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A DISCLAIMER.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—As the letter in your last issue by "Querist" on "Footpaths, Gadamps, Gambling, &c., is causing some misjudgment as to its author, you will oblige me by publishing a disclaimer thereto.

Yours in anticipation,
THOMAS DALE.

Kip Hill, October 8th, 1895.

EVENING CLASSES.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Dear Sir,—Knowing your great willingness to give the greatest publicity to all endeavours that are made for the benefit of our district—especially in the way of educational improvement—I shall be very glad if you will give some prominence to the following statement. The Benfieldside Evening Class Committee have commenced or are commencing Evening Classes at the Board Schools in the following subjects (advertisement of which has appeared in your columns) viz:—Shorthand, Drawing, Mensuration and Singing, Book-keeping, Cookery, &c. The importance of all these subjects to the young of both sexes commencing the battle of life cannot be over estimated, and I earnestly desire to call the attention of all parents and guardians to the opportunity that is here afforded at a small cost to attain proficiency in these subjects by their children. Thanking you in anticipation.

I remain, yours truly,
FRED. WALKER.

7, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, Oct. 9th, 1895.

THE BUTTERFLIES.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—Under the above heading, I have read with much interest the notes of the Rev. W. Featherstonehaugh, rector of Edmundbyers, of the late appearance of the Red Admiral. It may be also interesting to that gentleman and your many readers to learn that on September 27th, no less than 35 of the small Tortoise-shell Butterfly (Vanessa Utrica) were seen feeding at one and the same time upon a single plant—a purple (Seduni Stoloniferum) in Mr. J. Cawthorn's garden, at Windy Hill, Whickham, whilst all around seemed to be alive with them. The Red Admiral (Pyrameis Atalanta) might also be seen flitting here and there, but not in such numbers as the Tortoise-shell. The Silver Why, also in numbers, seemed to be feeding upon some French marigolds. Mr. Cawthorn also procured a specimen of the Peacock (Vanessa Io) one of the finest of our British butterflies. On the 29th they were just as numerous. Possibly the long spell of summer weather has given them time to collect in greater numbers than is usual, and they, no doubt, would resort to gardens, as practically the only place they would find flowers at this time of the year. The sunshine has however during the last few days given place to cold east winds, and Mr. Featherstonehaugh's (Red Admirals) will have also hibernated, until the sunny days of early spring.

Yours &c.
JOE. H. HEDWORTH.

1, Railway Terrace, Dunston, Oct. 7th., 1895

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—There is no institution more worthy of the support of Friendly Society members than the Convalescent Home. The utility of such institutions in the economical working of Friendly Societies cannot be too widely known. To recommend a working man who has a small family, and who has probably been sick three or four months and whose only income has been ten shillings per week from his Society, to go a hundred miles into the country for two or three weeks, where he can have good food in a good home, with pleasant surroundings and a thorough change of air, would have about the same effect as a recommendation to the moon, unless the patient could enlist the sympathy of some philanthropic person. In some cases Friendly Societies waste their money by paying sick benefit longer than necessary, and frequently a member goes to work who has only partially recovered, and probably is on the funds of his Society again in a week or two—the result of being only artificially propped up for a short time, and not thoroughly restored to health, as he might have been if he could have participated in the natural advantages of a change of air, which in some cases is absolutely necessary. The patient wastes his time and sacrifices his life, because financially he is not in a position to go away from home. It invariably happens that the time when a man most needs a change of air is the time when he is least able to get it, and the uncertainty as to the cost and the difficulty of finding a place is a great drawback to a man of limited means (which is entirely obviated if he is connected with a convalescent home); and, rather than run the risk and inconvenience he lingers on for weeks longer than he would have done if at the proper time he could have spent a fortnight or three weeks with nature's doctor, for the want of which probably more are brought to a premature grave than we imagine. The home that I am connected with is the Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home, Grange-over-Sands, which is on the west coast of Lancashire, not far from Barrow-in-Furness. The management committee during the early part of the present year purchased a site and grounds in the vicinity of the present home, and close to the famous Grange-over-Sands Hydropathic Establishment. It is intended to build a new Institution which will be specially adapted for the object in view, with accommodation for many more patients, and to contain all the latest improvements. The cost will be about £4,000, and towards this £450 has already been raised. We can see the site from the Home; it is a lovely spot, and will be much nearer the Railway Station. In view of this great undertaking, I consider that it behoves every member of a Friendly Society in the north of England, and all who like to encourage prudence, thrift, and manly independence to give what little assistance they can in order that the object may be accomplished. By the way, I should like to mention that to those who care for sightseeing there are many opportunities here, as the Home is situated in a very central position from which to visit Lancaster, Ulverston, Windermere, Cartmell, and Kendal, all of which can be seen at very little cost. The scenery in the district is of the most beautiful description, and a very fine view of Holme Island and Morecambe Bay with its numerous pleasure-craft, is not the least of its attractions. The Home is a pleasant-looking building in a beautiful situation, and was built to accommodate twenty patients, with separate bedrooms for each patient; two bathrooms, dining-room, day or reading room, with numerous games, and a good supply of books and periodicals of every description; a horse and waggonette is kept to take the patients to and from the station, which is about three miles distant. The "Home" is supported by members of registered Friendly Societies resident in the various counties, paying 24/- for a fortnight's stay, including everything necessary for their comfort; but, to bring it within the reach of all, it was found necessary to do something more, and associations have been formed in various towns and centres. The associations sell annual tickets at sixpence and ninepence each to friendly society members; and if they become entitled to the benefits, they are supplied with a 24/- ticket and have their railway fare paid to and from the "Home." The greatest care and economy have to be practised both with respect to the management of the Home and the association to make both ends meet at the price named. In fact, the rent of £60 has been found to be such a heavy item to meet every year that the Associations are now trying to raise sufficient money to become their own landlords. Here is an open door for grand philanthropy. If some one would give a thousand pounds, it would make our task an easy one. The management are anxious not to raise the prices believeing that with increased support (as the "Home" is rapidly growing in popularity) the present charges will be sufficient. The reports received from patients are most gratifying. They speak highly of the "Home," and everything connected therewith, and the benefits derived from it are proved by the fact that most patients, when they leave the home, go straight to work. I earnestly appeal to members of Friendly Societies, especially to the members of our own Association, to support the Friendly Societies Convalescent Home at Grange-over-Sands. I cannot, in justice to our Superintendent and his wife, conclude this report without wishing them health, strength, and prosperity to continue to cater for the good and welfare of our afflicted brethren—who are compelled to seek renewed health by the visit to our Home at Grange-over-Sands.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

Bradley Cottages, October 8th, 1895.

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TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Tanfield Lea Schools, on Tuesday evening week,—Mr. Thos. Pringle (chairman), presiding. Also present—Messrs H. C. Wood, J.P., J. Green, J.P., B. Mason, W. Bulmer, M. G. Armstrong, W. Braidford, jun., Rev. Father Thompson, and the clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson).

The Staff Committee.

The Staff Committee met an hour before the regular meeting, when several of the head teachers were in attendance, and explained their wants as regards increased staff to the Committee. As a result of their investigation, the committee made several recommendations to the Board, which were, on the motion of Mr. Green, seconded by Father Thompson, approved of.

New Teachers.

The Clerk reported that there were six applications for the vacant assistant-mastership at Tanfield Lea Mixed and West Stanley Mixed, and two applications for the post of assistant-mistress at East Stanley.

As one of the applications for assistant-master was not entertained, it was decided that the other five, together with the two candidates for assistant-mistress, should attend a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday next, third class railway fare to be allowed.

Attendance Officer's Report.

Gentlemen—Since your last meeting I have made 50 visits, served nine bye-law notices, and reported 20 children to other officers. The attendance during the past month has been fairly satisfactory, the worst attendance being among the children of the upper standards. There are still a few cases of fever and measles in the Stanley district. On Thursday, the 19th inst., Joseph Stranghur of West Stanley, was fined 5/- by the magistrates at Lanchester for not causing his child to attend regularly at school. Three cases are entered into my report book to be submitted to your consideration.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant.
SEYMORE MEDDICK.

October 1st, 1895.

The Central Class: Mr. Bolam Granted An Increase of Salary.

In compliance with notice of motion, Mr. Green moved that the salary of Mr. Bolam (teacher to the central class) be advanced from £110 to £150. Mr. Green pointed out that the work of Mr. Bolam had very largely increased of late.

Father Thompson thought £20 a large increase. Mr. Green said if the Board thought it was too much they could give less.

Father Thompson suggested that the salary be advanced to £120.

Mr. Wood said it must be understood that if they increased Mr. Bolam's salary it did not follow that they would increase Mr. Wilkinson's salary. The members would remember that they had some trouble about this the last time Mr. Bolam got an advance, and he did not want it to occur again.

In reply to a question, the Clerk stated that it was just a year ago since Mr. Bolam was granted an increase.

Mr. Wood said they started at first to educate only their own teachers, but they had taken in the teachers of the other Boards. He had an impression that the place was overcrowded.

The Clerk said it soon would be.

Eventually, Mr. Green moved that the salary be £120 a year, which was seconded by Father Thompson, and carried.

A New Rate.

The Clerk presented his estimate of the expenditure for the ensuing half-year.

On the motion of Mr. Bulmer, seconded by Mr. Green, it was resolved that a rate of 6d in the pound be levied to meet the expenses of the next six months.

Application for Increase of Salary.

Miss Ramsey, a teacher in the Leazes Infant School, applied for an increase of salary.

On the motion of Father Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mason, it was agreed that Miss Ramsey's salary should be increased to £40 a year.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Leazes Mixed.

No. on books, 241; average attendance, 222; average for last month, 216.4.

Mr. R. Abbott reported:—The attendance during the month has been satisfactory, and work has consequently gone on steadily. The spouts have been cleaned as ordered.

Leazes Infants.

No. on books, 136; average attendance, 110.4; average for last month, 99.6.

Miss M. D. Hogarth reported:—Work has proceeded in the usual manner during the past month, and the attendance has been thoroughly satisfactory, the irregularity being chiefly among the children under five years of age.

Tanfield Mixed.

No. on books—mixed, 83; infants, 34; average attendance 72.9 and 30.1; average for last month, 79.4 and 33.1.

East Stanley Mixed.

No. on books, 193; average attendance, 180.3; average for last month, 179.5.

East Stanley Infants.

No. on books, 132; average attendance, 116.9; average for last month, 116.6.

West Stanley Mixed.

No. on books, 219; average attendance, 199; average for last month, 186.

Mr. R. W. Little reported:—With an increased average attendance during the past month, and particularly in the past week, the difficulties previously reported have in no way diminished, but rather increased owing to the want of staff. In the absence of the second year P.T.'s at the central class, I have only the assistance of the first year P.T., with an average of 105 children in five standards. Miss A. Hawke was temporarily engaged by the Local Committee on Sept. 16th. We were at that time without two assistants. The repairs noted last month are being done, but the cementing in yard has not been commenced.

West Stanley Infants.

No. on books, 113; average attendance, 95.8; average for last month, 95.3.

Pickering Nook Mixed.

No. on books, 175; average attendance, 164.5; average for last month, 165.5.

Mr. G. H. Smith reported:—The attendance continues good, averaging 94 per cent. of the children on the registers. You will observe, too, that the average for the year slowly increases. The work goes on steadily in all classes, though, of course, those in the large room are at a considerable disadvantage owing to their cramped condition.

Mr. Wood reported that they had not done anything at present as regards the overcrowding at the above school. He had been up to the school, but Mr. Mason could not attend, and consequently nothing was done.

Mr. Mason: We shall be bound to turn some out or make some alteration.

Mr. Wood said that most of the children were from the Hobson. The Inspector in his report recommended that a class-room be built for the Infant Department. There were a few children from White-le-Head.

Mr. Mason stated that the master was refusing children from the Hobson now.

Mr. Green said that Mr. Abbott's school was full, and he could not take the overplus from Pickering Nook.

Mr. Wood thought it best to appoint a sort of supplementary committee outside the local committee to inquire into this matter, and let the Department see that they were doing something.

Mr. Green moved that Messrs Wood, Mason, Braidford, Bulmer, and Pringle be appointed a committee to enquire into the question of the overcrowding at Pickering Nook School.

Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion, which was adopted.

Pickering Nook Infants.

No. on books, 77; average attendance, 63; average for last month, 61.

Tanfield Lea Mixed.

No. on books, 157.7; average attendance, 147.3; average for last month, 146.1.

Mr. E. S. Dawson reported:—School work progresses as well as can be expected under my present staff conditions. I trust you will be able to make some arrangements for me to have another ex-P.T. to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Smales' resignation at as early a date as possible, as I do not feel capable of carrying on the school work in anything approaching an efficient manner under present circumstances.

Tanfield Lea Infants.

No. on books, 147; average attendance, 122; average for last month, 122.4.

Causey Row.

The teachers' report showed an increased attendance.

The Painting of Schools.

With regard to the complaints respecting the painting of Tanfield Lea and another school, the Clerk reported that the painter, Mr. Leslie, had written and explained that the lye had taken part of the green out of the walls, but that Mr. Dawson had expressed his willingness to run the risk of this. Mr. Leslie further stated that it was intended to have the walls of the lobby pink, but that his man unfortunately mistook his instructions, and painted them green. He was willing to paint them pink if required, but thought them a good job as they were.

It was thought that nothing further could be done in the matter.

An Evening School for East Stanley.

It was decided that an evening school should be started at East Stanley, students on joining to pay a fee of 2/6, which would be returned if they made 35 attendances.

The New Schools at Causey Row.

The Clerk reported that he had written Messrs Davison and Bendle, architects, Newcastle, with respect to the decision come to at a special meeting of the Board in regard to the above schools—viz., that Messrs Davison and Bendle's plans for Causey Row Schools and teacher's residence be accepted on condition that the work can be completed for £1,[illegible], and if this cannot be done the Board to be at liberty to engage another architect, without remunerating them in any way. A reply had been received from Messrs Dawson and Bendle, expressing their willingness to accept the Board's terms, and stating that they would endeavour to carry out the work to the satisfaction of the Board.

Central Class.

Mr. Bolam's report was submitted and considered satisfactory.

Financial.

Cheques for sums amounting to £535 3s 2d were ordered to be signed.

Stanley National School.

The Clerk stated that since last meeting he had forwarded draft of a new agreement to the Education Department, but had not yet received a reply, although he expected one every day.

Several members expressed a hope that the necessary formalities would be concluded immediately on receipt of the agreement from the Department, so that the matter might be settled at once.

The Clerk promised to have this done.

Application for Loan of School and Piano.

The Tanfield Lea and Tantobie United Temperance Society applied for permission to hold periodical meetings in Tanfield Lea School, and also for the use of the piano.

It was agreed to grant the society the use of the room on the usual conditions, but not the piano, as similar applications had already been refused in the past.

Return of Attendance.

Return of attendances for the four weeks ending September 27th, 1895:—

Names of Schools.	No. on Register	Average Attend'ce	School accomod'tion	Av'age for School y'r
East Stanley, Mixed	192	176	166	183
East Stanley, Infants	133	118	130	111
West Stanley, Mixed	219	205	155	202
West Stanley, Infants	113	99	100	98
Pickering Nook, Mixed	175	164	144	161
Pickering Nook, Infants	78	68	66	—
Leazes, Mixed	241	224	250	224
Leazes, Infants	140	116	100	95
Tanfield Lea, Mixed	157	146	149	—
Tanfield Lea, Infants	147	123	175	118
Causey Row	144	137	155	139
Tanfield, Mixed	84	73 }	150	110
Tanfield, Infants	33	30 }		

The Board then adjourned.

CONSETT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JNO. CRAWFORD.

On Saturday evening last, the 129th quarterly meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall. Mr. Geo. Lowes presiding. There was a good attendance of members. Previous to the ordinary business being commenced with, the papers and magazines were sold by Mr. Crawford, good prices being realised, after which he was presented with a silver hammer.

The Chairman pointed out that this was to be presented to Mr. Crawford for services rendered in selling the papers, and called upon Mr. Wilson Clayton to make the presentation.

Mr. Clayton said it afforded him very much pleasure to have an opportunity of assisting in that interesting ceremony. Were he capable of delivering an eulogy—though he was sorry to say he was not—Mr. Crawford was too well-known to need it. He was one of their oldest townsmen, known to everybody, and respected as known. For five years he had come to the quarterly meetings and sold the papers and had never sent in a bill, nor even hinted that he wished for recompense, but told the Committee when first they asked him, that it would be a pleasure to be of service to them. He would remind the meeting that they were not exactly a philanthropic institution; at least a portion of their time being spent in making profits—possibly too much—and a portion of these profits were made by selling the same commodity as that by which Mr. Crawford earned his livelihood; but that had made no difference to his selling the papers. They were not at that time, however, met as profit-makers, but as men who were not slow to recognise manly qualities in another, and to shew their appreciation in a tangible form. That little hammer had a real as well as ficticious value, as any silversmith would tell Mr. Crawford should he ever be compelled to part with it. It was made of solid silver of chaste design, and neatly finished. Too often they neglected to foster in each other the development of those social and moral qualities which had so large and prominent a place in the creed of their forefathers, the pioneers of that great movement. To-day, marks of success were reckoned by increases in membership and profits; half a century ago, development of character and manhood were the surest signs of it, and he unhesitatingly said the day was coming when as Co-operators they would have to return to that high ideal. (Hear, hear). A great responsibility rested on those who took upon themselves the name of "Co-operator." By so doing they pledged themselves to assist each other in the development of those qualities which made for a higher type of manhood. Without trespassing any further on their time he desired to present to Mr. Crawford that hammer as a token of their respect and esteem and hoped he might long be spared to use it in the discharge of his duties, and that each time he did so, he would remember with yet kindlier feelings those members who had so willingly foregone a small share of their profits to thus recognise his services. (Applause).

The hammer was made of solid silver, weighed nearly five ounces, and engraved with the following inscription:—"Presented to Jno. Crawford, Esq., by the Consett Co-operative Society, October, 1895."

Mr. Crawford who on rising was received with cheers, said that it was 26 years since he came to Consett, at which time he did not know a single face but his own. During that time he had plodded and struggled on, and so far as he knew had done what was right. He believed if men would do what was right good would come of it. When Mr. Davis asked him five years ago to come and sell the papers he willingly consented, believing it to be his duty to do what he could to assist any man or body of men, even though it put him to some little inconvenience now and again. Having been a soldier for 16 years, he had got a fair training in punctuality, and learned the lessons of at all times being at his post at the time appointed. He thanked them very kindly for the very handsome present. He did not expect anything, much less an article of such value. He would ever treasure it, and pass it on to his family when he was done with it, and they would be thus reminded of the kindly feeling that had existed between the Consett Co-operative Society and himself. He felt proud of it and trusted he would for a long time to come have an opportunity of attending their meetings to sell their papers. He was not used to public speaking and could not say exactly what he desired, but he was very much obliged to one and all for the honour they had done him. (Cheers).

The business of the quarterly meeting was then proceeded with, and the minutes of the previous quarterly meeting and of the Committee for the quarter were read and adopted.

The balance-sheet shewed the sales to be £14,259 5s 5d against £13,903 12s 4½d in the corresponding quarter of last year, and £14,024 13s 3½d last quarter.

The total profit was £2,593 14s 10½d, out of which a dividend of 3/2 in the pound on general purchase and 1/- in the pound on butchering purchases; the remainder being carried to interest and shares, depreciation, &c. There was an increase of 11 members on the quarter.

The retiring members of the Committee were Messrs McIvor and Matthews, the former being elected, and the latter being replaced by Mr. J. Leybourne.

It was agreed to allow the use of rooms for Science Classes as before. Six houses are being built, four of which have to be sold to the members, and two retained for the employees.

NATIONAL INDEPENDANT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

The members of the "Maid of Derwent" lodge, No. 685, held their 27th annual meeting on Saturday at the Fox Inn, Dipton, when the members and friends sat down to a substantial knife and fork tea prepared by Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett in a first-class manner, assisted by several young ladies. After partaking of the good things provided, Bro. Walter Sanders, P.G.M., was called upon to take the chair, in the absence of Bro. J. A. Curry, who was from home. In opening the meeting, the chairman gave an interesting address on the benefits derived from such societies. The secretary, Bro. George Eltringham, then gave the financial statement of the lodge, showing the liabilities and assets, with which every member was highly satisfied. The order is composed of 56,674 members, with a capital of £224,099. He then referred to the great distress of members who had been out of work through depression of trade for the last twelve months, which has caused many members to fall out of sick benefit, all death claims, however, stand good. They had also had much sickness, for which they had to levy on members, but were now recovering, and the levy was taken off again. They had had three deaths during the past year. The secretary, who had been 16 years in office, wished to retire from his labours at the end of the present year, as he had left Dipton and gone to reside at Consett, which was too far away from lodge. The best thanks of the lodge was given to Mr. R. Murray, Blackhill, for his handsome donation to the lodge. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for the manner they had acted as host and hostess. The meeting was brought to a close with votes of thanks to the chairman and secretary for their addresses.

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CHAPTER XXV.

DRAWN TO THE BRINK.

The eventful day came at last when the bill for the establishment of the new tariff was to be taken up by the House of Representatives, and the Hon. Tudor Hereward was to deliver his speech in its support.

The rumour of an expected speech from the rising statesman and eloquent orator was always sure to draw a crowd to the Hall of Representatives.

From an early hour the hall was crowded and every seat in the Ladies' Gallery was filled.

Lilith was there, of course. Much as she disliked the crowded galleries and the noisy debates, she was present in a front seat. She would not have missed hearing Tudor's speech on any account.

She listened to every word of it, and although the largeness of her sympathies made her differ, at heart, from the principles it supported, yet she gloried in its power and triumphed in its success—for it was a signal success. Late that evening, when the vote was taken, the bill was passed by an overwhelming majority.

That evening, after the pair had returned to their hotel and dined, Tudor took Lilith into the Ladies' Parlour.

"You have been here a week, my little lady love, and have never spent an evening with the guests of the house. I cannot permit you to immure yourself so entirely. This evening, too, some friends are coming to meet me—"

"To congratulate you, Tudor?"

"Well, to talk with me, at all events, and I wish to introduce them to you—if I have your permission, my dear."

"'Permission!' Oh, Tudor!"

"Certainly, Mrs. Hereward," he answered, with a sort of playful gravity; "I should never present any of my male acquaintances to you without your permission."

"As if you could possibly bring anyone to me to whom I could possibly object! Will you now take *carte blanche* to bring any one you please to me, Tudor?"

He laughed and kissed her, and they entered the parlour.

The appearance of Hereward seemed the signal for the approach of all his friends and acquaintances. Even before he had found a seat for Lilith, and while he stood with her hand resting on his arm in the middle of the floor, they were surrounded.

It was an ovation.

The success of the afternoon was crowned by the social triumph of the evening.

Lilith in her plain, simple mourning dress, but with her dark eyes glowing and her delicate cheeks flushing with delight in the honours of her husband, seemed more beautiful than ever in the sight of all.

Hours later, when the young couple left the parlours and went up to their own room, Hereward asked Lilith how she had enjoyed this, the first evening she had spent in company.

"Oh, very, very much indeed, Tudor. How every one praised your speech!" she answered, looking proudly up to him.

"Yes—to my very face! Rather embarrassing, don't you think, little lady?"

"To you, I suppose, Tudor. But they were so very much in earnest!" she said, her lovely face beaming with love and pride.

The next day was Saturday.

As Tudor Hereward walked down the avenue his eyes were attracted by a huge, flaming poster. He could not help seeing this obtrusive object, that set forth that this Saturday night would witness the positively last appearance of the world-renowned artist, Mr. Alfred Ancillon, in his unrivalled rôle of Mazeppa, or the Wild Horse of Tartary.

"'Ancillon?' Is not that the name of the fellow that was playing down at Frosthill during the Christmas holidays, and who afterwards got storm-bound at the Cliffs? Certainly."

"What do you think of *that* by way of an advertisement, eh, Hereward?" said an acquaintance, joining him.

"Almost an obstruction of the highway, I should think," laughed Tudor.

They walked on together.

"Have you seen the man play?" inquired Evans.

"I? No! I did not even know of such an actor in the city," truthfully answered Hereward.

"Why, he has been here playing all the week. And I tell you he is worth seeing. He is really a fine tragic actor as well as an accomplished equestrian; has gifts you don't often see combined in one person. That is the wonder of him. You had better go and see him to-night, Hereward. It is your last chance."

"Perhaps I will, Evans."

And the men parted. Hereward continued his way eastward toward the Capitol. He thought of what he had just heard, and of what, two weeks before, he had heard in the railroad car on his way to Frosthill, and the longer he thought of these subjects the more inclined he felt to go to the Varieties and see this Monsieur Alfred Ancillon for himself.

Who has lived long in this world of vicissitudes, accidents, catastrophes, and failed to recognise the truth that men—even good and true men—often walk blindfold along the brink of a precipice hanging over the gulf of perdition.

What demon was it that was leading Tudor Hereward to the Varieties?

CHAPTER XXVI.

"THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER."

THAT Saturday evening, when Tudor Hereward found himself alone with his wife in their apartment after dinner, instead of sitting down to his correspondence, as usual, he went to the dressing glass and began to brush his hair.

"Lilith," he said, without looking towards her, for he was still busy with his toilet, "I am going out this evening. Do you mind, dear?"

Lilith *did* mind—she could not help minding that she should be without his companionship all the long winter evening.

"I am sure I ought *not* to mind, Tudor, for we have been here almost a fortnight and you have never left me alone for a single evening."

"Where are you going this evening? to a political meeting? Don't answer if you don't like to," she said, gaily.

"I have no secrets from you, Lilith dear. I am going to the theatre."

She winced when he said he had "no secrets" from her; but she recovered herself, and said:

"Oh! to the theatre. I thought you never went to such places. I thought you rather despised such entertainments as mere waste of time," she smiled.

"I *do* consider them waste of time, and never go to them, as a rule; but rules, you know, permit exceptions, and I have been persuaded by Evans, to make an exception to my rule this evening, and go with him to the theatre to see the prodigy of the age, or some such miracle."

"Oh! to see the great Italian in some Shakesperian rôle, at the National Theatre."

"No, Lilith. If I were going *there* I should ask you to accompany me; but I am going where I cannot take you."

Lilith's face fell.

"I am going to a circus, or something like it; a highly sensational drama, entitled Mazeppa, or the Wild Horse of Tartary, founded on Lord Byron's poem of the same name, in which the title rôle is to be played by Monsieur Alfred Ancillon, a celebrated universal genius, if we are to believe the handbills and posters. But, really, he is said by Evans, the dramatic critic of the *Reflector*, and by other competent judges, to be quite wonderful; equally gifted in tragedy, comedy, opera and circus. So I have been prevailed upon to go and see this phenomenal Monsieur Alfred Ancillon."

It was well that he was engaged in drawing on a very tight kid glove, and so was not looking at her while he spoke.

She made no reply. She had gone pale as death, and was looking into the fire as she stood on the rug.

"By the way, he is the same fellow who was playing down at Frosthill when that young cub, Hilary, came to the Cliffs to invite you to go and see him, in three characters in one evening, I think he said. You have seen him, Lilith?" It was disingenuous to put this question when he knew well that Lilith *had* seen the man; but doubtless he believed himself justified in putting it.

Lilith hesitated, and answered slowly:

"I have never seen him *play*. I—have seen him, though. He—was storm-bound for a week at the Cliffs, as—you may have heard," she concluded, commanding her voice by an effort greater than she had ever made, or ever had occasion to make before.

"Yes, I heard. Not a very fitting person to be your guest, I think; but then, of course, being a storm-bound traveller, you could not turn him out of doors; and being a white man, you could not turn him over to the negro servants for society and entertainment. You could not help yourself, Lilith, and I will not criticise you. But what sort of a fellow is this Monsieur Alfred Ancillon? Of what age? Of what complexion? Of what behaviour?"

"Oh, he was a man of middle age—and of very dark complexion—and of rather odd manners."

"A swarthy old man, with ill manners. Not a gentleman, in fact," was Hereward's silent and most satisfactory translation of his wife's description.

"Well, good-night, my love. Amuse yourself as well as you can while I am away. I shall return by eleven. And I shall not leave you alone another evening while we stay in Washington." He stooped, took her lovely little face between his hands and kissed her, seeing—*without seeing*—how pale she had grown.

In another moment he had gone.

He was joined by Evans on the way, and they entered the theatre together.

Evans had two stalls in the middle of the first row of orchestra seats, and they took their places just as the music ceased and the curtain rose, discovering a mediæval boudoir, a lady and a page seated—she on a cushioned divan, he on a rug at her feet. She was young, pretty, and richly dressed in Polish costume; *he* was a princely youth of not more than seventeen or eighteen years, of surpassing beauty, grace, and elegance, all enhanced by the splendid court dress of the royal pages.

As he sat at the feet of the gracefully reclining lady he held a book open on his knee; but he was not then reading to his fair mistress; his glorious eyes were raised to hers with the fire of adoring worship.

The thunder of applause with which the scene was greeted surprised Hereward so much that he turned and inquired of his neighbour:

"Evans, what on earth is the matter with them?"

"'Matter!' Why they go mad directly they see Ancillon."

"Ancillon? Where is Ancillon?"

"Why *there*, before your eyes, reading poetry to the contessa."

"*That* Ancillon? That boy Ancillon? Why he is a mere youth."

"He is young; there is no doubt about that. And as beautiful as Adonis, or Narcissus, or any other of the mythic youths and lady-killers whom the jealousy of the elder gods sacrificed."

"*And she told me he was an elderly man, swarthy and awkward!*" thought Hereward, unconsciously distorting Lilith's description from the very different words that she had used, to the interpretation that he had put upon them.

"And this is no stage illusion," he continued, torturing himself—"no stage art that undertakes to make an old fellow young; but which never quite succeeds. No, I have too good sight, and sit too near, to be deceived. Those eyes owe nothing to art. Those shadows are really cast by the long eyelashes, they are not pencilled. No, the evidence of my senses shows me plainly that this man whom Lilith, whom my wife told me was old and vulgar is really young and elegant. Nor is it only the evidence of my own senses that I have. The negroes at the Cliffs spoke of their mistress' guest, in their peculiar phrase, as a 'young youth.' The gossips in the train spoke of him as a 'young fellow.' Good Heaven! could there have been any ground, the least ground, for their scandal? Oh, Heaven! if Lilith is false at heart I shall never be able to trust woman again. The thought!"

"Hereward, you seem quite absorbed in this scene. You have not taken your eyes off Mazeppa since the curtain rose. What do you think of him? Did I exaggerate?" inquired Evans, breaking in upon his companion's reverie.

"Don't speak to me, if you please, Evans," replied Tudor.

"Well, I won't disturb your enjoyment again. They say that it is impossible to decide in what rôle this artist excels; but I think the part in which he really surpassed himself as well as all others, is that of the lover. Why, that fellow's eyes and voice would beguile a Peri out of Paradise! Just look at him now!"

"*Pray* do not talk to me, Evans."

"Well, there, I have done! It is a mistake to talk to one who wants to listen, and who is so interested as you are!" assented the reporter, who subsided into silence, while Hereward relapsed into his bitter reverie, jealously watching the graceful, brilliant page reclining at the feet of the countess, gazing up into her face, and pouring all the ardour and eloquence of youthful love through the dark splendour of his eyes.

"I wonder how they passed that tête-à-tête week at Cloud Cliffs. Did he sit at her feet and read poetry to her, in that rich, melodious voice of his? Did he lift his eyes to *her* with the expression that burns in them now for the count palatine's wife?

"Heavens and earth! If I thought so, I should go mad! Lilith *is* just at the inexperienced, romantic, sentimental age when a young girl is most easily impressed by beauty and poetry.

"Great heaven! What shall I do? I cannot think Lilith wilfully, actually unfaithful; but if she be untrue in heart, as her deception of me to night would lead me to believe, I never wish to see her face again.

"I can no longer confide in her as I have done; but neither will I condemn her until further evidence. I will never, if I can command myself, speak to her of this man again. But I will watch and observe! Meantime, my little lady, you shall be my private secretary, since you like the office; but no more to me until this cloud which your deception has raised about us is cleared away."

Hereward's bitter mental monologue was interrupted by a startling action on the stage before him.

The lovers were surprised at their tête-à-tête by the arrival of the enraged count palatine and his men at-arms!

A terrific scene ensues.

The countess, swooning, is carried off the stage by her hastily summoned women.

The page, surrounded by naked steel blades, stands at bay and defends himself like a young hero. How splendidly he fenced! His keen blade flashing here, there, up, down, before, behind, everywhere, with the swiftness of lightning, as he whirled around, parrying mortal thrusts. But he shows signs of failing, and the voice of the count palatine is heard:

"Do not slay him. Take him alive and bring forth the young wild horse that was caught but yesterday. Bind him naked on that wild beast's back and lash them off into the desert!"

The young Achilles, captured and bound, is brought to the front and the curtain drops.

"Splendid fellow!" exclaimed Evans, as thunders of applause rent the air, and cries of—

"Mazeppa! Mazeppa!" or—

"Ancillon! Ancillon! Ancillon!" became so frequent and exciting that at last the great artist stepped in front of the curtain, made a most graceful and reverential bow and retired amid reiterated and prolonged acclamations.

"Evans, you must excuse me! I have had enough of this, and I am going home," said Mr. Hereward.

"Going home! Why, are you not well?" inquired the reporter.

