G. Dixon, G. Moore, W. Batey, A. Pringle, W. Weirs, J. Dickinson, G. Robson, J. Robson, T. Armstrong, J. Roxborough, T. Dinning, J. Blackburn, J. Pringle, G. Rowell, J. Gills, J. Jackson, J. Franklin, L. Murray, E. Robson, R. Arthur, W. Telford, W. Charlton, and C. Robson.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Wednesday week, a celery and cabbage show was held at the house of Mr Wm. Taylor, Annfield Plain, and was the means of drawing together some of the finest exhibits in the district. The contest for first prize was a keen one, as a certain brewery firm had given a half-barrel of beer for first, the winner turning up in Mr John Ward, Raisinside, with three very large heads of celery and a red cabbage that was worth seeing. Edward Vipond was second, and J. Fawcett third. Mr Handcock, of Burnopfield, acted as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

MOUNTSETT.

On Saturday, a leek show was held at the house of Mr Thomas Watson, Plough Inn, Mountsett. There was a capital display of leeks. Mr Joseph Robinson, Dipton, officiated as judge, and his decision gave every satisfaction. The following is a list of the prize-takers:—1, B. Mason; 2, W. M. Handcock; 3, Luke Dodds; 4, G. Gray, 5, W. Cockburn; 6, Jos. Jennings; 7, G. Watson; 8, J. W. Anderson; 9, H. Wilkinson; 10, W. Fawcett; 11, Thos. Potts; 12, R. Dixon; 13, J. Harrison; 14, H. Middleton; 15, W. Burnop; 16, J. Lown; 17, John Brewis; 18, John Burnop; 19, Wm. Hall; 20, Wm. Lake; 21, John Hudson; 22, John Armstrong; 23, Wm. Harrison; 24, John Graham.

VEGETABLES.

Two heads of celery—1, G. Gray; 2. J. Lown; 3. H. Middleton; 4, W. Fawcett.

Three carrots—1, G. Gray; 2, Luke Dodds; 3, W. Cockburn.

EAST KYO.

The annual leek and vegetable show was held at the house of Mr Bullerwell, East Kyo, on Saturday. Some remarkable good leeks were exhibited considering the advanced state of the season. During the show many people paid a visit, and seemed well rewarded. Mr W. M. Handcock was judge. Results—

POT LEEKS.

1, J. Curry; 2, L. Dodds; 3, W. Cockburn; 4, J. Scott; 5, J. Scott; 6, J. Ward; 7, G. Pace; 8, J. Brewis; 9, J. Wilson; 10, J. Lawson; 11, G. Pace; 12, M. Coulson; 13, E. Vipond; 14, G. L. Bullerwell; 15, M. Bates; 16, J. Lumley; 17, T. Burton; 18, M. Coates; 19, Wm. Porter; 20, W. Taylor; 21, R. Johnson; 22, G. Bullerwell.

VEGETABLES.

Collection of vegetables, three varieties—1, W. Cockburn; 2, J. Curry; 3, L. Dodds; 4, J. Scott; 5, E. Vipond; 6, J. Lawson; 7, G. Pace; 8, M. Bates; 9, J. Wilson.

Red cabbage—1, W. Cockburn; 2, J. Scott; 3, G. Pace.

Two heads of celery—1, J. Scott; 2, G. Pace; 3, E. Vipond; 4, J. Wilson.

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Sporting Items.

FOOTRACE AT ESH.—A good company assembled at the running grounds attached to Mr C. Morin's Cross Keys, Esh, to witness the match between T Waugh, of Hill Top, and E. Forster, of Babylon, for £5 a-side, the former receiving two yards start in 100 yards. Waugh won by a yard. H Morin was pistol-firer, and Mr A Morin stakeholder and referee.

SPEN GUN CLUB.—On Monday night, a meeting was held in the Miners' Arms, Spen, for the purpose of enrolling members in the gun club which has been commenced at the above house. Mr J Robson presided, and Mr Stephen Morland, secretary, and Mr Roddam, treasurer, enrolled upwards of 40 members. It was decided to hold a handicap about Christmas, but the fixing of the date was left to a future meeting.

QUOIT HANDICAP AT BLACKHALL MILL.—The quoit handicap was continued on Saturday afternoon, in the ground attached to the house of Mr W. H. Stonehouse, the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill. There was again a numerous attendance. Scores:—James Nesbitt, West Wylam, 6 start, 3 2 2 0 3 2 1 1 4 2 2 2 2 3 3 0 1 3 0 0 1 6 2—45; P Regan, Friarside, 10, 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 2 1 0 2 0—20; Best, Spen, a bye, Westoe, Burnopfield, failing to appear. A match for £2 was afterwards played between Best, of Spen, and Nesbitt, of West Wylam, the latter conceding his opponent five points start. Scores:—Nesbitt, scratch, 3 2 2 2 2 0 0 1 0 2 2 2 4 2 1 0 0 2 2 1 1—31; Best, 5, 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0—13. Mr M. Scott, of Westwood, acted as referee.—On Saturday night, at the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, £5 a-side was posted to bind a quoit match between J Nesbitt, of West Wylam, and P Regan, of Friarside, the conditions being 10 yards on the sward, 41 points game, for £20 a-side. The game will come off in the Ship Inn ground six weeks hence.

RABBIT SWEEP AT DIPTON.—On Saturday afternoon, a rabbit coursing sweepstakes for small dogs, promoted by Mr E Ambler, of Dipton, who added £1 10s to an entrance fee of 3s 6d per lot, took place in a field near the house of Mr S Ledger, at Hill Top, Dipton, before a couple of hundred spectators. Details:—Smith's Rattlecap beat Brown's Pigeon, Rattlecap (2nd lot) beat Fenwick's Meggie, Burdon's Little Weasel beat Brown's Hokey-Pokey, Curry's Sally beat Little Weasel (2nd lot), Stephenson's Common beat Chambers's Small Nance, Pigeon (2nd lot) beat Bell's Jenny, Telford's Primrose beat Sally (2nd lot), Parker's Bonny Mat beat Curry's Wild Tommy, Robinson's Young Boy beat Rudd's Nip, Stephenson's Dolly beat Meggie (2nd lot), Nip (2nd lot) beat Hokey Pokey (2nd lot), Young Boy (2nd lot) beat Kitty, Ledger's Snowflight beat Jenny (2nd lot), Kitty (2nd lot) beat Charlton's Nance, Snowflight (2nd lot) beat Common (2nd lot). Second round—Snowflight a bye, Little Weasel beat Snowflight, Pigeon beat Sally, Young Boy beat Primrose, Dolly beat Young Boy. Third round—Pigeon beat Weasel, Young Boy beat Dolly. In the final Pigeon beat Young Boy and won. J Ambler was referee, W Smith pistolfirer, and E Ambler scorekeeper.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.—A pigeon shooting sweepstakes was commenced on Saturday, in a field near the house of Mr W. Taylor, Railway Inn, Annfield, when £4 was added to an entrance fee of 3s per lot, usual conditions, handicap from 18 to 23 yards. Out of 20 entries only 8 are standing. Scores:—Ala Gola, 19, 0; Nicholson, 18, 0; Taylor, 20, 1 0; Dobbinson, 19, 1 1 0; Bute Arms, 19, 1 1 0; Old Shownton, 18, 0; Ditto, 18, 1 1 1; Jack, 18, 1 0; J Turnbull, 19, 1 1 1; T Foster, 20, 1 0; J Wilkinson, 18, 1 1 1; Ditto, 18, 1 1 1; Lanchester, 18, 1 0; T Foster, 20, 1 1 1; Nicholson, 18, 1 1 1; J Turnbull, 19, 1 1 1; Peter Luck Up, 19, 0; Louisa, 19, 1 0; Langley Park, 18, 1 1 1; Pace, 18, 0. The handicap will be resumed. Speculation ruled at 2 and 3 to 1 on the gun.

