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FOOTBALL MATCHES.

ANNFIELD PLAIN UNITED v. ESH WINNING.

Played at Annfield Plain, and resulted in a draw of three goals each.

SOUTH MOOR SWIFTS v. CEMENT ROVERS II.

Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in a win for the Swifts by three goals to two.

EAST CASTLE WANDERERS v. SOUTH PONTOP ALBIONS.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the visitors by six goals to nil. Wilson, Walters and Platten scored for the visitors.

MARLEY HILL YOUNG ST. CUTHBERT'S v. WHICKHAM.

Played at Whickham, and ended in a win for the visitors by five goals to one. The following team did duty for the winners:—Goal, J. Hinds; backs, M. Brown and W. Vickery; half-backs, R. Milburn, J. Parkin, and P. Hinds; forwards, J. Harland, L. Robson, W. Lawson, J. Morton, G. Chisholm.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v. WHITE-LE-HEAD WANDERERS.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for Tanfield by ten goals to one. Tanfield team was:—Goal, T. Newton; backs, W. Whitfield and F. Rounsley; half-backs, F. Stevens, R. Rounsley, S. Stanton; forwards, E. Weightman, J. Anderson, Jas. Anderson, J. Holmes, and H. Robinson.

Annfield Plain United three goals, Esh New Winning Rangers, three goals.

SOUTH MOOR v. SOUTH TANFIELD

These clubs met at South Moor in a friendly. United were without Smailes, Lambert, Mason, and Young, and after a good game South Moor won by three goals to one. The following team did duty for United:—Goal, Perryman; backs, Armin and Middlemas; half-backs, Kyle, Armin, Stewart; forwards, Boggan, Perryman, Wilkinson, Parnell, and Soudon.

TANTOBIE ATHLETIC v. DIPTON BLACK WATCH.

These teams met at Dipton, and a good game resulted in a draw of two goals each, Mather and Hodge being the scorers for the visitors. The following team did duty for Tantobie:—Goal, Ed. Harrison; backs, A. Clark and T. Lake; half-backs, H. Mather, S. Holmes, and J. Hodge; forwards, J. G. Nicholson, J. R. Watson, Jas. Ferguson, W. Nicholson, and B. Gates.

WHITE-LE-HEAD SWIFTS v. STANLEY RANGERS RESERVE.

Played on the ground of the former in dull weather. The visitors won the toss and elected to play down the slope with the wind in their favour. Steel set the ball in motion and the Swifts pressed at the beginning, and from a lightning shot the visitors' goal had a narrow escape when Steel just missed by inches. The Rangers now had a turn at pressing, and from a miskick by Armstrong made no mistake in scoring their first goal. This seemed to arouse the home team, who pressed, and from a pass from Steel, Reed made no mistake in equalising the score. Just before half-time the visitors gained the lead, thus leaving the scores:—

Rangers .... Two goals
Swifts .... One goal

On resuming, the Swifts, with the slope in their favour, were not long in pressing, and from a long shot the goalkeeper fumbled and before he knew where he was Steel banged the leather and him through, thus equalising. End-to-end play followed, each team trying to score the winning goal. The Swifts gained a corner, which was well placed, and they scrimmaged the ball through, making No. 3. Close on time Robson scored No. 3 for the visitors. Shortly after the whistle sounded, leaving the score:—

Swifts .... Three goals
Rangers .... Three goals

The following did duty for the Swifts:—Goal, J. Gardner; backs, J. Atkinson and W. Armstrong; half-backs, C. Miller, Kennedy, and J. Harrison; forwards, J. Innis, C. Reed, J. Steel, Gardner, and J. Lennon.

STANLEY v. LEADGATE PARK.

On Saturday afternoon these two rival combinations met on the Stanley ground in a friendly encounter. Unfortunately for the coffers of the clubs there was not a very large company of spectators present to witness the game. When they were called together they were composed as follows:—

Stanley.—Goal, Robins; backs, Saunders and Devine; half-backs, Bell, Ellis, and Allison; forwards, Armstrong, Crute, Howe, Proudlock, and Masterman.

Leadgate Park.—Goal, M. Hedley; G. Temple and J. Laidler; half-backs, D. Cartmell, T. Wilson and J. Birtley; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, W. Crowther, C. Walton, and J. Wilson.

Referee, Mr. J. McGregor, Stanley.

At the outset Stanley, who were playing with ten men, kept play in the visitors half. Then from a clever pass Grant put back to Cartmell, and Devine getting hold put into touch while endeavouring to pass the ball forward. Owing to a mistake by the home backs Robins' charge nearly fell, but was saved by the energy of the Stanley custodian. The visitors secured a corner from Saunders' mistake, and this was followed by a scrimmage in front of the goalmouth, but the ball was sent over the top. Having got warmed up play became a trifle fast. Crowther sent in a daisy-cutter, but Robins had a clear field and easily kept his goal intact. The visitors put on some pressure and worked their way by good passing into the home goal, where Grant in a strong position shot for goal, but Devine rushing in made a capital save. Play continued to be exciting and the homesters played with a good deal of dash. Masterman getting possession on the left wing ran up and sent a hot shot in which Hedley saved finely. Ellis was in excellent form and played a hard game. For the home side some fine play was witnessed on the left wing. The ball being cleverly worked up Masterman put on the first goal for Stanley, Hedley who ran out to save, being unable to accomplish his object. Shortly after half-time arrived with—

Stanley .... One goal
Leadgate Park .... Nil.

The second half was much tamer than the first. Once or twice Hedley was called upon to exert himself, but the most part of the second thirty-five was spent by the players amusing themselves and the onlookers. The homesters did not covet a large score, but expressed the hope that the result of the game at Leadgate might be as favourable to them. Final—

Stanley .... One goal.
Leadgate Park .... Nil.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

By "OFF-SIDE."

Under the new arrangement whereby the county associations take over the work previously performed by Referees' Associations an examination was held at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Friday night, the examiners being Messrs J. T. Lowthian (Shildon), T. Dowling (Bishop Auckland), R. Bland (Pelton), and R. P. Croughton (Bishop Auckland). The following candidates submitted themselves for examination:—R. Charlton, Medomsley; T. Amos, Hobson; J. Gray, Tantobie; W. Moody, Hobson; J. Ward, Consett; T. Reed, Leadgate; J. Sinclair, Lintz; G. F. Grey, Marley Hill; W. Hodgson, Tantobie; J. Lee, Lintz; and J. Ross, Leadgate. The results were most satisfactory, the whole of the candidates successfully passing the examination. Under the new rules, no referee will be allowed to act next season unless he passes this examination.

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After the examination I had a most interesting chat with Mr. Croughton, who is acting as secretary to the Referees Committee. A great deal of work has fallen to his lot, but he seems quite willing to devote all his spare time to the interests of the game. All the leagues in the Bishop Auckland district owe their inception to the efforts of Mr. Croughton, who has spared neither time nor trouble to promote the welfare of football in his particular neighbourhood. Possibly many of my readers will be surprised to learn that in his day Mr. Croughton was a really grand runner, and was up to championship form over any distance from half-a-mile to ten miles. This was before he came north, as after leaving London he did but little running. Perhaps Mr. Croughton's finest performance was when he beat the celebrated Sid Thomas (one of the fastest runners that ever put on a pump) in a level three miles race in splendid time. Mr. Croughton won numerous prizes during his career on the path, and his reminiscences are most interesting. He is one of the hardest workers on the Council of the Durham Football Association, and I trust that he may be spared for very many years occupy that position. In addition to his other duties, Mr. Croughton finds time to contribute very readable notes to an Auckland contemporary.

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The undefeated Lintz Rovers visited Consett on Saturday to tackle the Swifts' Reserve under the auspices of the Derwent Valley League. The Rovers were strongly represented, and were favourites for the event; but the home team played an unexpectedly good game, and managed to divide the points. At the same time it must be said that the Lintz had much the best of the play, but their efforts at scoring were generally weak, and they had to face a most determined defence. At the interval the Rovers found themselves two down, but in the first minute after the restart they rubbed one of these off. The Consett goal was now bombarded, but the Swifts stuck to their work in splendid style, and cleared time after time. In the last minute the Lintz made a supreme effort, and literally rushed the ball into the net. It was a hard-fought game, but with judgment in the front rank the visitors should have won, as they had two-thirds of the play.

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I cannot say that I was particularly impressed by the play of Gibbons (the Lintz goalkeeper.) He had certainly not much to do, but he appeared to shape in anything but confident style. The backs played fairly well, but I rather thought it was slackness on their part which led to Consett scoring their brace of goals. Hughes and Dews did well at half, and Pyle put in some good work on the right, once having hard lines with a fine long shot that hit the cross-bar and went over. J. Humble (who turned out for the first time this season) performed capitally on the extreme left. The Consett custodian (Frosdick) was excellent in goal, and he saved marvellously on four or five occasions. Robson and Wood defended finely at back, and the halves also rendered good service. "Mousey" was the pick of the forwards, and Marshall and Kellett also shaped well.

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The draw for the third round of the Durham Senior Cup has been made, and there should now be more interest taken in the competition. In our own district we are promised three or four good games. Consett Swifts have to travel to Chester-le-Street, and this should prove a hard tussle. The citizens showed up capitally at Consett at the beginning of the season and on that form they will take a deal of ousting from the competition, considering that they have choice of ground. If the Swifts can command their full strength they may pull through, but there should not be much in it either way. Mr. J. R. Curry, of Swalwell, will have charge of the teams.

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The "surprise" cup team of last season, viz., Tantobie, will have the pleasure of entertaining Annfield Plain, who are just now in rare form. The "Co-eps." are sure to die hard, but I can hardly make them out as likely to beat the Celts. Mr. Little, of Leadgate, referees this tie. I don't know what sort of a team Birtley will put into the field against Whitburn, but if they are decently represented they will be at home. Mr. Boggan, of Gateshead, is the whistle-blower. Tow Law are should nearly pull it off, seeing that they only a shadow of what they formerly were, but surely with the advantage of playing on their own midden they should put paid to the account of Dearness Valley. Mr. Tait, of Bishop Auckland, is the referee. Wolsingham v. West Auckland should prove a good game, and Mr. Moore, of Howden-le-Wear, will be in charge. Stanhope entertain Woodlands, and should pass into the next round. The referee is Mr. Girling, Crook.

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Rather curiously, the two Northern Alliance teams, Stanley and Leadgate Park, have again fallen together, but this time the Park have choice of ground. The tie will probably be a very hotly contested one, and the winning margin, I think, will not be a big one. Stanley have been playing very well, their victory at Jarrow being a distinctly creditable performance, and they are sure to make a big effort at Leadgate. The Park, as is well known, are bad to beat at home, but they will have to be on their best behaviour to dispose of the Stanleyites. I understand that the tie will not be played until the 17th inst., as Leadgate are due at Thornaby next Saturday to meet the Utopians in an English Amateur Cup-tie, and Stanley have a Northern Alliance fixture at Middlesbrough on the same date. The kick-off in the cup-ties has been fixed for 2.30. Mr. H. Smith, of Gateshead, I might mention, takes the Leadgate v. Stanley tie.

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Leadgate and Stanley had a sort of rehearsal for their cup-tie last Saturday, when they met at Oakey's oval in a friendly. Jimmy Masterman turned out for the home team once more, and is, I understand, going to play regularly. The Park were not exactly at full strength, but still hold their own pretty well. Only one goal was scored during the afternoon, and as this went to the credit of Stanley, the latter claimed the verdict. There was but little to choose between the teams, and on this form there should be a rare encounter between them in the cup-tie.

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After a well-contested game, White-le-Head Swifts and Stanley Rangers Reserve played a draw of three goals each, at White-le-Head. The Swifts' goalkeeper (J. Gardner) proved a most able custodian, whilst Miller played a fine game at half. The Swifts are willing to play the Lintz Young Rovers for a set of silver medals, on Dipton United ground, any time they like. Now then, Rovers, here is your opportunity.

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"Spectator" writes me as follows:—Dear Sir,—Please allow me a space in your valuable paper concerning the secretary of the Stanley and District Junior League. I happened to witness the game last Saturday between West Pelton and Leadgate Athletic, and a more unqualified referee I never saw than Mr. Shepherd. First of all he allowed Pelton a goal which went fully six yards over the cross-bar. After a lot of argument he changed his decision (a thing a referee should never do), and gave a throw-up instead of a goal-kick. Not content with this he awarded Pelton two goals which they themselves admitted were clearly off-side. This was the state of affairs up till half-time. The second half opened with Mr. Shepherd allowing an off-side goal for Pelton, as Leadgate were only playing one back. The spectators, who seemed to be tired of these decisions, had now rushed on the field (and the game should have been stopped), but another goal was allowed Pelton. When all had become quiet again, he startled the Leadgate team and all the spectators by allowing a goal to the Athletics which went yards over the bar. Both teams were for leaving the field at this period (some of the Athletics being off), but like true sportsmen they came back and finished the game, which ended—West Pelton, 6; Leadgate Athletic 3, according to Mr. Shepherd's opinion, but which, from a spectator's point of view should have been a draw of two goals each. I may here say Leadgate were only playing with ten men, one of their players missing the train, besides their goalkeeper and one of the full-backs being injured in the first five minutes. If this is the sort of "men" who govern the Stanley League no wonder it is giving so much dissatisfaction. I intend forwarding Mr. Shepherd a copy of "Rules of Football" by the first post. Thanking you in anticipation.

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Unfortunately for Leadgate Athletic, they had to visit West Pelton on Saturday last with only ten men, Bloomer being unable to play at the last moment. Pelton won the toss, and started up the hill. The Athletics broke away at the start, but Hughes (the home right winger) took play to the other end and put over the top. The referee gave a goal, but the visitors appealed against his decision, and after some wrangling the referee threw the ball up in the goal-mouth (a new rule, I should say.) Leadgate showed up very well against their bigger opponents, especially considering that they were handicapped by only having ten men. The game became very rough, being stopped no less than four times owing to the strange decisions of the official in charge, and the spectators coming on to the field. The result—six to three in favour of Pelton—was no disgrace in any way to the visitors, who played a very plucky game.

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If the game was a rough one, the Athletic certainly could not complain of the treatment they received at the conclusion of the match, as Pelton acted in a most hospitable manner towards their visitors. The display of the comparatively light Leadgate players was much admired by the home spectators, and the opinion was expressed that the Athletic would have made a very close thing of it had they been fairly represented. Wrangham kept a good goal for West Pelton, as did his rival at the other end (Brown.) Bloomer could not turn out at the last moment, owing to being engaged in an English League match (?) The Athletic journey to South Moor on Saturday, and intend to make a bold bid for the points at issue.

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A South Moor correspondent writes:—Dear Sir,—Would you allow me a space in your valuable paper, as I am very much surprised at Mr. Davison's letter, for there is not one word in it correct. South Moor has played them five times, and taken seven points out of ten, and scored sixteen goals against eight, and now he asks have we forgotten the last licking they gave us for the medals? I will explain all to him, as I have not forgotten about it. When South Moor and West Pelton were matched for a set of medals we had to go to West Pelton to make the match, expecting to meet the same team we played friendlies with; but West Pelton would not play unless we agreed to play the first team. Well, we agreed, and on the day of the match all went on well. West Pelton scored the first goal in the first half, and in the second half South Moor scored twice and a minute off time West Pelton scored again, making a draw, two goals each. Now, the second time we had to meet we had to play the same teams, and whichever team had a man short had to play with ten men. West Pelton was a man short, and would not play unless we took a player off. We agreed again and the game started with ten men each. South Moor were the first to score, and then Pelton scored, making one each at half-time. In the second half South Moor scored again, and West Pelton put through but it was disallowed; but I admit it was a fair goal. Then the game broke up. South Moor wanted to play them again, but not at West Pelton this time. West Pelton would not, and they got half of the medals. I hope readers of this paper do not think this all bosh, for I can prove every word of it; but if Pelton wants another match, let them meet us half-way. It's a pity they cannot carry the Green Tree about with them. He says he wants no more paper talk. Well, let him write to me.

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Annfield Plain are playing in rare form this season, and judging from present appearances they seem to have a pretty good chance of winning the championship of the Chester-le-Street League. They rubbed it in thick to Consett Swifts on Saturday, although it must be remembered that the visitors were not at anything like full strength. Still, a six goals to nothing beating takes a lot of explaining away. The Swifts complain of the decisions of the referee, alleging that three of the goals were off-side. Even if this was so, the Celts would still have a good margin to their credit. The Plain, if they keep up their present form, will give trouble to any team in the league. They have a well-balanced team, being strong both fore and aft.

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The Park Reserve have at length opened their account in the Derwent Valley League, as they gained a couple of points at the expense of Tantobie last Saturday. And this was accomplished despite the absence of Dan Cartmell, Birtley, W. Crowther, and C. Walton, who were assisting the first team at Stanley. However, the juniors were without a game, and consequently the services of several of those clever players were available. Jack Calvert turned out for the first time this season, figuring at back, whilst Ralph Dawson also made his initial appearance of the season. The "Tobies" gave a very disappointing display, and will have to show vastly different form if they hope to have a chance with the Celts on Saturday. The juniors playing for the winners gave a very creditable account of themselves. Having made a start on the right track it is to be hoped that the Park Reserve will soon add to their total.

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Blackhill St. Cuthbert's Reserve gave Hobson a surprise on Saturday at Blackhill. The visitors had to retire beaten by a better combination by four goals to two. This performance gives the Saints a high honour, viz., the only unbeaten team in the Stanley Junior League, and if they keep up this form they will be a hard nut to crack. A. Smith played a splendid game in goal for the Saints—in fact, all did their duty in grand style. All communications respecting Blackhill in connection with the Stanley Junior League must be addressed to E. T. Kelsey, 2, West View, Blackhill.

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VACANT DATES.

Hamsterley Lilywhites will play Consett Celtic for eleven gold medals on neutral ground.

Secretaries note change of address—W. R. Hunter, South Tanfield A.F.C., 1, Sand Hole Row, Oxhill, Stanley.

White-le-Head Swifts will play the Lintz Young Rovers for a set of silver medals on Dipton United ground, any time they like.

Busty Bank Rovers are in want of matches; ages, 11 to 13. Apply to John Thirlwell, 6, Co-operative Terrace, Burnopfield.

Consett United would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages 12 to 13.—Apply C. Storey, 11, Sunderland Street, Consett.

Consett Young Swifts have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up; ages, 14 to 17.—Apply, J. Muir, 3, Melbourne Street, Consett.

South Moor Swifts would like to arrange dates with junior teams; average age, 16.—Apply, L. M. Armin, 71, Poplar Street, South Moor, Chester-le-Street.

Annfield Plain United II. would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 16.—Apply, R. Simpson, 21, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

Stanley Athletic Reserve have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; average age, 17. Apply, J. Lee, 4, Shield Row, West Stanley.

All teams having dates with Medomsley Red White and Blue please cancel them as they have broken up.—J. G. Stobbs, 88, Allendale Cottages, Near Medomsley.

White-le-head Rangers have all dates vacant and would like them filled up with junior teams; average age, 18.—Apply, Ed. Nicholson, 4, Red Row, White-le-Head.

Busty Bank Lilywhites are in want of matches, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; average age, 16.—Apply, R. Sprawling, Crookgate, Near Burnopfield.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars II. have all dates vacant and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 13 to 15.—Apply, E. Weightman, 15, Allan Square, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Busdhope Rovers having amalgamated with Burnhope C.C. have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with moderate first or good reserve teams.—Apply, R. Wallace, 38, Westwood Row, Burnhope.

Annfield Plain Villa has several dates vacant; ages, 14 to 15. Also, the second team; ages, 12 to 14. All teams that have dates with the Villa please note the change of secretary—G. Dodd, 47, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain.

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THE LANCHESTER COMMONS ACT.

APPEAL CASE IN LONDON.

On Thursday morning, in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, before Justices Lawrance and Kennedy, Mr. Tindal Atkinson, Q.C., mentioned the case in the Crown paper of the Queen v. the Justices of Durham, ex-parte the North-Eastern Railway Company. He was there to show cause against a rule nisi on a writ of certiorari to quash two orders made by the Justices of Durham, one being dated June 26th, and the other October 16th, 1899. In the first place, he objected to the application which was made for a certiorari, inasmuch as it had been made out of time, and he asked their lordships to decline to give any extension of time, which the North-Eastern Railway Company were now asking for. The facts of the case were as follows:—The two orders were made by the justices under the provisions of the Lanchester Commons Enclosure Act, by which a large area of common land in Durham was enclosed, right being reserved to the Bishop of Durham and his assigns and lessees to work the minerals underneath the surface. In order to provide for damage to surface-owners, there was a fund which was used for compensation, and a further provision that if the fund did not prove sufficient, a rate, under the order of the justices, might be made upon the owners of the various allotments, in such proportion as they paid to the poor rate. A Mr. Oliver was one of the persons whose property had been injured by the Consett Ironworks, lessees of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who now took the place of the Bishop of Durham. On June 26th, an application was made to the justices for the payment of Mr. Oliver's claim, but it being found that there was not sufficient in the justices' fund to meet it, a second application was made on October 16th, for a rate. The only notices as to such applications which the Act said must be given were notices to be placed on the church-doors, and this was done. It now appeared that the North-Eastern Railway Co., who were holders of some of the land, contended that they had no notice or knowledge that the applications were going to be made, and therefore thought that an extension of time should be given. If their lordships allowed this indulgence, it would be exceedingly hard upon Mr. Oliver, compensation to the amount of £630 having already been paid over to him. If the case went against him, he would have to refund the whole of that. In the first place, the North-Eastern Railway Company were not entitled to any more notice than they had had, and, secondly, they had allowed too long a time to elapse before taking up their objection.

Mr. Justice Lawrance: You say that all the requirements of the Act have been complied with?

Mr. Tindal Atkinson: Yes.

Mr. Justice Lawrance: And that if they had gone to church they would have seen the notice?

Mr. Tindal Atkinson: Certainly. (Laughter.)

On behalf of the North-Eastern Railway Co., Mr. A. T. Lawrance, Q.C. (with whom were Mr. G. Digby and Mr. Simey) contended that the principle of the matter ought to be looked at. His clients were not alleged to have done any wrong or any act whatever. It was sought to make them pay damages done by third persons. Their solicitor had lost no time in making enquiries on most complicated matters in this case; and there certainly was no unreasonable delay. The objection was that instead of the notices being fixed on the parish church of Lanchester and three chapels in the district, they were only fixed on the parish church. Further, he submitted that no Court had jurisdiction to make orders behind the back of parties interested without their having received proper notice, and that in the present case his clients had not received the notice which the law laid down they should have. This was a most important case, inasmuch as no rate similar had been made for upwards of 140 years.

Mr. Justice Lawrance: Possibly there has been no damage.

Mr. A. T. Lawrance said in a mining district that was improbable.

Counsel having argued at great length and quoted numerous cases, the Court decided to make the rule absolute.

SAD DEATH AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

THE RODNEY QUESTION

The death of a single man named John Brown, aged 45 years, a son of the late ex-sergeant Brown, of Annfield Plain, took place on Friday evening under somewhat painful circumstances. The deceased, who was occasionally employed at the South Derwent Colliery coke-yard as a coke-filler, and who lived with others in the coke-ovens at South Derwent, was returning to the coke-ovens on the evening in question, when he fell on to the metal rails of the railway and injured his scalp. The deceased had evidently not felt much ill-effects from the fall, and walked about the yard in the latter part of the day, when his appetite failed him, and alarming symptoms made themselves manifest. Dr Graham, of Annfield Plain, was sent for, and ordered his removal to Lanchester Hospital Infirmary, but before that could be done the man had expired.

On Monday afternoon, Coroner John Graham held an inquest at Mr. W. Aitchison's, Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death. Mr. John Storey was appointed foreman of the jury.

Dr. Graham, of Annfield Plain, stated that the skull had been fractured and death caused by compression of the brain, owing to the flowing of a quantity of blood from the wound on the brain.

Discussion took place as to the wisdom or unwisdom of allowing men to lie about the coke-ovens, in the course of which the Foreman asked James Rogan, another rodney, who was one of the witnesses in the case if they were allowed to lie down in the coke-ovens?

Rogan replied that they were, because the masters were very pleased to have them when there was a rush of work.

After the question had been further discussed from a moral standpoint, and as to the advisability of permitting men to remain in the coke-ovens,

The Coroner expressed his opinion that it would be advisable, under the circumstances for the masters to build a shelter for the rodneys, in which they could sleep and cook their meals, and so avoid the danger of lying in the coke-ovens. There would be more comfort, he observed, and the men would always be at hand when required for their work, because it appeared from the evidence that the rodneys could scarcely be done without in such coke-yards as South Derwent. Under the existing state of things removing the rodneys by force meant sending them to prison for a term of imprisonment, at the expiration of which they returned to the old place of abode, and the whole course of procedure had to be repeated time and again without any improvement. They had to take the world as they found it, and that was his reason for suggesting to the masters to build a shelter and make them more comfortable than they were at present. He asked the jurors who had anything to do with the coke-yard, and had the facility for getting to the masters, to lay his views before them.

Wm. Bowes, a juryman, and the coke-burner of the Pontop yard, stated that his employers had had the matter of providing the rodneys a place in which to cook their meals under consideration some time ago, but did not think the question of providing shelter such as the Coroner suggested had ever been considered.

James Rogan stated when asked why he did not go to a lodging-house instead of lying about the ovens, that he would rather sleep in the ovens than go to any common lodging-house, as he could keep himself much cleaner in the ovens.

Robert Bates, a juryman, stated that he had facilities for visiting the lodging-houses in the district, and could give a guarantee that they were kept clean and in proper order.

The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death caused by falling on some metal rails."

CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Chopwell School Board was held in the Board Schools, High Spen, on Tuesday night. Mr. J. B. Gilchrist, J.P., presided, and there were also present—Mr. W. Richardson (vice-chairman,) Mr. W. Archer, Mr. F. McKay, and the Clerk (Mr. H. Ord.)

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. Coulson, headmaster, reported that for the five weeks ending November 2nd the average attendance in the mixed school was 302, and the percentage 80. The attendance had been somewhat unsteady, having been greatly affected by the wet weather.

Mrs. Melhuish, headmistress, reported that the attendance had been very fair in the upper division of the school, and the progress of work on the whole satisfactory. Miss Gill having passed the final examination was now a certificated teacher, and entitled, according to the scale, to £55 per annum. The average attendance during the month was 168.8, and the percentage 81.4.

Miss Ridley, Chopwell Infants School, reported an average of 61.9, and a percentage of 84.1. The attendance was fairly good and the progress fairly satisfactory.

The reports were adopted.

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

The Chairman said that owing to illness, Mr. W. Hunter, the Attendance Officer, was unable to present a report this month.

APPOINTMENT OF A P.T.

The Board unanimously appointed Miss Frances Emma Turner, Newcastle, an ex-P.T. in the Infants Department, in the room of Miss Spence, resigned.

A COMPLAINT.

Miss Ridley reported that she had received a letter from the parents of a child at Chopwell, in which she was charged with having improperly used the cane.

The Clerk read the letter referred to, which was addressed to Miss Ridley, and was of a very personal character. Miss Ridley denied the statements.

The Board having considered the letter, and heard Miss Ridley,

Mr. McKay said when any of their teachers were at fault they were properly dealt with by the Board, and when they were wrongly charged it was the duty of the Board to protect them. Any complaint of that kind should be made to the Board and not personally to a teacher. He suggested that the Clerk be instructed to write to the parents of the child asking them to withdraw the insulting charges, and reminding them that there was a School Board who were prepared to hear complaints.

The Clerk said they could not very well ask them to withdraw words not addressed to the Board.

The letter having been formally laid before the Board by Miss Ridley

Mr. McKay moved that the Clerk be instructed to write stating that the Board had had the insulting and inexcusable letter before them, and they reminded the writers that any complaint against teachers should be made through the Board.

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

CHOPWELL NEW SCHOOLS.

It was agreed on the production of the architect's certificate to grant the contractors for the new schools at Chopwell a further sum of £500, making a total of £1,500 advanced, together with £58 10s to the Clerk of the Works. It was stated that the Infant department of the new school would probably be ready at the spring of the year.

ACCOUNTS.

Cheques were passed for payment amounting in all to £139 16s 2d. This leaves a balance of £148 12s on the general account.

The meeting then terminated.

LEADGATE NOTES.

[BY "GEORDIE."]

A DASTARDLY DEED.

A friend informs me that some scoundrel has taken away the tablet and globe placed on the grave of the late Mr. Luke Nicholson by the teachers and scholars of the Wesleyan Sunday School. Of all the mean and despicable robberies that one could imagine, surely this is the worst. I can't find words sufficiently emphatic to express my disgust of these who would stoop to rob the dead. I am afraid that there is not much chance of discovering the culprit or culprits, as globes are very much alike. If the scoundrel could be traced he would richly deserve six months' imprisonment.

THE SAXHORN BAND.