"Perfectly well, but I am going. Good-night, Evans," said Hereward, moving to leave the theatre.

"But stay. The last act—"

"I know the end of the story. I suppose the drama follows the poem. The young Mazeppa is rescued and adopted by the Cossacks; in time is called to reign over them; finally, at the head of his savage hordes, he invades the dominions of the count palatine, burns the castle, slays its lord, and, for aught we know, carries off the lady."

He walked from the theatre to the hotel, looked into the reading-room for a moment, then walked into the ladies' parlour, to see if by chance Lilith was there, and not finding her he went up to their own apartment and quietly opened the door.

Lilith, sitting by a shaded lamp on the table, with a pretty red velvet-lined work box open before her, and a little piece of black gauze needle-work in her hands, looked too serenely happy to be the victim of misplaced or sinful affections.

She raised her head as Hereward entered the room, and her happy face became radiant with surprise and delight.

In the bright atmosphere of her smiling, radiant welcome the dark cloud of doubt and suspicion seemed to pass away from his mind—at least for the time.

"Oh! I am so glad to see you back, Tudor! But I hope you did not return before the performance was over, just to keep me company."

"I did not care to sit out the play," he answered. "You know I really do not care for such entertainments," he added as he dropped into his seat.

He did not intend to mention the name of Ancillon to her if he could avoid doing so; but she herself was the first to allude to the actor.

"You did not find the artist come up to the expectations raised by the advertisements, I suppose," she said, as she calmly resumed her seat and her work—for the "ice" once having been broken, Lilith could now speak of Alfred Ancillon without betraying emotion.

"On the contrary, I found him very superior to anything I had been led to anticipate," replied Tudor.

"Indeed!" she exclaimed, in a tone of frank pleasure.

"Yes; for, in the first place, the theatre in which he acts and the style of the hand-bills and posters had led me to expect nothing better than a jumble of singer and acrobat, all in the person of Ancillon. And I found a most accomplished young artist. And in the second place, Lilith—will you look at me for a moment?"

She raised her eyes from her work, and fixed them on his face inquiringly.

"In the second place, Lilith, I was led to expect an old, sallow, vulgar, made-up actor. And I found a young, handsome and accomplished man—a *gentleman*, as far as personal appearance and manners go to make one."

"Oh, yes, I do think he is all that you say, except in the matter of age. He is not young, but neither is he old nor vulgar. Whoever could have told you that he was so?" she inquired, in such evident surprise that Hereward was "taken aback."

"'Who?' Why, you yourself, Lilith."

"*I?*" she exclaimed, in innocent wonder.

"Yes, *you*. You told me to-night, before I went to the theatre, when I asked you about his age, looks, and so on."

"*Oh, no!* Indeed, you are mistaken. You must have misunderstood me. I do not remember my precise words, but they must have been ill chosen, indeed, to have been capable of being interpreted as you have understood them," said Lilith, so warmly and sincerely that Hereward was greatly perplexed.

"Give me your idea of the man from your point of view," he said.

"Then, I think that he is about thirty-eight years old, or what we would call middle-aged; he has a very dark but clear complexion, and very fine dark eyes and hair; and his manners are odd, or what you might call eccentric, but never, never ungentlemanly. He is, indeed, much more cultivated and refined than any of the men of our neighbourhood."

"You say that he is thirty-eight years old. Do you call that middle aged, Lilith?"

"I should think so. And a little more than middle-age. I call thirty-five middle-age, because it is just half of seventy, which, according to the Psalmist, is the natural length of man's life," said the girl of seventeen, confidently.

"Humph! He does not *look* near the age of thirty-eight," said Tudor.

"No, indeed, he does not. His very slight stature, his boyish countenance, curling black hair, and, in fact, his whole personal appearance, suggests a young man not more than twenty," said Lilith with a smile.

"How do you know his age, Lilith?"

"My impression is that he himself told me, though I am not certain that he did."

"How did you entertain so strange a guest?"

"Oh, I gave him the freedom of our little library, where he wrote, and no doubt dozed a little, and yawned a great deal."

"And you gave him none of your society?"

"Oh, yes, a good deal of it."

"Oh! And how did he entertain you on such occasions?"

"Sometimes he read to me."

"What did he read?"

"Fine passages from Shakespeare, Milton, Thompson's Seasons, Cowper's Task, Goldsmith's Deserted Village, and those charming poets that our dear father taught me to love so much. Tudor, would you like to have me lay aside my sewing and help you to answer those letters? There is a great pile of them come this evening," she inquired, half rising from her seat to close her work-box.

"No, no, I am not in the mood to-night. I think I will go down into the smoking-room and take a cigar."

"A very little amusement seems to unfit you for work, Tudor," she said with a smile.

"This evening's amusement has, at any rate," he replied, as he left the room.

"I feel so relieved now that I am able to speak of *him* without betraying any emotion that might endanger my secret, or indeed without feeling any painful emotion. But there is little to fear now. This is his last night. To-morrow he leaves Washington for California, and will trouble my life and imperil his own no more, as I hope and believe," said Lilith, as she gathered up her sewing and put it away, and began to prepare a pot of cocoa over her gas-lamp.

Meanwhile Hereward had gone downstairs, lighted his cigar in the smoking-room, and strolled out into the avenue to walk up and down the side-walk to smoke and cool his heated brain.

His interview with Lilith had shaken his doubts of her, but had perplexed him beyond measure.

He could not sit in Lilith's company, look in her face, and retain his suspicions.

But when he came away *from* her and lost sight of her, his doubts returned to bewilder his reason.

A half-hour later he returned to his room, partook of the cup of cocoa that Lilith smilingly offered him, because she said it was a better "night-cap" than tea, and soon after retired for the night.

(To be continued).

STRANGE HISTORY OF A SCRAP OF PAPER.

How a scrap of paper saved a man's life and a woman's happiness is told in the following authentic report, abridged from a much longer narrative of the facts which appeared in the "Sussex Advertiser" a week ago. It must be understood that this is no ficticious romance, but a chain of undoubted facts, verified and confirmed by personal evidence of the accredited representative of a respectable and able newspaper.

Mr. Barber, of Ringmer, near Lewes, is the hero and his wife the heroine, of this affair, which had its origin in a grave misadventure experienced by Mr. Barber in September, 1894, when he had a stroke of paralysis. A local doctor and consulting physicians were sent for, who pronounced it a hopeless case. "Mr. Barber," said the doctor, "to be frank with you, I don't think you will ever be well again, even though you may be able to walk with sticks." Mr. Barber described his sufferings as having been truly excruciating. "When," said he to the reporter, "they dressed my poor leg it was like being crucified. It was worse than death. At that time the second doctor that visited me said, 'There is no use denying it; you are really suffering from paralysis, and that in its worst form.' I was often in agony. The suffering has been truly unspeakable."

Thus, in agony that made life worthless, and with certain death as his only prospect, the patient lay in despair. Yet a scrap of paper saved him. In his own simple and intelligent words, here is the story. "My wife happened one day to glance at a small piece of newspaper in which something was wrapped, and there read an account of a miraculous cure brought about by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. We talked the matter over and she persuaded me to try them. Dr. Williams advised cold water baths, as described in his directions for use, at the same time using the Pills. They did me a wonderful deal of good, though one of my doctors said that the treatment would kill me. After I had been taking the Pills for some days my strength began to return to me. Before, I was as weak as a little child, and could not lift the lightest object. I then began to be more hopeful. The low spirits which I was in seemed to pass away, and I began to feel another man. It was not long before I was able to leave my bed. My doctor could not help noticing my changed condition. 'Why, Mr. Barber,' he said, 'you look decidedly better.' 'Yes,' I replied, 'I am thankful to say that I am.' 'What have you been doing?' he asked. I told him. His retort was, 'I wonder it didn't kill you.' He had previously told me mine was a hospital case, and now, having examined me, he said, 'Whoever this Dr. Williams is, he is a wonderful man. I couldn't decide what the case was, and he has cured you.' I had, previously to taking the Pills, taken medicine time after time for indigestion, but only Dr. Williams' Pink Pills ever moved it. I was soon able to walk across the room by the aid of two sticks. My strength came gradually, and as I got stronger I was able to walk about without the aid of sticks, and the villagers were astounded when I took my first walk after my serious illness. They never thought that I would get about again. Now I can get up at four o'clock in the morning and attend Brighton Market, a distance of about eleven miles, three times a week. Mine is a wonderful case. I have been examined since my complete cure by more than one medical man, and they each agree that my cure is little short of a miracle."

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Local Police Courts

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, October 3rd.—Before Dr. John Wilson (presiding), L. Nicholson and J. Green Esqs.

The Great Unpaid.

The business was delayed for a considerable time by the attendance of only one magistrate (Dr. John Wilson). All single cases being disposed of, several more important cases were either adjourned or withdrawn. About 1.35, two and a half hours after the commencement of the Court, Messrs J. Green, Luke Nicholson, and E. W. E. Balleny came on the Bench, and the regular business was proceeded with. Mr. Balleny took no part in the hearing of any of the cases, all he did was to simply sign several summonses. The scarcity of justices is rather strange, seeing that half-a-dozen magistrates have recently been made, by reason of the operation of the Parish Councils' Act.

The "Board Inn," Shield Row.

Mr. Cheeseman, Newcastle, made a further application to the Bench in reference to the "Board Inn," Shield Row, the renewal of the license of which was refused at the adjourned Brewster Sessions, held a week ago. The matter was the subject of appeal at the Quarter Sessions. As the temporary authority granted to Mr. Tinley expired that day, Mr. Cheeseman asked their worships to grant a temporary transfer of the license to Tinley till the 10th.—A doubt arose as to whether the statutory notices had been properly served and posted, as Mr. Cheeseman had not the witnesses present who had done the work.—Mr. Leadbitter (Catchgate), stated that he passed the house about nine days ago, and saw a notice posted in one of the windows of the house.—Supt. Benzies: As far as you know it might have been a notice about a leek show. (Laughter).—The Magistrates decided to refuse the transfer of the license to Tinley.—Mr. Cheeseman then asked the Bench to grant a temporary authority to sell to the present tenant, Bamlett; but the justices refused to entertain this application, the Clerk (Mr. A. W. Grainger), observing that the whole subject would be settled when the appeal was heard.—Mr. Cheeseman remarked that he considered it very hard that every obstacle should be placed in the way. Why could not a temporary authority to sell for a week be granted in the same way as it was given to Tinley?—The Chairman: Because we haven't power to do so.—Mr. Cheeseman claimed to be entitled to the grounds why the Bench refused to grant this transfer.—The Chairman: You have heard the decision of the Bench. We decline to say anything further.—Mr. Cheeseman: Then you refuse the transfer, and also refuse the temporary authority?—The Bench: That is so.

Assaulting a Witness at Lanchester.

Elizabeth Connolly, of South Moor, pleaded guilty to an assault on Mary Watson, of West Stanley, on the 19th ult.—Complainant attested that at the previous Court at Lanchester she was a witness in a case against the defendant. On leaving the Court, Mrs. Connolly met her in the door-way, and dealt her a blow on the neck.—Defendant declared that the complainant said to her that "She had put it in for her to-day.—P.C. Robinson who was on duty at the door of the Court, spoke to seeing the defendant strike the complainant, as the latter was leaving the Court.—A fine of 15/- and costs was imposed.

The Mother-in-Law Again.

Lancelot Wood was proceeded against for having assaulted his wife, Kate Wood, at West Stanley, on Sept. 23rd.—Complainant averred that her husband struck her across the face, and on the back.—Defendant denied assaulting his wife, and declared that the mother-in-law was the cause of all the mischief. The mother "made the billets, and got the wife to shoot them." (Laughter). The case was dismissed.

Breaches of the Peace.

Two miners named William Atkinson and George White were proceeded against for fighting at Maiden Law on the 21st ult.—Sergt. Vickers proved the case.—Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay the costs.

John Butterworth and Walter Edwards were charged by P.C. Wardle with committing a similar offence at West Stanley.—Defendants were bound over.

Thos. Doran was bound over and ordered to pay the costs for fighting at Cornsay Colliery on the 30th August.—P.C. Newton gave the facts of the case, and stated that the other man whom defendant was fighting with was convicted at the last Court.

Gathering Blackberries.

Thomas and Martha Booth, brother and sister were charged with doing damage to a fence at Colepike to the amount of 3d each, on the 25th ult.—One of the defendants stated that they were out blackberrying, and they only climbed over the fence, and did not damage the same.—A fine of 6d each, along with the damage and costs, was imposed.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

Annie Cooper, married woman, was charged, on remand, with unlawfully wounding Rose Graham, married woman, at Consett, on the 24th ult.

Complainant attested that she was the wife of Francis Graham, and resided at 25, Pitt Street, Consett. About 9.15 on this particular night, the prisoner who lodged with her, said "I have a penny, and if you have three half-pence, I will send for a pint of beer." She (complainant) said "I have twopence; but I have enough to do with my money, without buying beer." Prisoner then said "You are a b— rotten h—." Complainant declared "if she was one, prisoner was the same." Prisoner then struck her, knocked her against the fire, saying, she would roast her; complainant succeeded in getting up, and the prisoner again attacked her in a mad fashion. Cooper got hold of her by the hair of the head, struck her with the iron grate bar (produced.) The blow caused her to fall, and the prisoner dealt her several blows whilst she was lying on the ground. After this, she became unconscious, and remembered nothing more until she found herself in Dr. Macintyre's surgery.

Cross-examined by prisoner: Cooper offered her drinks; but she refused to take them. They had not all been drinking that night. She did not call the prisoner a lot of filthy names. Prisoner was under the influence of drink.

Michael McLeer, labourer, deposed that he lodged with the complainant. On the night in question he heard the prisoner ask complainant if she had three half-pence; and then stated that she had a penny, and would get a pint of beer. Mrs. Graham said, "Yes, I have twopence; but I have enough to do with my money, without giving it to you to buy beer with." Cooper then declared that Mrs. Graham was a h—. Complainant rejoined, "If I am one you are the same." Prisoner then struck complainant, knocked her against the fire-place; saying "I will roast your b— guts out on the fire." Mrs. Graham got up off the fire, and prisoner next seized her by the hair of her head, threw her down, and knocked her head against the floor four or five times. A woman then pulled Cooper off complainant. Prisoner then seized the iron bar (produced) and struck Graham three or four times on the head. Complainant got on to her feet and prisoner again attacked her. After a short struggle, complainant fell down exhausted.

Dr. A. D. M. Macintyre, practising at Consett, stated that he examined the complainant at his surgery. He found her suffering from a superficial wound on the head, about one inch long. There was a slight abrasion of the skin behind the right ear, and a contusion under the right shoulder. None of the wounds were dangerous; but the complainant had lost a great deal of blood.

Sergt. Dryden stated that from information received he apprehended the prisoner about twelve o'clock the same night. He charged her with unlawfully wounding complainant with an iron bar. Prisoner replied, "I know what you have brought me here for."

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and said it was only a drunken quarrel, as they had all been drinking together.

The magistrates committed prisoner to take her trial at the Durham Sessions.

Still He Comes.

Francis Armstrong, an old offender, was charged with being drunk at Quebec, on the 18th ult.—Sergt. Gillespie proved the case.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5/- and costs.—Defendant: I cannot pay the fine, as I have no money.—The Chairman: Very good; you will have to go to prison for seven days.

A Disgrace.

Elizabeth Wilkinson was next proceeded against for being drunk at Shield Row, on the 23rd Sept.—P.C. Johnson averred that he saw the defendant very drunk.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed.

Was He Drunk.

John Corbett, miner, was summoned for being drunk at Oxhill on the 22nd ult.—Sergt. Waller stated that he saw the defendant drunk, shouting and swearing.—Defendant: Were did you see me?—Officer: I saw you near Oxhill Rows.—Defendant: Did I not say to you it was a fine night.—Officer: You did nothing of the kind. You said that you were as good a man as me.—The Chairman: You are guilty, and a fine of 5/- and costs is imposed.—Defendant: Is this the way a man get's a trial.—The Chairman: Yes. (Laughter).—Officer: Can you pay.—Defendant: Yes; what would prevent me from paying the fine. (Laughter).

Obstructing the Police.

Thomas Little was charged with obstructing the police at Lanchester.—P.C. Robinson stated that when he had a man in custody prisoner came up and demanded him to let the man go. He did all he could to get the man to resist being taken to the Police Station.—A fine of 5/- and costs was imposed.

Furious Riding.

Two butchers were charged with a breach of the Highway Act by riding furiously through Lanchester on the 11th Sept.—P.C. Robinson alleged that he was standing on the village green when he saw the two defendants riding two animals furiously along Durham Road.—Defendants pleaded guilty and were fined 2/6 each and costs.

Trespassing on the Railway.

William Neville was charged with unlawfully trespassing on the Tanfield Branch of the North-Eastern Railway on the 17th Sept. Defendant pleaded not guilty.—Inspector Hunt prosecuted.—P.C. Watson, N.E.R. stated that he was doing duty on this railway on this particular day when he saw the defendant trespassing along the same. He stopped the defendant and questioned him about trespassing. Witness knew that defendant had been repeatedly cautioned, and he accordingly reported him.—Sergt. Gregory corroborated.—Defendant said that Mr. Pringle, colliery manager, gave him permission to travel on the colliery railway and then cross over the North-Eastern Railway Company's line, so as to get to and from his work.—Both officers declared defendant was not on the colliery railway. They found the defendant trespassing near the place where a serious accident occurred a short time ago, and two men were killed.—The magistrates imposed a fine of 2/6 and costs.

Assault at Esh Colliery.

A husband and wife named David and Mary Kenny were summoned for assaulting John Fritzpatrick at Esh Colliery on the 14th ult. Mr. J. L. Leadbitter (Catchgate) prosecuted. Defendants pleaded not guilty.—Prosecutor stated that from what he was told, he went across to French's public-house to see the two defendants. He asked for the male defendant to come outside. After a few words, Kenny struck him, and the other defendant then came on the scene, and they both dealt him several blows. Mrs. Kenny bit him on the right arm; and there was no less than three assaults committed upon him by the two defendants. All he did was to push Kenny out of the road, who was the worse for liquor.—In answer to the defendant, prosecutor said he did not knock Kenny down, and then kick him in the ribs.—Richard Errington corroborated, and declared that Kenny's son made a kick at Fritzpatrick which missed him and caught his father. This was how Kenny came to get the fractured rib. —Richard Errington, jun., said he saw the assault committed by the Kennys. It was the defendant's son that did all the kicking, and injured his father's ribs.—Robert Moore said that Kenny struck the first blow which caught complainant on the face.—Andrew Brown said he saw the row, and considered the Kennys were the aggressors.—P.C. Robinson averred that the defendants started the assault, and the male defendant acted like a madman.—For the defence it was alleged that Fritzpatrick first attacked the Kenny's, and gave David a good kicking. Mrs. Kenny only took hold of prosecutor by the arm so as to keep him off her husband. They denied assaulting him.—There was a cross-summons charging Fritzpatrick with assaulting the Kenny's at the same time and place.—Kenny alleged that in the struggle he received a severe kicking, and his ribs were injured.—Mrs. Kenny stated that when she took hold of the defendant who had her husband down on the ground, he took his fist, gave her a blow which blackened her eye, and cut her face.—A doctor alleged that after the affray Kenny came to his surgery suffering from a fractured rib.—After other evidence the Magistrates came to the conclusion that both parties were at fault. They would dismiss the cases, and call upon each party to defray their own costs.

WOLSINGHAM PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Oct 2nd.—Before C. J. Backhouse, Rev. T. H. E. Espin, J. Laverick and J. Rogerson, Esqs.

Several parties were fined for drunkenness.

Breach of the Peace.

Christopher O'Neil and Wm. Robinson were each bound over in the sum of £5 each, to keep the peace for three months, and pay costs for fighting at Tow Law.—P.C. Banks proved the case.

Breach of the Education Act.

Wm. Martin, Wolsingham, was fined 5/- for not sending his child to school.

Permitting Drunkenness: A Heavy Penalty.

George Coates, innkeeper, Tow Law, was charged by Sergt. Wood with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, on Saturday, August 10th.—P.C. Sutherland corroborated.—Defendant called five witnesses to prove his innocence, some of whom, the Chairman said, did his case no good. Two persons named Heron and Joice were found on his premises drunk. The Bench inflicted on him a fine of 50/, and said it was a bad case.

Wilful Damage by Boys.

J. T. Kasey and J. Sanderson, two boys belonging to Wolsingham, were charged by P.C. Pryde with doing damage to a wall, while brambling on the 26th ult. They had been warned the day previous. They were ordered to pay the damage, 6d, and 5/9 costs each.

Breach of the Highway Act.

Charles Thompson, farmer, was charged by P.C. Banks with allowing his horse to stray on the highway. In defence he said some men brambling had left open the gate. Fined 1/- and 7/- costs.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY October 7th.—Before County Councillor James Annandale (chairman), J. W. Walton-Wilson, E. W. E. Balleny, and L. Nicholson, Esqs.

FIRST COURT.

DAMAGING A GREENHOUSE AT CATCHGATE.

An Old Question Revived.

John William Jefferson, a boy, belonging to Catchgate, was accused of damaging a greenhouse, the property of Geo. R. Hobson, at Catchgate, on the 4th September. Mr. J. Booth, Shotley Bridge, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.

Mr. Booth said this was a case that was adjourned from Lanchester, and he proposed first simply to call the evidence, and then ask the Bench to hear him on any question that his friend Mr. Welford might bring before them.

Mr. George Hobson stated that in the year 1870 he purchased some land adjoining Carrmyers Quarry, and he came into possession of the quarry at the same time. From that time up till a short time ago he had been the undisturbed possessor of the same. Last year he erected a fence between the highway and the quarry; but it was pulled down, and destroyed. He took proceedings against those who pulled it down but the case was dismissed. On a certain portion of the site of the quarry he gave his son permission to erect a greenhouse. This was done ten years ago.

In answer to Mr. Welford: Witness said the greenhouse sometime ago was destroyed through an explosion.

Mr. Booth: Just allow me to ask Mr. Hobson one or two more questions.

By Mr. Booth: The greenhouse was erected on a portion of ground that was allotted years ago as a quarry.

Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: In June 1894 he brought some people before the Magistrates for pulling the fence down. These was a question of right of access to the quarry set up by the ratepayers, and the case was dismissed. This greenhouse was erected in the quarry. The ratepayers claimed a right to go on to the land; but they had none. It was true they had held meetings and passed resolutions with respect to this quarry. He bought the land adjoining the quarry, and got possession of the quarry at the same time. He could not say that it was conveyed to him. It had belonged to his predecessors for 100 years. A certain portion of the quarry was free. He could say that it had not been conveyed to him. The ratepayers claimed a right to it. There was a man named Copely who worked the quarry. There was once a road from the highway, and underneath there was some good stone. It was Copely that asked him to allow him to work the stone, and make another road through his land. He offered to pay an acknowledgment. The stone was then being worked for Messrs Joicey. It was true there was some good stone underneath the road that came on to the highway. He denied ever asking Copely if he could do this. It was the other way about.

George R. Hobson, son, deposed that ten years ago he erected a greenhouse on this land, after he got his father's permission. It was a wooden structure resting on a foundation of brick. About twelve months ago, an attempt was made to blow the greenhouse up with dynamite. It was consequently damaged, and he offered a reward of £5 so as to find out the offenders. However, he was not successful, and the £5 reward did not bring forward the necessary information. He knew a man named Williams, who sent him the letter (produced).

Mr. Welford said he would object to the letter being read, if Mr. Booth did not intend to call this man Williams to prove that he wrote the same.

Witness, continuing, said he saw the destruction to the greenhouse. He witnessed defendant pull several pieces of wood away from the structure. They were the end pieces. He went down to him, and asked what he was doing there. Defendant, who was with a number of other youths, said they had as much right there as he had. He saw another boy Joseph Bolam with some matches in his hand, lighting up a fire in a shed.

Mr. Welford: Yes; but this alleged offence was committed on another date. You have not proved the present offence nor yet the date on which it was said to be committed.

Mr. Hobson, stated that it was on the 29th September he saw the defendant doing the damage. He would not like to be too sure.

By Mr. Welford: He could not swear that it was the correct date or not. The site was a portion of the old Carrmyers Quarry, as set out by the Lanchester Common Act. The defendant said he had as much right there as he had. Some of the ratepayers claimed a right to the quarry. He was not aware that the ratepayers had drained the quarry. It was not done at his expense, nor at the cost of his father.

Mr. Welford said that he in the first place claimed a right of access to the quarry. It was a case of dispute, and had been fully gone into by the magistrates some time ago, and the case was dismissed. In the question of pulling down the fence the question of title came up, and the Bench then declined to interfere in the matter. They contended they had a right to be there, as the quarry was set out for the use of the people of Catchgate.

Mr. Booth: Nothing of the kind. Let my friend read the clause.

Mr. Welford read the clause as follows:—

"The Commissioners ordered, directed, and awarded that the quarries should thenceforth for ever, continue open, and in common as used for Common Quarries for the use of all and everyone, the owners, and occupiers for the time being, of all the allotments upon the said moors, commons, or tracts of waste-land, and of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments in respect of which such allotments were made.

Mr. Booth: I contend the present case is a different one to the last.

Mr. Welford: The quarry was for the free use of the public. It was not for Mr. Hobson, who had no more claim upon it than anybody else.

After further argument between the two solicitors, the Chairman said they had nothing to do with the claim of right. It was for them to hear evidence on the damage done.

Mr. Booth pointed out that according to the Lanchester Common Act, it was set out as a common quarry. It was a mistake for people to think that they could go and do what they liked with it. The quarry was set out for certain specific purposes.

Mr. Welford: It is a public quarry.

Mr. Booth: Just allow me. I was going to say that the quarry was only for the owners and occupiers of allotments under the Common. Mr. Hobson had proved that he had a right to the quarry from long usage. He had been undisturbed of that right from 1870 up till a short time ago. Defendant was charged with destroying a portion of a greenhouse. The other case in which the claim of right was set up was brought about by Mr. Hobson erecting a fence between the highway and the quarry. The fence was destroyed by some people, and when the case came before the magistrates it was dismissed, because the people themselves believed they had a right of access to the quarry. The present case was a different one altogether. It was a case in which the defendant was charged with destruction to property which was situate in this quarry; and no one had a right to enter the same except the occupier and allotees under the Common. The ratepayers had no right. They had their Parish and District Councils who were the authorities to look after the public rights, and if Mr. Hobson had infringed those rights, they were quite capable and competent enough to look after the same. The boy had no right to go and damage the greenhouse.

The Chairman: The date of the offence has not been proved.

Mr. Booth: I will prove the date, and the amount of damage.

Mrs. Coates, Catchgate, attested that she saw the defendant at the greenhouse, and he was destroying the same. It was on a Wednesday night; but she could not fix the date. It would be between six and seven o'clock.

Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: There were other boys present. She was sure the defendant was amongst the number. Defendant lived at Catchgate. The greenhouse was damaged before. She could not tell the month nor the date when the boy did the damage.

Geo. R. Hobson, re-called, said he saw Mrs. Coates after the boy had done the damage.

Mr. Welford: I object to Mr. Booth calling this witness again when he has distinctly stated that he could not remember the date.

Mr. Booth: Well, I will leave the point for the magistrates to decide.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Hobson had already sworn that he could not remember the date.

Mr. Booth: I was just going to fix what Wednesday it was when the damage was done.

Mr. Welford: I must say it is most unfair if such is allowed to be done.

Mr. Booth: Mr. Hobson could not remember the date then; but he was able now to fix it in another way.

The Chairman said the date might be proved another way.

Mr. Atkinson, joiner, Catchgate, said he remembered going and examining the greenhouse and ascertaining the amount of damage after the boys had been there. The amount of damage done was £4 10s. He would not like to swear to the date; but he thought it would be about Sept. 7th.

Mr. Booth said he was afraid he could not prove the date any further.

Mr. Welford: If such is the case I have no charge to answer.

Mr. Booth said that the date was a most important one. He would ask if the Bench would adjourn the case till he could get fresh evidence.

Mr. Welford said there was his objection about the question of right, and besides the case fell to the ground, as the prosecutor had not been able to sustain it.

The Bench after a short consultation, said they would dismiss the case owing to the date not being proved. The prosecutor would have to pay the whole of the costs. They would also grant a fresh summons to Mr. Hobson if such was required.

The other case in which Joseph Bolam, youth, was charged was accordingly adjourned for 14 days; the prosecution having to defray the costs.

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AT CONSETT. A FATHER AND MOTHER SENT TO GAOL.

William and Catherine Swinhoe, husband and wife, were charged with wilfully neglecting and exposing their four children, whose ages ranged from eight years to one year and eight months, at Consett, between August 21st and Sept. 22nd.

Mr. Parsons (Newcastle) prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of National Cruelty to Children, and explained that defendants lived at the Brickflats, Consett. They were people addicted to drinking, and on the 21st Sept they locked up the house and left the four children in the street. A woman named Mrs. O'Neil, knowing that the youngest child was very unwell, took the four children into her house, and gave them food. About 10 o'clock at night Sergt. Dryden found the man drinking in a house in Consett, and when informed about his children, he refused to take any notice of it. The children had had nothing to eat during the whole of the day, and the youngest became so unwell that it was found necessary to call in a doctor.

Inspector J. Appleton, R.S.P.C.C., deposed that in consequence of information received he went to defendant's house on 23rd Sept., about half past 10 in the morning, and found the place locked up. The child Margaret was at school, and she made allegations against her father of having kicked and struck her. On returning to the house he found the female defendant with the baby Catherine, which was in a very emaciated state. In reply to a question as to why she had left the house on the Saturday, she said that she had often to leave the house owing to her husband's brutality. He weighed the child in the presence of the doctor, and its weight, with its clothes on, was 15lbs. The normal weight of a child of this age was 23lbs. When asked what she had fed the baby on, she replied milk, and brought some milk from the cupboard which appeared to be two or three days old. The child was eating green peas when he went

By Swinhoe: When he was there on the Monday afternoon the man was at work.

The Inspector (continuing) said when he was there the female defendant had nothing to eat in the house, but was sending her husband his dinner and also a pint of beer.

Mrs. Swinhoe declared that there was plenty to eat in the house, and produced several old bills from her grocer showing the quantity of goods she purchased every fortnight.

Swinhoe said he would give in he was drunk, but he never neglected his children in his life.

Mrs. O'Neil attested that she knew defendants by sight. She knew they sometimes took drink. She remembered Saturday, Sept. 21st, when she saw the children about three o'clock in the yard. The little girl Margaret was sitting nursing the baby, and the others were playing about. She took the children into her house later on as it was getting chilly. She also gave them food, and later on the youngest child took ill, and she thought it was going to die. Sergt. Dryden and Sergt. Mitchell afterwards came down, and the doctor was sent for. The first time she saw defendant after the Saturday was at six o'clock on the Sunday morning. The children were then taken back.

By Mrs. Swinhoe: She took the children in because it was cold. Margaret twice went up the road to seek her mother, but could not find her.

Sergt. Dryden deposed that on the Saturday in question, in consequence of a complaint made to him, he went to defendants' house about 9.30, but they were out. He afterwards went to a house in Queen Street, where he found Swinhoe drinking with others. The latter denied that he was Swinhoe, and asked "What the h—had he to do with it." Defendant was drunk. A few weeks ago he saw the woman out in the streets at three o'clock in the morning, with the youngest child. She complained that her husband had badly used her and turned her out. When witness went to the house Swinhoe was drunk. They had both been drinking and fighting, and were bleeding, and he cautioned them that they would get into trouble about their children.

Dr. A. D. M. Macintyre said he knew defendants, and had attended the youngest child for a few weeks previous to the 23rd Sept. He examined the child on the 23rd Sept., and found it in a very emaciated, weak, and debilitated condition, and also suffering from bronchitis. The nett weight of the child was about 15½lbs, whereas it should have weighed between 23 and 24 lbs. The emaciated condition was the result of continued diarrhœa. When he visited the house with the Inspector the child was eating most indigestible food. The mother said she had done her best for the child, but that it screamed so loudly for everything it saw that they gave it to it. A few weeks previously the woman came to his house and said the child was screaming very loudly, and that her husband had locked her out, and she sought his influence in order to enable her to get into the house.

The female defendant said the child got the best of care. She had been a careful woman, and done her best for her children.

Swinhoe: It is a wonder the child is alive considering the way it had been purged.

Ann Davis gave evidence as to being in Mrs. O'Neil's house and seeing the children there. The youngest child was very bad, and the doctor came while she was there.

Swinhoe again declared that there had been no neglect. He had been drunk, but never neglected the children.

Mrs. Swinhoe said her husband had been very "out of the way" through drinking, and she had done all she could for the children. She was proceeding to cast aspersions upon Mrs. O'Neil's conduct, when

The Chairman said the Magistrates thought that Mrs. O'Neil had acted the Good Samaritan's part towards the children, as the youngest child might have died if she had not taken it in.

After a lengthy consultation, the Chairman stated that the Bench considered this a very bad case, and the result of continued drinking. The condition of the poor little child (which Mrs. Swinhoe had in her arms) told its own tale. They did not consider that they would be doing their duty if they did not send defendants to prison for a month each with hard labour.

Mr. Parsons mentioned that the Society's Inspector would take good care of the children, and that the Society would also defray the costs.

The Vegetable Stealing Nuisance.