RABBIT COURSING AT WEST KYO.—On Saturday and Monday afternoon, a couple of rabbit sweeps, which had been promoted by Mr G Burch, of Dipton, were decided in a field close to the house of Mr T Gatis, Earl Grey Inn, West Kyo, near Annfield Plain. Details:—Sweepstakes for 22 dogs.—First round—Stephenson's Kitty beat Burdon's Busy Bee, Robinson's Hi-tiddley-hi-ti beat Clayton's Common, Robinson's Rattlecap beat Burdon's Funny Cut, Nealey's Kyo Lass beat Brown's Pigeon, Funny Cut (2nd lot) beat Smith's Gone Amiss, Gone Amiss (2nd lot) beat Parkin's Puffer, Hi-tiddley-hi-ti (2nd lot) beat Parkins's Mischief, Kitty (2nd lot) beat Busy Bee (2nd lot), Kyo Lass (2nd lot) beat Reay's Brandy, Rattlecap (2nd lot) beat Brandy (2nd lot), Pigeon (2nd lot) beat Mischief (2nd lot). Second round—Kyo Lass beat Gone Amiss, Kitty beat Funny Cut, Kitty beat Kyo Lass, Hi-tiddley-hi-ti beat Pigeon, Hi-tiddley-hi-ti a bye. Third round—Hi-tiddley-hi-ti beat Kyo Lass, Kitty and Hi-tiddley-hi-ti having each two lots standing in, a division of the stakes was agreed upon. Referee G Burch, scorekeeper W Smith, and pistolfirer J Walker.—Another sweep for 10 small dogs followed with the subjoined results:—Nealey's Kyo Lass beat Merry Duchess, Ta-ta Polly beat Whiskey, Be Careful beat Brandy, Be Careful (2nd lot) beat Cunningham's Pack Man, Kyo Lass (2nd lot) beat Merry Duchess (2nd lot). Second round—Ta-ta Polly beat Be Careful, Kyo Lass beat Be Careful, Kyo Lass a bye. Final—Kyo Lass beat Ta-ta Polly. G Burch was referee, W Thompson pistol-firer, and G Walker book-keeper.

RABBIT COURSING AT BLACKHALL MILL.—On Saturday afternoon, Mr A. Soulsby promoted a rabbit coursing sweep for small dogs, the best of three courses, adding 30s to an entrance fee of 7s each. The event, which attracted 30 competitors, took place in a field near the house of Mr W. Cussons, the Mill Inn, Blackhill Mill, about 150 people being present. Details:—Forster's Cinder Ellen, 1; Westy's Catch, 2; Parkin's First Try, 3. The following acted as officials:—Henry Ashburn, judge; J. Soulsby, pistol-firer; and Edward Brownless, scorekeeper.

FOOT HANDICAP AT LEADGATE.

The trial heats of another £12 10s 120 yards foot handicap, which was promoted by the Leadgate Athletic Company, were run on Saturday afternoon in the Leadgate Grounds. There were over 100 entries for the event, but owing to the unfavourable weather during the morning a great number failed to come up to the scratch. The same reason, combined with other attractions, would also account for a moderate attendance of spectators. In consequence of a recent rainfall the cinder-path was rather soft. Details:—Heat 1—T. Emmett, Whickham, 22 yards, w.o. Heat 2—J Railton, Newburn, 22, 1; A Dodds, Quebec, 17½, 2; T Wake, Whickham, 21½, 3; W Jackson, Shotley Bridge, 21½, 0; R Johnston, Fence Houses, 21½, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 3—J Black, Leadgate, 22, 1; G Simpson, Cornsay Colliery, 23, 2; A Mason, Cullercoats, 17½, 0; J Welsh, Blaydon, 22, 0; E Embleton, Houghton, 21, 0. Won easily. Heat 4—T Elwick, Langley Park, 21½, w.o. Heat 5—M Allison, Winlaton Mill, 15½, 1; J W Robson, Pontop Colliery, 20, 2; A Allison, Hedley Hill, 20½, 0; J Wrangham, Hill Top, 17½, 0; T Moore, West Stanley, 19½, 0. Won easily. Heat 6—J Johnston, Blackhill, 21, 1; F Hall, Cutlers' Hall, 22, 2; J Turnbull, Newcastle, 20, 0; G Batey, Tow Law, 19, 0; A Cook, Seaham Harbour, 18½, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 7—G Leaman, Hamsteels, 21½, 1; W Dixon, West Wylam, 11, 2; W H Smith, Gateshead, 17½, 0; J Farrage, The Spen, 24, 0; A Morin, Esh, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 8—T Gardner, Whickham, 18½, w.o. Heat 9—J Walker, Annfield Plain, 21, w.o. Heat 10—W Smith, Gateshead, 18½, 1; J Purvis, Murton Colliery, 23, 2; G Denison, South Moor, 20½, 0; R Crosier, Gosforth, 20, 0; T Dixon, Gateshead, 13, 0. Heat 11—H Thomas, St. Anthony's, 14½, 1; G Collinson, Hamsteels, 21½, 2; P Campbell, Westwood, 20½, 0; T Webber, Jarrow, 17½, 0; T Mason, Gateshead, 20½, 0. Won by one yard. Heat 12—The runners in this heat were disqualified. Heat 13—Void. Heat 14—J H Dickinson, Winlaton, 17, 1; G Nicholson, Stanley, 23, 2; S Denton, Witton Gilbert, 22, 3; H Kiener (soldier), 15½, 0; J Oliver, Leadgate, 22½, 0. Won by about a foot. Heat 15—R Sutherland, Morpeth, 18, 1; H Elliott, Newcastle, 16, 2; T Hodgson, Consett, 17, 0; J Johnson, Stockton, 16, 0; J Masterman, Oakey's Cottages, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 16—R Craddock, Witton Gilbert, 21, 1; M McLaughlan, Newcastle, 19, 2; J Hopper, Greatham, 19½, 0; G Gibson, Ashington, 16½, 0; J Turnbull, Sunderland, 19½, 0. Won by half-a-yard. Heat 17—P McAvoy, Birtley, 15, w.o. Heat 18—J Stephenson, Elswick, 18½, 1; J Wallace, Burnhope, 18½, 2; T Madgin, Consett, 20, 4; R Railton, Byker, 18, 0; J Andrews, Gateshead, 21, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 19—T Davison, Jarrow, 22, w.o. Heat 20—J Green, Boldon, 17, 1; J Taylor, Newcastle, 21, 2; W Carr, Blaydon, 18, 3; J Ridley, Gateshead, 20, 4; J Rogerson, Ashington, 19, 0. Won by a yard. Heat 21—J Whitfield, Crook, 17, 1; M Kiddell, Friarside, 20½, 2; T Greenwell, Birtley, 19½, 3; E Cranford, Gateshead, 19, 0; G Rutherford, Byker, 20, 0. Won by about a yard. Mr Roger McCurley officiated as handicapper, Mr Jos Smith referee, and Mr P Small pistol-firer. The draw for final heats resulted as follows:—Heat 1—J Johnston, T Davison, J Railton, Emmett, and Smith. Heat 2—Green, Walker, Black, Craddock, and Thomas. Heat 3—Elwick, Sutherland, McAvoy, McAllison, and Leaman. Heat 4—Dickinson, Stephenson, Gardner, and Whitfield.

