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

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

### ANÆSTHETICS AND VIVISECTION.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—Whether anæsthetics are or are not used during Pasteur's process of trepanning and squirting virus into the brain of his hapless victim in order to produce—if such a thing is possible—an aggravated form of rabies is of little moment, considering the results—eight to ten days excruciating agony.

The following description of rabies in the dog is from the pen of one of our best veterinaries, but, the full agony of the afflicted animal is but faintly realised by any collection of words. Dreadful as hydrophobia may be to the human being, rabies is worse to the dog. It makes its approaches more gradually, it lasts longer, and it is more intense while endures. Towards the last the dog's thirst increases, but with it comes the swelling of the throat. He will then plunge his head into water, so ravenous is his desire, but not a drop of liquid can he swallow. He is the victim of the most horrible inflammation of the stomach, and intense inflammation of the bowels. His state of suffering is most pitiable. He flies at and pulls to pieces anything that is within his reach. The noise he makes is incessant and peculiar. It begins as a bark, which sound being too torturing to be continued, is quickly changed to a howl, which is suddenly cut short in the middle. And so the poor wretch at last falls, fairly worn out by a terrible disease.

As to the actual experiments of Pasteur themselves Dr Borel, one of his right hand men, in a letter to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, August, 1889, made the following candid confession "Will you permit a vivisector, past present, and future—if is were necessary for the good of science and mankind—to tell those good people who believe seriously that the animals experimented on by M Pasteur do not suffer, that they are deceiving themselves? My personal experience of fifteen years' practice gives me the right formally to deny the truth of that. I have vivisected birds, horses, frogs, rabbits, monkeys, and, above all, dogs; and I can affirm three things: (1) That it is nearly completely impossible to employ anæsthetics upon them so as to render them insensible; (2) that the sufferings of the animals after the experiments are so great that they are almost stupified, showing the apathy and indifference of the martyr; and (3) that the employment of *curare*, far from diminishing sensibility, augments it exceedingly; more than that, the use of it necessitates tracheotomy beforehand to make them respire artificially, because the *curare* totally paralyses all voluntary movements, and thus they would otherwise suffocate."

"Anyone who is accustomed to a laboratory, to physiology or to pathological experimentation," he continues, "knows that animals suffer when vivisected and greatly, until they die. No, it is necessary for M Pasteur to have living animals to support his thesis. This letter is not to inquire whether he is right or wrong; but I maintain—I pathologist, and lately chief of a hospital—that he has imposed on brave and honest men whose confidence he has won when he pretends that these animals do not suffer. To listen to him one would say they come voluntarily to submit themselves to his experiments to procure pleasures hitherto unknown." Yours, &c.

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

Wolsingham, Nov 5th, 1894.

*(To be continued.)*

### IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

*To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.*

SIR,—According to the official return for 1892, Pasteurism has been a marked success in Hungary. The animals inoculated against anthrax and swine fever amounted to 3 838 horses, 54,633 oxen and cows, 268,310 sheep, 462,310 swine, and on this large scale the losses have been reduced from numbers averaging from five to 25 per cent. (according to the class of animals) to various small percentages, of which the highest is only 0 5. This information is of such importance to farmers that I am sure you will excuse me soliciting its insertion in your widely circulated paper. I beg to subscribe myself,

AN AGRICULTURAL STUDENT.

Nov. 4th.

## CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7th.—Before His Honour, E. J. Meynell (Judge.)

CLAIM FOR WHISKEY.

DRYDEN & CO. v STOKER.—Messrs Dryden, provision merchants, Consett, claimed from Robert Stoker, Gateshead Brandy Inn, Blacknill, but formerly of Iveston, miner, £6 15s for a cask of whiskey. Mr Leadbitter (Catchgate) appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr McCartan (Consett) for defendant.—James Raine manager for Messrs Dryden, deposed that he supplied Stoker with a cask of whiskey.—Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: He knew Stoker, and was certain the whiskey was not supplied for his brother, Lowthian Stoker. His Honour: Have you sold whiskey to him before? Witness: Yes.—Mr T. D. Dryden produced his book showing the debt.—Mr McCartan: Now, Mr Dryden, was this whiskey not supplied to Lowthian Stoker. Are you prepared to swear it? —Witness: Yes.—Did Lowthian Stoker become bankrupt, and did you not in your statement of proof charge him with this account?—No.—Are you positive?—Yes.—William Wild, a clerk in the employ of the Registrar of the Newcastle County Court, produced a file relating to Lowthian Stoker's bankruptcy wherein it appeared that Messrs Dryden had already charged for the whiskey.—His Honour: Look at this Mr Dryden, you have proceeded against his estate for this amount.—Robert Stoker said that he formerly lived with his brother at Iveston. His brother did the business. He took an order from his niece, who was managing the business, to Messrs Dryden's for 10 gallons of whiskey. He brought back the whisky, and delivered it to his brother, Lowthian Stoker, at Iveston New Inn. He had paid no sums on account of this debt. He had no dealings with Messrs Dryden on his own account at any time.—Verdict for defendant.

WAS THE COW SOUND?

IRVING v. BOLAM.—This was a case in which John Irving, Whickham, sued Robert Bolam, fruiterer, Flint Hill, for £6 12s 6d, the value of a cow. Mr H. Wynn Parry (Gateshead) represented plaintiff, and Mr Leadbitter defendant.—John Irving said that on Oct. 8th he sent a cow to be sold at the Benfieldside Auction Mart. The cow was knocked down for £6 12s 6d to defendant, who refused to take it away. He had written to him, but he still refused to take it. The cow was afterwards sold on October 15th for £3 10s. He was sueing for balance of £3 2s 6d, and 5s keep for one month charged to him.—Cross-examined by Mr Leadbitter: Was there anything the matter with the cow?—No, I think not.—Mr Leadbitter: I am asking you if there was anything the matter with her?—His Honour: Answer the question.—Plaintiff: She had a damaged udder.—Mr Leadbitter: Wasn't she damaged in both quarters?—Plaintiff: She did not give much milk.—Mr Parry: Was the cow suffering from any infectious disease?—None whatever. She was a sound cow.—Mr J. S. Murray, auctioneer, deposed to selling the cow for £6 12s 6d. Purchasers had an opportunity of examining the cattle in the ring.—Mr Parry produced a copy of the rules under which animals were sold at the mart.—Cross-examined by Mr Leadbitter: Mr Murray said the cow had been entered as a little blasted in one quarter. Nothing was said about being damaged in both quarters.—Mr Leadbitter pointed out that one of the rules said animals were to be examined at fall of the hammer.—Mr Murray said defendant followed the cow into the byre, and refused to take her, saying she was wrong in more tits than one.—His Honour: Was she so?—Witness: Yes.—Defendant averred that previous to the cow being sold Mr Murray stated that one quarter was wrong, and that if anything more was wrong the purchaser need not take her. After the cow was knocked down, he examined her, and found the two hind quarters wrong.—John Thomas Mann, farmer, West Billingside, corroborated.—His Honour found for defendant with costs.

### ALLEGED ILLEGAL DISTRAINT.

LEWINS v. THOMPSON.—William Lewins, Alexandra Road, Gateshead, sued Robert Thompson, Maiden Law, for damages for an alleged illegal distraint for rent. Mr C. M. Dix (Newcastle) appeared for Lewins, while Mr J. E. Joel (Newcastle) represented Thompson.

Mrs Lewins (wife of plaintiff) deposed that her husband was a miner, and formerly lived at Annfield Plain. From November, 1892, until April, 1894, they were the tenants of rooms belonging to defendant at 3s per fortnight. In April, 1894, she took an additional room, formerly occupied by Thompson, and paid 10 a fortnight. She paid her rent regularly till 11th August, 1894. On that day the rent was due, and she paid it to Mrs Thompson. In that month defendant removed to Maiden Law Farm. She always paid the rent to Mrs Thompson. The latter did not sign the rent book, but some of her children initialled it. On the 11th August she left the book to be initialed. It was sent back all altered, and a leaf torn out. On the 11th August she received notice from defendant to quit. In the meantime she and her husband (who was employed at the Morrison Colliery) endeavoured to get a house. On the 25th August they received a letter from Mr Maddison, solicitor, Durham, giving them notice that if they did not quit the house the rent would be doubled. On the 25th Aug. she took the rent (10s) to Mrs Thompson, but the latter refused it, saying that she would have to take it to Mr Maddison. Mrs Thompson said that if she did not pay double rent she would send Mr Crawford (the bailiff) to her. She consulted a solicitor, and acting on his advice, she went to the private house of defendant at Maiden Law, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Martin. She offered the rent to Mrs Thompson, who still persisted that she would have to take it to Mr Maddison. On the 8th September she went to Annfield Plain, and offered the rent (£1) to Mrs Thompson, who asked if she had brought double rent, and she (Mrs Lewins) said she had come to pay what she had always paid. On the 19th September Mr Crawford arrived at her house. He produced a notice and claimed £1 17s 6d. She went upstairs and brought down a sovereign and offered it to him, but he said that would not do. Crawford advised her husband to go and see defendant at Maiden Law. She was present when her husband came back, and he stated that he had seen Mr Thompson, who said that if they paid £1 and 5s for Maddison's letter the book would be signed. Mr Crawford sent for a flat, and took away a wringing machine, value £2 15s, and a chest of drawers worth £4 10s. The goods were sold on 27th August, the wringing machine fetching 27s, and the drawers 22s. On the 6th October they removed.

Cross-examined by Mr Joel: When she got the drawers they were not new. She paid £4 10s for them and £2 15s for wringing machine. She was sure she had always paid the rent to Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson could not write, and one of the children signed the book. She intended to leave if they could have got a house.

Mr Joel: Are you sure you offered the rent to Mrs Thompson?—Witness: Yes.

Was anything said at the time about whether you were going to continue in the house?—No.

William Lewins said he was a miner, and lived at 4, Park Street, Gateshead. In August last they were living at Annfield Plain, being a fortnightly tenant at 10s per fortnight. His wife paid the rent.

His Honour here remarked that he did not think the rent book had anything to do with the case. It was really a question of double rent.

Lewins (continuing) said he was present when Crawford entered. He was tendered a sovereign, but said he wanted £1 17s 6d. Crawford said he had better go along and see defendant. He did so, and offered Thompson a sovereign. He said he wanted 5s for Maddison's letter. The bailiff's son asked him what about their expenses, and defendant said they would have to go to Maddison's for them.

Cross-examined by Mr Joel, Witness declared that he was not misleading them about what Mr Thompson said.

His Honour said the whole question rested on whether this double rent was due or not. The plaintiff had a letter from Mr Maddison to the effect that his rent would be doubled if he did not quit on a certain date, and why did they not go out?

Mr Joel said that was exactly his contention.

His Honour pointed out that after getting the letter from Mr Maddison they remained in the house, and that, he thought, made them liable.

Mr Dix: If they could not get a house they could not go out.

His Honour: That has nothing to do with it. They must go out.

Mr Dix said there must be something in the nature of a contract.

His Honour: No, no. If he chooses to remain in he accepts those terms.

Mr Dix said they couldn't get a house.

His Honour: That does not matter. They were bound to quit or submit to the terms.

Mr Dix observed that the notice for double rent must be a reasonable one.

His Honour said he had notice to quit in August, and chose to remain in till October.

Mr Joel remarked that there was no precipitancy about the distraint.

Mr Dix claimed that rent could only be doubled where there was a contract.

His Honour asked for an authority on that. Plaintiff might have ejected them, but he doubled the rent to give them a chance to get another house. They choose to remain in, and must pay the rent.

Mr Dix: It was Hobson's choice.

After a long legal argument, the case was adjourned till next Court day.

CLAIM FOR WAGES.

PICKARD v RITSON.—Theresa Elizabeth Pickard, Washington, sued John G. Ritson, Front Street, Stanley, for 15s wages due.—Mr McCartan appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Robson (Consett) for defendant. —Plaintiff deposed that she went to Mr Ritson's on on 18th June, and left on 11th August. Her wages were to be 3s a week. She received 9s on 8th July, but nothing more.—A counter claim was submitted by Mrs Ritson for 10s 6d for a dress piece.—Examined by Mr Robson, Pickard declared that she never ordered a dress-piece from Mrs Ritson.—By His Honour: She did not order anything in the way of dress, nor authorise Mrs Ritson to buy any for her.—Mrs. Ritson stated that she was a milliner. Pickard ordered a dress piece at 1s 9d a yard, and there were five yards, but afterwards refused to take it. It was still lying in her house.—Mr Robson contended that as the girl had stolen certain articles—for which she was convicted—she was liable to be dismissed without wages.—His Honour found for Pickard for 11s 6d.

DAMAGE BY HENS.

NICHOLSON v SETTREY AND OTHERS.—George Nicholson, South Medomsley, preferred a claim against John Settrey and others for damage to pasture and meadow land alleged to have been caused by defendants' hens.—Mr Robson prosecuted, and Mr Leadbitter defended.—His Honour asked why these defendants had all been joined together.—Mr Robson quoted an authority to show that he was acting correctly.—His Honour said it was most inconvenient. He would take them separately.—The plaintiff deposed to the damage done, and said he had seen Settrey's hens in the field several times. There was a proper wall between defendant's house and the field. —Cross-examined by Mr Leadbitter: He had not seen boys playing cricket and football in it. He had seen a man running his dog in the field, and he cautioned him.—P.C. Curtis said he had seen hens in the field, but could not swear who they belonged to. —Verdict for plaintiff for 2s.

A CASE STRUCK OUT.

NICHOLSON v BIRTLEY.—The same plaintiff sued Margaret Birtley for damages.—Mr Leadbitter, who appeared for the defendant, submitted that she had not been properly described on the summons.—His Honour struck the case out, with costs.

DAMAGE TO OATS.

NICHOLSON v LEDGER.—In this case, George Nicholson claimed £2 8s 3d from Isaac Ledger for damage done to a field of oats by his hens.—Mr Robson was for plaintiff, and Mr Leadbitter for defendant.—Plaintiff averred that he saw Ledger's hens in the field the day after the oats were sown. It had gone on continually up to Sept. 15th. When the crop was cut there were the tracks of hens through and through it. The crop was seriously damaged.—Cross-examined by Mr Leadbitter: There was a plot of grass land next to the oats, and he had seen horses on the plot. He had received 2s 6d from Edwards (who owned the horses) for the latter reaching over and biting the oats. He was selling oats for about £2 10s a ton.—John Lowes, auctioneer and valuer, said he had examined Mr Nicholson's field, which was much damaged by hens. They had gone in among the seeds when sown. He put the damage down at £2 8s 3d. —Cross-examined by Mr Leadbitter: £5 10s was an average price for oats. He had not seen oats in this district at £4 a ton.—Defendant was sworn, and denied that his hens had caused the damage.—His Honour found for plaintiff for 30s and allowed valuer's costs.

ADJOURNED.

HEDLEY, SWAN, AND CO. v ELLENSWORTH.—This was a case in which Messrs Hedley, Swan, and Co. drapers, Bishop Auckland, sued James Ellensworth, Stoney Heap, an infant, by his next friend, for £2 7s for goods alleged to have been obtained by John Ellensworth, who died on the 8th July, 1894.—His Honour adjourned the case till next month.

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### CALENDAR & FORMS FOR FIRST ELECTIONS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1894.

[From the "Justice of the Peace," 3rd Nov. 1894.]

The month of December will be a busy month, indeed, for the local officials who will have to conduct the first elections under the Local Government Act, 1894. There will be four kinds of elections, viz., of parish councillors, of rural district councillors (who will, when elected, also act as guardians), of urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes outside London, going on at the same time, and, in many cases, two elections will be going on at the same time in the same place. For, in many rural parishes, there will be the election of parish councillors and of rural district councillors being held together, and in many urban parishes outside London there will be the elections of guardians and of urban district councillors being held together. The officials who will chiefly be responsible for the lawful and orderly conduct of these elections will be the present clerks to the boards of guardians and the clerks to the local boards of health and improvement commissioners.

CALENDAR.

The first thing to be done is to draw up very carefully a correct calendar of the several steps to be taken with respect to each kind of elections, in order of date. We have, therefore, thought it would be of great practical assistance if we were to give our own views upon this subject in a brief and simple form for the consideration of these responsible officials.

24th November.

The ball will be opened by the first step for the elections of parish councillors, viz., the public notice of the parish meeting for the election. Not later than Saturday, the 24th of November, the overseers of every rural parish entitled to elect a parish council must publish public notice of the parish meeting to be held for the purpose of the election of parish councillors on the 4th of December.

30th November.

On the 30th of November the first registers of parochial electors will come into force under section 1 of the Registration Acceleration Act, 1894.

1st December.

Saturday, the first of December, will be the last day for publishing in every rural parish the notice of election of rural district councillors (who will also, when elected, perform the functions of guardians); and for publishing in every urban parish outside London the notice of election of guardians; and for publishing in every urban parish which is not situated in a municipal borough the notice of election of urban district councillors.

4th December.

On Tuesday, the fourth of December, but not earlier than 6 p.m., the parish meeting for the first election of parish councillors will be held in every rural parish entitled to elect a parish council.

At this meeting the nominations will be handed in to the chairman, who will decide upon their validity, and the elections will be completed, if necessary, by show of hands, unless a poll is demanded.

5th December.

On Wednesday, the fifth of December, before 2 p.m., chairmen of parish meetings must deliver at the office of the returning officers for elections of parish councillors their certificates of persons elected without a contest or by show of hands, or if a poll was demanded, their statement of the names of the candidates in respect of whom a poll is to be taken. And on the same day, but without limit of hours, the chairmen of parish meetings must send notices of their nominations to candidates validly nominated if a poll has been demanded, and of the demand of a poll. Practically, also on the same day, chairmen of parish meetings will publish, if a poll is not to be taken, their certificates of persons elected without a contest or by show of hands.

On the same day, and not later than 2 p.m., nominations of candidates for election as rural district councillors, or as urban district councillors, or as guardians for urban parishes outside London, must be handed in at the returning offices of the returning officers of those elections.

As soon as possible after the receipt of the nomination papers, the returning officers will decide as to their validity, and send notices of their decisions to the candidates.

7th December.

Friday, the seventh of December, 1894, will be the last day for returning officers for elections of rural and urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes outside London, to make out and publish their statements as to persons nominated, containing their names, places of abode, and descriptions, and the decisions of the returning officers on the validity of the nomination papers.

Up till 4 p.m. on the same day, candidates for these elections may withdraw by written and signed notice of withdrawal, left at the office of the returning officers.

On the same day, in the case of an election of rural district councillors, if the number of valid nominations does not exceed the number of councillors to be elected, the returning officer must send notice to each candidate who has not properly withdrawn his candidature, that he will be returned as elected. He must also, as early as practicable, send notice to the overseers of the various parishes of the persons who will be declared to be elected, and the overseers must give public notice thereof in their respective parishes.

Practically, on the same day, though it is not definitely so laid down by the Orders of the Local Government Board, in the case of elections of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes, the returning officers must, where necessary, publish notices that no poll will be taken, and send copies of such notices to the candidates elected.

8th December.

Saturday, the eighth of December, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors has been fixed, by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Saturday, the 15th of December, be the last day for withdrawals of candidates at such an election, by written and signed notice, delivered at the office of the returning officer.

Moreover, the safer course appears to be, that, if the poll for the election of parish councillors, or rural or urban district councillors, or guardians in urban parishes outside London, has been fixed, by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Saturday, the 15th of December, then Saturday, the 8th of December, should be treated as the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll.

The argument, in support of this course, can be put in a nutshell. By rule 25 of the Parish Councillors Election Order, 1894; rule 15 of the Rural District Councillors Election Order, 1894; rule 15 of the Urban District Councillors Election Order, 1894; and rule 16 of the Guardians (Outside London) Election Order, 1894, "if a poll has to be taken the returning officer shall, five clear days at least before the day fixed for the same, give public notice thereof." Then, if the poll be fixed for Saturday, the 15th of December, the five clear days are the preceeding Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Therefore the notice must be given before Monday, the 10th of December. By the ordinary rule of the common law, ministerial acts may be performed on a Sunday. (See Rawlings v. West Derby Overseers, 2 C. B. 72.) Therefore unless there is anything in the Local Government Act, 1894, to the contrary the notice might possibly be good if given on Sunday, the 9th of December. Section 73 of that act says, that when the day on which anything is required by or in pursuance of this act to be done is Sunday, that thing shall be done on the next following day, unless it is Christmas Day, Good Friday, or a bank holiday. But this section does not apply, for the notice of the poll is not required by or in pursuance of the act to be published on that particular Sunday. It may be published at any time so long as five clear days intervene before the day of the poll, and so long as it is not published until the facts as to the election make it clear that a poll will have to be taken unless sufficient candidates withdraw in due time.

Therefore, we think, that if the poll is fixed for Saturday, the 15th of December, then the safest course will be to treat Saturday, the 8th of December, as the last day for giving notice of the poll.

9th December.

It is rather doubtful whether notice of the poll given on Sunday would be held good. "When the day on which anything is required by or in pursuance of this act to be done is Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, or a bank holiday, that thing shall be done on the next following day, not being one of the days above mentioned." (Local Government Act, 1894, s. 73.) For reasons already given this does not apply to publishing notices of the poll.

10th December.

Monday, the 10th of December, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors be fixed for Monday, the 17th of December, be the last day for withdrawal of candidates at that election, by written and signed notice delivered at the office of the returning officer. For this purpose we see no objection in law to reckoning Sunday, the 16th of December, as one of the six clear days before the date fixed for the poll.

11th December.

Tuesday, the 11th of December, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors, or of rural district councillors, or of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London, be fixed for Monday, the 17th of December (which will be the normal date unless the county council, for special reasons, fix Saturday, the 15th; Tuesday, the 18th; or Wednesday, the 19th of December), be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll. For this purpose we see no objection in law to reckoning Sunday, the 16th of December, as one of the five clear days before the date fixed for the poll.

Tuesday, the 11th of December, will also, if the poll for an election of parish councillors be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Tuesday, the 18th of December, be the last day for withdrawals of candidates at that election by written and signed notice delivered at the office of the returning officer.

12th December.

Wednesday, the 12th of December, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London, be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Tuesday, the 18th of December, be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll.

It will also, if the poll for the election of parish councillors be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Wednesday, the 19th of December, be the last day for the withdrawal of candidates at that election by written and signed notice delivered at the office of the returning officer.

Whenever, by withdrawals of candidates as above stated up to the Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, as the case may be, or otherwise (e.g. by death), the number of candidates at an election of parish councillors is reduced to a number not exceeding the number of persons to be elected, public notice must be given as soon as possible in the parish by the returning officer that no poll will be held, and declaring the remaining candidates to be elected. A copy of such notice must be sent forthwith to the chairman of the parish meeting and to each of the persons so declared to be elected.

13th December.

Thursday, the 13th of December, will, if the poll for the election of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London, be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Wednesday, the 19th of December, be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll.

It will also, if no poll be held for an election of parish councillors, be the day on which the persons elected as parish councillors without a contest or by show of hands, come into office.

15th December.

Saturday, the 15th of December, is the first day that can lawfully be fixed by order of the county council for special reasons for holding the poll at elections of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London.

17th December.

Monday, the 17th of December, is the day on which the polls for elections of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes outside London will be held, unless another lawful day is fixed by order of the county council for special reasons.

18th December.

Tuesday the 18th of December, is a day which may lawfully be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for holding the polls at elections of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London.

19th December.

Wednesday, the 19th of December, is the last day which may lawfully be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for holding the polls at elections of parish councillors, urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London.

Hours of the Poll.

In every case the hours of the poll may be fixed by order of the county council, but must include the hours between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Counting of Votes.

The votes must be counted as soon as practicable after the close of the polls.

Declaration of Result.

The result of the poll must be declared forthwith after the counting of the votes.

Notice of Results.

In the case of an election of parish councillors, if a poll be taken, the result of the poll must be published as soon as possible after the declaration of the result.

In the case of an election of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes outside London, the result of the elections throughout the districts must be published as soon as practicable.

28th December.

On Friday, the 28th of December, the newly elected rural district councillors, and guardians for urban parishes outside London will come into office.

31st December.

On Monday, the 31st of December, the newly elected urban district councillors, and such parish councillors, as have been elected after a poll has been taken, will come into office.

Forms.

Important as the observation of the correct dates is, there is another matter of almost equal practical importance to returning officers, and their deputies, and to other officials who have to carry out the foregoing programme, and that is the use of correct forms. All know that official forms are attached to the Orders of the Local Government Board; and all who have had any experience know equally well that those forms are mere skeletons requiring to be very carefully filled up, and very deficient in numbers as well as in details. The easiest and quickest way of avoiding all difficulties arising from these facts, and of lessening the chances of any possible mistake, with its unpleasant consequences to officials and also often to candidates, is to obtain the carefully revised forms supplied by Mr. Robert Jackson, "Guardian" Office, Consett. These include all the official forms and many others that are "absolutely" necessary. The official skeletons are clothed with flesh and sinew, in the shape of added details and notes by experts, learned in the special subject, and it may safely be prophesied that those who use these forms cannot go very far wrong.

Publication of Notices.

In conclusion, attention may be drawn to one rule which figures almost "totidem verbis" in all four Orders of the Local Government Board as to the four kinds of elections, and it is to this effect, that any public notice required by any of these Orders, shall be given by posting the same on or near the principal door of each church and chapel in the parish or district, and in some conspicious place or places within the parish or district, as the case may be.

### THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT.

#### MEETING AT WEST KYO.

On Thursday evening last, a meeting of the electors in the Kyo parish was held in the West Kyo Board Schools to consider the question of nominating representatives for the Parish and District Councils. On the motion of Mr. Hall, Mr. Wm. Fitzpatrick, of Annfield Plain was appointed to preside over the meeting. The chairman then read the notice convening the meeting, which was as follows:—"Kyo Township. A public meeting will be held in the West Kyo Board Schools, on Thursday night, Nov. 1st, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Parish and District Council. The meeting will elect its own chairman."—He said it behoved them to seize the opportunities that fell to their lot as the Parish Councils were expected to do a great deal and they should take care that they elected proper representatives for that body. He had had handed to him a paper which contained a resolution and before proceeding further he would just read it. "That this meeting is of the opinion that the interests of our township, will be best served through district representatives, in the Parish Councils," the suggested representatives to be as follows:—Kyo, 4; Annfield Plain and Cement Houses, 5; Catchgate Moor Pit, and Dickinson's Wood Houses, 4; Tanfield Moor, 2." That was what had been suggested to be a fair representation of the Parish Council. For his own part he thought the number allotted to each district seemed fair. In the first place it was for the meeting to say whether they thought the numbers were fair. He would now declare the meeting open for all business that pertained to the nature of the notice.

Mr. Clish, thought that to a large extent they were in the dark, as to the question. Was there any rough estimate of the number of voters, for each district? Was the number of representatives suggested consistent with the number of voters for each district? Mr. Williams, the secretary, said he was sorry he hadn't any figures with him to show to the meeting, but the committee had given that number as fair.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said it had been considered a fair proportion. The number required was 15, and it had been divided thus for their consideration. The meeting was called to choose likely men. Someone suggested that Mr. G. R. Hobson should give the meeting the numbers of voters, but Mr. Hobson said that as he had not intended coming to the meeting, he had not any books with him. His father was not very well, and had asked him just to call in at the meeting.

Mr. Hall thought they should consider whether the parish was going to be divided into wards. If not, then the number would be elected from the whole parish. Would they be chosen according to rateable value or the number of voters? He was in favour of the parish being divided into wards, as by that means they would be better able to save the expense of an election and get fair representation for each class. There were four interests to be represented, in his opinion. There were the interests of the workman, the interests of the tradesman, the interests of the agriculturalist, and the interests of the colliery owner. He would move that the parish be divided into wards.