Michael Crane, a miner, was charged with stealing vegetables, the property of George Pace, at Oxhill, on Oct. 6th.—In reply to a question from the magistrates' Clerk, defendant elected to be tried by the Magistrates and pleaded guilty.—Complainant stated that on the Sunday morning in question he was informed that there had been a theft in his garden at Oxhill. He went to the Stanley police-station, where he saw the vegetables (produced), and identified them as his property. This sort of thing had been going on for something like nine years, and his garden had been continually robbed.—P.C. Wardell deposed that he was stationed at Stanley. On Sunday, October 6th, about 1.30 a.m., he was on duty at Oxhill, near to South Moor Arch, when he met the prisoner, who was carrying two large bundles of vegetables. He examined the bundles, and found nine leeks, eight roots of beet, three roots of celery, and one red cabbage, all of which appeared to have been recently taken from the earth. He said to prisoner, "Where did you get the vegetables?" He replied, "A man named John Thompson, of Fellside, Burnhope, gave them to me." Witness took prisoner to Stanley police-station, and returned to South Moor Arch, from where he traced portions of vegetables to a garden at Oxhill, in the occupation of George Pace. In the garden he found the root of a red cabbage which appeared to have been recently cut, and which corresponded with the cabbage found in prisoner's possession. About 12 a.m. he charged prisoner with feloniously stealing the vegetables from a garden at Oxhill, the property of George Pace. Prisoner replied, "I do not know what made me do it. I deserve six months. I must have been drunk."—Complainant valued the vegetables at 5/-.—In answer to the Bench, P.C. Wardell said the man was perfectly sober when he saw him. Witness had since seen Mr. Thompson, of Burnhope, who denied all knowledge of defendant.—Crane, who had nothing to say, was committed to gaol for 21 days' hard labour.

Maintenance Case.

John Storey, ironworker, was charged by his wife, Elizabeth Strong, for five weeks arrears, £1 17s 6d—for maintenance.—Defendant said he had paid all he owed the woman.—The magistrates, after going through complainant's book, ordered defendant to pay £2 17s at once.

Stealing a Watch.

John Partridge, an ironworker, was charged with stealing a silver watch belonging to William Padley, with whom the prisoner lodged in Pitt Street, Consett, on Monday night September 30th.—Prosecutor attested that on Sunday night he saw his watch safe in his vest pocket. On the following day he missed it and gave information to the police. Prisoner lodged with him. The watch (produced) was worth 30/-.—John G. Cooke, newsagent, Blackhill, averred that on the 30th Sept. prisoner came to his shop and begged of him to give prisoner a shilling or two. He produced the watch; but he might state that he gave the prisoner the money through charity. He kept the watch, and then handed it over to Inspector Mahon. The prisoner had been in the habit of coming to his shop, and he had been writing his letters for him. He always considered him a quiet respectable man. The prisoner could neither read nor write. He considered the watch was not worth 30/-.—Inspector Mahon said he received the information, and apprehended the prisoner for stealing the watch. He brought him to the Police Station, and charged him with stealing the watch. Prisoner replied "I know nothing about it; find it out." When charged before Mr. Potts, prisoner said he took the watch when he was drunk.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was committed to prison for fourteen days.

A Curious Case.

Four youths were placed in the dock on a charge of stealing a quantity of jewellery from a box, belonging to a "cheap jack" named Henry Edwards, from South Shields, on Saturday evening.—Supt. Benzies explained the prosecutor did not appear. The boys had been entrusted to take the box to the station. They had opened the same, took from it a quantity of jewellery, and then tied the box up again. The lads alleged they took the articles because the man never paid them for carrying the box.—The Chairman explained if the prosecutor had appeared they would very likely have sent them to prison. He would now caution them to be very careful what they were doing in the future, and hoped the parents would give each of the boys a severe thrashing for committing the offence. They would be discharged, but they had not to come back there again.

ALLEGED STABBING AT BURNOPFIELD.

Margaret Anderson, married woman, who appeared in the dock with a child in her arms, was charged with unlawfully wounding Frederick Lawther at Burnopfield, on Friday evening Sept. 27th. Prisoner was defended by Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett).

Complainant adduced that he was a miner, and lived at the Brewery Yard, Burnopfield. On this particular night about 9.30., defendant's husband, and William Brown, commenced fighting in the Brewery Yard. Defendant rushed forward and said she would "give him it," meaning Brown. He pushed her away from Brown, and she made another rush towards the two men who were fighting, and he again pushed her to one side. Defendant then struck him between the shoulders; but he did not know what with, and his coat was damaged. He stooped down to see where Brown was, and he felt a blow, and blood began to run down his leg. He then exclaimed, "Bill, I am stabbed." Two young men rushed down the alley, and carried him into the house. His wife sent for the doctor, and he had not been able to follow his employment since. Defendant was under the influence of liquor.

Cross-examined by Mr. Welford: They all lived at Burnopfield. There had been a row at the public-house before they came down to the Brewery Yard. The affray occurred at 9.30. He did not hear Brown say that he could pay the defendant's husband. He saw no knife after the row at the public-house. They did not go down to this yard for the purpose of having the fight out. He saw no one on the ground. He went out because there was a fight going on between Brown and defendant's husband; but he did not know what it was about. When they were near the place, Anderson said, "Let them come now, and they will get it." Defendant never attempted to keep her husband off Brown. He was stabbed in the thigh.

William Blackbird Brown, miner, of Burnopfield corroborated. He stated that when the fight was going on he heard Lawther exclaim, "I am stuck, am stuck."

In answer to Mr. Welford, witness said it was true he had been summoned and convicted for assault that day. After they left the public-house they had not any conversation about going to the yard so as to have the fight out. Anderson and his wife left the house first. It was at this place where they commenced to quarrel. Defendant started the second row by stating if any of the b's—came there they would see what they would get. Defendant's husband and witness fell down. In the struggle he did not see any knife used. There were only four people present in the yard.

Dr. Elliott stated that he was called in to see the prosecutor who was suffering from a clean cut wound in the thigh. He accordingly dressed the same.

P.C. Thomas Wall stated that on Friday night, September 27th, he was on duty at Burnopfield about ten p.m., when he was sent for to go to Frederick Lawther's, Brewery Yard, Burnopfield. Prosecutor told him he had been stabbed. He then went to see the prisoner, who was in the house. He asked her the reason why she had stabbed prosecutor, and she replied, "she had not." He then told her he was going to take her into custody. Prisoner then turned around to her husband, who was in the house, and said, "This is all through me going out to take your part, now I am going to get locked up you bad b——." He then took her into custody, and conveyed her to Consett Police Station. He charged her with wounding Frederick Lawther in the thigh with a knife. Prisoner replied "I did nothing of the sort." He had searched the house, but could not find a knife that had stains of blood upon the same.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Welford said it was a most peculiar case. The quarrel first commenced at the public-house, and about half-an-hour afterwards they came down to the yard to have the fight out. Brown declared that he could pay defendant and her husband. There had been nothing brought forward to prove that defendant, stabbed the prosecutor. However, if the Bench were going to commit defendant for trial he would reserve his defence.

Prisoner was accordingly committed to take her trial, at the Durham Sessions; bail being allowed.

Alleged Indecent Assaults.

A man named Bell was placed in the dock on a charge of committing an indecent assault upon Lizzie Jane Smith, of Howen's Gill Cottages on Sept. 6th, in the Gill Wood.—Supt Benzies applied for a remand, and said there was another similar charge against prisoner.—The prisoner was remanded till Thursday last.

SERIOUS CHARGE OF WOUNDING AT CONSETT.

A Man Receives a Fractured Jaw.

James Campbell, steelworker, of Consett was brought up on remand charged with unlawfully wounding John Winters at Tinmill Place, Consett, on the 29th ult.

Complainant alleged that he was a labourer, and employed by the Consett Iron Company. He lodged at 71 Derwent Street, Blackhill. About 9.45, on this particular night, he went up the road towards the Tinmill Works, in company with the prisoner and Patrick Hart. When near the coal depots the prisoner challenged him out to fight. They both put off their coats, and they had two rounds. In the second round he was knocked down by the prisoner, and became insensible. He remembered nothing more until he was being attended to by Dr. Renton.

Thomas Hammond stated that he worked as an engine man for the Consett Iron Company, and lived at No 1. Ritson Street, Blackhill. About 9.45, on this night, he was going to work. When near the Tinmill Depots, he saw three men, two of them, the prosecutor, and the prisoner commenced to fight with each other. They both fell to the ground, but got up again. They commenced to attack each other again, and fell to the ground a second time. The prisoner was on the top of the prosecutor, and he held him down, and commenced to strike and beat him about the head and face with his fists. The other man (Patrick Hart), called on him to come and turn the prisoner off, and declared Campbell was going to kill Winters. Witness said "Take him off yourself." After belabouring prosecutor for some time, Hart succeeded in pulling the prisoner away. The prisoner walked a short distance away from the complainant who was lying on the ground. Presently Campbell returned and kicked Winters three times about the head and face while he lay helpless on the ground. Patrick Hart pulled the prisoner away from complainant again; but he struggled to get back to the complainant a third time. Witness went to seek assistance, as he thought prisoner meant to kill the man. He saw James Colgan and other two young men about fifty yards up the road. He told them to go at once as there was a murder beside the Coal Depots.

Patrick Hart, labourer, said he resided at 25, Puddler's Row, Consett. On the night in question he was in company with the prisoner and the complainant. When near the Tinmill Depots, they began to quarrel. Campbell and Winters put their coats off and began to fight. They had two rounds. In the second round they both fell to the ground. Prisoner was on the top of Winters. Campbell held Winters down, and beat him very severely about the head and face with his fists. He called to the last witness, who was standing by, to come and assist him to get the prisoner off, as he thought he was going to kill the complainant. The man made some reply, but did not come to his assistance. He pulled the prisoner off Winters, and walked a short distance away. He witnessed Campbell kick complainant three times while he lay on the ground. Three young men came and helped to take the prisoner away.

James Colgan, stocktaker, stated that when he got to the scene, he saw Patrick Hart putting the prisoner's coat on. The complainant was lying bleeding on the ground. He ran and told a policeman what had occurred.

Dr. Renton deposed that he was called to see John Winters, and found him suffering from six slight bruises on the left cheek. He also found a wound on the right eyebrow, and another wound immediately behind the corner of the right eye, about an inch long. There was also a fracture of the lower jaw, at the angle of the jaw. None of the wounds were dangerous. There was also a slight bruise on the lip. The bruises might be caused by a blow from the fist; or a fall on the ground. The wound on the right eye was likely to have been caused by a blunt instrument. The jaw must have been fractured by a blunt instrument.

P.C. Grant averred that on this night about 10 o'clock, James Colgan told him of what had occurred. He went to the Tinmill Depots and found the complainant insensible on the ground. With some assistance he conveyed him to his lodgings.

Sergt. Tones stated that on Friday evening, Sept. 29th, he saw complainant at his lodgings. He was insensible and bleeding from the mouth, eyes, and a cut across the right eye-brow. Dr. Renton was sent for. After Winter came to his senses, he made complaint to him, to the effect that Campbell had ill-used him. He apprehended the prisoner at his residence in Puddler's Row, Consett on the following evening, and charged him with unlawfully wounding complainant. Prisoner replied "He felled me first."

The Bench came to the conclusion that it was a most serious charge, and committed prisoner to take his trial at the Durham Sessions; bail being allowed.

SECOND COURT.

Before E. W. E. Balleny (presiding).

Wilful Damage.

Frank McCrory was proceeded against for doing damage to a bogie and grease the property of the Consett Iron Company, on the 22nd ult.—Fined 2/6, the damage 6d, and costs.

Damaging a Notice Board.

William Surtees, Richard S. Gamble, and Fred. Oliver were accused with doing damage to a notice board the property of Mr. Thomas P. Barber, at Shotley Bridge, on the 15th ult., to the amount of 2/6 each.—Defendants were ordered to pay a fine of 1/- each, along with the damage and costs.

Fireworks.

Thomas Connor was proceeded against for setting off fireworks at Shotley Bridge on the 20th Sept.—P.C. Eland proved the case.—Defendant was fined 1/- and costs.

Throwing Stones.

Robert J. McCulloch, and Edward Humble, were charged by Sergt. Mitchell with throwing stones at Consett, on the 20th ult.—Defendants were mulcted in a penalty of 2/6 each and costs.

Obscene Language.

Ann McGuire was fined 1/- and costs for using obscene language at Consett on the 29th ult.—Sergt. Mitchell proved the case.

Education Act.

Several persons were proceeded against for a breach of this Act, and were dealt with in the usual way.

Assault at Consett.

Peter McGuire was summoned for assaulting Catherine McNally, at Consett on the 28th Sept.—Defendant was fined 20/- and costs; in default one month's imprisonment.

Assault at Burnopfield.

William B. Brown was fined 5/- and costs for assaulting Margaret Brown, married woman, at Burnopfield, on the 24th September.

NEW INFANT SCHOOL AT WITTON GILBERT.

On Monday a new infants' school, to accommodate upwards of 100 children, was publicly opened at Witton Gilbert. Parents of the children and friends of the school met at three o'clock, when the rector (the Rev. Arthur Watts) briefly related the facts which led up to the day's proceedings. The Education Department demanded increased accommodation. The managers of the National School called a public meeting, which showed that the colliery owners concerned and the other ratepayers of the parish were desirous of supplying the want by voluntary subscriptions, so they passed a voluntary rate of 1/- in the pound, and appointed a Building Committee to co-operate with the managers. This rate yielded—gross £219, nett £202. The site was supplied by the managers, and stone was given by the Dean and Chapter of Durham. Still, the building has cost £502; so that beyond the rate £300 was needed. Of this £200 has been promised the rector by various individuals and societies, so that £100 is yet wanting. Of this the managers will undertake to raise half, and it is hoped the building committee, with the support of the villagers, will raise the remaining £50. In a few happy words Mrs. W. C. Blackett of Acorn Close declared the school open, and the new mistress was introduced by Mrs. Watts, whereupon the mistress took possession and marched in her little flock, who sang and recited to the great delight of all present. Votes of thanks were passed to the managers and building committee, and to the ladies, which the latter felicitously acknowledged, and the interesting ceremony was over. Every one was delighted with the cheerfulness of the new school. A telegram from Mr. Launcelot Trotter, regretting his enforced absence, and wishing the school every success, was read by the Rector.

THE WEARDALE RAILWAY OPENING.

A public meeting was held in the St. John's Board Schoolroom on Saturday night—Dr. Hewitson, St. John's, presiding.—A good deal of discussion took place as to the method of celebrating the opening of the railway on the 21st, but nothing definite could be arrived at owing to the diversity of opinion where it should be held, a portion wanted it at the terminus at Wearhead while others at St. John's.—A proposition to ask Messrs Pallister and Milburn (Crook) to give up the Town Hall and their musical festival being hailed with cries of "No, no; we want them to come," eventually a committee was appointed after much difficulty to do as they thought best.

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A meeting was held in the Union Board Room on Wednesday week. Members present:—Councillors G. Ather, J. Chapman, R. Innis, W. Bowman, W. Elliott, J. Shipley, C. Sadler, A. Hartley, H. Steel, and the clerk (Mr. J. J. Thompson.)

Rate.

The Clerk announced that the overseers had paid over balance of rate on Sept. 26th.

Guide Posts.

A letter was read from Mr. Dixon, stating that the guide posts asked for by the Parish Council would be put up at once.

Allotments.

In the correspondence was read a letter re. allotments at Salter's Gate, as the applicant had not been able to agree respecting the taking of the four acres asked for, the Parish Council was again requested to take action.

Nuisances.

A letter from the Clerk to the Guardians was read, respecting nuisance at Dorman's Cottages, stating that all was right now according to Inspector's report. In reference to nuisance at Burnhope outlet of sewage works, the outlet was above 100 yards from any dwellings, and therefore it was not necessary to make any alterations.

Transfer of Craghead to Lanchester Parish.

A letter and memorial from the inhabitants of Craghead and the County Council was read anent this question.

Coun. Ather: What have we to do in the matter.

Coun. Hartley: It would be advantageous for the inhabitants to be under one authority.

Coun. Elliott: It would be a great benefit to Craghead. The place wants lighting up, the same as Burnhope. I move that the memorial be agreed to by the Council.

Coun. Hartley seconded the motion.

Coun. Ather: Would it not be better to go to Edmondsley.

The Chairman: The transfer to our parish would be the most beneficial to all parties.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Fencing at Burnhope.

The Chairman: Respecting the fencing at Burnhope, I have to inform you that the whole of the place visited by your committee when at Burnhope, which was considered dangerous, is now fenced off with substantial railings.

Allotments.

Coun. Ather: I should like to ask a question with respect to allotments wanted. Can we do anything?

The Chairman: No, It is out of our jurisdiction, as it is in Wolsingham parish. The applicant lives in our parish, but the land he wants is not in our parish.

Coun. Bowman: The Wolsingham authorities referred him to us, and the affair seems rather mysterious.

The Chairman: By our plans it is not in our parish.

Coun. Bowman: Then my conversation with him is wrong. He told me it was in our parish.

Coun. Elliott: We must be sure whether it is in our parish or not, before we write the applicant.

Coun. Ather: The Clerk can find out whether it is in our parish or not, and report the same at our next meeting.

Coun. Sadler: It is evident the applicant does not mind where it is so long as he gets four acres.

The Clerk: He wants four acres in Wolsingham.

Coun. Bowman: The land near his dwelling is waste land. The Wolsingham Council was going to take action, but found out that it is in our parish, and therefore refused to take action; but referred the applicant to us.

The Chairman: The best thing we can do is to write the agent respecting it.

The Clerk: Mr. Vickers has the land, but he is not on our register, therefore I say the land is not in our parish.

Coun. Bowman: Sometimes a part of a field is in one parish, and part in another; but not rated on account of the small quantity.

The Chairman: It will be best for the Clerk to write the agent for a plan, and terms of letting of the land required.

Coun. Elliott: The Clerk had to write to the man I understand, and ask him to attend this meeting.

The Chairman: No. The letter was for the purpose of stating where and when our next meeting would be.

The Clerk read reply to Mr. Webb.

Coun. Bowman: During the conversation he had with me, he asked if he should come to the meeting. I told him he had better not do so at present. If I don't mistake the Act it says land in or near the parish.

The Clerk: There is a wide difference in what we rent, and what the Council settle for. If the Parish Council does not act, the District Council must be appealed to. If they do not act, then the County Council take up the matter.

The Chairman: I move that the Clerk write Mr. J. W. Rodham for plan and rent of land.

Coun. Elliott: I second the motion.

Coun. Bowman: Is it worth expenses to settle for one allotment.

Coun. Ather: If for only one, yet he only gets his lawful rights.

Coun. Bowman: Will higher authority be willing to go to the cost.

Coun. Steel: According to the Act they must agree to it.

The Clerk: The Act will not allow us to let at a loss.

The Chairman: And common sense.

The motion was then agreed to.

Ordnance Plan.

The Chairman: We have now the ordnance plan, and will award footpaths on the same.

Couns. Shipley and Steel moved and seconded respectively that the plans be passed. Carried.

Coun. Hartley: The roads we have had before us much are so bad that a man and horse fell recently.

Coun. Sadler: If men have travelled on them for 20 years, they can do so for other 20 years.

Coun. Ather: The road from Quebec joining the footpath to the Colliery wants immediate attention. It is the most disgraceful piece of footroad in our parish. I move that we make this footpath at once, and give orders to the Clerk to get tenders, or make enquiries as to the cost. Winter is coming on, and complaints are numerous from all parties. The road is from Quebec to Biggin Farm, from there to the wood bridge crossing the beck to Esh, then across the Green.

The Clerk: It is a bridle road, and has been diverted, we have no right across the green.

Coun. Ather: But the road is wanted, and if we cannot act, it would have been better if the Council had never been formed.

The Chairman: I think you are right.

Coun. Innis: Do you not think it is high time something was done. If anything can be done is it not time we did the road referred to, and that at Kit's well.

The Chairman: I agree with you.

Coun. Ather's motion was now seconded by Coun. Shipley, who two months before seconded a similar motion.

Coun. Ather: Who will interfere if the plan is not definite.

The Chairman: The landlord or tenant. They can stop it once a year.

Coun. Ather: Has it been stopped at any time?

Coun. Shipley: Not for ten years.

Coun. Ather: Not for 30 to my knowledge.

The Chairman: There are no gates or stiles.

Coun. Sadler: What is the length of the footpath. Is it half-a-mile.

Coun. Ather: Rather more.

Coun. Shipley: Parts want a bottom.

Coun. Bowman: I don't quite understand the motion. What is the Council to do. It is strange to put one man to do it, and both the Council and Committee remain in abeyance, doing nothing.

The Clerk: The proper plans were only here last Monday.

Coun. Bowman: Plans are of no use. Kit's well is not shewn.

Coun. Elliott: I think a Committee is necessary. We have the power to deal with a public footpath, and the Council ought to put it right.

Coun. Bowman: The Committee visited the path to Hurbuck, and found it nothing but sump. It wants putting right.

Coun. Ather: We are prepared to do everything necessary. If there is need, we might ask permission of owners, especially in reference to crossing grass.

The Chairman: It is of no use where there is grass. The Act will not allow the crossing of grass land. You can neither make a gravel or ash path over such land.

Coun. Bowman: What is to be done when the track is covered with water. Are people to walk through it? They have no right to go over private land. I think it is time people had some decent path to walk upon.

The Chairman: In that case we will put it right.

Coun. Elliott: It was just said we cannot interfere with a green track, so how can the road referred to by Coun. Bowman be put right.

The Clerk: It is a bridle road and we can act.

At this point Coun. Ather's motion was put and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

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20th June, 1895.

NOTICE.

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A PUBLIC TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT, in connection with the above Habitation, will be held at Hamsterley Colliery School, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 1895. TEA from 4·30 to 6·30; to be followed by an Entertainment and Political Lecture by Mr. THOS. FIELDING, of Manchester, on "Our Empire", illustrated by Lime-light Views. Lecture to commence at 7. The Hon. J. G. P. Vereker will take the chair.

Admission: To Lecture and Entertainment, Free; Admission to Tea. Members, 6d.; Non-members, 9d. Tickets to be obtained from Miss Walton Wilson, Shotley Hall; Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Metcalf, Blackhall Mill; Mr. W. Allan and Mr. J. Anderson, Hamsterley Colliery; Miss Hetherington, Medomsley; Mr. Davies, High Spen; Mr. Richardson, Chopwell; and Mr. Simpson Westwood. 484s

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A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at the Headquarters (Mr. J. McKie's), Burton Hotel, Consett, on Saturday night first, October 12th, 1895, to commence at 8 o'clock prompt, when all Members must attend. Business important. A. KEMPSTER, Secretary.

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ON MONDAY, the 17th of October, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT AND BLACKHILL at 5 15 p.m. (with bookings from Shotley Bridge, Ebchester, and Lintz Green) for NEWCASTLE, returning at 10·55 p.m. the same day. 469s

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For further particulars see bills, copies of which may be obtained at the District Passenger Superintendent's Office, Central Station, Newcastle.

GEORGE S. GIBB,

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For this Parish will be held as follows:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 1895,

IN THE SCHOOL-ROOM, IVESTON.

Preacher—The Rev. C. SHREWSBURY.

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IN THE PARISH CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 16th, at 7 o'clock.

Preacher—The Rev. J. W. MITCHELL, Vicar of South Hetton.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th:

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THE ORIGIN OF "LLOYD'S."

There is a capital article on "Buried Treasure" in the October number of the Windsor Magazine, dealing with an effort to recover certain bullion lost several hundred years ago on the treacherous sands of the Zuyder Zee. Incidentally the writer mentions the origin and early history of "Lloyd's," explaining that the spacious rooms "now occupied at the north west corner of the Royal Exchange, and daily thronged with a restless crowd of some of our leading financiers and merchants, have grown out of a small coffee-shop kept by one Edward Lloyd at the latter end of the seventeenth century. A great deal of business was transacted in those days at coffee-houses, where men gathered as in modern clubs, and the names of "Garraway's" and "Jonathan's" may be mentioned as of places where money changed hands in those days of often wild and wholesale speculation; an age which produced the Bank of England and saw the creation of the National Debt. Lloyd's was chiefly restricted to the shipping interest, and here shipbrokers and masters of vessels met underwriters ready to take the risks and insure ships against loss at sea. They came to it at all hours of the day, always anxious for intelligence, and to meet this demand Lloyd started "Lloyd's News," which ran to only seventy-six numbers, then died suddenly, having come under the censorship of the House of Lords for its outspoken criticism upon their lordships' action in regard to the trade in silk. But it was revived in 1726 under another name "Lloyd's List," and is now, with the exception of the "London Gazette," the oldest newspaper in Great Britain. Edward Lloyd's first house was in Tower Street, thence the shop moved to the corner of Lombard Street and Abchurch Lane, then as a temporary matter to Pope's Head Alley, and last of all to its present home in the Royal Exchange. Through the earlier years of its life it was still nominally a coffee-house—a private establishment owned by a master, to whom members pay a subscription, as is done nowadays in a proprietary club. Only as time passed and its growing influence and importance brought it into direct contact with the Government—being indeed, through its agents abroad, the chief purveyor of foreign news—one of the Ministers of the Crown, Earl Camden (at that time Secretary of State for the Colonies and War), declined to correspond with a coffee-house keeper. So the members of Lloyd's organised themselves into a body politic, with a committee to watch over its concerns, and a secretary to represent it and act for it on all special occasions. This consolidation in 1804 gave new life and importance to the concern, which has steadily increased till it is now one of the most trusted and influential institutions in the world."

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TO OUR READERS.

The columns in to-day's issue of THE CONSETT GUARDIAN are two inches longer than usual—almost an additional page of extra reading matter supplied to our readers. We trust by this enlargement to be enabled to insert all news for the current week.

THE REPORTS of the Leadgate District Council and Consett County Court are held over for want of space.

The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1895.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCEDO."]

No Change Yet.

The books have recently been opened, and the verdict given for another quarter of a year. It will be understood that I refer to the millmen in the Steel Works at Consett, whose wages will undergo no change this side of Christmas or there-about. It must be some consolation to the men that the lowest ebb has been reached, and that things have now taken a very pointed change for the better. Should all go well, the chances are that when the seraphs next sing "peace on earth and goodwill to men," the recording scribes below will see their way to run the flag of hope to the mast head, and declare in favour of an all round rise—if indeed they have not forgotten how to write the figures.

Won't Entertain the Proposal.

The Lanchester Guardians decline to follow in the footsteps of their Middlesbrough contemporaries, and supply a free pass and an open house to all the well-recommended tinkers in the country side. The Chairman thought the proposal should not be entertained, and Mr. Muse and Mr. Sloane were of the same opinion. There are some queer folks about Middlesbrough, but it is evident enough that their pet ideas are not destined to take root at Lanchester. I remember cutting a paragraph from a paper last winter in which it was set forth that one of the unemployed in that town refused to accept 3/6 per day from a neighbouring farmer, preferring rather to hang out in the stoneyard at less than half that sum. Surrounded by such characters—for men they cannot be—it is possible enough that the Middlesbrough Guardians have a method and a motive, as well as a wheel within a wheel in seeking an outlet to the travelling propensities of "persons without means," as they designate the tribe whom they wish to help over the style and along the road. Their intentions may possibly be charitable, but knowing what we do there is no doubt in the matter, of which the movers have not in this occasion been accorded the proverbial benefit. Workmen do not trudge up and down the country in search of employment in these last days. They stop where they are, and wait for the turn of the tide, and those of them who take to wandering very soon get the brand of Cain on their brow, and become confirmed tramps—a class of individuals whom the Lanchester Guardians do not care to encourage.

Which?

One of the rev. gentlemen who addressed the assemblage at the services in connection with the Memorial stone-laying of the Consett Wesleyan Hall and Sunday-school spoke in a rather deprecatory manner of the individual known as the specialist. He did not want to play the role of specialist, but preferred rather to extend the range of his perceptive faculties. The thought itself is broad, and yet it naturally gives rise to the pointed question—is specialism a vice or a virtue? or in other words; is it desirable that men should endeavour to study one subject in an exhaustive manner, or to follow the routine set forth in the trite adage: "Jack of all trades and master of none"—which? Whatever the opinion of the reader may be, it must not be forgotten that it is the specialist whom we have to thank for the progressive state in which civilisation stands to-day. James Watt was a specialist, and so was Geo. Stephenson, not to mention the individual worthies of later date, who have by sheer dint of plodding in one groove, introduced all the latest wonders of the age—few inventions worthy of the name having been the result of chance, Alexander Pope being pretty near the mark when he penned the lines:

One science only, does one genius fit;
So vast is are—so narrow human wit.

False Teaching.

I passed the other evening and mused awhile when the subjoined statement from the fugitive pen of a new and worthless scribbler attracted my attention.

"The successful minister of our times will be the man who can keep in touch with the masses, and make them feel that he understands their longings and aspirations, and that he can help them to solve some of the problems that are bound up in their everyday life." The man who scratched such a thought on paper should at once turn on his heel and give place to men gifted with more rational instincts, and clear perceptive faculty. The minister of the present and the future must be true to his trust, if he will serve his Master well. It needs no effort to follow the crowd, but the minister worthy of the name, must lead, not follow, and it is at this point at which the distinction comes in. the great Teacher did not seek to minister to the aspirations of the crowd, but frankly and fearlessly showed the people a better and a more perfect way. The so-called aspirations of the people are often misdirected, and there are few ministers in these degenerate days who have the moral courage to speak out as they did in the olden times. It is written that a minister or teacher of men, laid hold of cords and lashed the populace from the house of God, and in more recent times the ministers who have best adorned their sacred calling have risen superior to the dictates of the crowd and striven to raise men, by sheer force of precept and example, to a higher level, with the view of preparing them for a state of existence fortold by the Poet in the lines:—

"Where higher suns dispense serener light,
And wilder moons emparidise the night."

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

Consett Baptists will hold their harvest festival on Sunday and Monday first.

Consett and District 741 Starr-Bowkett Building Society.—On Thursday sen'night, two appropriation meetings were held at the society's office, Consett. Mr. Almond was appointed chairman and Messrs Ord (Annfield Plain), and Cummings (Consett) were appointed scrutineers. The chairman was supported by Messrs James Oliver, C. Davison, W. Davison (Consett), Baintridge, Collinson and Jackson (Annfield Plain), and several other members were present. Numbers 108 and 50 were drawn, and the holders were declared to be entitled to £200 each, to be repaid in 12½ years, free of interest.

Large Leeks.—At the annual leek show held at the Burton Hotel, Consett, on Saturday night, the leeks that took first and second prizes were exhibited by Mr. George Lovatt, Delves Lane, Consett. The first stand leeks measured 6 inches by 12 inches. The first three prize-takers were:—Messrs G. Lovatt; R. Walker, Consett; and J. Atkinson, Delves Lane. The judge was Mr. W. Bell, Felling.

BLACKHILL.

Benfieldside Tennis Club.—On Saturday afternoon last the members of the above club brought a most successful season to a close, when the gentlemen members entertained the ladies to tea, after which the medals won at the Tournament were presented by the donors:—Messrs Thos. Green and H. H. Wattsford for "ladies singles," and by Councillor John Heymer and the Club for "gentlemen's doubles," the recipients being Miss Alice Richley, and Messrs Wattsford and Todd respectively. In the evening a smoking concert was held at Mr. Morgan's, Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge, at which the president of the club (Richard Murray, Esq.), ably presided. The chairman in his opening remarks regretted that he was about to leave the district, but hoped that it would not be the last time he should have the pleasure of meeting the tennis club on some similar occasion. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been enthusiastically received, the chairman in eulogistic terms proposed "Success to the Benfieldside Tennis Club" to which the ever popular and energetic secretary ably responded. A musical evening was then spent each gentleman contributing a song or speech. Mr. Geo. P. Stephenson, of Blackhill, in his usual able manner presided at the piano.

BLAYDON.

At the ordinary monthly meeting of the District Council, held in the offices on Thursday week, under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Paxton, Dr. Brown, the medical officer, stated that the general health of the district last month was disappointing. The deaths during the past quarter, as shown by the report of the Registrar, were equal to a rate of 27 per 1,000, which was the highest they had had for a considerable time. The birth rate was 40 per 1,000.

BEAMISH.

The Rev. D. W. James, Curate of Christ Church, New Seaham, has been appointed vicar of St. Andrew's, Beamish.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Curious Notion.—Among all the queer notions—superstitious almost—concerning the weather and its variations, perhaps none are more quaint than one that used, in former years, to prevail in the immediate neighbourhood of the ancient Parish Church at Chester-le-Street. There is at the deanery, the residence of Mr. J. W. Lucock, an extensive rookery; and as usual at such places there is also a colony of jackdaws. The old notion was that when the rooks or daws wheeled round the upper part of the church spire, and sat on the vane at the top, a change in the weather would take place within a short time. The connection between circling rooks and daws, and a change from sunshine to storm, or from storm to sunshine, does not appear at all obvious. But curiously enough, during the last three days before the change that set in last week, the deanery daws have been holding high jinks around the vane. And not one or two, but as far as a dozen together have been circling around, and battling for a seat on the vane; as many as four or five finding sitting room upon it at one time.

LEADGATE.

Mr. Joseph Todd, son of Mr. Edward Todd, of Leadgate, successfully passed 1st Class under Coal Mines' Regulation Act, at examination held at Darlington, on 30th and 31st July, 1895. He served his apprenticeship under W. H. Hedley, Esq., Consett Iron Company's collieries. 420s.