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NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

Through the courtesy of Dr Robinson I have before me the County Council summary of the annual reports of the medical officers of health for the year 1891, in pamphlet form. There are some interesting items in it. According to it the population of Stanhope in 1891 was 1,864; the birth-rate, 29·5; the death-rate, 16·6; the zymotic rate, nil; the infant mortality rate, 72. The death-rate of that year was increased by the influenza epidemic. The death-rate from phthisis was 1·6 per 1,000; from lung disease, 4·8 per 1,000. The infantile mortality was very low, and for the third year in succession, no deaths occurred from any infectious disease.

I find in it also the report of the Stanhope and Newlandside Division of the Weardale Union. The vital statistics are:—Population in 1891, 2,657; birth-rate, 30·4; death-rate, 18·8; zymotic rate, 0·3; infant mortality rate, 110. The decrease in the population since 1881 is 336, due chiefly to the decline of lead-mining. The death-rate from phthisis is 1·5 per 1,000; and from respiratory diseases, 5·6 per 1,000, which is very high, the result of influenza and the cold wet weather. Vaccination, only 0·86 per cent. of the cases during the past 10 years not accounted for.

The vital statistics for the Derwent district of the Weardale Union for 1891 are:—Population, 523; birth-rate, 19·12; death-rate, 5·73; zymotic rate and infant mortality rate, nil.

The vital statistics for the St John's Chapel district of the Weardale Union for 1891 are:—Population, 3,510; birth-rate, 20·8: death-rate, 16·5; zymotic rate, 1·1; infant mortality rate, 68. The population decreased by 450 during the last decade, and 202 houses were unoccupied in April, 1891. The death-rate from phthisis was very high, being 3·4 per 1,000; while the deaths from respiratory diseases was also high, being 4·5 per 1,000. These high rates result from the unhealthy nature of the occupation of the inhabitants in lead mines, and the inclement weather in the district.

The vital statistics of Wolsingham for 1891 are:—Population, 3,169; birth-rate, 26·4; death-rate, 15·7, which includes the deaths of five persons not belonging to the district; zymotic rate, 0·6; infant mortaliay rate, 111. The deaths from phthisis was equal to 1·2 per 1,000; while from respiratory diseases was 4·6 per 1,000, which is above the average, and due to the variable weather. In the Wolsingham special drainage district, the death-rate was 14·1, while in the rural district it was 18·1 per 1,000.

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In Dr Robinson's (medical officer) report, it appears there are almost twice as many deaths in Rookhope of males than females. The average Roo[illegible] from consumption for the last six years death-rate [illegible] 4·6; Eastgate, ·7; Stanhope equals in Rookhope, [illegible] 1·7; Stanhope Local outside Local Board district, [illegible] The decrease of Board district, 2; Frosterley, 1·2 [illegible] 1891 population in the last decade, from 1881 to [illegible] was 336, mostly in Rookhope [illegible] Stanhope, 99; Frosterley, 18; Rookhope, 219.

Mr T. Eustace Hill, M.B., B.Sc., F.I.C., County Council Medical Officer of Health, pays Dr Robinson, of Stanhope, a very high compliment in respect to his report. He speaks of it in his book as a model and excellent report. To it are appended the returns required by the Local Government Board, and a very interesting memorandum on the excess of phthisis in Weardale, its distribution and causes, which clearly show that phthisis is particularly prevalent in the lead-mining parts of the district, and occurs there chiefly among the male sex who are engaged in the mines. The variation of temperature to which lead-miners are exposed, and insanitary surroundings, are also mentioned as more or less direct causes of phthisis or consumption.

The lamented death of Joshua Dawson, the well-known Weardale evangelist, took place at his residence, Pry House, St. John's Chapel, on Monday evening, at the age of 71. Few men were more widely known or more highly respected. He was one of Weardale's most brilliant sons. His generosity was known far and wide. Commencing life as a washer lad he afterwards became a lead-miner, and rose step by step into a flourishing business. As a man of business he made his mark. As an evangelist he was exceeding popular and successful in his Master's cause in all parts of the country. He was a staunch Wesleyan, an ardent Liberal, and a social reformer. He was full of sympathy for suffering humanity, but his sympathy was practical, like one of old he went about doing good, both temporally and spiritually. He was one of nature's noblemen. In respect to his deeds of generosito, kindness, and love, nature herself might stand up and say to all the world, "He was a man."

Weardale at one time was famed for its wild boar hunts. The last occurred the other evening as a Rookhope gent was conveying a pig over the Alpine heights of Bewley Top, to Cuckleshire. In the darkness piggie got out of the sack and the conveyance as well, and made his escape. After it was missing and the party in whose charge it was arrived home, a search party was organised with lanterns, and some commercial travellers, who were crossing Bewley that night, thought that it was "Will o' the wisp," and "Jinney wid lantern." Will was after Jinny, and Jinny was after Will, each wid a lantern leet. After a long and fruitless search they gave up piggie as lost. Piggie, however, was not lost. With wonderful instinct he made for where it was warm. He found his way to the lead smelting-mill where he was taken care of until his owner turned up for it.

The Bishop of Richmond spoke at Stanhop Church, on Sunday evening, on Tennyson, th Poet Laureate.

Canon Body preached an eloquent and earnest sermon at Stanhope Church, on Sunday evening. The offertory was in aid of the Diocesan Nurse Society.

The report which appeared in last week's issue, in respect to some person cutting off a cow's tail, which belonged to a Stanhope farmer, is partly untrue. It is a fact that part of the tail is off, but its owner informs me it has been pulled off by being entangled in a thorn bush.

The Weardale Highway Board and the Stanhope Local Board join in repairing the wood foot-bridge over the Wear, at Unthank Mill. A new beam is to be placed at the south side of the bridge, and the stone pillar is to be repaired.

A complaint was made at the Highway Board meeting, on Friday, by Mr Pickering, respecting the large stones placed by the side of the turnpike road, between Hill End and Frosterley, to protect the channelling. They are highly dangerous to persons driving horses and carts or other vehicles, and might cause an accident. They ought to be removed. Some are on the footpath just above the Bridge End Chapel, and many an ugly fall has resulted therefrom in the dark. Should anyone be injured thereby it is thought the Board would be liable. The Clerk, Mr Thompson, has to look into the matter during the month before next meeting.