Mr. J. Dunn seconded. He thought they would get a fair representation by dividing it into wards.

Mr. W. Rutherford suggested that the question to be considered first should be whether they would take the basis on the rateable value or the number of electors, and moved that the basis be taken on the rateable of each ward.

Mr. Clish thought the first motion should be passed first.

Someone said nothing was said in the circular about dividing the parish into wards.

The Chairman put the first motion "That the parish be divided into wards" which was carried, 18 hands being held up in favour of the resolution and none against it.

Relative to the question of the rateable value of each district, the Chairman said that he had no idea of that.

Mr. Rutherford thought that they should have had some figures to show whether they would go in for the basis to be on the rateable value or the population of each district.

The Chairman:—Does this meeting think this division as stated in the resolution fair?

Mr. Rutherford expressed the opinion that looking roughly at it, it did not quite appear to be fair.

Someone said that the numbers ought to go by the number of voters in each place and not by the rateable value.

The Chairman said that he was satisfied with the numbers for Annfield Plain. Could anyone speak for Kyo and the Moir Pit?

Mr. Hall thought that Catchgate, Moir Pit and Wood Houses, should have one more and Kyo only three.

Mr. Close thought they had a fair proportion. They had only the east side of Catchgate, Moir Pit, 48; and Dickinson's Houses, 57.

Mr. Robert Bates moved that the numbers were satisfactory. He thought it would be wrong to take one from Kyo and put it on to Catchgate.

Mr. Hall said he would second Mr. Bates' proposal that the numbers as read was satisfactory, and this was carried.

The Chairman said the next step would be to nominate representatives.

Mr. Close:—Would it not be wise to adjourn, and let each ward have a meeting and pick their own representatives? As only about one third of the ratepayers of Kyo was present.

Mr. Dawson thought that it would be difficult to get proper representatives by adjourning that meeting. The meeting should say how the number was to be made up.

Mr. Close said that each ward could select as many candidates as possible, and then the candidates that obtained the largest number of votes afterwards would be the candidates.

Mr. Bates said he was anxious to avoid an election as much as possible owing to the cost. However, he thought there was bound to be an election.

Mr. Hall said that if each ward held a meeting, the four interests could easily manage fair representation. If every elector was anxious of saving the cost of an election it could be managed nicely.

Another gentleman said the meeting ought to be adjourned.

The Chairman:—It seems a critical thing to do without an election. The same difficulty would also present itself if they adjourned. There was almost certain to be an election.

Mr. Hall asked if the meeting could nominate representatives for the District Council also.

Mr. Clish asked if it was requisite to have 15 different Parish Councillors and two District Councillors, or could not the same men act on both.

The Chairman said they could run the same men but they must have the 17 nominations for the same day.

Mr. Rutherford said that with regard to colliery miners, it could hardly be done by meetings in the different wards. It would be required to be known what representation they were going to have.

Mr. H. Nicholson, of White-le-head, said that he thought money had been represented too long. The question of rateable value had been broached at nearly all the meetings. Let them have intelligence and not money to represent them. Capital had already been well represented—Let the Colliery Owners give their votes as men and not as millionaires. Let them come and live in the parish and attend their meetings and let them be elected if suitable men. Let them have men of ability. They wanted their houses made into a sanitary condition, their roads repaired. They wanted intellect on their Council.

Mr. Hall said he agreed with part of Mr. Nicholson's remarks but not all. So that the workmen should have fair representation, they should seek for that and nothing more. He thought the representation should be:—Workmen 7; Tradesmen 5; Agriculturists 2; and Colliery Owners 3.

Mr. Rutherford was sorry to hear the remarks that had been used. Hitherto and in the future representation had been by law. When the Parish Councils were in full operation they would not be able to do anything they liked. They would be bound to do things by law. And many a time when their consciences wanted them to do more they would not be able to do it. They were bound down to a certain extent by law, not as regard the Sanitary Laws and the Poor Law Act. In several places money had been spent, and as they thought lawfully, but when the auditor came round, he cared neither for class nor creed, he merely made the parties pay that signed the cheques, and would not pass certain items. He was sorry to see that abuse was given to their late representatives. However, the blame was in the laws and not in the people who was sent to represent them.

Mr. Dowson said that he did not see how a proper proportion of interests could be represented by an adjournment or dividing the parish into wards. He thought they should select the candidates.

Mr. Close thought a select committee for each ward should be formed and select representatives, and let the adjourned meeting say who should be their representatives.

The Chairman said that the names that each ward selected could be submitted to a select committee and they could let the selected candidates come up and speak out and those likeliest could be selected. The organisation of the forces beforehand would be a good idea.

Mr. Suny said he did not believe in those hole and corner meetings. He would not let anyone select candidates for him.

Mr. Armstrong said he was sorry, but he thought they did not quite understand what a Parish Councillor meant. As he undersood it, he wanted to be a man that was judicious, and must have some ability for the work that was required of him.

At this stage the meeting was quite at sea everybody wanting to put everybody else right; but eventually it was decided to elect a committee for each ward, the four committees to work harmoniously together to select candidates and report themselves to a meeting to be held in a fortnight. This was carried unanimously, and the following were chosen:—Kyo—Joseph Hall, Richard Holmes, Robert Bates, George Bullerwell, and Joseph Dunn, Jun. Catchgate and Woodhouses—John Campbell, George Dawson, Mr. Close, Henry Williams, H. Nicholson, G. Harrison, and G. Todd. Annfield Plain—Wm. Fitzpatrick, P. Reay, Mr. Clish, Jas. McPherson, and J. F. Smith.

### THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT.

TOW LAW.

The working men of Tow Law held a meeting on Thursday sen'night in the cattle mart, Tow Law, for the purpose of selecting candidates. The following gentlemen were selected as working men's candidates:—Messrs James Vickers, checkweighman; Robert Reilly, miners' delegate; John Graham, butcher; J. Bell, deputy overman; and J. Watson, miner. There are nine members wanted for this Board.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The Chester-le-Street Division Liberal Executive met on Saturday, the Rev. A. Tebb presiding. It was resolved that Liberals should be left to follow their own individual inclinations with regard to the parish council elections, but it was resolved to ask that the elections should be held on a Saturday. The Government were asked to press forward the Local Veto Bill. A resolution in favour of House of Lords reform was adopted. The hereditary principle was condemned, and the mover of the motion suggested that the Upper House should be elected.

### THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

#### MEETING AT WOLSINGHAM.

A crowded meeting of ratepayers was held on Thursday night week in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, the Rev. Chancellor Espin presiding. The Chancellor opened the meeting by stating that he had just returned from Newcastle, where he had read a paper on "The Local Government Act, 1894," at the Diocesan Conference. The Act was now law, and he considered it to be the duty of everyone to make the best of it. Although flaws could be detected in the Act, the present was not a time to quarrel about them. He wished the electors to understand that he did not desire to influence the nomination or election of councillors in any way, but would give his hearty assistance in carrying out the Act. The number of Parish Councillors would be 11, and of District Councillors 7.—Mr. Mainprise and the Rev. R. Scott (Baptist) spoke at some length, and insisted that all candidates should mount the platform and explain their views to the electors.—Mr. R. G. Wooler moved, and Mr. G. R. Wooler seconded, a resolution that a committee be chosen to select candidates for nomination.—The motion was lost, being supported by only the mover and seconder. —Mr. G. Mainprise moved, and Mr. T. E. Fenwick seconded, the following resolution: "This meeting pledges itself to support candidates who will use their best endeavours to obtain the transfer of the Town Hall from the hands of the trustees into that of the Parish Council."—The motion was carried unanimously, and after a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting was adjourned till November 15th.

### CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

["By Wearsider."]

The weather continues to be of the vilest kind. Rain falls every day, and the atmosphere is at saturation point, even when it does not rain. There is still a quantity of corn in the fields; and owing to the sodden state of the land, potatoes cannot be lifted.

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The forthcoming elections of District and Parish Councils continue to supply food for speculative minds. I heard a conversation the other day between two well-known public men in respect of the elections. One ventured the opinion that when the day did come there would notwithstanding all the bluster, be a difficulty in getting fifteen candidates. His friend laughed at the whim, and said the greatest difficulty would be to find fifteen men in Townships who did not wish to stand. He was about right, if present appearances go for anything.

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At last the County Council have decided to build a New Court House in place of the wretched den now in use. It was quite time; and more than that. But it is not the only thing that the Council is to be asked to do for Chester-le-Street. The need of a bridge across the Wear, becomes more pressing every day; and must receive attention. The day of crossing rivers by means of antiquated ferries is past.

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As has often been said in this column, there is a right way of doing everything, and there is also a Chester-le-Street way. In well-ordered communities where roads are scraped in muddy weather the heaps of "clarts" are carted away. We don't do this in Chester-le-Street. We have a better plan of which we are inventors, patentees, and thank goodness, the sole proprietors. We raise the heaps of mud up in every conceivably inconvenient places, and leave them as traps for the unwary pedestrian. Verily the roads were better kept by the Highway Board, and the old contractor, than under the new machine—the County Council.

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When among the mud it would be just as well to mention the Station Lane, which the Highway Board, at their last meeting ordered to become a township road. This road, if road it can be called, is not only nearly impassable, but is absolutely dangerous; and it is safe to predict that unless something is not done to it presently, there will be some serious accident. Where are the authorities?

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The one common opinion about the new Burial Ground, is, that the Burial Board made a serious blunder in selecting their site. The field is a complete well; an underground lake in fact. There appears to be no end of difficulties in the way of proper and efficient drainage; although a skilful and capable man is contractor for the work.

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Since writing the above another meeting in respect of the forthcoming elections has been held. This time in the Gospel Hall, on Wednesday sen'night by people who say, that they claim as much right to select and nominate candidates, as the Liberal and Labour party. The meeting declared that they intended to act quite independently of any political or party influences, and vote for "the best man." What the result of the split will be remains to be seen.

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At this meeting Mr Joseph Witherspoon, an independent candidate, made a serious accusation against the Rural Sanitary Authority, of which he is a member. He says the Authority have ordered their officers not to report any unsanitary properties to the Authority, until they have failed to come to terms with the owner or his agent. This arrangement Mr. Witherspoon reasonably enough says opens up the worst possible form of corruption besides extinguishing the power of the Authority.

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Mr. Joseph Goldsbrough, the well known contractor, Chester-le-Street, is just now completing an extension scheme of sewerage and sewerage disposal works, for the towns of Berkamsted and Northchurch, Herts. The works consist of over five miles of drainage, laid at depths ranging from 12 to 25ft. The drainage is carried through the Grand Junction Canal, and altogether the operations are of no ordinary character; and are described as being of the most complete description, the most modern improvements known to sanitary engineers being embraced throughout the whole scheme. The engineer for this interesting work is Mr. A. M. Fowler, Manchester, formerly city engineer for Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and his work is not only giving satisfaction to the Board for whom the work is being carried out, but is attracting the attention of Sanitary Engineers throughout the country.

### WEARDALE NOTES.

A thunder-storm in October is rather an unusual occurence, but one passed over Weardale on Monday afternoon.

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The re-opening of the ironstone mining industry in Upper Weardale this week has given great satisfaction to the dales-folk.

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The Commissioners, who own extensive properties in the dale, have never treated Weardale as they should have done in the matter of letting leases, or the industries of the dale never need have been in the lapsed and languishing condition they have been in these late years. The visit of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to the dale betokens, however, a more spirited policy in the future, and there is yet prosperity in store for Weardale.

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Stanhope Castle and moors are said to have been let, this time to a peer of the realm. Mr. Valentine Johnson, Stanhope, has been appointed head keeper.

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Newcastle Hirings.—On Monday last, the half-yearly hirings for male and female farm servants was held in the Corn Exchange, Newcastle. There was a large attendance of both employers and servants, and a good many engagements were made. Young girls secured up to £5 for the half-year; useful women received from £6 to £10; young lads up to £6; and good useful men obtained from £11 to £14 for the six months.

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### STANHOPE.

A "Rara Avis" in Stanhope.—A fine pheasant was seen on Monday in the garden of Mr. Leonard Atkinson, Front Street, Stanhope. On being disturbed it took wing and flew over the town in a south-easterly direction. They are somewhat rare birds in Stanhope.

The Last Thatch in Stanhope.—The old thatched riding house, in front of Stanhope Rectory, which has stood over half a century blocking up the view of the handsome and palatial buildings of the Rectory, was demolished last week, and the improvement in the appearance of the town is remarkable. The Rectory can now be seen from the Front Street, where it was practically hid before. The change is most welcome. If the wall was lowered a couple of feet or so, and a little palisading placed on it the improvement would be greater still. It was the last thatch in Stanhope.

# Local Police Courts.

## CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

### FIRST COURT.

MONDAY NOV 5th.—Before COUNCILLOR JAMES ANNANDALE (presiding), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, and E. W. E. BALLENY Esqs.

### ALLEGED DISPUTE ABOUT A BET AT LEADGATE.

A LANDLORD AND HIS SON IN THE DOCK.

WAS THE PORT WINE LOGWOOD CHIPS.

*John Snaith*, landlord of the Queen Victoria Hotel, Leadgate, and his son (*Jonas Snaith*), *Thos Bailey*, and *Miles Lax*, miners, were summoned for having assaulted William Tinkler, miner, Leadgate, on Oct 13th. Mr E. Clark (Newcastle), defended.

Complainant deposed that on the 9th October he made a bet with the landlord's son, Jonas, placing 15s on Childwick for the Cesarewitch. The horse won, and he went on the following Thursday for his money. He told the son that he had 15s for a win, and 1s for a place. Jonas said, "No, you had 10s for a win, and 5s for a shop." After a good deal of argument, the son refused to settle, and Snaith, the elder, offered to pay £2 10s or one half of the money in settlement of the claim. Complainant took the £2 10s and informed Sergt Nicholson that if he did not get the other £2 10s he would make a complaint to Supt Bessies. On Saturday morning, Mrs Snaith paid him the other £2 10s and after he had stood "drops" round he went out. About 5 o'clock the same night, Tinkler went with another man to the Coach and Horses opposite to the Queen Victoria Hotel, and kept by Mrs Snaith. There were present Jonas Snaith and Bailey, who, he said, was engaged as a "chucker out." (Laughter.) Young Snaith was filling his pipe with some fancy "shag" tobacco, and he asked the youth for a pipeful. Jonas replied that he would not, because of the dirty trick he had done the day before, in complaining to the police about the bet. After a few words, Jonas struck at complainant and both Bailey and Lax attacked him. Mrs Snaith came round from behind the bar and tried to save him, and John Snaith came in, and seizing him around the waist, tried to put him out. Snaith exclaimed "Give it to the —" and Bailey hit him upon the neck and he was knocked down. On getting outside, complainant was both beaten and kicked and knocked down upon the road. A man named Walker said such treatment was disgraceful, and two companions, Nattress and Patterson took him home.

Cross-examined by Mr Clark: Complainant said the man named Walker was present this day, but he told him that he need not come for him.

Mr Clark: How does it come you have summoned him.

Complainant. Yes, but the man has been won to the other side.

Mr Clark: Oh! I see. That is all the faith you put in your witness. Very good, we will see who has been telling the truth.

In answer to Mr Clark complainant said that when he went into the bar there were many present whom he knew. Nattrass was his friend and he did not go into the bar with him. His language was just the same as other men. He asked for a pipeful of the fancy tobacco. He was drinking port wine. He did not complain of the quality of the liquor, although it resembled "logwood chips." (Laughter.) He did not use abusive language to Mrs Snaith, nor did he fall upon the bar floor. Mr Snaith did not request him to leave the house. He did not see Lax leave the bar for the purpose of bringing Mr Snaith into the house. When they struck at him no one went for Mr Mr Snaith. It was Jonas Snaith that struck him first. He never took Jonas Snaith by the throat but he only wished now he had done so. Jonas Snaith did not ask him to leave the house. They both fell on the ground, and he was then knocked into a corner by the defendants. The landlord, John Snaith, took hold of him to put him out and used him badly. He never struggled, but it was not likely he was going to be quiet when there were three or four men assaulting him. Bailey struck at him when he was in the bar. He received two black eyes.

By the Chairman: Complainant said that he had seven or eight glasses of port wine. It was not the best. (Laughter.)

Samuel Nattrass and Joe Patterson were charged to corroborate, but stated that neither of the Snaith's struck the complainant, nor did they see Lax there at all.

In answer to Mr Clark witness said the row commenced about a pipe of tobacco. Tinkler never used indecent language to Mrs Snaith.

James Walker deposed that he saw Mrs Snaith in the act of putting Tinkler out of the house, but as he refused to go, John Snaith came and put him out. Nobody ever struck at Tinkler, nor was he knocked down. Complainant was not struck or kicked on the street, but witness got hold of Tinkler and Nattrass away on to the railway out of the way of the bobbies. (Laughter.)

The Bench considered Walker a hostile witness, and although Mr Clark protested, complainant was allowed to cross-examine him.

Mr Clark, at the outset, said that the only one that had told the truth was the hostile witness and he was pleased the Bench had treated him as such. He would now ask that John Snaith and Lax should be discharged, and the justices assented to this course. Mr Clark stated that the question of the bet was settled that morning, and had been introduced with a view of prejudicing the case. Complainant was very disorderly in the Coach and Horses, used very abusive language to Mrs Snaith, and complained that the port wine he was drinking was "logwood chips." Tinkler became very disorderly, and Mrs Snaith asked him to leave the house. As he refused, young Snaith came round and tried to put the man out. A struggle ensued, and as Tinkler was raging like a madman, Mrs Snaith, fearing that young Snaith, her stepson, would come to the worst, sent across the road for her husband, who came and ejected Tinkler from the premises. The story about being assaulted outside was a pure fiction. He would prove that Bailey was not an engaged "chucker out," and when young Snaith was engaged in the act of putting Tinkler out of the house they both fell, and the latter had hold of Snaith by the throat. Bailey never interfered in any way. Tinkler was the aggressor, and was never assaulted by the two defendants.

Mrs Snaith bore out Mr Clark's statement, and said that when Tinkler came into the bar she was busy serving customers. Bailey was not engaged as "chucker out." Tinkler, after being served, commented on the port wine, and then used bad language. Her step-son went forward and told him to go out of the house. Both of them fell on to the floor, and Tinkler seized her step-son by the throat. She never saw Bailey interfere or strike the complainant. Miles Lax went for her husband, who came and put Tinkler outside, and he was never assaulted.

Cross-examined by the prosecutor: Mrs Snaith said she never gave him 50s in the morning. Bailey never put his coat off.

Miss Carr, barmaid, also gave evidence, and fully corroborated the statement tendered by her mistress.

John Snaith adduced that Lax came for him to go to his wife's house. He saw Tinkler in the bar, using filthy bad language. He requested him to leave, but he refused, and he then took hold of him by the shoulder, and simply ejected him from the premises. Tinkler was never assaulted.

Cross-examined by prosecutor: Witness said he could not say how it come for him to get the black eyes. This was not the first time he had been compelled to eject him from his premises.

By the Chairman: He was not present when the disturbance commenced. He asked complainant quietly to go home and he refused.

John Day, George Elsby, and George Turner also gave evidence.

The Bench ordered the case to be dismissed. Complainant had to pay £1 13s 6d costs.

### CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT BLACKHILL.

*George Winter*, a pawnbroker, carrying on business in Durham Road, Blackhill, was committed for trial at the Assizes—bail being accepted—charged with having attempted to commit suicide.

From the evidence of Charles Winter, the son, it appears that about two o'clock on Sunday morning, Oct. 7th, he was sleeping in bed, when he was awakened by his father, who shouted to him, "Charlie, come here." He went into his father's bedroom, and perceived him lying on the bed with his throat cut. Witness sent for the police and the doctor. He asked the prisoner what he had done it for, and he replied "I know nothing about it." The old man had been drinking heavily for the fortnight previous to the occurrence; but he was quite sober on that particular morning.

Dr Dawson, of Blackhill, assistant to Dr George Renton, said there was a large incised wound on the right side of the neck six inches long, and very deep, the cut having just escaped the carotid artery. The mental state of the prisoner at the time was decidedly suicidal. The cut was in a dangerous position, but the wound had rapidly healed. He also found a similar incision on the left side of the neck. If the cut had been a shape deeper the carotid artery would have been severed. Accused had since expressed his regret for what he had done.

Sergeant Tones said that when he apprehended the man that morning he said that he did not know what caused him to do it. Witness found two razors between the bed and the mattress, and a third razor was on the table beside the bed.

Prisoner acknowledged his guilt, and said he was sorry for what he had done, and promised that it should not happen again.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLIES.

The following persons were proceeded against for this offence and convicted:—*Michael Carroll*, 5s; *Joseph Bell*, 5s; *Thomas Daylin*, 10s; *Thos. Carroll*, 5s; *Matthew Carroll*, 5s; *Bridget Ward*, 2s 6d; *Hugh McCann*, 5s; *Charles McCartan*, 5s; *Patrick Ward*, 5s; *James Connelly*, 5s.

TOO MUCH DRINK.

*Mary Delvin*, of Consett, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Havelock Street, Consett, on the 3rd inst.—P.C. Carruthers proved the case.

Defendant was further charged with doing wilful damage to a square of glass in a door in the Masons' Arms, Middle Street, Consett, on the same night.—The landlord (Mr Harris) stated that defendant came into the house under the influence of liquor. She was requested to leave, but declined. After being put outside, she took the can (produced) and put it through a plate of glass in one of the doors. The damage was 4s.—The Chairman: Was the woman drinking in your house.—The Landlord: No; she came in, and was ordered to leave.—The Bench imposed a fine of 2s 6d and costs for the first offence, and for the wilful damage defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 6d, the damage, and costs.

SATURDAY'S DRUNKS.

*Peter McGuire, John Brady, Michael Ward, James Smith, Thomas Phillips, Thomas Lenng*, and *Thomas McIntyre* were all fined 5s and costs for being drunk at Consett, and Consett and Blackhill, on Saturday and Sunday.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

*Peter Boyle*, labourer of Consett, was charged with a breach of the peace by fighting in Victoria Street, Consett, on the 20th ult.—P.C Passison averred the facts of the case, and said he saw defendant fight three rounds with his uncle.—Defendant said he only acted in self-defence.—Peter was bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace towards his uncle and all other people for a space of three months, and defray the costs.

*Samuel McIvor* and *Andrew McGregor*, miners, were summoned for fighting at Dipton, on the 27th ult.—McIvor was bound over for the usual period, and a warrant was issued against McGregor for his non-appearance.

REFUSING TO QUIT AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

*John McColl*, labourer, was charged for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Robert Stoker, the Gateshead Brandy Inn, Blackhill, on the 27th ult., and also for doing wilful damage to the glasses, &c., to the amount of 16s, at the same time and place.—Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Prosecutor attested that defendant came into his house and ordered a glass of beer. After lighting his pipe, defendant turned round from the fire struck at a man, and then commenced to break the furniture in the room. Not satisfied with this, he hurled the glasses off the table, and then turned the table right on to its side. He ordered the defendant out, and he refused to go. He took hold of the defendant, and when they were near the door, McColl took his fist and smashed a square of glass. Defendant then rushed into the bar and swept a number of glasses off the counter on to the floor. The damage amounted to 18s.—A witness named Edward Wilson said he was in the public-house when the defendant came in and struck at him, and afterwards caused the damage.—Another witness gave similar testimony.—Defendant said he went into the house, and on looking into a certain room he saw that the company had a certain man on the floor, and they were kicking and badly using him. The disturbance commenced in the kitchen, and he was not the man that broke the glasses or did the other damage.—Corroborative evidence having been tendered, the Magistrates said the case had been proved and defendant would be fined 5s and costs for refusing to quit. For the wilful damage, a fine of 1s, the damage, and costs was imposed.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AT FRIARSIDE.

*Peter Beaston*, miner, was charged with committing an aggravated assault upon his wife, Ann Beaston, at Friarside, on the 28th ult.—Complainant, who wept bitterly whilst giving her evidence, said on this night defendant came into the house under the influence of liquor. He wanted to take the baby out of the cradle, but she refused and found fault. Defendant then chased her out of the house, seized her by the hair of the head, dragged her across the road, and then kicked and struck her several blows.—Two neighbours named Mary Wardhaugh and Elisabeth McGlynn corroborated.—Defendant, who did not appear, was mulcted in a penalty of 30s and costs for the assault.—The Bench also granted a separation order for 7s 6d, complainant to have custody of the two children.

TRESPASSING ON THE RAILWAY.

*Robert Wanless* and *John Appleton*, miners, were summoned for trespassing on the North Eastern Company's railway between East Castle and the Brooms.—Inspector Hunt, N.E.R, prosecuted.—P.C. Harvey stated that on this particular day he saw the two defendants trespass on the railway for a distance of half-a-mile. He had previously warned the two defendants on July 10th.—Defendant were each fined 5s and costs.

EDUCATION ACT.

The following persons were proceeded against for this offence:—*George Hobson*, Dipton, withdrawn; *William Hennessey*, Dipton, 5s; *Michael McClaskey*, Dipton, 5s; *Edward Oldfield*, Consett, withdrawn.

## WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

Tuesday, Nov. 6th.—Before the Rev Chancellor ESPIN (chairman), and T. H. E. ESPIN.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

*Henry Fleming*, of Tow Law, was fined 2s and 7s costs for driving a rolley furiously in the streets on the 29th September last.

NON-VACCINATION OF THEIR CHILDREN.

*Joseph Storey, George Gage, William Allison*, and *George Hall* were summoned for not having their children vaccinated.—Storey, who said he had conscientious objections, and Hall, who admitted some neglect, were fined 6d and 7s costs. The other two cases were adjourned.

A POACHER FINED.

*Jonathan Hedges*, of Sunniside, was fined 5s and 10s costs, for trespassing in pursuit of game on land in the occupation of George Tomlinson, at Elm Park.

CHIMNEY ON FIRE.

*John Coombs* was fined 6d and 7s costs for allowing his chimney to be on fire on the 15th ult.

ILLEGAL SALMON FISHING IN WEARDALE.

*Ernest Wilkinson*, of Walsingham, was fined 10s and 10s 6d costs for attempting to catch salmon otherwise than by rod or line in the tail race at Humble's Ford.

*James Robinson* and *Alfred Stephenson* were convicted of illegally attempting to catch salmon in the Wear, near Gosecroft.—Sergeant Briens and P.C Banks deposed to finding the defendants, together with another man who was unknown and escaped, in the water with sticks, with which they were searching for fish amongst the stones. Robinson was fined 10s and 6s 9d costs, and Stephenson 28s and 6s 9d costs, it being his second offence.

CASE DISMISSED.

A charge of poaching preferred by Alfred Brunt, keeper to Mr Stobbart, against *Thomas Moses, John Tomlinson*, and *Peter Smurthwaite* was dismissed.

## LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, November 1st.—Before W. B. Van Haansbergen, Esq., (in the chair) E. W. E. Balleny, Esq., and Dr. John Wilson.

The Langley Park Theatre.

The Bench granted a renewal of the dramatic licenses to the Langley Park Theatre to Mr. James Lovell, for a period of 12 months.

A Miner Interferes with Pit Props.