Social.—On Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Leadgate Floral Society, a "social" was held in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. Doubtless owing to the extremely unpropitious state of the elements, the attendance was not so large as had been anticipated. Nevertheless, those present spent a very enjoyable evening—dancing, singing, and games being indulged in. Refreshments were ably served up by Mrs M. Willey and Mrs J. Winter, who were assisted by several young ladies. Mr John R. Wood, of Consett, presided at the piano in his customary efficient manner, while the arrangements were admirably carried out by the secretary (Councillor J. W. Winter) and the committee of the society.

MEDOMSLEY.

The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Vereker have arrived at Hamsterley Hall, from East Cowes Castle, Isle of Wight.

CASTLESIDE.

Cottage Gardeners' Association.—A most successful show, under the auspices of the Castleside Cottage Gardeners' Association was opened at the Fleece Inn, Castleside, on Saturday last, when 48 stands of leeks, 48 stands of vegetables, and 15 stands of honey were set up for competition. Mr. William Milburn, Low Westwood, officiated as judge and made the following awards:—Leeks.—1, C. Thompson; 2, Jos. Thompson; 3, Jas. Toward. Vegetables.—1, G. Canwick; 2, D. Hall; 3, R. Hall. Honey.—1, John Craggs; 2, Thos. Rippon; 3, Mrs. Rippon.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Co-operative Society.—A quarterly meeting of the members of the society was held on Saturday night last. The sales in all departments is £46,202, there being a nett profit of £9,269 19s 8½d, a disposable sum in payment of members' grocery purchases of 4/2 in the £; in the Butchering Department 2/2 in £. The membership being 4,317 on the books.

Liberal Club.—The fortnightly meeting of the above was held on Wednesday night in the Oddfellows Hall, Annfield Plain. There was a pretty good attendance, and the future of the club was discussed at some length. The discussions on current politics are to be resumed on Wednesday night October 16th, at 7.30. The subject will be "The eight hours question." The following gentlemen will take part:—Messrs Jno. Orr, W. Fitzpatrick, J. Campbell, and others. It is hoped Liberals in the district will attend, and help to make the organisation as complete as possible. Union is strength, and it is only through disconcerted action that the flag of Liberalism is allowed to be trampled in the dust.

St. Bernard Dogs.—At the annual show of the Scottish Kennel Club, held in Edinburgh this week, Mr. John Storey, of Annfield Plain, was remarkably successful with his team of St. Bernard dogs. In the class for open rough dogs he was first with Champion Duke of Florence, and in addition secured the championship prize two special prizes, and a silver cup for the best St. Bernard in the show, lowering the colours of the celebrated bitch Lola IV. In limit rough dogs the same gentleman was second with his well-known Goldfinder, and in open rough bitches Champion Princess Florence was awarded first honours, and Marchioness of Bute secured premier place in limit rough bitches. In the classes for smooth-coated St. Bernards Mr. Storey was first in limit and second in open bitches with Lady Helen Bute; and Castleton occupied the third place in smooth dogs. The Annfield Plain exhibitor was, in addition, awarded first prize for the best brace and first for the best team of St. Bernards.

TANFIELD LEA.

Shield Row Station.—A public meeting was held in the Reading Institute, Tanfield Lea, on Tuesday evening, to take into consideration the condition of Shield Row Station. It appears that the present arrangment is such that passengers have to cross the line at the east end of the station after booking at the office on the south side, and that what is desired by the inhabitants is a booking office on the north side of the line, so that there may be no crossing of the rails. Mr. William Pace presided over the gathering, and said the agitation would be carried on until their grievances were attended to.—Mr. Wm. Bulmer read a petition which had been drawn up in respect to the matter, and moved that the same be presented to Mr. Harrison, engineer to the railway company.—Mr. Wm. Anderson seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation. A deputation was afterwards appointed to meet Mr. Harrison at the station and point out what was desired.

BURNOPFIELD.

Church of England Temperance Society.—On Monday night, the first of a series of monthly entertainments, in connection with the above, was given in the Temperance Hall. The Rev. J. Madill presided, and there was a full and appreciative audience. A capital programme was provided by Mr. Richard Hesketh, choirmaster of St. Mary's, Newcastle, who opened the concert with a piano solo, and afterwards accompanied the following singers:—Mrs. Hesketh, who tastefully sang "A summer shower," "The wings of a dove," "A shepherd's cradle song," and "The miller and the maid." Mrs. Kennedy, whose sweet voice was greatly admired, in "Bonnie Doon," "Robin Adair," and Angus Macdonald." Mr. Pringle, whose rendering of "The sailor's grave," and "In friendship's name," was most pleasing; and Mr. Bates, who in his rich bass, gave the "Admiral's broom," and "They all love Jack." Repeated encores testified to the delight of the audience. The Rev. W. S. Reeman of Fatfield, then gave a stirring address, in which he advocated moral suasion and self control, rather than legislative interference. The evening concluded with the National Anthem and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Reeman, for his excellent address, and to Mr. Hesketh and party, for the delightful treat they had provided.

Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club.—A winter meeting of members of the above society was held in the Temperance Hall, Burnopfield, on Saturday evening. There was a fair attendance of members. Mr. B. Hurste of Newcastle read a paper on the Fungi of the Derwent Valley, and exhibited several specimens which he had gathered in Gibside Woods the same afternoon. Among others, Agaricus, Rubescens, specimens of the genus Russula, and a Polyporus, or the Beef-steak Fungus; this fungus has a great resemblance to a succulent Beef-steak. Mr. Hurste pointed out a few of the more marked distinctions between the edible and poisonous Fungi, remarking that there were not more than a hundred of really poisonous Fungi. He (Mr. Hurste) has lately given considerable attention to the Fungus tribe, and gives promise of being able to throw considerable light on this somewhat obtruse branch of science. Some interesting and very beautiful examples of Æcidium Compositarum—a disease on the Commonfoalsfoot (Tussulaco Farfarum)—were shown by Mr. Johnson, of the Temperance Hall, also some spores on the gills of certain Fungi. The chair was occupied by the president of the society.

LANCHESTER.

The County Rate Basis Committee has issued an order, pursuant to section 9 of the County Rate Act, 1852, that the collieries in the several parishes in the Lanchester Union shall be valued, and have appointed Mr. J. H. Hedley, of Sunderland, to undertake the work.

Sudden Death of an Old Man at the Workhouse.—Yesterday (Thursday) morning, an old man named John Hagan (73), was found dead beside his bed at 5.45 a.m. He retired to rest on the previous night in his usual health. Hagan was an inmate of the Workhouse.

Alleged Indecent Assault.—Yesterday (Thursday) at the Lanchester Police Court, before E. W. E. Balleny and J. Lax, Robert Bell, labourer, employed at the gas producers at the Consett Steel Works was charged with committing an indecent assault upon Lizzie Jane Smith, aged 14 years, in Howen's Gill Wood, on the 6th Sept. Mr. T. W. Welford (Consett) defended, and denied the charge.—Accused was committed for trial at the Durham Sessions.—The presiding Magistrate (Mr. Balleny) complimented Inspector Daly and Supt. Dryden for the way in which they had investigated the case. They were deserving of a great amount of praise for the way in which they had followed the clue up from the date of the alleged offence.

WOLSINGHAM.

Wesleyanism.—The circuit quarterly meeting was presided over by Rev. F. Friend, supported by Rev. J. W. Houghton and Rev. Richard Martin, and a goodly number of circuit officials. Arrangements were made for holding special revival services in the circuit during the incoming month, and for holding the foreign missionary meetings at the principal places, as were also other auxiliary meetings prior to the usual annual public missionary meetings.

STANLEY.

Presentation to Mr. Thomas Darney.—On Thursday week, the parishioners of Beamish parish presented Mr. Thos. Darney, who has been choir-master and organist of St. Andrew's Church, Stanley, for over 20 years, with a gold watch, supplied by Mr. J. Bates, Stanley. The presentation was made by Mr. George Ridley. The same evening, Mr. R. D. Grundy, on behalf of the church choir—the late and present members—presented Mr. Darney with a writing desk. Mr. Darney suitably replied.

Victoria Theatre.—This week the famous author-actor, Mr. Fred. Cooke, supported by an excellent company are appearing in "On Shannon's Shore," the success of which is enhanced by the well designed scenery and effects carried by the company. Mr. Walter Cooke gives a splendid impersonation of the English officer, Captain Clinton. The part of Hyacinth O'Neale gives Mr. Sidney Compton plenty of scope, and he takes full advantage of it. The part of Turlough O'Hanlon is acted in realistic fashion by Mr. Wilson Brash. Mr. Reuben Payne gives a capital character sketch of Shaun Dhu. Miss Nelly Navarro is a charming actress, and her portrayal of Mary Shanaghan shows great talent. The other parts are all well played. For next week, "A Noble Brother" is underlined. This piece comes with a big reputation.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

On Saturday last a very successful meeting of the St. Patrick's Church Defence Committee was held in the Schoolroom, Victoria Garesfield, when the Rev. Arthur Watts, rector of Witton Gilbert, gave a most interesting lecture on "The origin of the Church of England." The lecture was illustrated by some excellent views from a lantern operated by Mr. Randle. At the close a vote of thanks to Mr. Watts was proposed by the Rev. George Death and carried with acclamation.

PELTON.

Colliery Hotel Yearly Fund.—The members of this fund held their annual supper on Saturday at the above hostelry (Mr. Geo. Favell's), when upwards of 60 sat down to an excellent repast which reflected great credit on the worthy hostess (Mrs. Favell). After ample justice had been done to the good things provided a pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. The following contributed to the harmony:—Messrs W. Barrow, J. Shaw, R. Finlay, W. Jackson, W. Pack, and J. Gilroy. Mr R. Finlay ably presided at the piano.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside.—The harvest thanksgiving will be held on Sunday. There will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. Morning prayer at half past ten, and evensong at half-past six. The Rev. E. O. Herbert, the much respected vicar of St. John's, Middlesbrough, is to preach both at morning prayer and evensong. There will be a children's service at 2.45 p.m.

BLANCHLAND.

Ewe Fair.—This old-established fair for the sale of cattle and sheep was held on the usual hill on Friday. There was only a small show of stock, but quite adequate for the demand, although a fair amount of business was transacted. Draft ewes made 20/- to 24/-; wethers, 23/-; 1½ year old grazing cattle, £9 to £10 5s; yearling stirks, £6 to £7 10s.

SOUTH MOOR.

Workmen's Flower Show.—On Saturday, the first annual exhibition in connection with the South Moor Colliery Workmen's Floral and Horticultural Society was held in a spacious field lent by Mr. James Fairley, the agent of the colliery owners. The day was fine, and the fixture was largely patronised. The South Moor Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Armstrong Forster, played a suitable selection of music during the afternoon and evening. There was a capital display of garden produce. In the open class the principal awards were secured by Messrs Edward Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall; James Fairley, Shafto House; and Mr. Wm. Lowden. Cottagers' class—Messrs Dawson, Moss, and Marshall. Special prizes for the new gardens—Messrs Hall, Purvis, Moss, and Stenlake. Ladies quilting—Mrs. Bickerton Hall. There was a ball at night.

Floral and Horticultural Society.—On Saturday last, the members of the South Moor Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society held their third annual exhibition of vegetables, on premises adjoining Mrs. Dixon's, Oak Inn, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Oxley, of South Moor, when the following awards were made:—Open Class (confined to members)—1, Thos. Harrison; 2, Geo. Stacey; 3, Hy. Tarbit; 4, Wm. Eastwood; 5, Thos. Dobson; 6, Hy. Crooks; 7, J. Armstrong; 8, J. Cherret; 9, L. Mason; 10, Ed. Baker; 11, P. Shield; 12, J. Dixon; 13, Wm. Rutter. (Confined to South Moor)—1, J. Cousins; 2, Jos. Wilson; 3, Wm. Brass; 4, J. Pike; 5, A. Gibson; 6, Wm. Dodds; 7, J. Crooks; 8, R. Lumley; 9, Geo. Daglish; 10, Geo. Coutts; 11, J. Phillips; 12, J. Elliott; 13, R. Mason; 14, Geo. Tarbit.

STANHOPE.

Accident to a Weardale Engine-driver.—While Joseph Collingwood was driving the afternoon mineral train he unfortunately either fell or was knocked off his engine by an overhanging tree branch betwixt Stanhope and Frosterley. When picked up by J. W. Weirs, inspector, he was found to be unconscious from a deep wound on the head.

WEARDALE.

Death of a Farmer.—Francis Brown, a well-known Weardale farmer who has farmed the Greenhead farm on the Rookhope road for a number of years, died at his residence on Saturday, and was interred at Stanhope Churchyard on Tuesday, amid every token of respect.

The prize for the most accurate estimate of the weight of a fat beast at the Bents (Weardale) Agricultural Show was won by Mr. Thomas Carrick, of Copt Hill, who gave the estimate of 46 stones, the actual weight of the animal being 46st 1lb. The second prize was won by Mr. M. Bright, of Allendale. There were 70 competitors, and the estimates ranged from 36st up to 46st 10lb, the majority being between 42 and 43st.

CATCHGATE.

Improved Patent Brake.—Mr. Michael Hobson, of Catchgate has recently invented an improved brake on the automatical principle which he successfully tested on Tuesday last by attaching it to a waggon and heavy cart with a load of one ton each. The shaft horse can at all times with the greatest ease hold the load down the heaviest embankment, being self-acting the driver never need concern himself on approaching a heavy bank. The action of the animal applies his brake. It is a substantial invention, neat and works well. Mr. Hobson is the sole patentee, and his great engineering ability is widely known in the district. He is the son of Mr. George Hobson of Harperley and Catchgate Flour Mill, which is fitted up with all the latest improvements in machinery that he has made and greatly facilitated the working of their trade all round. He has been greatly complimented upon his skill and genius enterprise for a young man.

GRAND OPERA AT THE NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

VISIT OF MR VALENTINE SMITH.

One of the most important musical events in the history of Consett is undoubtedly the visit of Mr Valentine Smith (the famous tenor) and his excellent company to the New Town Hall this week in a repertorie of grand opera. For this rare treat the music-loving portion of the inhabitants of Consett and district are indebted to the plucky spirit shown by a few enterprising local gentlemen, who, at considerable risk, and with much difficulty, were enabled to ratify an engagement with the high-class company now appearing at the Town Hall. However, we are pleased to note that their efforts to provide something out of the common run of opera companies have met with the appreciation so well deserved, and that the success of the innovation is pretty well assured. Mr Smith is by no means a stranger to Consett audiences, as on several previous occasions we have had the pleasure of listening to his melodious voice. The company opened on Monday evening with Wallace's romantic opera, "Maritana," which was produced before a large and delighted audience. The acting and singing were alike excellent, and it was easy to see that the combination Mr Valentine Smith has gathered around him is an admirable and efficient one in every respect. Although we are generally prepared for some slight hitches on the first night, nothing of the kind happened on Monday, and from the smoothness with which everything was carried out, one might well have been pardoned for believing that the company had been located at the Town Hall for some weeks. Miss C. St. Bride gave a charming rendering of the part of "Maritana," the Gipsy girl, her voice being heard to great advantage in several of the numbers allotted to her, more especially in "Scenes that are brightest," for which she was encored. "Lazarillo," an apprentice, found an unusually able exponent in Miss M. Sadie, and anything more sweet than her singing of "Alas! those chimes," it would be almost impossible to conceive. As the devil-may-care "Don Cæsar de Bazan," Mr Valentine Smith was a host in himself, and looked and acted the part to perfection. His singing was very fine, and called forth much enthusiasm. "Let me like a soldier fall" was given with rare spirit, and elicited a well-merited encore. Scarcely less deserving of praise was Mr T. H. Wood's impersonation of the intriguing "Don Jose," a Prime Minister. He has a fine voice, and sang the music with facility and ease. "The mariner and his barque" was a particularly fine effort, and was loudly encored. The other parts were admirably filled by Mr A. Edmund ("Charles II., King of Spain"), Mr M. Vincent ("Marquis de Montefiore"), Mr Serroni ("Captain of the Guard"), Mr J. Beaumont ("The Alcade"), and Miss Temple ("Marchioness de Montefiore.") The piece was admirably staged, while the dresses were superb. The chorus is a very capable one, the voices blending nicely; and the orchestra (under the able direction of Mr William Darley) rendered invaluable service. On Tuesday evening, Balfe's ever-popular "Bohemian Girl" was produced, while the bill of fare on Wednesday evening consisted of "King for a Day" (given for the first time in Consett), in which Miss E. Von Ravensberg created a very favourable impression as "Nemea," Princess of Goa. Last (Thursday) evening, "Fra Diavolo" was performed before a large company. Rossini's comic opera, "Barber of Seville," is billed for to-night (Friday), while the company will finish up to-morrow evening by again giving "The Bohemian Girl," and it may be safely said that no better selection could have been made. We would respectfully urge upon our readers to embrace this opportunity of hearing one of the most celebrated opera companies of the day. Such a chance may not occur again for some time. Large audiences have been the rule throughout the week, and they have not been slow to signify their appreciation of the efforts of the various performers. The thanks of the musical community are certainly due to those gentlemen who have brought about this visit.

LEEK SHOWS.

TANTOBIE.

The Oak Tree Inn Leek and Vegetable Show.—The above show was held on Saturday last, in a field adjoining Mr. J. Gladders, Oak Tree Inn, which was kindly granted by Mrs. Robinson, of Tanfield Leith Farm, when there was a grand display of leeks and vegetables from some of the best growers of the north. The following gentlemen took prizes:—E. Charlton, 30in. by 21½in.; Gowan Gray, 30 by 18½; Wm. Wallis, 30 by 15¾; H. Scott, 30 by 15½; also Ed. Charlton took first prize for the vegetables. There were 45 stands of leeks.

MEDOMSLEY.

On Saturday last, the tenth annual Leek Show was held at the house of Mr John Minto, Miners' Arms, Medomsley, under very favourable circumstances. The stands exhibited were quite up to the average as regards quality and uniformity of size. The judge was Mr Matthew Bates, of West Kyo, who showed great ability in apportioning the various stands in their order of merit; indeed, his decisions gave universal satisfaction. A great number of persons visited the show during the week end. The following are the names of the prize-winners in their order of merit:—James McNestry, Mrs Graham, J Cookson, Sam Ward, Geo Walton (Leadgate), Wm Graham, J Topham, J Bewley, R Scott, Jos Hall, S Jamieson, Ed Jamieson, John Vigham, Mrs Minto, Wm Cookson, Thos Cookson, R Oxley, Geo Walton (Allendale), John Minto, Wm Rowland, W Reay, Mrs Walker, J F Cookson, C Stubbs, R Reay, T Coulson, Hy Barwick.

EDMONDSLEY.

Under the auspices of the Edmondsley "Diamond Star" Leek Club, the first annual exhibition was held on Saturday at the house of Mr. John Oxley, Colliery Inn, Edmondsley, and proved a great success. Prizes to the value of £27 being awarded to the successful competitors. Large numbers of the inhabitants from the surrounding villages visited the show, and were lavish in their praises of the quality of both exhibits and prizes. The room was tastefully decorated, and the prizes were both of a useful and elegant description. Mr. Thomas Marsden, Fatfield, Washington, was the judge, and gave general satisfaction. The following is a full list of the prize-takers and subscribers:—1, Wm. Stephenson, plush rocking chair; 2, Ed. Maliby, centre table; 3, Ed. Maliby, easy chair; 4, R. Scott, dinner set; 5, Wm. Crainbury, brass fender; 6, C. Maliby, breakfast set; 7, T. Mitchel, kitchen fender; 8, J. Lake, eight day clock; 9, T. Lowery, blankets and half dozen spoons; 10, R. McKinsay, brass lamp; 11, Wm. Blacklock, swing mirror; 12, H. Henils, hearth rug and door mat; 13, G. Walker, pair of blankets; 14, G. Lake, cruet stand; 15, G. Curry, dinner set; 16, J. Carr, piano arm chair; 17, F. Woodman, three Swiss chairs; 18, C. Hall, tea pot; 19, Wm. Nicholson, bed rug; 20, Wm. Lake, brass fireirons; 21, Wm. Scott, table cloth; 22, J. Oxley, smoking chair; 23, T. Lay, hearth rug and door mat; 24, T. Lake, one dozen knives and forks; 25, H. Walton, rocking chair; 26, Wm. Walton, coal box; 27, J. Hall, chamber set; 28, S. Northey, lamp; 29, J. Laws, cheese cover; 30, H. Simpson, half dozen knives and forks; 31, Wm. Dyson, brass tray; 32, J. Burlison, carver and steel; 33, S. Oxley, coffee kettle; 34, J. Dawson, rug tools, and half dozen spoons; 35, M. Curry, alarum clock; 36, C. Jackson, toddy kettle; 37, R. Hunter, pair of sheets, and half dozen spoons; 38, Dr. Allen, pair sheets and half dozen spoons. Subscribers:—Messrs Oxley, Tucket, Melvin, Whiteon, Todd, Davidson, Henderson, Haggerty, Caldcleugh, Nelson, Robinson, Greenwell, Stephenson, Deighton, Black, G. Black, Turnbull, Johnson, Taylor, Lamb. The decorations by Miss Oxley and friends were of a superb character and came in for much favourable comment.

WATERHOUSES.

The members of the "Black Horse" Leek Club held their fifth annual exhibition on Saturday last in a room kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. S. Coxon of the Black Horse Hotel. The club is one of the most prosperous in the neighbourhood and is the centre of interest to a great many leek-growers. Many of the exhibitors were novices who managed very well in their initial attempt. The leeks were an improvement on any previously exhibited at this show. There were 45 exhibitors, each of whom got a useful and, at the same time, ornamental prize. The premier award was again carried off by Mr. J. Andrews, who headed the prize list last year. Mr. R. H. Johnson secured the second, coming very close to the first. The best leek in the show was exhibited by Mr. Robt. Young, who was placed fifth on the list. Mr. Brooks, jun., of Durham, gave every satisfaction as judge. The prize-winners and prizes were:—Mr. J. Andrews, 1, splendid clock; special, patent picks; Mr. R. H. Johnson, 2, lamp; special, half dozen teaspoons; Mr. W. Trotter, 3, chamber service; special, a tongue; Mr. A. H. Andrews, 4, silver teapot; special, five stone of potatoes; Mr. R. Young, 5, set of carvers; special, a tongue; Mr. W. Porter, 6, clock; special, five stone of potatoes; Mr. R. Jefferson, 7, kettle stand; special, a tongue; Mr. J. Chrishop, 8, Cruet; special, pair of braces; Mr. W. Jefferson, 9, Lamp; Mr. Geo. Coltman, 10, case of birds; Mr. T. Emmerson, 11, ink stand and case of spoons; Mr. J. Hewitson, 12, silver teapot; Mr. F. Richardson, 13, cellar and salts; Mr. R. Young, 14, lamp; Mr. J. Emmerson, 15, cruet; Mr. J. Watkin, 16, clock (alarum); Mr. T. W. Emmerson, 17, cruet; R. Lonsdale, 18, looking glass; Robt. Johnson, 19, cornice pole, etc.; T. N. Hughes, 20, kettle; P. Melon, 21, lamp; A. Emmerson, 22, clock and ornaments; R. Hymers, 23, case of carvers; special, a cheese; Wm. Dixon, 24, loose fire-bar; J. N. Hughes, 25, clock; J. Henry, 26, two pair of brass candlesticks; F. Davison, 27, cruet and half a dozen knives and forks; W. W. Watkin, 28, fancy cruet; John White, 29, case of birds and two cases of flowers; T. Thompson, 30, lamp; R. Wilkinson, 31, looking-glass, brush and comb; J. Dixon, 32, cruet; W. Raffell, 33, brass fire-rod; D. Stevenson, 34, case of fruit, and ornaments; J. R. White, 35, two pairs of brass candlesticks; Geo Bowes, 36, teapot and brass ornaments; John Dalkin, 37, lamp; James Dalkin, 38, case of [illegible] and two pair ornaments; W. Birkett, 39, carving knife, half dozen knives and forks, and box; John Watts, Junr., 40, pair of brass candlesticks; Thos. Button, 41, kettle and ornaments; W. Wilkinson, 42, pair of candlesticks, and spitting box; S. Coxon, 43, Carvers; Robt. Pigg, 44, looking-glass, comb, brush, and box; J. Potts, 45, Case of fruit.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesidite."]

The long continued drought has suddenly come to an end, the intense heat has given place to a pinching cold wind, and we are begining to grumble. I overheard a lady friend say, "she felt right glad when she awoke and found a change in the temperature." The iron and steel workers will also feel glad at the change. The rain fall will be welcomed by the farmer, the Sanitary Authorities, and Water Company.

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Many would learn with surprise and sorrow of the death of our old friend and neighbour, Mr. Thos. Young, who had reached the ripe age of 82 years. Mr. Young was the last link of the old standards, which bound the past, with the present inhabitants of the village. He was not connected with any particular church, but in politics he was a radical, and took a deep interest in the Liberal cause. He was interred at Lanchester.

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The monthly meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held on Monday night in the Board-room, under the presidency of Councillor T. J. Muse, all the members being present. The business was of a formal character, excepting that the attendance officer was instructed to give notice to certain parents who neglect sending their children to school and if they fail to pay heed to the same, they will be forth-with summoned to appear before the magistrates, also that a precept be issued for a rate of 5d in the pound. After the examination the children were to have two day's holiday.

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The aniversary services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church, were held recently, and were conducted by the Rev. T. Elliott, Stockton, who preached with his usual ability. There was also a public meeting over which Councillor Muse presided. Revs. T. Elliott, W. Raistrick, and W. B. Hanley spoke. A musical service was held on Sunday afternoon. Soloists: Mrs. Thwaites, Newcastle; Miss Warden, and Mr. P. Pearson, Consett. The choir rendered selections. Miss Parker presided at the organ.

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St. John's Church Harvest Thanksgiving Services were celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd, and Sunday last. On Wednesday night the Rev. H. A. V. Boddy, M.A., vicar of Grindon, preached a thoughtful and practical sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Rev. J. Wallace (vicar), and the Rev. Mr. Ingram, vicar of Muggleswick, assisting in the service. On Sunday, the Rev. A. Watts, L. Th., rector of Witton Gilbert, preached morning and evening to crowded congregations. The Church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, evidencing much painstaking and good taste. Collections were taken on behalf of Church Funds.

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The Rev. A. E. Salmon preached special sermons on Sunday last, in the Wesleyan Chapel, on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions. Mr. Salmon is a popular preacher, and consequently had large congregations in the afternoon and evening.

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The annual examination of the children attending the Healeyfield and Rowley Board School was held on Monday, when Messrs Hollman and Compton, Her Majesty's Inspectors, put the little folks through a careful examination, considering the time lost by reason of the severe snow storm. Mr. Hollman is the newly appointed Inspector in place of Mr. Northorpe, Inspector in the Northern Division. Mr. Hollman is one of the most painstaking and good natured Inspectors it has been our fortune to meet with in School. He has the happy and gentle art of getting out of the children all they seem to know, and teacher and taught were delighted with his visit. Other Inspectors might take a leaf out of his copy-book and profit thereby.

THE EXPLOSION AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

Alleged Gross Negligence.

At the Chester-le-Street Court House on Thursday week, Coroner Graham resumed the adjourned inquiry into the death of Thomas Willis, warehouseman, in the employ of the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society, who died in consequence of injuries received at an explosion of gunpowder at the society's premises on Tuesday, 24th ult. Capt. Thompson, of the Home Office, was in attendance, and Mr. Whiteside represented Messrs Milner, safe makers, who supplied the safe in which the powder which exploded was stored. Mr. John Turnbull, Chester-le-Street and Durham watched the proceedings on behalf of the society.

Dr H. Lyon Smith, Chester-le-Street, described the injuries he found on deceased. The man's hair was singed, his elbow injured, and he had bruises on the abdomen. He gradually sank, and died 22 hours after the explosion. In the opinion of witness the door of the safe had struck deceased as it passed him. Deceased died from peritonitis following rapidly upon the injuries received. Deceased was always too weak after the occurance to give any information as to what actually took place, and said no one but himself knew anything about it.—By Mr. Turnbull: Witness did not think that the remark of deceased to him referred to the cause of the explosion, but as to what really struck him.

Robert Brown, an assistant in the grocery department, said he was at the safe shortly after nine o'clock in the morning, and found the key hanging in its usual place. He took four pounds of powder out of the safe, and to the best of his knowledge about ten pounds would be left in. He locked the safe, put in the bolts, took out the key, and put it back in its place. There was nothing but powder in the safe at that time; the powder was all packed in one pound bags when he was there. Sometimes the bag tops came loose and powder was spilled about the door of the safe; but he could not say whether there was any that day or not. No person was allowed to smoke in the warehouse, but witness did not see Willis that morning.—By Mr. Turnbull: Witness could not say that he noticed any powder spilled about that morning.—By the Foreman: Witness could not say whether powder was sold in smaller quantities than one pound, but had known a two-pound bag divided into two single pounds; and sometimes that was done near the safe.—By Superintendent Rutherford: He had not himself ever divided a two-pound bag of powder, but had seen it done.

John Carr, an assistant grocer in the shop, said that shortly after nine o'clock he went to the safe, and found the key in its usual place, and both bolts in their places. He took two pounds of powder out of the safe and left eight pounds (in separate bags) inside. He did not see any loose powder on the bottom of the safe. He locked and bolted the safe, but left the key in the lock.—By Captain Thompson: He had never seen anything but powder in the safe. The key was always left hanging by a string upon the knob of the safe.—By the Coroner: They did not count the number of bags of powder in the safe. The foreman found that out for himself.

John James Fairley, also an assistant grocer, said the explosion took place about ten minutes past ten. About that time he went into the warehouse and saw Willis standing at his desk, about six feet away from the powder safe. Witness at that time saw some loose gunpowder lying on the warehouse floor, just under the safe. Witness drew the attention of Willis to the fact, and asked him if he had had a spill. Witness said, "Ay, ay." Witness went down into the cellar, and while he was there the explosion took place. When witness could get up again from the cellar he found the safe door knob, with the string attached to it.

John Watson, head counterman in the grocery department, said he was in the front shop when the explosion took place. He went at once and saw Willis walking from the direction of the safe. He asked Willis what he had been doing, and Willis replied, "I'll tell you after." The powder was not in his charge. Mr. Jackson, the manager, was responsible for the powder; but on that day Mr. Jackson was away and witness had charge in his absence. Witness had not examined the safe or its contents that morning.

E. P. Jackson, manager for the society, said among other things he had charge of the powder. He had not seen the safe or the powder either on the previous night or on that morning. They did not keep any account of the powder brought in, or sold out.—By the Coroner: They kept extra supplies of powder underneath the safe; but that was kept in casks, which were unbroken. The safe only held one hundred pounds of powder. On the 16th of September they received three barrels of powder of 100 pounds each; on the 23rd they got in four barrels, also of 100 pounds each. He could not give the sales of powder for the intervening days; but the bulk of what came on the 16th of September would go out that day. Nineteen customers bought over 150 pounds. Of the 700 pounds over 400 were sold, leaving something like 300 on the premises. This was stored as follows:—One cask of 100 pounds was stored under the same bench as the safe stood upon, about five feet away from the safe; other 200lb. of powder and compressed cartridges was stored in the same warehouse, under a cosy, about 22 yards away from the safe. The barrels all contained 1lb. and 2lb. bags. Willis occasionally looked into the powder safe to see what quantity was in it. If he found an insufficient quantity in the safe it was part of his duty to open a case and fill up the safe. Witness never knew of anything else but powder to be in the safe, and had never ordered anything else to be put there. They had never sold any small-arm cartridges.—By Superintendent Rutherford: Witness could not say that he knew the tenour of the society's licence.

William Binnie, an employee of the society, said he was in the cellar when the explosion took place. He had just passed through the warehouse two minutes before that, but did not see Willis. He afterwards found a knife belonging to Willis, with a blade open. On Monday morning, this week, he found a staple belonging to the safe lying on the road outside the premises. If the safe door had been open witness could not have seen it as he passed through the warehouse.

Mr. Whiteside asked if any of the witnesses heard more than one report of explosion.

Brown said he heard two distinctly; but was knocked down at the time. Carr said he only heard one. Fairley, Watson, and others said they only heard one report. It was elicited that no more powder than that in the safe exploded.

Mr. R. F. Whiteside, representative of Messrs Milner, safe makers, gave evidence, and said that in the presence of Capt. Thompson he had examined and taken the safe of the lock to pieces, and found conclusive evidence that the safe had been locked at the time of the explosion. The safe had been in satisfactory use for the storage of gunpowder, for 17 years. No spontaneous combustion could possibly take place in the safe. In his opinion one of the outside bolts had been missing for some time. When the safes are turned out the doors fit so closely together as to entirely prevent even the admission of a flash or spark.—By Mr. Turnbull: The bolt was missing, and had been for some time. He could not alter his opinion on that.—By the Coroner: Safes of this type were submitted to very severe tests before being sent out.

The Coroner addressed the jury at length, and said he wondered very much that the explosion had not assumed much greater dimensions. There had been gross carelessness, great negligence on the part of the management in the way in which they stored their powder, and allowed it to be spilled in the manner described by the witnesses, and allowed by the deceased himself.