The Guardian meeting, on Friday, was somewhat lively, as will be seen in the report of it in another part of this paper.

GREENCROFT COTTAGES.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—Special services were commenced in this place of worship, Greencroft Cottages, on Sunday, conducted by Miss Holmes, of Carlisle.—On Saturday night, a public meeting was held, Mr T. Bowey, Annfield Plain, presiding.

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.—Before His Honour Judge Meynell.

Dryden & Co. v. Cairns.—T. D. Dryden and Co., grocers, Consett, sought to recover an old debt from John Cairns, a miner, formerly living at Medomsley, for goods sold and delivered.—Mr J. McCartan (Consett), appeared for plaintiffs, and called Joseph Hewitson, who said that he was formerly in the employment of Dryden & Co. He took the first order from Mrs Cairns in January, 1889, and made up subsequent orders in the shop. He had also received money from defendant's wife.—His Honour: How do you know she was Mrs Cairns?—Witness: Because defendant called her so himself. Cairns was in the house when witness delivered goods and received money from her.—Defendant was sworn, and said he formerly resided at Medomsley. He was not married and never had been married. In 1889, he lodged with a woman.—The Judge: As your wife?—Defendant: No. I lodged with her. She was a married woman (Mrs Robson), who contracted this debt, quite unknown to himself.—His Honour: Did you pay her anything for your lodgings?—Defendant: Yes. I gave her 25s a week for board and lodgings.—Mr McCartan: Was not the house in your name?—Defendant: Yes.—The Judge: How was it the house was in your name?—Defendant: Simply to prevent Mrs Robson paying rent. I found that I could get a colliery house for nothing therefore I had it entered in my name, and thus saved her paying the rent.—His Honour: Did you always pay for your board and lodgings?—Defendant: Yes.—Mr McCartan: What has become of her?—Defendant: She broke up the house, and went to her husband.—Mr McCartan: But she was not living with her husband when you had her at your house?—Defendant: No. How could she when her husband was away "soldiering."—His Honour: Was she not living with you as your wife?—(Laughter.)—Defendant: No sir.—Judgment was entered for defendant.

THE NEWCASTLE MEAT TRADE.

SOME QUEER REVELATIONS.

Crawford v. Charlton.—This was a suit in which John Crawford, butcher and auctioneer, of Consett, endeavoured to recover the sum of £11 15s from John Charlton, a joiner and cowkeeper, of Annfield Plain, for the value of a cow sold. On a similar claim, Charlton sued Crawford for £29 1s, for breach of warranty on the sale of a cow, and loss and damages suffered in keeping the same. Mr McCartan appeared for Crawford, and Mr J. G. Murray (Consett) represented Charlton.

Mr McCartan explained that there was no dispute as to the claim, but the parties were not agreed upon the facts in regard to the counter-claim.

Charlton said he was a joiner and likewise kept cows. He had had some dealings with Crawford. In 1891, he received a letter from plaintiff telling him that he had "got a very nice blue and white cow, which was milking well, and he would be willing to exchange with him, if he could make it convenient to come up." Accordingly Charlton went to Consett and saw the cow in the field. She had a cough which he did not like. Crawford, however, said that if she had a drink of linseed she would get all right again. Plaintiff also told him that she yielded between eight and nine quarts of milk per week. The bargain was that defendant was to exchange a heifer (valued at £10), and pay £3 to boot. Crawford sent him the cow down on the Saturday night, when she was milked and gave about a quart. On Sunday morning, she yielded three gills. The same night, however, the [illegible] and had to [illegible] cow's milk was "drubby" and watery, [illegible] be thrown into the midden. On Monday morning, the beast produced nothing but water, and eventually she ran dry. His wife got the servant girl to write to Crawford to come and take the cow away, but he declined to do so. At length, plaintiff's son offered to replace the cow with another one. Crawford himself called and persuaded defendant to keep the cow on till she got better. Matters went on until Crawford agreed to send some "chaps" out of Newcastle to buy the cow, and they would make penny pies and tinned meat of her. (Laughter.)

His Honour: What became of the cow?—Charlton: Oh, she is in the "pot." (Laughter.) I sold her about seven or eight months after I bought her. Some fellows came out of Newcastle and bought the cow, for the purpose of converting her into mince pies and tinned beef. (Laughter.) They paid 15s for the cow, and said she would make some nice penny pies—(laughter)—but they were afraid that they would have to be very careful, and scrape pretty near the bones to get anthing off her for tinned beef. (Laughter.)

His Honour: Who were those men that came from Newcastle?—Charlton: I don't know.

His Honour: How came they to know anything about the cow?—Charlton: Crawford sent them.

By Mr Murray: The cow was not taken away for about nine days afterwards.

His Honour: Why did not these men from Newcastle take her away at the time?—Charlton: Because they got drunk and left her.

His Honour: Did they get her?—Charlton: She turned worse.

The Judge: But did the men get the cow at last?—Charlton: No. Mr Crawford took her away himself. (Laughter.) My wife telegraphed for Crawford to come and take her away.

His Honour: Why did you telegraph to Crawford?—Charlton: My mistress did.

His Honour: Who paid you 15s for the cow?—Charlton: These chaps from Newcastle.

His Honour: Why did you not send for them?—Charlton: Because I did not know where they lived. The cow was then as thin as she could possibly be; and these fellows said they would have to scrape the bones to make pies and tinned meat of her. (Loud laughter.)

Mr Murray: Was she diseased?

The Judge: If she was only worth 15s to these men at Newcastle, she must have been in a very bad state.

In answer to further questions, defendant said he estimated his loss at 12s a week for hay, while the animal was kept indoors for something like six months, and also 3s a week during the two months she was out on grass. He claimed the balance for loss of milk.

By His Honour: He never made a request to Crawford to pay for the cow for the time he kept her. He went to see him on one occasion, but he only scowled at him and almost pounced upon him like a bulldog. (Laughter.)

His Honour: But you bought a cow from Crawford last April. Why did you not mention the matter then?—Charlton: Because I had put the case into the hands of my solicitor, and when legal proceedings were threatened Crawford wanted to come and settle the matter.

Replying to Mr McCartan, Charlton said he paid £2 down, and gave Crawford the other sovereign about a month afterwards. He never told Crawford that the cow was doing well. He had four cows, and on February last he instructed Crawford to sell his stock. The son had entered a description of the "blue and white cow as yielding seven or eight quarts per day" in his book, but he did not ask him to do so. The cow was not sold because the miners' strike was on.

By His Honour: The four cows were put up by auction. Two of them were sold, but there was no offer for the blue and white cow. In April, he purchased another cow from Crawford for £11 5s. He complained about the other cow long before June. It was a rotten animal—worse than rotten.

In re-examination by Mr Murray, Charlton repudiated the allegation that the description of the "blue and white cow" was written by Mr Crawford's son at his instigation. He gave the description respecting the other cows.