I observe from bills posted about that my friends of the Saxhorn Band intend holding a social on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, in the Co-operative Hall. As I have explained before, the band is greatly in need of some new instruments, and the proceeds of the social are to be devoted to this object. The Saxhorn Band have improved very much since they re-commenced at the Mafeking rejoicings, and as they are ever willing to give their services for any good cause, I sincerely trust that they will be liberally supported on the evening of the 28th inst. Handsome prizes will be given to the best lady and gentleman waltzer, and this should cause keen competition, as I know of several who fancy themselves in the "mazy waltz." Tickets are on sale, and can be procured from any member of the band.

A TREAT.

The visit of Mr. Lindon Travers to Leadgate on Tuesday evening was greatly enjoyed and despite the miserable weather, there was a large attendance. Mr. Travers speaks as one who has covered the ground whereon the present war in South Africa has been fought, and therefore his description of the various places has not been gained from books or maps, but from practical experience. The bioscope pictures were very fine, and excited the admiration of the audience to a high degree. Altogether the entertainment was a most excellent one, and Mr. George Cooke and those who assisted him are to be congratulated upon providing such a treat for the people of Leadgate and district. I trust that a substantial surplus will remain after paying expenses to hand over to that most worthy institution, the Nurses' Association.

THE WELCOME LIGHT.

There may be some things in which we are behind Consett, but I could not help thinking one night last week that in one important matter we can give the Consettonians a start. On Wednesday evening of last week I left Consett about 12 o'clock. It was pitch dark, there not being a single lamp alight, and it was almost a case of groping to find one's way. I could not help thinking what an admirable night it was for any of the "Bill Sykes" fraternity that might wish to pay a visit to Consett. After traversing the lonely and dark road between Consett and Leadgate, what a treat it was on crossing the railway bridge to find the whole of the lamps burning in Leadgate! I inwardly breathed a blessing on our Council for their thoughtfulness. Perhaps when the moon is at the full we shall find the lamps alight all night at Consett. They are such a superior lot of people at Consett, you know.

AN INSTITUTE.

With respect to my remarks of last week, a correspondent signing himself "Progress" writes:—"Dear "Geordie,"—I was very pleased to read your note respecting the need for an institute in Leadgate conducted on broad lines. Such a place is very badly required, as the accommodation in the existing places is totally inadequate. And then we want a place open to all—irrespective of creed or religion. Might I suggest that a public meeting be called to consider the question, and that a petition be drawn up and signed, and presented to the Directors of the Consett Company? It seems a curious thing that in almost every other place but Leadgate there is an institute built by the Company. I certainly think that Mr. Palmer, as chairman of our Council, ought to do something for us in this matter. As we stand at present, for most of us there is no other place but the public-house if we go out of doors. I think the thanks of all are due to you for ventilating the subject, and I hope that something tangible will be the result."

A SUCCESS.

I am very pleased to hear that the bazaar held at Bradley Cottages by the Primitive Methodists last week was a most gratifying success. I have not heard the exact amount realised, but understand it was quite up to the expectations of the promoters. They are a hard-working body, the Methodists at Bradley Cottages, and deserving of every encouragement. Unlike most bazaars, I am told that the goods were all marked at very reasonable figures, and this no doubt had much to do with their rapid disposal. I trust that our friends will shortly feel justified in making a start with their new Sunday School and vestry, of which they stand greatly in need.

WOLSINGHAM POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY. — Nov. 6th.—Before Mr Backhouse (chairman), Rev T. H. B. [illegible], and Mr H. G. Stoddart.

TOW LAW CHARGES.

The following were dealt with and fined as follows for drunkenness:—Geo. Woodhall, 12s 6d; John Stephenson, 7s 6d; and Wm. Johnson, 12s 6d.—Thomas Frood was fined 10s for keeping a dog without a license.—John Maughan, Melville Norwood, and Robt. Anderson, all boys, were fined 7s 6d each for setting fireworks off on the highway.—Richard Metcalfe, a Tow Law tradesman, was fined 9s for selling fireworks to boys under age.

THE CHARGE AGAINST P.C. LINDSAY: CASE DISMISSED.

William Lindsay, police constable, stationed at Wolsingham, in the Stanhope division, was summoned at the instance of John Moody, of Wolsingham, on a charge of perjury.—Mr T. Dowling appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Isaacs (Sunderland), appeared for the defence.

The case was one in which perjury was alleged against the officer in regard to certain statements made by him in a charge of drunkenness alleged against John Moody, of Wolsingham, in which Lindsay was the prosecuting constable. Moody was charged with being drunk on August 20th of this year, and the case was twice before the Wolsingham magistrates. It was adjourned to give Dr Craig, of Wolsingham, an opportunity to give evidence, when on the second hearing the doctor who had medically examined Moody on the day he was supposed to be drunk had applied the usual tests, and said Moody was sober. As a result the case was dismissed. From this fact together with certain statements about Moody having been sick, etc., Moody instituted proceedings for perjury.

The proceedings in the charge for perjury lasted about two hours. Mr Isaacs submitted the prosecutor Moody and his wife to a searching cross-examination. Evidence in the case was given by John Moody, Sarah Jane Moody, Miss Johnson, and Dr Craig. Mr Isaacs submitted that the Bench must take into consideration what actually constituted perjury. Before Counsel for the defence addressed the Bench on the evidence, the Chairman said they had given the case their best consideration, and considered that the evidence was not sufficiently clear to send the defendant for trial, and they therefore dismissed it.

OTHER CASES.

Francis Tomblestone, Wolsingham, was fined 7s 6d for setting fireworks off on the highway.—Wm. Humble and J. McLaughlin were fined 7s 6d for drunkenness at Wolsingham.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

On Tuesday evening an adjourned meeting of the Tanfield School Board was held in the West Stanley Board Schools—Mr W. Bulmer presiding. There were also present—Messrs M. G. Armstrong, B. Mason, Rev T. H. Archdale, Mr W. H. Ritson (Clerk), and Mr R. Jackson (Deputy-clerk.)

RESIGNATION OF MR. MUCH.

Mr G. Much, first certificated assistant-master of Stanley Board School, tendered his resignation, having obtained a higher appointment.

The Chairman moved, and Mr Mason seconded, a motion accepting the resignation.—Carried.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise for a trained certificated assistant.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT-MISTRESS.

For the position of assistant-mistress for Causey Row School, there were two applications from Miss Maggie Cooper, Byer Moor, and Miss Maggie Johnson, of Flint Hill.

After the applications had been read and considered, it was resolved that the applicants meet the Board a fortnight hence.

ADDITIONAL CLOSETS.

Mr Bendle, architect, Newcastle, submitted the tender of Mr A. Routledge, Stanley, for the putting in of additional water-closets in the West Stanley Board School, for the sum of £35.

Rev T. H. Archdale moved, and Mr Bulmer seconded the motion, that the tender be accepted.—Carried.

USE OF SCHOOLS.

An application was made by the trustees of the East Stanley Primitive Methodist Church for the use of the Stanley Board Schools on Dec. 22nd and 25th.—The application was granted.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr Hodgson, of West Stanley Senior Schools, in his report asked for permission to keep goods in the Board-room, and keep it locked.—The request was granted.

This concluded the business.

HOCKEY.

On Saturday last the Derwent Valley hockey team defeated Stanhope by one goal to nil. The visitors played a defensive game throughout, and had the Valley forwards shot more accurately their scoring would have been better. On Saturday next they travel to Newcastle by the 12.45 train from Blackhill to play the Novacastrians. The team is as follows:—Backs, J. Hamilton, T. D. Dales, and S. G. Richmond; half-backs, A. C. Blunt, J. M. Nicholson, and E. Roe; forwards, H. H. Wattsford, W. Worden, J. O. Todd, H. Croudace, and W. T. Spence. Reserve, H. Holliday. R. S. Renton and R. Clive are picked to play in the county trial match at Norton, and A. C. Blunt is reserve.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A MINER

At the Consett Police Court, on Tuesday, Martin Gallagher, miner, and a widower, of South Medomsley, Dipton, was charged with a criminal assault upon his housekeeper, a young woman, named Margaret Ions, on Saturday last. The prosecutrix said the defendant entered her bedroom at 5 o'clock in the morning. He had been drinking whiskey all night, and was very drunk. He commenced a violent assault upon her, and she struggled with him for about three hours. He struck her on the side with a poker and caused blood to ooze from her mouth. She ultimately got away from him and informed the police.—Prisoner was remanded for a week on bail.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Tuesday morning.

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

THE PEDIGREE OF POLYTOXIC MICROBE.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—The announcement that a French scientist who will not permit his name to be disclosed, has succeeded in evolving what is called "The master microbe," which is such a host in itself as to include the pathogenic properties of all microbes, may interest your readers. This prophylactic "multum in parvo" is the bacterial embodiment of all the toxic microbes; for the microbes are, it seems, cannibalistic, and devour each other, this one being the "fittest" which has survived in the struggle for existence, all the others having contributed their personal peculiarities to the evolution of this genius of the pathogenic germ species. Hence, instead of inoculating with the special antitoxis o diphtheria, cholera, plague, typhoid, tetanus, pneumonia, influeza, and the numerous others, it will now be only necessary to inoculate with the antitoxin of the "master microbe," which contains the pathogenic properties of all these, in order to immunise against the whole army of diseases. This microbe must be a near relation to the microbe of death which a Dr Wheeler discovered a few years ago. Why not introduce these two champion microbes and see how they will behave towards each other? The French scientist who has focalised all the diseases within this single germ, deserves the title of "Pandora's Redeemer." If Charles Lamb were living, what capital that brilliant humorist would make out of the antastic pranks and many evolutions of the morphopoic microbe.—I am, sir, yours truly,

ATHELSTONE S. BISHOP.

Berkeley Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

CONSETT.

Death of a Consett Soldier in South Africa. —It is with great regret that we announce the death of private Joseph Black Carruthers, of the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards. The deceased, who was a native of Consett, died at Pretoria, on October 29th, from enteric. He joined the Grenadier Guards on the short service system, and finished his three years' service, but when the reserves were called out re-joined his regiment, and in due course proceeded to South Africa some eight or nine months since. The late private Carruthers took part in several engagements, having been with General Pole-Carew's column. Before going out to the Transvaal he resided with his brother at Green Street, Consett, and was well known and highly respected. Deceased was only 30 years of age, and much sympathy is felt for his relatives.

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2s 9d	3s 6d	16s 0d	8s 0d
3s 0d	3s 9d	17s 0d	8s 6d
3s 6d	4s 0d	18s 0d	9s 0d
	4s 6d	19s 0d	9s [illegible]
	5s 0d	21s 0d	10s

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Per Bot.	Per Qrt.	Per Gal.	Per ½ Gal.
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2s 6d	4s 0	16s 0d	[illegible]

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Per Bot.	Per Qrt.	Per Gal.
2s 3d	3s 0d	12s 0d
2s 6d	3s 6d	14s 0d
3s 0d	4s 0d	16s 0d

BRANDY.

Per Bot.	Per Qrt.	Per Gal.	Per ½ Gal.
[illegible]	3s 9d	16s 0d	8s [illegible]
3s [illegible]	4s 6d	18s 0d	[illegible]
3s 6d	5s 0d	20s 0d	9s [illegible]
4s 0d	6s 0d	24s 0d	10s [illegible]
5s 0d			
6s 0d			

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DUNSTON.

Shocking Railway Fatality.—About eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning an elderly man, named George Robson, met his death on the Lobley Hill branch of the North Eastern Railway, near Dunston, under most distressing circumstances. The deceased was seen to go towards the railway, and when a set of waggons reached the spot, he either fell or stumbled in front of them, with the result that some of the wheels passed over his body, death being instantaneous. Robson who was 66 years of age, was a retired joiner, and resided with his son at Dunston. Deceased is alleged to have been in a despondent state of mind of late.

EBCHESTER.

Service of Song.—On Saturday last a service of song, entitled, "Billy Bray," was rendered by the Ebchester Wesleyan choir assisted by a few friends, viz., Mr. W. Dodd Mr. G. Smith, Mr. I. Richardson, of Westwood, and Mr. H. Scott, of Broomhill. Mr. W. Egglestone presided at the organ, accompanied by Mr. Dickinson on the concertina. Leader, Mr. R. Fenwick. The readings were in the able hands of Mr. Allison, who rendered them very effectively. Mr. Ninian Bell occupied the chair. Afterwards a ham-and coffee supper was held, which was well patronised. Those who waited at the tables were Misses Makepeace, Harding, Hamilton, and Thompson. Mrs. Hamilton acted as carver, while the breadcutters were Misses Makepeace, Harding, and Mrs. Fenwick. The boiler, etc., was under the supervision of Messrs Angus Thompson and Leadbitter.

LANCHESTER.

Foreign Mission Meeting.—On Sunday week sermons were preached morning and evening in the Wesleyan Church, Lanchester, by Mr. W. Jackson, of Consett, when collections were taken in aid of the Wesleyan Foreign Mission Society. On Thursday the annual meeting of the Lanchester Branch of the Society was held, when Councillor R. C. Forster, of Consett, presided over a large attendance. The Rev. R. Nicholson, Annfield Plain, read the annual report, which showed that the Lanchester contributions had been gradually increasing during the past few years, and the present position of the Society was considered to be very satisfactory. Stirring addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. R. Nicholson, and the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, and at the close a collection was taken in aid of the Mission fund.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

At the dog show, under the auspices of the Kensington Canine Society, held at Hengler's Circus, London, this week, Mrs. J. V. Faber, of Derwent Dene, Shotley Bridge, secured for her celebrated dog, Champion Premier Chow VIII., the following awards, viz., 20 guinea challenge cup, ladies' kennel club silver shield, championship, premiership, and first prizes in open and veteran classes.

STANLEY.

Visit of Mr. Fawthrop.—The Stanley Wesleyans have secured the Rev. T. W. Fawthorp as special preacher in connection with the choir anniversary. Mr. Fawthrop spent eight years in Cardiff, at the Docks Mission. He was most successful in that very difficult, but interesting work among sailors of all nations. Many are the strange tales he can tell of desperate characters reformed. We advise our readers to hear him on Sunday first. Mr. Fawthrop is at present labouring with great acceptance in the Hexham circuit.

OUSTON.

Co-operation.—On Saturday afternoon the extended new premises for the Birtley Co-operative Society were opened by Mr. Jos. English, of Birtley, in the presence of a large number of store members and the managing directors. The president dwelt upon the rapid growth of the business at Ouston, which had necessitated the extension, the influx of members, and the possibilities of the future. A tea was afterwards served in the Literary Hall, and a concert followed. During the interval Mr. English was made the recipient of a handsome present in the shape of a large writing desk, subscribed voluntarily by the members of the Ouston Branch and the committee. The programme was given by the Snoudeni company from Newcastle.

STANLEY.

Wesleyan Church.—The friends and supporters of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Stanley will be glad to learn that Sir James Joicey, M.P. for the Chester-le-Street division, had made the trustees a present of £50 as the result of an interview between the worthy baronet and the Rev A. Barraclough and Mr J. Calvert, on Monday, which took place in Newcastle.

TANFIELD LEA.

Wesleyan Foreign Missions.—On Sunday, Mr John Humble, of Annfield Plain, preached the foreign missionary sermons in the Tanfield Lea Wesleyan Church, to good companies. Collections were taken in aid of the foreign missions.

TANFIELD.

Social.—Through the kindness of Mr and Mrs Clementson, of East Tanfield, a social was held in the Tanfield Board Schools on Friday night, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Being for so worthy an object it was natural that there should be a large attendance of church people. The duties of M.C.'s were ably discharged by Mr Roger Watson, of Hobson Colliery, and Mr Thos. Robinson, of Tanfield. The musical accompaniments were ably supplied by Mr M. Mulcahy (pianist) and Mr F. Gregory (violinist), of Byer Moor. A substantial supper provided by the worthy host and hostess was well patronised, the wants of the company being attended to in an adjoining room by Mrs Clementson, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Sword, and the Misses Clementson. Dancing was continued briskly until three o'clock on Saturday morning. It is expected that some £15 were raised by the effort.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.

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

To be played at White-le-Head.

Swifts—Goal, Gardner; backs, Armstrong and Atkinson; half-backs, Miller, Kennedy, and Harrison; forwards, Reed, Steel, Gardner, Innes, and Lennon.

Kick-off at 3.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S RESERVE v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

At Tanfield.

Blackhill—Goal, A. Smith; backs, T. Dempsey and P. McCarthy; half-backs, R. Richards, W. Brodie, and W. Robb; forwards, Donnelly, Page, Cain, McCone, and Barrass.

TANTOBIE ATHLETIC v. ALLENDALE LILYWHITES.

To be played at Tantobie.

Tantobie—Goal, T. Harrison; backs, A. Clark and T. Lake; half-backs, W. Edwards, H. Mather, Ed. Harrison; forwards, W. Nicholson, J. Ferguson, J. R. Watson, J. Nicholson, and J. Ramshaw.

Kick-off at 2.30.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.

At Consett

Consett—Goal, J. Frosdick; backs, J. Wilson and W. G. Robson; half-backs, Peacock, Blackburn, and Wilkinson; forwards, Kellet, Wood, Roberts, Pratt, and Jones.

Kick-off at 2.45.

DURHAM CUP.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. TANTOBIE.

At Tantobie.

Celtic—Goal, D. Pendleton; backs, A. Bell and J. Coyle; half-backs, W. Cox, E. Buck, and A. Coyle; forwards, R. Forster, J. Hewison, W. Parker, R. Gillender, and E. McKie.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1.

Referee, Mr A. Little, Leadgate.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP, THIRD ROUND.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. CHESTER-LE-STREET.

At Chester-le-Street.

Consett — Goal, W. Graham; backs, R. Patterson and G. Wood; half-backs, P. McNally, R. Wake, and J. Dempsey; forwards, B. Rafferty, J. Turley, J. Flanighan, P. Smith, and M. Eustace.

Kick-off at 2.30

Train leaves at 1.40.

STANLEY JUNIOR LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. DIPTON WANDERERS.

On the Park ground.

Park—Goal, T. Dodds; backs, J. Thompson and D. Overall; half-backs, J. Johns, E. Birtley, and W. Graham; forwards, C. Walton, L. Davison, A. Magown, T. Walker, and J. Grant.

Referee, Mr T. Johnson, Burnopfield.

Kick-off at 3.

LEADGATE ATHLETIC v. SOUTH MOOR

At South Moor.

Leadgate—Goal, Brown; backs, Alderdice and Little; half-backs, Hodgson, Piggas, and Walker; forwards, Graham, Cummings, Bell, Green and Robson.

Referee, Mr Harvey, Pelton Fell. Kick-off at 2.30.

Train leaves at 1.40.

CONSETT.

Drunk Cases.—At Consett Police Court on Wednesday morning, before Mr. W. Aynsley, John Wilson, shoemaker, and Patrick Campbell were charged with being drunk and disorderly in Consett on Tuesday night.—After hearing Sergt. Minto, the magistrates inflicted a fine of 2/6 and costs with the alternative of seven days' imprisonment.

Alleged Theft of Whiskey.—Mr Aynsley had before him at Consett Police Court, on Tuesday, Jane Simpson, a married woman, of Blackhill, on a charge of having stolen a quart bottle of whiskey from the establishment of Mr. Nathan Elsdon, The Delves, Consett, on Monday night. When charged with the offence the defendant denied it in the first place, but afterwards admitted the theft, and offered to pay for the whiskey. She was remanded to the Lanchester Petty Sessions.

Wesleyan Band of Hope.—On Tuesday night an entertainment was given in the Consett Wesleyan Hall by the Wesleyan Band of Hope. Mr. A. Lowdon presided over a good attendance. An address on temperance was given by Miss Crosby, of Consett, and solos were rendered by Mr. Frankland, and Miss Dunn, a pianoforte solo by Miss L. Cummings, selections by the Band of Hope Choir, and a cornet solo by Mr. Wm. Gardner.

SWALWELL.

Honouring a Local Athlete.—Few sportsmen have done more for the promotion of healthy athletic sports in the Swalwell district than Mr. James Bruce, and this fact was recognised on Wednesday night week when Mr. Bruce was made the recipient of a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, in recognition of his services to the various athletic organisations in the district. When Axwell Rovers were in their best day—winning the Durham Senior Cup, and fighting a good fight in the ranks of the Northern Alliance—no player was more useful than Jim Bruce. As a cricketer he has also made a name for himself, being a most useful trundler, and it was under the auspices of the Swalwell United Club that the gathering of Wednesday night was held. Councillor Wm. Fletcher made the presentation, and referred in eulogistic terms to the brilliant services of Mr. Bruce. The latter suitably responded, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, under the chairmanship of Coun. Wm. Blackbird.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTERS I. & II.—Colonel Nugent and his sister, Lady O'Brien, with her daughter Wilmot, live at Gravenor Crescent. Frank Norreys, Wilmot's cousin, is on visiting terms at the Crescent. The Colonel one morning receives a letter which disconcerts him. It is from a friend in Moscow, who informs him that the Colonel's long-missing daughter, whom he has never seen, has been discovered in Moscow, and that she is a confirmed Nihilist. His correspondent asks the Colonel to come over to Moscow to discuss the question. Meantime Lady O'Brien urges her brother to speak to Frank Norreys as to his intentions regarding Wilmot. He does so, and Norreys tells him that he never thought about his cousin in any other light than as a brother for a sister.

CHAPTERS III. & IV.—Urged to the step, Frank proposes to Wilmot at a ball and is accepted. Meanwhile the Colonel departs for Moscow. In early life he had married a Russian lady, the Countess Chrisanto, a Nihilist in opinions, but she keeps them from her husband. Suddenly his wife disappears. After a time he receives from her a letter telling him that she has been betrayed by her husband, Count Chrisanto, whom she had thought to be dead, and he had revenged her by causing her to be sent to Siberia, to which place she is now on her way. She begs him to see after their child who is about to be born. All this was many years ago, and he hears nothing of his child until he receives the letter from his friend Scarsdale. On visiting him he receives confirmation of the existence of his daughter, who has adopted Nihilist views.

CHAPTER V.

Early on the following morning Colonel Nugent accompanied his friend Scarsdale to the house of the Russian lawyer, Potuloff. Potuloff was at home, Scarsdale having prepared him for this visit. He received Colonel Nugent with grave consideration, went carefully into the papers which were submitted to him, and after a pause said slowly that he was inclined to consider the evidence of Vera Chrisanto's identity conclusive, but at the same time that he thought it well to make enquiries on one or two small points. Some of the links he said were not absolutely incontrovertible, and in such an important matter it was well to make all safe.

"I should prefer your not making yourself known to this young lady for a fortnight or a month," he said, gazing full at the Colonel as he spoke.

But this delay would be extremely unpleasant to me," replied Colonel Nugent. "I myself am absolutely convinced of my daughter's identity. This link and this"—here he pointed to two paragraphs on the paper before him—"make it all conclusive in my mind. The fact is, a long stay out of England would be peculiarly inconvenient to me, and enquiries of the sort you propose to carry out may be extended to an indefinite period."

"That is perfectly true," replied Potuloff, "and my convictions are with you that you have really found your long lost daughter. Claim her therefore whenever you please, but all the same, allow me to make enquiries; there may come a time when you will be glad that I have done so."

"As you please, but you do so not at my special desire."

"I must have your authority. Is it to be 'yes' or 'no'?"

The Colonel looked disturbed. After thinking for a time he said:

"What you have told me and what these papers say abundantly satisfies me. The girl is mine beyond doubt. I shall visit her as soon as possible. One look will convince me, if I have any lingering doubts. I shall see her, claim her as my child and take her to England. If anything should occur later on to make me doubt this chain of evidence I can let you know."

"Very well, and in the meantime as an agent of mine is going into Kara I shall get him to prosecute enquiries, and if everything turns out satisfactorily you will not hear from me again. If on the other hand——"

The Colonel rose and bowed slightly.

"You must do as you please," he said. "I see by my friend Scarsdale's face that he is with you in this matter, but the fact is after so long a delay I cannot brook any uncertainty. I shall see my daughter at once, and unless something very startling and unexpected occurs, declare myself."

Later on that same afternoon Scarsdale joined his friend at the hotel.

"How do you propose to introduce yourself to Vera?" he asked.

"By my rightful English name—I shall see my daughter and tell her quite simply who I am. The exact words which I shall use I cannot prophesy beforehand. Scarsdale, this is a great moment for me—it means a fresh and exciting and joyful era in my life."

"You certainly look excited, old friend. This thing is taking it out of you a good bit."

"I am both excited and over-tired, but when the suspense is at an end I shall be myself again."

Scarsdale uttered a slight sigh.

"And I am responsible for all this," he said, after a pause. "Would you like me to go with you to-night to the Countess's?"

"To-night! Why wait until to-night? I propose going at once."

"Nevertheless, I think my plan would be a wise one. Remember, I know the Countess Fedora well, and can get you an introduction. You can go to the house to-night to her reception and do not declare yourself in your true position until to-morrow."

"Why do you ask me to do this, Scarsdale?"

"Because I am anxious that you should be careful in a matter of this sort—you cannot be too careful. Remember this discovery is not unalloyed gold. The girl at the present moment is a Nihilist. She has been brought up with principles which you hold abhorrent. She is a clever girl, however. Determination is written on her mouth and chin. She is a fine girl, and had she been brought up in England would have been doubtless all that we most admire in women; but she is half a Russian by birth and wholly a Russian by education. Intrigue and the love of mystery, which belong to her countrymen to such a large extent, must be inherent in her; on the other hand she has a peculiarly straightforward gaze, that direct sort of glance which she could only have acquired from her English parentage. She is a curious girl: I never met anyone in the least like her. She fascinates all those with whom she comes into contact; there is not the slightest doubt that you will fall in love with her. Still, Nugent, it behoves you to be careful; you might see her as a stranger before you do the fatal thing which must completely alter your life."

"You are over-cautious, Scarsdale. If you feel all this I wonder you wrote to me as you did."

"I wrote to you because I was bound to redeem a faithful promise. Had this not been the case I might have been sorely tempted to keep my knowledge to myself. You were happy in England; the old trouble had ceased to worry you. The wound was healed, leaving nothing but a scar behind. On the other hand the girl was also happy; she had found her niche, was surrounded by friends; not knowing that she possessed a father she could not miss him. A word from you will alter all this state of things. The fact is when you open a certain door you can never as long as you live shut it again. I would earnestly advise you to take no sudden step in this matter. Your return to England cannot be so paramount that a day one way or the other really matters. Come with me to the Olloffs to-night. You will there see the girl. I will introduce you to her in the first instance as a stranger."

"You and Potuloff are evidently all for caution; you have no sympathy for the feelings of a father," said the Colonel.

"It is all the better for you, Nugent, that I at least am able to take the calm view of an outsider; it is your bounden duty to be careful; you have others to think of besides yourself. Suppose, for instance, you don't like the girl."

"And yet you say that she fascinates everyone, and that I am certain to fall in love with her."

"But your instinct, the best part of you, might not capitulate so quickly. I repeat once more, suppose the common sense part of you does not care for Vera Chrisanto."

"Do not call her by that name, she is my child. Whether I like her or not she is my daughter."

"There are a thousand ways of getting out of a difficulty of that sort," replied Scarsdale. "Remember, she is your illegitimate daughter. The queer state of things occurs through no fault of yours, but in a degree the mother was to blame. She ought never to have concealed the fact that she had not had direct tidings of her husband's death. As things are they may the girl has been born out of wedlock, and if you find her not to your mind nothing can be easier than to provide her liberally with money and keep yourself in the background. Remember, too, Nugent, that with all your caution, you are extremely apt to be mixed up with the party whom you detest when you claim that girl."

"Not at all, not at all; she will come round to my way of thinking. I am quite certain on that point. She is young, little more than a child, and I can exercise my authority. Why, man, she is not of age yet. Well, Scarsdale, I will be guided by you to the extent that I will go with you as a guest to-night to the Olloffs, and there see Vera."

"That is an excellent fellow, and I am sure you will not regret this caution. In the meantime I shall pay a visit to the Countess Fedora, and obtain the necessary leave to bring you with me."

Scarsdale hurried away, and Nugent spent the remainder of the afternoon in agitation of mind. He could not rest. He was utterly weary, and yet there was a nervousness about him which made it impossible for him to sit still. He had never been in Moscow before, although he had spent so many years in St. Petersburg, but the attractions of the far-famed Kremlin and the other beauties of the place had not the slightest interest for him. Every thought, every feeling, was centred on Vera. The girl who was flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone, who owed her existence to him, was in his vicinity. That very night he should see her, touch her hand, look into her eyes, feel the fatherhood within him to its fullest extent. He was prepared to give this unknown daughter, love, tenderness—he felt that he would love her all the more because of the wrong he had innocently done her.

He paced up and down his large saloon, now and then standing by the window to look out, although he saw little or nothing of what passed. It was arranged that Scarsdale was to join him at dinner, and they were afterwards to go in a drosenki to the Countess Fedora's splendid house in Tverskor Street.

During dinner the two men spoke little. Scarsdale respected his friend's unwonted agitation, and heartily wished the fateful moment over.

After dinner a carriage was summoned, and they drove straight to the Countess's reception. Here the usual signs of festivity were going on—matting was laid down in front of the house, awnings covered the main entrance, servants in gorgeous liveries stood about, carriages rolled by in quick succession, disgorged their brilliant contents and quickly disappeared.