The jury held a lengthy deliberation, and ultimately returned a verdict. "That Thomas Willis died from injuries accidentally received in an explosion of gunpowder, but how the explosion occurred there was no evidence to show." The jury also wished the Coroner to put on record their opinion that there had been great carelessness and gross negligence in the handling of the powder, and also in the storage of it.

Mr. Turnbull said he was instructed to say that it had been decided to discontinue the sale of powder at the society's premises.

The Coroner said he would take care that the remarks of the jury went to the proper quarter.

LEADGATE NOTES.

(By "Rover.")

I am glad that the Technical Instruction Committee has anticipated my notes of last week on the subject of evening classes, as I notice by the bills they have issued that classes for freehand, model, and geometry have commenced in the Redwell Hill School—Mr. Brears (teacher). Also classes for arithmetic, chemistry, geography, and grammar at the Bottle Bank Schools, to be taught by Mr. Lane. I hope to hear that these various subjects are being taken up with enthusiasm by the young men and young women of the place, and that they will find themselves richer at the end of the season. I hear that the poultry fanciers of the place have requisitioned the committee for a course of lectures on poultry keeping, and I make no doubt the committee will endeavour to meet their wishes. I hope there may have also been sufficient applications for the other subjects mentioned on the bills as to justify the committee in forming classes for them.

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I have noticed during the last week that the County Medical Officer of Health has been paying close attention to our village, and I learn upon inquiry that he is making a very searching investigation into the cause or causes of the fever epidemic. It is very desirable that he should succeed in his mission, and I venture to predict that when his report comes to hand he will provide material for thought, talk, and work for our local parliament for some time to come; for he certainly tells us in plain English what he considers defects in sanitary matters. Anyone going about our neighbourhood during the past few months who has the sense of smell must be convinced that there is something wrong somewhere.

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A correspondent informs me they were having grand times at the Good Templars Lodge last week. They had a visit from the Annfield Plain Lodge, and a very interesting programme of songs, recitations, readings, &c., were given by the brethren and sisters from the Plain. Would it not be better if these gatherings were better advertised and made a little more public? Why have all these good things confined to the mystic circle?

I do not wish to usurp the functions of your able football correspondent "Offside," but I want to confess to being tempted by a friend of mine, who by the way is an enthusiastic footballer, to attend the advertised great game of Saturday last, by our two famous local teams. Into the merits of the game or players I cannot enter, but from the start to the finish both teams seemed to work as if the championship of the universe were at stake.

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I wish to give your readers a few impressions that were made upon my mind by the crowd present at the match. I noticed on entering the grounds a large bill which said in effect, "No gambling allowed on these grounds," and yet the first person that accosted me after I took my stand was a big burly-looking fellow with close cropped hair, whose appearance altogether indicated his recent habitation to have been one of Her Majesty's Temperance Hotels. He wished to bet a sovereign on the game, and from that time onward to the finish there were continual offers to do what the aforementioned bill said they had not to do, and this was done I am afraid without any interference by the officials of either club. Besides this the unseemly behaviour of a considerable number of spectators who indulged in language at times the most disgusting, such as "Hit him," "Kick him," "Knock his soul out," were heard on both sides of the field. The yells of women, accompanied by loud howls by the men, made one fear that half-a-dozen bears had escaped from some menagerie. All this and much more when a simple harmless game of foot-ball is being played by a number of young men of the same village, working in the same workshops and mines, and who for the most part are the best of friends.

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There were certainly a large number of very respectable people present who evidently enjoy the excitment of the game, but who, like myself, felt disgusted at the conduct of some of those fools who cannot control either their tempers or their language. Be it understood I am not throwing blame upon either side, but seeking to give a hint to those in authority to see to it that better order is maintained, and when those objectionable features I have mentioned have been removed, they will receive the support and patronage of decent people, and the game will be looked upon as a healthy form of recreation, and not the occasion for the assembling of the "riff-raff" of the country side.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

CASTLESIDE.

The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2nd, and continued on Sunday the 6th. The prayers on Wednesday evening were read by the Rev. John Wallis, vicar, and an eloquent, earnest and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. H. A. V. Boddy, M.A., vicar of Grindon. The first lesson was read by the Rev. John Ingham, Vicar of Muggleswick, and the second by the Rev. H. A. V. Boddy. Special psalms and suitable hymns were sung and great credit is due to Mr. Williams, the organist, and the choir for the manner in which the musical parts of the service were rendered. The preacher on Sunday both at morning and evening service was the Rev. Arthur Watts, rector of Witton Gilbert, who delivered two excellent sermons suitable to the occasion. The decorations of the Church were very tastefully carried out by Mr. W. Milner, Mrs. J. Ripley, Mr. Yates; Mr. and Mrs. T. Potts, Mr R Yates, Miss Harrison, Miss E. Yates, Miss Laing, and Miss S. Milner, to whom the best thanks of the congregation are due. The following gentlemen kindly sent corn:—Messrs Angus, Anderson, Nixon, Gibson, Elliott, Errington, and Graham. The following ladies and gentlemen kindly contributed plants and flowers:—Mr. John Ripley, Mr. Robert Hall (churchwardens), Mr. Potts (Allansford House), Mr. Yates, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. Pickard, Mrs. E. Lee, Mr. T. Milner, Mr. Ingram (Moorwood), Mr. Willey, Consett Park, Mr. Fowes, Mr. F. Syin, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Grant, Allansford. A beautiful model stack of corn was made and presented by Mr. Angus, of Healeyfield Farm. The congregations on Wednesday and Sunday were very large. The thank offerings were devoted to the expenses of maintaining the services of the Church.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

Primitive Methodist Chapel.—On Sunday last, the harvest festival services were held in connection with this place of worship. The edifice was tastefully decorated for the occasion, there being a good display of flowers, fruits, vegetables, &c. Special sermons were preached on behalf of the Primitive Methodist Jubilee Fund by Mr. A. S. Coates, of Consett, to large congregations. On Monday evening, a continuation of the effort took place in the shape of a concert, when a large company assembled in the chapel to hear the performance of a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Miss Williams, Miss Brodie, and Mr. E. Robinson, Blackhill; Miss Gibson, Miss Oley, and Miss Seed, Shotley Bridge; and Mr. C. C. McColvin, Chopwell, who presided. The programme was creditably performed, several of the pieces receiving rapturous encores. Mr. Jos. Bewley acted as accompanist and the musical instrument was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. R. Bewley. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

OXHILL.

Harvest Festival.—The harvest thanksgiving services in Beamish Parish were commenced on Sunday in St. Andrew's West End Mission Church, Oxhill. The Church was most beautifully decorated with corn, fruit and flowers. The preacher at morning service was Rev. W. H. Coney, curate, and at evening service the vicar, Rev. J. Crennell. The anthem, "Lord of all power and might" was sweetly rendered by the choir. The Church was crowded to excess, many having to leave, being unable to obtain seats.

MEDOMSLEY.

The harvest festival of this church was held in the Parish Church, Medomsley, during Wednesday afternoon and evening. The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., Vicar of Tanfield. The choir gave an impressive rendering of the anthem, "Thou openest Thy hands." The church was beautifully decorated with choice fruits and harvest products. The offertory was for the Church Embellishment Fund. The services were continued on Sunday, when eloquent sermons were preached by the Rev. C. H. Boutflower, M.A., Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Durham, to crowded congregations. Mr. Geo. Dryden, Consett (organist), and the choir rendered valuable service.

MUGGLESWICK.

The annual thanksgiving services for the harvest were begun in the old church at Muggleswick, on Friday night, when the Rev. J. Jones, of Dunston, preached. The interior of the sacred building having been very tastefully and profusely decorated. On Sunday the vicar (Rev. J. Ingram) preached in the morning, and the Rev. J. Jones at night, very large congregations attending on both occasions.

CATCHGATE.

United Methodist Free Church.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services in connection with the above church were held on Sunday. The Rev. John Fitchford conducted three services, preaching morning and evening. In the afternoon, a musical service was given by the choir, when anthems, duets, and solos were rendered to the delight of all present. Soloists: Messrs Joseph Dixon, James Combe, James H. Hocking, J. Laws, Samuel Prinn; Misses Mary Law, Ellen Prinn, and Isabella Prinn. Rev. John Fitchford gave an address. Mr. H. Williams presided. Great credit is due to Mr. Joseph Dixon who conducted the musical portion of the services. Large companies assembled at the services and especially on the Sunday evening, when seats had to be placed in the aisles to accommodate the audience.

FROSTERLEY.

The Church festival was celebrated on Wednesday evening. The service was full choral and the Rev. Mr. Barker, of Durham, was the preacher. Revs. G. Buchanan and J. Palmer, of Stanhope, the Rev. F. C. Jagg, of Frosterley, also took part in the service. Mr. Moses, of Bishop Auckland, presided at the organ. The anthem was beautifully rendered. The church was exquisitely decorated. A good company was present.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

Yesterday (Thursday) an adjourned meeting of this body was held at the Board Room of the Lanchester Union Buildings, Mr. William Logan, J.P., (chairman) presiding.—There were over 30 applicants for the post of caretaker and nurse to the Leadgate Fever Hospital, at a salary of 25/- per week. This number was reduced down to a half-dozen. The successful candidates selected for the position were:—John H. Foley, Royal Infirmary, Newcastle; J. J. and Mary Thirlwell, Stockton; W. Halkier, Cornsay Colliery; J. H. White, Felling; Robert Anderson, South Shields; and George Todd, Gateshead. It was agreed that these candidates should attend a special meeting to be held on Wednesday afternoon next, when the final selection will be made. The meeting will consider at the same time the advisability of selecting a caretaker and nurse for the Langley Park Hospital.—The question of purchasing furniture, &c., for the Langley Park Hospital was referred to the Committee, and also the question of the appointment of a Medical Officer to the institution.

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WEARDALE NOTES.

It is proposed that Wolsingham should alter the date of its Agricultural Show to the previous week next year, so as they can have a week end for a fair like Stanhope. The sum of £20 19s was taken for stands in the market and front street during the fair, which will prove a great relief to the rates.

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A New Town Hall for Stanhope is projected. The Urban Council have taken it up heartily and committed themselves to it. At the election last December some of the candidates expressed themselves in favour of it. Those very candidates almost headed the poll. They have been true to their promise so far. A new Town Hall is now within the range of probabilities. A site is already given in the market place by the Commissioners. The trustees of the old hall have £150 on hand, and the county have offered £500 for the building for police stations, and that the County Council have given them a splendid chance to build a New Town Hall. If they build a few class-rooms for technical purposes, they will help considerably even to almost half the cost—a chance not to be missed. A meeting of the trustees of the old hall and a committee from the Urban Council is already arranged for, so as they may come to some amicable arrangement.

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The County Council are enforcing upon the Weardale district an infectious diseases hospital, to be built either at Stanhope, Wolsingham, or Tow Law.

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There are few more useful men in Stanhope than Mr. Smurthwaite, manager at Newlandside limestone quarries. He presided over a big meeting at the Wesleyan Chapel, on Monday night. He frequently takes the chair at public gatherings, and is preaching almost every Sunday, visits the sick and dying frequently, and goes about the county lecturing, preaching, and doing good in various ways. As a master he employs more old men and boys than any other in the district.

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The Stanhope public are indignant that no facilities have been afforded them for an excursion to Hutton Hall on the occasion of the rejoicings there in honour of their respected member, Sir J. W. Pease. The young party are kicking over the traces at the apathy and indolence of the Liberal Association, and are determined to start a junior liberal association forthwith.

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The Rev. R. Shepherd, vicar of St. John's Chapel —a veritable friend of Weardale—is now exerting himself to try to get the railway carried through to the west lines. He did splendid service for the dale a few years ago and may do it again. He has done much for the Weardale people more than they give him credit for.

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The Newlandside quarry strike was settled on Monday. Some two hundred men struck work last week on account of the masters wanting the men to break the limestone smaller at the same price. The masters met on Monday and the thing was settled, and the men went to work on the old terms.

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Whatever may be said of the Weardale Railway, one thing may be said of the vicar of St. John's Chapel. He is and has been for years one of Weardale's best friends. Next to Sir Joseph Pease, he has done more than any other man in the dale for its prosperity, and is still doing his best to further the temporal interests of the valley. He deserves vastly more credit then he gets for his earnest endeavours to bring happiness and prosperity to the people.

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The extension of the new railway to Alston will come sooner or later. Other companies besides the North Eastern are anxious to have a through route, and if the North Eastern do not see their way clear to put it through perhaps others may. In the interests of the public on both sides of the hill, and also of the languishing industries of the districts, it is imperative that something should be done.

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A hardup Rev. gentleman in Weardale a few days ago telegraphed to a London firm thus:— "Send to my address by Saturday, a dozen sermons on the book of St. John; don't fail. I have to preach at ——— and have nothing to tell the people." Two of the telegraph clerks got in a corner to laugh; but one had to face it out. It was to him a difficult task to keep his face straight at the excitment of the gentleman of the cloth, and his mate's hilarity.

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Whins are in bloom just now in Weardale. An elder bush on the roadside between Stanhope and Wolsingham is also in bloom; besides many spring flowers in the gardens, raspberry bushes in some gardens are producing their second crop. The long spell of beautiful weather in September is responsible for this. It was the finest September on record.

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The decorations at Frosterley Church harvest festival were as usual exquisitely neat, and the music excellent.

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Cookery classes, laundry classes, and dress-cutting classes are being held at Stanhope. Night schools are also being opened, both at Stanhope and Frosterley, besides technical education classes at Wolsingham. A series of scientific lectures are being given by Mr. Garrett, son of the Rev. Charles Garrett.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

The Reporter of the *Jarrow Guardian* has investigated a marvellous cure of Consumption by Handyside's Consumption Cure, after all doctors medicines had failed. Handyside's Consumption Cure is, no doubt a marvellous thing for all diseases, but when the lungs are ate away it cannot restore them. Hundreds of people have been restored to good health after all the doctors have pronounced them incurable by their lungs being ate away. But the doctors have been in error: the lungs have only been clogged up. This shows the necessity of taking the Medicine at the early stages of the disease. This Medicine has proved there is no hereditary Consumption, for hundreds of children, born of Consumptive parents have never shown any signs of Consumption, when they have taken the medicine to build up their constitution at an early stage.

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And O, how really wonderful,
An' yet, it's true, I'm sure,
The changes that are brought about
By the Consumption Cure.

I suffered much, I suffered long,
An' O, the dreadful pain,
It often made me think that I
Would never work again.
At last I came to Handyside,
A perfect wreck I'm sure,
I found relief from pain and grief,
In the Consumption Cure.

My eye has now a brighter glow,
I sing a merry tune,
Instead of winter in our home,
It's like the month of June.
I can with pleasure now sit down
To dinner or tea
A smiling wife sits by my side,
The children laugh with glee.

And there are many here to-day,
Have suffered just like me,
But Handyside's Consumption Cure,
From pain hath set them free.
And so we wish to tell the news
To all who suffer pain,
Be of good cheer, relief is near,
O, come, and try again.

Now, if insidious, slow disease,
Should creep upon your frame,
O, come and try this sovereign balm,
Or you will be to blame.
Sciatica pains they fly away,
And will no more annoy;
Rheumatic patients drop their crutch,
And dance about for joy!

O, that my voice was loud enough,
Around the world to roll,
Try Handyside's Consumption Cure!
I'd shout from pole to pole;
I'd tell the story o'er and o'er
To all the human race,
Till Handyside's Consumption Cure,
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Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Leadgate United, three goals; Blackfine Juniors, one.

Craghead Young Rangers, three goals; Edmondsley Lilywhites, one goal.

Kyo United beat Dipton Wanderers Reserve, at Kyo, by three goals to one.

Busty Bank Albions and Marley Hill Athletic played a draw of no goals each, at Marley Hill.

Hamsterley White Stars beat Flint Hill Lilywhites, on the latter's ground, by two goals to nil.

Lintz Young Rovers defeated Burnopfield Temperance Juniors, at Burnopfield, by three goals to two.

CONSETT JUNIORS v CONSETT SWIFTS JUNIORS.—These teams met on the ground of the former, and a good game resulted in a draw of two goals each.

DIPTON VIOLETS v STANLEY YOUNG PLUNGERS.—Played at Dipton, and resulted in a win for the Plungers by three goals to nil.

WEST STANLEY ATHLETIC v OUSTON INSTITUTE 2ND.—Played on the ground of the former, and ended in a victory for the home team by four goals to nil.

CONSETT TOWN JUNIORS v SACRISTON WOODSIDE ROVERS.—Played on the Town ground, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a win for the Juniors by five goals to one.

CRAGHEAD ROVERS v EDMONDSLEY BLUE STARS.—Played at Craghead. Result—Rovers, ten goals; Blue Stars, nil.

WHITE-LE-HEAD RED STARS v DIPTON ROVERS.—Played on the ground of the former, and after a fast and exciting game ended in a win for the Stars by one goal to none.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS RESERVE v WHITE-LE-HEAD RESERVE.—Played on the former's ground, and after a fast and exciting game the Rovers were victorious by four goals to two. Cæsars—Goal, T Gay; backs, J Brown and Joe Milburn; half-backs, H Christopher, C Waterman, and W Clarkson; forwards, N Brown, M Irwin, W Carr, H Green, and F Ridley.

PICKERING NOOK BOARD SCHOOL v FLINT HILL BOARD SCHOOL.—Played on the Hobson Wanderers' ground on Friday. Flint Hill played with the wind at their back, but could not break through the defence of the "Nookites," the latter playing a grand passing game, which would have done credit to seniors, and they managed to score twice. On crossing over, Pickering Nook bombarded their opponents goal, and when the whistle sounded had piled the score up to ten, the game ending in their favour by that number to nil. Referee, Mr J. Maddison, Hobson.

LINTZ ROVERS RESERVE v BURNOPFIELD EXILES.—This game was brought off on the Exiles' ground. The home team won the toss, and the Rovers kicked off against a strong wind. The Exiles got away and scored in the first minute. Soon after McGinn equalised. Play now became very even until the home right got away and scored again, the Rovers' backs playing a very slack game. After the centre kick the visitors' left wing broke away, Brown sending across to Pyle, who shot wide. Parks sent well down and enabled Welsh to score with a long shot. Play now became of a scrambling nature, half-time arriving—

Exiles .... Three goals
Rovers .... One goal

On the ball being restarted, the visitors began to press, and Humble scored with a good shot. This wakened the home team up, but they could not get past the home halves, all three of whom were playing a grand game. The visitors still continued to press, and managed to score other four goals by the aid of Brown, Humble, and Pyle, and the home team once. Final—

Lintz .... Nine goals
Exiles .... Four goals

LINTZFORD v TOW LAW RESERVE.

These teams met at Lintzford in a friendly fixture in splendid football weather, and before a good muster of spectators. Taylor (the home captain) won the toss, and Tow Law started against a slight breeze, and at once were forced to defend. A couple of corners fell to the home team, which proved abortive. Tow Law rushed away from the goal-kick, only to be beaten by the home defence. Play ruled even for a while, each goal having narrow escapes. The interval arrived with the score—

Lintzford .... Nil
Tow Law .... Nil

The second portion was well contested. Tow Law scored from a corner ten minutes from the resumption, and shortly after Ferguson equalised. The homesters were now pressing most severely, the Tow Law goal having miraculous escapes. Ferry ran up the right and gave to T. Seath in a good position, and the latter made no mistake, a splendid goal resulting from his toe. Nothing more was scored, a pleasant game resulting—

Lintzford .... Two goals
Tow Law .... One goal

Lintzford—Goal, L Taylor; backs, J Seath and G Dodds; half backs, W Leathen, A Anderson, and J Gibson; forwards, P Newton, T Seath, R Abbott, T Ferry, and R Ferguson.
Referee, Mr J E Taylor.

DIPTON WANDERERS v CHOPPINGTON.

These teams met at Dipton before a fair attendance. A well-contested game resulted in a win for Dipton by three goals to two.

LINTZ ROVERS RESERVE v BURNOPFIELD EXILES.

The above teams met on Saturday, the game ending in a win for the former by eight goals to four.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
BIRTLEY v SUNDERLAND A.

Played at Birtley before a moderate "gate." The visitors commenced, but Birtley at once attacked and gained an abortive corner. Sunderland, however, soon got into their play, but could not score for some time. Just before the interval each team scored, and in the second half the visitors managed to get another one through. Result—

Sunderland .... Two goals
Birtley .... One goal

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.
CRAGHEAD RANGERS v LIZZIE CELTIC.

This match was played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for Craghead by four goals to three.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v KYO UNITED RESERVE.

The above match was brought off at Tanfield Lea before a good muster of spectators. The home team won the toss, and elected to play with the wind at their backs. Kyo set the ball in motion, and soon the homesters began to visit the visitors' territory, Sanders sending in a long shot which just went over the bar. From the goal-kick Sanders again secured, and banged through the first goal within a few minutes off the start. Soon after Christopher sent through No. 2. The visitors, with some nice passing, took the ball to the home goal, only to result in a fruitless corner. Again the visitors went up, and this time beat Jackson easy with a low shot. The Cæsars now pressed, and with a swift shot Irwin just sent past. Again Irwin sent in, but only to result in a fruitless corner. Kyo sent the ball up the field, and Scorer shot wide. The home team soon got possession, and from a nice pass by Christopher, Ridley banged through, thus making No. 3. The game now ruled somewhat even, end-to-end play ensuing, until Sanders secured, and running smartly down notched their fourth point. United now pressed, and after some neat passing again beat Jackson. Nothing further of note occurred, and the whistle sounded half-time with the score—

Cæsars .... Four goals
Kyo .... Two goals

On the teams resuming after the usual interval, play had to be stopped several times, the referee having a bad time of it. A corner was forced from the United custodian, but proved abortive. The ball was again put in by Christopher, but was sent smartly back into midfield, where play for a time was rather exciting. The United once more secured, and while standing off-side Scorer sent through and equalised. With a long run up the field Sanders forced a corner, which was taken by Milburn, and sent over the bar. Kyo again secured, and sent through what seemed to be the winning point. Play was now of a fast nature, and from a free kick in the goal-mouth Christopher again equalised. The home team tried hard to add to their score, but the whistle sounded after a very rough game with the score as under—

Cæsars .... Five goals
Kyo .... Five goals

Referee, Mr Lamb, Byer Moor.

FLINT HILL ALBION v BURNHOPE ROVERS.

The above teams met at Flint Hill. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play with the wind at his back. The visitors kicked off, and give-and-take play was the order for a good part of the first half. Then the Albion roused themselves, and after a scrimmage in front of goal scored their first point. The home team continued to press, and had hard lines in not scoring on several occasions but could not add to their score. Half-time—

Albion .... One goal
Rovers .... Nil

On restarting the Rovers played with great dash, but found Williams, Hughes, and Connor on the alert, and try as they would they could not pierce the home defence, those named above being too good for them. The Albion had a few runs, but could not add to their score, the game ending as under—

Albion .... One goal
Rovers .... Nil

Albion team—Goal, H Connor; backs, T Williams and P Hughes; half-backs, J Richardson, W Johnson, and F Hunter; forwards, J Ellison, M McHugh, A Hughes, W Wells, and R Ramsay.

WHITE-LE-HEAD TEMPERANCE v SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES.

Played on the former's ground. The visiting captain won the toss, and chose to play down the hill with the wind against him. Gilliard started the globe for the home team, and Cox getting possession shot in, but Ridley fisted out. Lawson received and gave to Adams, who shot over the bar. A foul off Cockburn gave the Heroes a good opening, but Reay cleared. Working the ball up into the Heroes quarters, Willey had the goal at his mercy, but was caught napping by White. Each goal was visited again and again, but to no avail, and when the whistle blew half-time neither team had scored—

Temperance .... Nil
Heroes .... Nil

After the usual interval, the Heroes played against the hill with the wind at their backs. Ridley set the ball going, and Settrey put one of his long shots in, but Reay saved, and Cain returning banged the leather through, thus opening the score for the visitors amid the cheers of their supporters. The Temperance now tried hard to score, and Cochrane receiving put the ball to Atkinson, who was pulled up for off-side. Branch and Lawson now put some good work in, and from a pass to Ridley the latter scored again for the Heroes. Lawson followed up by adding a third. The Temperance now rallied, and Cox running well down gave the ball to Atkinson, who succeeded in beating Ridley. Off-side was claimed, but the point was allowed. Nothing daunted, the visitors again got into the home territory, but no further scoring took place, and when the whistle sounded time the final score was—

Heroes .... Three goals
Temperance .... One goal

Referee, Mr J Bell, Lizzie Celtic.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
BYER MOOR v MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Played on the former's ground before a large number of spectators. Winning the toss, the home men played with the wind to assist them, but wretched shooting spoiled all chances of scoring, and at half-time Marley Hill led by one goal to nil. In the concluding period Byer Moor warmed up, and although temporarily weakened through Lamb been seized by cramp, they managed to make a draw—one goal each. Referee, Mr J Weedy, Burnopfield.

WHICKHAM v SPEN ALBION.

Played on the Spen ground. Whickham won the toss, and elected to play down hill with the wind in their favour. On the leather being set rolling, Whickham went straight to the home goal, and sent in a fast shot, but Cox saved in grand fashion. Laing secured, and after some neat passing Irwin shot, but the visitors' goalkeeper saved at the expense of a corner. Laing took the kick, and sent into the goal mouth, Irwin heading just over the bar. The Albion pressed, but try as they would could not score. Whickham made several good runs, but could not get past the home backs, who played with great dash. The Albions forced the play, and got three corners, which were put well in, but they could not beat the visitors custodian. The whistle sounded half-time—

Albion .... Nil
Whickham .... Nil

Whickham started uphill, and the Albion soon took possession, and Mair scored two minutes after resuming. Laing sent through two more in succession, and Mair put on No. 4. Play was very tame, Whickham not being over the centre line more than twice. With twenty-five minutes to play, Laing put through a fifth, Irwin a sixth, and J. Short (the full back) No. 7, the game ending—

Albion .... Seven goals
Whickham .... Nil

Spen—Goal, F Cox; backs, Carr and Short; half-backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Irwin and J Laing, junr., right wing; J Laing, centre; Mair and Little, left wing.
Linesman, Geo Short. Referee, Mr E. Parker, Lintz.

CROOK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.
HEDLEY HILL v STANHOPE.

Hedley Hill journey to Stanhope, and succeeded in taking two points out of the home team. Hedley won the toss, and elected to play with the sun at their backs. The home team started the ball and soon made their way into the visitors' territory, but Stobart robbed one of the home forwards from a splendid shot at goal. The Hedley forwards got away, J. Lumley taking a shot at goal which went high over the cross-bar. From the goal-kick the home forwards broke away and scored the first goal. Hedley soon made their way into the home quarters, where J. Lumley gave the goalkeeper a hard shot to stop, which he just succeeded in doing, but before he could get the ball away the same player rushed in and equalised with a nice shot. The home team pressed, but the opposing back division was good, bothering the home forwards very much. The visitors' forwards getting away, Tomlinson had a grand chance, but he sent past. From the goal-kick, the Stanhope forwards got past the visitors' backs and scored No. 2. When the whistle blew half-time the score was—

Stanhope .... Two goals
Hedley Hill .... One goal

Ater the interval, Hedley started the ball and soon made their way into the home quarters, where the goal-keeper had a shot from Westgarth to stop which he fisted out, but Clark sent back over the goal line. From the goal-kick T. Lumley passed to his brother Jim, and dribbled past the home halves and sent in a beautiful shot which the custodian could not stop, scoring No. 2 for Hedley. The homesters got away, but were soon pulled up by Clark, who gave to his forwards, and they put in some grand combination. F. Tomlinson made a shot at goal, but the ball went wide. The Hedley men were now having matters much their own way, T. Lumley taking a throw-in gave to Clark, the latter passing to Davison, and this player not seeing an opening gave to Hudson, who scored No. 3. Stanhope re-started, but T. Davison sent the ball back into the home half, and the Hedley forwards made off again, M. Davison troubling the goalkeeper with a shot which he saved by giving a useless corner. The home forwards began to play up a bit, and got into the visitors' quarters and sent in a shot, the ball bouncing off J. Lumley and going over the goal-line, thus giving the home team a corner. Bainbridge took the kick, but M. Davison headed out of danger, and when the whistle blew Hedley had won a clinking game as under—

Hedley Hill .... Three goals
Stanhope .... Two goals

Hedley team—Goal, W Morallee; backs, Stobart and T. Davison; half-backs, A Allison, R Clark, and T Lumley; forwards, J Westgarth, M Davison, J Lumley, M Hudson, and F Tomlinson.

CONSETT & DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.
CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v LEADGATE EXILES JUNIORS.

This league game was played on the Consett Fell ground before a good number of spectators. The Swifts won the toss, and elected to play into the entrance goal. At the commencement the Exiles assumed the upper hand, but being unable to keep up the pressure the Swifts broke away, and Sheldon had no difficulty in opening the score. End-to-end play now became the order of the game, and the Exiles succeeded in equalising. Towards the close of the first half the Swifts were awarded a free kick for "hands" close in, which was well placed, and J. Hamilton headed No. 2. Score at half-time—

Swifts .... Two goals
Exiles .... One goal

In the second half the Swifts increased their score by two goals, and the Exiles scored from a corner. A pleasant game resulted as under—

Swifts .... Four goals
Exiles .... Two goals

CONSETT SHAMROCKS v SHOTLEY ROVERS RESERVE.

Played on the ground of the latter, and resulted in a win for the Shamrocks by three goals to one.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.
FIRST ROUND.
HOBSON WANDERERS v CONSETT.

This tie was played at the Hobson before a poor muster of spectators, and resulted in an easy win for the Hobson by seven goals to nil. Hobson team—Goal, McNeil; backs, W Henderson and Liddle; half backs, Heslin, E Henderson, and Smith; forwards, J T Bell, R Hindhaugh, N Bell, Maddison, and Lowu. Referee, Mr W Bowes, Dipton.

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES v AXWELL ROVERS RESERVE.

These two teams met at Stanley to play off their tie. The home team had a very easy thing on, and ran out winners by six goals to one. The goals were scored by Dodds, Wood, Whitfield (2), and Cunningham (2.) Referee, Mr T. Amos, Hobson.

LEADGATE EXILES v LEADGATE PARK.

A large crowd, numbering about 1,200, turned up at the Exiles' ground to witness the above tie. The afternoon was very fine, but a rather strong wind somewhat interferred with the play. The teams lined up as under:—

Leadgate Exiles—Goal, H Callaghan; backs, Wm McGee and J Haggan; half-backs, P Hughes, T McGrachan, and J Monaghan; forwards, J Hill, J McGee, J Daley, Rogers, and J McMahon. Linesman, W Costello.

Park:—Goal, J Crowther; backs, W McClatchie and F M Foreman; half-backs, T Cartmell, R Wilson (capt.), and J T Willey; forwards, G Lock and J Wilson, left wing; A Burnhope, centre; W Bell and R Graham, right wing. Linesman, A Graham.
Referee, Mr Hobson, Birtley.

The Park won the toss, and decided to play towards the entrance goal, with the breeze somewhat favouring them. The opening exchanges, however, were rather in favour of the "greens," who forced the pace at the start, and undoubtedly held the advantage for a time, the Park men not appearing to be able to settle down. Crowther had quickly a couple of stingers to deal with, but he did his work well, one of his saves being particularly smart. After a time the Parkites began to warm up, but the forwards shaped badly, and generally allowed the Exiles' back division plenty of time in which to clear. The "greens" forwards were very troublesome for a time, and with more method in their work might simply have put on one or two points. Lock got away with a nice sprint on the left, and centred right into the goal mouth from the corner-flag, but Callaghan caught and easily threw away. Crowther had a fast daisy-cutter to deal with at the other end, but he just managed to clear by falling full length and putting the ball round the post—a clever save. Nothing resulted from the corner. Shortly afterwards a great misfortune befel the Exiles, as Jimmy McGee met with an accident to one of his ankles, and had to retire. Notwithstanding this, the home men had fully their share of the play, but on one occasion the backs got too far up the field, and Graham getting possession raced past the backs, and made for goal with the opposing backs close at his heels. When near the posts Graham let fly, but shot straight into Callaghan's hands, who effected a smart save amid loud cheers. Then Lock got away in similar fashion, on the left, but Haggan overtook him and returned in fine fashion. McGee came on again, and the "greens" at once pressed, Foreman and McClatchie stopping some dangerous rushes. In spite of all the efforts of both teams half-time arrived with a clean sheet—

Exiles .... Nil
Park .... Nil

The second half opened somewhat quietly, each end being visited in turn. Then the Park pressed for a time, and the Exiles had all their work cut to keep them out. However, the attack was repulsed, and the home forwards took up the running, but they were greatly handicapped by McGee being of little use, owing to his injury. McClatchie several times dispossessed Hill and Daley in clever fashion, but eventually the latter couple got down and forced a corner, which Foreman kicked away. Shortly afterwards the Park gained a similar concession, and the ball being finely placed, was scrimmaged through, Callaghan not having the ghost of a chance of saving. This roused up the Exiles to greater efforts, and they struggled desperately to gain the equaliser. From a corner the ball was dropped right on the goal-line, and how it was got away is a mystery. Then the forwards had a good chance from a fine centre from the left, but they were late, and Foreman cleared with a huge kick. Play now became rather rough, several fouls being given, and Haggan was ordered off the field for striking Burnhope. With ten minutes to go the Exiles still struggled to get on a level footing, but the Park defence proved sound, and they were unsuccessful. Towards the finish the Park pressed, and tested Callaghan with some warm shots, but the latter was equal to the occasion. The whistle piped time shortly afterwards, a hard and even game ending as below—

Park .... One goal
Exiles .... Nil

ENGLISH CUP.
PRELIMINARY ROUND.
TOW LAW v DARLINGTON.