Henry Curry, hewer, of West Stanley, was summoned for having, on the 4th October committed a breach of the special rules enforced at the Morrison Pit, Annfield Plain, belonging the South Moor Coal Company, by interfering with timber set to support the roof of the place wherein he was working. Mr. W. H. Oliver (Durham) prosecuted, and Mr. Welford (Consett) defended.—The evidence of Mr. Parkinson, under manager, showed that was the duty of Littlefair, the deputy, to set the props for this particular shift worked by the defendant. It appeared that in the place Curry, in order to get better at his work in the "jud" removed one of the props. Witness met defendant coming out bye, on October 4th, and he told him that he (defendant) had been sent out because he had knocked a prop out. Witness went and examined the place, and found that some timber had been set in to meet prospective contingencies, a prop having been fixed near the defendant's "jud," to prevent an accident occurring. No person had a right to knock out a prop which had been set by a deputy for the safety of the same.—Cross-questioned by Mr. Welford: He did not tell a man called Dryden that there had been a little ill-feeling between defendant and the deputy, otherwise these proceedings would not have been taken. He did not suggest that the roof was unsafe at this particular place. The position of the prop might in the slightest degree interfere with the defendant's work.—Littlefair the deputy, also spoke to the defendant removing the prop; and he denied that there was any ill-feeling between himself and the defendant. If Curry could not work on account of the position of the prop, he ought to have informed the deputy.—The defence was that the prop was put in 5ft. by 2ft. on the face where this man had started work; and it interfered with him in his employment. He saw that the following day the prop had been shifted to allow the other man to get easier at the same place. Accordingly he knocked the prop away.—Henry Dryden, the local inspector on behalf of the men, said there was no necessity for the prop being placed there at all and considered that it had been fixed at he spot out of sheer stupidity, to prevent the defendant from putting in a good day's work.—The Justices imposed a fine of 5/- and costs, considering that it was only a trivial case.

A Convict's License.

David Robson, a convict on ticket of leave, was charged with leaving the district without reporting himself.—P.C. Jamieson said that on 10th of Oct. prisoner reported to him his arrival at Burnhope, but left the place without reporting himself.—P.C. Robinson said that on the 23rd ult. he received the accused into custody at Durham on his release from Durham goal, where he had been serving a sentence of felony, and was committed in the name of Henry Thompson.—Robson stated that he expected he had only to report himself annually at any place. The Bench stated that the accused had rendered himself liable to 12 months' imprisonment. He would be sent to prison for one month.

Brutal Assault near Lanchester.

James Stephenson, Wm. Liddle, and Thos. Hope, miners, were charged with assaulting John Copley, an employe in the Langley Park Branch of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Stores on the 4th ult. Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate) defended.—Prosecutor deposed that on the night in question, he was driving home when on passing Maiden Law, the three defendants demanded a ride, but there not being room, he refused to accommodate them. The men seized hold of the horse and stopped his progress. He struck Stephenson with a whip and knocked him down, one of the other men picked up a stone and felled Copley across the head. He was off work for a fortnight and had to be attended by Dr. Duncan, of Catchgate.—Defendants were very noisy in the dock, and asked complainant to pull the piece of sticking-plaster off his head. They kept interrupting the proceedings so much that the Bench threatened to keep them in a cell till the close of the Court if they did not remain quiet.—The Justices sentenced the accused to two months' hard labour, and pay £1 8s 6d each costs, or undergo a further term of 14 days.

Licensing Prosecution at Lanchester.

Matthew Martin, the holder of an "off" beer license at South Moor, was summoned for having sold a pint of ale to Jos. Wright, of Stanley, on the 13th October last, and the same was consumed on his premises, Mr. J. M. L. Criddle (Newcastle) defended.—P.C. Stubbs and Iceton adduced evidence to show that at 11.30 a.m. they perceived the man Wright go to Martin's place, and was served with a can of beer through the window. Wright paid for the liquor, and taking the can three feet from the window, he drank off the contents. After that he handed the tin can back and when the police entered the place Mrs. Martin was busy washing out the can. On being charged she replied "Oh, it's all right, I've seen the Sergeant of police about it." Wright worked at South Moor, but lodged at West Stanley.—Replying to Mr. Criddle, the police thought that Mrs. Martin might have come out and prevented the man drinking the beer.—The defence was that the drink was not consumed there with either Mr. or Mrs. Martin's authority or consent. When the man asked for the beer the landlady picked up a can, which must have been thrust inside the window by some other customer, as soon as she saw what the man did, and he returned the can she was surprised to find that it belonged to them. She had no idea the man was going to stop upon the cemented pavement and drink off the beer, otherwise she would have stopped him.—The Bench believed there was a doubt and dismissed the summons advising the defendant to be more careful in future. Supt. Benzies said that this license was only granted at the last Brewster Sessions, and defendant had only been selling beer two days before this happened.

A Servant's Claim for Wages.

Ellen Jane Durham, a young woman, preferred a claim against Henry Oliver, of Hurbuck Farm, Consett, for £5 due as wages.—Mr. Welford appeared to defend.—Plaintiff said that she was hired on the 13th of May last, at the wage of £7 10s for a half-year. It was alleged that she should be allowed to go home every other Sunday. She averred that in the beginning of October, Mr. Oliver summarily dismissed her without any cause, and refused to pay the balance of wages due to the 1st of the month.—In answer to Mr. Welford, plaintiff confessed that on the 29th of September, she left the house for an hour between 11 and 12 o'clock to go to Lanchester, and did not return till 9.30 p.m. after the family had all gone to bed. She was fastened out all night and Mr. Oliver agreed to take her on again upon the condition that she did not again leave the house without permission. Mrs. Oliver wished to attend the harvest festival at Lanchester on the Sunday night and she ought to have been set at liberty. Plaintiff fastened up the house and went out leaving two children inside. She had only received £1 10s from the defendant but denied ever getting £1 18s. She did not become drunk on one occasion and had to be in bed for two days. (Laughter).—The Justices considered there was no case, but suggested that Mr. Oliver should pay the girl a portion of the money due.—Mr. Welford promised, and the summons was dismissed.

Furious Driving.

Thos. Whitfield appeared to answer a charge instituted against him by P.C. Steadman, for furiously driving horses along the highway, so as to endanger the lives of foot-passengers and others.—The constable said that on the 18th ult, he was at Fir Tree House, near Waterhouses, when he met the defendant driving a horse, and trap at a reckless pace.—Fined 5/- and costs.

Horses Straying at West Stanley.

Thomas Wadge, of West Stanley, was summoned by P.C.'s Ferguson and Iceton for allowing a couple of horses to stray on the public street at West Stanley on the 12th of last month.—The evidence showed that the horses were galloping down the Front Street, West Stanley in charge of a little boy, who was not able to control them. The thoroughfare was crowded, and as the horses ran upon the footpath, and came perilously close to the shop windows, several persons had narrow escapes of being run over.—The defence was that the horses were in charge of a boy who was leading the animals down to the stables. Wadge alleged that the police had a spite against him, and that it was only a month since he was fined for a similar offence.—The Bench inflicted a penalty of 5/- and costs.

The Education Act.

James Humble, of the King's Head Hotel, Lanchester, was summoned by Mr. John Gibson, acting for the Lanchester Union School Attendance Committee for not sending his children to school. They had not, the schoolmaster said, attended school for some weeks. Defendant was invited to appear before the committee to give an explanation, but he took no heed of the request.—Mr. Humble stated that if Mr. Gibson had only come to his house, he would have learnt the reason they were not at school.—Mr. Gibson, in answer to the Bench said that he called at Mr. Humble's place about 12 months ago, when defendant told him that he was not to go there again to see after his children. He had not been there since, and did not intend to go again.—Defendant said that his children were being taught at home by Miss Appleby, a private tutor. He was not going to be humbugged by Mr. Gibson any longer. The children were delicate, and could not attend school regularly. Mr. Gibson submitted that the Bench ought not to accept Mr. Humble's word, but that he should be obliged to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Court that his children were receiving proper tuition at home.—The Chairman stated that the Bench were quite willing to accept Mr. Humble's assurance that the children were being properly instructed at home.—In reply to Mr. Gibson, defendant said he could not tell whether Miss Appleby was a duly certified teacher or not. She was however, quite competent to teach his children. He was anxious that his family should be properly educated, and not brought up as dunces.—Mr. Gibson: And Mr. Humble shows his anxiety to have them properly educated by keeping them away from school. I intrust that the onus rests with the defendant to prove that the children are receiving proper instruction.—The Bench were satisfied that Mr. Humble's children were being properly instructed and dismissed the charge.

One Case Leads to Another.

John Stewart, lodging at Dormain Cottages, near Lanchester, was proceeded against by P.C. Robinson with keeping a dog without a license.—Defendant declared that the animal was not yet six months old, and the Magistrates believing this statement Supt. Benzies withdrew the case.

The same defendant was also put into the dock charged with stealing four rabbits, of the value of 5/- belonging to Thos. Smith, labourer, of Fen Hall, on October 13th. Jane Carr wife of Jos. Carr, of Dormain Cottages said that the defendant lodged at their house.—On October 13th, prisoner brought home four rabbits, averring that he had bought them. The rabbits were kept in the coalhouse till the 17th of the month; when witness went out, and on returning at 11 o'clock the rabbits were killed and all ready for cleaning and cooking. They were eaten for dinner the next day.—Jos. Carr, labourer, said he believed that one of the rabbits was killed by the dog. When P.C. Robinson called on the 17th October about a dog license he saw the rabbits in the coalhouse. After the officer had departed, witness suspected there was something wrong about them.—P.C. Robinson tendered evidence to receiving information about the rabbits being stolen and on visiting Carr's house to see about Stewart's dog license he observed the four rabbits in the coalhouse. He charged the defendant who denied the theft.—Stewart at first emphatically repudiated the charge, and declared that he knew nothing about the rabbits; but at length he pleaded guilty and was fined £2 or a month's hard labour.

Attempt to Throw a Man on a Coke Oven.

John Grant and Thomas Sproates, cokeyard "rodneys" were brought up on charges of sleeping in coke ovens, and assaulting Terrence O'Neil, a cokeman, and doing damage to the amount of 2/6 to a coke oven door the property of the owners of West Stanley Colliery, on the 25th ult.—Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted.—P.C. Ferguson having given evidence of finding the men sleeping in a coke oven, O'Neil said that on the date referred to the defendants came to him and told him that he was working for too little money. He was employed by Thompson Spark to fill ovens, the complainant informed the prisoners that they had nothing to do with the matter. They both attacked him, Sproates attempting to put him on the coke oven fire, while Grant kicked him. During the struggle, the oven door was broken.—Defendants denied the charge.—For vagrancy Grant was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour, and Sproates to one month's imprisonment, for the assault. Sproates was committed for one month, while Grant got 14 days' hard labour, the sentences to run consecutively. The case of wilful damage was dismissed.

A Fracas on the Roadside near Lanchester.

James Wright, miner, was charged with being drunk and assaulting Matthew Minto on the road-side near Lanchester, on the 25th November 1893.—P.C. Robinson spoke to finding defendant and another man drunk, and causing a disturbance on the road between Lanchester and Cornsay. Wright absconded immediately after the service of the summons, and was arrested last Thursday.—Relative to the assault, Matthew Minto said he was driving home on the night in question, when two tipsy men asked him for a ride, as he refused, one of the men caught hold of the horse's head, while defendant pulled complainant out of the trap, and beat him about the head, inflicting a nasty cut.—Defendant was further accused of causing wilful damage to the conveyance, belonging to George Caley, to the amount of 5/-.—Mr. Caley said the side was pulled off, and the damage amounted to 10/-, but the other man who was tried at the time, paid one half of the damage.—Defendant pleaded guilty to all the charges, and was fined 5/- and costs for drunkenness, 10/- and costs assault, and 2/6 and costs and 5/- damage for the last offence.

### ASSAULT ON THE POLICE AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A Plucky Officer.

Early on Monday sen'night P.C. Johnson was on duty in the Front Street, Chester-le-Street, when he encountered two men, whose movements aroused his suspicions. He at once accosted them, and asked for explanations. The men were insolent with him, and he threatened to take them. They at once said he would'nt, and could'nt, and forthwith attacked with the result that they knocked him down, and began to kick him. The plucky officer however managed to get up, and renew the fight, with the result that he got them separated and they took flight, each in opposite directions. The officer pursued one, and after a further struggle succeeded in taking him into custody. It turned out that the two men were deserters from the Royal Artillery, lying at Newcastle Barracks. The one in custody, under remand until next week is Thomas Smith, the other has not yet been arrested. It should be remembered that the officer was not armed with his truncheon.

### CONSECRATION OF A BURIAL GROUND AT LEADGATE.

### VISIT OF THE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM.

For some time past the churchyard connected with St. Ives' Church, Leadgate, has been filled to its utmost capacity, so that to meet the requirements of the district of Leadgate, the churchwardens have added another acre of land to the Old Burial Ground. On Saturday, the Lord Bishop of Durham accompanied by his chaplain, visited Leadgate for the purpose of consecrating the land. The weather was very unpropitious for the occasion, with the result that a great portion of the ceremony had to be performed indoors. The Bishop was received at the entrance of the Burial Ground by the clergy of the parish, and the churchwardens, and the petition for consecration was then presented, after which the Bishop signified his readiness to proceed to the consecration. Prior to the consecration, a short service was held in the Church. There was a capital congregation present. The service commenced by the surpliced choir proceeding down the principal aisles of the church, reading the hymn, 457.—"For all the Saints who from their labours rest;" followed by the Bishop, chaplain, and the clergy. The prayers were read by the Vicar (Rev. Thos. Varley), and the curate, (Rev. R. S. Hay.) The lessons were read by the Revs. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., South Hetton, formerly of Leadgate, and G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., Benfieldside. At this stage the Bishop preceded by his chaplain, the churchwardens, and the choir, followed by the clergy, left the church, and proceeded round the ground, and the same was duly consecrated by the Bishop, who read the sentence of consecration as follows:—

"By virtue of the authority committed to us in the Church of God, we do consecrate and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses this ground, to be a resting-place of the bodies of the dead until the glorious Resurrection in the last day, in the Name of the Father and of the Son; and of the Holy Ghost.—Amen."

On returning to the church, the Bishop prayed as follows:—

"O God, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word that there is a difference between the spirit of a beast that goeth downward to the earth, and the spirit of a man which ascendeth up to God who gave it; and likewise, by the example of Thy holy servants in all ages, hast taught us to assign peculiar places where the bodies of Thy saints may rest in peace, and be preserved from all indignities, whilst their souls are safely kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer: Accept, we beseech Thee, this charitable work of ours, in separating this portion of land to that good purpose; and give us grace, that, by the frequent instances of mortality which we behold, we may learn, and seriously consider, how frail and uncertain our condition here on earth is, and so number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom: That in the midst of life thinking upon death, and daily preparing ourselves for the judgment that is to follow, we may have our part in the Resurrection to Eternal Life, through Him who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.—Amen."

Other prayers followed, after which the Bishop delivered an appropriate address.

The singing of the hymn,

"A few more years shall roll."

and the pronouncing of the blessing by the Bishop closed a most impressive service.

Amongst the other clergy present was Revs. W. Cochin, Medomsley, P. Cameron, Ebchester, R. Tuson, Dipton, Thos. Dunn, Collierley, and C. S. Wilson, Consett.

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### CONSERVATIVE MEETING AT BURNHOPE.

On Thursday se'nnight, a well-attended meeting was held in the Colliery School, Burnhope. Mr U. A. Ritson presided, and in introducing Mr Donati delivered a most interesting speech upon current political topics. Mr Donati, who had a most hearty reception from the miners and others present, then delivered an address that was received with rapt attention and applause. Votes of thanks to the chairman and speaker concluded a most successful meeting.

### KYO SCHOOL BOARD.

On Monday afternoon the monthly meeting of this body was held in the West Kyo Schools. Mr Robert Kay (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs Thomas Bowes and J. W. Robson, the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson), and the attendance officer (Mr Wm Ward).

THE ATTENDANCE QUESTION.

Mr BOWES drew attention to the fact how was it that there was not as many reports made against the Greencroft School Board about the non-attendance of children, as there was against them at the Greencroft School Board meetings. He knew for a fact that there were a large number of children residing in the Greencroft district who were nine years of age, and had never yet attended school.

Mr ROBSON: Quite true.

After other remarks on the question, it was allowed to drop.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Clerk read the following letter from Mr John Smith, architect, Shotley Bridge:—

Cannot attend your Board meeting on Monday next. We have prepared pencil plans of the present school at Annfield Plain, showing its conversion into an infant school, cookery room, and Board room.

We have also laid down an acre of land, and prepared pencil plan of mixed school for 250 children, &c. When arrangements have been made about land, would be glad to meet the Board at Annfield Plain to go into the matter.

A letter was read from the secretary to the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society to the effect that the committee, after fully considering your offer, cannot see their way to a further reduction of their previous price, but are prepared to appoint a deputation to meet a deputation from your Board to discuss the matter.

The Clerk pointed out that the Board offered the Co-operative Society 2s per yard for an acre of land. He said that he had another letter anent this question which was as follows:—

3, Fenkle Street,
Westgate Road, Newcastle,
31st Oct., 1894.

DEAR SIR,—I have now to inform you that I am prepared to advise the owners of Greencroft Estate to dispose of about three-fourths of an acre in Lumley's field, on the south-east side of the railway at the price of £350 an acre, the minerals to be reserved, with all the necessary powers for winning, working, and carrying away the same.

WM. BOLAM.

Mr ROBSON: It is the best site of the two.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr BOWES: And the cheapest.

Mr ROBSON: It will be the field at the south-end of the N.E.R. Co's. bridge.

Mr BOWES: Yes; the field adjoining the private road.

After further discussion, Mr BOWES suggested that the question should be adjourned till a full meeting, and until they obtained further information from Mr Bolam respecting the land. It was no use providing plans for this or any other land till such was done.

The CHAIRMAN: At the special meeting you can ask the architect to be present.

The Clerk: Yes, the landlord will have to survey the land. You will have to give notice that this question will be discussed on a certain date.

The CHAIRMAN accordingly gave notice for a special meeting to be called for the purpose of discussing this question.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Kyo School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The attendance at your schools, with the exception of Hare Law Board Schools, continues satisfactory. The decrease at the latter school is mainly attributed to sickness. The boy, Peter Cassidy, reported last month, has left the district.

During the month, I have visited 82 absentees, and reported 12 to other officers, and served four bye-law notices and made 22 visits to schools.

Four cases of irregular attendance are entered in my report book—viz., two from the Brooms School, and one each from Greencroft Board School and Hare Law School.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
WM. WARD.

The report was adopted.

THE SOUTH DERWENT BRASS BAND.

A letter was read from Mr Geo. Barker, secretary to the Annfield Plain South Derwent Brass Band, asking for the use of the Annfield Plain Schools in which to hold their annual supper.

The application was granted.

EXTRA REMUNERATION REQUIRED.

A letter was read from the caretaker of the Annfield Plain Schools asking for extra remuneration, owing to the fact that during the past six months there had been a large number of ratepayers' meetings held in the schools, thereby causing extra cleaning and attendance. Also, that some arrangements should be made so that notice could be given to the caretaker when such meetings were going to be held in the future.

The CHAIRMAN: It is nothing but right that the caretaker should have notice of meetings.

The Clerk: Whom should the parties make application to? There will be a great many meetings during the next few months. The applications should be made either to Mr Sterling or myself. If such was done, then the Board would get to known who were the responsible parties in cases of damage.

The question was discussed at length, and it was finally agreed that for the use of the schools at Annfield Plain and West Kyo application should be made Messrs Bowes and Robson. Also, for the use of the Oxhill Schools to Messrs Kay and Ridley.

It was further resolved that the caretakers at the schools were not to allow the building to be used till such permission had been obtained, and the parties taking the schools in the future would have to remunerate the caretakers for extra cleaning and attendance.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr ROBSON, seconded by Mr BOWES, that the caretaker of the Kyo Schools should have her salary increased.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF WANTED FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Mr Sterling, head master of the Annfield Plain Schools, reported that owing to the staff not being sufficient the work of the school was being impeded. There was one class without a recognised teacher, and he was obliged to place two monitors in charge of the class.

The question was left in abeyance.

CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

Mr BOWES: I find we have 16 children under five years of age attending the Annfield Plain Infants' School. He thought this sort of thing should not be allowed to go on, and Miss Kay should have instructions not to admit children at this age, when they had not the accommodation.

The CHAIRMAN: Can we refuse to take them?

The Clerk: Yes; when you have not the accommodation.

The CHAIRMAN: There are outside children attending the school, what about them?

The Clerk: You will not think of turning them out now. Let such go on till you get the new schools. I would suggest you do nothing at present.

The subject dropped.

CHEQUES.

It was decided that cheques to the sum of £204 10s 1d should be signed.

EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.

Mr Raw, principal teacher of Oxhill School, reported as follow:—

I opened a night school a fornight ago, and 47 young men have put in an appearance. They are of a superior class, both as attainments and behaviour, many of them having attended last year. The chairman visited the school, and will be able to form an opinion of its usefulness. I opened the class so that some idea might be formed of its size and character, and I hope the Board will fix a payment to the teachers at this meeting. I might say that in my opinion, owing to the uncertain nature of the night classes, that a fixed salary is not at least at present the best thing. A small fee should be charged, and the fees and grant earned would be sufficient payment for the teacher. The grant earned would, in an ordinary night school class, be a good test of its size and of the work done during the session. This might be done next year.

This question was thoroughly discussed, and it was eventually decided to pay the teacher 5s per night, as long as the number on the books was 21.

Mr BOWES: If we have to pay for an assistant to help Mr Raw with this class I will go in for a less salary for the head teacher.

The Clerk: That will never do.

Mr BOWES: It will do for me.

The Clerk stated that the class would not be as good as the one last year. They had then an average attendance of 35, the number on the books for instruction was 172, and the total amount of grant earned was £12 13s 6d.

Mr BOWES: You are now offering the teacher, supposing the class goes on 30 weeks, something like £18.

The Clerk: I do not think the class will go on that long.

The question dropped.

COAL-MINING.

The Clerk reported that the Education Department would not sanction "coal mining" as a subject to be taught at the evening continuation school.

This was all the business of importance.

### STANHOPE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Council of this association was held on Friday in the Barrington School Class-room—Rev. S. Cooper presiding.—Mrs. Crawhall (hon. secretary) reported that nurse Woodman had made 1,746 visits to patients since February 17th last, being an average of 47 per week. The following had kindly sent gifts of clothing, bedding, &c., and merited the thanks of the Council:—Mrs. Arnison, Mrs. J. Featherstone, junr., Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Hincks, Mrs. Pulleine, Mrs. Rippon, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. R. Walton, Rev. A. E. Burdekin, and Mr. R. Sisson.—The thanks of the Council were to be sent to the religious bodies for granting a "Nursing Sunday" collection, which had been a great help to the funds of the Association.—Mr. Parmley (hon. treasurer) presented an account of the expenditure, which was considered very satisfactory.—It was agreed to provide nurse Woodman with new uniform.—The question of purchasing a water bed was discussed, but fearing the funds might be crippled, it was decided not to buy one at present. The Guardians are to be asked to subscribe to the association, seeing that some of their cases are nursed. The water bed and other nursing appliances which were got together before the association was formed will be handed over should none of the subscribers object.—The meeting then closed.

### A SCOTTISH MIRACLE.

The Lassie O' Speyside.

Her Wonderful History.

[From the Glasgow Mail.]

A reporter was lately ordered to inquire into and write a faithful and impartial account of a curious matter at Grantown. He accordingly called on Mrs. Fraser at No. 3, South Street, Grantown-on-Spey, and asked for Miss Jessie Fraser.

"I'm Jessie Fraser," replied the buxom lass who had answered the knock.

"What! You are not surely the young woman that was at death's door?"

"Yes," said she, looking to the ground with invincible modesty.

Explaining his mission, the reporter was allowed to enter, and still colouring beautifully, Miss Fraser told her story as follows:—

"I am fourteen years of age, and but for a miracle, almost, I would now have been in the churchyard. When I was seven I caught the measles, and I attribute my trouble—well, the doctor says so—to the rash not coming out on me. From that sad day I was never right. I was ill, oh! so ill, that my mother, there, and all of my friends thought I was going to die."

"But you are looking wonderfully well now," said the reporter.

"Yes," chimed in the mother, Mrs. Fraser, "she's as strong as a pony, and has an appetite that there is no satisfying."

"Well," continued Jessie, "every fortnight, or thereabouts, I was seized with fearful vomiting. I would vomit for three days, all food and drink coming up as soon as it passed my throat. Oh, the sickness was awful! A skilful and learned doctor of medicine was called, and he ordered me medicine, but in vain. I got worse and worse, and had to take to my bed."

"Ay," interposed her mother. "I was prepared to see her die as her poor father had done. Yes, sir, her face became as white as the sheets; and her fingers were just skin and bone. The doctor continued to call, but he never could seem to tell what was wrong with her. She said her whole body, even her very head being so sore that she would cry—'Oh, mother! mother, hold my head for I feel it's opening!' However getting a little better she went to school; but oh, sir, she was no sooner at school than her headaches and vomiting commenced again. My husband, though his last illness was upon him, poor man, said, 'I cannot have Jessie die before my very eyes! I'll take her to the best doctor in Scotland and hear what he says about her.' Away the pair set off, and the doctor said that the pain in her head was due to neuralgia, and that she had bad teeth. He ordered her for a change, and sent her to Rosehire but the change did her no good, for she came back as bad as before. I could do no more for her. A celebrated London doctor visiting the town heard of Jessie's alarming illness, and he also very generously called to see her."

Jessie, who had been listening eagerly to her mother, now said: "Well, sir, I chanced to get a copy of a newspaper containing an account of 'Little Nell,' who had been marvellously cured of sickness and paralysis in her limbs. I was so feeble in the legs that I could not use them. I said, I see this 'Little Nell' has suffered just like me, and has been cured by taking what are called Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; I believe if I were to get a box they would help me. We wrote off for a box, and they came per return of post. I took one night and morning, and oh, believe me, sir, I'm telling no fib, I instantly felt I was on the bettering way. Before I had consumed the box I was able to go about. That was eight months ago. I got another and another, and every day I got stronger and stronger. The vomiting which, as I said before, was awful, never returned, and since that day I have never felt the least qualm of sickness."

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## Public Notices.

WITH very grateful feelings I most sincerely thank the Committee who got up the Concert at South Moor, and all who assisted; also, Mr Fairley for the use of the School. MRS ALEXANDER BARRASS.

MUSICAL TUITION.

MR. J. W. PEERE,
SOLO VIOLIN, &c.,
Visits Consett and District Weekly to give Lessons on the Violin.
May be engaged for Concerts, &c.
For Terms apply
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£5 REWARD.

WHEREAS, on the night of Saturday, the 3rd November inst., some evil disposed Persons did DESTROY A GREENHOUSE, the property of Mr G. R. Hobson. The above reward will be paid to the first Person giving such information as will lead to the Conviction of the Offenders, and on their Conviction.
Dated this 9th November, 1894.
724p GEO. R. HOBSON.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

GRAND NATIONAL POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE, LONDON!

ON MONDAY, the 12th of November, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12.5 a.m. (with bookings from Consett, Blaydon, Hexham, &c.) for LONDON, returning from King's Cross Station at 11 p.m., on Tuesday, November 13th. For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, October, 1894. 648p

## Public Notices.

EDWARD BRADY, Practical Chimney Sweep, 1, Buckingham Street, High Blackfine, Blackhill. All orders punctually attended to. 528p

24, 66, and 69 are the WINNING NUMBERS of the Table Cover, Mat, and Antimacassar drawn for at Tin Street, Leadgate. 721p

HE-GOAT, (which won the First Prize two years in succession at Waterhouses Show) ON HIRE. Terms 2s. each.—Apply to WM. LAX, Bentley.

FOOTBALL AT DIPTON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th.
Wanderers v. Blyth. (Northern Alliance).
Kick-off at 3. Entrance, 3d.