Scarsdale had on purpose kept his friend somewhat late in arriving. When they got to the Countess's house the brilliant scene was at its height.

Scarsdale and Nugent entered the huge hall, passed through a saloon and then up the broad staircase, at the head of which stood the Countess Fedora. She presented a striking figure—there was a great deal of gold embroidery on her somewhat heavy dress, she wore a circlet of diamonds round her raven black locks, and diamonds of equal brilliancy sparkled round her neck and slender arms.

The Countess greeted both Scarsdale and his friend with effusion.

"It is a great honour to see you and to welcome you, Colonel Nugent," she said, speaking in excellent English, with the faintest touch of foreign accent. "I believe there are one or two other English people present to-night, and I have asked those of my guests who can to talk to you in the English tongue. You also, doubtless, know French?"

"And Russian," said the Colonel. "I lived in St. Petersburg for many years when I was a young man."

"How charming! Knowing French, English, and Russian, the whole world is, so to speak, open to you. Mr. Scarsdale, will you kindly do your duty and attend to Colonel Nugent. Introduce him to those people who will interest him most."

"The person I most wish to see," said the Colonel, "is a young girl of the name of Christanto—Vera Chrisanto. She is, Countess, I am given to understand, your ward."

"She is my ward," said the Countess, "and a very dear girl. She was close to me a moment ago. Ah! and there you are, Vera. Come forward, my love; a gentleman, an Englishman—Colonel Nugent—expresses a wish to be introduced to you."

A tall girl, slender as a reed, now stepped up to the Countess's side. She also wore a dress the reverse of English. It was made of white velvet and was so richly embroidered in silver that it clung to her lissom young figure. Her arms and neck were bare, her hair of a deep golden colour, almost inclining to red, was without any ornament. Her eyes were dark and very large, her features good. She had a queenly carriage and held herself upright as a young poplar tree.

"Mademoiselle Chrisanto—Colonel Nugent," said the Countess, in a low, rapid voice. "Go with the gentleman for a little, Vera, dear, I have several friends to whom I must talk. Entertain Colonel Nugent: introduce him to some English people, if there are any present. Mr. Scarsdale, you will follow, will you not?"

The Countess spoke in a low tone in French to Vera. Vera bowed low to the Colonel; as she did so a faint touch of colour enhanced the creamy beauty of her complexion. She then spoke in excellent English.

"I am very much pleased to make the acquaintance of a gentleman from England. Please come this way, Colonel Nugent." She deftly piloted him through a rapidly increasing crowd. The next moment they found themselves in a little ante-chamber.

"Will you rest here for a few moments? We shall be quiet and out of the worst of the din," she said. "It is very good of you to wish to know me."

Here she looked up with a certain simplicity and yet directness of glance which completely fascinated the Colonel.

"I have heard of you, mademoiselle, from my friend Scarsdale," he answered. He was trembling inwardly, but outwardly his manner was all that was charming, sympathetic, and natural. This girl was causing his pulses to beat quicker than their wont. It needed but a glance to tell that she was completely out of the common. She had strength of character, and he was certain also, honesty of purpose, and purity of motive. There was nothing selfish or self-conscious about her; she looked like one who lived for a high ideal, and to whom petty aims and objects would have no sympathy.

"Do you know Scarsdale well?" he asked, when Vera, who sat motionless with that absolute repose of attitude which is so seldom the gift of an Englishwoman, waited for him to address her.

"I have known Mr. Scarsdale for many years," was the reply. "He often honours Countess Fedora's receptions—I think he is a universal favourite."

"And the Countess receives often?" asked the Colonel.

"Sometimes twice a week," replied Vera. "We live in a round of gaiety. This is our life," she added.

"A girl so young as you are, were she brought up in England would be afraid to lose her beauty by keeping such late hours."

Vera laughed; her laughter was as silvery as bells.

"Health is the best protection for beauty," she answered, "and I am in superb health. Please, Colonel Nugent, talk to me about Mr. Scarsdale. You like him, too, don't you?"

"He is my greatest friend. I cannot tell you how heartily pleased I am that you appreciate him. I think he is the best fellow in the world. I have known him for years; ours is a tried friendship. He was good to me in a time of terrible trouble. How white you look, mademoiselle; you always have a sympathetic nature."

Vera coloured; a momentary impulse made her hold out her hand, and the Colonel clasped it. It was with the utmost difficulty he could keep himself from making his declaration there and then.

"Allow me to congratulate you on your excellent English," he said after a pause. "I should have thought that a foreign girl, a Russian in particular, could scarcely speak it so absolutely without accent."

"Why so?" she answered, raising her brows in slight surprise. "We Russians have a remarkable gift for acquiring languages, and as a child I spoke English."

"How many other languages do you know?" asked the Colonel, more from the delight of looking at her, and listening to her bright words, than because he cared to know.

Vera replied with seriousness.

"Of course, my own tongue, Russian," she said; "French also, as if it were my native language. We talk French as a rule at our receptions: it is the language of the Court—that is one of the great mistakes. I also speak one or two of our dialects," here her eyes darkened and the colour flooded her cheeks. She hurried on as if she were sorry she had spoken. "I know German slightly, and I am a good Spanish scholar. I find I can acquire a language in about three months. To learn foreign tongues is my favourite accomplishment."

"What use do you make of all this vast mass of knowledge?" enquired the Colonel.

"What use?" she answered, turning slightly, and looking him full in the face. "I never learn anything without a motive. I lead a full life, and have a goal before me."

"And what is that, if I may venture to enquire?"

Her lips parted in a low smile.

"You may certainly ask but I cannot answer," she replied. "Forgive me, Colonel Nugent; perhaps my speech is a little rude, but few girls would disclose the innermost motives of their hearts to a stranger."

"I ask your pardon a thousand times, mademoiselle," said the Colonel, bowing half in confusion, half in amusement. "Well," he added, "if there is anything you feel you can tell me I shall be charmed to hear it."

Vera rose slowly.

"I will come to you again presently," she said, "but now I must return to the Countess; she always expects me to look after her guests."

"But I have only just seen you."

"I'll come to you later in the evening. Now, may I take you back to Mr. Scarsdale. He knows almost everyone here, and can introduce you to many interesting people."

"Scarsdale," said Colonel Nugent, when he reached his friend, "you did not say one word too much for her; nay, my friend, you did not say half enough. She is the most beautiful girl I ever saw in the whole course of my life."

"That is scarcely news to me," said Scarsdale, looking at his friend with quiet amusement. "Vera is on all hands acknowledged to be one of the most lovely women of her time."

"She is, she is, Scarsdale; I thank God for this restored treasure. I shall spend the rest of my life doing what I can for my child."

"Yes, she is a wonderfully beautiful girl," said Scarsdale in a meditative voice—as he spoke he looked down the long vista of rooms—"you can see her from here," he said; "does she not make the very centre of the picture?"

Vera at that moment was talking to a little man with fiery red hair. He was gesticulating after the manner of a foreigner, and she was smiling down at him. She was nearly a head above him, and her fine figure had never shown to better advantage. Each motion, each movement was the perfection of grace. As she walked slowly down the brilliantly-lighted rooms, the radiance of her eyes, the sheen of her golden hair, the glittering points of light shown by each movement of her cloth of silver dress, made a picture which neither Nugent nor Scarsdale were ever to forget.

"Upon my word," said the latter, "I have known that girl off and on for a couple of years. I never see her without giving her a degree of admiration which I refuse to most women—but to-night she surpasses herself."

"What a sensation she will make in London," said Nugent. "With a daughter like that I must reverse all my preconceived ideas. I shall take her myself into society; she must be presented. I have money for everything. How glad I am now that I never squandered my substance!"

"She has a brilliant future before her," replied Scarsdale, "the only flaw being her opinions; but on that score you must be careful, old friend, for one glance is sufficient to show that there is courage in that face. She will not easily relinquish that which she holds."

"You are right there," said Colonel Nugent, with an uneasy gesture; "but never mind, Scarsdale, there is a thorn to every rose. It would take a great deal to make me afraid when I have a chance of calling such a girl mine."

"You have quite made up your mind to reveal yourself?"

"Yes, and to-night; she has promised to speak to me again. I shall tell her who I am before I leave these rooms."

"You are too precipitate; had you not better sleep over it?"

"I cannot; there is no rest for me until she knows it. Scarsdale, old friend, you can give me the opportunity I seek; make it possible for us two to be alone for a few minutes."

"Well, I will do my best," answered Scarsdale, "and as you have made up your mind the sooner you are out of suspense the better. What do you say to seeing Vera now?"

"As you like."

"It shall be at once. Go into that conservatory; I will send her to you."

Colonel Nugent vanished under a heavy velvet portière and Scarsdale made his way slowly up the crowded rooms. He knew most of the guests present. They nodded at him and smiled and exchanged a few words, but while he talked his eyes never lost sight of the slender figure in her cloth of silver dress. In a few moments he found himself close to Vera.

"Mademoiselle, can I have a word with you alone?" he asked.

"With pleasure, Mr. Scarsdale," was the reply. Vera's face was always pale, but now it had less colour than its wont—something had depressed her—the heavy lids with their black lashes partly veiled the great dark eyes.

"You are not well," said Scarsdale. He had often talked to this girl, and fancied he knew her every mood.

"I have heard news which makes me a little anxious," she answered. "We all have our anxieties, have we not?"

"It is not good for the young to be anxious," replied Scarsdale. "You are too much of a child to lead anything but a butterfly existence."

"Poof!" she answered, shrugging her shoulders with a pretty foreign gesture. "Care and I have been playmates for a long time. Shall I ever forget the mines at Kara, the desolation, the cruelty, the chains, the knout—Oh, my people! My oppressed and persecuted people!" She pulled herself together with a great effort and looked at Scarsdale.

"Was I talking aloud? Did you hear?" she asked abruptly.

"I heard; but, dear girl, I will never repeat. I know something of your life and story, Vera—you will forgive me if I call you once by your Christian name."

"Certainly, you have always seemed to me like a dear friend."

"I am glad you should think so. I have known something of your past and am likely to know more of your future."

She coloured vividly.

"What do you mean? How will you know my future? I am not an ordinary girl; I shall not lead an ordinary life."

"We none of us can predict about the future," said Scarsdale. "But now, to come to the point, what do you think of my friend, Nugent?"

"The Englishman whom you introduced to me to-night? He is in the English army, he is not?"

"He was, but he left the service many years ago. He is a rich man, and lives in a large house in London. In his own circle he has considerable influence."

"Indeed!" She looked attentive, drew herself up, and a new expression crossed her face.

"Why do you tell me this?" she asked.

"For a purpose. But you have not yet answered my question. What do you think of him?"

"He troubled me," she said, in a low voice.

"Troubled you? What do you mean?"

"I cannot explain myself; I felt queer and restless when with him, as if somehow I had known him before."

"Then I believe everything will be well," said Scarsdale, a radiant look coming in his face. "You will have much to do with Colonel Nugent in the future. Be prepared for something great and strange. From this moment your destiny is altered."

Vera leant against the heavy velvet portière through which Colonel Nugent had vanished into the conservatory.

"Why do you talk in that tone of mystery?" she asked. "It remind me——"

"Of what, or of whom?"

"Of one whose name I must not mention. But there! You are drawing me out of myself to a remarkable degree. What have you got at the back of your head?"

"I wish you to come with me to talk to Colonel Nugent. He is waiting in the conservatory; he has something to say to you."

"Suppose I would rather not see him again?"

"I ask it as a favour; the meeting just before you is of the utmost importance."

"All right, I will go," said Vera, proudly. "Did you say he was waiting in the conservatory? I can find my own way."

She bowed to Scarsdale, passed quickly under the portière, and the next moment was standing by Colonel Nugent's side.

He was seated under a great Oriental palm, and rose the moment he heard her footsteps. As she approached him she noticed how tall he was, how soldierly and upright in his gait. She also observed what an extraordinary pallor there was about his face; how bright, anxious, and pleading were his eyes.

"Mr. Scarsdale says you want to speak to me," remarked Vera, in a gentle tone. She paused within a few steps of the Colonel.

"Yes, I have something to say to you," he answered. "Will you sit here? I want to have a long talk with you, but if you prefer it I will break my news at once."

"If you have news I would rather hear what it is quickly, Colonel Nugent. I have never seen you before, you are a complete stranger to me; but I will say frankly that you are different from other men. You interest me. It seems wonderful, however, that you should have anything special to say to me. If you were a Russian I could understand it, but, being an Englishman—Englishmen do not burden their lives with secrets, so much the better for them; and yet to look at you I feel that you have a secret and that you mean to tell it to me. Yes, whatever you have to say, say it quickly."

"I will say it. It is little wonder that you are interested in me, it is little wonder that I am more than interested in you. Vera, you have been taught to consider yourself an orphan."

"Why do you call me Vera?" asked the girl. But she approached nearer; her face grew suddenly as white as Colonel Nugent's own.

"You have been taught to consider yourself an orphan," he repeated.

"I am an orphan; my mother died at my birth."

"And your father?"

"Someone once told me that he was an Englishman, but he doubtless is long in his grave—a father would not allow a girl to attain the age of twenty without declaring himself to her."

"You think so, and yet you are mistaken."

"What in the world do you mean?"

"I mean that your father stands before you. I am the man."

"You!" Vera stepped back two or three paces; her face was on flame, her eyes sparkled, her lips trembled. "You my father! I cannot hear you aright," she said.

"I am your father. In the name of God do not shrink from me."

"But I must have proof. This must—this must be impossible!"

"I can give you absolute and complete proof if such is necessary, but first take my hand—is not that sufficient proof?"

As he spoke the Colonel held out his hand. The girl clasped it. When she felt his fingers round hers she began to tremble. Soon this trembling assailed her from head to foot. She sat down on the divan which stood near and struggled with the faintness which was likely to get the mastery. In a moment or two it had passed.

"When I touched you that time I felt very strange; I felt as I never did before," she said. "It must be true, but let me look at you. You my father!"

"I was the husband of your mother. Does not that make me your father?"

"But she was married to another—a certain Count Chrisanto."

"Ah! you have heard of him," said the Colonel, turning pale.

"Certainly. He was my mother's husband."

"I was her second husband," said the Colonel.

"And Count Chrisanto is dead?" queried Vera.

"He has been in his grave for many years—over twenty years."

The Colonel told this lie with great firmness.

Vera looked thoughtful.

"And you can really prove that you are my mother's husband, and that you are my father?" she said, after a time.

"Yes. You, Vera, are my only child."

"How is it you never claimed me till now?"

"I will tell you that most sad, most terrible story, if you will listen. Are you calm enough to listen?"

"Quite. We are practically alone here. Pray speak."

The Colonel did speak. He told the story of the short and brilliant months which he had spent with Vera's mother. He told all that story except the part which related to the girl's illegitimacy. As he looked at her pure, high-class face, he was more than ever determined to conceal that part of his unfortunate history.

"Come what may she shall never know," he said to himself; "a stain of dishonour shall never touch her. She is the most lovely, the sweetest creature I could ever have imagined. She is ten times more beautiful than her mother ever was; she has soul in her eyes; there is strength about her—power; she shall never know what tortures me to think of—she shall never know. I will die first."

"And you call yourself Vera Chrisanto?" he said at last.

"Yes, that name was given to me long ago in the mines at Kara."

"It is not your name; you are Vera Nugent. In the future you must be known by your true name."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that you are to return to England with me. You are to live with me."

"But I cannot."

"You must not say those three words. Look me in the face and say 'I will live with you—father.'"

"But I cannot father."

"Ah! thank God, at least you say the word, the beautiful, blessed word. Say it to me once again. Look me in the eyes and say 'Father!'"

Vera turned straight round and looked full into the Colonel's face.

"Father," she said, softly.

"Daughter," he replied.

They clasped each other's hands.

"You have told me much," she said, and "now it is my turn to talk of myself. Yes, I am glad you are my father. I feel as if I had known you for a long time—there is nothing of the stranger about you. You are in very deed the author of my being. As such I accept you unreservedly and freely once for all. I am glad to have met you to-night, but I am also sorry."

"Don't say that, Vera. Don't, I beg of you."

"I must say it, for it is true. My feelings are terribly mingled. I am your daughter, but I have not been brought up with you. You are an Englishman, I am a Russian; my opinions are not yours, they could never be yours. You would not be happy with me if you knew me as I am. No, father, I cannot go with you to London. Write to me sometimes—sometimes, if you will, even come to see me—but to live with you, to take up the ordinary life of an English girl, to be your daughter, just Vera Nugent, just a happy English maiden with no care, no sorrow, no vows, no difficult path before her—that cannot be. We have met too late."

"What do you mean, child? You are terribly mysterious."

"I cannot help it, my whole life is shrouded in mystery. Oh, I am more sorry than glad of this—more sorry than glad."

Here the tears which she could not suppress suddenly rained from her eyes, she covered her face with her handkerchief, bent forward and swayed herself to and fro passionately. The Colonel laid his hand on her shoulder in unutterable distress.

"My darling," he said, "speak. Tell me what worries you. I vow before heaven that nothing now shall part us."

"Why did you not find me three years ago?" was the reply. "It is too late now—much too late."

Before Colonel Nugent could say another word a little fiery red-haired man who had been speaking to Vera earlier in the evening, came up.

"Mademoiselle, the Countess Fedora requests your presence immediately."

He stared at Nugent, whose pale face showed the agitation he was living through.

Vera stood up, recovering herself on the instant.

"Count Olloff!" she said, "may I introduce you to my friend, Colonel Nugent, Colonel Nugent, Count Oloff."

CHAPTER VI.

"If it had been three years ago I could have gone to him," said Vera. "It is now too late."

She was standing in the bright, luxuriously-appointed boudoir of the Countess Fedora.

"I could have been happy with him," she continued, "for I love him already; but now as things are I can never have anything to do with him."

The Countess, who was lying on a divan near, her arms stretched back, her hands supporting her head, gazed with some curiosity at the excited girl.

"Why all this fuss and agitation?" she said, after a pause.

"Because"—Vera stopped to dash some tears from her eyes. "Have you no feeling, Fedora? Is it nothing to you that one who considered herself an orphan, who was without any known relatives in the wide world, should suddenly have found so close a friend as a father—and such a father!" she added.

"I think your excitement perfectly natural," said the Countess. "It is not with regard to that that I blame you: it is because you choose to make a tragedy over what is a most fortunate occurrence. This is a vital discovery, Vera. You must go to your father; we can use this—this relationship."

"No, we cannot," said the girl, her eyes flashing. She took a step forward, her whole face underwent a change; a look of cat-like cruelty, of fierce, determination filled it.

"You are not going to put me to any plot of this kind, Fedora," she whispered, "for I won't submit, I would rather die than submit."

"You would perhaps rather go to the mines: you would doubtless prefer the knout on your naked shoulders," said the Countess.

"No, no, do not talk of the knout, it unnerves me. You remember, you must remember——"

"I know everything; but it is necessary to remind you, Vera. My dear, you have joined our Cause; you must submit to the course it indicates; you have not been promoted to the post of Number One for nothing."

"I know it; I wish I had never taken the position. There are times when I hate and loathe it."

"And yet, Vera—the knout!"

"Oh don't, don't! Listen, Fedora; you have means by which you can cow me and you are cruel when you use them, but at any cost I tell you plainly now, I will not go to my father to act as a spy. I love him already, and I will not do it; now you know my mind."

The Countess had slowly risen as the girl spoke. She now stood within a few paces of her victim. She was a very handsome woman, but her chin was obstinate, her mouth, beautifully curved as it was, was too thin for absolute beauty. When it shut, the lips were apt almost to disappear; the mouth then presented nothing but a straight hard line: it gave the whole face a cruel expression. The eyes on such an occasion might have belonged to a devil, so malignant, so malevolent could their glances become. She stared now full at Vera, who was standing motionless in front of her, her long arms hanging limp at her sides. After a moment's pause she came up to the young girl and whispered something in her ear.

"I am cruel to be kind," she said then. "Let me remind you"—she bent forward, said a few words too low to be audible to anyone else, then backed a pace and looked exultantly at the result of her work.

The girl had turned as white as a sheet; she covered her face with her hands and walked a few steps away in the direction of the nearest window.

"You are the cruellest woman in all the world, Fedora," she said then.

"I repeat, cruel to be kind, my love. After all, Vera, have you no stuff, no spunk, no grit, no go? What is one's girl's life when we consider the millions who suffer? What is one life worth, Vera, in comparison?"

"I know, I know; and I am willing to do anything as far as I myself am concerned. I would take up anything, I would espouse any duty, however repugnant, however horrible, for the most sacred Cause—which I love, for which I would die."

"You may well speak as you do when you think of the blow which the Russian Government dealt to your own mother and to you—to you."

"Pray, Fedora, for heaven's sake speak lower. When you become excited as you are now you lose all your caution."

"Ah, yes, you are right, my most adorable girl. After all, Vera, I have not half your pluck, I have not half your tact. You are the one woman in the world to take the lead in a Cause like ours; you have youth, beauty, skill, tact, that marvellous power of influencing others at your fingers' ends. Through you, darling, we shall conquer—we shall conquer. Is your magnificent life to be thrown overboard simply because you have found such a very commonplace possession as a father?"

"You don't quite know what it means to me, Fedora. You have been surrounded by relatives all your life; and a father, the one to whom I owe existence——"

The Countess gave a low laugh.

"There is no woman born into the world who cannot claim some man as her father," she said.

"True, but the sudden possession agitates me. I find, Fedora, that I am one of those unhappy women who is gifted with a great power of affection. I have here a big heart." She pressed her hand to her bosom as she spoke. "Countess Fedora, that heart aches—it aches terribly. The life of an ordinary English girl was presented to me in such roseate hues—the peace of the life, the delight of possessing such a home as English women have, the thought of a father who would protect and love me. It presented itself, the dream did, in such a beautiful light that my whole soul went out with a passionate longing to clasp it and let everything else go by."

"You shall live in your dream, my dear. It is exactly what you are most fitted for."

"What do you mean? Can I by any possibility give up my vows? Can they ever, under any circumstances, lose their binding power over me?"

"Never, Vera."

"Then what do you mean?"

"I mean nothing definite to-night, except that where the Cause wills you to go, you go, even though you tread a path of fire, and your naked heart is pierced by the sword. My dear, go to bed now—you are over-excited—and dream of England, and rest in peace. Go to bed, Vera; you are the most beautiful woman I know, and the cleverest. It rests with you to save millions."

"I cannot save them in that way."

"You will if you are compelled, or——"

"Do not say those words again, Fedora. You have whispered them already to-night. Don't—I cannot bear it."

The girl backed up against the wall, her face, brave as it looked, assumed an expression of absolute terror.

"I will not if it is not necessary. Vera, you are the pluckiest woman I know—the pluckiest, the most beautiful, the cleverest. You have unbounded tact. I always told you yours would be a high position, but to-night I see possibilities before you which absolutely amaze me. You may be a second Joan of Arc or a Charlotte Corday; you may be anything you like. Think what a lofty destiny, to be the saviour of suffering, down-trodden millions; and yet, girl, you hesitate. Your foot is on the ladder and you are afraid to climb. Is it because, forsooth, you have a heart? Believe me, Vera, a heart is a great possession, but sometimes its owner can make a false use of it. You are afraid to suffer. Bah! I am surprised at you. What is one girl's happiness? Do not think of yourself any more; be utterly unselfish, and then you will be strong enough for that which is before you. Now go to bed, sleep, and dream. You are a lucky woman. Kiss me before you go."

But Vera did not do so; she raised her eyes once and gazed steadily at the Countess—the two women were tall, but the Countess was a trifle the taller of the two—then sweeping her train of cloth of silver over her arm the girl slowly left the apartment.

She had scarcely done so before Count Olloff came in.

"Well, Fedora," he cried, "have you been talking to Vera about her grand discovery?"

"I have; but she is overcome to-night; her will totters, she has fallen in love with that obtuse Englishman."

"Well, he happens to be her father."

"She has fallen in love with the tame life of others—the mood will pass of course. It is a grand discovery, it means money, unlimited power, an important centre in the heart of London, all in fact that we want."

"It also means ample opportunity for a most delicate revenge on the part of a friend of ours. The Count must know of this immediately."

"Number Three!" said Countess Fedora, dropping her voice.

"Speak of him as the Count—Countess, you are ever rash."

"I know that. In many ways I am all impulse. I have not got that child's coolness. What an extraordinary mixture she is—fire and snow. Snow one moment, devouring flame the next. Oh, she can do great things, and she shall!"

"I verily believe that girl casts her glamour even over you," said the Count, speaking slowly.

"She stimulates my ambitions," said the Countess, "but she never softens me. On the contrary, she hardens my heart. I see possibilities within her, far-reaching, beyond our wildest dreams. Yes, Count, she shall do what we need, although she treads a path of fire."

(To be continued.)

LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Board of Guardians was held on Thursday last in the Board Room, at Lanchester. Mr. T. J. Muse (vice-chairman) presided and there were also present the Rev. T. H. Archdale, Mrs. Piercey-Taylor-Smith, Messrs. E. Sloane, Geo. Hobson, W. Gray, W. Young, Geo. Forster, J. Reece, W. T. Down, W. Bulmer, R. Mitchinson, T. Lowdon, R. Kay, W. Aynsley J.P., T. S. Longstaff, E. J. Wardle, P. Kirkup, J. W. Jamieson, W. Robinson, U. A. Ritson junior, J. B. Armstrong, Dr. Henley, J. T. Robinson, G. D. Powell, J. Davison, B. Mason, G. J. Robinson, W. H. Telford, V. Dunn, W. Welsh, Dr. Wilson (medical officer,) the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson,) and the Workhouse Master, (Mr. W. Brotherhood.)

PAUPER STATISTICS.

The Master reported that the number of inmates in the Workhouse was 191 as against 207 in the corresponding period of last year. The out-door relief cases in the eastern district were 361 as against 420, and in the western district 379 against 430.

PUBLIC VACCINATOR.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of public vaccinator for Benfieldside in the place of Dr. Allen resigned.

The Clerk read applications from Dr. Moore Blackhill; Dr. Reid, Blackhill, and Dr. Grainger Consett. Dr. Grainger in his application said he had not canvassed for the position and if the application depended upon it, then he did not wish his application to go forward.

The Chairman said all the applicants were thorough gentlemen efficient doctors and qualified to do the work. Dr. Moore was a partner with Dr. Renton and the name of Renton had been a household word in North-West Durham for 60 years. Fifty-seven years ago the old doctor did either a very good or a very bad thing. He brought their humble servant into the world. (A laugh.) Coming from the forties to the seventies, Dr. Renton's two sons came home from college as doctors of medicine. Dr. William Renton was still living and for many years was vaccinaton officer—in fact he helped to create the office. They would remember that in the early seventies an awful small-pox epidemic swept the people round like an avalanche. It broke out among the navvies at the reservoir and they fell like sheep. The disease came down to Castleside and they had small-pox to their right and to their left and in front of them. Dr. Renton was then in his full prime and did his best to stamp out the disease. He vaccinated people right and left. He (the Chairman) was re-vaccinated but somehow he would not take. (Laughter.) Dr. Renton commenced to agitate about the business 25 years ago and was appointed vaccination officer. He held the appointment for a number of years and then left the district and went to Chester-le-Street, but continued to be head of the firm. His brother George was then appointed, and then Dr. Allen succeeded. He was very sorry to say that Dr. Allen had had to resign for he believed he was a very efficient and painstaking doctor. Now, he thought it was right and fair that the appointment should go back to the Rentons. It really belonged to them by right. When that Board knew the why and wherefore they always wanted to do that which was right. He had much pleasure, therefore, in proposing that Dr. Moore be appointed.

The Rev. T. H. Archdale seconded the nomination. He had had the pleasure of knowing the Rentons for 22 years and he had always found them most attentive to their duties. Inasmuch as Dr. Moore had been deputy officer and had performed his duties well, he (Mr. Archdale) did not see any reason why he should not be appointed. There was also another thing which induced him to vote for Dr. Moore. He did not consider it right that prospective officials of that Board should be allowed to canvass for an appointment. That being so he felt he must vote for Dr. Moore.

Mr Powell said he had been very pleased to hear the Chairman's remarks in relation to the old firm who had done good in their day. In regard to vaccinaton no doubt it was very much required in the time of the great epidemic. As to that appointment there was one applicant who had not canvassed, who belonged to Consett, and who had done a considerable amount of good in that place. Dr. Grainger was a very temperate man as he (Mr. Powell) was himself. (Laughter.) That was one reason why he stood up to propose him. Between the others he could not make up his mind. They had no small-pox now but they had a good deal of drunkenness and they had need of temperance doctors. He had therefore pleasure in proposing Dr. Grainger.

Mr. Bulmer asked if it was necessary to propose any of the candidates? The proper way in his opinion was to put the names to the Board and take a vote on each.