Played at Tow Law before a good "gate," but in a high wind blowing diagonally. Teams:—

Tow Law—Goal, J H Allison; backs, J W Temperley and R Thompson; half-backs, R Wilson, W Waites, and W Simpson; forwards, J Coulson, N Rippon, T Conroy, Simpson, and J Lumsden.

Darlington—Goal, Park; backs, Norris and Bird; half-backs, Lumley, Hughes, and Campbell; forwards, Oliver, Tolson, Almond, Hildon, and Bowes.
Referee, Mr J Howcroft, Redcar.

The visitors won the toss and played with the advantage of the wind, but the home team had the best of the opening exchanges. Darlington, however, were the first to score, Almond doing the needful with a low shot, which beat Allison. A very soft goal. Tow Law then had hard lines in not scoring, and Darlington afterwards pressed for a while. Almond put in some clinking shots, but the custodian was very smart, and two corners for the visitors were also got away without danger. Bird feebly took a free kick, and Rippon getting possession cleverly passed both Hughes and Norris and equalised with a beauty. Almond with a lightning shot just cleared the crossbar—hard lines—and Tow Law next had a goal disallowed for impeding the goalkeeper. Campbell and Hughes both had shots at the home goal without effect, and at half-time the score was—

Darlington .... One goal
Tow Law .... One goal

On resuming Darlington, though against the wind, made matters warm for Tow Law for nearly twenty minutes, during which the home custodian was kept busy. Oliver and Bowes each just missed scoring, and then Lumsden raced away on the left, and from close in banged the ball between Park's legs. Ten minutes later Simpson ran down, and Lumsden put on the finishing touch. Later another was disallowed for Tow Law, who ran out winners as under—

Tow Law .... Three goals
Darlington .... One goal

AXWELL ROVERS v NEWCASTLE EAST END.

The tie between these teams was played on the Swalwell ground. There was only a fair attendance of spectators, although the lady supporters turned up in good numbers. Axwell won the toss, and decided to defend the west goal. R. Simm kicked off for East End, and Barker taking possession passed nicely to Miller, who made a good run up the field, but eventually lost to Graham, who cleared well. However, the home team continued to press, and when he looked to have a rosy chance, Connor lost to Dodds, who cleared. The East End forwards got into good position, and by nice passing came with a rush up the field, and Miller getting past the backs shot in, scoring the first goal for the visitors. The Rovers now took matters more seriously, and by some good play by the forward line came well down the field, but were fouled just outside the penalty line. R. Hepple took the kick, and placed nicely to Errington, who headed beautifully into the goal-mouth, but Lowery saved by conceeding a corner. Dixon took the kick, and placing nicely, Lowery was forced to concede another corner, which Dixon placed into the goal-mouth again, but Barker cleared, and with a rush East End looked dangerous, Burn being forced to concede a corner, but nothing resulted, Bruce clearing. Desultory play followed until half-time—

East End .... Two goals
Rovers .... One goal

On resuming, Axwell began to press, Houston and Dixon being conspicuous amongst the forwards, and after some fine play Dixon sent in a beauty from a scrimmage in the goal-mouth. East End now worked hard, and several times came away down the left wing, R. Hepple being out of his place, but Graham cleared well each time. The Rovers pressed and shot in, Lowery being about a foot through the goal when he fisted out with difficulty. Axwell claimed a goal, but the referee ruled otherwise. Mid-field play followed until Connor made a good run, but passing to McGregor that player lost his chance, a fault he was guilty of throughout the game. Errington eventually made a splendid run and centred; Connor shot in, but Lowery fisted out. The ball was returned by Houston, and from a scrimmage in goal Errington sent in a swift shot through among the players' legs, and how Lowery saved was marvellous. East End now changed the venue, and Herdman shot from mid-field. Jameson never tried to save, thinking the ball was going past, and thus East End score their second point. With a quarter-of-an-hour to go, Axwell pressed, and after some good play by the halves and forwards, Houston shot into goal; Lowery caught the ball, but Errington was upon him, and appeared to send both the custodian and ball between the posts. Axwell claimed a goal, but the referee did not blow his whistle, and Lowery walked round Errington and threw the ball into play. Axwell, although rather disheartened, still continued to press, but they were not allowed to add another to their score, thus the game ended—

East End .... Two goals
Axwell .... One goal

Axwell Rovers—Goal, A Jamieson; backs, J Graham and M Burn; half-backs, R Hepple, F Bell, and J Bruce; forwards, J Dixon, T Houston, P O'Connor, W McGregor, and W Errington.

East End—Goal, Lowery; backs, W Dodds and H Graham; half-backs, J Wilkinson, J Connor, and M McCrory; forwards, D Miller, J Barker, R Simm, H Herdman, and J Patten.

Linesmen, A Fletcher and A Wann. Referee, Mr J Conqueror, Southwick.

RUGBY.
BLACKHILL ROVERS v SLEETBURN.

Played at Blackfine before a small attendance. Mr J. A. Jacks (president of the Rovers) presented the ball and kicked off for the home team, the visitors returning to half-way. Renton gave to Brown, who put well up. The visitors attacked strongly, Anderson saving grandly on one occasion. Hewitson got away, but was grassed, and the Rovers had to defend for all they were worth, a minor resulting. Brown dropped out, and off-side gave Sleetburn a good chance, the ball going wide. Murray saving. The game was mostly confined to the forwards, and half-time arrived with the score—

Rovers .... Nil
Sleetburn .... Nil

The visitors re-started, and at once caused the Rovers to defend, Laybourne saving with a dribble. Anderson next got nicely away, and punting well down, the Rovers pressed. Renton gave to Brown, who passed to Stobbs, who put well down, the visitors' full-back returning in fine style. Sleetburn came away with a rush, and looked like scoring, Brown fetching them them up and clearing his line with a good run. The home team pressed, and Brown dribbling down scored a try, the kick at goal failing. Both teams tried hard to cross the line, but the defence was good, and the final whistle went with the score—

Blackhill Rovers .... One try (3 points)
Sleetburn .... Nil

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

"DERBY DAY" AT LEADGATE.

I have attended the games between the Park and Exiles for some years now, and have invariably come away with a feeling of disappointment. Whether it is that I have expected too much, or that the players are too excited to show their proper form, I cannot say, but the fact remains that these encounters have generally turned out to be of the most commonplace character. Saturday's tie in the first round of the Durham Senior Cup proved no exception to the rule, and the play throughout was totally unworthy of the great reputation possessed locally by both teams. More especially was this the case in the first half, the forward play being about as poor as anything I have seen this season. Things certainly brightened up a trifle after the interval, particularly when the Park scored (from a corner) what proved to be the only goal of the match. Of hard play there was any amount, but we missed that pretty passing and combination amongst the front rank which is such an attractive feature of the game. The "long kick and rush game" seemed to be the favourite method of trying to make progress.

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Taking the play throughout there was not a toss-up between the teams, and had the result been a draw I think no one would have grumbled. The Exiles were somewhat handicapped owing to the weakest part of their team (the forwards) being still further weakened by an accident to Jimmy McGee when the game had been in progress about 20 minutes. Although McGee resumed after a short rest, he was of very little use during the remainder of the game. The goal-keeping of Callaghan was one of the features of the match, and several of his saves fairly "brought down the house." If merit goes for anything he should certainly be given a trial on the county team. Haggan played one of the best games I have seen him do for a long time, and it is to be regretted that he so far forgot himself towards the close of the match as to strike an opponent, and as a consequence was of course ordered off. I have seen McGee do better, but still he got through some capital work. McGrachan and Monaghan were the shining lights at half, and it is wonderful how the veteran manages to keep up his form. I have already referred to the forwards, who were very moderate, and the Exiles could well do with some new blood in this department.

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Like his vis-a-vis, Crowther performed finely between the posts, and not a single fault could be urged against him. He cleared once or twice when a goal seemed next door to a certainty. The backs were very cool, and in McClatchie the Park have got hold of a really good man, who can rob an opposing forward as neatly as most backs I have seen. The halves played a sound game, young Willey being as lively as a cricket, and equally as good as his partners. How he keeps it up is a mystery to me. Cartmell and Wilson were both very steady, and gave their forwards a lot of chances, most of which, however, went begging. As will have been gathered from my remarks above, the forwards were not in their best form, and never seemed to get their passing machinery into working order. Graham was the best of the five, and put in some nice individual sprints on his own account. Next to him I fancied Burnhope.

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AXWELL LOSE THEIR ENGLISH CUP-TIE.

There was a considerable amount of bustle and stir in Swalwell on Saturday, on the occasion of the first English Cup-tie that has ever taken place in the village. However, the attendance was only poor—a fact probably due to the increased charge for admission. It was rather disheartening to the supporters of the club to see so many spectators at each end of the field getting a free view of the game, instead of coming like men on to the ground, and so encouraging the committee and players. I am informed that this is a frequent spectacle even when the admission fee is the humble threepence. I am empowered to state, on the authority of the secretary, that any men out of work coming to the gate will be admitted free, but those who are in employment can surely afford the modest sum asked in order to witness the game and support the club. I trust that the Swalwell spectators—whom I always understood were a very enthusiastic lot—will take this friendly hint.

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But I am digressing. Saturday's game throughout was very interesting, the play being of an entirely different character to that of the previous week against Birtley. The Axwell forwards—with the exception of McGregor, who was slow, and will need to waken himself up—showed greatly improved form, and put in some fine work. R. Bruce was missing from his place amongst the halves, owing to an injury to one of his hands, but his position was well filled by F. Bell, who played a good game, but wants a little more steadiness. Hepple spoiled his play by being repeatedly out of his place, and was frequently to be seen amongst the forwards or else on the other wing. Hepple is a fine half, and will do well to drop these tactics, which are bound to bring disaster upon his club sooner or later. The Swalwell captain played his usual good game. Newton was absent from the team suffering from a sprained knee, but had a capable substitute in the person of J. Graham—a very promising back. The latter and Burn played a good game, albeit Burn is rather inclined to sky the ball too much. Jamieson, except for one mistake, kept goal admirably. The East Enders are a pretty good team. The forwards were capital, but the halves were only fair. The backs are a useful pair, but the goalkeeper (Lowery) was the saviour of his team, and but for his marvellous exhibition the Newcastle men would undoubtedly have been badly beaten.

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LINTZFORD'S FIRST VICTORY.

Lintzford had for their visitors on Saturday the reserve team of the powerful Tow Law club. Owing to the usual ground not being available, the game took place in the small field near the village. Play was rather on the slow side, there being distinct evidence of a want of practice on the part of both teams. The home custodian (L. Taylor) had not much work, only being called upon at long intervals to defend his charge. The backs played a sound game, especially J. Seath, who never seems to tire and is generally there or thereabouts when required. Dodds also got in some grand work, and is a cool and cautious defender. The trio of halves were in fair form, and worked like Trojans all through. The forwards appeared rather disorganised, doubtless owing to the absence of Jas. Andrews and John Laing, the latter being indisposed. All things considered the "Ford" made a very creditable show, more especially after the change of ends.

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The Tow Law custodian only showed moderate form, but it must be remembered that he was new to the position, the usual goal-keeper being an absentee. The backs were fairly good, the right being far and away the best, and he effected some grand clearances when a score seemed imminent. The halves were the weakest spot in the team, only the centre man showing to any advantage. The forwards are a likely set of youths, but were sorely hampered by the defensive tactics of the home halves and backs. When it is considered that this was their first game this season the Tow Lawites may be said to have done remarkably well, and after they have played a few more times together they will prove formidable antagonists for the several clubs that figure on their fixture-list. The visitors were entertained to tea by the home club, and returned home quite pleased with their day's outing. Blaydon visit Lintzford to-morrow, and as the last game at Blaydon ended in a draw a good struggle is looked forward to.

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TOW LAW BEAT DARLINGTON.

Tow Law came safely through the preliminary round of the English Cup by gaining a handsome victory over the Quaker representatives, who, it is only fair to add, were not at full strength. That the better team won admits of no doubt, and the Tow Law boys may be depended upon to give trouble to their future opponents in the competition. Park did not shine particularly in the Darlington goal, but Norris played a splendid game at back, especially in the second "45." The halves were pretty good, but the forwards lacked combination. Almond was an easy first. The Tow Law forwards played finely, passing and combining in rare style. Rippon, Coulson, and Lumsden were the pick of a good quintette. Waites and Simpson were very prominent amongst the halves, who all tackled strongly and fed their forwards judiciously. Temperley for once was completely off, but Thompson was in excellent trim. Allison again kept his charge in splendid fashion, and was as safe as ever.

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A POOR GAME AT BLACKHILL.

The Rovers had only a weak team up on Saturday to oppose Sleetburn, who last season ran into the final of the Junior Cup. The game all through was a most disappointing one, being no doubt the poorest exhibition of the handling code that has ever been witnessed on the Blackhill ground. Play was almost entirely confined to the forwards, the visitors having all the best of the "scrums," and at times they got away with some dangerous rushes, the home backs having a lively time of it in defending their lines. The Rovers' forwards worked hard and played a dashing game in the loose, but were too light for their opponents in the "squash," with the result that the Blackhill backs had little chance to shine. Renton played a good game at half, but fell off slightly towards the finish. Anderson again played one of his dashing games, and on one occasion saved marvellously when a score seemed certain. Murray saved well at back, but his kicking was weak, and he seems to be rather light for the position. Brown was the pick of the three-quarters, always checking the onslaughts of the visitors, and also scoring the try which gave the Rovers the verdict. The Rovers will be away to-morrow, playing their old opponents, Langley Moor.

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THE HEROES STILL WINNING.

Much interest was taken in the meeting of South Medomsley Heroes and White-le-Head Temperance, on the latter's ground, from the fact that up to Saturday neither team had suffered defeat in the North-West Durham Junior League. However, although playing away from home, the Heroes proved themselves the better team, and will take a deal of stopping for the championship. Ridley kept goal splendidly for the winners, Cain was very conspicuous at half, while Rafferty and White got through a lot of work at back in fine style. Cox was the best of the home forwards, and Richards and Cochrane played a capital game amongst the halves. No blame attaches to Reay for the defeat, as he performed extremely well in goal. Both custodians had any amount of work, but it was not till 25 minutes of the second half had gone that a point was scored. The game, I am pleased to say, was contested in a most friendly manner, nearly all the fouls awarded being due to players infringing the new rule with respect to throwing in from touch.

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FLINT HILL SURPRISE BURNHOPE.

As Burnhope had beaten Flint Hill previously this season by five goals to one, they were rather confident of securing a couple of points in the return fixture. However, the Albion played a capital game, and turned the tables on the visitors. The Flint Hill forwards only shaped moderately in the initial half, but on crossing over they played a rattling game against the wind. The halves were in good form, Richardson especially shining. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the backs, who kicked and tackled in rare style. The Albion tried a new man in goal, and he showed up very creditably.

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ANOTHER JUNIOR LEAGUE FOR CONSETT.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space in your valuable column to propose the formation of a Junior League for the Consett district. I might propose that the following clubs take the matter up, and express their opinion through the medium of this paper:—Consett Juniors, Consett Shamrocks Reserve, Delves Lane Excelsior, Shotley Bridge Junior Rovers, Blackhill Juveniles, Leadgate Exiles 4th, Consett Sextons, and Consett Swifts Juniors. Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours, &c.,

W. ATKINSON.

Consett.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE AND ITS OFFICIALS.

I have been requested to insert the following letter:—

Dear "Offside,"—My attention was drawn to a short paragraph which appeared in your last week's valuable paper in connection with the North-West Durham Junior League, that a "little bird" had whispered to you that the management of the N.W.D.J.L. is not giving complete satisfaction. Now, sir, as president of the said league I emphatically deny such a statement, for ever since the formation of the league all the meetings in connection with it have been of a most satisfactory character; although at the same time we have had a little warm discussion (as there is at meetings of this sort), when any protests are being considered. But as for any of the leading officials doing as the "little bird" whispered to you, that he was airing his wisdom in a very injudicious fashion, is a thing totally unknown to me, and any of my colleagues will back me up in this statement. But in my mind, dear "Offside," it is the "little bird" that has been displaying his wisdom in a very injudicious fashion by whispering to you things that he has nothing whatever to do with, and I think it would have been better for the "little bird" to have found fault at our meeting about the management of the league. If it is not satisfactory to him, if he will only attend our next meeting I am sure there is none of us will have any objection to handing over the reins of government to him, and give him a grand opportunity of displaying his wisdom in a judicious fashion. Hoping you will insert the above, in fairness to myself and the members of the North-West Durham Junior League.—Yours, &c.,

J. A. SMITH,
President of the N.W.D.J.L.

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A CURIOUS POINT.

A correspondent calls my attention to an incident which happened in a local match on Saturday, and asks for my opinion on the matter. The referee gave a free kick for a foul, and immediately one of the players against whose team the foul was given rushed up and kicked the ball off. Of course, the referee sounded his whistle again, but no heed was taken of it, and the ball was put through the goal. A goal was claimed, which the referee would not allow, when he was informed that he was wrong, as the ball was in play as soon as the whistle sounded. In my opinion, the referee acted perfectly right. What was the free kick given for? As a punishment to the team which infringed the rules. Yet the latter actually claim (in effect) that they should profit by the foul play of one of their own side. Where does the "punishment" come in? Such a contention is absurd, and against all written and unwritten law. Then, again, the referee has absolute control over the game, and as soon as he sounded his whistle (after the kick had been taken) the game should have been stopped. As regards the ball being in play as soon as the whistle sounds, if I remember the rules correctly (I have not a copy of them before me as I write) they state that the ball must be rolled over (i.e., by one of the team entitled to the kick) before it is considered in play.

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MEMS.

The "gate" at Leadgate on Saturday amounted to between £13 and £14.

What an awful drubbing Consett got at the Hobson. The latter should easily qualify for the competition proper, as they are drawn exceptionally well.

By the way, the Hobson seem to have come back to their best form all at once. I hope they will keep it up.

Whatever were Whickham doing to let Spen Albion take seven goals off them? And all scored in the second half too!

Either the Spen men have improved tremendously, or else Whickham must have played much below the form I saw them exhibit a week or two back.

Judging from their present form, the Park Reserve will take a lot of beating for the championship of the Derwent Valley League. They have played two games away from home, and won them both.

Oakey's Lilywhites—who were again assisted by Sam Wood—had little difficulty in administering the order of the knock to Axwell Rovers Reserve in the Durham Cup.

However, it should be stated that the Rovers were short of their two best men—Graham and Bell—who were called upon to fill vacancies in the first eleven caused by the inability of R. Bruce and Newton to take up their usual positions.

Dipton Wanderers meet the newly-constructed A team of Newcastle United to-morrow, and will have to put their best foot foremost if they hope to defeat the recently-fledged "pros.", who are going pretty strongly.

A prominent amateur player had been assisting a prominent "amateur" team for the first time, and afterwards was asked by the secretary the amount of his expenses. "1s 6d." was the reply. Secretary: "Can't you make them 7/6?"

The Park tackle East End to-morrow at Heaton, in the first round of the English Cup, and if the local men play up to form I shall tip them to win.

The lads at Pickering Nook School are a really clever set of youngsters. They play a very smart game, their passing, kicking, and tackling being worthy of great praise. The School should in time furnish some capital recruits for Hobson Wanderers.

Stanley Athletic are another smart set of juniors. After being suspended for three weeks they have come out in brilliant style, having won their two engagements by 10 goals to nil and four to nil respectively. They should finish well up in the league.

I have received from Messrs J. Conqueror and J. Calvert (the respective secretaries) neatly got-up little books containing the rules, list of fixtures, names of referees, club secretaries, &c., in connection with the Northern Alliance and Consett and District Junior League; likewise the Alliance referees for October. I have also received fixture cards from Leadgate Exiles, Pelton Fell, South Medomsley Heroes, and Flint Hill Albion.

R. S. (Blackhill).—So far as I have been able to ascertain the Exiles won three of the games you mention, and the Park two.

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TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

The following are the results up to and including Saturday last:—

	P	W	D	L	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Mickley	3	3	0	0	14	2	
Leadgate Park	4	3	0	1	18	7	6
Wallsend Celtic	2	2	0	0	12	1	4
Prudhoe	5	2	0	3	14	15	4
Hexham Excelsior	2	1	1	0	6	2	3
Wallsend Park Villa	3	1	1	1	8	9	3
St. Peter's Albion	4	0	3	1	9	14	3
Hobson Wanderers	3	0	1	2	4	11	1
South Shields	3	0	1	2	5	15	1
Gateshead Engineers	3	0	1	2	4	18	1

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Results up to date:—

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
Leadgate Park Reserve	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Spen Albion	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Consett	3	2	1	0	15	6	4
Byer Moor	3	1	0	2	5	2	4
Whickham	4	1	2	1	7	17	3
Lintz Rovers	2	1	1	0	7	4	2
Shotley Bridge Rovers	4	1	3	0	10	19	2
Marley Hill St Cuthb'rts	2	0	1	1	3	7	1
Hobson Wanderers Res	2	0	2	0	3	6	0
Lintzford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Result up to date:—

	P	W	L	D	Goals For	Goals Ag't	Pts
White-le-Head Temp.	5	4	1	0	15	9	8
S. Medomsley Heroes	3	3	0	0	12	4	6
Lintz Rovers	3	3	0	0	20	7	6
Kip Hill Wanderers	4	2	1	1	13	14	5
Craghead Rangers R's'r'	4	2	1	1	16	14	5
Byermoor Reserve	3	2	1	0	14	7	4
Burnhope Rovers	4	2	2	0	12	7	4
Tanfield Lea Cæsars'	3	1	1	1	9	8	3
Kyo United Reserve	4	1	2	1	12	16	3
Stanley Athletic	3	1	2	0	12	11	2
Lizzie Celtic Reserve	5	1	4	0	16	19	2
Flint Hill Albion	5	1	4	0	5	21	2
Burnopfield Exiles	4	0	4	0	8	28	0

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MATCHES WANTED.

Joicey's Square Rovers would like to arrange matches with school teams; ages, 9 to 12. Apply, J Beckwith, 22, Joicey's Square, West Stanley.

Oakey's Young Swifts have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible with junior teams; ages, 10 to 14. Apply, John Simpson, 12, Oakey's Cottages, West Stanley.

Craghead Young Rangers would like to arrange games with junior teams; ages, 11 to 14. Apply, L. McMahon, 5, John Street, Craghead, near Chester-le-Street.

Busty Bank Albions would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 15 to 17. Also for 2nd teams, ages, 10 to 13. Apply, W. Baker, 5, Co-operative Terrace, Busty Bank, Burnopfield.

West Stanley Young Plungers have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 12 to 15. Apply, R. Ellis, 2, John Street, West Stanley.

Tow Law Reserve have a few vacant dates:—At Tow Law—Oct. 19th, 26th, Dec. 7th, Jan. 18th, Feb. 29th, March 14th, 28th, April 3rd. Away—Nov. 16th, 30th, Dec. 25th, Jan. 4th, 11th, 25th, Feb. 15th, March 7th. Apply, Secretary, Tow Law.

Blackhill St. Bedes having all dates vacant, would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 18. Apply, T. Colgan, 10, Dale Street, Blackhill.

Blackfine Juniors would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 13 to 15. Address, J. Wilkinson, 18, Murray Street, Blackfine.

Lintz Hill-Uns 2nd would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 13 to 15. Apply, A. Slater, 102, Cinder Row, Lintz Colliery.

Flint Hill Lilywhites would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 12 to 16. Secretaries please note change of secretary—P. Graham, Hill Top, Dipton.

Marley Hill Athletic have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 13 to 15. Address, Rd. Patterson, 91, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

White-le-Head Temperance 2nd have several dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams. Apply, W. Pyle, 10, Red Row, White-le-Head, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tantobie Lilywhites would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 10 to 14. Address, R. Bell, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Kip Hill Wanderers 2nd have all dates vacant, and would like to arrange matches with teams whose ages range from 12 to 15. Apply, W. Carroll, 7, Kip Hill, West Stanley.

Crookgate United have a few vacant dates, and would like to have them filled up with junior teams; ages, 11 to 13. Address, J. T. Guy, Busty Bank, Burnopfield.

Consett Shamrocks 2nd have all dates vacant for juniors, and would like them filled up at once. Apply, C. McCrory, 40, Princess Street, Consett.

East Stanley Heroes would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, R. Bowden, 25, Joicey's Square, West Stanley.

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Sporting Items.

CYCLING.

LEDGER AND WOOD FOR £60.

On Saturday afternoon, the one mile bicycle match between Isaac Ledger, of Dipton, and Wood, of Pelton Fell, took place on the Gosforth track. The event for some time past has created considerable interest in cycling circles, and each of the competitors had gone into training for it. Ledger, who is half-a-dozen years Wood's senior, and who has won six out of seven handicaps, was trained by H. Atkinson, of Bulman's Village, and Wood had been carefully looked after by Robson, of Pelton Fell. A lot of speculation had taken place on the result, Ledger being favourite. Wood beat Ledger easily by fifteen yards. Time, 2min 28 4-5sec. Betting: 3 to 4 on Ledger.

COURSING.

SOUTH MOOR MEETING.

Saturday, Oct. 5th.

Judge, Mr. Wm. Young; slipper, J. Gair.

The first meeting took place on Saturday on the estate of Mr. Wilkinson, of New Acres; the promoters having also permission to course over land belonging to Messrs Hedley Bros., at South Moor. The day was very favourable, consequently there was a large muster of sportsmen at the meet at Mrs. Dixon's, Oak Inn, South Moor. A start was made on the New Acres ground, where hares were found in abundance; but pussy was rather wild, and no less than eleven hares were raised before the first course was decided. Out of about 40 hares disturbed only one was killed. Everything passed off in a most satisfactory way. Details:—

SOUTH MOOR STAKES for eight all ages, at £2 10s. each. Winner, £12; second, £4.

First Round.

Mr. Robinson's bk w d Racing Times, by Dr. Stubbs—Meg
beat
Mr. W. Hall's bk and w d Morning Star v., by Twinkling Star—Bella Staffi (2 dr).

Mr. Thompson's bk and w d Powhead, by Powfoot—Miss Webster
beat
Messrs Birrell's bk and w d Bereal, by Bright Times—Club Work.

Mr. E. Wylam's f b Wear Witch, by Firstfoot III.—Rora Scott
beat
Mr. Shield's w and f d Count Dagmar, by Herschel—Countess Dagmar.

Mr. Smith's bk d Johnny Press, by Churchwater—Parting Parcel
beat
Mr. Lumley's bk and w d Royal Lewins, by South Tanfield—Solace.

Second round.

Powhead beat Racing Times.
Johnny Press beat Wear Witch.
Stakes divided.

BOXING.

Cummings and Turnbull for £50.—At Chester-le-Street Fives Court there was a crowded attendance of spectators to witness a twelve-round contest between R. Cummings, of Fell, and Isaac Turnbull, of Birtley, who met at catch weights for £50. The men were well matched for weight, and from the start Turnbull was the aggressor, and forced the work, but his opponent stuck in gamely, and it was not until the tenth round that Turnbull succeeded in knocking his man out. The contest was one of the most severe and game that has ever been decided in the North. Mr. Nichol Brady, of Newcastle, ex-amateur champion, was referee, and he gave every satisfaction to contestants and spectators.

ATHLETICS.

South Moor Flower Show Sports.—At the first annual flower show held for the benefit of the work people of Messrs Hedley Bros. and the South Moor Coal Company, on Saturday afternoon in a field situate between Old and New South Moor villages, and granted by Mr. James Fairley, the agent of the above firms, a series of sports were brought off as under:—120 yards handicap.—Winners of heats—Murray, Beamish, 9 yards; Fenwick, Beamish, 12; and Beck, North Place, 10. Final—Beck 1, Fenwick 2, Murray 3. Won by half a yard; a yard between second and third. Boys' race.—Final—Fred Hall, South Moor, 1; Jas. Stephenson, South Moor, 2; John G. Moss, South Moor, 3. Bowling at the wicket, 14 entries.—J. Morton, South Moor, 1 and 2. Three-legged race.—Graham and Lewins, South Moor, 1; Lewis and Rodham, South Moor, 2. Quoit handicap, 10 yards on the sward: 32 entries.—Moses Lawson, Burnhope, 1; W. Wilson, Kyo, 2; J. Errington, Lizzie Colliery, Annfield Plain, 3. Girls' skipping competition (most turns in two minutes).—Margaret Cleugh, South Moor, 330 turns, 1; J. Herdman, South Moor, 311, 2; Hannah Akers, South Moor, 308, 3. Football competition (Association).—In the final Stanley Rangers beat South Moor by one goal to nil. There was only a single competitor for climbing the greasy pole, and he failed to reach the top. The wheelbarrow race and sack race had to be abandoned on account of darkness setting in.

QUOITING.

Tantobie.—The concluding rounds of the quoit handicap at Tantobie took place on Saturday, for 30s, added by W. Embleton, to entrance money, in the grounds adjoining the Commercial Hotel. Results:—Chas. McGuire beat McVitie by 21 to 18; McGuire (2nd lot) beat Holmes by 21 to 11; W. Embleton, 21, beat Chas. McGuire (3rd lot) by 21 to 15; Embleton (2nd lot) beat T. Green by 21 to 14; Rostern beat L. McKenna by 21 to 18; McVitie beat Holmes by 21 to 19. Second round—Chas. McGuire beat Rostern by 21 to 19; Embleton beat Rostern (2nd lot) by 21 to 18; McGuire beat McVitie by 21 to 16; McVitie (2nd lot) beat Embleton (2nd lot), by 21 to 19. Final—Chas. McGuire 1 and 2; Embleton and McVitie (equal), 3 and 4.

FIVES.

Chester-le-Street.—At this court, on Saturday, Morgan Robinson, Jun., and Miles Handy, of South Moor, played for £20 a-side. Scores:—Handy, 33; Robinson, 19. J. Wilkinson was stakeholder and referee.

RABBIT COURSING.

Fellside.—On Saturday afternoon a large company of spectators assembled in a field in close proximity to Mr. Campbell's, Red Lion Inn, Fellside, to witness a rabbit sweep, by small dogs, promoted by Joseph Tarbutt, who added £2, best of three. Result:—Coulthard's Sweet Alice beat Barnes's Stargate Lad; Ramsay's Shifter beat Watson's Diamonds Mines; Carlton's Miss Twist beat Oliver's Monkey Brand; Johnston's Bitter Beer beat Ward's Little Fancy; Steamer's Fell Lad beat Macintosh's Jack the Quarryman; Portcous's Floe beat Jackson's Money Loser; Baldwin's Win For All beat Kirtley's Never There; Molesworth's Candle-Mas beat Huntley's Fairy Queen; English's Little Dorothy beat Mackay's Take the Bottom Up; Mason's Faltering Queen beat Marjorson's Pet; Gooser's True as Steel beat Phillipson's Bow Leg. Second round—Sweet Alice beat Shifter, Miss Twist beat Bitter Beer, Floe beat Fell Lad, Candlemas beat Win for All, Faltering Queen beat Candlemas. Fourth round—True as Steel beat Miss Twist, Faltering Queen a bye. Final—True as Steel beat Faltering Queen by 2 to 0, and won. Joseph Tarbutt was judge, William Hunter, pistol firer, and Mark Welch, scorekeeper.

South Moor.—On Saturday afternoon there was a large attendance at the South Moor Grounds, when Mr. J. Shield added 30s to a sweep of 8s. per lot, the best of three courses. Results:—First round:—Morton's Tender and True beat Winn's Chance by 2 to 0; Morton's Broken Leg beat Clayton's Powhead by 2 to 1; Hogarth's Flat Foot beat Stephenson's Tom Cat by 2 to 0; Winter's Little Wonder beat Borrow's Miss Walker by 2 to 0; Winter's Little Meg beat Brown's Young Oakey by 2 to 0; Howel's Sunshine beat Coffey's Rather Slow by 2 to 0; Cooper's Sally beat Wilson's Hurry Up by 2 to 0; Batey's Fly Be True beat Thompson's Polly Brown by 2 to 0; Walker's Match Girl beat Miss Walker (2nd lot), by 2 to 0. Second round—Broken Leg beat Sally by 2 to 1; Sunshine beat Match Girl by 2 to 0; Little Wonder beat Flat Foot by 2 to 0; Fly be True beat Little Meg by 2 to 1; Tender and True a bye. Third round—Sunshine beat Tender and True by 2 to 0; Little Wonder beat Broken Leg by 2 to 1; Fly be True a bye. Fourth round—Fly be True beat Sunshine; Little Wonder a bye. In the final, Fly be True and Little Wonder divided. Referee, Robt. Appelby; pistol firer, S. Burrows.—On Saturday night, at the house of Mrs. Dixon, Oak Inn, South Moor, the sum of £1 a-side was deposited in the hands of Mr. Robert Appleby, to bind a match at the South Moor Grounds, on Saturday, October 19th, between Shield's Young Puffen and Howel's Odd Trick, the best of 11 courses, for £15 a-side.—At the same hostelry, £1 a-side was placed in the hands of Mr. J. Brown for a match between Burrows's Elastic Runner and Morton's Monkey's Puzzle, to run the best of seventeen courses, for £15 a-side, at the South Moor enclosure, on Saturday, November 2nd.