Isabella Crawford, wife of defendant, also gave evidence. She added that the men who came from Newcastle paid 15s for the hide, but it was in June that the cow died, and in response to a telegram a man named Longworth came from Consett and took the beast away. She was present at Nicholson's "pot," near Iveston, when the cow was opened, and its carcase was found to be rotten. The cow died on June 20th.

Sarah Mordue, who formerly acted as servant with Charlton, deposed to writing the letter to Crawford a couple of days after the arrival of the cow, requesting him to come and take her away. She also wrote subsequent letters.

James McGarrity, cowkeeper, Annfield Plain, gave evidence of the cow being in a poor state of health; while John Walker, of Iveston, spoke to the beast being conveyed to Mr Nicholson's "pot."

Crawford was next sworn, and averred that he told Charlton that the cow was milking very well. She had not newly-calved. The animal was driven to Annfield Plain by Ramsey and his son. Defendant paid £2 at the time, and came up and gave him the other £1 a fortnight before last Christmas. He never received any complaint from Charlton or his wife as to the state of the cow. When asked on one occasion, Charlton informed him that the beast "was doing very well, and he was highly pleased with her." He saw defendant at Iveston on the 13th Feb., but he did not make any complaint then about the cow. In March, Charlton asked him to buy him a little cow, and he purchased one for him on the 15th April. He likewise authorised him (Crawford) to sell his four cows, as trade was dull and the strike was on, and he gave a description of the various beasts, besides requesting him to advertise this particular cow as being newly calved. Of course, he positively declined to do so. However, Charlton described the cow to him as "yielding seven or eight quarts per day." When he purchased the second cow for defendant for £11 15s, the latter said that he would pay for her in a month's time. To his knowledge, the first occasion he had any complaint relative to the blue and white cow was when he received the letter (produced) in the beginning of July. Charlton wanted him to buy the whole of his stock. They were dying of hunger, the pasture being bad, and there was no grass in the field. He told Charlton that he might perhaps find a man who would take the cow off his hands. He did not send a man to go and take the animal to Nicholson's "pot." Defendant's stock was not sold by auction, as there was no demand for cows just then.

Cross-questioned by Mr Murray, plaintiff admitted that he might tell Charlton that the cow was yielding eight or nine quarts per day. He had known cows suffering from a cold cease to give milk all at once, and driving them long distances would have the same effect. He saw Charlton at a property sale at Catchgate in November.

Mr Murray: What did he say?—Crawford: He said "Will you have a glass of whiskey?" (Loud laughter.)

Did he not complain about the cow?—Certainly not.

Have you not had some transactions with regard to diseased beasts?—Most decidedly not. During the 25 years I have been in business, I have not dealt with a single diseased animal. My trade would have gone down had I done so.

Mr Murray preceeded to question plaintiff in reference to specific transactions in alleged diseased beasts and pigs; but Mr McCartan objected, on the ground that there were no witnesses to corroborate these statements.

His Honour said Mr Murray might put these questions to show the credibility of Crawford in trafficking in such cattle; but he must also accept plaintiff's answers.

Mr McCartan: But the questions are damaging to my client's business.

John J. Crawford, son of plaintiff, deposed to writing down from Charlton's dictation the items in respect of the sale of his stock, defendant describing the blue and white cow as producing seven or eight quarts per day.

Robert Brown, Consett, testified to being in Mr Crawford's shop just before Christmas, when defendant came up and paid a sovereign, adding that the cow was doing very well. In reply to a question put by Crawford, Charlton said he did not know the cow was in calf.

His Honour entered a verdict for Crawford both on the claim and counter-claim, awarding him £11 15s on the former, together with costs.

IMPORTANT POINT AFFECTING LANDLORD v. TENANT.

COOPER v. DIXON.

Joseph Cooper, merchant, Bigg Market, Newcastle, preferred an action against John Dixon, of Stanley, tailor (now of Scotby, Carlisle.) Mr Dennison (Newcastle) was for plaintiff, and Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.

Plaintiff claimed, as landlord and owner, to recover possession against Dixon, his tenant, at a yearly rent of £50, of a shop and premises at Havannah, West Stanley, the tenancy thereof having been determined by notice to quit, expiring on 1st August last; and also mense profit against defendant from that date to Nov. 1st.

Mr Dennison explained that they claimed double rent for these two months. He had letters to prove that plaintiff had had £100 a year offered for the premises. He therefore asked the Judge to amend the summons.

His Honour, however, declined to do so.

Mr Dennison added that they had acquired possession of the premises on the previous day.

Mr Welford's contention was that Dixon entered into possession of the premises in the middle of the quarter, consequently his tenancy did not commence till the succeeding (or November) term. The notice served upon his client was bad, and they had actually delivered up possession of the place before they were entitled to, the term day not being till the 11th Nov. He handed in receipts to show that Cooper had accepted from his client two months' rent up to Nov. 1st, 1892.

Plaintiff's explanation was that as there had been a change of tenancy and Dixon could not enter in the beginning of August, he forgave defendant a few weeks' rent.

Mr Welford read an extract from "Woodfall's Law of Landlord and Tenant" in support of his contention; and His Honour decided in favour of defendant, with costs.

DOGS HARRYING GEESE.

Towns & Son v. Gibbonson.—This suit was preferred by Towns and son, of West Law Farm, against James Gibbonson, stationmaster at Shotley Bridge, to recover 30s compensation for loss of geese. Mr C. E. Barnes (Durham) conducted plaintiff's case, while Mr Dennison defended.

George Towns attested that on the 13th Sept. he observed a couple of dogs belonging defendant in their grass field, where there were 26 geese. Witness was going to Newcastle that day, and on his return in the evening he became aware that one of the geese had been destroyed, another injured, and a third one was missing. Next morning he found a goose lying in the ditch quite dead. They had not been bitten or worried, but had simply been chased to death. There were no marks of a bite—nothing except bruises. On Oct. 7th he again saw one of defendant's dogs chasing the geese, one running into the gutter. He caught the dog, and took it home. The goose died on the 17th October. It was a black and tan cross-bred dog. Plaintiff saw defendant on the following day, and enquired if he had lost a dog, and he answered in the affirmative. Gibbonson did not call for the dog, so on the following Friday Towns took it to his house. He asked defendant to come to terms with him concerning the geese he had lost, but the latter refused to settle, declaring that he would have the case decided by the County Court judge, and did not care whether it cost him £1 or £10. (Laughter.)

His Honour: Probably he will get satisfaction here. (Renewed laughter.)

Previously (continued plaintiff) he had complained to defendant about his dogs running in his hay and corn crops, and had also pursued a sheep. He claimed 7s 6d each for the four geese he had lost.

Cross-questioned by Mr Dennison, plaintiff, stated that he had never before had cause to complain of anybody else's dog being in the field. Their own dog was kept fastened up. There were no foxes in the vicinity. He had the geese examined by an experienced person, who pronounced them unfit for human food, and accordingly he buried them. He informed defendant that if there was any dispute touching the geese, he would dig them up again. (Laughter.) It was not a fact that he had issued summonses against other people in the district for destroying his geese, and had extracted blackmail from them before withdrawing the cases. He had never threatend the defendant, nor had he called him, when under the influence of liquor, "A d—— old grey-headed b——." (Roars of laughter.)