SACRED CONCERTS.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, SACRED CONCERTS will be given, Afternoon and Evening, in the New Town Hall, Consett, by the CONSETT WORKMEN'S BRASS BAND. Particulars next Week. 696p

REV. A. E. SALMON will deliver his Popular LECTURE, entitled—"The Prophet of Fire," in SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN CHAPEL, on WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1894. Chair to be taken at 7-30 p.m. Tickets, Sixpence each. 706p

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SOUTH MOOR.

A GRAND BAZAAR and POLYTECHNIC will be held in the Infant Schools, South Moor, during Christmas Week. 582p

ALLENDALE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

REV. A. T. GUTTERY, of South Shields, will Preach at 2-30, and LECTURE at 6-30 p.m., on "The Democracy," To-Morrow, Saturday, Nov. 10th. Chairman, Mr C. C. McCOLVIN. 705p

NOTICE!

THE Members of the 370TH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY will hold an APPROPRIATION MEETING BY BALLOT on the Evening of Monday, the 19th November, 1894, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, at 7-30 p.m. Books clear on the 15th November, 1894. 58?p

BLACKHILL ROVERS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

A GRAND EVENING CONCERT in aid of the above Club, will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, on SATURDAY, Dec 15th, 1894. Admission:—Front Seats, 1s; Back Seats, 6d. Tickets may be of the Committee. 589p

CONSETT PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

REV. J. G. BINNEY, of Gateshead, will Preach on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21st, 1894, at 2 30; and in the Evening at 7-30, will deliver a LECTURE, entitled—"General Gordon: Soldier, Statesman, and Christian." Chairman, Mr W. CAMPBELL, Shotley Bridge. Tickets for Lecture, 6d. each. Proceeds in aid of Organ Fund. 704p

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.

Morning, 10-30, } REV. T. W. JAMIESON,
Evening, 6. } Didsbury College.

BLACKHILL WESLEYAN CHAPEL.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11th.

Morning 10-30 } REV. C. M. GREENWAY.
Evening 6 }

ALL SEATS FREE.

CLASSES.

MR. F. BRODIE

Intends conducting EVENING CLASSES in Arithmetic, Mensuration, and Recreative Science; also, a Class to prepare Boys of 13 and under, for the County Council Junior Scholarships. For terms, &c., apply to 4, ST. AIDAN'S STREET, BLACKHILL. 649p

DUTCH BULBS.

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

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

Liliums will be ready in November. 453p

DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

TO FARMERS, COMPETITORS, and others.

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

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

### J. G. WADE.

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

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

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BLACKHILL.

REV. ALEX. BAILLIE'S SEMI-JUBILEE.

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

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

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

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

For further particulars see future Advertisement and Bills. 680n

## Sales by Auction

By Mr. T. D. Dryden.

Blanchland.

MR T. D. DRYDEN has been honoured with instructions from Mr T. Hutchinson, who is leaving the district, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Saturday, November 10th, the HARMSTOCK, Hay, Dairy Utensils, &c., comprising:—4 Tons of Hay; 1 Useful Cow, recently calved; 1 Good Calf, 10 months old; Barrel Churn; Butter Scales, and other Dairy Utensils; Hay Knife; Hay Forks; Grapes; Cow Bands; Garden Tools; 4 Acres of Fog Eatage up to May-day term; 1 Spring Cart; 1 Bicycle; 2 Paraffin Casks; and numerous odd lots.
Sale at 2 o'clock.
Further entries can be put in this Sale by applying to the Auctioneer.
Office: 45, Front Street, Consett. 658p

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1894
15 to 20 Prime Fat Cattle.
Prime Fat Young Bull.
160 Prime Fat Sheep.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
2 Litters of Young Pigs, 9 and 10 weeks' old.
Pork and Bacon Pigs.
A Number of Calving Cows and Heifers.
Store Cattle.
Poultry; 3 Young India Runner Drakes, suitable for keepers, and other Miscellaneous Lots.
Sale at 12 o'clock.
714p JOHN S. MURRAY.

BURNOPFIELD GAS WORKS.

EARLY in the New Year, 1895, FOR SALE BY AUCTION. These Works have been recently overhauled and improved, and the consumption nearly doubled, with an immediate prospect of a considerable further consumption. Further particulars later.
J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.
Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside. 431p

XMAS SHOW AND SALE, December 17th.
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### By Mr. John Crawford.

J. Crawford's Sale Rooms, Victoria Street, Consett.
MR JOHN CRAWFORD will hold his Usual SALE of Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS on Monday, November 19th, 1894. 720p

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### By Mr. John Lowes.

Sale of Valuable Freehold Business Premises situate at Front Street, Stanley.
MR JOHN LOWES honoured with instructions, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Miss Forster's, Stanley Inn, on Wednesday First, November 14th, 1894, at Four o'clock prompt, (subject to Conditions to be read at time of sale), all that
FREEHOLD SHOP AND DWELLING-HOUSE,
Situated in Front Street, Stanley, now in the occupation of Mr James Strawbridge.
The Property is substantially built of Stone, and contains on Ground Floor, Shop with Plate Glass Front, Kitchen, Scullery, and Pantry, and Three Rooms above; also, Cellar, Yard, and Out-offices.
Possession from date of Sale.
Further information can be obtained from the Auctioneer, Front Street, Stanley, or T. W. WELFORD, Solicitor, Consett and Stanley.
The Auctioneer calls special attention of Capitalists to the above Sale, as Stanley is a most popular and thriving place, and affords a grand opportunity for investing. 716p

Sale of Horses, Traps, &c., at the Commercial Hotel, Stanley.
MR JOHN LOWES will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above address, on Wednesday First, November 14th, 1894, about 12 USEFUL HORSES and PONIES, TRAPS, HARNESS, &c.
Particulars in Catalogue on Monday.
Sale at 12-30 for 1 prompt.
Other entries invited by Monday morning's post.

Stanley Auction Mart.
THE NEXT SALE of FAT STOCK, &c., will be held on Monday, November 19th, 1894.
Early entries invited.
717p JOHN LOWES, Auctioneer.

### By Mr. N. Elsdon.

Consett Sale Rooms, Saturday, November 10th, 1894.
N. ELSDON will SELL BY AUCTION, a large quantity of Dress Goods, Ribbons, Feathers, Quilts, Sheets, and Ready-made Trousers; also, a lot of Jewellery, consisting of Ladies' Necklets, Brooches, Gentlemen's Alberts, Studs, Cruets, Two Dozen Fancy Lamps, sent in for absolute Sale.
Sale to commence at 6-30 o'clock prompt. 726p

Consett Sale Rooms.
N. ELSDON will hold his Usual Fortnightly SALE, on Monday, November 19th, 1894. Persons having Goods to dispose of, can rely in getting the best Market Price at these Popular Sales.

### By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1894, at 1-30.
50 Store Cattle, from 1 to 3 years old.
5 Horses and Foals.
100 Ewes and Lambs (all classes).
Ordinary Fortnightly Sale, Monday, Nov. 19th.
697p GREEN and DOWSON.

### By Mr. G. Elliott.

Important Notice to all Classes.
OWING to MR. ELLIOTT having another Consignment of Goods, he will SELL for a WEEK LONGER in Swainston's Auction Hall, Front Street and Nelson Street, Consett, one of the Largest Stocks of Staffordshire CHINA and EARTHENWARE, as has ever been seen in this part of the Country, including Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, and Bedroom Sets, and 10 Tons of odd Dinner and Tea Ware, and other Useful Goods too numerous to mention.
Sale by Auction every Evening at 6-30 p.m., till the whole of the Valuable Stock is cleared out.
Private Sale during the day. 703p

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

## 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, 19th November, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place.
Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

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BURNOPFIELD.—WM. STONES, Burton House.
CONSETT.—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c; T. D. DRYDEN, Grocers, &c.; THOMAS MILNER Chemist; JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer and Wine Merchant; GEORGE PATTRICK, Chemist and Druggist, 5, Front Street.
DIPTON.—R. ARMSTRONG, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
ESH.—WM. OYSTON, Wine and Spirit Merchant.
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## EDITORIAL NOTICES.

A SOCIALIST.—Your questions are of too personal a character for insertion.

JEAN.—Scarely up to our standard. Try again.

OCCASIONAL NOTES next week.

# The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1894.

## JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCODO."]

THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

It appears to me that the man capable of writin a succinct and explanatory sketch of the working of the Parish and District Councils Act would win a name and amass a fortune. It is most extraordinary that in an age in which dissemination of knowledge occupies the foremost place in every rank of society, an Act having for its object the better representation of the common people in their mundane concerns, should be of a character so complex as to be beyond the comprehension, not only of the class for whose benefit it was intended, but of professional men. I heard a solicitor say the other day that the Act was to him very much the same as a Chinese puzzle. Personally, I have made a vow to the effect that I will never spend another minute in turning its unsatisfactory pages, having reluctantly come to the conclusion that the statements made are to me, at least:—

"Quite incomprehensible,
Without head or tail."

I read with some amusement in the last issue of the *Guardian*, that on the conclusion of the Union business at Lanchester the other evening, the members, with Mr Logan at their head, set themselves the task of picking a bone or two which they found interwoven in tangled meshes of the Act. The chairman and the Rev P. C. Fortin, Messrs Aynsley, Rutherford, Lax, and the Clerk to the Board, all filed in turn, but not a single scintillation issued from the impenetrable pages. But those chevaliers of the north-west did not, like the character introduced by Shakespeare, sheath their swords for lack of argument. They were baffled, but not beaten, and slinging their spears for the nonce, they now await the return of an emissary with tidings from the local Goverment Board, London. The gentlemen named prefer the substance to the shadow, and it is to that end that they have called upon the august body named to dispatch an interpretation of the writing in the book, which being as much as to say—

"Give us something to meet and to fight,
We weary with fighting those things of air."

A TEMPEST IN THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

It is palpable on the surface of things that the new Act referred to in the preceding note has not brought healing in its wing. It certainly has not been delivered to men by an angel of peace, but rather by some mischievous elf to whom the war of mundane concerns affords consummate glee. It is not the first time in the history of individual communities, and even nations, that benefits and privileges have miscarried, and the realisation fallen very far short of the ideal. So true to life is this side of the ever-changing current of events that its repetition has given currency to such standard proverbs as: "All is not gold that glitters." Witness the tempest of interests at present prevailing in the out-lying districts of North-West Durham. There is a veritable shaking of the dry bones, and a rallying around this standard and that in every obscure village and hamlet within sight of Pontop Pike, and the unprotected slopes upon which the village of Iveston stands. The tempest continues to rave with most violence in which the advantages of grouping forms the most salient feature of the disturbance. The Durham County Council will have its hands full during the next month, and it is out of the question to conclude that its awards can possibly give satisfaction to all concerned. The relative positions of the outlying districts remind one of the trite adage that adage that Rome was not built in a day, and hence the granting of the powers sought, as well as the arranging of the grouping and boundaries of the various townships, will in all probability be the work of years, instead of weeks. Such at least are the lines upon which progress is based and developed all the world over, nor does there appear to be any indication in the meantime that the lively people who inhabit the North-West Durham plains will succeed in at once bursting the bonds which, rightly or wrongly, have even from the beginning until now, lain in the lap of destiny, and thus held within their coils the winged section of the populace, who would fly rather than walk, forgetting the while that as Longfellow beautifully phrases it:

"We have not wings, we cannot soar,
But we have feet to scale and climb,
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time."

A NOTABLE CELEBRATION.

The middle of next month will witness a celebration, the like of which has never yet been chronicled in the annals of Blackhill. I refer to the proposed testimonial to the Rev Alexander Baillie, the talented and much respected pastor of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackhill. The 23rd day of December will see the close of a quarter of a century since the rev. gentleman was, by the choice of the congregation, honoured with the spiritual charge of that church and people, and with a forethought and kindliness of heart alike worthy of themselves and the occasion, the members of the congregation have determined to turn the date to good account, by testifying in a tangible way their appreciation and regard for their pastor as a man and a minister. The name of the Rev Alexander Baillie, the Presbyterian minister, is a household word all along the borders of a wide and populous tract of country, skirting the banks of the Derwent at Westwood, round by Allansford, and a circuit embracing Dipton, Annfield Plain, Stanley, Leadgate, and the villages beyond. During the changing years which he has sojourned at Blackhill, Mr Baillie has at all times taken an active interest in the work of education, temperance, and indeed in every phase of social reform and advancement in any way calculated to promote the spiritual and social life of the people among whom his lot was cast. No marvel then that not only his people, but his many friends should have resolved to do him honour. Never since the days of John Knox has a Scottish minister cherished a loftier ideal of his mission, nor laboured more faithfully to carry its tenets into effect than the Rev Alexander Baillie. Learned as the Presbyterian ministers are known to be, it is known that few of them had the advantages that fell to the lot of Mr Baillie, inasmuch as the rev. gentleman reaped the advantage of having studied at the Universities of both Edinburgh and Glasgow, and was thus brought into close touch with the most distinguished professors of his time at both the great seats of learning named. But Mr Baillie is as kind and unassuming as he is gifted and learned, and for that reason it may well be assumed that the testimonial, whatever form it may take, will be worthy alike of the thoughtful donors and the deserving recipient. Mrs Baillie is in every respect a model wife to a minister. A lady in the truest and best sense of the term, she has all the advantages that follow in the train of a finished education, having come of a distinguished family, her father and other branches of the same stock having been for many years on the literary staff of a magazine of the standing of *Chamber's Edinburgh Journal*. I have been assured that when Mr Baillie was indisposed, and did not feel equal to the strain entailed in teaching the young men who from time to time attended the manse for instruction in the evening, that Mrs Baillie was wont to undertake the task herself, and that Latin and French was to her as Butler in "Hudibras" says—

"—— no more difficult
Than to a blackbird it is to whistle."

For her usefulness in this, and many other untold ways, it may well be assumed that on such an occasion so worthy a lady will not be forgotten.

## Local and District News

CONSETT.

MARRIAGE.—At the ancient church of Kelloe on Wednesday, the Rev Canon Burnett officiating, a wedding was solemnised between Mr John Wm. Lowdon (reporter on this journal), Consett, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Davidson, of East Hetton, and formerly of Consett. The bride was given away by her brother (Mr Robert Davidson, engineer, East Hetton Colliery). The bridesmaid was Miss Christina Reed, of Close House, Bishop Auckland, and the best man Mr Jos. Davidson, brother of the bride. The marriage was from the residence of Mr R. Davidson, of East Hetton.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT BY A FRENCHMAN.—At the Consett Police Court yesterday (Thursday), before Mr J. T. Potts, Grali Hammon, a French onion vendor, was charged with assaulting Peter Smith at Consett, on Wednesday night.—It transpired that the parties quarrelled in a public-house respecting the price of onions. They came into the street, and in the course of a struggle Smith charged Hammon with snatching his watch. The parties came to blows, and soon had a crowd of people round about them. The police came upon the scene, and took the men to the police station.—The statement of the defendant had to be interpreted by a companion, who could speak a smattering of English.—After hearing the evidence, the Magistrates dismissed the case.

Proposed Navvy Mission.—The new railway from Consett to Annfield Plain is expected to be completed by the end of 1895. A large number of workmen are at present employed along the route. With the view of providing some spiritual supervision of this numerous class, a meeting of the local clergy was held in Consett vicarage on Tuesday afternoon. There were present Revs. F. Steggall, Consett, G. H. Ross-Lewin, (Rural Dean) Benfieldside, T. Varley, Leadgate, and R. Tuson, Dipton. The Rev. C. F. Ockford, organising secretary of the Navvy Mission Society attended the meeting and explained the objects of the Mission. After which it was decided to form a local committee with Rev. T. Varley as secretary to establish a local branch of the Navvy Mission Society during the progress of the new works.

Great Revolution in Parish Government.—The Local Government Act of 1894, commonly called the "Parish Councils Act, 1894" introduces changes in the local government of the country little short of revolutionary. To attempt anything like an exhaustive treatment of the subject in a handbook would certainly result in failure, but Portland B. Akerman, Esq. (a solicitor of the Supreme Court) and Mr. Percy H. Ford, have joined in compiling a little work with the aim of putting a general statement of the effect of the Act, in a clear and intelligent form, in order, if possible to induce that fuller administration which it is the object of the measure to create, abstaining as much as possible from merely technical details. This book entitled "Parish Councils" may be had of Robert Jackson, Guardian Office and 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett, price 1/ or post free for 1/2 in stamps. It should be in the hands of every resident.

FROSTERLEY.

A Large Funeral.—One of the largest attended funerals for some time, took place at Frosterley Church, on Sunday afternoon. It was that of Miss E. Greenwell, daughter of Mr. Thomas Greenwell, quarry manager, Bishopley, near Frosterley, who died last week in her twentysecond year, from an ulcerated stomach. She was a general favourite, and was very much respected in the neighbourhood, where her amiable qualities had won her the esteem and respect of a host of friends who paid their last sad tribute of affection and esteem by following her mortal remains to their last resting place.

MEDOMSLEY.

Harvest Festival.—The services in connection with the above were continued on Sunday last, when the church was filled both in the morning and evening, by large congregations. The Rev. Henry Moule, Curate of Hexham, preached two impressive sermons on the claims made upon us by God for devotion to His service, and the call for missionary work. The church was tastefully decorated, the screen in particular, the work of Messrs. W. Morris, Jas. Pattison, and Wm. Robinson, being much admired. The musical part of the service was carefully rendered by the choir who sang the anthem "Let us thank the Lord our God" with much spirit and expression. The tea given on the preceding Wednesday, Oct. 31st, has realised a handsome amount which is to be expended on the repairs and improvements of the church. Many thanks are due to those who so kindly provided and presided at the tables, viz: —Hon. Mrs. Vereker, Mesdames Cockin, Hedley, Bell, Hunter (Medomsley) Hunter (Grange), Walker, J. Bell, R. Moffitt, and Thos. Robinson.

Wear Valley Hunt Supper.—After a smart run last Wednesday the Wear Valley Hunt Supper was held at Mr. Mews, Pack Horse Inn, Stanhope. Supper was served in capital style by Mrs. and Miss Mews. On the removal of the cloths the loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as was also that of the Wear Valley Hunt. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

## VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

### EXHIBITION AT BURNOPFIELD.

### OPENING BY THE HON. J. G. P. VEREKER.

What will probably rank as the most interesting and attractive exhibition ever held in West Durham was that opened on Wednesday afternoon, in the Temperance Hall, The Leazes, Burnopfield, under the auspices of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club. The objects shown were the natural, mineral, botanical, and other products of the picturesque Derwent Valley, and the committee were of opinion that such an exhibition will be a useful supplement to the work of the club, inasmuch as it will bring before the people in a practical form the resources of the immediate neighbourhood. The exhibits were apportioned into eight selections viz.:—Natural history—Preserved birds, eggs, bird nests, animals, insects, reptiles, fishes, &c. Botany—Various woods, dried and fresh plants, wild flowers. Agriculture—Corns and roots grown in the Vale of Derwent and adjacent districts. Geology—The various sandstones, limestones, millstone grits, coal, iron stone, fossils. Antiquities—Roman, mediæval, with coins, &c. Art and literature—Books printed in or concerning the Vale of Derwent, pictures, or photographs of the district. Industries—Iron, coal, paper, flour, &c. Miscellaneous Section—Models of manufacture, electrical apparatus, microscopes, stereoscopes, old china, or any other objects which might be thought interesting.

The proceeds of the exhibition will be devoted to the publication of the transaction of the society.

The promoters had succeeded in gathering together a comprehensive and varied assortment of rare and curious objects—ancient and modern—such as are seldom found under a single roof. The collection is one of an unique and interesting kind, and it contains articles connected with both the present and the past industries of the district. Foremost amongst the latter is the old time gun that used to be fired at the famous works of Sir Ambrose Crowley at Winlaton in 1690, a gun that no doubt notified to the members of "Crowley's crew" the hour at which they had to begin or leave work. A clock 300 years old, lent by Mr M. Adamson, Burnopfield. The present industries of the locality are represented by specimens of paper in all degrees of preparation from the mills of Lintz Ford, by numerous examples of steel and iron manufacture from the Consett works, and by exhibits of flour and grain from the mill at Shotley Bridge. The old-fashioned spinning wheel and antique articles of ware confront modern models of the most approved scientific contruction, and, side by side with these, there are many beautiful cases of birds, animals, reptiles, eggs, and fishes. Many rare pictures and other articles tend to make the large hall on the ground floor thoroughly attractive alike to the hunter after curios, to the student of natural history, and to the admirer of the fine arts. In the room above the literature of the district is exceptionally well represented. There are several rare books belonging to the Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, J.P., of Hamsterley Hall, and close by these is an unfinished manuscript of a poem entitled "The Pitman's Social Neet," which the unfortunate Derwent poet, Alex. Barrass, was engaged in writing when he was overtaken with the lamentable mental affliction which has rendered an appeal to the public necessary on behalf of his wife and family. There are several of Richardson's handsome etching in this room, which illustrate Shotley Bridge and neighbourhood. Here too, is one of the original bonds by which the miners contracted to serve the coalowners for a stipulated time, and curious is it to note that scarcely one of the men was able to write his name, but had been compelled —Bill Stumps like—to make his mark. A large number of wood blocks from which the prints were taken for Surtees's "History of Durham." Microscopes, microscopic photographs, a clever electrical apparatus made by Mr Jas. Johnson, of Shotley Bridge, the latest adaptation of the phonograph, beautiful minerals, old and modern Davy lamps, and a hundred other things complete an assortment of articles that are bound to be attractive.

The Hon. J. G. P. Vereker, J.P., presided at Wednesday's proceedings, and amongst those present were the Hon. Mrs Vereker; Miss Surtees; Miss Crowbar; Mr Bulman, Byer Moor; Mr J. Robinson, Burnopfield, president of the Naturalists' Club; Mr W. Johnson, Byer Moor, secretary; Rev R. Tuson, vicar of Dipton; Rev W. J. Wingate, vicar of Marley Hill; Rev T. Dunn, vicar of Burnopfield; Rev Jos. Madill, Burnopfield; Mr Tweddle, and many others.

MR ROBINSON, president, on behalf of the members of the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club, presented the chairman with an address, in which Mr Vereker was thanked for the interest he had taken in the society. The members hoped that the exhibition would lead to a further study of natural history in that district, and they expressed their gratitude to the various local collectors who had enabled them to produce such a display as they had that day.

MR VEREKER said he hoped that the exhibition the club had provided would prove of interest to the inhabitants of the district, and he felt that it would do so seeing that the chief material there had come from the Vale of Derwent. (Applause.) They desired to create a new interest in the lovely vale, of which they were all so proud, and they wished other people to join their society, and if they did so, he believed he could assure them they would be fully recompensed for any trouble they might undergo. The speaker alluded to the value of the study of natural history, to the development of the intellect which followed such a pursuit, and commented on the beauty of articles that had been produced entirely locally. Dealing with botany, Mr Vereker stated that the study of plants was a most entertaining and instructive science. They found yet in mossy or marshy places, a plant locally named "Jacob's ladder," which led then back to the inception of their present prosperity—the coal period. At one time that valley was nothing else but a marshy common. Some thousands of years since, the whole of Great Britain, with the exception of Cumberland, part of the Isle of Man, and County Antrim (Ireland), was covered by the sea. That was the commencement of what was known as the carboniferous period. As the sea sank lower, however, it left a surface of mossy, marshy land, extending to the bottom of Cumberland Hill. They were then gigantic "horse tails" or "Jacob's ladders," which where they 40 or 50 feet high, and not a few inches high as they grew at present. The climate was very different to what it was now. It was a damp, warm atmosphere, with almost continuous rain showers, and also very heavy and severe thunderstorms. That the rain was heavy was proved by the ground slade at Nova Scotia, where they would find the impress of raindrops which fell hundreds of years ago. On the other hand, it was not all rain—the clouds rolled away and the hot scorching sun which blazed forth caused the swampy ground to become dry, and to crack in all directions. They still had fossils of the cracks left behind them. Undoubtedly the climate was very unhealthy for human beings. The animals above at this period were not the same animals which existed now. They comprised large specimens of reptiles, who liked fever or ague spots. There were crocodiles, not a few feet long like those specimens exhibited on that occasion, but 60 or 70 feet in length; likewise carniverous lizards, &c. By the various creeks there came another form of fish, and these were slipped up into a long-net by fishermen —a few odd scorpions, sword fishes, &c. The countryside at that epoch mostly resembled a jungle, and was level, and not hilly as they found it at the present date. In course of time, the land sank again and was submerged by the sea. It got covered with sandstone deposits, and the red lines they found between the coal represented the number of times it was sunk at the bottom of the sea. Such was the description which ancient history furnished them of the formation of the valley of the Derwent, and its valuable coal and mineral deposits. He (Mr Vereker) strongly urged them to join the Field club, and interest themselves in science. Some people seemed to be under the impression that it was a costly matter to study botany, geology, or natural history. This was a total error. They could derive a very large amount of pleasure and information in following this interesting pursuit. If they wanted to supplement their knowledge, let them join the Vale of Derwent Field Club, and when they were walking abroad through the country, and through the fields, they would find something interesting in the stones and the various forms of ancient and vegetable life objects. This would drive away dulness, no matter where they might be. The Derwent valley abounded in rare and interesting objects, and with its picturesque beauty and romantic history it could not fail to be entertaining and attractive to everybody. He wanted them to go round that exhibition, study the articles they saw before them, and to form their own conclusions. He would not weary them with a description of the different articles, simply because it would occupy too much time, and besides, it was far more interesting to gain knowledge and information themselves. He had much pleasure in declaring the exhibition open. (Applause.)

REV T. DUNN, in the course of a few remarks, reminded those present that they were indebted to the Almighty for the creation of those beautiful and interesting objects, and for the pretty scenery which surrounded them.

Rev J. W. WINGATE also spoke.

MR W. JOHNSON, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Vereker, said the Vale of Derwent Field Club sprang from a humble beginning to a flourishing society, and the exhibition they saw before them was an indication of the progress they had made. He trusted that the result of that undertaking would be an accession of fresh members. (Applause.)

Rev J. MADILL seconded the proposition, which was cordially passed, and Mr VEREKER briefly returned thanks for the compliment, hoping the exhibition would be an overwhelming success.

Refreshments were served in a room adjoining the hall, and entertainments of vocal and instrumental music will be provided nightly.

## NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

"By Observer"

In last week's Notes I hoped the clouds would soon cease their weeping and give all a chance to get the roads cleaned a little. I am glad they have to some extent done so. Last Sunday and Monday were like spring days, and the roads were thronged with people who had come out to enjoy the beautiful sunshine. I have often thought that Longfellow must have had changeable weather in his mind when he gave expression to the following lines:—

"Be still, sad heart, and cease repining.
For behind the clouds the sun's still shining.
Thy fate is the common fate of all.
Into each life some rain will fall.
Some days will be dark and dreary."

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The Grange Villa Lodge of the I.O.G.T., held their first anniversary last week end. On the Saturday night, an amusing, instructive, and interesting entertainment was given entitled "Alcohol in Court." The parts were well sustained and highly appreciated. Mr. J. Davidson, of Carville, presided. A substantial ham supper was served at the close, which was freely partaken of by many. On the Sunday Mr. Davidson, preached two temperance sermons to good audiences.

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The Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the usual manner on Sunday night last in the West Stanley Co-operative Hall. A good audience was present. Misses Dent, of Castleside, sang some beautiful solos, and Mr. Ross, Cross Lanes, gave some charming recitations. Miss Summer bell, of East Stanley was the pianist, and Mr. Wm. Robson, of Stanley, presided.