Mr. Aynsley took it that they were going to vote on the three candidates. He had very great pleasure in proposing Dr. Reid, of Blackhill. Dr Reid was a gentleman he had known for a considerable time and could speak of him as a man of sterling qualities as a medical. He (Mr. Aynsley) did not know much about this temperance business. The reason why Mr. Powell proposed Dr. Grainger because he was a temperate man. He did not know what Mr Powell meant by that. Was he temperate in eating beef or mutton? (Laughter.) If Dr. Reid was appointed he was certain he would give every satisfaction to the Board. It was a sufficient guarantee to them to know that Dr. Reid was one of the medical officers of the Consett Iron Company for he was sure the Company would not admit a man on their books unless they were thoroughly satisfied with his ability and character.

Mr. Gray said he had great pleasure in seconding Dr. Reid's nomination and in endorsing Mr. Aynsley's remarks.

The Chairman said Dr. Grainger was not seconded.

Mr. Wardle thought it was out of course altogether to make propositions. There were three applicants before them and they ought to vote upon them.

Mr. G. J. Robinson thought so too. In reference to the Chairman's remarks he pointed out that Dr. Renton was not applying as Dr. Renton for the position. The candidates were Drs. Moore, Reid, and Grainger, but all the Chairman said was in favour of Dr. Renton and not a word in favour of Dr. Moore. Dr. Reid was not connected with a firm but was principal in his own concern at Blackhill. He went to Blackhill and commenced a practice and built it up from the bottom and he was now the principal medical man in Blackhill. Had Dr. Renton himself been applying he should certainly have voted for him but it was not Dr. Renton; it was only a member of his firm.

The chairman said he had a letter from Dr. Renton which he would ask the clerk to read but the Board declined to have it read. They proceeded to vote as follows:

For Dr. Grainger—Mr. Dunn, 1.

For Dr. Reid.—Messrs Armstrong, W. Aynsley, Forster, Gray, Jamieson, Down, Kay, Mason, W. Robinson, G. J. Robinson, Sloane, Welsh, Wardle, and Young—11

For Dr. Moore—Mrs. Piercey-Taylor-Smith, the Chairman, Messrs. Archdale, Bulmer, Davison, Henley, Hobson, Kirkup, Longstaff, Lowdon, Mitchinson, Powell, Reece, Ritson, and J. T. Robinson—15.

Mr. Telford did not vote.

On the second voting between Drs. Moore and Reid, Messrs Dunn and Telford did not vote, leaving the other voting unchanged.

Dr. Moore was therefore appointed by 15 votes to 14, and was formally elected on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Longstaff.

WORKHOUSE DIET.

The Clerk read a circular letter from the Local Government Board concerning certain alterations in the dietary for Workhouse inmates. According to the order the Board has secured greater uniformity in the nutritive value of the dietary tables now in force throughout the various Poor Law Unions, and further has given to Boards of Guardians a wider discretion in the selection of tables of dietaries appropriate to their respective workhouses. The order will come into force on March 25th next but provision is made that in the case of any particular Poor Law union it may, at the option of the guardians, be brought into force from December 25th next. The new tables as set out by the Local Government Board in various classes, are much the same as those already in force so far as they affect the adult poor. In the case of children, however, it is required of Guardians that they shall give special consideration to the provision of meals, especially where children going out to school are unable to return to dinner. It is pointed out that the feeding of young children calls for very careful and often individual management, and it is required that for the future this matter shall be entrusted to the medical officer. An important provision of the new order is that in future the medical officer must revise at least once a month all sick diets and extras ordered by him and no allowance of alcoholic stimulant to the sick may be continued for more than eight days without renewal by the medical officer.

The matter was referred to the House Committee with instructions to report at the next Board meeting.

TENDERS FOR POTATOES.

The Chairman said the Board was recommended to accept the tender for potatoes of the Consett Iron Company who offered two tons at £4 a ton.

Mr Bulmer: Do you say the Consett Iron Company?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Bulmer: Do they deal in potatoes? (Laughter.)

The tender was accepted.

LAUNDRY MACHINERY.

The Clerk said the Committee went over the premises with the agent of the contractor and gave instructions respecting the foundations, which had been carried out. They were now waiting for the machinery.

Mr. Bulmer asked if they had any idea when the machinery would come?

The Clerk said the contractor told them three weeks ago that it would be delivered without delay.

THE LATE MR. RITCHIE.

Mr. Archdale said since their last meeting they had lost a colleague by death. He referred to the late Mr. Ritchie, whom he always found to be a straightforward and honourable man, who was always actuated by a sense of duty. He moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased gentleman.

Mr. Bulmer seconded the motion, and the Chairman said he was sure Mr. Archdale had voiced the feelings of every member of the Board.

The motion was agreed to, and the meeting terminated.

GREAT PRIZE SCHEME.

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A list of the Prize Winners in the July Competition will be sent free to anyone upon application.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

A monthly meeting of the members of this Board was held at Lanchester on Thursday last, Mr. Muse presiding, when Dr. Allen reported that since the last meeting one case of enteric fever had been admitted into Leadgate Infectious Hospital. —Dr. Wilson reported that nine cases of scarlet fever and three of typhoid had been discharged convalescent from Langley Park Hospital, and 14 cases of scarlet fever and three of typhoid had been admitted. There were at present in the Hospital five cases of typhoid fever and 18 of scarlet fever, all doing fairly well.

The Clerk read a report from a Committee, respecting a proposed additional wing to Langley Park Hospital to contain 12 beds. The Committee recommended that the work be proceeded with and that Mr. Rounthwaite, architect, Sunderland be instructed to prepare designs and supervise the work.—A discussion ensued in the course of which Mr. J. E. Parker, Blackhill, and Mr. G. T. Wilson, Blackhill, were proposed in place of Mr. Rounthwaite, and ultimately Mr. Wilson was appointed.—The report was then adopted and the meeting terminated.

CONSETT.

Alleged False Pretences.—At Consett Police Court last Thursday, a man named Albert Taylor, who described himself as a tailors' cutter was charged with having obtained the sum of two shillings from Mr. John Aitchison, fruiterer, Middle Street, Consett, on the 20th of October. It was stated that Taylor went into the shop and offered some rat poison for sale. Mr. Aitchison refused to purchase any, and later, when Mr. Aitchison was out Taylor again went to the shop and represented to the assistant that Mr. Aitchison desired her to buy two boxes, for which he received 2/-. —He was remanded.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Ploughing Association.—A general meeting of the Chester-le-Street, Witton Gilbert, and Pity Me Ploughing and Hedgecutting Association was held on Friday at the King's Head Inn, Chester-le-Street. Mr. W. W. Coxon, Picktree, presided over a large attendance.—Mr. T. Thurlow, the secretary, having removed from the district, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.—Mr. J. G. Paxton, Pity Me, was appointed as his successor.—It was reported that the association was in a prosperous state, with a good balance in hand. It was decided to hold the annual competitions on Wednesday, 9th January next, upon lands in the vicinity of Witton Gilbert.

Rare opportunity at THE CASTLE WATCH WORKS for good Watches, Jewellery, and Silver Plate, &c., &c., during Removal Sale.

A LOCAL FARMER'S AFFAIRS.

At the Newcastle Bankruptcy Court on Thursday last, before Mr. Registrar Dendy, C. Fred. Gascoigne, originally a mission preacher, but latterly a farmer, came up for his first examination. Four and a half years ago he started business as a grazing farmer near Consett on £100 capital borrowed from his future father-in-law Mr. Elliott. After being on the farm a year he married Miss Elliott. Later on he took West Butsfield Farm but did not prosper. His wife was a creditor for £400, but really she got all the money from her father. All this £400 was received during his three years' tenancy of West Butsfield from May 1897, to May, 1900. The farm did not produce sufficient herbage, and that accounted for his present position. He was advised at the end of the first year to try again, but still did no better.

The Official Receiver: But you must have got some money from the sale of your beasts?

Debtor: Yes sir but there was the cost of the upkeep of the farm. We had to buy hay. We lost money on some.

The Official Receiver: But in addition to getting this £500, you have borrowed money from ten professional lenders all over Northumberland and Durham.

Debtor: Some of them wrote to me.

The Official Receiver: And you seem to have done very little else but live on this borrowed money. It seems strange that there should have been no return from the working of the farm.

Debtor said that in 1900 he went to Mount Pleasant, which was a much better farm and which made him think he would do better. But he had to go to three fresh money lenders. He thought such a proceeding was fair, as he expected he could pay them back. He got a loan from Mr. Soloman Turner, but just as he received this money he had to pay it over to Mr. Wolfe, of Sunderland to stave off an execution. (Laughter.)

The Official Receiver: You have been trading 4½ years and apparently have never made a single profitable transaction. Yet, having got £500 from your father-in-law, you borrow £300 from ten money lenders. What earthly chance had you of paying off all the instalments of these loans?

Debtor: We were expecting to pull through with the last farm. Before that I sold beasts to meet the payments.

The case was adjourned till November 22nd.

STANHOPE.

School Board.—Dr. Livingstone presided over Friday's meeting of the Stanhope School Board.—Mr. Moorhouse proposed that the salaries of the head teachers at Lanehead and Rookhope be £125; at Wearhead, St. John's Chapel, Westgate, and Frosterley, £135; and at Stanhope, £150. As they were now paid by the block grant, he thought this was an opportune time to somewhat equalise things. Mr. Hartley seconded the motion, though it did not exactly meet his views. Mr. Dalkin proposed that the matter be held over for six months. The present system of paying the masters a salary and half the grants had worked very well. Mr. Featherstone seconded. Mr. Phillipson and Mr. Fenwick supported the amendment, which was carried by five votes to two.—The maximum fine for non-attendance has been raised to 20s.

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A Miner's Misery Ended

BY

Bile Beans for Biliousness

AFTER SUFFERING AGONY WITH INDIGESTION AND BILIOUSNESS.

(Extract from the "Durham Chronicle."

The village of Burnhope, Durham, is a veritable hive of industry. It is two miles from Lanchester, the nearest station, and lives a life all its own. Coal getting is the staple industry, and the working inhabitants of this out-of-the-way place, bring to the surface no less than 800 or 900 tons every day. In such a hive of industry it is only natural that the hardest workers very soon build up a reputation. Young Thomas Pattison, a fireman at the colliery, enjoyed such a reputation for a long time. Then he began to suffer from attacks of biliousness and indigestion, and had it not been for Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness, would in all probability by this have been—like scores of others who neglect to attend to themselves—absolutely incapable of any work. In an interview with a "Durham Chronicle" reporter fireman Pattison said that at first he began to suffer from a feeling of nausea which became worse and worse. He thought that in all probability something he had eaten had disagreed with him, and that the feeling would soon wear off. On the contrary, however, as the days passed he got worse. The thought of food brought on sickness, and the pains of indigestion made his working hours miserable. That other marked symptom of indigestion—sleeplessness—also presented itself. Pain and sickness by day, and restless tossing about at night. This was the state of affairs to which he was reduced. He began to cast about him for a remedy, and tried several so-called cures in vain. Looking over the newspaper one day when he was in a sad condition, he read of a case which corresponded in all ways to his own. This case had been quickly cured by Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness. So impressed was he with the similarity of his case with that which they had cured that he sent off at once for a box of Bile Beans. He commenced to take two each day, and to his unspeakable delight, before the box was half done he felt that there was an improvement. Of course having discovered that he continued to take them, and the net result has been that to-day he is back at work well and strong, and fit as ever he was in his life. "Bile Beans alone have cured me," he said to the reporter, "and I can conscientiously recommend them to all who suffer as I did." Corroboration of this interesting cure was given by Mr. Pattison's uncle, who was present during the interview, his nephew and his brother's wife; and wherever he is known further corroboration can be obtained if necessary. Miners particularly, probably on account of the great deal of stooping they have to do, are liable to the ailment of which Mr. Pattison has been cured. For biliousness and indigestion, rheumatism, constipation, piles, weakness colds, chill, or headache, Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness are a speedy and safe cure. Vegetable in composition their action is eminently natural and the cures they effect permanent.



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Public Notices.

WINNING NUMBER, BICYCLE, 271.

LEADGATE LADIES' CYCLING CLUB.

THE MEMBERS of the Leadgate L.C.C. intend holding an ASSEMBLY on Tuesday Night, Nov. 13th. Dr. Sloane is engaged for the Music, and Mrs. Chorley is Caterer for the company. 192j

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF DIPTON

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572e G. NICHOLSON, Contractor.

BRITISH WOMENS' TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Church Hall, Parliament Street, Consett, on Thursday, Nov. 8th, 1900. An Address will be delivered by MRS. KNOX LYAL, of Stocksfield. Solos by the MISSES SURTEES and MR. J. SIDDLE. Chair to be taken at 7 30 p.m. by REV. W. D. CROUDACE, Vicar of Consett.

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SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB.

GRAND ANNUAL CONCERT, in the TEMPERANCE HALL, on NOV. 9TH, 1900. Unprecedented Attractions. Artistes: Madame MARIE ANDERSON, Soprano, London Concerts, Mr. HENRY BRFARLEY, The Great Yorkshire Tenor, Mr. DUNCANSON, Bass, Miss MYRTLE LUMSDEN, Solo Violin, A.R.C.M., R.A.M., Mr. LESLIE HARRIS, Prince of Humourous Entertainers. See Bills.

CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the above Association WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOV. 9th, at 7·30 p.m. IN THE SMALL HALL OF THE NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

All Liberals are invited to attend.

JOHN WILDSMITH,

326j Hon. Secretary.

TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

RENE BULL

The Eminent War Artist and Correspondent to "Black and White" is re-booked.

Date and particulars will be duly announced.

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

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Amount acknowledged	1245	19	10
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379j	£1278	16	6

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY.

THIRD ANNUAL

EXHIBITION AND MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

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

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

For Vocalists and Instrumentalists see small Bills and Programmes.

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

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Public Notices.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT

AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

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

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With full Scenic and Spectacular Effects, By permission of R. D'Oyly Carte, Esq., Savoy Theatre, London, will be given by a full Company of Local Artistes,

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Prices of Admission—

Numbered and Reserved Seats, First Ballot, 3s. per seat; Second Ballot, 2s. per seat. A Discount of 10 per cent will be allowed off above prices to Patrons booking Three or more Seats.

Unreserved Seats, One Shilling each.

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

Doors open at 7·15 p.m. Overture at 7·45 p.m. Ticket-holders only admitted up to 7·30 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the Queen's Nursing Association.

Carriages at 10·30 p.m.

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

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

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

M. W. DELANEY is prepared to receive PUPILS in Drawing and Painting at 2, Elgin Villas, Rowlands Gill. Half Term commences Monday, Nov. 12th. 369j

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TEMPERANCE HALL, SHOTLEY BRIDGE RECENTLY NEWLY RE-PAINTED AND DECORATED.

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THURSDAY, 15th NOV., 1900, from 8 to 12 o'clock. The entire proceeds to be spent in a much needed improvement to the Porch of the Building.

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The number of Tickets being limited, early application is necessary to prevent disappointment. 272j

Legal Notices.

BENFIELDSIDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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J. B. LAZENBY,

Clerk to the said Council.

N.B.—All Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees or Occupiers of lands required for the said Works, or which are intended to be taken, will receive due notice of the same during the month of December next, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, duplicate plans, &c., will be deposited at the Parliament Offices of the House of Lords and at the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and also at the Offices of the Local Government Board, in London, accompanied by a Petition, in pursuance of the Standing Orders of Parliament. 365j

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REV. T. W. FAWTHROP,
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Will Preach in the above Church
ON
SUNDAY, NOV. 11th, 1900,
Morning, 10.30 and Evening at 6 o'clock.

A MUSICAL SERVICE will be given in the Afternoon at 2 p.m., by the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Choir. MISS MAGGIE WILSON, of Newcastle, will sing Solos at each of the above Services. Collections for Choir Funds. 332j

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH, PARK ROAD, BLACKHILL.
SUNDAY, NOV. 11th, 1900.
Morning, 10.45 } REV. G. F. JOHNSON,
Evening, 6 } of Gateshead.
Collections in aid of Building Fund.
ON MONDAY, NOV. 12th, a
JUVENILE MISSIONARY MEETING
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Recitations, Speeches, and Solos by Teachers and Scholars of Sunday School. Chair to be taken at 7.30. Collection for Home and Foreign Missions. 334j

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.
THE next SPECIAL SALE of GRAZING CATTLE & SHEEP will be held on FRIDAY NOV. 9th, 1900. Early entries respectfully solicited.
JAMES TURNBULL,
300j. Auctioneer.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AUCTION MART.
THE Eighteenth ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRIZE SHOW SALE will be held on WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12th, 1900. Prize Lists on application. Entries close Dec. 7th, 1900, and are respectfully solicited.
JAMES TURNBULL,
331j. Auctioneer.

By Mr John Crawford

John Crawford's Salerooms, Victoria Street, Consett.

SALE of the CONTENTS of a Well-furnished HOUSE, on Monday first, November 12th, at One o'clock:—3 Sets Mahogany Drawers, Press, Sideboard, Iron Frame Piano, &c., &c.
Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it sold at this Sale or brought outright for Cash. 378j

SPECIAL SALE of Horses, Carts, Harness, &c., Wednesday, Nov. 21st, at Crawford's Ground, Gibson Street, Consett. Please forward Entries for Horses, Carts, &c. in time for next week's Papers and Posters to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Consett. 372j

SALE OF BUSINESS and other PROPERTY at Consett and Blackhill at an early date. Anyone wishing to dispose of Property or Shares can have them included in this sale by applying to JOHN CRAWFORD, Auctioneer, Victoria Street, Consett. 309j

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Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr T. D. Dryden.

Sale of Cottage Furniture at the Masonic Hall, Consett, Monday, Nov. 12th, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock prompt. Removed for Convenience of Sale.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, instructed by a Gentleman leaving the District, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Masonic Hall, Consett, on Monday, Nov. 12th, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock, Painted Chest Drawers, Kitchen Table, Longsettle, 9 Kitchen Chairs, 2 Round Tables, 8 Fenders and Fireirons, 2 Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Four Polled Bed, Painted Washstand and Dressing Table, Dressing Table, Swing Glass, Harmonium, Oilcloth, Carpet, Stair Carpet and Rods, Blinds and Rollers, 3 Hearthrugs, 50-Candle Power Lamp, with all the Pots, Pans, Dishes, and usual Utensils too numerous to mention.

Also at 7.30 p.m. at the same place, a large quantity of General DRAPERIES, Ladies' Underclothing, Bed Linen, Table Linen, Ribbons, Feathers, and a General Assortment of Goods worthy of your attention.

N.B.—The Sale will be held in the Hall on the first Floor.
339j T. D. DRYDEN, Auctioneer, Consett.

To Contractors, Builders, &c.

Lily Colliery Drift, Rowlands Gill, Wednesday, Nov. 14th, 1900, at 1.30 o'clock prompt. Important Sale of Contractors' and Builders' Plant.

MR. T. D. DRYDEN, honoured with instructions from Messrs. Graham and Skelton, Contractors (on the completion of their Contract at the Lily Drift), will SELL BY AUCTION, on Wednesday, Nov. 14th, 1900, at 1.30 prompt, the whole of the Valuable PLANT.

INVENTORY:
1 Scotch Derrick Crane, 35ft. Jib, made by G. Robson and Co., Sunderland.
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7 Masons' Hods. Large quantity of Scaffold Ropes. 2 Guy Ropes.
1,600ft. Scaffold Poles, 28 to 30ft. 2,000ft. 9 by 2 Battens.
1,000ft. 9 by 3 Battens. 1,000ft. Surplus Lot, 2 Steel Hoops for Pug Mill, 4 Ladders, 36ft., 30ft., 21ft., and 10ft., Lime Screen, 6 Lime Boards, 4 Clay Boxes, 7 Centres, 100 ft. 6in. Scaffold Pudlicks, Coup Cart and Harness, Fire Stove, 60 Picks, Shovels and Spades, Shafts, quantity of Chains, Iron and Steel Pipes, Bolts, Screws, Pails, Iron, small Timber, with all the usual Tools, &c., too numerous to mention.
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By Mr. Nathan Elsdon

MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1900.

LARGE SALE of VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Pianoforte, Walnut Cabinet and Mahogany Sideboards, Linen, Carpets, and Cutlery.

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

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

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

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

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, November 9th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Coun. Tucker scores. In commenting some time since upon the fact that Coun. Tucker was defeated when attempting to induce the members of the Blaydon District Council to adopt Part III of the Housing of the Working Classes Act of 1900, we ventured to express the opinion that the genial member for the Spen would not allow this to discourage him, but that he would persevere until he attained his object. Recent events have gone far to justify everything we then uttered, as last week Coun Tucker again submitted his motion to the Blaydon Council, and on this occasion had the satisfaction of seeing it carried by seven votes to five. Coun. Tucker once more found an able supporter in the Rev. A. B. Tebb, who, in the course of some interesting remarks, referred to the fact that at Winlaton recently there were fifty applicants for one house and said that under such conditions landlords could practically charge any rent they liked. The rev. gentleman also remarked upon the overcrowding prevalent in the district, and stated that the Government had passed that Act in order that they might take advantage of it, and he hoped they would do so. Coun. Crookes made a strong speech in opposing the motion, giving as his opinion that the alleged possibilities of the Act were mere clap-trap; but in spite of this the Council decided to adopt Part III of the Act. It will be interesting to watch how the experiment works. It has proved to be a success in many other parts of the country, and, properly worked, we see no reason why it should not turn out satisfactorily in the Blaydon district. Statistics demonstrate that over-crowding is not decreasing in the county, and, on the score of health and morality—to mention nothing else—some drastic steps will have to be taken in the near future to deal effectively with the evil, for such it undoubtedly is.

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Operatic Society. We are pleased to learn that Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera, "Patience," now being rehearsed by the Consett and District Amateur Operatic Society, is to be produced on a magnificent scale, in the New Town Hall, Consett, as per advertisement in another column. The Society, having secured the necessary permission from Mr. R. D'Oyly Carte, of London, have been engaged for many months now in working up this tuneful opera, and we can assure our readers that the performances will be rendered in a fully up-to-date and approved manner: the singing and acting will reflect the utmost credit on the various artistes engaged; and the scenic and spectacular effects will be of a first-class order, as they are from the well-known firm of Messrs Simmons, court costumiers, London, and Messrs Carnegie, of Newcastle. As the three performances of the opera will be given entirely on behalf of the Queen's Nursing Association, we trust that the public will rally round the Operatic Society, so that there may be "bumper" houses, and guarantee to them that success they so richly deserve as a reward for their loyal and energetic efforts in the cause of such a noble and praiseworthy institution as the Nursing Association. It is somewhat of a coincidence that "Patience," which was first produced at the Opera Comique, London, on the 23rd April 1881 (under the management of Mr. D'Oyly Carte), was revived at the Savoy Theatre, London, last Wednesday. We may mention that the principal characters in the local production will be as follows:—Colonel Calverley, Mr. J. E. Davies; Major Murgatroyd, Mr. T. D. Dales; Lieut. the Duke of Dunstable, Mr John Sloane; Reginald Bunthorne (a fleshly poet), Mr. J. E. Parker; Archibald Grosvenor (an idyllic poet), Mr. J. R. Robson; solicitor, Mr. P. Ainsworth; the Lady Angela, Mrs. J. E. Davies; the Lady Saphir, Miss E. Foreman; the Lady Ella, Miss Ada Coulthard; the Lady Jane, Miss Walton; Patience (a dairy-maid), Miss M. Matthews. The chorus and orchestra are very strong, and everything points to a successful and delightful rendition of this popular opera.

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A near thing. There was a very close contest at Lanchester last Thursday for the post of vaccination officer recently held by Dr. Allen, of Shotley Bridge. The applicants comprised Dr. Moore and Dr. Reid, of Blackhill, and Dr. Grainger, of Consett—all of them, doubtless, well qualified to satisfactorily undertake the duties. A general feeling seemed to prevail that Dr. Reid would be the successful candidate, inasmuch as he was in he field some time before either Dr. Moore or Dr. Grainger, and thus had an advantage in this respect. As events turned out, it was a remarkably close race between Drs. Moore and Reid. The first round of voting showed 15 votes for Dr. Moore, and one less for Dr. Reid; Dr. Grainger only claiming a single supporter. On another vote being taken between the two applicants receiving the highest number of votes, the voting was precisely the same as before so that Dr. Moore received the appointment. That Dr. Moore is thoroughly qualified in every respect for the post is an acknowledged fact, and it is in his favour hat during the absence and illness of the late Dr. Geo. Renton (who was vaccination officer at the time), Dr. Moore acted as his deputy in such a manner as to afford the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. We think it is pretty safe to prophecy that the Lanchester Guardians will never have cause to regret their choice in this matter.

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Scarcity of houses. A contemporary calls attention to the fact that the demand for houses in Chester-le-Street still continues to be in excess of the supply, the consequence being that not only are rents high already, but in some cases they are on the increase. We understand that builders are ready and willing to speculate in house property; but, for some reason not apparent to outsiders, the landowners seem reluctant to sell or to lease ground, except upon what are regarded as prohibitive terms. This being so, it is satisfactory to note that Mr. C. Groves has secured a most compact and admirable site, the property of Lord Durham, adjoining the railway station, which is to be built on at once. The plans for the estate have been passed by the Council, and, as quite a large number of workmen's cottages (which are greatly needed) is to be built, both Lord Durham and Mr. Groves are to be congratulated. It is to be hoped that other landowners in the Chester-le-Street district will follow the example of his lordship.

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A welcome home. From a letter appearing in another column from Messrs F. W. Brodie and John Sheffield (who acted as secretaries in connection with the Pretoria demonstration in the Benfieldside township), it will be seen that a suggestion is thrown out that we in this locality should fittingly celebrate the return of the local men from the front. Messrs Brodie and Sheffield suggest that the four townships of Consett, Benfieldside, Leadgate, and Medomsley should unite for this purpose. We may say at once that we are thoroughly in accord with the proposition. Other districts are already making preparations to suitably welcome the brave lads from the Transvaal, and, considering what was done in this neighbourhood in connection with the Mafeking and Pretoria rejoicings, we don't think that this particular part of the county would wish to be behind other places in offering a hearty welcome to our heroes from the front. A representative meeting will probably be held in due course, when something definite will doubtless be decided upon.

AROUND THE DISTRICT.

(By "Wanderer.")

CLOSE VOTING.

In the contest for the office of public vaccinator for Benfieldside, Dr. Moore and Dr. Reid ran what the sporting men would term a neck and neck race, the first named just getting home by a short head. In other words Dr. Moore secured the appointment by 15 votes to 14. There were some peculiarities about the election which deserve a passing notice. In the first place Mr. Muse gave a biographical sketch of the Renton family, indulged in some blood-curdling details of a small-pox epidemic which occurred about three decades ago, and wound up by proposing Dr. Moore. In the second place Mr. Powell proposed Dr. Grainger as a protest against drunkenness, and then voted for Dr. Moore, leaving Mr. Venice Dunn as the solitary supporter of the Consett doctor. Mr. Dunn's vote, however, was sufficient to necessitate a second division between Dr. Moore and Dr. Reid and this time Mr. Dunn was like the lady with two lovers—"How happy could I be with either, were one or t'other away; but when they both come together, to neither a word will I say," and like Mr. Telford he remained neutral. Dr. Grainger in his application entered a strong protest against canvassing and if for no other reason, he deserved to be well supported. Canvassing public bodies for public positions is iniquitous and has often led to the wrong man being appointed. According to the Vicar of Tanfield Dr. Moore did not canvass and I am, therefore, glad he got the appointment.

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PLOUGHING SOCIETIES.

Last year was rather disastrous to ploughing societies in this part of the country the severity of the weather necessitating several postponements and resulting in an unlooked for depletion of credit balances. Still they not only flourish but they exist for a very excellent and useful purpose. Indirectly they are a source of advantage to the general public who would soon feel the pinch if our farmers did not encourage the very best of workmanship. A highly successful society is that of the Derwent Valley, which boasts of a balance on the right side of close on £50, and for the competition which is to take place next month a more than usually attractive prize list has been prepared. The members are all very practical and very business like. There is no frittering away of money, neither is there anything approaching parsimony. The society is managed as it ought to be—soberly and successfully. They have done a vast amount of good during the eight years of their existence as a society and they are, in my opinion, destined to achieve greater results in the future than they have in the past. I wish them every success.

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ABUSING A TEACHER.

School teachers have a good deal to contend with, but fortunately it is not often that the parents of a child so far forget themselves as to write a scurrilous letter containing charges which, when inquired into, could not for one single moment be sustained. This was the experience of Miss Ridley, of Chopwell, who was the recipient of the letter. The language used is too abusive and childish to justify reproduction, and was condemnatory in itself. Parents, however, in matters of this kind should send their complaints direct to the School Board, for until that has been done the teacher guilty or not guilty cannot be dealt with. In all probability the letter was written in a moment of heat, but that does not justify the inexcusable epithets it contained. It may be that the writers see it in that light themselves now.

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CHOPWELL NEW SCHOOLS.

Steady progress is being made with the new schools at Chopwell and should the winter be less severe than its predecessor it is hoped to have the Infant department ready by the Spring. I sincerely trust that the contractors may be free from stoppages and that the first year of the new century may be a memorable one in the history of Chopwell School Board. It is certainly a remarkable testimony to the growing importance of the district, and a proof that there are public men there possessed of the very best type of public spirit and zeal.