George Temple, farmer, Ebchester, also gave evidence for plaintiff.

His Honour remarked that they must show that the dogs were accustomed to chase geese. There was no evidence to show that the dogs were dangerous.

Mr Barnes replied that defendant was previously acquainted with the fact that these dogs were of a dangerous and mischievous disposition, and ought not to roam at large. He thought that was sufficient.

His Honour rejoined that it was quite rational for dogs to run after sheep, but it was somewhat unusual for them to pursue geese.

Defendant, on oath, said that when plaintiff asked him to pay damages, he replied that he was not going to compensate him for geese which had been buried, and therefore he had no chance of seeing them. There were foxes in the neighbourhood. he put down in his pocket-book the different conversations he had with plaintiff.

Mr Dennison argued that it had not been proved that defendant's pups had chased the sheep.

His Honour questioned whether defendant had any knowledge of *thedeamus*, and adjourned the action for a month, to afford Mr Barnes an opportunity of searching into a case bearing on the point at issue.

HOW PRIZE LEEKS ARE GROWN.

Donaghy v. Moyle.—John Donaghey, of Consett, sued Michael Moyle, of Leadgate, for certain monies alleged to be owing.—In 1891, plaintiff lodged with defendant, and worked for him. He cut him 40 trusses of hay, dug the garden, stacked his hay, &c. Moyle had only paid him 2s 6d.—Defendant denied that he was owing the money. Plaintiff was in three clubs, and he gave him permission to grow the leeks in his garden. He never assisted to cut and stack the hay.—Mrs Moyle confirmed her husband.—Plaintiff, interrogated by His Honour, said that by arrangement, defendant's and himself grew prize leeks, and he gave to Moyle the leeks which always took the prizes.—Judgment for plaintiff for 6s 6d in 14 days.

CO-OPERATION AT WATERHOUSES.

On Saturday evening, a public meeting, convened by circular from one of the *employes* at Waterhouses Branch, was held at St. Mary's Hall, New Houses, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of forming an independent Co-operative Society for Esh Winning and district. About 100 persons were present.

Mr Wm. Shaw was elected to preside, and stated that they had held a meeting previously to discuss the question. Six men had been selected to canvass the workmen of the colliery, to ascertain how many were in favour of the scheme, which, he thought, should be confined to the immediate locality. He had for many years entertained an opinion that co-operation was not what it was originally intended to be by its promoters. To convey goods from one store to the immediate vicinity of another was, he thought, most unnecessary expense. [illegible]

Mr Scott, working manager of Waterhouses Society, then gave further particulars with respect to the circular issued. He said that in favouring the project of forming an independent store, he thought that if they were agreeable and adopted the proposition, it might be made a success. He had been in the employ of Crook and Waterhouses Society, Limited, for the period of eighteen years, and had received notice to leave, but on what grounds the committee or manager assigned no particular reason. He had long entertained the opinion, and therefore drew up the circular with an agenda of business for them to approve or reject as they deemed prudent.

After some discussion, six more gentlemen were selected to co-operate with those previously chosen to canvass the place, and report their progress to a full meeting to be held shortly.

ROWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

The anniversary services in connection with the above place of worship were held on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday, a public meeting took place under the presidency of Mr S. J. Leybourne, Gateshead, who was supported on the platform by the Rev A. F. Riley, Gateshead; Rev E. W. Jenkins, Blackhill; and Mr T. G. Golightly, Castleside. The Chairman first called upon

Mr Riley to address the meeting. After making a few introductory remarks, he said: You will all be aware of the incident that occurred during the recent meeting of the Congregational Union, when there was an exciting scene over some words used by Mr Keir Hardie. He was reported to have said that "Christianity was dead and he was glad of it." He ascended the platform and charged those present with caring for the respectable well-to-do classes of the community, and being eager to fill their churches with that sort of people, while thousands of oppressed poor, whose lives were degraded and beaten out of them because of the condition of things that prevailed around them, were neglected. His audience denying the charge, Mr Keir Hardie reiterated it with intense vehemence. It appears that the exact words used by Mr Hardie were "That the Christianity of the schools was dead, and the Christianity of Christ was coming to the front, and he thanked God for it." Mr Hardie subsequently received the following message of congratulation from the Democratic Club in London—"Your words to the Congregational Union at Bradford heartily endorsed by the undersigned. The Churches have boycotted Christ, the labour man." Is it true, Mr Riley asked, that the churches preach and live a religion without Christ? That they are not heralds of His Evangel? That He is not the cause of their existence, the inspiration of their life and service, and that they fail to make known His blessed will? The plain reading of the words I have quoted is that Christ is the friend of man, the Church is not. Christ has a message of life for the world, the Church has not. Christ said that His disciples (and in the main all His disciples are members of the visible Church) should make known Him. The charge is that the Church hides Him. That instead of man seeing God in it, it hides the face of God. That weary oppressed men and women do not find a home within its borders. That it is not a friend to the friendless, that if it is not an enemy it is at best a stranger. Is it true? And if it is not true, is it not a sorrowful thing that it should be believed by a large number of those who live around our Churches and know at least something of, and have more or less dealings with its members. Now, when such a charge is made against the Church we are not surprised by its ready endorsement by many. There have always been those who have most gladly welcomed any assault against the Church. It has always been so since its beginning. To minimise its influence, to discount its power, to be blind to its genuine work, to pass by its service, have been congenial occupations to many, and we know we are not within them. We have striking evidence of it in our daily press, in not a little of our literature, and from the lips of our public speakers, and many who are known. This is what we may expect from those who have no sympathy with the Christian religion, from those who do not care for the regeneration of man, or who look to other methods for his regeneration. No matter from what quarter the attack may come, they will hail it and say it is true. Those whose temper and spirit, and life and work are anti-christians will readily shout well done when they see the shafts fly at the Church, and I say this is no more than should be looked for, and we are not surprised that such approve Mr Keir Hardie's denouncement. But one of the saddest things and strangest is the readiness with which those who are members of the Church assent to the strictures of those who are its avowed foes. Mr Riley, devoting forty-five minutes to the subject, went on to defend the Church in its work, and the mode in which it is done. Mr Riley was listened to with rapt attention, and was heartily applauded on closing.

Mr Golightly, a general favourite, was well received, and favoured his audience with a good speech on work.

Mr Jenkins closed the speeches with a brief review.

At the close, a ham and coffee supper was provided by Mrs Beveridge and Miss Errington, who were supported by Mesdames Kirton, Angus, Leybourne, and Thompson, and Misses Angus, and Walker. A good number sat down to supper.

On Sunday, Mr Riley delivered two excellent sermons to large congregations. A good sum was realised for the renovation funds.

COLLIERLEY.

St Thomas' Church.—On Tuesday afternoon, a vestry meeting was held at Collierley, for the purpose of electing three members to serve on the Burial Board. The three retiring members were re-elected.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday, Nov. 5th.)