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A youth named William Sharp, 14 years of age, received injuries at the Twizell Colliery which resulted in his death. The circumstances which surround the accident go to show that this boy had changed places on his own account with another boy, and he was unacquainted with the new duties which involved cautiousness. The results were fatal.

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On Monday afternoon a man named Lamb, the driver of the Lanchester Highway Board's steam road roller, was seized with illness while at work, and died soon afterwards at Lanchester. He resided at Kyo.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Monday Mr Philip Reay, masters' weighman at Pontop Colliery, near Annfield Plain, belonging to the Marley Hill Colliery Co., was severely crushed between a tub and the "kicker up."

On Sunday, Mr and Mrs W. Dawson, of East Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain, celebrated their golden wedding. The worthy couple were, on the 4th Nov. 1844, living at Shincliffe Colliery, near Durham, and were married at Monkwearmouth. A party of relatives and friends of Mr and Mrs Dawson were present on this auspicious occasion.

Death of Mrs. Lumley.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Joseph Lumley, of the Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, which occurred yesterday, (Thursday) morning, at a quarter past ten, at the age of 63 years.

Death of Mr. Thomas Carr.—The death occurred yesterday (Thursday) morning, of Mr. Thomas Carr, of Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, aged 60 years. He was one of the first promoters of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society, and held the position of treasurer to that society for many years. Deceased, who attended the Primitive Methodist Chapel, at Annfield Plain, was well known for his kindly and generous nature, and was most highly respected by all who knew him. His son, Thomas, a Primitive Methodist local preacher, died about two years ago.

WEST STANLEY.

Wesleyan Schools.—On Wednesday afternoon a tea was given by Mrs. G. Brownless, in the Wesleyan Schools, the proceeds being in aid of the New Sunday Schools.

Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society.—The first meeting of the newly-formed Wesleyan Mutual Improvement Society, was held in the vestry of the Wesleyan Chapel, on Monday evening, when the president, Mr. L. W. Rowe, gave his paper, on "England under the Stuarts." There was a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Rowe was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks for his valuable paper. Mr. Wm. Robson, vice-president, was in the chair.

Children's Entertainment.—On Wednesday evening, the entertainment recently given by the East Stanley Board School Scholars, under the direction of Mr. John Anderson, headmaster, was repeated in the Co-operative Hall, Stanley. The hall was crowded notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the affair was a big success. Mr. Grieve's famous kinderspiel entitled "Old friends with new faces" was rendered by the elder scholars, and musical drill, songs, and recitations were given by the infants. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Colquhoun, of Stanley Hall.

HAMSTERLEY.

CHRIST CHURCH.—The second of the series of public teas in connection with the above church was given in the schoolroom on Monday last by Mrs Allan, of Dene House, Hamsterley. As the number of those who partook of the good things so kindly provided, was very large, a substantial addition was thus made to the funds for material to be purchased, in order to hold a bazaar sometime about the New Year, in aid of the new churchyard wall at present in course of erection.

WOLSINGHAM

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE LIMITED.—The members of this institute at Wolsingham are endeavouring to clear off the debt upon the building and raise funds for re-building a portion of the premises, and in furtherance of this scheme the first of a series of social evenings was held on Monday night in the Town Hall, at which a good tea, provided by the Ladies' Committee, was served, and an enjoyable concert was afterwards held.

BLAYDON.

The members of St. Cuthbert's Polytechnic Institute, Blaydon, have contributed 10s to the Hospital Sunday Fund; the collection at West Pelton Parish Church amounted to £4 5 7d.

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 1/1½d., labelled "James Epps & Co., Ltd., 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."

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## FATALITY NEAR WEST PELTON.

Coroner Graham held an inquest on Monday at the Colliery Inn, West Pelton, touching the death of Wm. Sharp, 14, son of Mr Henry Sharp, who lost his life in Twizell Pit on Friday afternoon.—The evidence adduced showed that deceased was a driver down the pit, and on the day named was bringing a laden tub out-bye. By some means he caught his head against a projection in the roof, and the pony stopping, he was found quite dead, his head being jammed fast between the tub and the roof. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

## A FOG OR DANGER SIGNAL FOR RAILWAYS.

### NEW INVENTION BY A BLACKHILL MAN.

Mr John McGurk, of Park Road, Blackhill, a signalman at the Consett and Blackhill Railway Station, has just invented and patented a new fog or danger signal apparatus, which is claimed to be simpler and safer than that at present in vogue. It can be used at all times and will be found particularly effective in foggy weather and snowstorms, and when the signal lights have gone out after dark. As a practical signalman of 20 years' experience, Mr McGurk's invention does not increase, but largely diminishes the cost of railway working, inasmuch as fog signalmen, &c., will, to a considerable extent, be done away with. The apparatus consists of a small train, which runs to and from the rails when the signal is set at a danger, or the board pulled off. It works with the movement of the signal with the greatest ease and accuracy. The apparatus is so arranged that when the signal stands at "danger" a bell is rung on the engine and in the guard's van. The apparatus may be applied to the home as well as to the distant signals, and its application does not call for any exertion on the part of the signalmen. The patentee avers that had this ingenious contrivance been used at the Wiske Moor and Castle Hills signal, the recent sad accident to the Scotch express near Northallerton would have been averted, because both the engine drivers and guards would have been warned that the signals were set at "danger." The invention has been submitted to the chief officials of the North-Eastern Railway Company and it is understood that they are favourably disposed to give the apparatus a trial.

## JUBILEE OF BLAYDON PARISH CHURCH.

Blaydon Parish Church has now been in existence 50 years, and its jubilee was commemorated on Sunday. The services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven o'clock, at which a large number of communicants were present. At half-past ten a service was held, which the local volunteers, members of local Boards, and various friendly societies were invited to attend. The rendezvous was at St. Cuthbert's Square. There was a good muster of H (Blaydon) and I and K (Winlaton) Companies, 5th V.B.D.L.I., and Hon. Major J. W. Douglass was in command. The weather was beautifully fine, and Church Street presented a very animated appearance, an exceedingly large number of people having assembled to witness the procession. The Union Jack was displayed from the church tower, and the bell-ringers rang peals at intervals during the day. In anticipation of an unusually large congregation extra accommodation was provided, and even this was found scarcely equal to the demand, considerable difficulty being experienced in obtaining seats. The Rev M. Greene, M.A., rector, preached the sermon, and the Rev J. W. Napier-Clavering, the Rev W. C. Harris, curate, and Mr R. D. R. Greene also took part in the proceedings. The afternoon's service was largely attended, the preacher being the Rev W. C. Harris. At evensong and dedication of the jubilee vestry there was a very large attendance. A sermon was preached by the Right Rev Bishop Sandford, and special hymns and chants were sung. The offertories were in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

In 1844 Blaydon was in the parish of Winlaton, and the Rev H. Wardle, who was then rector of Winlaton, erected this building, which served as a chapel-of-ease to Winlaton Parish Church until 1845. Then Blaydon was formed into a separate parish, and the Rev W. Brown was appointed as rector. This gentleman founded the Church Schools which stands in St. Cuthbert's Square, Blaydon, and which are now generally known as "Brown Schools." About the year 1875, the Rev William Brown was removed from Blaydon and the present rector was placed in charge of the parish.

## TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL

### BLACKHILL ROVERS v. RYTON.

The above match will be played on the ground of the Rovers at Blackfine, when a good game should be the result. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, T. Elliott; three-quarter backs, J. Moore, R. Bradley, J. Brown, and R. Stobbs; half-backs, Wm. Brown and J. Anderson; forwards, G. Sayers A. Taylor, J. Dawson, G. Hewitson, G. Davison, E. Gibson, J. Askew, and G. Smailes (capt.) Reserve, J. Morgan. Kick-off at 3.30 prompt. Referee, Mr J. Bruce, Durham.

### TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

### HOBSON WANDERERS v. MICKLEY.

This game, which is to be played at the Hobson, is creating much interest, as the clubs are standing first and second in the League. The Hobson team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, Liddle and W. Henderson; half-backs, McNeil, E. Henderson, and Smith; forwards, Evans and Bell, right wing; Muirhead, centre; Maddison (capt.) and Lown, left wing. Kick-off at 2.30. Referee, Mr J. Webb, Gateshead.

### DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

### LINTZ ROVERS v. LINTZFORD.

This league fixture will be played at the Lintz. The Lintzford team will be as follows:—Goal, Jno. Laing; backs, Wm. Richardson and J. W. Andrews; half-backs, R. Abbott (capt.), T. Smith, and P. Newton; forwards, J. E. Taylor and T. Beath, right wing; Jas. Laing, centre; Jas. Andrews and S. Smith, left wing. Reserves, W. Laythen, W. Nixon. Kick off at 2.30. Referee, Mr W. Ridley.

## NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesidite."]

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the Primitive Methodist Church, on Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 27th and 28th.) The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and being the first services of the kind held in the above place of worship they were largely attended. An entertainment of a very pleasant character was given on the Saturday night, under the happy guidance of Councillor T. J. Muse, the following ladies and gentlemen rendering excellent service:—Miss Walton, and Miss Siddle, Newcastle Miss Dent, and Miss J. Dent, Castleside, Mr. C. C. McColvin, A. S. Coates, Consett, Mr. T. C. Elliott and Mr. J. W. Golightly, Castleside. Accompanist, Mr. M. Fawell, Consett. A sumptuous and well-attended supper took place afterwards in the schoolroom. On the following Sunday, Miss Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea, preached twice to large congregations, the service of song, "Peace and Plenty" was given in the afternoon by the choir, assisted by Mr. H. Potts, and Mr. T. Potts. Connective readings by Mr. T. G. Golightly, organist, Mr. Fawell. Collections followed each service in aid of the new organ fund. On the Monday night, the friends disposed of the fruit and vegetables which brought the takings up to £1 10s 1d, which in every sense was considered a success.

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The fruit banquet recently held in the Baptist Church, Rowley, was largely attended. The speaking and preaching of Councillors M. Dodds, Hexham, and Thomas Dodds, Wylam, were much appreciated. Excellent collections were taken at each service.

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The result of the recent examination of the Healeyfield, and Rowley Board Schools, is of a highly satisfactory character, also those candidates who sat for examination have each passed, viz. Misses, D. Bewick, E. Muse, Lily Jackson, and Maggie Pattinson.

STANLEY.

SOCIAL.—SEAFIELD ACADEMY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Master Thomas Matthew Ridley, son of Mr George Ridley, Stanley, has successfully passed the Preliminary Examination of the Incorporated Law Society, held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 17th and 18th October last. 692p

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## WHICH GIRL DID HE MARRY?

### A LEGEND OF TWO CONSETT GIRLS

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CHAPTER LXXXVII.

"Murdered, Woman, And By Me; Yes, By Me, Her Own Father."

Dewdrop, thus treated, unclosed his own teeth at once, and then Halcamus Greenwood fell flat upon the floor; but, alas, already in a dying condition.

"My child! For God's sake, tell me about my child! Where is she? Where have you left her?" pleaded Mr. Radcliffe, as he fell on his knees beside the by now almost unconscious man, holding Dewdrop back the while with all his strength.

"Chapel—buried!" was all the explanation that Halcamus could gasp out; and even those two words couldn't be more than guessed at, owing to the gurgling of the blood in his throat, and the strangely-sounding, whistling-like escape of his breath through the perforations that the bull-dog's fangs had made in his wind pipe.

In vain Mr. Radcliffe besought him to repeat them. He was too far gone by that time even to attempt it, and in less than another minute he was gone altogether.

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It was then that old John cursed and swore, and wished that he was dead in his dead man's place.

Picking up Greenwood's dropped pistol he, in the agony of his remorse, attempted to blow out his own brains therewith, and indubitably would have done it had the weapon been loaded.

Convinced, much against his will, that the pistol was harmless, he next tore open the mattress, and tossed the flock and the glittering coins, which he had only just secreted therein, all about the room, spitting at and savagely cursing the latter whenever their yellow sheen caught his eye.

In this condition was he discovered by Mrs. Radcliffe, directly she could summon up sufficient courage to enter the chamber, from which, for nearly five minutes, she had heard such a fearful medley of sounds proceeding, and no sooner had she cautiously opened the door than Dewdrop flew out of it past her with a most lugubrious howl, occasioned through terror at the conduct of his master.

The poor lady's horror and alarm at the sight of a dead man, and she conceived, a raving mad one, were intense.

But a second glance at the prostrate form showed her who it had been, and then the feelings and the anxieties of a mother rose superior to everything else, and she gasped out:

"Oh Ruth—our Ruth—where is she?"

"Murdered, woman, and by me; yes, by me, by her own father;" roared back her husband. "And for what?" he added, fiercely. "Why, for this accursed dross that you now behold me scatter about in hate and loathing. I tell you that I murdered her, not that poor hapless wretch lying there. He would have given her back to us. Aye, from my very soul I believe that he meant to have done it. But I destroyed him rather than that he should possess this — this which wasn't even my own, and might never have become my own either."

Great beads of perspiration bedewed his brow—his eyes seemed to be starting out of their sockets, and his face was perfectly cadaverous as he thus raved; but Mrs. Radcliffe seemed neither to be affected by the sight, nor by the more ghastly sight that lay stretched along the floor.

Her fears for her daughter overcame and absorbed into themselves all other terrors, causing her to exclaim, almost impatiently: "He was an armed burglar, and has met a burglar's doom; but, before he died, did he give you no clue even that may assist us in the discovery and the recovery of our child?"

"No—yes—I don't know what you are jabbering about, woman. If it's worth saying again, say it; but if not, hold your peace and be gone."

"Did he not give you some clue that may help us to recover Ruth before he died?"

"Chapel! Buried! That was all he said. Absurd! How could she be buried in a chapel? The vindictive scoundrel must have used his last breath to endeavour to put us on the wrong scent; and yet I'm the worst of the two—by far the greatest sinner of the two—thinking only of the gold—the yellow gold—and it not my own either. Howarth might not have given me half of it."

"Do think of something else than the gold for a while. Greenwood's last words may not be so absurd as you seem to suppose. Let us go downstairs and calmly weigh them over. It may seem brutal towards the dead to do so, but I cannot for the present, think of anyone or anything else but Ruth. Come out of this room, and shut the door behind you, and then let us plot and plan together over the fire in the dining-room."

"Aye, and over the brandy—the brandy. Brandy or poison—nothing but one or the other will give me ease and peace of mind any more—and of the two I—I—I— give the preference to brandy," rejoined old John, in tones as though he was settling a most knotty problem.

In the midst of his mutterings Mrs. Radcliffe managed to get him out of the chamber of death, for his mind was unhinged that he didn't rightly know what he was about.

Seated once more in the great arm-chair in the cosy dining-room, however, and with one stiff glass of brandy and water swallowed, and a second got a little more than half-way through with, old John brightened up considerably; so much so, indeed, as to exclaim, in peevish accents:

"Well, what tomfoolery was it that you uttered about a chapel? As though he could have buried our dear, lost girl in a chapel. Why even a church would have sounded a deal more likely, for a church is a gruesome enough place oft-times; but a comfortably-pewed, pulpitted, gallaried chapel, with never such a thing as a vault, a dead house, or a graveyard connected with it—why the notion is too absurd for even an idiot or a lunatic to entertain for more than a passing moment."

"Then I must be an idiot or a lunatic, for I entertain it still. People don't tell falsehoods with their last breath, and I'm sure that the Kings Lodgings is a likely place enough for anyone to be buried in or beneath."

"What on earth have the King's Lodgings to do with a chapel?" snapped out old John, in a voice almost like the snarl of a dog.

"Well, don't they say that Papists have oft-times owned that house, and in the old times of persecution concealed mass priests therein, and carried on condemned religious rites there that it would have cost them their heads to have celebrated publicly? To do so properly must they not have a chapel, which in all probability, was also a secret chamber, and one very hard to find out, and for those very reasons would not such a chamber exactly suit Halcamus Greenwood's purpose? I myself cannot conceive a more likely building for our Ruth to be imprisoned and buried alive in than that weird and horrible old mansion. Stop a bit, John, don't interrupt me yet, for I don't speak without other reasons also for my beliefs, so please to listen to those reasons before you pooh-pooh my steadfast convictions."

"Well, go on—go on."

"I intend to. Know, then, that Rose told me that when she and her two companions entered the old house, in order to conceal themselves therein, she fancied that she heard human footsteps in the rooms above them, but presently set it down to be mere imagination on her part."

"As of course it was, or else the rats," interposed old John contemptuously.

(To be Continued.)

# Football.

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

## ASSOCIATION.

South Moor Young Rovers 2nd beat Craghead White Stars by four goals to one.

Busty Bank Albions 2nd beat Swalwell, on the former's ground, by four goals to one.

Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers Reserve beat Hedley Hill Harriers, on the former's ground, by three goals to nil.

ALLENDALE ALBION v SHOTLEY WHITE STARS.—Played in the Shotley Spa grounds, and resulted in a draw of two goals each.

MEDOMSLEY RANGERS v BUSTY RED STARS.—Played on the former's ground, the Rangers winning by three goals to one.

SACRISTON RISING STARS v CORNSAY RISING ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground, Sacriston winning by four goals to one.

LEAMINGTON v KYO.—Played at Leamington, and after a pleasant game resulted in a draw of two goals each.

KIP HILL RANGERS v CRAGHEAD ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in an easy win for the home team by seven goals to nil.

ESH TRUE BLUES RESERVE v DURHAM CITY RESERVE.—Played at Durham, and ended in a win for the Blues by four goals to one.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v ESH TRUE BLUES.—Played at Esh, and resulted in a victory for the Blues by one goal to none.

EBCHESTER PARK v HAMSTERLEY CHURCH LADS BRIGADE.—Played on the former's ground, and after a hard struggle ended in a win for the Park by one goal to nil.

BURNHOPE ROVERS 2ND v CHESTER MOOR ROVERS 2ND.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a good game resulted in a victory for Burnhope by two goals to one.

CONSETT UNITED v CONSETT LILYWHITES.—Played on the former's ground, and after a pleasant game resulted in a victory for the United by seven goals to two.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.—Played on the former's ground, and after a hard game resulted in a draw of one goal each.

CONSETT SEXTONS v CONSETT ATHLETIC.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a one-sided game resulted in a win for the Sextons by five goals to one.

STANLEY BLUE STARS v STANLEY TRUE BLUES.—The former club were disappointed by Sacriston, but they arranged a game with the True Blues, and beat them by six goals to nil.

HOBSON YOUNG WANDERERS v DIPTON ATHLETIC.—Played on the former's ground, the home team winning easily by 15 goals to nothing. Randall, Dixon, Bell, and Doran played a splendid game for the Hobson.

GREENCROFT BLACK WATCH v SOUTH MOOR YOUNG ROVERS.—We have received two reports of the above game, which was played at Greencroft. The Rovers, who left the field before time was up, claim to have won by five goals to one, while Greencroft assert that they were victorious by six goals to five.

CONSETT TULIPS v BLACKHILL UNITED.—Blackhill having challenged the Tulips to play for a ball, the latter accepted the challenge, and the match came off on the Tulips' ground. The home team were pressing nearly all the first half, and scored twice through T Foster and R Mullen. Shortly after resuming Moore scored for the visitors, and the same player equalised just on time. Both teams agreed to play 10 minutes extra each way, and Foster scored the winning point for the home team three minutes before time, a very exciting game ending as under—

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| Tulips | Three goals |
| United | Two goals |

Referee, Mr R Sanderson.

LEADGATE WEST END v SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS.—Played on the former's ground. The visitors were the first to attack, and when five minutes had expired they had two goals to their credit. The home team, with such odds against them, played with more dash, and Dawson scored a good goal, which was followed by another shortly after, making the scores even. The game now became rough, the ball travelling quickly from one end to the other, but West End were having slightly the best of it, and Hardy put through a third point. Half-time score—

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| West End | Three goals |
| Rovers | Two goals |

In the second half each team was conspicuous for some good play, capital runs being made by both sides, but neither was able to add to their score until about ten minutes before the finish, when Shotley got through and equalised. Result—

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| West End | Three goals |
| Rovers | Three goals |

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS 2ND v LEADGATE UNITED.—Played on the former's ground. The Swifts won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and rain at their backs. From the kick off the home team gained possession, and at once began to press. Midfield play followed, but the Swifts again began to press, and R Bradley passed to Arden, who dribbled down and gave to Sanderson, the latter banging through the first goal for Consett. A few minutes later Arden shot a second point for the home team, who continued to have the best of matters until half-time was called with the score standing—

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| Swifts | Two goals |
| United | Nil |

The second half was more evenly contested, the visitors having the wind at their backs, but the Swifts were not to be denied, and Sanderson again scored. Shortly after Torley put the fourth point on for the home team. A few minutes before time was sounded United scored with a good shot, and a very pleasant game ended as under—

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| Swifts | Four goals |
| United | One goal |

### LEADGATE EXILES v. BRANDON ROVERS.

The Exiles journeyed to Brandon on Saturday last to play off their fixture with the Rovers. The match was eagerly looked forward to by the home team, as only a goal was the difference at Leadgate. Brandon counted upon rubbing off their defeat. The ground is a splendid one, and suited the Exiles to perfection. The Rovers won the toss, and elected to commence with the wind in their favour. After some midfield play the Exiles settled down to some brilliant work, with the result that four goals were put on in the first half, whilst Callaghan saved wonderful upon two occasions. At half-time the score stood:—

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| Exiles | Four goals |
| Rovers | Nil |

The second half was more even. Brandon put forth all efforts to make up their total, but Haggon and McGee were determined not to be caught napping. After twenty minutes play Callaghan was beaten by the home forwards. The Exiles played up and forced the play, and the Brandon defence was sorely tried, but was held intact until the call of time. A pleasant game resulted:—

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| Exiles | Four goals |
| Rovers | One goal |

### CONSETT v. LIZZIE CELTIC.

These teams met at Consett. This being the first meeting of the clubs, great interest was manifested in the game. The home team won the toss, and choose to play with the wind and sun at their backs. Immediately operations were commenced, the visitors got possession, and the forwards showing splendid dash and combination, came right through to the Consett backs, who cleared for a moment, but the Celts receiving the leather rushed the first goal of the match in grand style. From the kick off play began a little sensational, as Harkness and Dunn received the globe it went along the line in marvellous fashion, when the former put in a fine centre which the goalkeeper rushed out to deal with, but only to fall and allow Dunn to rush it between the sticks. This roused the visitors to greater endeavours to gain a leading point, which they did, for after some give and take play, the Celtic right raced down and shot in at the corner, which the goalkeeper had no chance to reach. The hard pegging of the visitors now began to wane, and the homesters, taking advantage of this, made things pretty warm for the Lizzie contingent, scoring two more goals in quick succession. The whistle sounding for half-time with the score—

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| Consett | Three goals |
| Lizzie Celtic | Two goals |

From the restart it was pretty evident there was only one team to "keep it up," and that was not the Celtic. The Consett forwards and halves, playing with superb dash and judgment, went merrily along and scored No 4 from a pretty centre by Blackwell. Try as they would the Celtics could not beat back the efforts of the efforts of the homesters, as time after time Eustace (who was playing a magnificent game) with Blackwell on the right, completely played their opponents to a standstill. A chance at last came for the visitors, for Adams failing to take a pass that ought to have scored easily, the visitors' right got possession and made an anxious moment for the home custodian, who was merely a spectator, having had nothing to do. The shot, which proved to be the only one in the last half, was a beauty, which he got rid of in miraculous fashion. The home forwards once more combined, and the left wing, threading their way through, were rewarded with No. 5. Immediately after Blackwell following with No. 6. The visitors being properly played out, the homesters came away in a body and added a seventh as a finishing touch to a hard-fought match. The whistle sounding time with the result:

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| Consett | Seven goals |
| Lizzie Celtic | Two goals |

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

## CROOK AND STANLEY DISTRICT LEAGUE.

### WATERHOUSES WANDERERS v. COUNDON ROVERS.

Played at Waterhouses. Rain fell heavily just before the commencement of the game, which caused the ground to be in a sloppery condition. Both teams were well represented, but were late in commencing, owing to the late arrival of the Rovers. The visitors kicked off before a large concourse of spectators, and at once attacked, but the defence was equal to the occasion, and a clearance was effected. Waterhouses were some time in pulling themselves together, Coundon several times becoming uncomfortably dangerous. After 15 minutes' play the home team asserted their superiority, and through the instrumentality of Potts and Chrissop scored amid loud cheers. The Wanderers continued to press, and added another point before the interval, when the score read—

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| Waterhouses | Two goals |
| Coundon | Nil |

On resuming, even play was the order, the ball travelling alternately from goal to goal. Owing to the wet state of the ground, both sides missed opportunities of scoring. Coundon pressed for about ten minutes, and could not be kept out of goal. Thanks to the fine play of Parkinson in goal, and Richardson at back, they were unable to score. The home team now had a look in, and after some neat play they beat the custodian, but it was ruled off-side. Not to be denied, the Wanderers returned and added their third point. Coundon were awarded a penalty kick, but failed to score, and a pleasant game ended—

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| Waterhouses | Three goals |
| Coundon | Nil |

## DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

### BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE v. LINTZFORD.

Played on the former's ground. Excitement ran very high, and a good company assembled to witness the contest. The visitors lost the spin of the coin, and kicked off against the wind. The Temperance were not long in getting into close quarters, and were the first to draw blood from a scrimmage in front of goal, Pescoe doing the needful. The home team was going great guns just now, and forced a corner, which being nicely placed by Weedy, was banged through by Middleton, who just got up in time. The visitors now pressed very hard, and close on the interval managed to score, but it ought to have been stopped by the goalkeeper, as it had just strength to roll through. Nothing further being scored, the teams crossed over with the score standing—

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| Temperance | Two goals |
| Lintzford | One goal |

The second part of the game was just as hotly contested, but the energy was wanting, the first half having taken the steam out of the men. Each citadel was visited in turn, and had some narrow escapes, but the game ended with the score unaltered, the home team winning as under—

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| Temperance | Two goals |
| Lintzford | One goal |

## TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

### HOBSON WANDERERS v. JARROW PRESBYTERIANS.

Played at the Hobson. The visitors, who came with only nine men, were late in arriving, which necessitated a curtailment of the time. The home team scored four times in the first half, and Jarrow once, whilst in the second half the Wanderers scored other five goals, leaving the final result—

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| Hobson | Nine goals |
| Jarrow | One goal |

Referee, Mr W Johns, Leadgate.

## DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

### LEADGATE EXILES RESERVE v. LINTZ ROVERS.

The Rovers having laid a protest against the Exiles' Reserve (who won the tie by five goals to one), it was found that both clubs had failed to keep the rules, so the game was ordered to be re-played on the Exiles' ground last Saturday. However, the Lintz scratched, and the Exiles pass into the third round.

### DIPTON WANDERERS v. AXWELL ROVERS.

These teams met at Swalwell in the second round of the above competition. The event was a re played tie, the teams having played a draw of one goal each at Dipton a fortnight since. Owing to the Diptonites having been delayed on the road, through an accident to their brake, it was nearly four o'clock before the match commenced. In the early part of the first half the home team had the best of matters, and suffered very hard lines. Dixon scored neatly for the Rovers just before half-time, when the score read—

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| Axwell | One goal |
| Dipton | Nil |

After the second half had been in progress about 15 minutes, the referee stopped the game owing to the intervention of darkness. The matter will be referred to the Durham County Committee, who will decide whether the match will be played over or not. Final result—

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| Axwell | One goal |
| Dipton | Nil |

The following team represented the Wanderers:—Goal, Robt. Freek; backs, T. Rowell and R. Coates; half backs, Wm. Parker, E. Buck, and J. Milburn; forwards, W. Ellis and Crooks, right wing; E. Beckwith, centre; S. Wood and T. Walker (capt.), left wing. Rovers' team—Goal, A. Jameson; backs, W. Errington and M. Burn; half-backs, R. Hepple, R. Bruce, and J. Bruce; forwards, J. Dixon, Ouston, T. Minns, P. Hackett, and J. Roscamp. Referee, Mr A. Little, Leadgate.