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AN ELECTION ECHO.

In the heat of the General Election an active up-to-date theatre manager in North-West Durham arranged for the performance of that popular and madly exciting play called "East Lynne." On his posters announcing it were the words in bold type "Vote for Carlyle," "Vote for Levison" both of them characters with whom the ordinary readers of that literary production are well acquainted. A prominent gentleman not a hundred miles from the Stanley district being attracted to the posters exclaimed to a friend, "Wey where have these candidates come from? I thought there were only two for North-West Durham, Jones and Joicey; I have never heard of Carlyle and Levison before." Evidently that gentleman has never made the acquaintance of two of Mrs. Henry Wood's prominent characters and I would recommend him to do so without further delay.

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AN ABSURD RUMOUR.

One of those pernicious and senseless rumours which tend to show a crass weakness of intellect on the part of the authors was scattered broadcast around the district on Tuesday, and until its utter falsity had been demonstrated caused a ferment in almost every quarter. It was to the effect that P. C. Johnson, of Shotley Bridge, had been murdered by poachers. Now it happens that P.C. Johnson is a man who does his duty fearlessly and conscientiously, and law breakers of a certain class accordingly dislike and distrust him. In all likelihood one of these cowardly individuals has uttered a threat, the threat has been exaggerated into an act, and the friends of the constable have been made the unwilling listeners to a ghastly and abominable tale. I am glad to say that the "murdered" officer is hearty and well and likely to remain a terror to evil-doers.

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BRADLEY COTTAGES.

P.M. Bazaar.—This very successful bazaar, which was opened on Wednesday of last week by Mrs. S. Brodie, of Consett, was continued on Thursday and Saturday. On the latter evening the Knitsley Primitive Methodist choir gave an excellent service of song, which was much enjoyed by a large company. A well-attended supper followed. The financial results of the undertaking have been most gratifying, the takings amounting to £154. This is very satisfactory, and reflects the utmost credit upon all concerned. The promoters have worked very hard, and well deserve the success achieved.

TANTOBIE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Saturday evening, Miss E. Hillson, of Chester-le-Street, delivered her interesting lecture, entitled "Kingly men who conquered kings," in the Tantobie Wesleyan Chapel, after which a coffee supper was held. On Sunday, Miss Hillson preached special sermons.

CONSETT DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night. Coun. W. Aynsley, J.P., presided, and there were also present—Councillors G. T. Hyden (vice-chairman), G. Ainsworth, J.P., J. Davison, E. Holliday, J. Daly, J. Kempson, J. Lowes, W. Rippon, Jesse Hall, T. Dunne, R. C. Foster; the Clerk (Mr. T. W. Welford), the Assistant-Clerk (Mr. H. Foggan), the Surveyor (Mr. W. S. Shell), and the Collector (Mr. J. Lowdon.)

THE RATE.

After the motion confirming the rate for the next half-year had been passed,

Coun. Rippon asked if the Chairman had put to the contrary?

The Chairman replied in the affirmative.

Coun. Rippon said he did not hear it.

In the course of further remarks, the Chairman said that Mr. Rippon refused to sign the rate book or cheques.

Coun. Rippon said he could not sit there and listen to falsehoods.

Coun. Ainsworth said before they went farther he thought that Mr. Rippon had said what he did not intend when, in reply to a question from the chair, he said he could not sit there and listen to deliberate falsehoods. It was not parliamentary language, or language that should be bandied across the table. He thought it best for Mr. Rippon to withdraw before they went further.

Coun. Rippon said he was quite willing to withdraw. He asked if it was not laid down in the Public Health Act that those who voted for and against a motion should be taken down? All he saw from the report was that if they had the urinal built it would be 1/6, and if not, 1/4. The estimate was not before them.

Coun. Hyden said the estimate was at the last meeting for inspection. It pointed out that the rate was 1/4 for ordinary purposes, and 2d for the urinal.

Coun. Ainsworth said the Clerk was instructed to prepare a rate. He had prepared the rate, and now it was before them for confirmation. If it had been put for and against, it was open for any Councillor to ask to have the names taken down.

Coun. Rippon said it was distinctly laid down by the Public Health Act that persons voting for and against all motions must have their names taken down.

A vote was then taken, when there voted—For the motion—The Chairman, Couns. Ainsworth, Holliday, Kempson, Lowes, Hall, Foster, and Daly—7. Against—Couns. Dunne, Davison, and Rippon—3.

The Chairman said the motion was carried.

Coun. Hyden thought it scarcely the correct thing that a gentleman who was there when the estimate was discussed should now vote against it.

Coun. Davison said the the meeting he did not hold up his hand for a 1/6 rate.

The matter then dropped.

HOUSING OF WORKING CLASSES CLASSES ACT.

The Clerk read the following report of the Committee appointed in reference to the Housing of the Working Classes Act:—The Committee having given the matter careful consideration recommend that steps be taken to procure sites for not less than 40 cottages, provided a Government loan can be obtained at 3¼ per cent. to pay back principal and interest in 30 years but would not advise interfering with existing old property.

In the course of a discussion which ensued on the report,

Coun. Ainsworth asked if there was a demand for houses, and if so, was the demand likely to continue? If the Council was not prepare to go on and build houses it was only wasting time and effort to go into particulars of cost or anything else. He should like to ask those who had more knowledge of the place than he had—he had knowledge of those under the Company—whether there was a demand for houses now which was not met?

Coun. Dunne said there was a demand for more than could be obtained. No one could say whether the demand would continue. No one could answer that question better than Mr. Ainsworth.

Coun. Ainsworth said so far as his knowledge went the demand for houses at the present time had been pretty well met. He thought there were not many people now wanting houses who could not obtain them. They might take it that the demand had been as great in the last few months as it would be for some time, so far as indications went. They knew themselves there were 130 coke ovens put out at Bradley, and that meant a certain number of men not wanted, and he might tell them that was following on—he did not say so much in this neighbourhood, but in the County there was a distinct slackening. He would suggest that they ought to pause, and not be in too great a hurry unless they could tell him there was a growing demand for houses. The signs were not as encouraging as one would like to see them. He did not wish them to think that he was saying anything stronger than he really meant. All he wanted to point out was that there did not seem to be at present any evidence of increasing demand.

Coun. Holliday said the local authority could decide to build at any time and for any reason which might seem good to them. It was perhaps as wise to consider whether there was a scarcity of houses, but as an authority they had no reason to consider that at all. If they thought it wise to build houses they could do so. Hornsey District Council had built 110 cottages, and after paying everything, there was a net profit of £300. When they had such encouraging reports as that they had nothing to be afraid of. As to being in a hurry that was why the Committee had brought the matter before the Council again. Their idea was to get the feeling of the Council on that very question. His idea was to see what they could get land for, and then have plans before them. After that the Local Government Board would send down and make full inquiry. With regard to the class of house in Consett he maintained that they had a lot of houses which were not desirable to live in. He defied anyone to live in some of them and be healthy. They were overcrowded. There were some small places with two rooms where there were eight or ten people living. If for that reason alone he should urge upon the Council to go in the direction indicated in the report. As to being a cost on the ratepayers they had nothing to fear. They had abundant evidence of success elsewhere. If they could secure a good site and build cottages for the people they would be doing something of credit to the Council, and they would be providing decent homes for the people. It would tend to cleanliness, and the people would in every sense be better provided for than they were at present.

Coun. Ainsworth said it was perfectly present to his mind that the Council could build cottages for several reasons, but presumably the first reason which would weigh with them would be an absolute scarcity. If there was not a scarcity and they built it was plain that somebody else's property would stand empty.

Coun. Holliday said if they built 40 cottages no one would suffer.

Coun. Daly took it that the grievance was that the houses were not in a proper condition. The desire was to remodel the houses.

Coun. Hyden said if the building of 40 houses would clear certain other houses out he would support it.

Coun. Daly moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee.

Coun. Kempson seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

LIGHTING OF THE STREETS.

On the Surveyor's report being read

Coun Ainsworth said that on Monday night at eight o'clock it was exceedingly dark and wet, and there were no lamps lighted.

The Surveyor said it was expected to be a light week.

Coun. Lowes said one night the lighters were at work an hour and three quarters after sunset.

The Surveyor said it took two hours to light the town. One night it was 5.30 when they started and they did not finish until 7.30. They only had a certain number of hours for the season. The hours for lighting were regulated by the moon.

Coun. Daly said he had been harping on that question for ten years. He contended that a certain number of lamps should be lighted each night, and his idea was carried out for a year or two, and then allowed to drop again.

Coun. Hyden said so far as the Lighting Committee was concerned whatever instructions had been given had been carried out.

Coun. Dunne moved that they refer the matter to the Gas Committee with instructions to use their influence to get an extra lighter put on.

Coun. Daly seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Dr. MacIntyre submitted his report for the quarter ending September 30th. During the quarter there were 44 deaths and 79 births registered, giving a death rate of 19.5 and birth rate of 35.1 per thousand per annum. There were eleven notifiable diseases reported, seven being of mild scarlet fever, and four of erysipelas. Not a single case of typhoid fever occurred during the quarter—a somewhat unusual condition, and bearing evidence of the improved sanitary condition of the district. The infantile mortality showed 13 deaths under one year.

AN APPLICATION.

The Secretary of the Blackhill Farmers Mart applied for permission to allow carts to stand at the side of the street between the Primitive Methodist Chapel and the Mart buyers entrance.

The Clerk pointed out that if an accident occurred the Council would be liable.

After a short discussion the Chairman moved that the Council could not grant the permission.

Coun. Holliday seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

LIMESTONE.

Coun. Dunne moved, and Coun. Hall seconded that all limestone be purchased unbroken, and that local men be employed in breaking it as heretofore.

Coun. Hyden said that getting it ready broken made a difference of £35 in the cost.

Coun. Davison said some of the stuff that had been laid down was little better than limestone chippings. Taylor Street was in a wretched condition. He was not impressed with that sort of stone being put on the roads.

Coun. Dunne said they would get the work better done by their own men, and the roads would last longer.

Coun. Daly said one quarter of the stones they had been getting was rubbish.

Coun. Rippon said more than half of the stone coming in was far too small, and would go to mash. It would be much more costly in the end.

On being put the motion was carried by six votes to five.

THE URINAL QUESTION.

Coun. Davison, in accordance with notice moved "that the minute to erect a urinal in Front Street near the Fountain be rescinded." He said that Front Street, Harvey Street, Medomsley Road, Delves Lane, and Sherburn Street were not streets that might be defined by that Council, but were ancient highways set out by Parliament and dedicated to the use of the public for ever, and no right of time gave the right to any person to build places thereon. Now they had a Fountain there and many a time there had nearly been accidents. If they erected a urinal they would materially curtail the road and he took it that the road was an ancient highway. They had no right to place it on the highway to the detriment of property and possibly to the danger of people passing up and down. There would certainly not be room for two traps to pass each other.

The Chairman said as far as the road was concerned it was contended that they had a right. It was in the Council area, and it belonged to them for the reason that they maintained it and got no assistance from outside.

Coun. Dunne said there was a difference between an ordinary road and an ancient road, but he objected to the urinal being placed near the Fountain at all. There was no occasion to spend from £300 to £500 over it there. To stick it up in a thoroughfare like Front Street was neither justice to the people living there nor was it safe for the general public. The ground was too much curtailed as it was. He seconded the motion.

The Surveyor in reply to Coun. Lowes, said between the coping of the approaches to the urinal to the kerking on one side there would be 16 feet, and on the other side to the Coach and Horses 19 feet, and to Hodgkin's Bank 20 feet after the place was built.

Coun. Dunne asked what size would the Fountain and urinal combined be?

The Surveyor said the urinal would be eight or nine feet, and the base of the Fountain 7 feet 6 inches.

Coun. Holliday opposed the motion. He hardly thought it was right or fair for Coun. Davison to move the rescinding as he was on the Committee who decided upon the site.

Coun. Davison said he was only added to the Committee after the plans were passed.

Coun. Holliday said Coun. Davison first of all approved of the scheme. He had a right to change his mind if he thought fit, but that had a tendency to some extent to lead people astray. Coun Dunne, who seconded the motion, was almost worse for he had said that if there was a convenience at the top of the street or at the bottom it would do very well, but he would not agree to one in the middle. Mr. Dunne said put it at the top or the bottom, but not in the middle.

Coun. Dunne said he did not say so. He said he would not object if it was put at the top or the bottom, but he did not say he would approve of it.

Coun. Holliday said the necessity was admitted and the Council had erected a place in a bye street which had proved to be a waste of money. An underground place in a prominent position was very desirable, and it was their duty as a public sanitary authority to provide a place.

Coun. Davison said he did not express an opinion that he was agreeable to the site. When he saw the plans he said they were very good. Before the work was done he said a letter should be sent to the Gledstone family asking them if they were agreeable to the scheme.

Coun. Ainsworth said if a man saw good and sufficient reasons for changing his mind no blame could be attached to him. He himself had been neutral, but he had changed his mind, and was going to vote against the scheme. First of all he had never been in favour of putting a place of the kind down in the middle of one of their broad streets. Broad streets were of great advantage to Consett, and he had always thought it undesirable to restrict them, and more especially at the junction of two principal streets. In the second place since the last meeting he had been told that there was a strong objection on the part of the property owners and others in the neighbourhood. He therefore would vote for the motion.

Coun. Holliday put in a petition in favour of the scheme signed by 247 residents and owners.

Councillors Hyden, Kempson, Foster, Daly, and Lowes continued the discussion and on a division being taken there voted, For the motion: The Chairman, Councillors Ainsworth, Davison, Daly, Rippon, and Dunne—6.

Against: Councillors Foster, Holliday, Hall, Lowes, and Kempson—5.

The motion was therefore rescinded.

The meeting then ended.

FOOTBALL TEAMS.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
STANLEY v. MIDDLESBRO'.

At Middlesbro.

STANLEY—Goal, Robins; backs, Saunders and Devine; half-backs, Bell, Ellis, and Allison; forwards, Robson, Spence, Howe, Proudlock, and Masterman.

Kick-off at 2.30.

ENGLISH AMATEUR CUP.
SECOND ROUND.
LEADGATE PARK v. THORNABY UTOPIANS.

This game will be played at Thornaby on Saturday.

LEADGATE PARK—Goal, M. Hedley; backs, J. Laidler and G. Temple; half-backs, J. Wilson, R. Wilson, and J. Birtley; forwards, B. Cook, J. Grant, A. N. Other, J. Bowes, and G. Hope.

Leave Leadgate Station by 10 o clock train.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.
BYER MOOR v. HAMSTERLEY.

This game will not come off, owing to inability to secure a ground.

ELM PARK SCHOOL II. v. ST. GEORGE'S, BLACKHILL.

Played on the school ground, the home team winning by six goals to two.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
CONSETT SWIFTS v. PARK RESERVE.

PARK—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, J. Calvert and W. Walton; half-backs, D. Cartmell, W. Crowther, and R. Dawson; forwards, R. Gleadow, J. Harper, G. Milburn, A. McGowan, and W. Turnbull.

BLANCHLAND.

Lecture.—On Saturday evening, the Rev. J. S. Nightingale lectured in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Ramshaw, to a large company, the subject being, "For England, Home, and Beauty." Coun. Geo. Lowes, of Consett, made a capital chairman. A supper was afterwards provided, to which a goodly number sat down, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

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CASTLESIDE.

Wesleyan Concert.—On Wednesday night there was a crowded attendance in the Castleside Board Schools when a grand concert was given by the members of the Blackhill Wesleyan choir in aid of the Castleside Wesleyan Trust Fund. Mr. T. J. Muse, C.C., presided and a capital programme was submitted. After an opening chorus "Thanks be to God" (Elijah) Mr. R. Frankland sang "The King's Own" and met with a good reception. Miss Leybourne gave a very pleasing rendering of the song "Angus Macdonald," and Mr. J. Richardson and Miss Ellison were heartily applauded for songs well sung. Misses Leybourne and Siddle for their duet, "The two cousins," met with a well-deserved encore, and Miss Siddle was again highly appreciated for her rendering of the song "Queen of the Earth." Miss Richardson gave an artistic selection from "Il Trovatore" on the violin and was enthusiastically encored. Mr. R. Frankland also had a hearty recall for his song "The Admiral's Broom." A number of glees very ably rendered by the choir made up a most enjoyable concert. Mr. R. Frankland was conductor, and Mr. W. H. Palliser accompanist.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births

BLUNT.—Durham, on the 3rd inst., the wife of T. G. R. Blunt, M.A., of a son.

MARSHALL.—Consett, Mugnano House, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Charles A. Marshall, jeweller, &c., of a son.

WEST.—At Christ Church Vicarage, Gateshead, on the 4th inst., the wife of the Rev G. A. West, of a son (David Meade), who lived only a few hours.

Marriages.

HORN — WEIGHTMAN.—At St. Mary's Church, Whickham, on the 7th inst., by Rev R. C. George, Gateshead, assisted by Rev A. Allwork, Whickham, William, only son of Nicholas Horn, provision merchant, Gateshead, to Eleanor, fourth daughter of the late John Weightman, Whickham.

RICHARDSON—SOULSBY.—At Lanchester, on the 3rd inst., William Richardson, of Hamsteels, to Isabella, eldest daughter of the late Richard Soulsby, of Quebec, and formerly of Seghill.

Deaths.

BELL.—Hobson, on the 3rd inst., Mabel Bell.

BUNNEY.—Australia, Gympie, September 8th, aged 36 years, Martha Jane, beloved wife of Mark Bunney, and dearly beloved daughter of Jane and Joseph Davey, late of Leadgate.

CARRUTHERS.—Pretoria, Oct. 29th, aged 30, Joseph Black Carruthers, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, late of Consett.

EVANS.—Donnison Street, Dunston, on the 4th inst., aged 1 year and 8 months, Lily Evans.

EMMERSON.—West Pelton, on the 1st inst., aged 60, years and 10 months, Dorothy, wife of James Emmerson.

LYNN.—Clough Dene, Burnopfield, on the 8th inst., Jane Lynn, the beloved wife of Robert Lynn, and widow of the late Andrew Liddle, Turf Hotel, Jarrow. To be interred at Newburn Cemetery, on the 10th inst. Lift at 12.30. No flowers.

McGEOGHEGAN.—Consett, at Consett Cottage, off Albert Road, on the 1st inst., Mary McGeogheghan.

MOORE.—Chester-le-Street, Isolation Hospital, Nov. 6th, aged 4, Marion, daughter of Ralph Moore, draper.

NEWTON.—Annfield Plain, on the 31st ult., aged 36, Robert Newton.

PHILLIPS.—Leadgate, South Cross Street, on the 2nd inst., John, the beloved husband of Ann Phillips.

PARKER.—Chopwell, 1, Wear Street, at the residence of Thos. Glendinning, on the 7th inst., aged 30, John Parker.

PATTINSON.—Medomsley, on the 1st inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, George Robson, Mary Pattinson, widow of the late Matthew Pattinson, of Nenthead.

ROBSON.—Armstrong's Buildings, Dunston, on the 6th inst., aged 70, George Robson.

SKELTON.—Washhouses, near Birtley, on the 5th inst., aged 46, Isabella Skelton.

SPOOR.—Busty Bank, Burnopfield, on the 2nd inst., in his 63rd year, Joshua Spoor

WELSH.—Stanley, 42, Joicey Square, aged 22 years and 11 months, William Welsh.

WHEATLY.—West Stanley, on the 3rd inst., aged 3 months, Louisa Caroline Wheatly.

WILSON.—Glasgow, 14, Garturk Street, on the 2nd inst. (the residence of his son-in-law, Robert Miller), in his 77th year, Thomas Wilson, late of 11, Cort Street, Blackhill.

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STANLEY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday evening a meeting of the members of the above association was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, for the election of officers. Mr. T. W. W. Ritson was elected chairman of the meeting, and in his opening remarks said how pleased he was to see so many present. Practically speaking they had no officers or committee, and to an extent they were working single-handed. They had last June a president, secretary, and treasurer. He thought they should confine themselves to the organisation of their own association. Whatever matters arose in connection with the Central Association might be dealt with afterwards. He expected Mr. Winter would have been present, but he had received a telegram requesting him to be in London at ten o'clock on Friday morning.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, after it was resolved that the committee consist of twenty members and the officials, which was afterwards rescinded, Mr. Indian suggesting that they could not have too many workers.

Mr. Calvert moved, and Mr. Kelly seconded, that Mr. T. W. W. Ritson be elected president.—The motion was carried.

Mr. G. Sanderson was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Calvert treasurer. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the committee:—Stanley District—Messrs Ed. Sanderson, Wm. Harmiston, Wm. Potter, J. Carr, M. G. Armstrong, Thos. Wood, J. Robinson, W. Indian, Wm. Simpson, J. Snaith, Jos. Snowdon, Jos. Clough, Geo. Potter, J. Green, J. T. Bolam, W. H. Kelly. South Moor District—Messrs E. Kirtley, Thos. Foster, J. Pike, J. S. Holliday, Wm. Davison, J. Smith, G. Blythe, Thos. Middlemas, Thos. Summers. Oxhill District—Messrs John Burt, J. Walker, Thos. Lumley, Jas. Harris, John Siddle, J. Lowery, J. Paxton, Jas. Knox, and Wm. Hunter.

Mr. J. Carr raised the question of appointing a financial secretary. After some consultation it was decided to act upon Mr. Carr's suggestion.

Mr. M. G. Armstrong thought it would be better to have one financial secretary for each district, and moved a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Mr. Holliday.

Eventually the following gentlemen were appointed.—Mr. J. Carr for the Stanley district, Mr. E. Kirtley for South Moor, and Mr. Jas. Harris for the Oxhill district.

Mr. M. G. Armstrong was appointed vice-president. The question of arranging public meetings was next dealt with, and it was resolved to invite Mr. Robt. Cameron, M.P. for Houghton-le-Spring, Mr. Wilkie, and Mr. J. A. Pease to give addresses on some suitable evening.

FORMATION OF A LIBERAL CLUB.

The Chairman, in introducing the subject of a Liberal Club for Stanley, said Mr. Calvert had suggested that one should be formed.

Mr. Calvert, in speaking on the subject said he still held that the thing could be worked. If they could secure premises suitable a Liberal Club would be a very good thing in Stanley for organising. It would be a head to the Liberals in Stanley. They had a lot of young men living in Stanley who scarcely knew that they had a Liberal organisation. He did not know where they could get suitable premises, but if they thought good the matter might be thrashed out in committee.

Mr. Sanderson said since the thing had been mentioned he thought he knew where they could get suitable premises in which there was a billiard-table. If they got rooms they could always have a supply of Liberal literature in them.

Mr. M. G. Armstrong thought the first thing they required was an association, not a club. It would be an exceedingly good thing for keeping young men together and imbibing the principles of Liberalism. Many young men were continually associated with rank Toryism. A club would be a good thing in that respect, but they should have the organisation well on its legs before undertaking any great expense.

Mr. Indian favoured Mr. Calvert's idea of having two rooms, a news room and a debating room, and as one he would like to be a contributor of 10/- per year to it.

Mr. Bolam supplemented the remarks of Messrs Calvert and Indian, and moved that that meeting recommend the committee to take into consideration the advisability of taking steps to form a club.

Mr. Armstrong thought that if the matter was going to be carefully dealt with, it would be all right, and he seconded the motion, which was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. T. W. W. Ritson gave a report of the financial position of the association. When the accounts were made up last June there was a balance of 10/- due to the treasurer. Since then subscriptions amounting to £1 6s 6d had been received, and when the debt of 10/- was standing there was a bill for printing for 12/-, which the secretary had paid. They sent £1 to the Central Association, Consett, the total expenditure being £2 2s 6d, which left a balance standing due to the treasurer of 16/-. Since the present organisation had been established some £2 3s had been received.

The meeting then closed.

THE PREVALENCE OF BRONCHITIS.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Lord Durham's Rent Audit.—The November rent audit for Lord Durham's estates at Lambton, Penshaw, Biddick, Harraton, Langley, and other parts of the county was held on Monday at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street. The tenantry were entertained at dinner, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Burkitt, manager and manageress. Lord Durham was represented by Mr. John Tully, Bowes House, who was assisted by Messrs Chas. Gilchrist and Alec. Gray.

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FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LEADGATE MAN.

KILLED IN THE PIT.

On Thursday afternoon, a coal-hewer named John William Wears, residing in Tin Street, Leadgate, was killed by a fall of stone at the Blackhill Drift, whilst following his employment. Deceased was a married man, and leaves a widow and five children.

On Friday morning, at the Reading Room, Leadgate, Coroner Graham held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Wears. Mr. Ralph Calvert was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. C. F. Scott represented the Consett Iron Company, and explained to the jury how the accident occurred. A piece of the stone that fell was also produced.

The first witness was John George Howard, a miner, living at 36, Plantation Street, Leadgate, who said that John William Wears was his brother-in-law. Deceased was a hewer, employed at Blackhill Drift. He was 32 years of age, and was killed on the 1st November, by a fall of stone, whilst at work in the Three-quarter Seam. Witness said he was satisfied that it was a pure accident, and he had no complaint to make.

Simon Johnson, a deputy, deposed that he lived at 8, Dixon Street, Blackhill. The accident occurred in the Second South District, of which he was in charge. It took place during the back-shift. The place was examined by the fore-shift deputy. Witness met Wears at the "kist" about 10 minutes past 10. Wears knew where he had to go, and witness told him when he had got that place off to come back and start at another one he had marked off for him. A man named William Millhouse had worked in the place during the fore-shift. Wears started at taking off a "stook." In front of him the place was "gowfed," but the roof where he was working was very good. The place was properly timbered, there not being a broken prop, and there was loose timber of the proper length to set if wanted. Witness went into the place about two o'clock, in his usual round, but found a fall had taken place near the "gowf," where a piece of coal had been left, which deceased knew that he had not to work. The reason it was left was in order to keep the water level open, and to keep the roof up. The coal and stone were down, and deceased was underneath the stone, and was dead when witness found him. He saw Wears' clothes lying in his working place when he went in to the place, but he could not see Wears. He went out and asked one of the hewers if he had seen Wears. The man replied in the negative, but said he had heard a fall of stone. They went back and sought for him, and about four feet from where he should have been working they found a fall had taken place, and deceased was under it. His proper working place was finished, and he ought to have come out-bye and started in the other place, which witness had told him of. This was a hard place to work, and he (the deputy) thought that Wears had been tempted to get down the coal which caused the fall of stone, because it was easy coal to get. Deceased really had no business whatever to take the coal down that caused the accident.

Mr. T. Keenleyside asked what weight was the stone?

Mr. Scott: About half-a-ton.

The men's inspectors, Henry Richardson and John Page, deposed that they had examined the place where Wears was killed, and in their opinion the occurrence was quite accidental, and there was no one to blame.

Herbert Johnson Ullock, a pony putter, of 21, John Street, Blackhill, said he was in Wears' place about ten minutes past one on the day of the accident. Witness took a tub from him, and left an empty one. Deceased's light was burning then. Wears was sitting down watching for witness coming. His tub was on the plates, and witness took it away without help. He "put" three tubs for another hewer close at hand, and then heard of Wears being killed.

Mr. Scott said the height to the stone was 18 inches. When found deceased's "cracket" was under his arm, and his head was bent down. He thought that Wears had really been smothered by the fall.

The Coroner said he thought the explanation that had been given was a reasonable one, inasmuch as the piece of coal was left to support the roof, but the coal being of a softer nature than the coal deceased had to work afterwards, the temptation had been too much to resist, and Wears thought he would get the bit of soft coal down. He had unfortunately paid the penalty by losing his life. He (the Coroner) thought that no question of inspection or timbering came in, because deceased had been doing an action that he had no business to do. They had heard that the timber was sufficient, and that there was loose timber to set, but Wears had taken his life into his own hands.

Mr. Keenleyside: Pitmen will be supposed to know these stones?

Mr. Scott: Yes.

The Coroner said the sum and substance was that the man went and worked the coal when he had no business to do so. They had heard from the men's inspectors that there was no official to blame, but with all due respect to deceased they could not resist the fact that had been brought before them that the man himself was to blame. It should serve as a warning to other hewers not to be tempted by the chance to get a bit of soft coal by a little trouble. The men should obey the rules and orders. If the men only kept within the margin of safety by the rules in the colliery, and obeyed those over them, then their duties as jurymen and his as coroner would be very much reduced, and the death-roll would be considerably lessened. If the jury thought there was the slightest necessity for an adjournment—the inquest taking place at such short notice as to preclude the attendance of H.M. Inspector of Mines—he would be pleased if they would suggest it. He thought, however, that they could not have a more straightforward case, as deceased had lost his life by neglecting the orders given to him.

The Coroner (to witness Johnson): How much coal would there be at this place?

Johnson: About a ton.

The Coroner: How much would that mean to deceased?

Mr. Scott: About half-a-crown.