Dipton Wanderers v Newburn Athletic, at Dipton.
Blackhill Rovers v Sleetburn, at Blackfine.
Consett Fell v Shotley Bridge, at Shotley Spa.
Hobson Wanderers v Gateshead Hobson, at the Hobson.
Langley Park Rovers v Burnhope Rovers, at Burnhope.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Kyo Gems, at Marley Hill.
Blackhill Rovers 2nd v Sleetburn 2nd, at Sleetburn.
South Moor Rovers v Allendale Park, at South Moor.
Lintz Rovers v Walbottle, at The Lintz.
Lintz Rovers 2nd v Byer Moor, at Byer Moor.
Greencroft Black Watch v Dipton Wanderers Reserve, at Dipton.
Tow Law Reserve v Wolsingham C.L., at Wolsingham.
Hobson Wanderers Reserve v Strawberry Cabinet Works, at the Hobson.
Leadgate Park Reserve v Lintzford 1st, at Lintzford.
Lintzford 2nd v Burnopfield Temperance, at Burnopfield.
Lintzford Juniors v Allendale Cottages Juniors, at Lintzford.
Blackhill Park v Blaydon Albion Reserve, at Blackhill.
Pelton Fell Institute v Coxlodge, at Coxlodge.
Pelton Fell Institute 2nd v Lintz Rovers Juniors, at The Lintz.
Annfield Plain Red Stars v Tow Law St. Joseph's, at Annfield Plain.
Mickley v Ashington, at Mickley (Northern Alliance.)
Lizzie Celtics v Prudhoe, at Prudhoe.
Oakey's Lilywhites v Kibblesworth, at Kibblesworth.
Waterhouses Wanderers v Cornsay Rovers, at Cornsay.
Esh True Blues v Willington Albion, at Esh.
Mickley 2nd v Elswick Wesley, at Mickley.
Witton Gilbert Rovers v St. Helen's True Blues, at Witton Gilbert.
Waldridge White Star v Crookhall Wanderers, at Waldridge.
Esh True Blues 2nd v Tudhoe Park Albion, at Tudhoe.
Leadgate West End v Hobson Wanderers Juniors, at the Hobson.
Medomsley White Stars v Dipton St. John's, at Dipton.
Esh Excelsiors v Hedley Hill Rangers, at Esh.
Esh Excelsiors 2nd v Stanley Rovers, at Stanley.
Medomsley Church Choir v Leadgate Science and Art, at Medomsley.
Blackhill Park 2nd v Crookhall Wanderers 2nd, at Crookhall.
Consett Shamrocks v Tow Law League, at Tow Law.
Crookhall Wanderers v South Medomsley Heroes, at Crookhall.
Oakey's Lilywhites 2nd v Kibblesworth 2nd, at Kibblesworth.
Annfield Plain Red Stars 2nd v Consett Swifts, at Annfield Plain.

CUP TIES.

Dipton Wanderers Reserve v Brandon Rovers, at Dipton.
Leadgate Exiles or Leadgate Park v Tanfield Lea, at Leadgate.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. SLEETBURN.

This match will be played on the Rovers' ground at Blackfine, where a good game is expected. The following will do duty for the Rovers:—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, E. Robson, J. Brown, J. Aitken (capt.), and J. Askew; half-backs, G. Smailes and R. Stobbs; forwards, G. Sayers, G. Davison, J. French, A. Taylor, G. Aitken, J. Anderson, and W. Brown. Reserves, J. Dawson, J. Jackson, and R. Taylor. Kick-off at 3·45. Referee, Mr M. Hobday, Blackhill.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD TOWN.

The above game will be played at the Hobson tomorrow, and should produce a grand game. The proceeds are for the benefit of T. Amos, who had his leg broken at Tanfield Lea a fortnight since, and we have no doubt but that the gate will be worthy of the occasion. The Wanderers' team will be selected from the following:—Cook, W. and E. Henderson, McNeil, Smith, Leadbitter, Bell, Cook, Hindhaugh, Young, Bell, Maddison, and Beck.

CONSETT FELL v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

This match will be played at Shotley Spa. Shotley Bridge are playing in splendid form at present, and a good game should be witnessed. The Fell team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Dunning; backs, W. Bell and J. Haggerstone; half-backs, T. Skelton, J. Carruthers, and R. Wake; forwards, E. Carlill and W. Atkinson, right wing; R. Harkness, centre; C. Ternent and M. Eustace, left wing. Reserves, Stafford and G. Eustace.

Consett Fell—Stripes v Plains.—To be played on the Fell ground. The teams will be as follows:—Stripes—Goal, Bates; backs, S. Davis and W. Wake; half-backs, Pescod, Bryant, and Hobday; forwards, G. Eustace and T. Winter, right wing; B. McKie (capt.), centre; J. Barron and J. Adams, left wing. Plains—Goal, G. Wren; backs, J. Seaman and J. Welch; half-backs, W. Wake (capt.), A. Stafford, and J. Winter; forwards, Jones and Scarr, right wing; F. Arlott, centre; Turley and Bell, left wing. Reserves, Bertram, Angel, and Borrow.

Sleetburn 2nd v Blackhill Rovers 2nd.—To be played at Sleetburn. The Rovers will be represented as follows:—Full back, H. Murray; three-quarter backs, R. Mitchenson, Robinson, W. Leybourne, and Laverton; half-backs, T. Lumley (capt.) and R. Taylor; forwards, W. Smith, J. Dawson, J. R. Morgan, J. Carr, E. Gibson, D. Aitken, S. Robinson, and G. Bell. Reserve, J. Brannigan, J. Maughan, and N. Newbould.

Leadgate West End v Hobson Wanderers Juniors.—To be played on the latter's ground. The Leadgate team will be as follows:—Goal, Noble; backs, Allister and Browell; half-backs, Hardy, Dawson, and Skelton; forwards, Browell and A. N. Other, right wing; Harrison, centre; Atkinson and Henderson, left wing.

Blackhill Park v Blaydon Albion Reserve.—To be played at Blackhill. The following will represent Blackhill Park:—Goal, T. Sheldon; backs, A. Atkinson and J. Dempsey; half-backs, J. Butler, R. Evans, and J. Walton; forwards, R. Chatt (capt.) and A. Lindsay, right wing; P. Smith, centre; H. Tindle and T. Robinson, left wing. Reserves, T. Fitzpatrick and W. Askew. Blaydon Albion—Goal, Tracy; backs, O'Neil and Smith; half-backs, Hepple, Waggot, and Pybus; forwards, Briggs and Chapman, right wing; O'Neil, centre; Wears and Chilton, left wing.

Medomsley Church Choir v Leadgate Science and Art.—To be played at Medomsley. The Choir team will be:—Goal, R. Starford; backs, R. Veitch (capt.) and W. Starford; half-backs, W. Frost, W. Mofflitt, and J. Starford; forwards, J. Stubbs and E. Morris, right wing; W. Allen, centre; W. Veitch and W. Hornsby, left wing.