Burnopfield.—A sweep for small dogs at rabbits was held at the Burnopfield grounds on Saturday, for £3, added to 8s per lot. Mr. T. White was judge, J. Dobson starter, and Mr. Fenwick scorekeeper. Results:—Lynn's Barmaid beat Hall's Jennie Dobie by 2 to 0; Newton's Top Coals beat Anderson's Misfortune by 2 to 0; Richardson's Bonny Bell beat Hughes's Window Shutter by 2 to 1; Bell's Burn Lass beat Foster's Gladstone by 2 to 1; Marshall's Bonny Pet beat Wheeler's Green Tree Lad by 2 to 0; Lynn's Dusty Miller beat Lawson's Hasty Coming by 2 to 1; Bell's Fried Mutton beat Fenwick's Norfolk Jenny by 2 to 1; Fenwick's Pompey beat Wright's Pit Lad by 2 to 0; Hall's Pride beat Hughes's Catch ... Newton's ... by 2 to 0; ... [illegible] ... Toby by 2 to 1; Wheeler's Vestella beat Richardson's Black Flag by 2 to 0; Henderson's No Place Arch beat Hall's Wild West by 2 to 1. Final—Burn Lass, Top Coals, Pompey, and Vestella divided.

HUNTING.

Wear Valley Beagles.—This gallant little pack met on Saturday at Little Greencroft, the residence of Mr. R. W. R. Balleny, J.P. After a sumptuous breakfast, punctually at nine o'clock, the master, Mr. J. J. Devey, of Wolsingham, turned out with his beauties and threw off in the Cottage Field. Puss was soon found, and after a good hour's run pulled down at Hurbuck Farm. A move was then made to Stockerley, where one of the right sort was put up, and after leading the hounds and foot people a merry dance by Woodside, Esp Green, and Low Meadows, was eventually lost on the Greencroft Estate, near to New Houses. A third hare was found on the return journey, which afforded capital sport for about three-quarters of an hour, but was lost amongst some turnips. As it was now three o'clock, the hounds were taken home, every one being heartily satisfied with the day's sport.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

(By "Observer.")

The West Stanley Co-operative Society's Quarterly meeting was held on Saturday night. There was a fair attendance of members. The sales for the quarter were £28,579 7s 0½d., being an increase of £1,081 9s 9½d., over the corresponding quarter of last year. The share capital is now £49,071 10s 1d; average per member £25 16s 10½d. The average purchases per member per week was £1 3s 1½d. The number of members on the roll is 2,058. The nett profit for quarter is £4,821 2s 6d. A dividend was declared of 3/6 in the pound on all purchases, and a balance of £20 3s 6d is carried to next quarter. Several motions, which appeared on the balance sheet, were not entertained. Profitable discussion resulted from the various items on the agenda. Mr. J. Curry was elected to the committee. Mr. W. Hewison, president of the society, presided.

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On Sunday, harvest thanksgiving services were held at St. Paul's Church, West Pelton. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated with the fruits of the season, and presented a beautiful appearance. The vicar (Canon Mathwin) preached the morning sermon, and the Rev. G. Day, of Birtley, the evening sermon. The choir rendered several anthems, and also sang a processional, arrayed in surplices. A service was held on the Thursday previous, when the Rev. J. Haworth, principal of the Ladies College at Durham preached the sermon. The whole of the services were well attended.

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The West Pelton Prize Brass Band gave two sacred concerts on Sunday, in the morning at No Place, and in the afternoon at Craghead. Fair audiences were present, collections being taken in aid of new instruments.

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The Beamish Cricket Club held their annual ball in the West Pelton Co-operative Hall, on Friday night, a good number patronising the event.

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Temperance meetings are now being held in the West Pelton, and West Stanley Co-operative Halls on Sunday nights. Friends of the district take part in them, and when the weather becomes inclement, many take refuge for an hour after the other services are over. Many of these meetings are highly interesting, as good speeches and singing can be heard.

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On Saturday afternoon an excursion train was run from Annfield Plain to Tynemouth at a moderate charge. Many people of this district took advantage of it, and the day being fine, enjoyed themselves.

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Mission services are now being held in the Pelton Fell Wesleyan Chapel. Two missioners, who are connected with the "Out and Out" mission, and who travel with a van, are conducting the services.

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Mr. Fred Cooke and Co. have done good service at the West Stanley Victoria Theatre this week with their new play, entitled "On Shannon's Shore." Good companies are nightly in attendance.

KYO PARISH COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the Hare Law Board Schools, on Tuesday sen'night. Councillors present were:—Mr. P. Reay (chairman), Messrs J. Campbell, T. Gatiss, W. Down, T. Bowes, H. Williams, R. Bates, J. Russell and the clerk, Mr. Moor.

Correspondence.

A copy of the Clerk's letter to Mr. Swallow, respecting the gas lamps for East Pontop Houses was ready, but as there was no reply, a deputation consisting of Couns. Down, Bates and the vice-chairman (Mr. Harrison) was appointed, in conjunction with a similar body from the workmen, to meet the owners in order to arrange for the erection of the gas lamps.

N.E.R. Company.

The following is a copy of a letter from the N.E.R. Company with respect to the subway at Annfield Plain.

20th Sept. 1895.

To the Clerk of the Kyo Parish Council.

Dear sir,—My Directors have instructed me to arrange a meeting with your Parish Council on this question any time they may happen to be in Newcastle to discuss the proposed subway under the Railway.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to this.

Yours, etc.,
CHARLES A. HARRISON.

Mr. Down: I suppose there has been a meeting of the District Council, and beg to move that the same councillors who met the Directors of the N.E.R. Company be re-appointed to meet them at the Newcastle meeting, seeing that they will be best acquainted with the business.

This was seconded by Coun. Russell, and carried unanimously.

Letter-box for Prospect House, South View, etc.

On the motion of Coun. Bates, seconded by Coun. Campbell, it was unanimously agreed that the Post Office Authorities be requested to erect a letter box at Charlton's shop for the convenience of the inhabitants.

Gas Lamps.

On the motion of Mr. Down, seconded by Coun. Bates it was unanimously agreed to extend the gas lamps from Harelaw to Boundary House.

The Footpaths.

Coun. Down's second motion on the agenda was to the effect that the Council ask the Highway Board to roll or cover with different material the footpaths from South View, Annfield Plain, to Harelaw.

This also was carried unanimously.

It was proposed and agreed to that the footpath from the vicarage to the top of Harelaw Bank be levelled, kerbed, and channelled.

It was agreed to ask the Highway Board to remove from the footpath near Mr. Rutherford's house, Catchgate, a gas lamp that has so long been an obstruction.

A motion was proposed that the Council drain, level, fence, plant, and seed the disused quarries at Annfield Plain and Catchgate.

After a prolonged debate, it was, on the motion of the chairman, unanimously agreed to ascertain, through the clerk, who were the owners of such places, and that a litigation action be entered into.

The chairman: I would further move that a parish meeting be called, and the whole thing ventilated.

A Nuisance.

Coun Campbell enquired if the Clerk had received a letter from the Clerk of Collierly Parish Council respecting a nuisance at Harelaw, and was informed that he had received no intimation on the matter.

On the motion of Coun. Campbell, it was agreed to write Mr. Hobson notifying him that his seat is declared vacant.

This was all the business.

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL.

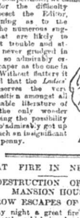
The monthly meeting was held at St. John's Chapel on Wednesday week, Mr. T. Robinson presiding.—A long discussion took place with reference to mending and maintaining footpaths, on account of the expense; but it was decided to deal with each case as it arose and on its merits.—A somewhat animated discussion took place as to deputing to committees the power of letting contracts and it was decided that in future all contracts should be let by the Council.—The following letter has been addressed to the Bishop of Durham in reference to the question of widening the road at St. John's Chapel:—"My Lord Bishop,—I am in receipt of your reply to the memorial of the Stanhope Parish Council re widening of road at St. John's Chapel, and I am instructed to say that, although inquiries seem to have led you to the conclusion that the proposed scheme of the Council is "wholly impracticable," similar inquiries on the part of the Council in another direction give them reason to believe that the legal difficulties in the way of taking consecrated ground for urgent secular purposes are not unsurmountable. The Council are more concerned at your expression of opinion that the object they have in view can be attained as well, or better, on the side of the road opposite the churchyard. The most cursory examination on the spot will convince anyone that this is altogether a mistake. However, lest there should be any suspicion of prejudice, I have to say the Council are quite prepared to refer the rival schemes to the arbitration of any disinterested Authority, and should the decision be against the Council, they will cheerfully abide by it; but, should it be in their favour, the Council should then hope for your co-operation in the removal of an almost intolerable grievance.—I am, my Lord Bishop, your obedient servant, R. Thompson."

CHILL OCTOBER.



Dress for a Rainy Day.

The abnormal weather that was so enjoyable, notwithstanding its enervating tendency, having taken its departure, those interested in fashion's changes can gratify their fancy with far more energy, for unless St. Luke gives us his little summer, we shall be actually requiring the extra coats and mantles about which so much has been written during the past few weeks. Wet weather as well as cold must also be reasonably expected, and dresses suitable for muddy pavements and showery days claim almost as much attention as the less serviceable costumes appropriate only for sunshine and dry paths. In the *Ladies' Gazette* for this week, that delightful little journal that always seems to contain just what one wishes to know about, we notice some particularly smart, though perfectly sensible, rainy-day costumes which one may be sure will recommend themselves to the taste of many. We give here a little sketch of one described as being made either in cloth or covert coating, which would be even more appropriately carried out in waterproof serge. The square braided collar to the pretty little cape gives a smart finish, and is a better kind of trimming to be worn in damp or rainy weather than either velvet or fur, which are never improved by getting wet. The other illustration is only one from a large display of charming jackets and other out-door garments, this number having more than its usual allowance of fashion plates. This particular coat purports to be made in any colour, but is held up for special admiration in a creamy shade of very fine cloth, braided in silk of a deeper tone, and edged with beaver. Some unmistakeably Parisian modes that also appear, have all the *chic* that we expect from everything hailing from the headquarters of fashion, without being in the least *outré*, and apart from the fashion pages, though they should scarcely be excluded in recounting all that may be said upon the subject of dress, there are two of the splendid *Worth* costumes worn in the play at Drury Lane, the sketch giving the pretty scene where Miss Fanny Brough, as Lady Hilliard, in a robe of geranium-coloured velvet, embroidered with jet panels, tries to raise the spirits of her friends, persuading them to join their voices with hers in the time-honoured refrain, "Cheer, Boys, Cheer!" There is generally a good amount of theatrical and artistic news in the *Ladies' Gazette*, whilst matters of more consideration, household management, cookery, &c., are always most admirably arranged for. The serial story, which has been running now for some weeks, must be nearing its close, the culminating tragedy of "The Death Rose" being reached, and all that remains is to see the poetical justice we may expect properly meted out. A needlework competition is also closing this week, two others having yet a little more time to run. The subject of the last of these being proposals on the part of the competitors for future prize competitions, we cannot avoid a feeling of sympathy for the difficulty likely to beset the Editor, in determining as to the merits of the numerous suggestions that are likely to arrive. But trouble and attention are never grudged in the case of so admirably organized a paper as the one in question. Without flattery it may be said that the *Ladies' Gazette* deserves the very foremost position amongst all the fashionable literature of its kind, the only wonder about it being the possibility of selling so admirably got up a thing at such an insignificant price as one penny.



A Braided Jacket.

GREAT FIRE IN NEWCASTLE.

DESTRUCTION OF THE MANSION HOUSE.

NARROW ESCAPES OF FIREMEN.

On Sunday night a great fire broke out in the Close, Newcastle, which involved the complete destruction of the old Mansion House, one of the most historic buildings in the city. The building has for many years been disused for Corporation purposes, and has been occupied by a large oil stores. The fire originated in a timber-yard adjoining, and the flames spread to the Mansion House, where the oil soon led to a gigantic conflagration. The full force of the fire brigade was quickly on the scene, but the blazing oil and great balks of timber resisted all efforts of the firemen, and the Mansion House was completely destroyed in less than an hour, the building being not only gutted but the walls facing the river fell bodily into the Tyne. The conflagration was witnessed by many thousands of people, who swarmed the bridges and river banks. Several of the firemen had narrow escapes, two of them falling into the river. It is impossible to estimate the damage, but it will amount to several thousand pounds, while the destruction of the Mansion House is a heavy loss to the city.

"This year," (1692) says Sykes' Local Records, "the present Mansion House of the Mayor of Newcastle, in the Close, was begun to be built, and cost the Corporation in building £6,000, besides the furniture." The same authority refers to a dinner which was given in the Mansion House on August 27th, 1795, to the Duke of York, on the occasion of his reviewing the Newcastle Volunteers.

A PICTURESQUE SCENE UPON THE RIVER.

Grand as was the sight of the blazing pile itself, the surrounding scene was an even more attractive spectacle, with features that approximated to the beautiful. From near the edge of the quay, close to and on the eastern side of the burning pile, the scene at about half-past nine was picturesque in the extreme, the fascination being, if anything, heightened by the fact that it was illumined at the cost of the wholesale destruction of property, the throwing of men out of work, and the fear and anxiety of the owners and occupiers of adjoining houses, lest they, too, should succumb to the apparently insatiable hunger of the all-devouring flames.

As the night crept on, the moon, with ghastly face, pierced through the smoke, and she, too, like so many other onlookers, climbed high and higher still to gain a better view of the red ruin wrought. The windows through which she erstwhile weeped on many a lively and convivial scene had now far other light than the moon's wild radiance streaming through them. No star was seen except a "milky way" of sparks overhead, borne on a smoky track by the western breeze.

A long stretch of river illumined like day, and blinded windows on the Gateshead side stared back in awe and wonder at the sight. The inky flood rolled without a ripple on its low and ebbing tide.

'Twas like a festive scene. A boatman here and there pulled past, the painting of the craft in bright contrast to the dull and murky blackness of the river. A couple of young fellows took their sweethearts for a row, and tried how near the raging fire they might come, the girls putting up their skirts to shield their faces from the heat, and lolling back as basking in the sun on a hot summer's day.

Down to the water's edge on both shores an eager crowd had pressed, and from roof and window, sloping street, and wall, looked down, a myriad eyes.

In the distance on the left the faint outline of the Swing Bridge was visible, a line of faces spanning the river; while nearer the stately form of the High Level was lit from end to end as though for carnival, the footway thronged by a watching multitude, the very arches of the structure affording favourite 'vantage points from which to look upon the flames.

An impressive silence reigned, broken only by the crackle of burning wood, the dull boom of an oil cask exploding in the cellar, the splash and hiss of water, and now and again the call of a fireman or a looker-on.

FIRE AT DUNSTON.

On Saturday night, a fire broke out in some premises at Dunston, situated near the Catholic Church at that place. The property consisted of a joiners' shop, a shed, and a stable, built partly of wood and partly of brick. The fire was discovered about nine o'clock, and Sergeant Reynolds, who was amongst the first to notice it, was speedily upon the scene, along with P.C. Lawson. A large crowd soon collected, but the efforts of those who were trying to extinguish the fire were without avail, and in a short time the whole building was in flames. Fortunately the stable was unoccupied, a horse having been taken out some time previous to the outbreak, and another fortunate circumstance was that the wind was blowing in such a direction as to save the Church and property closely adjoining the burning buildings from danger. Eventually the Gateshead Fire Brigade, which had been sent for when the outbreak occurred, arrived on the scene, and without any loss of time, under the direction of Chief Constable Trotter, they had commenced their work of extinction. The fire was at its height when the brigade arrived, but it was not long before the efforts of the men began to tell, and within half an hour of their arrival the flames were under control. It was impossible, however, to save anything, and when at last the fire had been extinguished, there was nothing left but a pile of smouldering ruins. There are some brick kilns situated near the place, and it is supposed that a spark found its way inside the premises, and that either the hay in the stable or the shavings in the joiner's shop became ignited, and thus set fire to the place. The property had just recently been renovated for the winter, and the damage is estimated at over £150. The owner of the ill-fated building is Mr. Nicholas Mell, Battle Bank, Gateshead.

Volunteer Intelligence.

A GOOD RECORD.

For many years past the Beamish detachment of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Durham Light Infantry has been looked upon as one of the best in the Battalion, and one of the best shooting companies in the Northern district. Ever since the formation, some 35 years ago, have the members taken great interest in their drill and shooting, and at all the great meetings have distinguished themselves. At drill they are always smart, well turned out, and go through their movements in a manner which does credit to all concerned, and with the rifle few can hold their own with them. At the Durham County meeting last year, Corporal John Grundy won the Lambton Challenge Cup and the Bronze Medal, and several other members of the company secured good prizes; and at this year's County Meeting, held at Urpeth Haughs a few days ago, they secured almost the whole of the principal prizes. Private Frank Stephenson won the County Prize, Private Richard Atkin won the Lambton Challenge Cup, and also the blue ribbon of the meeting, the senior bronze medal for the county. The Tournament Competition and Association Badge was also won by a Beamish man, Private Eland, who defeated his comrade, Corporal John Grundy, by two points. Private Thomas Clough tied with McKay of Middlesbrough, for the first prize in the 200 yards special, and Sergt. Palmer won the Nursery special prize at 200 yards, and at the finish of the meeting it was found that the representatives from the Beamish Company had won about £70, besides over and above the Cup, Badge, and Medal. This is in itself a splendid record for a company numbering under a hundred men, but their success was not yet complete, for at the Battalion shooting held at Durham, on Sept. 14th and 28th, we find that out of the four cups shot for three have gone to Beamish, and they only lost the fourth by one point. Corporal Grundy won both Colonel Perkins and Major Cook's Cups, Private Lockie winning Colonel Rowlandson's Cup. It may be said that the success of the men of this detachment is largely due to the shooting club which for some years has done excellent work in encouraging young shots, and also to Major and Mrs. Joicey, of Sunningdale Park, Thos. Duncombe Eden, Esq., of Beamish Park, Major and Mrs. Humble, West Pelton House, and other ladies and gentlemen of the district who give annually substantial prizes to be shot for, and for which there is keen competition. It is stated that the Captain of the Company, Major Humble, intends celebrating the success of his men by giving a smoking concert to the whole of the company when the prizes will be presented to the winners.

4th V.B.D.L.I.

The fortnightly sweepstakes of the Battalion Rifle Club was shot off on Saturday, on the Chester-le-Street range. There was only a small attendance. Conditions—Bisley targets and scoring, Queen's first stage. The best scores were as follows:—Private R. Atkin (scratch), 28, 31, 34—93; Corporal Harle (4 start), 29, 29, 27—89; Mr. F. Sheppee (scratch), 27, 33, 28—88; Corporal J. Grundy (2), 31, 31, 13—77.

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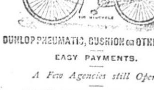
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TANFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The usual monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Board-room, Tanfield, on Wednesday sen'night. Coun. H. C. Wood (chairman) presided, and there were also present—Councillors Thos. Pringle, W. Bulmer, W. J. Handcock, J. Warwick, J. Rodham, W. Harrison, A. Davis, Tom Pringle, W. Cunningham, W. Holmes; the Clerk (Mr. T. Armstrong), and the Surveyor and Inspector (Mr. Robt Heslop).

Plans and Sewerage Committee.

This committee reported:—

Hobson Sewerage.—The committee decided to adjourn the matter for more information.

A plan was submitted for a cow-byre at Crookfield Farm. This was approved, subject to the drainage being put in to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

A plan was submitted on behalf of Mr. Thompson, White-le-Head, shewing additions to his new house at that place. This plan was rejected on account of insufficient distance between the house and the out-offices.

Mr. Heslop was instructed to ascertain whether Mr. Thompson had got a habitation certificate, and, if not, to inform him that he must get one.

For Messrs Mason and Hodgson a plan was submitted for two cottages at Burnopfield, which were approved by the committee.

A plan for two cottages was submitted on behalf of Mr. Batey, which were passed subject to the drains being done to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

Mr. Gardner's plan for house at White-le-Head was again presented, and approved.

A plan submitted on behalf of Jas. Gedling for house at White-le-Head was approved on condition that the washhouse be left out.

A sketch of additions to be made to Mr. Hinkley's house at White-le-Head was submitted, but was not approved.

The letting of sewage disposal area at Tantobie was allowed to lie over.

The report was adopted.

Highways and Lighting Committee.

The committee reported:—

It was agreed that the matter of lighting Hobson and Pickering Nook lie over at present, and that the Clerk be instructed to invite Mr. Wigham to the next committee meeting.

The Committee instructed the Surveyor to get four lamps for Lintz and Friarside.

Tenders were accepted for 640 tons of limestone, to be supplied by Messrs Ord and Maddison, for the sum of £236 11s 8d.

The acceptance of tenders for carting the limestone was settled.

It was unanimously recommended that tools, barrows, &c., be purchased for the use of the workmen, and that necessary instruments—level, &c.—be bought for the use of the Surveyor.

It was unanimously recommended that the footpath at Tanfield Lea, between the Wesleyan Chapel and West Street, be repaired. Also, that the footpath at Syke Lane, near the school, be repaired according to the Surveyor's suggestions.

The question of Tantobie footpath, &c., was left over.

A letter was read from Stanley District Council, calling attention to the need of repairs to the bridge over Beamish Burn, near Mr. Reid's farm, and to ask if this Council will be prepared to enter into an agreement to have the work carried out jointly by the two Councils. As the committee were uncertain as to the responsibility of this Council in the matter, it was allowed to stand over for inquiry.

Mr. Moffitt, of Gateshead, was present at the meeting on Sept. 25th, and exhibited and explained the working of a gas oil lamp.

Mr. Wigham was present by appointment to answer questions relating to the supply of gas to Hobson, &c. Finally, he was asked to meet the Council on Wednesday, 2nd October.

A draft of an agreement was submitted to the committee from the Dipton Gas Company for supplying Tantobie with gas, which was found to be very similar to the one for Burnopfield. The Clerk was instructed to write the Company accepting it.

The Bridge over Beamish Burn.

The application of the Stanley Council, asking the Tanfield Council to enter into an agreement for the repairs to the above bridge to be done jointly by the two Councils, was referred to the Highway Committee.

The Hobson Lighting.

Mr. Wigham attended the meeting with reference to the above question, and expressed his willingness, in the event of the Council giving him a 15 years' lease, to lay the mains and supply gas at 47/- per lamp per annum, or, in the event of the Council doing the work, he would be agreeable to pay £60 towards the estimated cost of the mains, and supply gas at 36/6 per lamp.

Coun. Bulmer: How many lamps will there be?

The Chairman: About 20.

After some discussion, it was resolved that the matter should lie over for further consideration.

Surveyor's Report.

During the month your workmen have been employed repairing footpaths and dressing up.

As instructed, I have ordered 640 tons of limestone from Messrs Ord and Maddison, Darlington, which will be laid on the roads as it comes to hand. I should be glad to receive your instructions as to the rolling.

A new wooden bridge has been erected over the burn at Haughal Burn; the repairs to the footpaths, etc., are in hand, and will be completed in a day or two.

Footpath at Tanfield Lea—As ordered at your last meeting I have had a footpath formed according to your instructions, and a good layer of ballast laid on.

Footpath at Long Syke—The formation of a footpath on the east side of the road has been commenced, and will shortly be completed.

On the west side pailings have been erected beyond the boundary line. It will be necessary that they either be set back or pulled down before the formation of the footpath can be proceeded with. It will also be necessary to set back several lampposts.

I beg to lay before you quotations for the supply of kerbstone, etc., for your causeways. Also quotations for wheelbarrows. I have ordered the other tools from Messrs Moffitt, Gateshead.

Lighting, etc.—As instructed I have met Mr. Urwin, re fixing of lamps at Friarside, Lintz, and Tantobie. It will be necessary to lay down a one-inch supply pipe at Friarside. The work will be commenced in a few days.

Hobson Lighting—Mr. Moffitt, Gateshead, and Mr. Wigham had an interview with your committee on the 25th ult., re lighting of this place. I am also informed that if you so desire a supply of gas may be obtained from the Dipton Gas Company.

Tantobie lighting—As instructed I have had an interview with Mr. Leadbitter, the secretary of the Dipton Gas Company, with the result that the lanterns were fixed on the 23rd ult., and lighted on the 24th ult. There are a number of panes in the lanterns broken.

Tanfield lighting—This matter is in the hands of Mr. Pringle.

A letter has been received from Mr. Askwith, engineer, with respect to water supply to Crook Bank Pit.

Causey Arch—The hand-rail at this place is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, and requires immediate attention. I would recommend that a new handrail be provided, and the other repaired when necessary.

Mr. Ed. Ridley has erected pailings in front of his house 14 or 15 feet beyond the boundary line. I also understand that it is the intention of the other owners to do likewise.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
ROBT. HESLOP.

Encroachment at Long Syke.

Coun. Handcock enquired when it was sanctioned that the road should be made at the above place?

The Chairman: At the last meeting.

The Surveyor said they could not get a five feet footpath without removing or pulling down the pailings on the West side of Syke Lane.

Coun. Thos. Pringle argued that if they made the footpath as the Surveyor suggested the children would never use it, but would go up by the side of the houses.

The Surveyor: It is not my suggestion. It came from the committee.

The Surveyor, in reply to a question, said the footpath at this particular part was about four feet.

Coun. Handcock thought there were that many encroachments that it would not be prudent to deal with this just now. He considered that there were many more things that needed attention before this. He thought if no inconvenience was caused to the public in this respect that it would be better to see after more pressing matters. It was a question that required great consideration, and he thought they should not start to take this pailing down without dealing with other similar cases.

Ultimately, it was agreed that the matter of the encroachment at Leazes should be adjourned for the present.

Kerbstone, Tools, &c.

It was decided that the above matter should be referred back to the committee.

Crook Bank Water Supply.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Askwith, engineer, to the Consett Water Company, from which it appeared that it would cost £53 to conduct the water from the nearest point to the above place.

Coun. Holmes: Is it the duty of the Council to pay for the laying of these mains?

The Chairman thought not. In his opinion it was the duty of the owners of the houses to provide the people with a proper supply of water.

It was resolved that the owners of Byer Moor Colliery be written to respecting the supply of water to Crook Bank Pit.

Causey Arch Handrail.

It was agreed that the Surveyor's recommendations with respect to this hand-rail should be carried out, Mr. Heslop to furnish an estimate of the probable cost.

An Encroachment at the Hobson.

With regard to the encroachment by Mr. E. Ridley at the Hobson,

The Chairman said, in reply to Coun. Holmes, that it was the duty of the Council to prevent any encroachment of roadside waste. He thought it a deliberate attempt to set the Council at defiance, as it was known that it would come before them.

It was decided that Mr. Ridley should have notice from the Surveyor to pull these pailings down, and that, if he failed to do so, proceedings would be taken against him.

Inspector's Report.

As instructed at your last meeting, I have, in company with your Medical Officer, inspected the houses complained of at your last meeting, and we recommend that the necessary steps be taken to close four houses at Clough Dene and two at Mountsett. (The names of the occupiers and owners were also given.)

We are also of the opinion that two houses at Clough Dene, six at Mountsett, and two at Tantobie, are in their present condition unfit for habitation, but that they might with certain alterations and repairs be made habitable.

There is a disused stable belonging to Mr. R. Henderson which is in a dangerous condition, and we recommend that it be pulled down.

Tanfield Hall—We are of the opinion that this place is in a grossly insanitary and overcrowded condition, and that immediate steps should be taken to have the place put into a more sanitary state and the overcrowding abated, and we recommend, with one exception, that each tenant be provided with two rooms for living and sleeping rooms. That the windows, floors, doors, and walls be repaired. We also recommend that the upper storey be closed as altogether unfit for habitation.

Drainage of Pickering Nook and Hobson—As instructed, I have prepared a plan shewing the proposed sewer, which I beg to lay before you. I have not been able to go into the cost, but hope to be able to give you more information at your next meeting.

I have made several inspections of your district. Particulars will be found in my journal.

Burnopfield Sewer Outfall—The sewage is still being deposited on the same piece of land. I shall be glad to receive your instructions.

The sewers in your district require flushing, especially at the Leazes. Unless this be done soon they will become blocked.

The lamp hole cover at the Leazes has got broken and should be replaced with a new one.

It is also necessary to obtain a supply of disinfectants.

Mr. J. Urwin, Tanfield, has again commenced to deposit manure on the village green.

Flint Hill—There is no provision for the disposal of the sewage for the schools and master's house at this place. I understand that when the plans were passed for the master's house it was thought that the drainage might be connected with the Dipton sewers.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
ROBERT HESLOP.

Uninhabitable Houses.

The Chairman said they had a report from the Medical Officer that there were six houses unfit for habitation, and that they ought to be closed.

In reply to a request from Coun. Rodham, the Surveyor read Dr. Benson's objections in respect to each house.

Coun. Harrison thought that they could hardly put the people to the door.

The Chairman thought the duty of the Council was quite clear. He considered they had no option in the matter.

Coun. Davis moved that the recommendations of the Medical Officer be approved of.

Coun. Handcock said they were bound to support the Medical Officer. How would it do to give the owners notice to repair the houses before turning the people out?

The Chairman: The houses are not repairable.

Coun. Handcock thought all houses repairable.

The Chairman: They might pull them down and build them up afresh.

Coun. Davis stated that some of the houses, to his knowledge, had been ordered to be closed 18 months ago. Some of them would not endeavour to get fresh houses.

Coun. Harrison mentioned a case where a person had done his best to secure another house, but was unable to do so.

Coun. Hardcock said the only fault was that this would probably cause overcrowding, as other people would take them in. He thought that in the cases mentioned by Mr. Davis the owners should have notice at once.

Coun. Rodham inquired, if they carried out the doctor's recommendations, would the people be put out on the road?

The Chairman: That is for the Council to say after the orders have been obtained.

Coun. Warwick quite agreed with the Medical Officer's report, but would like to see some place for these people to go before turning them out.

Coun. Harrison: We will have to wait a long time before we see a house for everyone of these people.

As there seemed no likelihood of anything being done, after repeated appeals by the Chairman for either a seconder to Coun. Davis's motion, or a direct negative, the Chairman moved the adjournment of the Council, which was seconded by Coun. Davis.

Coun. Warwick: I would be perfectly willing to second the motion that the Medical Officer's recommendations be carried out if I could see any way clear as to where these people are going.

Coun. Handcock, to try and get over the difficulty, moved as an amendment that those parties who had previously had notice to close their houses and had not complied with it, receive notice from the Council at once, and that the others be warned that if their houses were not repaired closing orders would be taken out against them.

The Chairman thought it was not the duty of the Council to appoint a Medical Officer of Health, and then, when he certified that certain houses were not fit for habitation, to discuss the question as to whether they were fit for habitation or not.

Coun. Davis said the whole thing rested here—if they got closing orders it was the right of the Council to say whether fourteen days' notice be given, or whether they occupy the houses on sufferance till they got another house.

The Clerk said it was their duty to get closing orders, and then see that they were carried out.

Coun. Warwick: If it is at our discretion as to when we should enforce the orders I will second the motion.

The Chairman thought they would have three months in which to make the orders operative. If they were not enforced in that time he thought they would fall through.

Coun. Davis remarked that it seemed they could not deal with these people without doing something of this sort. When the owners saw they were in earnest he thought they might do something.

The Chairman pointed out that if closing orders were granted the owners would be acting illegally in taking rent.

The motion that the Inspector have instructions to carry out the Medical Officer's recommendations with respect to these houses was then put and carried.

Houses to be Repaired.

With regard to that part of the report which stated that certain houses might, with repairs and alterations, be made habitable,

Coun. Bulmer moved that the owners have notice to have these houses repaired, or otherwise that closing orders be taken out against them.

Coun. Davis seconded the motion, which was adopted.

A Dangerous Stable.

It was decided that Mr. Henderson should have notice to remove the dangerous stable belonging to him.

Tanfield Hall.

The Chairman said there was a report made on this hall a month since. Now they had a report that the place was in a grossly insanitary condition.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Clarke, of Beamish, the owner, stating that the hall was leased to Mr. Watson, who was responsible for its unhealthy state and overcrowding.

In reply to questions, the Inspector said there were twelve rooms in the hall, and nine tenants. There were three rooms in the yard, and three tenants. There were two tenants in the top story in two rooms.

Several members stated that this top storey was an awful place.

It was decided that the top storey be closed in accordance with the Medical Officer's recommendations.

The Inspector stated that if the overcrowding was abated there was sufficient privy accommodation. There were now four privies for 12 tenants. If the tenants were reduced this would be sufficient.

Coun. Handcock understood that the whole of the cooking was done in one room.

The Inspector was instructed to take measurements of the various rooms with a view to having the overcrowding abated.

Flushing the Drains.

Coun. Holmes said there were great complaints in the district about this matter.

After a short discussion, the matter was left in the hands of the Inspector to attend to.

Manure on the Village Green.

It was resolved that Mr. Urwin have instructions to abate a nuisance by depositing manure on the Village green.

Medical Officer's Report.

Gentlemen,—A case of enteric fever was reported to me about a month ago. This has now recovered, and the district may be considered free from zymotic diseases.

The mortality return gives 12 deaths for the month, being equal to a death-rate of 20 per 1,000 per annum. None of the deaths were caused by infectious disease.