The Coroner: Then the poor man has practically lost his life for half-a-crown, which would perhaps take him half-an-hour, whereas in the other place it might have taken him an hour and-a-half.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death." The jurymen returned their fees to the widow.

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BLAYDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The usual monthly meeting of this authority was held on Thursday week last in the Board Room, Blaydon, Coun. J. Cunningham in the chair.

ALLEGED FALL OVER AN EMBANKMENT.

A lady named Mrs. Brown, of Swalwell, appeared before the Council and stated that a week past Friday night her husband and herself were passing the Council's new chambers, when Mr. Brown, in stepping aside to let some ladies pass, fell over the embankment that was not fenced off. He had as a result a very bad leg, and would probably be unable to work for some weeks. She wanted to know if they could do anything for them in the matter. She had been recommended to come there that evening.

After the lady had left the room, the Chairman said it would be dangerous to recognise the claim.

The Clerk did not think the Council were responsible. The contractors were the people who should be seen.

The Surveyor said a fence had been erected, but it had been stolen or carried away. There was no light at the place.

Mr. Tucker thought the contractors should be dealt with in the same way as other persons.

Mr. Atkinson thought that something should be done in the matter by the Council. By neglecting it they would not be doing their duty. He was surprised that the Council had not had large bills to pay in regard to such matters for compensation in the past.

The Clerk was directed to write to the contractors concerning the claim.

THE LIGHTING OF BLAYDON BURN.

A deputation of the residents of Blaydon Burn waited upon the Council with regard to the water supply of the district. It was pointed out that while increased, the supply had decreased, and now consisted of a drain down the hillside, which was altogether inadequate, and which was sometimes polluted owing to it running through gardens. The people had also to travel from 50 to 100 yards for water and cross railway lines on the way, which rendered the getting of the water dangerous. The deputation also asked for one or two lights for the village. The Priestman Co. had laid down an electric plant and were prepared to supply the village with the necessary light. It was decided that the Surveyor give a report on the water question. With regard to the lighting question it was decided that, if the Priestman Co. were prepared to supply the light at the same cost as for Victoria Garesfield, the work be proceeded with.

The members for the Winlaton Ward were elected as a committee with discretionary powers to see how many lamps were necessary.

THE PRESS.

During the presence of a deputation Mr. Tucker was about to move a resolution, when, on the suggestion of the chairman, it was deferred. After the deputation had departed Mr. Scott expressed the opinion that members should not as a matter of etiquette move resolutions during the presence of deputations.

Mr. Tucker said he was quite prepared to express his views if the public were present.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the meetings were public, and that deputations need not withdraw unless they cared to do so.

The Clerk (Mr. Dalton) then said that those meetings were private and always would be so. Though they might allow the public and the reporters to be present, any one who carried reports out of those meetings did it on their own responsibility. The reporters had no right to attend, and any member could have the public and the reporters turned out.

The Clerk's decision was accepted.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

Mr. Tucker moved "That Part III. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1900, be, and the same is, adopted by the Urban District Council of Blaydon, as the Urban Sanitary Authority of this district." He trusted the question would receive more support than it did on the last occasion when the matter was considered.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb seconded. The necessity for the Act, he said, was greater than ever. He had heard of one case in Winlaton where there were 50 applicants for a house. Under such conditions, landlords could charge practically any rent they liked. They also got overcrowding, and where there was as far as eight in a room, they could not look for good health or common decency. The Government had passed that law in order that they might take advantage of it, and he hoped they would do so. They could build three roomed houses for about £150, let them at 3s 9d or 4s rent, and still have the necessary balance for the paying of rates, interest, etc.

Mr. Wm. Crooks opposed the motion. It was quite feasible that they could borrow the money to build cottages with half an acre for gardens. But the rent of the gardens must not exceed 3s per annum. They could secure the land compulsorily, but it must be at the market value of the district as found by arbitration. They could also buy, lease, or even furnish houses under the Act; but the Council must manage the houses, and make special bye-laws, a copy of which would have to hang in every room in the house. No one getting parish relief could live in them, so that the people who were worst off would not get the advantage of them. Another important thing was that the expense connected with the matter must be made out of the rates. The lowest terms on which they could borrow was £3 2s 6d, and the repayment must be made within 40 years. The rents charged must not exceed £20 in London, £13 in Liverpool, £10 in Manchester or Birmingham, or £8 elsewhere. He gave in detail the estimated cost per annum for the maintenance of the houses, and to act as suggested by the provisions of the Act was, he contended, impossible. If they built these houses in Blaydon as they ought to be built, they would cost £280 or £290 and even for a £250 house to be a success they would want £18 a year for them, and they were already in Blaydon as low as £16 10s. The sole reason why houses were not being put up quicker in Blaydon, was that there was no land. He thought the alleged possibilities of the Act were mere clap trap and a delusion to the working classes whom it proposed to help. If they wanted to keep down the rents they should do something to keep down the rates.

The Chairman said the manufacturers were already complaining about the high rates.

Mr. Smith supported the resolution, pointing out that the Act had worked successfully at Richmond.

Mr. Tucker replied.

The motion for the adoption of Part III. of the Act was carried by seven votes to five.

AN ITEM OF INTEREST.

There are a great many of them,
Every paper has its share,
Statements hard to believe, harder to prove,
Statements from far away places,
What people say in Manchester,
May be good testimony there,
But of little service here in Consett,
Consett people want Consett proof.

The testimony of neighbours and friends is what counts.

Mr. Owen Mullen lives at 9, Constance Street, Consett. He says:—

"For the last six or seven years I have suffered on and off with pains in the small of my back and across my loins, which gave me a good deal of trouble.

"I am employed at the Iron and Steel Works here, and sometimes I get very wet and over-heated, and then I catch cold, which settled in my back.

"I have been off work through this for weeks at a time, but I never took anything for it, because I did not know there was any cure. I just suffered and let it wear itself out.

"Then I heard of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, and as they were well-spoken of I thought I would give them a trial to see if they would do me any good, so I got some at Milner's, the chemist's, in Shakespeare Street, and took them. I am glad to say they entirely cured me. It is some months now since I took these pills, and there has been no return of the old trouble with my back." (Signed.) Owen Mullen.

Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all chemists and drug stores at 2s 9d per box (six boxes, 13s 9d), or sent direct, post free, on receipt of price, from the Proprietors, Foster-McClellan and Co., 57, Shoe Lane, London. If you are ill write and tell us your symptoms, we will be glad to reply.

Be sure you ask for the same pills that Mr. Mullen had.

PATHETIC SCENE AT A RAILWAY STATION.

The "Dunstable Gazette" describes a painful little scene at a railway station in Bedfordshire. A neatly-dressed woman and her husband, were evidently awaiting somebody in the train that was just then rattling into the station. A reporter was on the platform, and he will not (says the "Gazette") soon forget the scene that followed when the train pulled up. He had caught a glimpse of a white, thin face at one of the carriage windows, and to this the woman he had noticed eagerly ran. With all haste she wrenched the carriage door, and then there was a cry that made the hurrying passengers stop, and look on in silent pity.

"Oh! that's never my Lucy!" cried the woman, pathetically.

From the carriage she had lifted down a girl apparently about fourteen years of age, pale and woefully wasted who staggered to the platform in helpless weakness. In a few minutes they were gone. The husband had grasped the situation at once, and quietly motioned his wife to follow, he took up the girl and carefully carried her away. The pathetic little scene was over!

But as has been said, it did not fade from the memory of at least one witness; and nearly two years after, the same reporter, watching the workpeople who streamed out of Waterlow's printing works, near Dunstable, saw a face which arrested his attention, and threw his thoughts immediately back to the scene related above. It was the face of a bright bonny girl of about sixteen summers; but it was the same face he had seen at the carriage window; and yet with an almost incredible contrast. Then it was a face to haunt one as a sad memory; now it was a perfect picture of health, and indicative only of the joy of living.

Moved and interested he followed the girl home and asked some questions; and this is what he elicited.

The girl's name is Lucy Sharp, she is sixteen years of age, and she lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs Richard Sharp, at 12, Beale Street, Upper Houghton Regis, Dunstable. Soon after leaving school, her mother said, the girl began to grow white and thin, until they feared she was going into consumption. A doctor attended her for some time. She grew worse, however, and he eventually advised that nothing was likely to do her any good but a complete change of air. Her parents had tried almost everything, and as nothing did her any good they sent her to an aunt in Essex, for the change. "Before she went," said her mother, "I made her promise that she would write to me every week. The first three letters seemed all right; then the handwriting began to get crooked, until in one letter it was straggling all over the page, there was not a staight line in it. Then I said to my husband, 'Lucy is worse! she must come back home.' We found that she was indeed much worse, suffering badly from St. Vitus' dance. The doctor there said she must come back home at once, before she got too ill to be moved, and she came. I shall never forget seeing her at the railway station! I thought the sight of her dreadfully wasted face would have killed me! It used to take both of us to hold her up; she could not keep a limb still. There is a chair behind you, sir, which she broke one day when she fell off it."

"But what about the wonderful change I see now?"

"It was done by Dr. Williams' pink pills, sir," was the answer. "Her aunt began trying them with her just before she came back from Essex. I kept on with them and made her take them regularly. Before I had given her half the first box-full the St. Vitus' dance began to leave her; she could hold herself still, and a day or two afterwards she could actually, for the first time, dress herself. She only had two boxes, and they completely cured her. You see her now, sir; isn't she a picture of health? She has been at the printing works for over a year."

"And what do the neighbours say about it?"

"I can't tell you all they say, but they all think it's the most wonderful recovery they have ever heard of. A friend of mine asked me only yesterday 'What on earth was it that saved her?' I told her it was nothing else but Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, for she had no other medicine after her removal from home."

"And you are perfectly well now," the reporter asked the girl.

"Yes, sir, perfectly," said she.

And so it was. Pressmen do not believe much of what they hear, and only half of what they see, but to look at the girl as she now is, is to know the truth of what she and her mother say. As a matter of fact, nothing has cured so many remarkable cases of nervous exhaustion, and paralysis (even in the extreme form of locomotor ataxy), as the remedy named by Mrs. Sharp. The pills can be obtained everywhere; but it is important to avoid substitutes, and with this object purchasers should see that the pink wrapper bears the full title (seven words) Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. They can likewise be had by post, if there is any doubt, or attempted substitution, by sending two-and-ninepence (or thirteen-and-ninepence for six boxes) to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holburn Viaduct, London. Rheumatism, sciatica, anæmia, and incipient consumption have likewise been cured by them.

ROWLANDS GILL CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL SOCIAL.

The members of the above club held their annual social in the Rowland's Gill Board School on Friday last, there being a very large attendance. The music was provided by Messrs Wilkinson and Wilson, of Gateshead. During the evening Mr. J. Hetherington, captain of the club, was presented with a bat for highest batting average this season, Mr. T. Ford making the presentation in the absence of Mr. G. W. Gray, the worthy president. Mr. Ford in making the presentation, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform that night, pleasing not because he was to make a speech, but because their worthy captain had won the bat after making so many strenuous efforts to do so. He was sure in him they had a very energetic captain, rendering the club valuable assistance in batting, bowling, and fielding. He had an average of 15 runs per innings this season, therefore he asked Mr. Hetherington to come forward and accept the bat for the highest batting average. (Applause.)—Mr. Hetherington, on rising to respond, said he felt highly delighted to be the recipient of that bat, which the members of the Rowland's Gill Cricket Club had kindly presented to him through Mr. Ford. He felt it a great honour indeed not only to be the recipient of the bat, but what was more pleasing to him was the cheering thought that being able to win the bat had greatly aided in making the club successful last season. They had played 11 games—won 8, lost 2, drawn one, which was very creditable to them as a club, and he as captain hoped they would continue to be successful, and that Rowland's Gill might make a name for itself in the cricket world. (Applause.) He thanked one and all for their presence there that night, which showed they appreciated the good old game, and were willing to assist them financially, not forgetting the good ladies who had rendered valuable service in providing supper. Songs were afterwards given by Messrs Wilson, Shotton, and Hetherington, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

WATERHOUSES.

Return of the Rev. P. C. Fortin.—The Rev. P. C. Fortin, who returned home on Friday night, was greeted by a large number of the people of Waterhouses and the district. The reverend gentleman has been acting as chaplain to Her Majesty's forces in South Africa. His arrival at the station was signalised by much cheering. It was noticed that he was wearing his khaki dress. Mr. Piercey-Taylor-Smith, of Colepike Hall, had granted his carriage and pair for the occasion. The horses were, however, not required, willing hands volunteering to pull the carriage along. A number of persons with torches and the Cornsay Prize Silver Band made up the procession. Along the route, which was lined with people, fairy lamps and streamers with a liberal display of Union Jacks were to be seen. At the New House School-room Mr. Frotin was made the recipient of an illuminated address, done by Mr. Tompkinson, of St. Mary's, Stockton, and also a purse of gold. The Rev. Father Pappalardo (curate-in-charge) made the presentation. Mr. Paul Mulholland, of Cornsay, presided. Great credit is due to the hard working committee and Mr. John McCallum (secretary) for the efficiency of the arrangements.

AUCTION MARTS.

Special Sale of Store Cattle at Tow Law.—The sixth special sale of the season for store cattle was held on Thursday, when 680 head of cattle were forward, viz., 65 geld cows, eight S.H. bulls, 42 blue greys, 385 shorthorns, and 180 Highland kyloes, the whole comprising a very grand collection of well-bred cattle from the adjoining dales. There was a large company of buyers present, and trade ruled similar to last fortnight, a steady demand prevailing all round, with a good clearance. Geld cows realised from £9 10s to £15 15s; S.H. bulls, £9 to £17; blue-grey heifers to £13 15s; S.H. heifers three years old, to £15 5s; do. steers to £16 15s for a pen of splendid animals from M. Walton, Allergill, Stanhope; S.H. stirks, £6 10s to £11 5s; kyloe bullocks, £8 10s to £19 15s; do. heifers, £6 to £8 10s.

Blackhill Farmers'.—On Monday the supplies were rather smaller than usual. Mr. Jackson Green having forward 16 fat cattle, 111 fat sheep and lambs, 7 calves, 225 young pigs, 1 milch cow, 1 horse, and 100 ducks and fowls. Trade was animated from start to finish, and every lot was cleared out. Sheep may be quoted fully 3s per head in advance of last week's prices, and cattle realised late rates. Prices:—Fat cattle: Heifers to £17, from Mr. J. Hepple, Millshields; £16 5s, from Mr. James Anderson, Black Hedley; bullock to £16 12s 6d, from Mr. J. Hepple; £15 10s, from Mr. J. Graham, Whittonstall Hall Farm; £15 2s 6d from Mr. Cowen, Blanchland; and £10 10s, from Mr. R. Bean, Snod's Edge; milch cow, £13 15s, from Mrs. Elsom, West Law; young sheep to 42s, from Mr. J. Teasdale, The Riding; and 37s 6d, from Mr. Wm. Reed, Knitsley; black-faced wethers to 31s 6d, from Mr. J. Teasdale; black-faced ewes to 26s 6d, top Mr. J. Lawson, Lambshields; ewes to 35s 6d, top South Garesfield Colliery Co.; lambs to 28s 6d, top Mr. W. Ridley, Snows Green; mule ewes to 27s 6d, top J. S. Newton, Horsleyhope; young pigs from 15s to 18s 6d; ducks made 2s 3d, and cock chickens 2s a head.

Tow Law.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 56 dairy cows and heifers, 6 fat cattle, 12 calves, 150 fat sheep and lambs, and 7 young pigs. Calved heifers, £13 15s to £18 17s 6d; calved cows, £14 10s to £22 15s; incalving heifers, £14 17s 6d to £17; incalving cows, £15 7s 6d to £21 17s 6d; fat cattle, £14 5s. Calves from 20s to 32s each. Fat sheep to 40s 6d, from Mr. Hand, Consett; 32s 6d, from Mr. Love, Wolsingham; 27s 6d from Mr. Henderson, Wiserley; from Miss Emerson, Horsley Burn; 20s 6d, from Mr. Wearmouth, Bail Hill; 28s, from Mr. Waistell, Hamsterley; 28s, from Mr. Lewis, Hunwick. Fat lambs to 32s 6d from Mr. Love, Wolsingham; 37s, from Mr. Ross, Butsfield; 27s from Mr. Laws, Hunwick; 27s 3d, from Mr G. Stephenson, Stanhope; 21s 9d, from Mr. J. Robson, Park Wall; 26s, from Mr. Button, Wooley; 23s, from Mr. G. Richardson, Shipley; 21s from Mr. Henderson, Wiserley. Young pigs to 17s 6d each; bacon pigs to £7. Cows were again eagerly bought up at late rates; supply not equal to demand. Beef and mutton unchanged; similar to last week.

Chester-le-Street.—On Monday Mr. James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale, and had forward 18 new incalving cows, 24 fat cattle, 110 fat sheep, 15 fat lambs, 4 bacon pigs, 25 young pigs, rugs, &c. Trade for cows was good, making from 10s to 15s per head more than last fortnight. A grand cow from Walker, Darlington, made £22; others from £16 12s 6d to £20 12s 6d. Incalver from Harrison, Rio Ros Hall, £24 15s. Fat cattle and sheep met a steady trade, in keeping with the late markets. North-country heifers from £18 to £19 12s 6d; kyloe heifers from £12 10s to £16, from Sir L. Wood, Bart.; Potts, Harbour House, heifers, £14 2s 6d; Surtees, Alma Place, cow, £14. Sheep, Potts, Harbour House, shearlings, 35s to 39s; Stothard, Franklin, shearlings, 30s 6d to 50s 6d; Consett Iron Company, shearlings, from 44s 6d to 48s; Sir L. Wood, Bart., shearlings, from 40s 6d to 42s; Birtley Iron Company, ewes, 36s to 44s; Taylor, Chester Moor, ewes, 35s; Hutchinson, Bishop Grange, lambs, 30s 6d; Taylor, Chester Moor, lambs, 33s. Bacon pigs to £6 10s, from the Chester-le-Street Union; young pigs from 15s 6d to 23s 6d. On Friday first, Nov. 9, a special sale of grazing cattle will be held. Next sale of fat stock, Nov. 19th.

WHICKHAM CHURCHYARD.

In the "Whickham Parish Magazine" the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Allwork, has addressed the following letter to the parishioners in regard to the unsatisfactory state of the Churchyard:—The Rectory, Whickham, October 13th, 1900.—My dear friends and parishioners,—There is one subject that I have been intending to write you upon for some time past. Other matters, which have appeared more pressing, have alone delayed my doing so. I refer to the condition of the Churchyard. I have travelled about England a good deal from time to time, but I think I am certainly saying the truth when I assert that I have never seen a churchyard more beautifully situated than our own. From its very position it naturally lends itself to adornment, and were only sufficient care and attention devoted to it, it might be made one of the most beautiful spots it has ever been our privilege to light upon. It is a large churchyard, and would involve a considerable yearly outlay were all done, as we would like to have it done. My income, as Rector, would not allow of my undertaking the cost, and the churchwardens have no funds at their disposal to meet the expenditure. Notwithstanding, a great deal more might be done than is done to improve its appearance. We hear a great deal in these days about co-operation. Now co-operation in keeping the churchyard in order would be an excellent thing, and surely such a system should accord most naturally with the sentiments of the parishioners generally. As we walk through the churchyard we see that some of the graves are beautifully kept—others, again, are evidently neglected. For a few days after the funeral the grave is covered with handsome and beautiful wreaths. Afterwards the ground is allowed to grow weeds and nettles and other unsightly things, or an artificial wreath under a glass case is left to do the duty of a memorial for months, perhaps years, to come until another interment takes place. I do not for a moment believe that a neglected grave necessarily indicates that the memory of the departed has ceased, that they are in fact forgotten. It, however, surely points to thoughtlessness, and a want of appreciation of the opportunities which a grave affords of shewing that our affection for the dear ones taken from us is still as deep as ever it was when they were with us here on earth. It would gratify me beyond measure if those who have grave spaces in Whickham Churchyard would make up their minds to set apart fixed periods when they would visit them, and then cut the grass upon and around them, and brighten them with flowering plants, etc. Will you do this? And will you remember that nothing reminds us so forcibly of a joyous resurrection, and induces a cheerful hopefulness for a future meeting as a bright and well-cared-for churchyard. I know that even then many graves, especially in the old churchyard, will remain untended, because there are none now living in the parish whose natural duty it would be to care for them. Could not those who employ gardeners undertake to spare them for an hour or two each week, when required, to do what was needed? If this could be done, and the names of those who engage to do this were sent in to me, the old churchyard, at all events could be divided up into sections, and each gardener would have the responsibility of keeping one of these sections in order, when required. Do not cast this letter aside and thing no more about it, or leave it to others to take the necessary steps, but think it over and see what it is possible for you to do. I know that really you do desire as much as I do, that the churchyard should be better cared for than it has been. We have paid a good deal of attention to the inside of the church during the last three years and a half—now let us turn our attention to the sacred enclosure outside the church.—Believe me to be, your affectionate friend and minister,

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Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Club.

OPENING OF WINTER SESSION.

The opening night of the Winter Session of the above Society was held on Wednesday evening week, in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill. Although the weather was inclement and many other attractions were held the same evening in the neighbourhood, a fairly good muster of naturalists turned up to make their personal acquaintance with the lecturer of the evening, Mr. J. W. Fawcett, of Satley, whose pen, ever since his return from Australia, has been devoted to the furthering of the interests of the Society. Mr. Fawcett's several works, relating to the County of Durham, have made him widely known and respected; and we heartily wish him every success in his new volume, which will be published under the auspices of the Blackhill and the Burnopfield Clubs this month, under the title of the "Historic Places in the Derwent Valley." Mr. Fawcett has spared neither pains nor expenses, in searching minutely, even to the slightest detail, the absolute correctness of his assertions to be found therein, and we can, therefore, confidently recommend this work to the general public, as a compilation of facts intensely interesting and trustworthy.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. Frank Priestman, J.P., in taking the chair, welcomed the members to the desirable objects of the Society in a well-turned pithy address. He said he hoped that the officials of the Blackhill Field Society would be as gratified with the success of the Winter Session as much as they had every reason to be proud of the phenomenal success of the summer campaign. He had taken great interest in the papers that had already been published in the "Consett Guardian" during the summer, and he considered the Society was doing a very important work, which should enlist the sympathies of every person who loved his native stream, the Derwent, and he cordially wished the Society the success they so much merited. (Applause.) He had the pleasure to call upon the lecturer, Mr. J. W. Fawcett, to deliver his paper on "The Antiquities of the Derwent Valley."

Mr. Fawcett, on rising, said it gave him the liveliest pleasure to be with them that evening, and he was only sorry that he was not a listener that night instead of the lecturer, as he had had to prepare his paper very hurriedly to take the place of another gentleman, who, through ill-health, could not be with them as originally arranged. Mr. Fawcett then proceeded to read a lengthy and very interesting paper, in which he observed that few districts in the north of England were so rich in historic lore, and contained so many antiquities, as the Derwent Valley, and it was his intention to point out to them as briefly, yet concisely, as he could, sketches of their past history, dwelling particularly on the most important items. He would, Mr. Fawcett said, commence at the head of the Derwent, and proceeding onward with the stream, deal with the places as he went. As a kind of preface he would take the name of Derwent etymologically, and see what it meant. Their British and Saxon and Danish forefathers, when they bestowed a name on any place, were always careful to give it some nomenclature which had some particular relation to the place. They either named it from some resemblance it had to certain animate or inanimate beings, or from some connection it had with a certain personage, or from some event which had taken place there, or they gave to it a name which described its appearance or position. Now the name Derwent, if he read the old British or Celtic language aright, was derived from two separate words signifying laughing or smiling water. The Derwent was formed by the junction of two streamlets called respectively the Beldon and Knuckton Becks or Burns. Both beck and burn signified the same thing, but beck was distinctively Scandinavian, and burn distinctively Anglo-Saxon. The word beck for stream was not so common either in Derwent-dale or Weardale as it was in Teesdale, and its presence there was owing to there having been, in the early history of this country, a settlement of Scandinavians in that district. These Scandinavians were probably descendants of the Dano-Norwegian piratical adventurers, who in the eighth century seized and colonised the greater part of Yorkshire, and also settled in a portion of Cumberland and Westmorland, and who, they were told, invaded Northumberland and Durham, ravaging the coasts, advancing up the Tyne, and amongst cruel and treacherous deeds which marked their career, massacred the monks of Lindisfarne, a remnant of whom, however, escaped, and found refuge at Chester-le-Street, where they founded the bishopric now represented by that of Durham. Mr. Fawcett then proceeded to deal with the antiquities of the Derwent Valley, and amongst other places and people mentioned were Hunstanworth Church, Hunstanworth peal-tower, Blanchland, Blanchland Abbey, Blanchland Church, Acton, Espershields, Edmundbyers Church, Muggleswick, Muggleswick Monastic Grange, Rowland Harrison (the moss-trooper), Muggleswick Church, the Muggleswick giant, Lough's prentice work, Muggleswick Park conspiracy, Sterling's Bridge, King Arthur, Crooked Oak, Fox-holes Oak, Healeyfield lead-mining, Rowley, Rowley Baptist Church, Thomas Raw (moss-trooper), Allansford and witches, Hole House, Howden, Shotley Bridge, the German sword-makers, early Quakers at Benfieldside, "Mad Maddison," Ebchester, Roman Ebchester, Ebchester monastery, Ebchester events between 1170 and 1644, Ebchester Church, a tradition, a story of the supernatural, the Hedley Row, Newlands, Blackhall Mill, Derwentcote, Hamsterley, British remains at Bradley, Friarside Chapel, Gibside, Gibside Hall, Gibside banquetting house, Gibside column, Winlaton, Axwell, Swalwell, Whickham, and Derwenthaugh.

At the close of the lecture, Mr. James Eltringham moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Fawcett in most appropriate terms; and Mr. Wilson Clayton moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Priestman for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair, both motions being carried with acclamation.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. J. W. Roddam presided over the usual fortnightly meeting at Stanhope on Friday.—Tenders were received for the repairs on the roads needed on account of damage caused by the recent storm. Mr. W. English's tender for the Alston district at £31 10s; for the Westgate district, Mr. Joseph Lee's tender, which includes the building of a concrete wall, for £66 10s, were accepted.—Mr. Monkhouse drew attention to the proposed "panning" of Wearhead bridge. He contended that it was unnecessary, as the bridge was built on solid rock.—Permission was given to the Stanhope Parish Council to engage Mr. W. M. Egglestone to draw up certain plans for the parish authority.—The Stanhope Parish Council complained of the fact that road contractors took limestone from the river bed near the bridges. The Chairman said that the Surveyor must instruct these persons to the effect that no one must go nearer the bridge than 50 yards. Mr. Featherstone said he was afraid that the Parish Council were trying to put the blame on the District Council. The Chairman said he thought their Clerk might say that they did not think the damages occurred from that cause.—The Chairman's suggestion was adopted.

BRIDGE OVER THE WEAR.

A lengthy discussion took place in regard to the bridge over the Wear from Stanhope Park to Unthank Mill.—Mr. Mainprize spoke against Weardale District Council contributing to the rebuilding of the bridge, and gave reasons.—Mr. Monkhouse and Mr. Strong moved and seconded that the Weardale District Council share the cost of the re-erection with the Stanhope Urban District Council, which was ultimately carried by six votes to three.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL WATER SUPPLY.

The agitation for an extension of the water supply at St. John's Chapel was referred to, and the inhabitants of the higher part of the village are to be asked what they are prepared to contribute.—Plan of additions to premises belonging to Mr. Roberts, High Street, Wolsingham, consisting of lock-up shop, storehouse, and three bedrooms, to the present chemist's shop, was approved and considered an improvement to this particular locality.

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SERIOUS FIRE AT TOW LAW.

SHOP AND HOUSE GUTTED.

At an early hour on Friday morning a serious outbreak of fire took place at Dan's Castle, Tow Law, when Reservoir House, consisting of a shop and house of nine rooms, was completely gutted. The facts are reported to be as follows. The tenant is a Mrs. Dawson, a widow, who lost her husband in a mining fatality about a year ago. She kept a small confectionery business, and with her resided her three sons, one of whom is a putter, the other being a driver lad; whilst the youngest is a boy of seven or eight years of age. There is also a daughter. One of the sons returned home from night shift about 12 o'clock on Thursday night. The premises were then all right, as they were later, about one a.m., when the family retired. Shortly before two o'clock, however, Mrs. Dawson woke and roused her daughter, and said that there was something amiss. Upon getting to the first landing she speedily discovered what was the matter. The other inmates were immediately aroused. That there was no need for delay may be gathered from the fact that the party had to leave in their night apparel. Mr. Lough, of the Surtees Hotel, was called up, and it was here that Mrs. Dawson and her family took shelter. Mr. Lough immediately went across, and efforts were at once made to cope with the flames. Neighbours were aroused, and Mr. J. Hillary (surveyor) and his men were ultimately called. A hose pipe was brought into use; but the fact that there was not sufficient pressure to carry the water five feet made this effort useless. There seems to be no doubt that had there been sufficient water the fire would have been easily managed in the first half-hour, so numerous were the offers of help. The premises were completely gutted, only the walls practically standing. The stable got on fire two or three times, but it was eventually got under.