## ENGLISH CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

### BISHOP AUCKLAND v. TOW LAW.

These teams met at Bishop Auckland before a very large attendance. The visitors won the toss, and elected to play up the hill. Auckland kicked off, and at once got down, Widdas shooting near. Ten minutes after the start Foster scored the first goal, Allison falling full length in his attempt to stop the shot. Soon after Stainthorpe passed to Foster, who missed, and then Widdas nearly got through, Tow Law conceding two corners, which were well cleared. Chatt then had a try, and three corners followed to Auckland, after which Foster shot another point from a pass by Manners. Foster tried again directly, and a most determined assault was made on the Tow Law goal, which was eventually repulsed. The visitors now had a look in, and though Bousfield spoiled them they came again, Strophair fisting out, but McIntosh got possession and scored a good goal, amid cheering from the big contingent who had travelled from Tow Law by special train. The visitors then shot over the bar, and afterwards gained a useless corner. Allison had to kick out at the other end, and Tow Law again shot over. Half-time score—

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| Auckland | Three goals |
| Tow Law | One goal |

On resuming, Foster shot in, and twice Allison had to throw out. At this stage an unseemly quarrel took place between Upton and Allison, and both men were cautioned. Stainthorpe put through, but the point was ruled off-side, and then Foster headed over, while the home team missed other chances. From a free kick for a foul, Tow Law pressed, Auckland kicking out, and Coulson forced a corner. Towards the close Manners and Coulson had to leave the field through injuries, but both returned. The visitors now played better, but could not get through. The game ended with the score unaltered, namely—

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| Auckland | Three goals |
| Tow Law | One goal |

Tow Law team—Goal, J. H. Allison; backs, J. W. Temperley and R. Thompson; half-backs, R. Wilson, T. Waites (capt.), and W. Simpson; forwards, Coulson, Lumsden, Hobson, G. Simpson, and McIntosh. Auckland—Goal, Strophair; backs, R Bousfield and Upton; half-backs, Manners, Brown, and Marshall; forwards, Widdas, T Chatt, Foster, Wilson, and Stainthorpe.

## RUGBY.

### BLACKHILL ROVERS v. SOUTH SHIELDS UNION BRITISH.

This match took place at Blackfine, the ground being in a very sodden state, and it was with difficulty that the players managed to keep their feet. Nevertheless a good muster of spectators turned out to witness the game. The home captain won the toss, and the visitors kicked off with the wind and hill in their favour, the oval being well returned, and scrummaging took place in midfield. The visitors got away, and by some neat passing caused the Rovers to defend, a minor resulting. Bradley kicked well into touch, and then the home team broke away and had hard lines in not scoring. From a scrummage Anderson gave to Stobbs, who was grassed on the line, and passing out the oval got into possession of one of the Shields men, who raced away and got in under the posts, the kick at goal failing. From the drop out the Rovers tried hard to score, penning the visitors on their own line, and Bradley was grassed when all but over. A minute later Brown shared the same fate, and half time arrived with the score standing—

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| Union British | One try |
| Rovers | Nil |

Hewitson resumed for the home team, who quickly forced a minor. Bradley receiving sent nicely down, and the Rovers rushing up prevented a return. From a scrummage Anderson gave to Sayers, who passed to Bradley, the latter throwing to Brown, who was promptly grassed. Bradley and Brown rushed away, and a foul by the visitors gave the Rovers a free kick, Bradley landing a neat goal. Brown received from the centre kick and sent well down, Sayers getting away, but he was smartly stopped. Union British got off by some neat footwork, but failed to break down the home defence, Moore replying well to touch. Anderson broke away, and was only put in touch on the line. The Rovers pressed vigorously, Moore taking a good but unsuccessful drop at goal, followed by another from Hewitson. The visitors were having a lively time of it, and from a scrummage Anderson passed well out to Sayers, who raced over, Bradley kicking a neat goal. The Rovers still maintained the pressure, and Askew getting possession gave to Bradley, who threw wide to Brown. The Shields men broke away, the ball going into touch, and the referee sounded time with the score—

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| Rovers | One goal, one penalty goal (eight points) |
| Union British | One try (three points) |

Referee, Mr Jos Askew.

## FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

CONSETT WIN COMFORTABLY.

The Lizzie Celtic have been performing so well this season that I fully expected that they would extend the Consett club. True, they about held their own in the initial half, but after changing ends there was only one team in it—and that was not the Celtics. The smarter Consett lads ran round them in easy fashion, and as the shooting also showed an improvement, the home men were left with a handsome victory. The Lizzie defence was extremely weak, the backs displaying very bad judgment. The custodian was only moderate, while the halves are too slow against anything like fast and tricky forwards. The front rank passed and combined fairly well at times, but they were completely at sea when nearing the goal. In short, I was considerably disappointed with the visitors, and the teams they have beaten this season have been very poor, or else they did not show their true form on Saturday.

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Comparing their exhibition in the game under note with that the Consett team showed against Axwell in their cup-tie, one could hardly believe that they were the same team. Then they were devoid of all life and dash, whilst on Saturday they were full of "go." Bowen substituted Winter in goal—the latter having injured his shoulder the previous week against Rutherford College—but had scarcely anything to do. Skelton played a much improved game at back, whilst Pescod, when he has gained more experience and judgment, should develope into a really capable defender. The halves were the backbone of the team, being in splendid form. Carruthers was, as usual, here, there, and everywhere, while in Simpson Consett have secured one of the best halves in the district. He tackles admirably, and does not forget to feed the forwards. Wake fully upheld his reputation. Although the forwards gave an excellent display, I was not altogether satisfied with them. Blackwell and Eustace are both clever players individually, but they do not combine well as a wing. Adams is not a centre forward by any means, and the sooner the club obtain a suitable man for this responsible position the better. Harkness put in some dashing runs and centres on the left, and was ably supported by Dunn. Everything considered, the winners and their supporters have every reason to be more than satisfied with their most recent performances.

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KEEN RIVALS AT BURNOPFIELD.

Burnopfield Temperance and Lintzford are keen rivals, and their meeting at Burnopfield on Saturday, under the auspices of the Derwent Valley League, produced a capital and exciting struggle. The home team was not quite up to full strength, and the positions of the players was somewhat altered. Dawson, who has been playing somewhat regularly at back, was placed on the right wing, and showed that he was just as good in that position as in his old place. A new back was tried in Chisholm, who hails from Oakey's Lilywhites, and came off with flying colours, being very cool, safe, and a sure tackler. The captain (Hogg) played his customary good game. The halves were rather weak, being slow on the ball and shy in tackling. All the forwards did well, Weedy and Gibbons putting in a lot of sterling work, while little Thompson made some really fine centres. E. Parker was the same old horse, always on the ball and working from start to finish. Ferguson stopped some stinging shots in goal, but marred an otherwise capital exhibition by allowing a very soft shot to beat him.

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The visitors were a good even lot, and it is difficult to speak of any of them individually. Richardson and Andrews were pretty safe at back, although scarcely up to their best form, while the skipper (Bob Abbott) played a grand game at half, and was a long way the best man on his side. Taylor and his partner were the pick of the forwards, and executed several good runs.

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AXWELL AND DIPTON STILL DRAW.

Having played a draw at Dipton, these teams met at Swalwell last Saturday to try and settle which of them should enter the third round of the Durham Senior Cup. Unfortunately, the Wanderers had a breakdown on the road, and consequently the start was delayed till nearly four o'clock. The first "45" was capitally contested, there being very little to choose between the teams; but the Rovers claimed a lead of a goal at the interval. Only thirteen minutes of the second moiety had elapsed when the referee felt compelled, owing to the fast gathering darkness, to put an end to the game. The matter will probably be dealt with at the meeting of the Durham Association to-night (Friday).

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Both teams showed much superior form to what they did at Dipton. Freek kept goal extremely well for the Wanderers, while Rowell and Coates played grandly at back, the former being altogether out of place forward. The halves were all workers, Buck being particularly prominent. Wood, Crooks, and Ellis were the best of the forwards, who got in some splendid work during the afternoon. Jameson (the Axwell goalkeeper) made some champion saves, playing a brilliant game throughout. Burn was the pick of the backs, Errington being scarcely up to the mark. J. Bruce and Hepple were continually conspicuous for good work at half, while Dixon and Roscamp deserve a word of praise amongst the forwards, all of whom passed neatly. Great disappointment was manifested at the abrupt conclusion of the game, but the referee, under the circumstances, undoubtedly pursued the right course.

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THE ROVERS TOO GOOD FOR UNION BRITISH.

The latter team, who hails from South Shields, visited Blackfine on Saturday with a pretty strong fifteen, and were rather confident of success; but they could not manage it, as the Rovers sent them back beaten by eight points to three. The ground was in a very bad state, but nevertheless the game turned out to be a fairly good one. The try the visitors obtained was got by some quick and clever work. The Rovers were pressing severely, and Stobbs when nearly over passed, but the pass was taken by one of the Shields men, who raced away, and on reaching the full back transferred to a colleague, who scored after an exciting chase the full length of the field. The visitors kept their lead till well on in the second half, when Bradley kicked a penalty goal allowed for obstruction, and also converted a try scored by Sayers.

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The home full back (Moore) put in some capital kicks, his weak point being tackling. The three-quarters all played a good game, Sayers' try being a fine effort. Anderson was in demon form at half, time after time getting away and checking his opponents. His partner (Smailes) was again off colour, lying on the ball too much. The forwards showed admirably form in the first half, but afterwards got too excited, and should play more steadily. The Union British full back played a grand game, and saved well. The three-quarters exhibited fine passing, and have plenty of speed. The halves combined excellently, while the forwards generally had the best of the packs, and were also very smart in the loose.

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THE SWIFTS JUST BEATEN.

Consett Town Swifts journeyed to Esh on Saturday to play their return fixture with the True Blues, the result of an evenly contested game being a narrow win for the home team by one goal to nil—the winning point being scored through a mistake by Eustace. Winter, Allison, and Joe McKie played a splendid game at half for the Swifts, while Bradley was in good form at back. Jones kept goal admirably, having no chance whatever with the shot that beat him. The Esh left wing was the most prominent part of the home team.

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THE DURHAM ASSOCIATION.

It was with the utmost satisfaction that I noticed the above association had meted out some very salutary sentences at their last meeting. Referee baiting is becoming a favourite amusement at some grounds when the home team does not happen to win, and the Durham Association may rest assured that they will have the hearty co-operation and good-will of all right thinking people in their laudable endeavours to stamp out this increasing evil. The Ryhope club and ground were suspended for one month, and on the evidence adduced they richly deserved the punishment. Perhaps this will teach the spectators to behave themselves less like wild beasts in the future. The manner in which referees are sometimes treated cannot be too strongly condemned, and I sincerely trust that these much abused officials will not fail to report any case of ill-usage, &c., to the proper quarters. If things go on much longer as they have been doing, it will be difficult to get referees to officiate at all. All true sportsmen, and all who have the interest of the game at heart, will cordially back up the association in the action they have taken.

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SHOTLEY SPA CHALLENGE CUP.

A meeting was held on Saturday night, at the house of Mr R. M. Rutherford, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, when the draw for the cup and the registration of players was dealt with. Mr William Ramsay, Blackhill, occupied the chair, and representatives were present from Medomsley White Stars, Allendale Cottages, Consett, High Row, and Shotley Bridge. It was also agreed that should the Consett Town Swifts (late Consett Town Reserve) win the cup again at any future time, it becomes their own property. After other business had been transacted, the draw took place as follows:—

A—Shotley Bridge Rovers v Castleside Rovers—Mr J Borrow, Consett.

B—High Row United v Consett Town Swifts—Referee, Mr W Oliver, Shotley Bridge.

C—Allendale Park v Medomsley White Stars—Referee—Mr W Kendal, High Row.

*Semi-finals.*

Winners of A v winners of B.

C a bye.

The semi-finals and final to be played at Shotley Spa Grounds on Easter Monday and Tuesday. It was agreed to ask Mr T. D. Dales or Mr A. Little to referee in the semi-finals and final.

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SPEN ALBION INDIGNANT.

DEAR SIR,—You might insert the following letter as regards the conduct of Axwell Rovers Reserve to Spen Albion, on Saturday, November 3rd. On the Tuesday previous I sent word asking the secretary if he could get the team to be on the Spen ground to kick-off at 2·15. On the Wednesday I sent the bills for the match. I waited the whole of the week for an answer, which I received on the morning of the match. He said his team could not get until the 2·45 train from Newcastle, but we could make the game shorter. This finished up with them not reaching the Spen at all. On the Monday following he sent me a post card saying that there was some misunderstanding between the players, and said he sent a telegram, but forgot my address. I think he could not forget my address when he sent me a post-card on Saturday morning. Could he send a telegram when seven of the reserve team arrived at Rowland's Gill at three o'clock. Does the secretary of Axwell Rovers think that we are all fools at the Spen to believe the sympathetic post-card be sent? Hoping you will insert this to show the disgraceful conduct we have received,—I remain, yours, &c.,

GEO. SHORT.
Hon. Sec. Spen Albion.

Nov. 6th, 1894.

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE

The following are the results of the Northern Alliance Competition up to Saturday:—

| | P | W | D | L | Goals For | Goals Agt | P's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blyth | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 10 | 10 |
| Willington Athletic | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 9 |
| Shankhouse | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 9 |
| Trafalgar | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 8 |
| Sunderland A | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Rendel | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 5 |
| Gateshead N.E.R. | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 8 | 5 |
| Newcastle United A | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 17 | 5 |
| Jarrow | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 4 |
| Dipton Wanderers | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 19 | 2 |
| Southwick | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Hebburn Argyle | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 0 |

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MEMS.

I hear nothing so far as to Blackhill Rovers doing training for their cup-tie. If they have not yet started, it is high time they did, otherwise the result may be disappointing.

There should be a rare game at Leadgate to-morrow between the Park and Willington Athletic, in the second round of the Amateur Cup.

I am informed that Consett will shortly have their weak point at centre forward filled by a really good man. More of this anon.

All clubs having dates with Burnhope Rovers 1st are requested to cancel them, as the team is broken up.

I hear that Blackhill Rovers have been fortunate enough to secure the services of the well-known comedian, Mr Harry Tomkins, of Newcastle, besides other excellent talent, for their concert, which promises to be a big success.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Sextons have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 14. Apply, E. McArdle, 45, King Street, Consett.

White Stanley Blue Star would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 16 to 18. Apply, J. Hunter, 6, Manx Row, West Stanley.

Tow Law St. Joseph's having re-organised, would like to arrange matches with moderate first or good second teams. Apply, M. McGurk, Dan's Castle, Tow Law.

Hobson Young Wanderers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Apply, J. Dixon, Front Street, Hobson, Burnopfield, R.S.O.

Ebchester would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 11 to 15. Apply, W. Charlton, Ebchester Station, Ebchester.

Wilkwell Burn Swifts have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 9 to 12. Apply, J. Tebb, No. 26, Milkwell Burn, Ebchester.

Milkwell Burn Derwentside Rovers have several vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 11 to 13. Apply, T. H. Charlton, No. 42, Milkwell Burn, near Ebchester.

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HANDYSIDE'S CONSUMPTION CURE.

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

The BLOOD FOOD prepared by G. Handyside is a simple vegetable extract and thereby God's natural remedy for building up the body, and when the body is strong it defies all diseases. It contains no medicine and therefore cannot ruin the constitution as all doctors' medicines do. Everyone should take it for Indigestion, Costiveness, Sleeplessness, Dizziness of the Head, Fits, Asthma, Bronchitis, Influenza. Thousands of people are taking it with marvellous results for Change of Life. Delicate people should take it for ever.

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A Durham Pitman Falls Out of a Mail Train.—On Saturday evening, on the arrival of the 7.8 p.m. mail train from Newcastle at Northallerton several passengers in the train informed Mr. Beecroft, the station master, that as the train was slackening speed at Castle Hills Junction—the scene of the late fatal accident—a passenger had fallen out of the train. Mr. Beecroft, along Mr. J. Wells, porter, and P.C. Lawson, went along line with their lamps, and on approaching Castle Hills signal cabin, they met a man walking towards them, who was without a hat, and who said he had fallen out of the mail train. At the station master's office the man gave the name of Thomas Weighell, and said he was a pitman residing at Durham. He had got into the train at Newcastle intending to get out at Durham, but had fallen asleep, and when the train pulled up at Castle Hills he had attempted to get out. He seemed not much worse for his mishap, and was sent on with the 9.5 p.m. train.

## SHOCKING ACCIDENT AT BLAYDON.

A shocking accident occurred on the railway at Blaydon Station on Friday evening, by which a young man named Elijah Waters, residing at Mount Pleasant, Throckley, met his death. It appears that the deceased and a companion came into the station for the purpose of catching the 10.35 p.m. train to Newcastle. The train was standing at the opposite platform, and fearing to lose it they both endeavoured to cross the line and had jumped down before anyone could hinder them. Unfortunately the train for the west came up just at that moment, and Waters in trying to gain the platform was caught by the engine and thrown upon the line, it and several of the carriages passing over him. It was found on his extrication that his right leg was almost completely severed from his body, and after Dr Brown had stopped the flow of blood, the injured man was sent to the Newcastle Infirmary in a special carriage. There he quickly sank, and at an early hour on Saturday morning he died.

## STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday 40 dairy cows and heifers, 18 fat cattle, 4 store cattle, 10 calves, 190 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £20 10s, fat cattle to £17 10s, store cattle to £4 10s, fat sheep to 35s, fat lambs to 24s, top lots Mr J Henderson, Wiserley Farm, Wolsingham; fat BF ewes to 24s, top Mr M Simpson, Rookhope.

BENFIELDSIDE. — Mr Murray had forward on Monday 18 fat cattle, 156 fat sheep, 15 heifers, 7 calves, 3 pork pigs, 1 horse, 5 store cattle, 4 cows, a number of poultry, &c. Fat cattle to £15 7s 6d. Sheep to 44s each; lambs to 33s, keeping ewes 34s each. Store cattle to £8 5s. Poultry, 9d to 2s each. There was a considerably shorter entry on Monday than for some time, many entries not getting forward owing to various causes. The day was exceptionally fine for harvesting—in fact, the only fine harvest day we have had for the last month—and many of the fellside farmers having still a quantity of corn in the fields, and the season getting late, they are anxious to have it secured at the first opportunity.

LANCHESTER.—Messrs Green and Dowson had forward on Monday 25 cows, 17 fat cattle, 25 store cattle, 9 calves, 186 fat sheep, and 20 mule keeping lambs. Cows made from £9 2s 6d to £12 2s 6d. Fat cattle: Catcherside, £12 2s 6d; others up to £13. Sheep, 34s, top, H Stephenson; lambs, 37s, top, H Stephenson, Fines. Store cattle, £3 5s to £10. Keeping lambs, 21s 6d. Trade on Monday was slow throughout, all stock making less money.

## CATHOLIC NOTES.

After a holiday of several weeks in America, the Rev Father O'Kelly has returned home, and on Sunday morning, after mass, gave a cheering account of the progress of Catholicity in that country.

In the evening, after the Rosary had been recited, the Rev Father Magill preached "On Purgatory," and reminded those present of their duty of praying for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

Holy Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning at Westwood by the Rev Father Magill.

## Hockey.

### DERWENT VALLEY v. NORTHERN.

Played at Blackhill in very unfavourable weather. The visitors won the toss, and from the bully off took the ball up to the Derwent goal, where the backs transferred it to midfield, and the forwards, taking the ball up, scored through J E Thorpe. From the re-start, the home team continued to attack, and scored No 2 through H Wattsford. From now till half time Northern pressed, Rutherford and Barclay scored for the visitors. Half time arrived with the score:—

Derwent Valley .................... Two goals.
Northern .................... Two goals.

After the interval Derwent Valley played slackly, and two goals were registered against them in rapid succession by Barclay and Ashmead. The home team resumed the offensive, C T Foreman ending a brilliant run by scoring their third goal. The light now became bad, and play was general. Shortly before time, J E Thorpe succeeded in placing the fourth goal into the net for Derwent, a very pleasant game ending as under:—

Derwent Valley .................... Four goals.
Northern .................... Four goals.

Teams:—Derwent Valley—Goal, T Gray; backs, J E Parker and T D Dales; half backs, P Ainsworth J M Nicholson, and H Young; forwards, J Ormerod C T Foreman, J E Thorpe, H H Wattsford and G Wattsford. Northern—Goal, W A Young; backs, M Miller and A T French; half backs, W E Rocliffe, J Miller, and E A Pope; forwards, W A Railton, F T Hecht, H Ashmead, W W Barclay, and Dr Rutherford.

## Cricket.

### DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE.

An adjourned meeting of the representatives of the Senior League for the county of Durham was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, on Tuesday evening week, for the purpose of considering the proposal mooted at the previous meeting in reference to the curtailment of the number of clubs embraced in the Senior League from twelve to eight. In the absence of Dr Geo Renton, Consett (president), Mr R H Mallett (secretary to the county association) was elected to preside. Ten out of the twelve clubs in the league were represented, viz.:—Norton, Stockton, Durham City, Sunderland, North Durham, Whitburn, South Shields, Consett and District, Darlington, and Philadelphia.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the object of the gathering was to receive the opinions of the committees of the various clubs interested anent the suggestion made at the last meeting for the reduction of the number of clubs in the Senior League.

After a protracted and animated discussion, Mr H Squance (Sunderland) proposed, and Mr Crosby (Norton) seconded the following resolution:—

"That the Senior League for Durham County in 1895 should consist of eight clubs, to be chosen irrespective of geographical position."

This was most strenuously opposed by Messrs A Grundy (Whitburn), Jos Eltringham and J Lax (Consett), C R Toomer (South Shields), and Weatherall (Durham City), who referred to the satisfactory way in which the league of the twelve clubs had operated during the past season, and declared that no new arguments had been advanced in favour of such a scheme as had been prepared.

On the meeting being tested, the resolution was rejected by seven votes to three—Sunderland, Norton, and Stockton voting in favour thereof, while Philadelphia, North Durham, Durham City, South Shields, Darlington, Whitburn, and Consett and District were against.

It will be a pleasing announcement to the supporters of our local team, who so recently secured the Junior League cup, and also beat Chester-le-Street in the test match, to know that they now rank as one of the Senior League clubs of the county. It is most likely there may be some alteration in the working of the League next season, and to constitute it on the same principles as at present in vogue in connection with first class county fixtures.

### SWALWELL C.C.

A most successful re-union of the members of the above club was held in the Church Mission Room, Swalwell, on Saturday night. The proceedings commenced with a public tea, at which there was a very large attendance. Afterwards the annual meeting of the club was held, the Rev Mr Short, B.A., presiding. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were of a very satisfactory character, and were adopted. The election of officers for next season then took place, and resulted as follows:—Secretary, Mr Arnold Fletcher; treasurer, Rev J. Short; captain, Mr T. Barry; vice-captain, Mr T. Lumley. A strong and energetic committee was also elected. Subsequently a social gathering was held, at which there was a large attendance. The Rev Mr Short occupied the chair, and a most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered in good style by several ladies and gentlemen present.

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## Sporting Items.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN. — The annual pigeon shooting handicap promoted by Mr Robert Forster, who added £4 to all-entrance moneys at 4s per lot, was resumed and concluded on Saturday afternoon, in a field belonging to Mr M Hardy, not far from the house of Mr Wm. Aitchison, Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain. The usual conditions were observed—18 to 26 yards rise and 60 yards fall. There was a very large attendance of spectators. Speculation ranged at from 2 and 3 to 1 on the game. It is worthy of mention that J Turnbull, of Hill Top, Dipton, who is 63 years of age, has either divided or won this handicap 14 years in succession. Scores:—Old Gold, 19, 1 1 1 0; Old Nobility, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Slavia, 19, 1 0; R Walton, 18, 1 1 1 0; J P, 20, 1 0; Bleach Green, 20, 1 0; Schoolboy, 20, 0; Old Bell, 19, 1 0; Henry Pace, 19, 0; Old Nelson, 18, 1 0; My Fancy, 19, 0; Turnbull, 20, 1 1 0; Old Caister, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Victor, 20, 0; My Fancy, 19, 0; Schoolboy, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Stonebridge, 20, 1 1 1 1 1 1 0; Henry Pace, 19, 0; Jack's Delight, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Broomjack, 20, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Phil, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1 0; G Brown, 19, 1 0; Slavia, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 0; Beach Green, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; Hornsey, 20, 1 1 0; C Burn, 19, 0; Fenwick, 20, 1 1 1 0; Marley Hill, 20, 0; C Burn, 19, 1 1 1 0; Enders, 23, 1 1 1 0; Maggie, 21, 1 1 1 1 1 0; B P, 20, 0; Bendigo, 20, 0; Chester, 21, 1 1 1 1 0; J W Walton, 21, 0; Turnbull, 20, 0; Broomhill, 20, 1 1 1 1 1 0; Terrace, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 0; E Shotton, 22, 1 1 1 1 1 1 1; E Shotton (2nd lot), 22, 0; E Shotton (3rd lot), 22, 0. Stakes divided.—A small sweep followed at 2s 6d a lot, and resulted as below:—Shotton, 0; Turnbull, 1 1 0; Schoolboy, 1 1 0; Slavia, 1 1 0; Old Ben, 1 0; Black, 1 0; Dirty Shoes, 1 1 0; Phil, 1 0; Jack's Delight, 1 1 0; J Turnbull, 1 1 1 1. Referee Mr Robt Forster, Annfield Plain; F Hunter, trapper; and S Smith, scorekeeper.