Certificates containing particulars of inspection of premises situated at Mountsett and Clough Dene have been forwarded to your Inspector.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. BENSON, Medical Officer.

Financial.

It was reported that the balance due to the treasurer was £155 16s 2d, while cheques amounting to £108 2s were ordered to be signed.

Diversion of Footpath.

An application was read from the secretary of the Tantobie Co-operative Society, asking permission to divert a footpath from Mr. Arkless's house to the Red Row.

The application was granted on condition that the Society submit a plan showing the proposed diversion.

The Council Room.

Coun. Bulmer, in accordance with notice of motion, moved that the resolution with respect to the engaging of the present Council room be rescinded, and explained his reasons for doing so very fully.

There was no seconder to the motion, which accordingly fell through.

This concluded the business.

FUNERAL OF THE RECTOR OF EBCHESTER.

On Friday afternoon, amid general signs of deep sorrow and regret in the ancient village, the remains of the Rev. Peter Cameron, Rector of Ebchester, were laid to rest in the quiet and secluded little churchyard of the parish. The body was inclosed in a coffin of pitch pine, with brass mountings, the inscription on the lid being:—"Peter Cameron, died 1st October, 1895, aged 59 years." There was a large attendance of clergymen, as well as a considerable muster of the general inhabitants. About 2.15, the body was borne from the Rectory to the churchyard adjoining by Messrs William Charlton, J. W. Simpson, W. Ramsay, and Robert Willey, four local tradesmen. The chief mourners were Mrs. Cameron (widow) and her two sons, Mr. Wm. Cameron, Crieff (brother of the deceased); Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Willington (uncle and aunt); Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, Spennymoor (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. Parker, Spennymoor (father-in-law); Messrs Walter and George Parker (brothers-in-law). The clergy present included: Rev. G. Pedley, Girlington, near Bradford; Rev. J. St. Clere Hick, Whittonstall; Revs. W. Cockin and W. Ellis, Medomsley; Rev. J. Loney, Stanley, near Crook; Rev. J. C. Dunn, Burnopfield; Rev. R. W. Wilson, Shotley; Rev. A. E. Greatorex, Benfieldside; Rev. T. J. Storey, Blackhill; Rev. C. S. Wilson, Consett; Rev. J. Wallis, Castleside; Rev. J. Ingham, Muggleswick; Rev. J. McIntosh, Sacriston; Rev. A. Jones, Winlaton; Rev. W. London, St. Stephen's, Newcastle; Rev. Mr. MacIntosh, Sunderland; Rev. Thomas Varley, Leadgate; Rev. R. S. Hay, Hylton; and the Rev. A. Bailie, Presbyterian minister, Blackhill. The Lanchester Board of Guardians and Rural District Council (of which bodies the late rector was a useful member) were represented by Messrs Luke Nicholson, Leadgate; T. J. Muse, Castleside House; W. J. Handcock, Leazes Hall; and Rev. A. Magill, Roman Catholic priest, Leadgate. Amongst the principal private residents were:—Mr. and Mrs. George Peile, Greenwood, Shotley Bridge; Mr. John Booth, Summerdale, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Frank Priestman, Shotley Bridge, and the Misses Priestman; Mr. John Graham, district coroner, Witton Gilbert; Dr. T. Bolton and the Misses Bolton, Ebchester Hill; Dr. Marshall, Low Westwood (the family medical adviser); Mr. W. Allen, manager of the Hamsterley Colliery; Mr. Montague V. Steggall, B.A., Consett; Mr. Wm. Charlton, Ebchester (waywarden); Mr. Wm. Dodds, Ebchester (overseer); Mr. Geo. Charlton, Ebchester Station (churchwarden); Mr. Dixon, Broad Oak; Mr. W. Temperley, Broomhill; Mr. C. W. Barber, Shotley Bridge; Mr. Ed. Dixon, Ebchester Mill; Mr. J. T. Middleton, (schoolmaster and choir leader); Mr. J. G. Brown, Ebchester. Private carriages were sent by Mr. P. W. Brutton, Shotley Bridge; Mr. J. Pumphrey, Elm Park (churchwarden), and other gentlemen. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths from (amongst other friends) Mrs. Ramsey, Ebchester Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Peile, Dr. Bolton, and Mrs Frank Parker, Spennymoor. The coffin was carried into the church porch, and the ancient fabric of St. Ebba's was filled by mourners. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. J. St. Clere Hick, the Rev. J. Loney reading the lesson, while the Rev. George Pedley (a personal friend of the deceased) delivered an address from the pulpit, wherein he dwelt in eulogistic terms upon the character, attributes, and labours of the late esteemed rector. The mixed choir of males and females (who all wear white surplices and blue college caps) rendered a suitable Psalm, and also the hymn, "When our heads are bowed with woe," Mr. J. T. Hume presiding at the organ. An ordinary grave had been dug just outside the north side of the chancel, and the remaining portion of the ceremony was impressively read by the Rev. J. St. Clere Hick. The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung; and as the mourners filed past the grave everyone seemed to be deeply affected. The Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, vicar of Benfieldside, was unavoidably prevented by an engagement in a remote part of Northumberland, from attending the funeral.

SHOW AND SALE OF HORSES AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The eighth annual show and sale of young horses foals, and brood mares was held at the Chester-le-Street Auction Mart on Thursday and Friday, Mr. James Turnbull, as usual, acting as auctioneer. The first day's sale was for draught animals only. The morning was most unpropitious as regards weather, frequent squalls of wind and rain prevailing the whole of the day. In spite of this there was a large and representative body of buyers from the counties of Durham, Northumberland, and Yorkshire, and for the better class of animals the competition was really keen and bidding brisk. Animals lacking quality were a slow trade, and in several cases were passed out unsold. Fully 70 per cent. were sold out the first day. Mr. Walker, of East Rainton, took first honours for draught foals for a very grand foal by the Marquis of Londonderry's Hengist (9761), dam Birdie, also bred by the Marquis, and sired by the renowned Clifton, one of the highest priced stallions sold by his lordship. After keen competition it fell to Mr. E. Wilkinson, agent for the Birtley Iron Company, at £25 10s. Other animals in this class made from £10 to £18. The class of draught yearlings was only poor, the highest price being £24 for a good filly, bred by Mrs. G. Oswald of Herrington, and sold to Mr. J. B. Turnbull. The draught colts and fillies rising three years old were a really good class, and created most sensation in the bidding, and in this, as in all other competing classes, fully bore out the decisions of the judges. The first prize colt, as also the commended animal in this class, belonged to Mr. Jas. R. Alderson of Low Hills, Castle Eden, who, unfortunately, was summoned from the sale owing to his homestead being on fire. The premier colt made £49, and was purchased by Mr. T. G. Turnbull, Southwick, the other colt making £42, and being bought by Mr. J. P. G. Bell for the Charlaw Coal Company. The second prize animal belong to Mr. J. Snowdon, Witton-le-Wear, and fell to Mr. Wilkinson of the Birtley Iron Company for £44. The third prize animal, from Mr. Hogarth, Beamish, made £36, and was also bought by Mr. E. Wilkinson. This was a strong class, and all animals were sold at satisfactory prices. Other draught horses and brood mares sold very well, and any animal of merit readily found a buyer, only horses with a fault, or lacking quality, passed the ring unsold. As a whole the first day's sale was eminently satisfactory to every one, notwithstanding the bitter state of the weather, buyers standing to the ring until the finish. The judges on Thursday were Messrs Neilson of Windlestone, Wilkinson of Birtley Iron Company, and H. Potts, of Harbour House. Their duties were performed expeditiously, and the public estimation of the same was borne out by the prices realised. The number of horses shown the first day was 86 in all classes.

The second day's show and sale consisted of light horses for the road and field. With a few exceptions the animals were not of the required sort. The attendance, although the day was fine, was not good at any time, and the bidding was very slow. The highest price for a foal was £12, as compared with last year's price of £21. Although some really excellent animals were shown from three to six years old, the highest price obtained was for a very useful mare, bred and belonging to Mr. Clarkson of Chester-le-Street, which was sold to Mr. Brough for 40 guineas. Mr. Turnbull of Heighington, an old patron of this sale, showed two excellent animals, which, however deserving, did not find buyers, although for one animal he was bid over £54. The judges for light horses were Messrs Bell, Fulforth; Brough, New Seaham; and Jones, Fence Houses. The awards were most popular. As the sale concluded early, several animals that had passed the ring were re-offered, and sold at fair prices.

THE CHESTER-LE-STREET EXPLOSION.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY FINED.

At the Chester-le-Street Court-house on Wednesday, the Co-operative Society—on whose premises an explosion of gunpowder took place recently—were charged with keeping an excess quantity of powder on their premises at the time of the explosion.—Supt. Rutherford stated that the society had a license to keep 100lb. of powder, whereas at the time of the explosion they had over 200lb. in the warehouse. He asked that the employes should not be put in the box.—The Chairman said the offence was a most serious one, and the least the Bench could do was to impose a fine of £20 and costs.

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BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Benfieldside Road Schools.—Mr. William Telford (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Rev. A. Baillie, Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, Rev. E. Jenkins, Messrs W. Ramsay and F. Walker. In the absence of the Clerk (Mr. Barclay), Mr. Ramsay discharged the duties.—The Attendance Officer (Mr. A. McKean) submitted his report which shewed that the average attendance for the month in all the Schools had been 89 per cent. and that in St. Mary's R.C. School 95 per cent. on the elementary school, and 97 in the Infants school.—The attendance was considered satisfactory. The School Committee recommended certain alterations to be carried out in the Girls Schools.—The same was deferred, with the exception that the alterations to the gallery should be carried out to the satisfaction of the head mistress.—It was resolved that the Clerk should write the authorities with respect to the release of a boy named Joseph Bell, from the Industrial School.—Mr. Shell, architect, Consett, interviewed the Board, and the latter expressed themselves highly satisfied with the new Infant School.—Mr. Shell was also instructed to attend to the re-arrangement of the heating apparatus.—It was reported that the total cost of the new School would be about £1,121.—After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Walker proposed a motion to the effect that the Board should find out what powers they had to assist evening classes and help them in every way in their power.—The Rev. A. Baillie seconded, and the motion was carried.—Cheques for teachers' salaries, together with payments for Messrs Taylor, contractors, and Mr. Strachan, on account for new building, were ordered to be signed.—The other business was of a formal character.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT CONSETT.

The marriage was solemnised on Tuesday, at Christ Church, Consett, of Mr. John Petherick, of Delves Lane, Consett, one of the managers of the Consett Steelworks—son of the late Mr. William Petherick, of Clapham, London, S.W., and Miss Bertha Evans, of Fairdale, Consett, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans, of Beech Grove, the late commercial manager and general secretary of the Consett Iron Company, Ltd. The contracting parties being well-known and esteemed in the town and district, the sacred edifice was crowded with a large and fashionable assemblage. Most of the elite of the district were present to witness the ceremony. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. Steggall (vicar), who was assisted by the Rev. C. S. Wilson (curate). The bride, who was given away by her aunt, Mrs. Pearce Roe, Balham, London, S.W., was attired in a travelling gown of white beaver cloth, made with a very full skirt and Louis Quinze coat with cravate of beautiful Brussels lace, the revers of the coat, and also the foot of the skirt, being trimmed with handsome sable fur; large picture hat in white felt, smartly trimmed with chiffon, and ostrich tips. She also carried a shower bouquet of choice flowers, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Petherick, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Gwen Roe, cousin of the bride. Each was attired in a smart gown of black and white, full skirt of black crepon, with corsage of ivory satin Duchesse, and sixteenth century fichu of black chiffon, edged with frills of white, caught in by waist belt and ends falling gracefully to the foot of the skirt; large black velvet hat arranged with plumes and white osprey, and each carried a shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. They also wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bride and bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Jas. P. Petherick, London, youngest brother of the bridegroom, whilst Mr. Charles Jennings, London, officiated as groomsman. At the close of the ceremony the organist (Mr. Joseph Surtees) played the "Wedding March," as the procession left the Church. Merry peals were rung on the bells, and flags and bunting were displayed in the main thoroughfare of the town. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, the wedding was as quiet as possible, only the nearest relations of both families being present. Amongst the guests were:—Mr. and Mrs. I. Williams, Middlesbrough; Mrs. Hedley, Middlesbrough; Mr. and Mrs. Penry Williams, Middlesbrough; Mr. W. and Misses Jenkins, Consett Hall; Miss E. Oliver, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, Consett; Miss E. Petherick, London; Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, Benfieldside, &c. At noon the happy pair drove to Newcastle en route for London, North Devon and Cornwall, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bridesmaids' gowns, and also the wedding gown and the bride's trousseau—including a smart dinner gown, composed of black pult de soie, Lyons velvet and chiffon, reception gown in black mohair material, trimmed chiffon, and dull passementerie, smart tailor-made gown in black Harris tweed, and many others, were designed and made by Mr. J. J. Fenwick of Newcastle and London. The magnificent bride-cake was supplied by Messrs W. and G. Buszard, confectioners and bride-cake makers, of 197 and 199, Oxford Street, London. A great number of valuable and costly presents were received.

A NEW LOCAL COMPOSER.

Still another composer of music has risen up in our midst—this time in the person of Mr. Geo. P. Stephenson of Blackhill, the organist of St. Cuthberts' Church, Benfieldside. We have been favoured with a copy of a new song composed by this young gentlemen who,—in conjunction with Mr. John Cocks, who is responsible for the words—has succeeded in producing a song of no little merit and one that should at least be popular locally. The melody is tuneful and the accompaniment effective, whilst there is a swing in it that cannot help but be appreciated. It must be admitted, however, that it strongly reminds us of that good old standard song "Father O'Flynn" on which we cannot help feeling that it has been modelled. To quote a verse of Mr. Stephenson's song, the familiar metre will be at once recognised:—

Just lighten a while till a foine song I sing to you
Oceans of pleasure I'm sure it will bring to you;
Lighten and I will describe a rale king to you,
For such I am sure was Ould Barney O'Linn.
No crown did he wear save the crown of his head,
But he shwayed the whole town by the life that
he led;
His smile was so nate, and his temper so swate,
That folks all fell in love with Ould Barney O'Linn.

Still this detracts nothing from the distinctive merit the new song possesses, and we congratulate Mr. Stephenson on this, his maiden effort, at composition. "Barney O'Linn," published as it is at the low price of sixpence, should command a good sale.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Benfieldside—Sale of Rams and Keeping Sheep.—Mr. Murray held his annual sale of rams, ewes, and keeping sheep, at the Benfieldside Auction Mart, on Saturday, when he had forward 22 shearling rams, 89 ram lambs, 475 ewes, shearling gimmers, and keeping lambs. There was an excellent demand for all classes, a large company of buyers being present. Although there were no fancy prices obtained, every ram, with one exception, was sold. The ewes, gimmers, and hoggs also made fairly satisfactory prices. One or two lots had to pass the ring, but they were sold afterwards. The following is a summary of the principal lots sold:—

Shearling Rams.

Mr. Hogg, Berwick—Highest, 80/-; average, 75/-; Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Manor House—77/6; 69/-; Mr. N. Walker, Satley—82/6; 67/7; Mr. Willey—80/-; 78/9; Mr. George Heppell, Espershield—57/6; 57/6; Mr. J. Thompson, Burnopfield—75/-; 75/-; Mr. Davidson, Byerside—55/-; 55/-; Mr. O. Lowery (black-faced tup)—57/6; 0; Mr. George Heppell (black-faced tup lamb)—27/6; 0.

Ram Lambs.

Messrs Wood, Field Head—Highest, 62/6; average, 53/-; Mr. J. Allison, Hamsterley—47/6; 45/-; Mr. Willey—60/-; 57/6; Mr. Simpson, Bradley—70/-; 56/-; Mr. Fenwick, Bradley—72/6; 49/6; Mr. Callander, Leazes—37/6; 32/-; Mr. Elsam, East Law—47/6; 43/9; Mr. G. Towns—37/6; 32/-; Mr. D. Stockdale—100/-; 82/-; Mr. Ross, Butsfield—45/-; 39/-; Mr. J. E. Nicholson—62/6; 48/-; Mr. Kirton—37/6; 35/-. Odd lambs, 25/- to 37/6.

Shearling Gimmers.

Derwent Flour Mill Farm, 50/-; Mr. John Pattinson, 40/-; Messrs J. and A. Anderson, 40/-; Mr. R. Anderson, 35/6; Mr. M. Anderson, 38/-; Mr. J. Bolam, 34/-; Mr. Willis, 40/-. Ewes, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th crop; Mr. Patterson, The Hagg Farm, 44/9; Mr. J. Hirst, 41/6; Mr. T. Thompson, 34/-; J. E. Nicholson, 32/-. Cheviot ewes, 26/6 to 30/- each; Scotch ewes, 18/- to 22/6; three-quarter bred lambs, 27/6 to 37/6; mules, 19/- to 21/6; black ewe lambs, 29/- to 32/- each. On Monday there was a splendid supply of stock at this mart, for which there was a slow, dragging trade at a considerable reduction from late marts, it being difficult to realise 7/- per stone for prime heifers fit for a Christmas show. Sheep were also only a slow trade at a reduction of ½d per lb. Although a good company was present buyers seemed reluctant to speculate, evidently thinking there would be a further reduction at Tuesday's market. Numbers and prices:—21 fat cattle, £11 15s to £18 15s, top—Messrs Anderson, Black Hedley; £17 12s 6d, Mr. R. Murray, Benfieldside: £16 17s 6d, Mr. W. Aynsley, Consett Park; £15 15s, Mr. Potts, Shotley Field; cows to £17 15s, Mr. John Hunter, Medomsley. 262 fat sheep and lambs, 4 calves, 11 pigs, 13 horses poultry, and miscellaneous lots.

Lanchester.—Mr. Green had forward on Monday, 6 fat cattle, 93 young sheep and lambs, fat cattle from Maiden Hall, £16 2s 6d and £15 2s 6d; others to £15 10s; calves to £3 9s; young sheep, top lot from Low Newbiggen, 48/-, average, 47/-; West Belsay, 44/9, average 39/3; Cheviot wethers, 28/-; Clickemin, black-faced gimmers, 35/-, average, 34/3; Maiden Hall lambs, 32/-. Trade was at market rates. A good class of young sheep were forward, especially Clickemin consignment of shearling black-face gimmers, butchers were anxious to obtain a lot, and the bidding was brisk for them, Mr. Swainston, was top buyer of this lot. Low Newbiggen lot also met a keen demand; Mr. Hunter, Sacriston, being the buyer of the top lot.

FOOTBALL.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

ENGLISH CUP.

QUALIFYING COMPETITION—FIRST ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v NEWCASTLE EAST END.

This important fixture will be played on the East End ground at Heaton to-morrow. Although conscious that they have a stiff task before them the Park are fully determined to do their utmost to figure in the next round. The following team will leave Consett and Blackhill Station by the 12-45 train to represent the Park—Goal, J Crowther; backs, F M Foreman and W McClatchie; half-backs, J T Willey, R Wilson (capt.), and T Cartmell; forwards, R Graham and W Bell, right wing; A Burnhope, centre; J Wilson and G Lock, left wing. Linesman, A Graham. Referee, Mr R Campbell, Sunderland.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

FIRST DIVISION.

DIPTON WANDERERS v NEWCASTLE UNITED A.

These teams will meet on Saturday on the Dipton ground. The Wanderers back division will be much strengthened by the appearance of Rowell, who will be seen again sporting the blue and white colours. A good and exciting game will be witnessed. The Wanderers' team will be chosen from the following—A Tuson, M Evans, R Coates, W Parker, J Milburn, T Walker, T Crooks, W Ellis, G Morris, T Rowell, T Watson, and J Brown. Kick-off at 3-15. Referee, Mr R Coleman, Durham.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v CORNSAY ROVERS

The above teams meet at Cornsay to-morrow, when the following team will represent the Swifts:—Goal, G Eustace; backs, T Skelton and J McKie; half-backs, J Allison (capt), J Dempsey, and B McKie; forwards, J Little and J Rafferty, right wing; F Arnold, centre; M Eustace and J Turley, left wing. Referee, Mr Holmes, Craghead.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

CONSETT v HOBSON WANDERERS RESERVE.

The above teams will meet on the Consett enclosure, when the following will do duty for Consett—Goal, T Lindsay; backs, W Graham and C Pescod; half-backs, T Simpson, J Carruthers, and R Wake; forwards, J Blackwell and Robinson, right wing; J Haggerstone, centre; J Adams and R Harkness, left wing. Kick-off at 3-15. Referee, Mr A Little, Leadgate.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v LINTZ ROVERS.

To be played at the Lintz Colliery. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, J Hunter; backs, D Cartmell and H O Foreman; half-backs, T Calvert, R Forster, and W Hagan; forwards, C Burnhope and T Forster, right wing; G Milburn, centre; G Forster and R Makepeace, left wing. Referee, Mr G Grey, Marley Hill.

CHESTER-LE-STREET LEAGUE.

OAKEY'S LILYWHITES RESERVE v PELTON FELL.

These teams meet at Pelton, when the following will do duty for the "Whites"—Goal, Thompson; backs, Shield and Chisholm; half-backs, Knotts, Welch, and Gailes; forwards, Collins, Potts, George, Masterman, and Wilson.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE.

LIZZIE CELTIC RESERVE v LINTZ ROVERS RESERVE.

This league match will be played on the Celtic ground, when the following will do duty for the Lintz Rovers Reserve—Goal, M Hayes; backs, B Boylan and M Middleton; half-backs, B Hughes, Picavance, and R Urwin; forwards, J Brown, Humble, Lamb, O McGinn, and Pyle.

TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS v BYER MOOR RESERVE.

This fixture will be brought off at Tanfield Lea, when the Cæsars will be selected from the following—M Jackson, J Sanders, W Christopher, J Milburn, J Christopher, W Fletcher, S Christopher, W Sanders, T Burns, J Ridley, J Stanton, T Brown, W Ridley, and T Irwin. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr J Morgan, Stanley.

KYO UNITED RESERVE v CRAGHEAD RANGERS RESERVE.

To be played at Kyo, when the following will do duty for the United—Goal, J Gallagher; backs, P Shield and W Donnelly; half-backs, A Stewart, W Foster, and S Parlett; forwards, W Park, S Evans, T Scorer, G Parlett, and G Riley. Referee, Mr D Wallace, Burnhope.

SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES v FLINT HILL ALBION.

At Dipton. The following will do duty for the Heroes—Goal, J Ridley; backs, W White and P Rafferty; half-backs, T Settrey, M Cain, and J Bird; forwards, J Adams, G Robson, R Ridley, T Blanch, and W Lawson.

LEADGATE EXILES v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.

The Exiles visit Stanley to-morrow to meet the Lilywhites. The Exiles team will be chosen from the following—H Callaghan, J Haggan, W McGee, T McGrachan, B Rogers, J O'Neil, J Hill, J Daly, J McMahon, P Hughes, J Monaghan, and W McKie.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v LANGLEY MOOR.

At Langley. The visiting team will be as following:—Full back, T Elliott; three-quarter backs, R Stobbs, J Brown (capt), W Laybourne, and Geo Hewitson; half-backs, R Renton and J Anderson; forwards, A Taylor, J Dawson, F Warwick, J Morgan, Davidson, Aitken, Brown, and Sandland.

ALLENDALE PARK v DIPTON WANDERERS RESERVE.

Allendale open out the season at home by playing the Wanderers' Reserve. The home team will include Gilliard, of Dipton, and Moonie, of Carfin Shamrock—brother to the Bury centre forward who created such a favourable impression at Sunderland. The team will be chosen from—T Bailey, R Charlton, M Hedley, B Moonie, T Walton (capt.), M Walton, W Longstaff, Gillender, Gilliard, Jno Walton, Jos Walton, J Robinson, and J Lynn. The Dipton team will be as follows—Goal, A Rouse; backs, W Thompson and R Spinks; half-backs, T Turpin, W Oliver, and T Anderson; forwards, A Black and T Watson, right wing; M Temple, centre; H Walker and J Brown, left wing. Kick-off at 3-15.

SPEN ALBION v HASWELL.

On the Haswell ground. Albion team—Goal, F Cox; backs, Carr and Short; half-backs, Bradley, Foster, and Robson; forwards, Irwin, J Laing, jun., J Laing, Mair, and Little.

LEADGATE EXILES JUNIORS v CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.—At Leadgate. Exiles' team—Goal, E Grant; backs, P Matthews and C McAloon; half backs, R Rogers, P Clark, and J Matthews; forwards, B Gleadow, P Doolan, T Toole (capt.), H Rogers, P Daly. Kick-off at 2.

SPEN ALBION RESERVE v LORAINE (NEWCASTLE).—The following team will represent the Spen—Goal, Dunn; backs, Barresford and W Cox; half-backs, Hogg, Johnson, and Birkett; forwards, Robinson, G Short, Craig, Williams, and Barrett.

CONSETT SWIFTS JUNIORS v BEAMISH WHITE STAR.—To be played at Beamish. The following will represent the Swifts—Goal, T Edwards; backs, A McAleer and D Marshall; half-backs, W Atkinson, P McArdle, and R Moore; forwards, J Noble, E Perry, A Robinson, J Finnighan, and W Walton.

CONSETT JUNIORS v SOUTH MEDOMSLEY HEROES.—At South Medomsley. The following will do duty for the visitors—Goal, Henderson; backs, D Robinson and J Lee; half-backs, W Peacock, T Dimmick, and J Griffiths; forwards, J Lee, J Morgan, J Longhorn, S Dimmick, and G Lewis.

LEADGATE EXILES 4TH v CONSETT SHAMROCKS RESERVE.—At Leadgate. Exiles' team—Goal, P Loughran; backs, M McHugh and J Costello; half-backs, R Cheesmond, T McAloon, and F McDonald; forwards, J Grant, M Muldowney, E Hogan, J Haggan; and P Hughes.

ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE v SHOTLEY BRIDGE RESERVE—At Shotley Bridge. Park team—Goal, E Lynop; backs, R Milligan (capt.) and W Longstaff (or W Clegg); half-backs, Trimbath, M Murphy, and J Steel; forwards, R Davison, J Stoker, J Calvert, J Longstaff, and J Davison. Kick-off at 3-15.

CONSETT SHAMROCKS v ELSWICK CLARENCE.—At Consett. Shamrocks' team—Goal, E Smith; backs, J Welsh and J Rafferty; half-backs, F Johnson, M Page, and H Rollins; forwards, J Grant, J Barner, A Roberts, T Marron, and J McGuckin. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr Wm McKeoun.

SOCIAL.

At the examination under the Coal Mines Regulation Act held at Darlington, in July last, Robert Allen, son of Joseph Allen, Delight Colliery, Dipton, R.S.O., obtained a second-class certificate of competency as under-manager of mines. He was tutored at the Durham College of Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne, under Professor J. H. Merivale, also Mr. T. A. Southern, Universal Mining School, Derby. 460s.

"The Windsor Magazine" for October will be welcomed by all. The articles are well selected and both fact and fiction are placed before the public in a most attractive style. Two serial stories entitled "The Grey Lady," "A Bid for Fortune"; The Widow of Piper's Point—"Buried Treasure,"—a story of Lloyd's—"The Romance of the American Greenback," and others equally good form a table of contents well worth perusal.

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ALLEGED WOUNDING WITH A SAW AT SACRISTON.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A MINER.

At the County Petty Sessions, held at Durham on Wednesday, before the Rev. A. W. Shafto (chairman) and other magistrates, a respectable looking miner, named Matthew McDonnell, was brought up in custody charged with having unlawfully wounded Dennis Brogan, at Sacriston, on Saturday, the 5th inst.—Supt. Burrell applied for a remand. He stated that the charge against the accused was one of striking the man Brogan on the face with a saw. Prosecutor had not yet recoved consciousness.—The remand was granted. Accused was admitted to bail.

TRADE NOTES.

WAGES OF DURHAM MINERS. LORD DAVEY'S AWARD.

The adjourned meeting of the Durham Mining Conciliation Board was held at the Station Hotel, York, on Friday afternoon to further consider the owner's demand for 7½ per cent. reduction in wages. The last meeting, on the 23rd ult., was adjourned to allow the men to produce additional evidence. Lord Davey, the umpire to the Board, presided, and there was a full attendance on both sides. Sir David Dale, Bart., and Mr. John Wilson, M.P., were the spokesmen for the respective parties. After a prolonged discussion, the umpire decided that wages be reduced by 2½ per cent., the reduction to take effect with the pays commencing on 7th and 14th October. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Lord Davey for his services.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE REDUCTION IN WAGES.

Considerable dissatisfaction prevailed among the miners of Durham county when the employers' demand for a reduction of a further 7½ per cent. in the men's wages followed so soon after Lord Davey's last award as umpire of the Conciliation Board. It was felt that the general trade of the country showed signs of improvement, and that, with the probability of a rising market in view, the application of the masters for a still further reduction was unwarranted. The result of the deliberations of the Conciliation Board has, therefore, been awaited with exceptionally keen interest, and even anxiety. If dissatisfaction existed on account of the demand for the reduction, it was only natural to expect that the decision in favour of the employers when made known would create widespread discontent. That a formidable measure of dissatisfaction does exist cannot be doubtel. The rules regulating the Board of Conciliation stipulate for strict confidence in regard to the proceedings of the Board, and information is therefore not divulged by either side. The leaders of the men have exercised particular care in this respect, and little beyond the bare result of the proceedings is generally known. Probably, if full information were before the county, the dissatisfaction which prevails would immediately disappear.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

MARRIAGES.

SMITH—DOBSON.—St. Patrick's Church, Spen, 9th inst., William Smith, of Swalwell, to Eliza Jane Dobson, of Rowlands Gill Station.

DARNEY—GARTH.—St. Andrew's Church, Stanley, on the 23rd ult., by Rev J. Crennell, John Darney to Mary Elizabeth Garth, both of Stanley.

DEATHS.

BATEY.—Mickley Square, 7th inst., aged 61, Edward Batey.

BROWN.—Greenhead, Stanhope, 5th inst., aged 67, Francis Brown.

CRAWHALL.—Crawleyside, Stanhope, 5th inst., aged 64, Jacob, son of the late Geo. Crawhall.

ELLIOTT.—Earsdon Village, 6th inst., aged 74, Mary, wife of the late Robert Elliott.

EDGAR.—At the residence of his son, 45, Ancrum Street, Spital Tongues, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 6th inst., aged 64, Thomas Edgar, late of Leadgate.

FORSTER.—Whitehill Terrace, Pelton Fell, 4th inst., Sarah Forster.

GARDNER.—Sheep Hill, aged 62, John Gardner.

HOOD.—High Spen, 6th inst., aged 82, Ann, wife of the late Thomas Hood.

HOWARD.—Pelton Fell, 2nd inst., aged 3 months, Hannah, daughter of William and Ann Howard.

PRINGLE.—John Street, Tanfield Lea, 5th inst., aged 63 years, Charles, third son of John and Ann Pringle.

PAULL.—Consett, at 8, Newmarket Street., 5th inst., aged 8 months, Violet, beloved child of Richard and Helena Louisa Paull. 477s

PURVIS.—Blackhill, 14, St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Benfieldside, on the 9th inst., aged 72, Ralph Henry Purvis, the beloved husband of Margaret Purvis. Interment at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, at 3 o'clock. Cortege to leave residence at 2-30 p.m. All friends kindly invited. 456s

PHILIPSON.—Leadgate, Front Street, 2nd inst., aged 38 years, William, dearly-beloved husband of Elizabeth Ann Philipson, late of Allenheads. 457s

McMANUS.—Dipton, 7th inst., Charles McManus.

MARSHALL.—Greenside, 5th inst., in her 93rd year, Mary, widow of the late Matthew Marshall.

NICHOLSON.—Furnace, Chester-le-Street, 5th inst., aged 38, Elizabeth, wife of John Nicholson.

NIXON.—Lintz Green, Low Farm, 3rd inst., aged 75, Ralph Nixon.

RICHARDSON.—Grange Villa, 7th inst., aged 2 years and 11 months, Eleanor, daughter of Mark and Isabella Jane Richardson.

RUTTER.—Edmondsley, 8th inst., Edward, eldest son of George and Dorothy Rutter.

STUART.—Birtley, Chapel House, 8th inst., aged 59, Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Stuart.

THORNE.—Oxhill, 5th inst., aged 13 years, Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Jane Isa. Thorne.

THOMPSON.—Dipton, South Medomsley Rows, 1st inst., aged 48, Ann, wife of William Thompson, late of Iveston.

TURNBULL.—Edinburgh, 16, Broughton Street, 7th inst., aged 23 years, Agnes Johnstone, eldest daughter of Wm. Turnbull, late of Bradley Cottages.

WHALEY.—West Stanley, 9th inst., aged 52, Joseph, husband of Isabella Whaley.

In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Margaret Walker, who died Oct. 10th, 1894, in her 75th year, at Medomsley Road, Consett.
"Gone from sight, but still to memory dear."

In affectionate remembrance of Thomas, the beloved son of James and Jane Henderson, of Eden Terrace, who died October 9th, 1890, aged 24 yeaas and 9 months.
"He's gone, the one we loved so dear."
486s His Sister.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Alice, beloved wife of John Nicholas Christopher, and daughter of James and Hannah Hardy, White-le-Head, who died on October 6th, 1894, aged 23 years.
"When dearest friends from each must part
And sorrow steals into the heart,
The depth of love no tongue can tell
That lingers in the last farewell."
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