It may be mentioned that this part of Tow Law is the highest point in the town. The Council do not possess any fire engine but have always had the use of the Weardale Iron and Steel Company's manual. This appears to be—according to report—in need of repair, hence the fact of it not being requisitioned. There are a number of houses just in this immediate district, and the popular opinion seems to be that if the force of water was not sufficient for Reservoir House it will not be sufficient for the number of dwellings in the Dans Castle locality. The water used is from Waskerley.

DURHAM MINERS' WAGES.

ADVANCED 10 PER CENT.

At a meeting of the Durham Coal Trade Conciliation Board, in Newcastle, on Monday afternoon, it was agreed that the miners' wages should be advanced 10 per cent. The advance will commence with pays on November 12th and 13th, and will make the wages of underground men, banksmen mechanics, enginemen, and cokemen 65 per cent. above the basis, and for all classes of surface labour 62 per cent.

HOUSES AND HOUSE RENT.

The following resolution was adopted:

1.—"That married workmen of the following classes and widowers of the same classes having families, shall be allowed free houses, or the customary allowance for rent in lieu thereof:—Underground—Deputies, hewers, stonemen, shaftsmen, timber drawers, onsetters, rolleywaymen, horse keepers, shot firers, watchmen, and shifters. Above ground—Banksmen.

2.—"That no married person of other classes than those named above shall be entitled to free houses or allowances for rent unless in the case of any individual colliery it is proved to have been the custom at the 1st of June, 1900, to allow free houses or allowance for rent to a majority of the married workmen of any such class or classes, in which case the custom at that colliery as regards such class or classes shall continue in operation.

3.—"That no unmarried person of any class shall be entitled to receive free house or allowance for rent unless it is proved in the case of any individual colliery that it was the custom at the 1st June, 1900, to provide a majority of the unmarried householders of such class with house or allowance for rent, in which case the custom at that colliery shall continue in operation.

4.—"That the customary allowance for rent and the supply of house coal only apply to workmen of the classes entitled thereto as provided above, and in each case the person to receive such allowance must be a householder (not a lodger) occupying a house for which he pays rent.

5.—"That no rent allowance be granted to any person who is offered a colliery house and refuses to accept it.

6.—"That no publican receive rent allowance."

THE LATE MR. HUGH TAYLOR.

The following vote of condolence was passed:—This Board has heard with great regret of the death on Friday last, of Mr. Hugh Taylor, whose connection with the coal trade of the county of Durham as an owner of collieries has been important in its character and of long duration. The Board, in recording its respect and regard for the deceased gentleman, desires to tender to his son, Mr. Thomas Taylor, a member of this Board, its sincere sympathy in his loss.

The meeting was presided over by Sir David Dale.

DURHAM COUNTY COLLIERY ENGINEMEN'S AND BOILER MINDERS ASSOCIATION.

MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL SCHEME, 1900.

The following are our findings after a careful examination of the candidates' papers, on the origin and development of the steam engine:—

First Class.—W. Armstrong, Cornsay, deserves special mention; R. H. Anderson, Edmondsley; W. Anderson, Edmondsley; G. Tate, Binchester; T. Heppell, Blaydon; E. J. Eland, Middlestone Moor; C. Mason, Blaydon; W. Tate, Thornley; J. G. Teasdale, Blaydon; J. Eland, Coundon.

Second Class.—T. Morland, Westerton; R. Young, Ryton; H. Stanley, Hebburn; P. Hanley, Edmondsley; J. W. Ridley, Birtley; M. Snaith, South Moor; T. Rodgers, Hetton; R. J. Morgan, Hetton; T. Nichol, Hamsterley Colliery.

We have decided to publish the paper written by W. Armstrong, locomotive driver, as we think the same will be read with interest by the members, as it is a complete answer to the questions that were submitted.

We further decide to give the prizes to the above candidates at the adjourned delegates' meeting to be held about the latter end of next month, and suggest that the candidates, as far as possible, be sent as delegates. In cases where this cannot be done, we decided that the train fares be paid to such as do attend for the purpose of receiving their prizes.

We trust that the branches will assist in trying to make the arrangements above suggested, a success. Signed, W. E. Nicholson, W. B. Charlton, M. Westgarth, and W. H. Lambton, Sec., examiners.

CONSETT.

Swearing-in of Volunteers.—In the Church Hall, Consett, on Saturday afternoon, the process of swearing-in the men who have joined the K and L companies of the 2nd V.B.D.L.I., was performed. The officers present included Colonel Armstrong, Bishop Auckland, commanding the battalion; Capt. and Adjt. R. M. D'Arcy Hildyard; and Lieut. T. Dowling, Bishop Auckland. They were assisted by three local magistrates—Mr. George Ainsworth, Consett Hall, Mr W. Aynsley, and Mr J. T. Potts, Consett. Sergt.-Major Fisher, Bishop Auckland; Col.-Sergt. Quelch, Crook, and other instructors were also in attendance, as well as Mr. J. Petherick and Mr. J. E. Parker (who will take commissions as captains in the new corps), and Mr. M. Cowen, all of whom have worked hard towards the establishment of a corps in Consett. At the outset Colonel Armstrong delivered a most excellent speech to those present to be sworn in, impressing upon them their responsibilities, and also explaining their duties and obligations. The business of the afternoon was then proceeded with steadily, just over 200 men being sworn in ere operations ceased, and most of these were measured for their uniforms. The maximum strength of the two companies is 250, but nearly 280 were enrolled, so that between 20 and 30 will have to fall out. It is understood that the 46 yet required will be sworn in some night during the present week. The Consett corps should be a smart one, as those who have joined are mostly young, and well set up. The officers will be:—Messrs J. Petherick, J. E. Parker, Dr. Moore, Wm. Davison, D. M. Spence, and another.

THE LATE MR. ROBERT NEWTON.

OF ANNFIELD PLAIN.

(By "Rosicrucian.")

"The pale horse and his rider" has again visited the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Church, and robbed it of one of its truest members, Mr. Robert Newton. Scarcely has the church recovered from the shock it sustained by the sad and sudden call of the late Rev. David Kyles to render an account of his stewardship, when, in the prime and vigour of life, it has once more been plunged into deep mourning, not on account of the death of its pastor, but of one who nevertheless was as truly a disciple of Christ as any mortal man could be. His sphere of action in the Christian Church was by no means an unimportant one. Though not a preacher in the ordinary acceptation of the term, he possessed many of those high qualities which are essential in one who wishes to become a successful pastor and spiritual guide of the people. If not in words, in actions, which speak even louder than words, and which carry infinitely more effect with them than the mere utterance of a few cold theological phrases, he proved to the circle of friends in which he lived, moved, and had his being, that he had an experimental knowledge of religion. His was no mere empty or hypocritical profession of religion—no cloak, no sham, no mask to hide his faults, not a cold acceptation of the doctrines of the Christian religion for the sake of appearing respectable in the eyes of the world, or for the purpose of securing him higher social rank; but a living inward principle which impelled him to noble deeds and self-sacrificing service. He was a Christian because he believed that Christianity was the true religion. He embraced it because its principles recommended themselves to his thoughtful mind. There was no more earnest worker in the Annfield Plain Primitive Church than "Bobby" Newton, as he was familiarly called. Though only 36 years of age his life had by no means been wasted. He did not attain to any high social position in this mundane world, but he was rich in faith and an heir of the promises. He was a staunch supporter of the cause of Primitive Methodism, and was for some 14 years a trustee and class-leader in the Annfield Plain Primitive Church. His strongest desire was to see the church in prosperity, and his daily longing was to become more like his Lord and Master. In all the affairs of the church of his choice he took a keen interest, and whenever help was needed he was ever ready and willing to assist to promote the cause of religion in the village, and especially amongst his own people. Methodism may well be proud of such noble sons; they are a blessing to any church or land, and sad will be the day when men of the stamp of Robert Newton are wanting. He neither courted the smile nor feared the frown of any man; his yea was yea, and his nay was nay. Honoured and straightforward in his daily life, can it be wondered that he entwined himself around the affections of his fellow-men who, after all, can appreciate moral worth when they come across it. Though for the last two years failing health prevented him taking an active part in the work of the Church, he was none the less anxious to use his remaining strength in the welfare of her highest interests. He was naturally kind-hearted, and added to that the principle of love to all men, he remained to his life's end a source of comfort to his parents in their declining years. Too often do England's sons forget the care of a mother and the wise counsel of a father; too often as they reach years of maturity do they ignore the claims of their parents upon their love and esteem, and leave them to pass their dark days in solitude and sorrow. No such mean and unworthy thoughts had place in the mind the life of Robert Newton; his life was an example of religion in reality, and therefore worthy of imitation. Primitive Methodism has lost a noble son; nay, he is not lost, only gone before to reap the reward of a faithful Christian soldier who has fallen in the war of right against wrong, of truth against error and superstition, of light against darkness. Having suffered for over two years from a stomachic affection, he was advised to undergo an operation about a fortnight ago, with the view to preserving his physical strength; but he was not permitted to survive the ordeal, and fell asleep on Wednesday evening week at Newcastle Infirmary. His remains were conveyed to his mother's home in the Wood Rows, Annfield Plain, where he had lived and supported his widowed mother for several years. His remains were interred at Hare Law Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large concourse of mourners and friends. Being a member of the Foresters' Lodge, his fellow-members showed their respect by following him to his last resting-place. The Rev. J. A. West, of Stanley, conducted the service in the Annfield Plain Primitive Church in an impressive manner, and as the people thronged the sacred edifice the organist (Mr. J. Robinson) played the "Dead March" in "Saul" in a very touching manner. In speaking at the evening service from the words, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ," the preacher, Mr. Wm. Davison, of South Moor, made fitting allusion to the life and character of Mr. Newton, and advised his hearers to make a similar choice to that which Mr. Newton had done, and crown Christ king of their hearts and lives.

LEADGATE.

Lanchester Common Property Owners' Defence League.—On Thursday night last a meeting of the members of the Lanchester Common Property Owners' Defence League was held in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, Mr. Thompson Siddell presiding over a good attendance. Mr. Abdale, surveyor to the North-Eastern Railway Company, was present, and produced a large map of Lanchester Common, from which the members were able to glean a considerable amount of valuable information. Before leaving the meeting, Mr Abdale was thanked for his attendance, and for the assistance he had rendered, and in replying he acknowledged the help he had received from the members of the League. While the meeting was in progress the result of the trial of Mr. Oliver's action in the Court of Queen's Bench was received, and hearty approval was expressed. Mr. C. Stelling, in the course of a short address on the objects of the League, said that only part of the work had as yet been done, but so far beneficial results had had accrued to the whole of the ratepayers on the Common. Their next object was to secure a hearing in the House of Commons.—Mr. James Palliser moved, and Mr. Stelling seconded, that Mr. Atherley-Jones, Q.C., M.P., be communicated with in reference to the Bill he has drafted for submission to the House in the next session.—It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Consett.—Several new members were enrolled and the meeting terminated.

WHICKHAM.

Choral Society.—The annual meeting of this society was held in the Parochial Schools, Whickham, on Friday evening, Coun. Swinburn presiding. The hon. treasurer, Mr. J. W. Nicholson, presented the balance-sheet, which shewed the society to be in a satisfactory condition financially. The following officers were elected for the ensuing session:—President, Mr. Wm. Brown; vice presidents, Rev. A. Allwork and Coun. R. T. Swinburn; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Nicholson; secretary, Mr. Ed. Liddell; librarian, Mr. G. Ellender; conductor, Mr. Geo. Proud; accompanist, Mr. W. H. Willis; assistant accompanists, Misses Taylor and Swinburn; auditors, Coun. Ed. Taylor and Mr. Wm. Thirlaway; committee, Misses Nicholson and Atkinson, Messrs Wm. B. Collin, Wm. Thirlaway, Wm. Custance, and E. Bertram. Sympathetic reference was made to the great loss the Society had sustained by the death of Mrs. Proud, who had acted as accompanist, and to whose valued services the success of the society in the past was largely due. The work selected for the ensuing session is "The Rose Maiden," by Frederic H. Cowen. The society will commence with every prospect of a successful season.

Messrs. J. R. Parkington and Co. state that the shipments of Port for October amount to 7,718 pipes (Great Britain, 3,123 pipes), making 78,055 pipes for ten months against 82,715 pipes in 1899. The sherry shipments were 4,984 butts, making 39,087 butts for ten months as compared with 35,356 butts for the corresponding period of last year.

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LOCAL PATENTS

The following list is specially compiled by Mr J. A. Harvey, chartered patent agent, 3, St. Nicholas Buildings, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from whom all information concerning patents, designs, and trade marks may be obtained

18,864. October 22nd., 1900. W. Ferguson, Tynemouth. Improvements in apparatus for preserving foods and treating other substances or articles by smoking.

18,887. October 23rd. 1900. J. C. Nicholson, H. Clark and J. McKay, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in tube expanders.

19,161. October 26th, 1900. Miss. C. Carr, Sunderland. Improvements in closing bottles, jars, and like vessels, to prevent fraudulent refilling or interference.

19,249. October 27th, 1900. T. P. Wood, Heaton. Nr. Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in connection with door curtain rods.

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LEADGATE.

Death of a Former Leadgate Resident in Australia.—News has come to hand announcing the death of Mrs. Martha Jane Bunney, wife of Mr. Mark Bunney, which took place at Gympie, Australia, on September 28th. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Davey, and was a native of Leadgate, where she has a brother still residing, and another at Blackhill. Mr. and Mrs. Bunney left for Australia 13 years since next March. She was only 36 years of age, and leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

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TOW-LAW.

Good Templars Concert.—On Monday evening the Mechanics' Hall, Tow Law, was crowded to its utmost capacity on the occasion of the first annual concert under the auspices of the Good Templars of Tow Law. The hall had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the large representative audience was a clear indication that something quite out of the ordinary was about to take place. It says a great deal for the promoters that such a galaxy of talent should have been provided, which after all might be considered almost an experiment, but which after Monday night's success can certainly be renewed without fear of results. Without a doubt it was the best all-round concert that has been given in Tow Law within the past seven years, and to the Good Templars and Mr. J. E. Dixon every credit is due. The artistes were Miss Kate Taylor, soprano, Newcastle; Madam Marie Bellas, contralto, London; Mr. E. Milburn, baritone, Tow Law; Mr. T. Gaffrey, tenor, Tow Law; Mr. R. G. Seggett, humorist, Darlington; Mr. R. Wilson tenor, Tow Law; and Miss Anne Griffiths, pianist, Spennymoor.

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BLAYDON.

Blaydon's New Park.—Progress is being made in the conversion of the Dene, at Blaydon, into a park for use of the public, which was presented to the Blaydon Urban Council for that object by Mr. Parmeter. The donor, we understand, desires a road to be made into the Winlaton end from Blaydon Bank, which has to be highly fenced. The Council have decided that Mr. Parmeter be interviewed to see if he will consent to the height of the fence being reduced, so as to lessen the expense. It is generally hoped by the inhabitants of the district that the new park will be open to the public next spring.

New Camera Club.—The recent formation of a Camera Club, at Blaydon, has revealed the fact that there are many people who make photography their hobby in that district. The new venture has been the result of the energies of a few ardent spirits, and is designated the "Blaydon and District Camera Club." Its objects are the discussion of technical details connected with photography in a social manner. The meeting will be held in the Blaydon Temperance Club Committee Rooms, Church Street. The following are the officials:—Mr. Arthur Payne, F.C.S. president; Messrs R. Cube and A. Cunninghame vice-presidents; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. C. E. Hudson, The Bank, Blaydon. Mr. Payne took as the subject for his presidential address, "Specialism," remarking that for the amateur to attain any degree of success he should take up some special line. There has also been a demonstration of lantern slide making by Mr. T. Hughes, Newcastle, and in future, meetings will be held monthly. On December 4th, there is to be a demonstration of bromide printing and enlarging, and an exhibition of members' work.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT EAST STANLEY.

On Friday morning, Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Police Buildings, West Stanley to inquire into the death of William Welsh, who was killed by a fall of stone in the Jackey Pit, Beamish, on the previous Wednesday morning. Mr. Bell, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines, attended, while Mr. W. Severs, manager, watched the case for Messrs Joicey and Co. Mr. M. Coates was appointed foreman of the jury. The first witness called was

John Welsh, coal-miner, brother of the deceased, who said he lived at 42, Joicey's Square, Stanley. Wm. Welsh was a pony putter, and was 22 years of age. His brother was at work on Wednesday and was killed.

Jonathan Johnson, deputy, said he lived at 7, Front Street, East Stanley. He was in charge of No. 2 South district of the Five-Quarter Seam, where Welsh was employed and killed during the fore-shift. He had to put to three hewers, and in doing so Welsh had to take tubs from the rolley-way into a narrow board to the right of the way in-bye. At that point the roof was supported by balks, props, and planks. The roof was a soft shelly roof, and was also damp, and was a treacherous one. He examined the roof at 3.20 a.m., before the men started work. It then seemed safe. He was in again at 4.40 and 8.50 a.m., before the accident, and on those occasions it seemed quite safe. He was in again at 9.15 a.m. being sent for, and found the crossing balk at the entrance to the narrow board was down, the props being left standing, but all the planks whose ends had rested on the balk were also down, leaving the props on which the other ends of those planks had rested standing. The planks were lying flat down on the rolley-way, and a lot of loose stuff, composed of stone and shale, covered them. Underneath the planks near the board-end were Welsh and Morton. Morton was got out first, although he was completely covered by the shell. Witness thought Morton had been protected by the side of the tub under the fall. He was hurt, but able to walk home with the assistance of two men. Witness made a search for Welsh, and found him lying between the two tubs covered with shale. He was dead. After Welsh was got away, witness examined the place between 10.30 and 11 a.m. that morning. His opinion was that the cause of the fall was that an end prop on the left-handside of the rolley-way going in-bye had been knocked out, and had set the whole timbering at the rolley-way and entrance to narrow board agoing, and caused it to fall. He thought the prop had been knocked out when the last tub was being lifted on to the turn, having heard that they had been trying to do that work. The bottom was a soft one, but the way was right.

Joseph Liddle, pony-putter, employed at East Stanley Colliery and living at Far West Street, East Stanley, said he had taken two tubs along the same narrow board, and was returning for a third, when just at the turn he heard Jas. Morton shouting for help. He hurried along, and at the turn he saw there was a fall which blocked his way out-bye. He went back along the narrow board, and gave an alarm, and returned with the deputy, Jonathan Johnson. He confirmed the evidence of the deputy. Everything was right when he went round the turn, and his tubs had never been off the way that morning. He was away from them two minutes when the fall took place.

Joseph Scott, coal-miner, 65, Joicey's Square, Stanley, deposed that he was working within 50 yards of where the fall took place. He went and helped to get the men clear, Morton first and then Welsh, the latter of whom was dead. He helped to remove the body.

The Coroner remarked that the most important witness was not able to be present, but he had a statement before him which had been given by James Morton, the man referred to, which if they thought fit he could read to them; or, if they thought better to have the inquest adjourned for Morton to attend, that course could be adopted.

Sergt. Leadbitter, of Stanley, then read the statement of Jas. Morton, which was to the effect that he was standing beside the tram when deceased came up with two tubs. In turning, one of the tubs got off the way. He was assisting Welsh to put it on, and in doing so the prop was knocked out, which they took no notice of, as only a small quantity of stone fell in the tub. They made a second attempt to get the tub on, when suddenly the top fell and he (Morton) shouted. He was completely covered. He did not see Welsh after.

The Coroner asked that having heard the statement read, did the jury consider it sufficiently consistent as to warrant them in returning their verdict.

The Foreman: I think it is quite satisfactory.

Mr. Bell: I am quite satisfied.

The Coroner said that it had been as the deputy suspected, the prop had been knocked out. The misfortune was that deceased and Morton did not contribute sufficient importance to that, and therefore given such a state of things again when a putter by accident knocked a prop out, the wisest thing he could do, and the proper thing to do, would be to have that remedied at once, and not to run the risk as was done in that instance. The place was well timbered, but the roof was a treacherous one.

The men's inspectors, Messrs John Wilson and George Winwood, stated that they were practical working-men appointed by the workmen of Beamish Colliery Stanley Pit, to inspect the place where Welsh was fatally injured on October 31st, in the Five-quarter Seam, and had made such an inspection, and found that a fall of stone, seven feet long, six feet wide, and three feet six inches high, was caused by the tub leaving the rails and the crossing prop being knocked out, and the balk with six planks on it coming down. It was, in their opinion, a pure accident.

The jury expressed their satisfaction with the evidence tendered by the witnesses, and the statement of Morton, and returned a verdict that Welsh had been accidentally killed by a fall of stone.

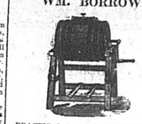
TOW LAW.

Fire.—About two o'clock on Friday morning a serious fire occurred at Tow Law, when Reservoir House, consisting of a substantial house and shop of nine or ten rooms, was completely gutted. The Urban Council's surveyor (Mr. J. Hillary) and his men were unable to obtain any mastery over the flames owing to the fact that there was not sufficient pressure from the hydrants. The premises were used for a confectionery business, and were occupied by Mrs. Dawson. Only a small quantity of furniture was saved. It is close upon twenty years since any fire of such a character occurred in the town. The fire seems to have originated in the shop. Mrs. Dawson's daughter was awakened by a strong smell of smoke. The shop was then ablaze and the family escaped from the premises just in time.

KYO.

Explosion of Gas.—On Thursday morning, Mr. L. Armstrong's property at Kyo narrowly escaped being damaged by an explosion of gas. It appears that the gaspipes underneath Mr. Armstrong's house had been faulty, the consequence being that the gas escaped into the sewerage pipes. Had the force of the gas in the sewerage pipes not been sufficient to lift the lid connected with the latter pipes the probability is that damage would have been done in other ways. Fortunately there was no damage done, as it happened, the tenant of the house being only greatly frightened by the loud report when the gas escaped up the sewerage ventilator.

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DERWENT VALLEY PLOUGHING SOCIETY

On Saturday night a well attended meeting of members of the Derwent Valley Ploughing Society was held at Mr. Garbutt's Bridge End Inn, Shotley Bridge, Mr. W. Stonehouse, of Hedley, presiding. Mr. George Bell, jun. East Farm, Medomsley, (Secretary,) submitted the balance sheet for the year ending March 31st, 1900. The receipts showed a balance from the previous year of £53 10s, sums collected by Messrs J. Hunter, Geo. Hunter, and T. Walker, Medomsley, G. Morgan, late of Shotley Bridge, R. Gledstone, High Field, Wm Stonehouse, Hedley, J. G. Brown, Ebchester, J. Simpson, Priest Field, and R. Dixon, Broad Oak, amounting to £39 5s 6d, gate monty and catalogues £3 12s, entrance fees £3 7s 6d, proceeds of ball £1 9s, and interest on cash in bank £1 7s 11d, giving a total of £93 12s. 11d. The expenditure included £31 15s as prize money, and other items amounting to £14, this leaving a balance in hand of £47 17s 11d. Mr. Bell also submitted a report from the Committee recommending that the competitions be held on land belonging to Messrs Potts near Airey Holme and Shotley Field, on Wednesday, the 19th of December, or on the first favourable Wednesday following.—The report was unanimously adopted.—The meeting then proceeded to arrange the prize list which was made more attractive by addition being made to several classes. The prizes in kind included martingales from Mr. Biggins, of Burnopfield, and three pairs of leggings to be made to measure from Mr. J. G. Brown, of Ebchester. The prizes for hedge-cutting were fixed at £3 for first, £2 for second, 15/- for third, and 5/- for fourth. A number of gentlemen were nominated to act as judges and the secretary was instructed to communicate with them in the order in which they were voted upon, four being required for the ploughing and two for the hedge-cutting.—On the question of refreshments on the ground Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley, moved that no intoxicants be permitted to be sold. If anyone cared to provide sandwiches and tea he would have no objection but he thought it would be unwise and unnecessary to have intoxicating liquor provided.—Mr. J. Miller, Panshields, seconded the motion.—An amendment was submitted leaving the question open, but the motion was carried by a large majority.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at the Crown and Cross Swords, Shotley Bridge, when the ballot will take place and the stewards will be appointed.—Mr. Moffitt moved that the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Brown, for his handsome prizes.—The Chairman said he thought Mr. Brown had done more for the Society than any other local tradesman. He had pleasure in seconding the motion.—The motion was carried and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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A WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERS FROM THE FRONT.

MEETING AT PELTON FELL.

A meeting was held in the School-room, Pelton Fell, on Thursday night, Mr. R. G. Wilson presiding. At the outset it was explained that there have already been preliminary meetings held, attended by representatives of Chester-le-Street and Pelton Fell. Provisional committees and officers have been appointed. Then the committee of the Reservists' Fund at Chester-le-Street entered the field, and had convened a meeting to be held at Chester-le-Street that night. The majority of the local men at the front were Pelton Fell men; and the workmen of Pelton Fell had contributed £12 per fortnight and the owners £10, making the respectable fortnightly subscription of £22 from the colliery to the Reservists' Fund. And for the purposes of this proposed welcome, they had already £30 in hand. (Applause.) On the motion of Mr. J. Bewicke, the action of the provisional committee was endorsed, and the committee and officers formally appointed, with Mr. R. G. Wilson chairman. On the motion of Mr R. H. Lonsdale, Pelton Fell, seconded by Mr. J. R. Middleton, Chester-le-Street, it was unanimously resolved that the meeting bind itself to act solely for Pelton Fell in the matter of giving the lads from the front a hearty welcome on their return. The committee were instructed to carry out all the necessary arrangements, on the understanding that the welcome should take a substantial and tangible shape, and that nothing be wasted in foolish displays of bonfires, torch lights, fireworks, and expensive banquets. Mr. Lonsdale placed the schools at the disposal of the committee for their meetings.

MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

A public meeting was held in the Church Institute, Chester-le-Street, on Friday night to elect a reception committee and discuss other matters relating to the return from South Africa of the local volunteers.

Sir Lindsay Wood presided over a large gathering of the townspeople, and in opening the meeting, said they were all exceedingly proud of the men who had gone to Africa from that district to fight for the Queen and country. It was only due to them that there should be some suitable recognition of their services.

Mr. C. R. Barrett moved—"That a fitting reception be given to the local members of the 4th Durham Volunteers on their return from South Africa."

Rev. A. B. de Moleyns, rector, seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. F. Bullock moved, and it was seconded, that the present Reservists' Committee be the reception Committee, with power to add to their number.

The resolution was agreed to unanimously and, after votes of thanks, the meeting ended.

PROPOSED WELCOME HOME TO THE LADS FROM THE FRONT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—Might we be allowed to suggest through the medium of the "Guardian," that a welcome, fitting the occasion should be given to the natives of Consett, Leadgate, Benfieldside, and Medomsley townships who have been serving Britain's cause in South Africa? To further this end we would suggest, and appeal to the general public to support it, that a meeting of representatives from the four areas might be arranged, so as to consider arrangements and ways and means. We would be pleased to do all in our power to forward the undertaking.—Yours, etc.

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CONSETT.

A Break Out.—At the Consett Police Court on Monday, before Mr. J. T. Potts and Mr. W. Aynsley, Peter Bowman, labourer, Chopwell, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Blackhill on Saturday night.—Sergt. Tones said at about 10 o'clock at night the defendant was very drunk in Derwent Street and shouting at the top of his voice. The officer got him away but he came back again about 11 o'clock, and owing to his conduct he had to lock him up.—Defendant said he had buried a daughter on the previous day at Newcastle. He had never tasted drink for 21 years before Friday, and he pleaded to be let off this time.—He was discharged with a caution.

BALLAD CONCERT IN CONSETT.