RABBIT COURSING AT DIPTON.—The rabbit coursing sweep, which was organised by Mr John Ambler, for small dogs at £2 per lot, the best of five courses, commenced on the preceding Saturday was brought to a successful termination on Saturday afternoon, in the enclosure adjoining the house of Mr Samuel Ledger, Bird Inn, Hill Top, near Dipton. There was a numerous attendance, and some interesting sport was witnessed. Results:—First round—Kirkup's Sleepy Lad, 19½, beat Bell's Indian Queen, 18½, by 3 to 2; Wardle's Monkey's Puzzle, 17½, beat Brown's Grozer Cake, 14½, by 3 to 1; Brown's Lass of the West, 18½, beat Robinson's Wild Man, 18½ by 3 to 0; Everett's Little Lady, 19½, beat White's Highland Mary, 16½, by 3 to 0; White's Little, 17½, beat Taylor's Foxey, 18½, by 3 to 0; Burdon's Foxy Tommy, 19, beat Kirkup's Fairy Queen, 18½, by 3 to 2; White's Sportsman, 16½, beat Brown's Toss Up, 19½, by 3 to 2. Second round—Sleepy Lad beat Sportsman by 3 to 1; Lass of the West beat Little Lady by 3 to 2; Monkey's Puzzle beat Little Min by 3 to 0; Foxy Tommy a bye. Third round—Foxy Tommy beat Sleepy Lad by 3 to 2; Monkey's Puzzle beat Lass of the West by 3 to 2. Final—Foxy Tommy beat Monkey's Puzzle by 4 courses to 3. Betting: 5 to 4 on Monkey's Puzzle.—Afterwards there was a small sweep at 3s 6d per lot. Details:—First round—Burdon's Get Up beat Johnson's Owt Yer Like; Brown's Toss Up beat Winwood's McGinty; Lonsdale's Fancy beat Fawcey's Peter; McGinty (2nd lot) beat Teasdale's Yellow Barney; Toss Up (2nd lot) beat Chamber's Lady Talbot; Welsh's Rags and Bones beat Blake's White Socks; Beck's Daisy Colour beat Murray's Weasel; Get Up (2nd lot) beat Beck's Leadgate Lass; Watson's Lad of the West beat Fancy (2nd lot); Lad of the West (2nd lot) beat Yellow Barney (2nd lot); Lady Talbot (2nd lot) beat Owt Yer Like (2nd lot). Second round—Lady Talbot beat McGinty; Fancy beat Lad of the West; Toss Up beat Daisy Colour; Rags and Bones beat Get Up; Toss Up beat Lad of the West; Get Up a bye. Darkness setting in at this stage the stakes were divided. Referee—John Ambler; pistol firer—C Carrick; and scorekeeper—R Barnes.—On Monday afternoon Mr John Ambler added £1 to an entry of 3s 6d per lot for a small dog sweep, was brought off in a field near Mr S Ledger's Bird Inn, Hill Top, Dipton. Results:—English's Rather Slow beat Watson's Lad of the West; Coates's Death beat Steele's Mossy; Kirkup's Butcher Boy beat Mossy (2nd lot); Death (2nd lot) beat Robinson's Willing Kate; Coates's Queen Death beat Appleby's Skinny Hannah; Appleby's Fat Hannah beat Lad of the West (2nd lot); Willing Kate (2nd lot) beat Chamber's Lady Talbot. Second round—Queen Death beat Fat Hannah; Death beat Rather Slow; Butcher Boy beat Willing Kate; Death, a bye. Third round—Butcher Boy beat Death; Queen Death beat Death. Final—Butcher Boy beat Queen Death and won. Referee, J Ambler; pistol firer, C Carrick; score-keeper, R Barnes.

QUOITING AT FELLSIDE.—About 400 people assembled in a field at Fellside on Saturday afternoon, to witness a quoiting match between John Ramshaw and Alex White, who played with 5lb quoits, 10 yards on the grass, 2in pins, 31 chalks game, Ramshaw receiving 7 chalks start, for £10 a-side. Betting 5 to 4 on White. Result:—White, 31; Ramshaw, 23. Mr H Weldon was referee and stakeholder.

FIVES AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—The first important match since the re-building and improving of the Chester-le-Street Fives Court, was played on Saturday between William Mordue and John Jones, of Stanley, who played against John Priestman and H Bolam, of South Moor, for £15 a-side, before a large attendance of spectators. Gray, the groundsman, had spared no pains to have the ground in perfect order; but owing to the recent and prolonged wet weather it was still on the soft side. Rain was falling when the game began, and towards the finish it fell in torrents, while there was scarcely any light at all. From the outset the Stanley pair took the lead, Mordue showing especially fine form. After two hours' hard play the game ended in favour of the Stanley pair, the score standing:—Mordue and Jones, 33; Priestman and Bolam, 20. Tom Dawson, Edomsley, was stakeholder and referee.

£2 a-side has been deposited in the hands of Mr R M Rutherford, Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, to bind a match between Shearer's bird to give Lynn's bird 4 secs to every 100 yards extra, to fly from Tow Law to Westwood and Allendale Cottages.

A match was made at West Stanley on Saturday night between Mellon's Rattlesnake, of Dipton, and Mullen's Fleece Lad, of Willington, to run the best of 15 courses for £15 a side at Eslington Park Grounds, Gateshead.

BROOMHILL GUN CLUB.—The members of this club held their annual shoot in a field contiguous to the house of Mr Wm Temperley, Raven Inn, Broomhill, near Ebchester, a large number of spectators being present. Scores:—Thomas Mason, Allendale Cottages, 20, 0 0 1 1 1 1 1; Wm. Atchison, Allendale Cottages, 19, 1 1 1 1 1 1 0; Robt Cant, Allendale Cottages, 19, 1 0 0 0 0 0 0; W. Edgar, Derwent Cottages, 18, 0 1 1 0 1 1 1; Jos. Stubbs, Allendale Cottages, 19 0 0 1 0 1 1 0; Thos. Simpson, Westwood, 19, 0 0 0 0 1 0 0; J. Edgar, Derwent Cottages, 18, 1 0 1 0 0 1 1; Geo Temperley, Leadgate, 19, 1 1 0 1 1 0 1; Wm Temperley, Broomhill, 20, 1 1 1 0 0 1 1; Wm Wood, Blackhall Mill, 0 1 0 1 1 1 0; Hy Bell, Hamsterley Colliery, 21, 1 1 1 0 1 1 1; Wm. Weston, High Burn 21, 1 1 1 1 1 0 1; George Weston, Westwood, 18, 1 0 1 1 1 1 1. Mr Thos Mason, Allendale Cottages, acted as referee, while Mr W. Temperley, Broomhill, was bookkeeper. Afterwards the members partook of supper at the above hostelry.—A small sparrow shooting sweep came off on Saturday afternoon, in a field close to the Raven Inn, Broomhill, near Ebchester. Scores:—George Weston, 1 0 1 1 1; W. Weston, 0 0 1; Henry Bell, 1 1 0 1 0; Pet Lad, 0 1 1 0; W. Atchison, 0 0 1; Thomas Mason, 0 1 0; W. Temperley, 1 1 0 0; J. Edgar, 0 1 0; W Edgar, 0 0 0.—An open sweep followed, £1 being added to an entrance fee of 1s 6d per lot, and was promoted by Mr Thos Mason, Allendale Cottages. Scores:—Geo. Weston, 17, 0; W. Weston, 18, 1 1 0; H. Bell, 18, 0; Plunger, 17, 0; J. Dick, 17, 0; W. Temperley, 17, 0; Jack, 18, 1 1 1 0; Hunter, 18, 0; J. Stubbs, 17, 1 1 1 1; One, 18, 1 1 1 1; Two, 18, 1 1 1 1; Clifton, 17, 0; Bob, 18, 0; J. Robinson, 17, 1 1 0; High Burn, 18, 0; P S, 17, 0; Bob (2nd lot), 1 0; Hunter (2nd lot), 1 1 1 0; High Burn (2nd lot), 1 1 1 0. There was likewise a third small sweep, which resulted as below:—H, 18, 0; Two, 18, 1 1 1 1 1; Jack, 18, 0; Hunter, 18, 1 0; Bell, 18, 1 1 1 1 1; W. Weston, 18, 0; J. Weston, 17, 1 1 1 1 1; J. Stubbs, 17, 1 1 1 0. Mr Thos. Mason was handicapper, Messrs E. Parker, W. Edgar, and J. Edgar trappers, and Mr W. Temperley scorer.

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## GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday sen'night, at the Catchgate Board Schools, under the presidency of Mr. R. Mitchinson (chairman). There were also present—Messrs. W. Rutherford, P. Reay, Greener, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

Loan of Schools.

The Clerk read an application for the loan of the schools for Wednesday, Nov. 7th, for the purpose of holding a meeting to discuss the Parish Councils Act.

The application was granted.

School Improvements.

The Clerk read a communication from Messrs. J. Smith and Son, architects, Shotley Bridge, with reference to the above, and stated that the following tenders had been received for the work:—

Mason Work.

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| G. Egglestone, Benfieldside | £48 0 0 |
| R. T. Johnson, Hare Law | £46 10 0 |

Iron Railings.

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| Walker and Sons, Newcastle | £15 13 7½ |
| E. Wardhaugh, Shotley Bridge | £14 3 0 |

The Chairman: Is there any time specified for the work to be done?

The Clerk said the whole of the works had to be carried out in three weeks, under a penalty of 50s for each additional week.

Mr. Reay: I think that a short time.

The Clerk: You would think so.

On the motion of Mr. Greener, seconded by Mr. Reay, the tenders of Messrs. Johnson and Wardhaugh were accepted.

### EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.

A Lively Ten Minutes.

The Clerk read the following letter:—

Greencroft Board School,
October 31, 1894.

To the Chairman and Members of the Greencroft School Board.

Gentlemen,—At your last meeting Mr. Ritson is reported in the "Guardian" to have said—(1) That Mr. Thompson's class was the most successful last year; (2) it looked as though the master was trying to shelve Thompson because his class had done so satisfactorily last year.

I have now served your Board over thirteen years, and during that long period no member has ever said one word to me of a discourteous character or calculated to wound. On the contrary, I have always received the kindest and most courteous treatment. It has been left to Mr. Ritson, your Clerk, who has served you for as many months as I have years, to make an offensive attack on me in your presence, and that without provocation. I do not attend your meetings except by invitation, or request, and I shall be obliged to you if you will when I am not present, protect me from such treatment as I now complain of.

In reply to statement no. 1, I beg to say that Mr. Thompson's classes were the most successful only in the sense of being the largest. Each of my classes (in algebra and mensuration), and also Mr. Rutherford's (in shorthand) were assessed the highest Government grant for efficiency. It is not possible to do better than that.

In fairness to my reputation as head teacher, I shall be obliged if you will put the facts contained in the last paragraph into the hands of the reporter of the "Guardian."

I am, gentleman, yours obediently,
W. J. MACKAY.

Mr. Rutherford considered that the Clerk should withdraw his statement.

The Clerk (excitedly): I don't know whether the "Guardian" report is correct or not, but Thompson earned the most grant, namely, £14. I apologised to Mr. Mackay after the meeting, and that is as much as any man could do. If you are going to use your influence to come prying as a member of the Board, you are a "duffer" I'll not stand it.

Mr. Rutherford appealed to the Chairman if he would allow the Clerk to call him a "duffer."

The Clerk: Under the circumstances. You have been using your influence since last meeting. I can't stand it and I won't stand it. I apologised to Mackay and I don't know what a man could do more.

Mr. Ritson thereupon left his seat, remarking that he was going to leave the room, and they could settle the matter in his absence. They could discharge him or do what they pleased.

Mr. Reay: The Clerk is excited. Had you not better, Mr. Ritson, take your seat, and let the matter be discussed?

The Clerk thereupon resumed his seat, and observed that he came with the intention of saying nothing, but here this had cropped up, and they were trying to "sit on him."

Mr. Rutherford demanded that the word "duffer" which had been applied to him should be withdrawn.

The Clerk said it was no doubt an unparliamentary work, and he freely withdrew it.

Mr. Rutherford: As to prying, what right have you to say that?

The Clerk said it was correct.

Mr. Rutherford, (warmly): You are going mad all at once, and ought to be ashamed of yourself.

The Clerk: I am not ashamed of myself. I should be ashamed of myself if I was in your place and used your power.

Mr. Rutherford: It is a reflection on this Board to let a clerk say what Mr. Ritson did at the last meeting.

Mr. Reay said that Mr. Mackay was head teacher, and got nothing for it. They could not expect him to take all the responsibility for nothing.

The Clerk: That is not the question at present. As for me saying that Mr. Thompson had done better than Mr. Mackay, I meant nothing of the sort.

Mr. Reay: You were excited at the last meeting, and so you are again. Mr. Mackay had all his superintendence and responsibility for nothing but what the grant earned him. He thought they as a Board ought to have done something. The master got the grant for his small class but nothing for his superintendence of the school.

The Clerk: The grant has been apportioned according to what had been earned.

Mr. Reay said it was ridiculous to think of Mr. Mackay doing the work he had done for £3 14s.

The Clerk: Did I say any word slighting to Mr. Mackay? When paying the teachers in Mr. Mackay's presence, I said to Thompson, "Are you going to take a class this year?" to which he replied, "I have not been asked."

The Chairman: No, because he did not know then whether we were going to have classes.

Mr. Rutherford said that as the clerk stated that Mr. Thompson had the most successful class, people would think that Mr. Mackay wanted to slight him.

The Clerk: Why didn't you refer to it at the last meeting? I hadn't the slightest intention of imputing that Mr. Thompson could conduct classes better than Mr. Mackay, I am of opinion that Mr. Mack— should have more money.

Mr. Rutherford in the course of some further remarks advised the Clerk to keep quiet.

The Clerk: I won't keep myself quiet.

Mr. Rutherford said the people outside were talking about them.

The Clerk: I did not say one word to impute that Mr. Thompson was more capable to conduct the classes than Mr. Mackay.

Mr. Reay: I am satisfied that you did not mean it, but you said it.

After some further discussion the subject dropped. The Clerk read the report submitted by the head master at the last meeting with reference to continuation classes, a copy of which has already appeared in our columns. The concluding recommendations of the master were as follows:—That boys in standards vi. or vii., under 13 years of age be admitted to the shorthand and arithmetic classes. (For these boys we shall not receive the "good" grant).

Mr. Reay: Will we get the grant for these scholars?

The Clerk: I think not. Children under 14 years of age are qualified to leave school, but when attending day schools I don't think they will receive any grant.

Mr. Reay: Is it necessary that they must have a labour certificate before they can leave school?

The Chairman: I think so.

Mr. Reay: I am satisfied that we are not granting certificates to those that leave our school.

The Clerk: The Board has full power to say this or that child can leave school.

Mr. Reay: We have children leaving our school entitled to certificates and not receiving them.

The Chairman: Under 14 years of age?

Mr. Reay: Yes.

Mr. Rutherford: Suppose a boy cannot get a certificate from the master, is he exempt?

Mr. Reay said that he knew of two boys who left school and qualified for certificates, and yet were running about for six month without anything to do. Was he to understand that they passed their children and did not give them a certificate because they were going straight to work? Was it not their duty to give a boy a certificate?

Mr. Rutherford: It is his duty to come and seek it.

The Chairman said the master had reported that there were 38 students for chemistery and composition, and 30 for shorthand and arithmetic. Mr. Mackay was prepared to take two subjects.

Mr. Mackay was then called into the room, and asked by the Chairman if he was willing to take two subjects?

Mr. Mackay: Yes; but there is a little difficulty with regard to apparatus. Without that I don't know.

The Chairman: That will be all right. Mr. Mackay had asked for £10 for apparatus. Could he do with less? Mr. Mackay said that he could make a fairly satisfactory class with a less amount of apparatus.

Mr. Rutherford suggested that Mr. Mackay should make a list out for the next meeting.

Mr. Mackay said that chemicals and glass were cheap. It was the bigger articles that cost the money. He wanted a galvanic battery and coil, air pump, &c. If they made a grant, it could be limited to that.

Mr. Rutherford: Would £5 do?

Mr. Reay moved that £7 be expended on apparatus.

Mr. Rutherford seconded, and the motion was carried.

As regard the salary to be paid, Mr. Reay refered to the London School Board System and thought that they should pay £20 for 38 students for two subjects.

The Chairman: How much will we earn for 38 students for chemistry—5/- each?

The Clerk said that it all depended on how they attended.

The Chairman: It should come to 5/- each.

The Clerk: I can quite understand that if they attend the whole 20 weeks it will come to that.

Mr. Rutherford: Why not wait till we see how they attend?

The Clerk: Why not pay double the grant? That is about what you intend to do according to Mr. Reay's suggestion. If you agree to this, and have other classes the same as last year, the difficulty will crop up again with respect to Mr. Mackay.

Mr. Reay: I think that Westwood is on the same system.

The Clerk: This doubling of the grant is better than that under ordinary circumstances.

The Chairman: This will have to include the superintendence of other classes.

Mr. Reay: Yes.

Mr. Rutherford: How many subjects are being taught?

The Chairman: Four—chemistry, composition, shorthand, and arithmetic.

Mr. Rutherford said if the grant was doubled it would cover all classes.

The Clerk: It will be for you to apportion the money at the end of the session if you agree to give double the grant.

Mr. Reay said the "School Board Chronicle" gave a full list of classes and salaries. Some started at £15 a class and went up to £230.

The Clerk said some were as low as 3/- a night.

The Chairman: I move that Mr. Mackay be paid £20 for taking two subjects and superintendence.

Mr. Rutherford: Would'nt it be better to arrange for other teachers as well?

The Chairman thought there might be some difficulty with regard to the number of students, Mr. Mackay said 30, but there might be more.

Mr. Rutherford: If you double the grant it will cover all, the Board to apportion it between the teachers.

Mr. Reay: Are the teachers to receive no salary till the end of the session?

The Chairman: After the examination.

Mr. Rutherford: We could pay some on account if necessary.

Mr. Reay moved that the Board recompence the teachers by doubling the grant.

Mr. Greener seconded the resolution, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Clerk: The Board to apportion between the head teacher and the others?

The Chairman: Yes.

On the motion of Mr. Reay, seconded by Mr. Greener, Mr. Thompson, Catchgate Schools, was appointed teacher of arithmetic.

The Clerk said there were two applications for teaching shorthand, viz., Mr. Cockburn, East Castle, and Mr J. Gailes, Catchgate.

Mr. Reay asked Mr. Rutherford if there was any likelihood of his son (Mr. Robert Rutherford) taking it.?

Mr. Rutherford: No, not after the remarks passed at the last meeting. They were very offensive.

The Chairman: Let us take into consideration the applications that we have.

Ultimately, Mr. Cockburn was appointed teacher of shorthand.

Mr. Reay mentioned that he would like to have evening classes for girls. He would move that it be given out in school that a needlework and sewing class be commenced, and that it be considered at the next meeting.

This was approved of.

Half-yearly Lectures.

Mr. Reay referred to half-yearly lectures that used to be given in the schools. The lectures were for the children, and were given free.

The Chairman enquired what Association the lecturer belonged to?

Mr. Reay: The United Kingdom Alliance Band of Hope Union.

The Chairman: Do you propose that the lecturers be invited to attend again?

Mr. Reay: Yes.

The Clerk was accordingly instructed to take the necessary steps to have Mr. Reay's views carried out.

This concluded the meeting.

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## THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT.

### MEETING AT MEDOMSLEY.

### ADDRESS BY MR JOHN WILSON M.P.

On Wednesday night a public meeting of the electors of Medomsley district, was held in the Temperance Hall, at that place—County Councillor J. W. Winter, Leadgate, presiding over a large audience, to consider the Parish Councils' Bill. It was announced that Mr Samuel Storey M.P. and Mr John Wilson M.P. would be the principal speakers. Mr Storey was engaged however at a meeting at Jarrow, but Mr Wilson was present.

The CHAIRMAN briefly opened the meeting, and called upon

Mr S. GEORGE (Medomsley), who proposed "That we thank the government for passing the Local Government Act of 1894, as in our opinion it places the management of parochial affairs in the hands of the people. We have no desire to force an election, but are willing to arrange for a fair and equitable representations of all interests." (Applause.)

Mr LEECH seconded the proposition, which was supported by

Mr JOHN WILSON who was very favourably received. He observed that there were four general principles with regard to the Bill he would like to place before them. First, its broad affirmation of the equality of all men. (Applause.) It removed the property qualification, and would induce them all to take a greater interest in local affairs, so as to improve and enhance their surroundings in life. This Act would bring order out of chaos, and simplify those things which for a long time had been very much complicated and mismanaged. It placed the regard and care for the health of the people in their own hands. (Hear hear.) Up to the present time the health of the populace had not been cared for as it ought to have been. He did not make that remark as a piece of "clap trap" which was sure to be popularly accepted by an audience of that description, but because he had seen for himself that such was an absolute fact. The true wealth of the nation lay not so much in its trade and commerce as in the health and intelligence of the people. Look at the good the County Council had accomplished during its short existence, and one of the best things that Council had done had been the appointment of a medical officer. His exposures and divulgences relative to the sanitary condition of many of their colliery villages had necessarily been productive of very much good. There had been too much regard shown for the saving of the rates. That, he considered, was a wrong policy. There was a false as well as a true economy. This Act aimed at the elevation of the people, and the cultivation of their intelligence. He recollected when a few of them, some 22 years ago, met together and after many hard struggles succeed in launching the Durham Miners' Association, and although that organisation was founded two or three years before the passage of the Elementary Education Act, he averred there had been no means more effective in the quickening of the intellect of the people than through the operation of that Association. (Applause.) The Parish Councils Act gave them something to think about. In addition to the powers conferred by the Bill, there were several adoptive Acts which the people could carry out if the ratepayers deemed it expedient. The two most adoptive measures were the lighting of their public thoroughfares and the provision of baths and washhouses. Could anybody tell him why the inhabitants of cities should have their streets lighted, and public baths and washhouses provided, while the people of their country villages did not possess these advantages? (Hear, hear.) They were all of the same flesh and blood. He was quite aware that miners' dwellings as now existing, were hardly the proper place in which to have a ball; but the Parish Councils could make provision for public baths and wash-houses by some means or other. They must have their sanitary and social surroundings improved. The time had gone by when miners' houses should be restricted to a couple of rooms—one upstairs and another downstairs. (Applause.) He had often condemned Board's of Guardians for not granting relief to certain poor aged applicants; but now he learned that they were simply carrying out the letter of the law. Under the new Act, however, Guardians would exercise discretionary powers with regard to the granting of out relief. He would advise them to make the office of Guardian, as much as they could, a sinecure so far as the granting of poor law relief was concerned. (Applause.) Let them make provision themselves for the dark days which lay before them. (More applause.) He was glad that the Chairman of the District Council could act as a magistrate; but was rather sorry women were not conceded the same privilege—(laughter)—because it was the thin edge of the wedge towards the abolition of the property qualification. Further, the elevation to the Bench of persons who were "in touch" with the working population, and sympathised with their aims and aspirations would prevent in future that maladministration of justice which had prevailed in the past. (Applause.) Let them therefore do their duty on the 4th December—let no man shirk his responsibility towards his neighbours; and strive to carry out the Act for the benefit of their respective localities. (Applause.) The Durham County Council was the best in England, and for carrying out its powers in an effective and practical way, it set an example to other countries. Let them do the same with respect to their Parish Councils, and if by material arrangement and the allocation of fair and just representation to the different districts, they could avoid friction and thus save £50 or £60 in the expense of a contest, they would be able to apply this money to a much better purpose. (Applause.)

The resolution was passed unanimously.

Mr W. H. HEDLEY, mining engineer, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Wilson, who had, he remarked, tendered some very sensible and valuable advice with regard to the exercise of the duties and responsibilities which devolved upon the ratepayers under the new Act. He thought Mr Wilson and his fellow members of Parliament were worthy of credit for the excellent manner in which they had framed the provisions of the Bill. It would take a great amount of study; but let them thoroughly master the details of the measure and then they would be in a position to confer innumerable benefits upon themselves. He (Mr Hedley) expressed his sympathy with the remarks of Mr Wilson with reference to the greater attention being paid to sanitary affairs and the improvements of the people's dwellings—(applause)—and he trusted that they would administer the Act for the well-being of the community, and with due regard to the interests of all concerned. (Applause.)

Mr CRAWFORD seconded, and the motion was carried by acclammation.

The CHAIRMAN said that they wanted equitable representation for all sections, but if there was any attempt to rob the working classes of their fair share then a contest would undoubtedly ensue. If, however, they would avoid this course, and spent the £50 or £60 thus saved in lighting the streets of Allendale Cottages it would be of much greater benefit to themselves. He failed to see why, in the course of 12 months, the whole of Medomsley parish should not be lighted up. (Applause.) Do not let the business of that meeting end by the mere passing of that revolution, but appoint a deputation to confer with representatives from the other localities in the parish, and try to come to some amiable arrangement for the nomination of the 15 candidates required for the Parish Council. (Applause.)

On the proposal of Mr GEORGE an expression of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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## CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7th.—Before Messrs H. W. Kerrick-Walker, (in the chair), Chas. F. Forster, and George Duberly.

### He Did No Harm.

William Jones, was charged with damaging a fence, the property of Mr. John W. Luccock, at Chester-le-Street, on the 13th ult.—A clerk in the employ of Mr. Luccock said that he saw the defendant cut down the thorn fence.

Wm. Thompson, gardener for Mr. Luccock, said the fence must have been there fifty or sixty years. The damage was assessed at 10/-.

Defendant said that he thought he was doing right in cutting down the fence which was overhanging his yard. Fined 5/- and costs.

### It Was All Spite.

Absolam Holmes, was charged with damaging a window the property of Elizabeth Smith, at Lamesley, on the 27th ult., and further with assaulting Elizabeth Smith at the same time and place.—Complainant said that the defendant struck her; and knocked two panes out of the window. The damage to the window was 1/-. When he was going to strike her, she threw a pot full of water over him.—Margaret Miller said she saw defendant strike Mrs. Smith.—Isabella Winn corroborated, and said she saw defendant throw stones at Smith's door and window.—Defendant made a rambling statement, and said the prosecution was a conspiracy against him. It was all spite. He was sorry to be bothered with such rubbish. It all arose out of the election, and his wearing a red tie. He always voted for a Tory and he always would. Fined 10/- and costs for the assault—5/- and costs for the damage and to pay the amount claimed.

### Stealing Coal.

Thomas and Joseph Gray, father and son, were charged with stealing coal the property of the Sacriston and Charlaw Coal Company, on the 30th ult. Mr. Fred. Harle, defended.—John Wilkinson, traffic manager, said he saw the defendants carrying something from the direction of the engine house, to their home. He found that they were taking coal from the fire-hole. They took away one hundredweight value three-pence. They had no authority to have or get the coal. When witness charged them with stealing the coal, Thomas the father, said, "I trust you will look over it this time"; the younger defendant ran away. Witness gave information to the police.—Thomas F. Brass, Works Manager at the Colliery, also gave evidence. For the defence Mr Harle stated that it was a physical impossibility for the boy to get the coal and carry the coal as described by the witness Wilkinson. The son found the box outside their house, and called his father to help him to take it into the house. The character and credibility of the defendant Grey, and that of his family was beyond doubt. They had lived in Daisy Hill all their lives and had always borne unimpeachable characters—Mrs. Gray, wife and mother of the defendants respectively deposed that the box in which the coal was carried was not their property. The time her son was away he could not have gone to the coal depot, or to the fire-hole to get the coal.—The Bench considered the case fully proved and imposed a fine of 20/- and costs.

### Sleeping in a Brickyard.

John Smith, William Maddison, Joseph Smith, Henry Taylor, James Davison, James Ryan and Frederick Valiance, were charged under the Vagrancy Act, with sleeping in Mr. Wilson's brickyard at Birtley. Ordered to go to jail for seven days, with the exception of Valiance, a returned convict, who was sent for fourteen days.

### Ratcatcher and Innkeeper.

George Brales, rat-catcher and vermin-catcher on the Lambton Estate, was charged with threatening John R. Middleton, landlord of the Joiner's Arms, Chester-le-Street, on the 24th ult.—Mr. John Turnbull appeared for the prosecution.

Complainant said that defendant went into his house somewhat the worse for drink; witness ordered him out, and defendant became very disorderly and threatened witness. On the next morning defendant came to him again, and said he would knock his head off. Witness was afraid that Brales would do him some bodily harm.

Elizabeth Bolam serving maid at Mr. Middleton's house, said she heard Brales threaten her master, and say that he would do something to him. She was in the bar at the time; and her master told her to go for the police.

John Elliott said he was in Middleton's bar when Brailes was worse for drink, and Middleton refused to supply him. Brales became abusive and threatened to do something to Middleton. The Bench ordered Brales to be bound over to keep the for three months, and pay the costs 9/6.

### The Rates.

Robert Ward and Joseph Laidler were summoned at the instance of Mr. George Heppell, assistant-overseer for the township of Urpeth, for non-payment of rates.

Mr. Heppell said that Ward owes 18/3; and Laidler £1 1s 1½d. The Bench made an order for the payment as asked with costs.

### A Bad Character, and a Plucky Officer.

William Smith was charged with assaulting P.C. Johnson at Chester-le-Street on the 30th ult. and further with damaging the officer's uniform at the same time and place.