Consett Shamrocks v Tow Law League.—At Tow Law. Shamrocks' team—Goal, J. Finn; backs, M. Page and J. Ford; half-backs, P. Sanaghan, M. Haggan, and J. McNally (capt.); forwards, J. Nichol and E. McGeoghan, right wing; A. Roberts, centre; J. Conway and J. Rafferty, left wing. Reserve, P. McNally.

Crookhall Wanderers v. South Medomsley Heroes.—At Crookhall. The following will be the Crookhall team—Goal, J. Bell; backs, C. Pescod and T. Collins; half-backs, McNally, R. Loughran, and E. Sisterson; forwards, G. Finlay and T. Parkinson, right wing; J. Finlay, centre; W. Gregory and B. Jenkins, left wing. Reserves, G. Russell, T. Martin, and Reay.

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THIRD ROUND.

DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE v. BRANDON ROVERS.

These teams will meet at Dipton to play off their tie. The following will represent the Wanderers:—Goal, J. Curtis; backs, J. Brewis and Rowell; half-backs, Bell, Parker, and Coates; forwards, J. Knotts, H. Smith, M. Temple, Cruddas, and Jordan. Linesman, J. Osman. Referee, Mr Wm. Brears, Leadgate.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the above was held in the Board-room, Medomsley, when the following members were present:—Mr John H. Morris (presiding), Rev W. Cookin, Messrs W. R. Cooke, R. Fenwick, and Wm. Robinson.

The minutes of the last meeting, and of a committee meeting, were read, and ordered to be signed.

SCHOOL CLEANING.

The Vice-Chairman (Rev Wm. Cockin) and School Management Committee reported that the school cleaning was not satisfactory, and it was decided to draw up a new agreement embodying suggestions from teachers and others.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

A lengthy discussion followed the introduction of this subject, and it was agreed that the Clerk write the Education Department, giving particulars of the agreement of Hamsterley school managers to provide additional accommodation.

REPORTS.

The reports of the teachers were next read and adopted; but as the attendance officer was ill, no report was sent in.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Chairman stated that he had examined the accounts for the past year, and had compared the same with the financial statement, and found all correct.

This statement was then ordered to be signed, and two precepts of £50 each were ordered to be issued to the overseers of Medomsley parish.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of £131 18s 3d, and cheques to the amount of £90 19s 7d were ordered to be signed for payment of salaries and accounts.

EXAMINATION OF THE WESTWOOD SCHOOLS.

This was held on Friday, September 30th, and H.M. Inspector makes the following report:—

Mixed School—"Good progress has been made both in the obligatory and optional subjects during the past year," while

"The Infants' Department is judiciously conducted, and very creditable results have been produced."

A good grant has been earned, viz:—£280 19s 0d, being £45 above that of last year, and £151 5s 2d above that of 1887.

GRAND POLYTECHNIC AT CONSETT.

We invite the special attention of our readers to the Polytechnic which is to be held in the large New Town Hall, on behalf of the Consett Young Men's Christian Association. The committee have taken up the matter in the most earnest spirit, and the public, who have been asked to give their support in various ways, have responded in the most liberal manner. Business, science, and pleasure, will all be represented in their most attractive forms, and music, vocal and instrumental—solo, part, and chorus—violin, piano, concertina, and band—will contribute largely to the numerous enjoyments which will be forthcoming. The Polytechnic will be open for a whole week, commencing November 16th, and there will be a fresh programme every day. It only remains for the general public, by their frequent visits, to make this effort to strengthen the Y.M.C. Association a great success. It is most important that there should be a centre of Christian influence and association in Consett to which young men should be drawn, and from which Christian effort should be put forth to enable young men to develope those spiritual, moral, and physical powers with which they are endowed. Ample opportunity is afforded by the rooms of the Y.M.C.A. in West [illegible] and Victoria Street to form classes of various kinds, should the coming Polytechnic be the means of largely adding to the present number of members and associates, the new rooms of the neighbouring National Schools would be made available for classes, and further, an effort would be put forth to add a gymnasium, which has proved so great an acquisition in other places. Cricket and football have fairly established themselves in Consett in many ways, and the Y.M.C.A. has entered fully into these games. It is hoped that the mental and moral element may, during the next few months, and indeed we should add always, assert itself as the prominent features of a Christian Institution. Our best games are always in danger of being degraded by those lower passions (not necessarily bad), which so largely enter into them, and there was no time when it behoved the churches of Christendom to be more watchful, lest the manifold activities of the day should draw them away from that Christian profession which alone can regenerate and elevate society.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS

Leadgate—30th ult., the wife of J. Eddy, of a daughter.

Bradley Cottages—30th ult., the wife of John Graham, of a daughter.

Westwood—28th ult., the wife of John Hunter, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Blackhill—Baptist Church, 31st ult., by Rev E. W. Jenkins, W. Whittle to Jane Ann Heslington, both of Blackhill, eldest daughter of the late John Heslington, of Stockton-on-Tees. 638j

Lanchester—Register Office, 29th ult., F. Byers to E. J. Milner, both of Castleside.—Same day, G. T. Long, Lintz Green, to C. W. Stoney, Hobson Colliery.

Stanhope—Wesleyan Chapel, 29th ult., W. Fenwick, of East Lane, to Mrs Rutherford.

Crook—Stanley Church, 19th ult., Wm. Pallister, Crook, to Mary Annie (Polly) Laws, Sunniside.

Bishop Auckland—St. Andrew's Church, 22nd ult. (by license), Frederick John Wilson, grocer, of Bishop Auckland, to Elizabeth Ann Allison, of Bridge Street, Tow Law. 632j

DEATHS.

Consett—17, Park Road, on the 2nd inst., aged 53 years, Christopher White. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday at 2·30. Friends please accept this, the only intimation.

Blackhill—Cutlers' Hall, on the 1st inst., aged 33 years, after a lingering illness, Cuthbert, the beloved husband of Hannah Watson. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation.

Medomsley.—All Members of the "Beacon on the Hill" Division of the Sons of Temperance, are requested to attend the Funeral of Bro. Ralph Bond, of Allandale Cottages, on Sunday First, November 6th, at Two p.m.

Hamsterley Colliery—2nd inst., aged 55, suddenly, George, the much-loved husband of Mary Jane Morland. Interment on Saturday, at Benfieldside Cemetery at 2·30. Friends please accept this intimation.

Dipton—31st inst., aged 25, Margaret, daughter of A. and A. Thompson.

St. John's Chapel—31st ult., aged 71 years, Joshua Dawson.

White-le-Head—29th ult., aged 9 years, Caroline, daughter of James and Ann Nicholson.

Barlow—28th ult., aged 26, Mary, wife of Robert Wilson, and daughter of Robert and the late Margaret Brown, Craghead.

Pelton Fell—John William, son of John and Margaret Hails.

Prudhoe—Redwell House, 30th ult., aged 53, Ellen, wife of Thomas Forster.

Stocksfield—Mount Pleasant, 28th ult., aged 59, Elizabeth, wife of William Mitchelson.

No. 29, Vane Street, Station Town, 20th ult., aged 7 years and 3 months, Eleanor Gilliead, niece of Henry and Mary J. Birtley, and youngest daughter of William Gilliead, Dipton. 665j

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