On Friday night last a large audience assembled in the Town Hall, Consett, to hear a grand ballad concert which Mr. George A. Williams had arranged with Madame Amy Sherwin and her accomplished party. The programme which had been issued was one well calculated to induce pleasureable anticipation on the part of all lovers of music, and it was a matter of deep regret that an unfortunate incident occurred which had a tendency to mar the enjoyment of the audience. Madame Sherwin and her colleagues travelled from the south in a saloon and unfortunately a mistake was made at Thirsk Junction, where they were attached to the wrong train. A lengthy delay ensued before a special engine could be provided to convey the party to their destination, and it was considerably after the advertised time when they entered the Town Hall after a twelve hours journey—not by any means the best preparation for a high-class concert. They also brought with them one of Messrs S. and P. Erard's pianos, which that celebrated firm had sent out specially on the tour, and Mr. Williams lost no time with the aid of a staff of men, in getting the valuable instrument conveyed with safety to the hall. In consequence of this unavoidable delay, which the audience took in good part, the programme was not strictly adhered to but as soon as a start was made both artistes and audience seemed to forget the inconvenience and entered upon a most enjoyable but all too short an entertainment. While other members of the company were making a hurried toilet Mr. Fred Williams came forward and sang "The Minstrel Boy" to Miss Emily Foxcroft's accompaniment, and then exchanging places Miss Foxcroft sang "Daddy," both vocalists being loudly applauded. Miss Foxcroft has a charming contralto voice, which she uses with great judgment and with an entire freedom from effort. The richness of her voice, and especially the cadences afforded great delight in her various songs. Her rendering of "Killarney" was a rare treat, which elicited prolonged applause and necessitated an encore. Mr. Fred Williams' contributions were most acceptable, his fine and well regulated baritone voice affording delight each time he appeared. Mr. Herbert Grover was due to sing "How frail and weak" and "Lend me your aid" from Gounod's "Queen of Saba," but he substituted Blumenthal's "My Queen." In doing so he acted very properly. He was evidently suffering from a slight cold, probably the effects of the long railway journey, and did not wish to cast even the slightest blemish on Gounod's aria. Mr Grover is one of the few tenors who can give a true rendering of it, but to a great extent he made up for the disappointment by giving a masterly rendition of Blumenthal's delightful song. He was again heard with pleasure in Moir's "Down the Vale," and in Balfe's duet "The Sailor Sighs" with Miss Foxcroft. Madame Sherwin was heartily welcomed when she came forward to sing the recitative and aria "O riante nature," from Gounod's "Philemon and Baucis." She quickly held her audience spell-bound. The fulness and absolute purity of her tones charmed everyone and particularly marked was the clearness and beauty of the upper register. She gave a very artistic rendering of the aria and when the last note died away she bowed to a most enthusiastic audience, who insisted upon an encore. Madame Sherwin obliged by giving in an intensely irresistible and amusing style the charmingly simple song "No sir." Again was her flexible and refined voice heard with delight in Handel's "Fronde Tenere" and "Ombra mai Fu," with piano and violin accompaniment, the audience again being roused to a high pitch of enthusiasm and once more demanding an encore. As a closing contribution the cantatrice sang a new song by Gerald Lane entitled "Tell me swallow," which afforded considerable pleasure to the audience. The quartette "A Regular Royal Queen," from the "Gondoliers," was given by Madame Sherwin, Miss Foxcroft, Mr. Grover, and Mr. Williams, in such a manner as to render a second edition of it necessary. A little license was indulged in and something more than Gilbertian jokes were cracked, which clearly indicated that a tedious railway journey had failed to ruffle the good temper of a jovial party. In addition to the vocalists the party comprised Miss Hilda Gee, violinist; Mr. Archy Rosenthal, pianist; and Miss Emily Merrylees, accompanist. Miss Gee's opening solo at once stamped her as a clever and cultured violinist. Difficult compositions were dealt with with intelligence and apparent ease, and the hearty applause with which she was greeted was most thoroughly deserved. Mr. Rosenthal's pianoforte solos were from Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Thalberg, and his performances were masterly in each instance. 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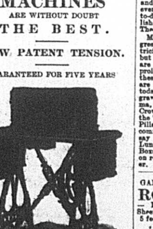
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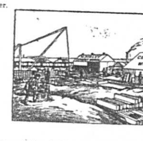
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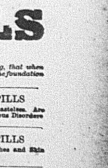
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CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 7th.—Before His Honour Judge Meynell.

DEFECTIVE PARTICULARS.

George Smith, builder and contractor, Stanley, sued James Rainbow for the balance of money on a house built by the plaintiff. Mr. McCartan, for the defendant, asked for further and better particulars of the plaintiff's claim.

His Honour said the particulars gave a list of all the things.

Mr. McCartan said he wanted to know what plaintiff meant by flooring boards.

His Honour said anybody knew what flooring boards were.

Mr. McCartan said there were no particulars as to what they were or how the plaintiff made up £22 10s. He (Mr. McCartan) applied to Messrs. Joel and Parsons, of Newcastle, who were then acting for the plaintiff. He required further and better particulars, and especially full details of the articles alleged to have been removed by the defendant and the value of each.

His Honour asked plaintiff if he heard from his solicitors on the subject.

Plaintiff said he did.

His Honour asked him why he did not send them?

Plaintiff said he sent them, but his solicitor returned them.

Mr. Parsons said he received a document from Smith but he could not understand it and sent it back. He was not now acting for Smith.

His Honour adjourned the case for the production of the particulars as asked for.

THE KEEP OF SHEEP.

Andrew Fewster, farmer, Bradley, sued Robert Hand, butcher, Consett, for the balance of an account respecting the keep of a number of sheep. There was a counter claim for sheep dead or missing and for the use of a Leicester ram. Mr. Balleny was for the plaintiff and Mr. McCartan for the defendant.

Plaintiff said he agreed with defendant to take some sheep and he kept them for several months, the account amounting to £39 odd. Three instalments were paid and a balance of £9 15s 8d was left standing. That represented his claim.

Cross-examined he said there was no arrangement with regard to the sheep. He charged threepence, fourpence, and sixpence according to size. He charged threepence for lambs. He remembered 55 sheep being sent on Nov. 3rd last year. He thought that was the correct date, but he could not say to a day. It was not a fact that they were sent on November 9th, and he did not know where they came from. Mr. Hand was several times at the farm but he did not think he was there when the 55 sheep arrived. Mr. Hand's son was there. He agreed to take them for a few weeks at four-pence a head. He gave the defendant notice to take them away a few weeks after that but he let them stop. He did not meet Mr. Hand at Number One when he was bringing 25 black-faced ewes, nor did he try to buy them. He never mentioned at Number One that he would take them at four-pence a week. Three black-faced and one white-faced sheep died.

Mr. McCartan, in reply to His Honour said they were counter-claiming for seven sheep.

His Honour asked the plaintiff if there were any short except the four that died?

Plaintiff said not that he was aware of.

Mr. McCartan said the use of a Leicester ram was also a subject of counter claim.

Plaintiff said he did not ask Mr. Hand for the use of the ram. Mr. Hand paid him £30 and when he asked him for the balance he did not say he had paid him in full. He said he could not pay the balance at that time. He said he was building a house and it was not convenient. He told Mr. Hand that there was £5 or £6 owing. That was last May. Mr. Hand said there was nothing owing. He told him he would make the balance bigger as he would charge for the dead sheep. He raised the account to £9.

His Honour asked why he had raised it?

Plaintiff said it was because Mr. Hand did not pay in a lump sum.

His Honour said there was no arrangement to pay in a lump sum. He asked if the plaintiff ever gave a bill of what was due?

Plaintiff said he did not but he showed his book. The total amount was £36 2s 8d. That was after Mr. Hand had taken all the sheep out. Plaintiff had raised his charge from £6 to £9.

Samuel Temperley, farmer, Delves, and Fred Fewster, plaintiff's son, having given evidence, Mr. McCartan called

Mr. Hand who said he removed 55 sheep from Caribees to Mr. Fewster's farm and bargained with him to pay four-pence a head. They were to get a sprinkling of turnips. He met Mr Fewster and tried to sell them to him but they could not agree. It was agreed that the black-faced sheep should be taken at four-pence. Defendant lost seven sheep at Fewster's—four black faced and three white faced. To his knowledge three died. He received no word of the others. Plaintiff had the use of the Leicester ram and had charged for its keep.

Abraham Farnsworth, of Carribees, said that Hand had 55 sheep with him. They were removed on the 9th Nov. He had them 31 days and charged 3d a week each. If he had fed them with turnips and hay he would have charged 6d.

By Mr. Balleny: His son made out the bill.

Robert Wilkinson Hand, son of defendant, said he remembered taking 55 sheep from Farnsworth's to Fewster's. He and his father met Fewster at the Mart with regard to the sheep. They had to go on at 4d a week, and have a sprinkling of turnips. Fewster wanted some black-faced sheep, and his father said he could have them at the price, or take them at 4d per week. Fewster said he had to send them down, and he would consider whether he would buy them or take them at 4d per week. His father lost seven sheep—three white-faced and four black-faced. Witness saw three skins. The other four were not accounted for. He saw no trace of them. Fewster said the four black-faced sheep died.

John S. Murray, auctioneer, Blackhill, said he had had experience of wintering of sheep, and if they were fed on full turnips 6d a week was a fair charge. On a grass field, with turnips and hay 4d was sufficient.

William Reed, farmer, Knitsley, gave similar evidence.

His Honour found for plaintiff for £6 2s 8d, and also for plaintiff on the counter claim.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

Messrs. Garrett and Spiers' company are appearing at the New Theatre this week in the weirdly sensational drama, "The Black Vampire." This is the first time the play has been presented in Consett. The piece has been performed at the Britannia Theatre, London, where it met with wonderful success early this year. Mr. Harry F. Spiers (part author) appears as "Armand Dubois," and gives a splendid rendering of the part. Mr. Arthur Pringle does every justice to the character of "Harry Royce," his acting being excellent, whilst Mr. Walter H. Cluxton (a Canadian) scores immensely as "Rita." Mr E. Clark Jelf is very funny as "Sammy Dobbs," whilst Mr. George Daiper and Mr. William Diamond are admirable as "Landville" and "Fillon" respectively. Miss Marie Maughan deserves warm praise for her impersonation of "Mona Brayton," and Miss Ivy Burton is good as "Estelle." As "Natalie Latour," Miss Minnie Waterford is all that could be desired, whilst the famous child actress, Ivy Thorne, does very finely as "Gervaise Dubois," and wins much applause. "The Black Vampire" is magnificently mounted, special scenery having been painted for this production from the studios of Messrs. Percy Warlow, Stalybridge, and Egerton, of Bradford.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LEADGATE MAN.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Wears took place on Sunday afternoon, and was one of the largest that has ever been witnessed in the district. Nearly all deceased's fellow-workmen were present, as well as miners from other of the Consett Iron Company's Collieries. The Consett Mission Band (of which body, we understand, Wears was once a member) also attended, and played the "Dead March" as the cortege wended its way to St. Ives Churchyard, where the remains of the unfortunate man were laid to rest. It was a very impressive sight, and despite the inclement weather, large numbers of people lined the sides of the road. The deceased was highly respected by all who knew him, and much sympathy is felt for the widow and family.

CONSETT.

Consett Liberal Association.—The annual meeting of the members of this Association will be held in the Small Hall of the Town Hall on Friday evening.

British Women's Temperance Association.—A public meeting will be held in the Church Hall, Parliament Street, to-night (Thursday), when an address will be given by Mrs. Knox Lyal, of Stocksfield.

The Volunteers.—The work of swearing-in the rest of the men and measuring for uniforms will be continued at the companies' headquarters, Victoria Buildings, Middle Street, Consett, on Saturday afternoon first, commencing at two o'clock.

North-West Durham Caledonian Society.—On Friday night a concert under the auspices of the above society was held in the Masonic Hall, Consett, to inaugurate the winter session. Mr. John Orr, of Annfield Plain, presided over a large attendance. The vocalists included Messrs. Atkinson, Evans, and Robinson, Blackhill; R. Hyden, and W. Forster, Consett; while Mr. Davies favoured with solos on the zither. Messrs. Forster and J. Mathieson also gave recitations. Mr. Strachan (Blackhill) acted as accompanist.

BLACKHILL.

Primitive Methodist Church.—The Rev. G. F. Johnson, of Gateshead, will preach in this place of worship on Sunday, when collections will be taken in aid of the building fund. On Monday evening a juvenile missionary meeting will be held.

DISPUTE ABOUT A GABLE.

A Curious Case.

At the Consett County Court on Wednesday—before His Honour Judge E. J. Meynell—the case of Ward v. Robson was heard. This was an action in which William Ward, of Medomsley Road, Consett, sued Robert Robson, of Leadgate, to recover the sum of £15 19s 1d, half the cost of a gable erected by the plaintiff for the defendant at his request. Defendant put in a counter-claim against the plaintiff for £18 10s, damage for having encroached and built on land belonging to defendant, and for depreciation in value of four dwelling-houses. Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. G. Parsons, Newcastle for the defendant.

Mr. Aynsley said this was a case for the recovery of half the cost of a party gable. He understood the defendant said there was no agreement that it should be a party gable. They also claimed for encoachment on plaintiff's property by the eaves of the houses overlapping plaintiff's property. There was a counter-claim for £18 10s. He would not say anything further, but proceed to call his witnesses.

William Ward, examined by Mr. Aynsley, and residing at Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, said he was one of the Relieving Officers to the Lanchester Union. He purchased from the Sherburn Hospital two building sites in Medomsley Road, Consett. The frontage was 39 feet, and the depth, including half of 18 feet back street, was 79 feet. In the conveyance there was conveyed to him 342 square yards or thereabouts. (The plan was here put in by Mr. Aynsley.) Defendant had the adjoining premises on the site. The land was measured and pegged out by Mr. Doherty, architect to the Sherburn Hospital, and pegs were put in. He measured the land between the pegs, and there were 39 feet. On this land he built two houses. Before commencing to build he had a conversation with Mr. Robson as to the nature of the wall between the two properties. It was agreed that the wall between them should be a party wall, known as a 9-inch brick wall. The wall was to be built half on his land and half on Mr. Robson's. The cost was to be equally borne between them. They had several conversations, but the agreement was entered into on the 8th July, 1898, just before he commenced to build. He had plans drawn showing the party wall, and instructed Mr. Galley, the builder, to construct the houses according to plan. The total cost of the gable was £31 18s 3d, so half of that would be £15 19s 1d. Mr. Robson commenced to build into his gable during the month of October, 1899, and built a house up against it. He wrote Mr. Robson several times asking him to pay half the cost of the gable. He had one or two conversations with defendant in the presence of Mr. Longstaff, of Leadgate. He remembered one on the 11th September of last year. On that night he received from Mr. Robson the first intimation of the alleged encroachment on his land. Defendant said he had measured his own ground, and was afraid that plaintiff had got on to his land. When the conversation took place plaintiff replied to Mr. Robson that if he had not his measurement it was through no fault of plaintiff's, but that he had built his houses according to the land pegged out. Plaintiff said that defendant knew the wall abutting his property was a party wall according to the agreement entered into. Defendant replied, "Yes; the wall is to be a party wall between us, but it does not follow that I have to lose 18 inches of ground." The actual frontage of plaintiff's property was 39 feet 1 inch, deducting half the party wall. Mr. Robson's actual frontage was 74 feet six inches.

Mr. Parsons said his point was that plaintiff had built the whole of his gable on their ground.

Plaintiff (continuing) said Mr. Coates had the next site, with a frontage of 153 feet. Those three sites included all the building sites between the cross streets. At the back his depth of premises was 39 feet and half-an-inch, deducting 4½ inches for party wall. Mr. Robson had a frontage at the back street of 75 feet three inches. Defendant had encroached on his ground by projecting the eaves of his bath-room at the back two inches over his (plaintiff's) land. The supports for spouts—4½ inches—were also on his land. He had not encroached on defendant's ground.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parsons: Mr. Coates bought the first site, 153 feet; Mr. Robson bought the next, 75 feet; he bought the third, 39 feet. Mr. Coates built first, and plaintiff second, before Mr. Robson did any building. Defendant asked that the wall between them should be a party wall. He did not say that it would be better not to do so, as he saw no prospect of building. Mr. Jos. Eltringham, of Blackhill, and Mr. Galley, the builder of his houses, measured the ground. It was measured with a steel tape. Mr. Doherty also measured it. Witness was present when the measurements were made. Mr. Robson objected to pay for the gable, and also complained of an encroachment on his ground. The first intimation he had of this was on the 11th September last year. He was present when Mr. Robson's site was measured. Defendant did not tell him that the site only measured 73 feet 5 inches. He was told the distance was 73 feet six inches at the front. Plaintiff built on the site sold to him. Coates' site was measured in his presence, and to the centre of the gable it was 153 feet. Witness got his proper quantity. If Mr. Robson was over a foot short he could not account for it. Assuming the measurements of defendant to be correct, the whole gable was not on defendant's land. Defendant did not bring the measurements to him, and he did not say that Robson had 17 inches more than he was entitled to. He could not say whether defendant's site was measured on the basis that he had bought 72 feet. Defendant said he had purchased 75 feet of frontage, and he was surprised to hear it. He told defendant that he had built according to the pegs denoting his property. From centre to centre of the gables it was 74 feet six inches. Assuming that it was only 74 feet 4½ inches the eaves were not projecting.

Re-examined by Mr. Aynsley: He did not see the actual measurements taken, and if defendant said there was 73 feet six inches he did not admit this. From centre to centre of the gables it was 74 feet 6 inches. Plaintiff only built between the pegs set in by the hospital architect. He had not more land than he bought, and if he had encroached at all he had encroached to the north, and on the hospital ground.

John Doherty, an architect and surveyor practising at Consett, said he was local surveyor for the Governors of the Sherburn Hospital, to whom this land originally belonged. He set out the land sold to Messrs Coates, Ward, and Robson, on December 6th, 1895. He pegged the land, and set out 153 feet to Coates, 75 feet to Robson, and 39 feet to Ward. Mr. Carr, another representative of Sherburn Hospital at Durham, checked these measurements. Mr. Ward got, including the party wall, 39 feet 6 inches, so that excluding 4½ inches on Mr. Robson's site, there was 39 feet 1½ inches. Robson came to him as representative of the hospital, and said he intended to have 75 feet. He measured the land with Robson once or twice. Robson told him he measured it first with a lathe. Witness measured it with a tape, and the last measurements on August 22nd were:—Coates, 153 feet 6 inches; Robson, 73 feet 7 inches in front; that was the distance between the two gables. Coates acknowledged he had six inches too much.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parsons: Mr. Robson was supposed to have 75 feet without the party walls. He had 75 feet staked out. Coates got six inches more than he should have had.

By Mr. Aynsley: Assuming that Robson arranged with Coates and Ward for their respective gables to be on his land, and the land between the gables was 73 feet 7 inches, Robson got five inches off Ward, and half of 16 on the other side.

His Honour: That will not make up the 75 feet.

T. S. Longstaff, surveyor, Leadgate, said that he remembered plaintiff and defendant having a conversation in his presence respecting the land in Medomsley Road. The first conversation was about August or September, 1898. Robson was asking Ward to make a plan for four houses he was going to build. Robson said he was going to have a party gable with Coates the same as he had with plaintiff. Nothing more was said about the gable then. He was present at another conversation about nine months afterwards. The parties were then not very good friends. Robson charged Ward with getting some of his land. Ward said that he got no more land than what he bought, except the half gable built on Robson's land. Robson said he was short of the land he bought. The party gable was agreed to between them.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parsons: The first conversation was in 1898 in his house. That was before Robson built. The gable was built then. The second conversation was about the middle of the summer of 1899. There was a discussion about the land, and Robson said he was short of his ground. He did not think that defendant said that Ward had built the whole of the gable on his (Robson's) land.

Wm. S. Shell, surveyor to the Consett Council, produced the plan deposited by Mr. Robson for the building of the houses. The wall between plaintiff's and defendant's property was marked a party wall, and was called a 9-inch brick wall. The wall on Coates' side was also a party wall, 16 inches thick. The plan was stamped on September 12th, 1899. It scaled 75 feet from centre to centre of the party walls.

Wm. John Galley, a builder, living in Hartington Street, Consett, said he built two houses for plaintiff in Medomsley Road, Consett. A 9-inch gable wall was built, 4½ inches on each party's land. When he went on the land with his material he found it pegged out, and the pegs were still there. When he went on the land he put his tape across, and found there was 39 feet between the pegs. This was before he built. He built the houses on this site, with the exception of 4½ inches on the other land. He had since measured Ward's, Robson's, and Coates' property, and the vacant site on the north of Ward's land. Ward's actual frontage from centre to centre was 39ft 1 in. Robson had got a frontage of 74ft 7in, from centre to centre. Robson's bath-room eaves projected 2½in. on Ward's land. The length of the projection was 11ft 3in. The spout supports projected 4½ inches. At the present time the rain falling on the roof ran into Ward's yard.

Cross-examined by Mr. Parsons: He measured the ground the previous day with plaintiff with a tape. Robson's ground measured 74 feet 7 inches. Ward's measured to the centre of the gable 39 feet 1¼ inches. It was not 39 feet 7¼ inches.

Joseph Eltringham, builder and contractor, Blackhill, said he was a licensed valuer of great experience. He measured those sites on Monday afternoon with a steel tape, which he could rely on as being correct. Ward's frontage, centre to centre of gables, was 39 feet 1 inch, or with half of party wall, 39 feet 5¼ inches. Robson's from centre to centre of party wall was 74 feet 7 inches, and at the back 75 feet 3 inches. He was satisfied that Mr. Ward was on his own ground.

Mr. Aynsley said that was his case.

Mr. Parsons said he would only point out that if he could prove by measurements that Ward had built on their ground, then he submitted that the other side were not entitled to recover half the cost of the gable.

Robert Robson, painter, &c., Leadgate, said that he bought the site from the trustees of Sherburn Hospital, and it showed 75 feet of frontage. He had a conversation with Mr. Ward respecting the building of a party wall some time before he commenced to build. Ward asked if he was willing for him (Ward) to put a gable on his (defendant's) ground. Witness said that he would rather he did not, as he was not in a position to build himself, and he said he could not tell when he would build. Moreover, he might sell the ground. He said that plaintiff had better build on his own land, and should he build, or whoever built, they would likely be willing to pay half the cost of the gable. He went and saw Ward and asked him to make a plan, but before building Ward said it would be advisable to measure the ground. They measured the ground with a rail, and it came to 73 feet 5 inches between gable and gable. Defendant called attention to the fact that it was short, but plaintiff said it was not, and he had 17 inches over. Plaintiff said that defendant's site was four of 18 feet each. Witness told him that he had 75 feet of frontage. He had since had the sites measured by a professional man. He was present when the sites were measured. The whole of the wall was built on his ground. The eaves were on his own land, if his measurements were accurate. In consequence of the loss of ground he put in a counter-claim for £18 10s. He had arranged to have a certain width of passage way, and had he had his full ground would have had a larger entrance. That depreciated the property. He remembered no conversation in the presence of Mr. Longstaff before the houses were built. It was afterwards. Mr. Ward prepared the plan of his houses. The walls were not marked party walls on the plan he put in.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aynsley: He had built into both the walls. He had built into Mr. Ward's gable because he contended the wall was on his ground. He contended that no such conversation as that alleged by Mr. Longstaff took place. He had known Mr. Longstaff for about 50 years, and considered him one of his best friends, but Mr. Longstaff was under a wrong impression. Assuming that the correct measurement was 74 feet 7 inches, and his ground was to be 75 feet, that made a material difference. If he had built four houses on 75 feet, and there had been no arrangement as to party walls, he would have had to put up 9-inch walls at each side, so that 18 inches would have been taken off his building space. If he lost five inches by this arrangement, and instead had had to build two 9-inch walls, he did not see that he had gained 13 inches. He would not swear as to whether he saw Mr. Ward's plan when he put in a tender to build plaintiff's houses. He wrote to the Sherburn Hospital authorities asking them to account for the land deficient, as he thought them responsible. He got a reply, but found from further inquiries he found that Mr. Ward had got the land.

By Mr. Aynsley: He did not tell Coates that he had got a portion of his land. He could not say whether Coates had got six inches of his land.

John Ed. Parker, A.M.I.C.E., said he was called in by Mr. Robson to measure these respective sites last week. Mr. Coates' site from the street end to the centre of the gable was 152 feet 11 inches; Mr. Robson's, 73 feet 6¼ inches; and Mr. Ward's, including both end walls, 39 feet 7¼ inches. From the centre of Coates' gable to the centre of Robson's gable was 74 feet 4¼ inches. Assuming that Coates' land was accurate, then Robson was 7¼ inches short on Ward's side. He measured with a survey chain and a new steel tape.

Cross-examined by Mr. Aynsley: Coates' gable was 15 inches thick. He did not measure the width of the vacant site. According to his measurements it was an encroachment on Robson's ground. He did not agree that the 9-inch encroachment (if it was an encroachment) was on the ground of the hospital.

George Carr, representing the commissioners of Sherburn Hospital, produced the duplicate deeds of the property, and said he checked Doherty's measurements.

His Honour, in giving judgment, said that defendant had agreed to the party wall. It seemed that by the measurements one had got an inch or two too little. He did not think that defendant had made out that plaintiff had built on his land, and thus Ward was entitled to recover. Ward was also entitled to an injunction for defendant to remove the eaves and spout supports. The counter-claim had failed.

MR. WARD CLAIMS PROTECTION.

Just as the parties were leaving the Court, Mr. Ward came back, and stepping into the witness-box, said he claimed protection. Mr. Robson had just remarked to him, "You will be satisfied now, and rob someone else."

His Honour said he could not deal with remarks. It was a very improper remark. Had it been made before him he might have committed defendant for contempt in court.

The Pearl Life Assurance Company and their late Superintendent.

In the month of January last the Pearl Company brought an action against their late Superintendent, Mr. Edward Telford, claiming damages for libel and an injunction restraining him from publishing certain advertisements signed "E. Telford," which appeared about that time in the "Consett Guardian." Mr. Telford instructed his solicitor to resist the claim, and the various proceedings in an action in the High Court were gone through, and the parties were ready for trial. Feeling ran high and there was every promise of a trial the details of which would have been of importance and interest to all concerned in a struggle between employers and employed. Mr. Telford has now been informed that the Plaintiffs have withdrawn their action and agreed to pay all costs. We congratulate Mr. Telford on having so successively maintained the position he took up in the beginning, and on having asserted his rights to make public comment on the action of his late employers.

LEADGATE.

Wesleyan Church.—Extensive alterations have recently been made at the above church, which has been thoroughly renovated, and the organ re-built. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs Siddle, of Consett. The re-opening services took place last Sunday, when two sermons were preached—morning and evening—by the Rev. E. Charlesworth, of Shotley Bridge. Despite the miserable weather there were large congregations. On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held in the church, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. E. Charlesworth and the Rev. R. Nicholson, newly-appointed ministers. The choir, assisted by local artistes, rendered a choice selection of music.—On Saturday night a grand concert was given in the school-room by Mr. Thos. Nixon's String Band, assisted by several noted artistes. Mr. J. Forster acted as accompanist. On Monday afternoon, a tea was given in the school-room by Mrs F. Forster on behalf of the Renovation Fund. There was a very large attendance, and the satisfactory sum of £4 12s was realised.—The re-opening services have been of a most successful nature. Mr. Jos Davison has conducted the choir, and Mr. F. Harrison presided at the organ, both gentlemen admirably fulfilling their duties.

THE NORTH-WEST DURHAM ELECTION.

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES AND MR. JOICEY.

Mr. Atherley-Jones has sent the following letter to Mr. Joicey:—

Sir,—I am satisfied that your letter, including your last of October 31st, have sufficiently established the falsity and absurdity of your charges that I "sided with the Boers," "voted against supplies," and sympathised with the wish of a certain Irish member that the Irish soldiers should desert their own ranks and join the Boers. My vindication at your hands is not the less complete by reason of the fact that you do not frankly own the injustice of your accusations by endeavour to compare the issue between us by acrimonious abuse and irrelevant arguments; it is not unusual for a defeated enemy to cover his retreat by similar tactics.

Pardon me for reminding you that I do not charge you with "deliberate lying." I stated you had "published deliberate lies." I never suspected that you had been the actual composer of the adroit and ingenious literature of your polling-card, but I have ventured to blame you, and still blame you, for having permitted these cards to be issued with a reckless disregard as to whether or no the statements were true. I am, Faithfully yours,

L. A. ATHERLEY-JONES.

4, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
7th, November, 1900.

DUNSTON.

The Fatal Accident on the Railway.—An inquest was held at the Dunston Police Station, on Wednesday, on the body of George Robson, aged 70, retired joiner, who resided with his son at Ellison Terrace, Dunston.—The evidence showed that the deceased had been seen in the vicinity of the Lobley Hill Branch of the N.E.R. on Tuesday morning, when he seemed in a very excited state. There was no evidence, however, to show how Robson had got on to the railway, and the verdict was "Found dead on the Lobley Hill Branch of the N.E.R., having been killed by being run over by some truck.

LEADGATE.

Visit of Mr. Lindon Travers.—It was the unanimous opinion of the packed audience that assembled in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate, on Tuesday night, that a finer entertainment it has seldom been their pleasure to listen to than that provided by Mr. Lindon Travers, who well deserves to be styled "the popular vocalist and entertainer." Of course, Mr. Travers dealt almost entirely with the war, and very entertaining and interesting were his descriptive songs, realistic scenes, and thrilling stories. Mr. Travers gave a capital sketch of the career of Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking. He also explained and illustrated the Boer methods of warfare, and all the principal events of the campaign, and likewise dealt with the future prospects of South Africa in a manner which fully demonstrated that he knew what he was talking about. A feature of the entertainment was the 120 superbly tinted photographs, and animated war pictures up-to-date, and also living photos from the front, shown by the American Biograph (the latest model.) These roused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm, every picture being loudly cheered. Mr. Travers also sang a new song, "Welcome Home," with much acceptance. Miss Alice L. Travers presided at the piano in a most capable manner. The Rev. Father Magill, of the Brooms, made an able chairman. After all expenses have been met, Mr. Geo. Cooke (who organised this very successful entertainment) hopes to be in a position to hand over a substantial sum to the local branch of the Nurses' Association. Everybody will be delighted to see Mr. Travers pay a return visit to Leadgate.

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