P.C. Johnson said that on the day named at three in the morning he met the prisoner and another man, in the Front Street, Chester-le-Street. Their movements aroused his suspicions and he asked them to come to the police office. They attacked him, knocked him down, and kicked him. The man got away but after a struggle he succeeded in holding prisoner. His overcoat and uniform was torn.—Geo. Young said he saw Johnson and prisoner struggling together in the street. He went to the assistance of the officer, and saw Johnson bleeding from the mouth, and saw prisoner kick the officer.

Sergt. Rutherford said the damage to the officer's uniform was 15/9.

A Sergeant from the Royal Artillery said that prisoner was a very bad character: he had three months service in the battery and had twice left; and this time he appeared to have disposed of his uniform. For his he would be dealt with by Court Martial.

Ordered to go to prison for three months with hard labour.

### Mother and Son.

John Carrington, an imbecile, was charged with assaulting an equally imbecilic looking mother at Palm Fell, on the 17th ult.—Complainant who gave her evidence in the most incoherent manner said defendant had not worked for 27 weeks. On the day named hit her with a coal-rake.—Defendant said the lodger struck his mother, all through his sister.—A daughter of complainant said she saw her brother strike her mother with the coal-rake. Ordered to pay 10/ and costs or to go to jail for 14 days' hard labour.

### A Dead Rat.

Robert Howard, Edward Mason, and Frederick Eaton, boys, were charged with assaulting Mary Bailey, at Chester-le-Street on the 28th ult.—Complainant, a woman of weak intellect said that the boys threw a dead rat at her.—The costs amounted to 7/ each which the boys were ordered to pay.

### Guardian or Grandfather.

Thomas Hicks was summoned at the instance of the School Attendance Committee for employing his granddaughter the child being under age.—Defendant said the mother of the child was the guardian, and promised him to look after his house. Instead of doing that she sent the child to do it.—He was not the guardian of the child.—The Bench ordered the case to be adjourned for a month.

### A Navvy and His Boots.

Thomas Johnson was brought up in custody charged with stealing a pair of boots from the shop-door of John Alsop Wilson, boot and shoe dealer, Front Street, Chester-le-Street on the 25th ult.—William Wilson son of prosecutor said that from something he heard he went to Crichton's bar and found prisoner with the boots in his possession.—Witness had missed the boots from the stock on the outside of the window. The boots were worth 4/11. He detained prisoner until Inspector Heslop came, and then gave him into custody.—Inspector Heslop said he took prisoner into custody and charged him with stealing the boots; prisoner made no reply.—Fined 10/- and costs, or seven days in jail.

### Potatoe Pickers.

Mary Jane Richardson, and Rebecca Richardson, little girls, were charged with stealing potatoes the property of John Shepherd Barker, at Chester-le-Street, on the 6th inst; and Emily Richardson their mother was charged with receiving the potatoes, knowing that they were stolen.—Prosecutor said he had the potatoes in a pit: the pit had been tampered with and potatoes taken from it. He gave information to the police. Both of the girls had been picking potatoes for him. One of them was thirteen and the other eight.—The Chairman: You know perfectly well you should not employ children of that age.—A [illegible] old said he also worked for Mr. Barker; he saw the girls take the potatoes from the pit.—P.C. Bridges said he charged prisoners in the mother's house, with stealing the potatoes. They said they took the potatoes. The mother said she told the girls they should not have brought the potatoes away from the field.—The Bench ordered [illegible] upon; and ordered the mother to pay 5/-.

## CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of the above Board was held in the Board Offices, Parliament Street, Consett, on Wednesday evening. Mr Geo. Ainsworth (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Dr A. D. M. Macintyre, Messrs Wm. Aynsley, J. W. Davison, G. T. Hyden, J. Lowes, C. P. Douglas, Jas. Oliver, Jas. Daly, G. D. Powell; R. C. Foster, the Clerk (Mr Thos. W. Welford), and the Surveyor (Mr W. Rippon).

#### THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Reported as under:—

The receipts for the amounts for which cheques had been drawn at the last meeting of the Board were examined and found in order.

Cheques for accounts amounting to £318 7s 4d were ordered to be signed.

A letter from the Shotley Bridge and Consett District Gas Co. was read, dated 25th Oct., to the effect that a deduction of 10s per lamp for those in Tinmill Road, unnecessary when the electric light is burning well, be made, and the Committee recommend that the agreement be sealed as soon as this agreement has been incorporated in it.

A letter from Mr Crawford was read, dated the 5th November, in reply to the Clerk's letter, giving particulars of disputed measurement in Crawford Street, and the Clerk was instructed to reply asking Mr Crawford to meet the Committee at 4.30 p.m. on the 7th inst.

A letter dated the 16th of October, from Messrs Waddell and Mcintosh, was read, asking if the Board would give up the deposit receipt for £500, and the Committee recommended that the Clerk reply that the Board do not exactly know from their letter whether they wish to take the cheque for £365 15s 3d as well as the deposit receipt, and that the Board would be very glad to hand them both over and wind up the matter.

The Clerk reported that the surcharge on Messrs Potts and Hyden had been remitted.

The balance-sheet of the Joint Hospital Board and the auditor's report as to same were presented.

The Clerk was instructed to send out the various apportionments for the making of East Green, Harvey, and other streets.

#### MR CRAWFORD'S CLAIM.

Mr HYDEN reported that the committee had seen Mr Crawford, and with regard to the channelling and kerbing they thought he had a claim, but not in reference to macadamising and the gulley.

The CHAIRMAN: Were you not able to convince him? Was he still pugnacious, and inclined to set the Board at defiance?

Mr HYDEN: I think he will be prepared to accept it. We recommend that items one and two be allowed, but not the others.

On the motion of Mr HYDEN, seconded by Mr FOSTER, it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to inform Mr Crawford that the Board allowed the items of [illegible] 8d and 4s 3d which he claimed, but not the others.

#### A NEW RATE.

Mr AYNSLEY proposed that the district rate of 1s in the pound, prepared by the Clerk, be signed.

Mr DALY seconded, and the motion was carried.

#### FARM COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The above Committee reported:—

Mr Beveridge's acceptance for £7 2s outstanding at the last meeting was presented.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

| | £ | s | d |
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| J. T. Heslop (joiner work) | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| W. Ramsay (water rate) | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Mrs Elliott (rates) | 0 | 15 | 6 |
| Knight and Co. (account book) | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| T. C. Rawes (trap hire) | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Farm manager, salary, £8 6s 8d, wages, £10 11s 8d | 18 | 18 | 4 |

The farm managers report was read as follows:—

All the corn is stacked. The lower part of Quarry Field has been cleared of weeds, levelled so as to facilitate irrigation, ploughed, and is now being irrigated. Work has been done in repairing and making farm roads. This, along with irrigation, forms the principal farm work of the month. The receipts for vegetables are £3 8s 6d. I consider it necessary by this time to adopt some means of irrigating the highest parts of the farm, thereby maintaining the fertility of these fields.

J. D. BROWN.

A letter dated the 1st November, from Mr G. R Aynsley, was read, offering the sum of 6d per acre for the shooting on the farm, and to take it for five years under agreement.

The Committee recommended that this offer be accepted, and the Clerk be instructed to draw up an agreement.

The Committee recommended that four gates be made out of the wood in stock at the farm.

#### THE SHOOTING ON THE FARM.

The CHAIRMAN read a letter from Mr Wm. Jenkins, jun., also offering 6d per acre for the shooting on the sewerage farm.

Mr OLIVER said he had some knowledge of shooting in the district, and he thought the offers very good ones.

The CHAIRMAN jocularly remarked that he had been informed that there was more game on the sewerage farm than in any other part about the district. (Laughter.)

Mr POWELL said he had no feeling in the matter, but as a member of the Farm Committee he agreed with allowing Mr Aynsley to have the shooting because he thought it would keep off trespassers. Mr Jenkins had applied for this some two years since, and therefore had been in the field before. There was only one application before the committee, and that was Mr Aynsley's.

Mr HYDEN moved that the shooting be advertised.

Mr POWELL seconded.

Mr OLIVER: As this is a recommendation from the Farm Committee, I move that Mr Aynsley have it.

This was seconded; and on being put to the meeting four members voted each way.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the shooting being advertised.

Dr MACINTYRE did not agree with letting the shooting for five years.

Mr OLIVER said if they had a yearly tenant he would not try to keep the game, but shoot everything. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN: I don't think it will take long to exterminate it. (Laughter.)

#### TAKING OVER OF STREETS.

A long discussion took place anent the above question.

Dr MACINTYRE moved that Pitt Street be taken over.

Mr POWELL seconded.

Mr FOSTER: I suppose we as a Board can recover any money due on these streets after taking them over?

The CHAIRMAN replied in the affirmative.

Mr POWELL: Wouldn't it be as well to take over all the streets? It is not fair to leave this work to others.

The CHAIRMAN: What streets are not taken over?

Mr POWELL mentioned St. Patrick Street and Crawford Street. There had been some dispute with regard to the latter.

The CHAIRMAN: I dare say the Surveyor knows what streets have not been taken over.

The Surveyor said there were very few.

Mr POWELL said St. Patrick Street was a street which should have been taken over. The conditions had been complied with, and he considered it was their duty to take over the street.

After further discussion, Mr POWELL enquired if Albert Row had been taken over?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. Is Back Edith Street taken over?

The Surveyor: No.

The CHAIRMAN was confident that there was a minute on the books to the effect that it had been taken over.

Mr DOUGLAS supported the Chairman's statement.

The CHAIRMAN: If there is a minute on the books that it be taken over, it is surely taken over.

Mr OLIVER thought that the adjoining property-owners declined to make their portion of the street.

The CHAIRMAN: I am much mistaken if there is not a minute that this street has been taken over by the Board.

Mr POWELL had no recollection of it.

The Clerk said this was discussed after the gates had been put up by the Consett Iron Company. The Company had to hand over the keys to the custody of Mr Rippon, but had never done so.

The Surveyor enquired how many years it was [illegible] the minute was passed?

Mr DOUGLAS said it was many years since, when Mr Jenkins was chairman. He thought about 1882 or 1883.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any more streets that are not taken over, Mr Surveyor?

Mr POWELL: Is the extension of Green Street taken over?

Dr MACINTYRE: Yes.

Eventually, on the motion of Dr MACINTYRE, seconded by Mr POWELL, it was agreed that Pitt Street should be taken over.

Mr POWELL proposed that notices be posted to the effect that St. Patrick Street would be taken over.

This was seconded, and carried.

The Clerk said there was a minute on the books stating that these streets would be taken over on the owners giving a guarantee to make footpaths when built upon.

Mr POWELL: What's the use of passing resolutions if our officers don't carry them out?

Dr MACINTYRE moved, and Mr POWELL seconded that notices be posted to take over the continuation of East Green Street, and that it be called Stanley Terrace.

Agreed to.

Mr FOSTER proposed that the Surveyor be instructed to bring forward a list of streets not taken over, at the next meeting.

Dr MACINTYRE seconded, and the motion was carried.

#### BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This report was read as follows:—

The committee considered a plan submitted by Mrs Clements for a house in Medomsley Road, and recommend that it be passed and sealed.

A letter, dated 31st October, from Mr J. W. Bloom, was read, stating that he proposed to erect an iron building in Taylor Street, and was referred to the Board.

The Consett Iron Company's plan for alterations to Mr James Hardy's house at Templetown, was considered, and the committee refer the same to the Board.

The committee considered Mr Geo. Neasham's plan for printing offices at the corner of Delves Lane, and also the Consett Iron Company's block plan in connection therewith, and recommend that Mr Neasham's plan be passed and sealed subject to duplicate being produced.

The block plan of the Consett Iron Company has been carried forward, in order that the Surveyor and the Company's engineer may arrange for the drainage of the sites, and show the same on this plan.

The committee considered Messrs J. W. Davison's plan for additions to their proposed houses in Taylor Street (the plan for which was passed in June, 1891), and recommend that it be passed and sealed.

The committee considered Mr E. Whittaker's plan for a portico to his house, No. 23, Palmerston Street, and recommend that it be passed and sealed.

#### MR BLOOM'S PLAN.

The Surveyor reported that he had received a letter from Mr Bloom, asking that his plan should not be presented that night.

#### MR HARDY'S HOUSE.

Mr AYNSLEY said that a portion of Mr Hardy's house at Templetown encroached upon the highway.

The CHAIRMAN: This addition is not upon the highway?

Mr AYNSLEY: No.

The CHAIRMAN: Do you want to pull it down?

Mr AYNSLEY: No; that is for the Board to decide.

Dr MACINTYRE moved that the plan be passed so far as the additions marked in red were concerned.

Mr HYDEN seconded the motion, which was carried.

#### RE-APPOINTMENT OF SURVEYOR.

Mr AYNSLEY gave notice of motion to propose at the next meeting that Mr Wm. Rippon be re-appointed Surveyor for twelve months, at a salary of £100 per annum, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

#### A REFUSE DEPOSIT WANTED.

A letter was read from Mr E. Huntley, secretary to the Consett Co-operative Society, stating that they objected to the Board using their quarry down Number One bank as a refuse deposit.

Mr POWELL remarked that they could do with some of the refuse for their own farm.

Mr OLIVER: This quarry is close to the highway. I don't think we ought to teem down hundreds of loads of offensive matter so near the highway.

Dr MACINTYRE said a most objectionable smell proceeded from the quarry at Number One. There had been several complaints about it.

Mr POWELL: This other one down Number One bank is pretty well out of the way.

Mr OLIVER thought they ought to get some place out of the way, and act like business men and pay for it.

The CHAIRMAN concurred.

Mr POWELL was of opinion that they could come to an agreement with the Store to obtain some ground on which to deposit the best of the refuse. The Store did not want stones, &c.

Mr OLIVER said he was willing to take a few thousand loads himself on those conditions.

The matter was left in the hands of the Nuisance Removal Committee to make enquiries and report to the Board.

#### PROPOSED HATCHWAY.

A letter was read from Mr M. Cassidy, Walker, asking permission to extend the cellar of the Royal Turf Hotel, and to make a hatchway on the footpath in Front Street. He agreed to take all responsibility for any accident that might happen.

Mr OLIVER thought these hatchways objectionable.

The Surveyor said a similar application was refused twelve months since.

Mr POWELL also objected to these hatchways. He remarked that he had tripped over them several times.

Mr AYNSLEY thought it could be done without any injury.

Several members enquired if this hatchway could not be made in the back street.

Mr FOSTER: Is there any precedent?

Mr POWELL: We refused one a year ago.

The CHAIRMAN considered that these people should pay an acknowledgment.

Mr AYNSLEY observed that Mr Cassidy was willing to be responsible in any circumstances. The payment of an acknowledgment will not alter that at all.

The Surveyor said these hatchways belonged to the property-owners all over the place, and they kept them in repair.

Mr OLIVER proposed, and Mr POWELL seconded that the matter be left in the hands of the Roads Committee, and that they report a month hence.

Mr POWELL considered that Mr Cassidy ought to prepare plans. He did not think a man had power to extend his cellar without submitting plans.

The Surveyor observed that the footpath in the back street was wide enough for a hatchway.

The CHAIRMAN and Mr DAVISON were of opinion that these hatchways were very dangerous in the Front Street.

Dr MACINTYRE moved that Mr Cassidy be granted permission, and that the Clerk be instructed to draw up an agreement for him to pay an acknowledgement of 1s per year.

This was approved of.

#### NOTICE TO QUIT.

A letter was read from the Consett Iron Company requesting the Board to terminate their tenancy of the stoneyard at the corner of Delves Lane.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter; and the Surveyor was authorised to look out for a suitable piece of ground for a stoneyard.

#### A DANGEROUS FOOTPATH.

Mr FOSTER called attention to a dangerous footpath in Gibson Street, opposite the Wesleyan Schools. He characterised it as being a "pit-fall" at night time.

Several members supported Mr Foster's remarks.

The Board thought that a load or two of ashes would make the footpath safe; and the Surveyor was instructed to attend to it.

#### SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

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

To the Chairman and Members of the Consett Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—The principal streets and highways in your district have been covered with broken limestone, which has been properly rolled by the steam-roller since I last reported to you—namely, Shakespeare, Church, Newmarket, and Gibson Streets, Park Road, from end to end, and portions of Tinmill and Leadgate Road. Your workmen have otherwise been engaged in extending the sewer behind Aynsley Terrace and William Street, and a new kerb and channelling has been put down on Consett Hall Road, in front of the Iron Company's Offices, as per your instructions at last meeting, and the Consett Waterworks Company are also progressing with the fireplugs, in accordance with your directions to me.

Mr Thomas W. Dobson has completed his contract for street-making in East Green and Back Harvey Streets, &c., in a satisfactory manner, and I have apportioned the cost to the various property owners whose property abuts on the said streets, according to their frontages, and the accounts for same can now be sent out.

Messrs Whitfield have also completed their contract for Tinmill Road, and the account for the portion of the cost due from the North-Eastern Railway Company, as arranged between them and your Board, has been sent on, as instructed by your Roads Committee.

Your district has been repeatedly inspected by me, and I have to report the ashpits as being nearly empty, and the privies and water closets as generally clean. Twelve notices for abatement of nuisances have been served, and duly attended to.

Gas burnt during the month, 147 hours.

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

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| Market Tolls | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Private Street Improvements— | | | |
| Mr Tumilty's exors. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Mrs M. A. Sheil | 1 | 0 | 0 |

I have further to point out to you that, at the meeting of your Building Committee, held on the 5th inst., a plan was submitted to them for a proposed building to be erected on the site of what is now your stoneyard at the corner of Delves Lane, and to ask you to consider the desirability of arranging for another yard in that particular quarter.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

W. RIPPON.

#### THE STEAM ROLLER.

The Surveyor observed that he had had the steam-roller for twelve days, and that it had done capital work. Mr Longstaff was very anxious to have it at Leadgate, so it had gone there that morning. He could do with the roller other four days after it came back from Leadgate.

Dr MACINTYRE thought they had never tied the Surveyor down on this matter.

The Surveyor: No.

The matter was left in the hands of the Surveyor.

This was all the business of importance, and the Board adjourned.

## STANLEY PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

### GREAT UNITED CIRCUIT EFFORT.

A great united circuit effort in aid of the Primitive Methodist Connexion Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund of £50,000 took place at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley, on Wednesday. In the afternoon, Rev. Thos. Mitchell, of Hull, preached to a fair congregation, in the chapel, after which a public tea was held in the school-room. In the evening, a great united public meeting was held. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. F. Cooke, of Annfield Plain, and stirring addresses were given by Revs. W. Gelley, G. Armstrong, and T. Mitchell, on behalf of the fund. Between £30 and £40 was promised during the evening towards the fund, and the collection taken at both services were also to be devoted to that object. The united choirs of Annfield Plain, West Pelton, Tanfield Lea, and East Stanley rendered choice selections of music during the evening.

## GRAND CONCERT AT LEADGATE.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments it has ever been ours to visit was that given on Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Leadgate Park Football Club, in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the spacious building was completely filled by a highly-delighted and thoroughly appreciative audience. We ought to mention that this was the second annual concert held in connection with the club, and, although the first one was an unqualified success, we are rather inclined to fancy that last Wednesday eclipsed it. A splendid array of talent had been secured, as a glance at the following names will fully prove:—Miss Cecilia Armytage (soprano), Newcastle; Miss Jennie MacIntyre (contralto), Newcastle; Mr. John Sloane (tenor), Blackhill; Mr. John Nutton, (bass), Durham Cathedral; Messrs. W. Pallister, and Milburn (humorists), Crook; pianist, Mr. E. J. Sloane, L.Mus., L.C.M., Blackhill. After a few appropriate words from the chairman (T. Foreman, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.), the programme was opened with a humorous part-song, "Three doughtie Men," by Misses Armitage and MacIntyre, and Messrs. Nutton and Sloane. This was excellently rendered, and warmly applauded. Then followed an old favourite in the person of Mr. Pallister, who gave one of Grossmith's "Musical Sketches," in his best style, and needless to say he was loudly cheered, as was also Mr. Milburn for his comic song, "Tidings of Comfort and Joy." Miss Macintyre's fine contralto voice was heard to the greatest advantage in "Come back to me," and in response to an hearty encore she gave, "Daddy," in equally good style. Mr. Nutton is well known and deservedly popular in our district, and therefore little wonder need be expressed at his being encored, for his fine rendering of "So, sir, page." He kindly responded with "Two are company, three are none." "The promise of life" was beautifully sung by Miss Armitage, who was honoured with a recall, when she delighted the company with that old Scotch song, "Coming thro' the rye." "The death of Nelson" is a song which is always well received, as it appeals so strongly to our patriotism, and in Mr. John Sloane it had a most able exponent. Mr. Sloane could not resist the enthusiastic encore which was accorded him, and obliged with "Bonnie Mary of Argyle." Miss Armytage and Mr. Nutton followed with a duet, "Old and Young," and so well sustained their parts that another re-call was demanded. Those two mirth-provokers, Messrs. Pallister and Milburn, then appeared in a humorous duet, "Climbing up the Golden Stairs," and there was no mistake about it, it was humorous. The audience fairly laughed till they were tired, and there was no doubt about the unanimity of the encore, which was responded to in a duet, equally as amusing. We are strongly of opinion that Messrs. Pallister and Miilburn are quite capable of providing a full night's entertainment themselves. This concluded the first part of the programme. Part II. opened with a glee, "Come to the fair," by Messrs Armytage and MacIntyre, and Messrs. Sloane and Nutton, which was nicely rendered and duly appreciated. Mr. Pallister's musical sketch, "A Birthday Party," was again the cause of much merriment, and the clear and talented performer had to submit to a loud encore. Miss Armytage once more greatly pleased those present with her charming rendition of "Twilight voices," and she is undoubtedly one of the best vocalists that has ever honoured Leadgate with a visit. "Private Tommy Atkins" was contributed in splendid fashion by Mr. Sloane, while Cowen's fine composition, "The Better Land," was done full justice to by Miss MacIntyre, who was heartily applauded. "The Laird's Fling" is a song that just suits Mr. Nutton's powerful bass voice, and he gave it with all the gusto and ability for which he is famous. Miss Armytage and Mr. Sloane appeared in a duet, splendidly rendered, and then Messrs. Pallister and Milburn took possession of the platform for another of their laughable duets, "While we Lay," which, it is perhaps superfluous to add, was the signal for a renewal of the fun. After a glee, "Duncan Gray," had been given in good style by Misses Armytage and MacIntyre, and Messrs. Sloane and Nutton, "God Save the Queen" terminated the proceedings.

The members of the Park committee are to be congratulated on having provided such a high-class musical treat for the inhabitants of Leadgate and neighbourhood. Everything passed off without the slightest hitch, and all present declared it to be one of the most if not the most enjoyable entertainments that had been held in Leadgate. The secretary (Mr. J. T. Willey), together with Messrs. J. Burnhope, R. Birtley, W. Johns, and the other members of the committee deserve great credit for the hearty manner in which they have worked to make the concert the very genuine success it turned out to be. This report would not be complete were we to omit a special word of praise to Mr. E. J. Sloane for the very able fashion in which he carried out the duties of accompanist.

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## GOLF.

### SHOTLEY GOLF CLUB.

### ANNANDALE CUP.

The first bi-annual contest for the handsome silver cup presented to the club by the president (Mr James Annandale) was held over the Blue Houses course, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Great interest has been shown in this competition, and a large number of members took part in the contest. Mr J E Thorpe was declared winner of the cup with a nett score of 92. Detailed scores:—

| | Gross. | Hndc'p. | Nett score. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr J E Thorpe | 117 | 25 | 92 |
| Mr R E Marston | 112 | 18 | 94 |
| Mr T R Willis | 115 | 20 | 95 |
| Dr Dawson | 113 | 16 | 97 |
| Mr F Cole | 114 | 16 | 98 |
| Mr W Willis | 116 | 16 | 100 |
| Rev E H Greatorex | 125 | 25 | 100 |

Other competitors returned scores over 100.

On Saturday last, the usual bi-monthly competition was held over the Blue Houses course. Detailed scores:—

| | Gross. | Hndc'p. | Nett score. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr W Raw | 114 | 30 | 84 |
| Mr R E Kirsopp | 121 | 35 | 86 |
| Mr F Cole | 114 | 21 | 93 |
| Mr S F Annandale | 129 | 35 | 94 |
| Mr W Willis | 122 | 22 | 100 |

Other competitors returned scores over 100.

The final round of the Calcutta competition was also played off on the same day. Dr Dawson (six holes handicap) being matched against Mr T R Willis (nine holes handicap.) This resulted in a very good game, Dr Dawson winning by one hole up.

## HOCKEY.

### DERWENT VALLEY v. HARTLEPOOL.

These teams will meet at Hartlepool to-morrow. The Derwent Valley team will be as follows:—Goal, J. E. Thorpe; backs, J. Todd and J. E. Parker; half-backs, P. Ainsworth, J. M. Nicholson, and H. Young; forwards, G. Wattsford, H. Wattsford, Rev R. S. Hay (capt.), Dr Dawson or T. T. Gray, and C. T. Foreman.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### MARRIAGES.

BLACKHILL—St. Aidan's Church, 31st ult., by the Rev T. J. Storey, vicar, Joseph Johnson, of Consett, to Mary Frances, second daughter of William Freek Cansick, of Blackhill. 715p

STANHOPE—Primitive Chapel, 3rd inst., John Dryden Ward to Elizabeth Metcalf, both of Frosterley.

Wesleyan Chapel, 3rd inst., J. N. Gardner to E. Baty, both of Rookhope.

MONKWEARMOUTH—Golden wedding, Nov. 4th, 1844, W. Dawson to Mary Armstrong, both of Shincliffe Colliery, now of East Pontop, Annfield Plain. 699p

### DEATHS.

MEDOMSLEY—6, New Fines, 3rd inst., aged 4 years and 10 months, Ernest William, son of William and Jane Henderson.

LANCHESTER—5th inst., aged 31, Samuel Lamb, husband of Elizabeth Fausett, West Kyo.

Spring Gardens, 2nd inst., aged 65 years, George Muncaster.

HOBSON—3rd inst., aged 24, Ann, wife of Thomas Simpson.

HOBSON—1st inst., aged 12 years, John, son of John and the late Elizabeth Harrison.

HAND-IN-HOLD—2nd inst., aged 14, William, son of Henry and Ann Sharp.

ANNFIELD PLAIN—On the 8th inst., aged 63, Isabella, the beloved wife of Joseph Lumley, Railway Inn. Interment at Lanchester on Sunday, at 3.30. Friends please accept this intimation. 702p

HIGH KYO—4th inst., Frances, widow of the late George Flowers.

OLD PELTON—4th inst., Dora, wife of Dr Fenney.

BIRTLEY—Aged 73, John, husband of Elizabeth Knox.

3rd inst., aged 66, Janet, widow of the late James Gibbons.

SUNNISIDE—4th inst., aged 54, Robert Patterson.

DIPTON—Curry's Square, 31st ult., Elizabeth, wife of John Maddison.

FROSTERLEY—Bishoply House, 1st inst., aged 22, Emma Greenwell.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE—103, Clumber Street, suddenly, on the 4th inst., at the age of 45, Elizabeth, widow of the late George Ridley, manager Elswick Gasworks. No cards.

28, Durham Road, 4th inst., aged 31, George, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Handy.

In loving memory of my dear husband, W. T. Walton, who died at Prospect Terrace, Blackhill, Nov. 7th, 1893.

"Loved in life, deeply lamented in death."

M. J. W.

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Whaley, widow of the late Joseph Whaley, of Annfield Plain, who departed this life on 15th November, 1891.

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And gently sink away;
Yet often in our hearts we prayed
That she would longer stay."

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