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A Form of Tender will be supplied by the Board on application, and no Tender will be considered unless sent in on the prescribed Form.
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THE VOTE OF "NO" CONFIDENCE IN MR JONES, M.P.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In looking over the issue of last week's *Guardian*, I find there are several items touching the action of the Good Templars vote of no confidence in Mr Jones, M.P. I wish to show to "Old Crow," "Rambler" and "The Law," why we have so dealt with our member. I have read somewhere, that no man can serve two masters, yet we find that Mr Jones has been using his best endeavours to do this; for on his holiday tour in the North-West Durham Division, we see him one Sunday reading the word of God for one of the clergymen of the church of England, on another day we see him on a Wesleyan platform advocating temperance, and in the same week he is at Lanchester, doing his best to get a license to sell," what the Rev John Wesley termed, "Hell and Damnation." Now, Sir, I have heard of a boatman who once was in great danger. He began to pray thus: "O Lord, O Devil," "O Lord, O Devil," and being asked his reason for praying so, he said he was very anxious to keep in with both Lord and Devil. This, sir, is the reason the Good Templars have passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Jones. We are of opinion that he ought to have some principle to guide him; a principle of good and not of evil. True some will say it was his business as a professional man at the bar; but we think he ought to forego engagements where, is principle is at stake, and I think sir, a man, whoever he may be, that uses his influence to assist the drink traffic is not the man to represent this division in the House of Commons. The very men that Mr Jones was pleading for were the very men that did all they could to keep him out of Parliament, and seeing he opposed the temperance party at the Lanchester Brewster Sessions, we call on all temperance voters to band themselves together for the purpose of choosing a suitable candidate to represent them in Parliament. Yours &c.,

The Seconder.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In perusing the contents of last week's issue of your valuable paper, I was very pleased to find that the resolution of *no confidence* in Mr Atherley Jones has taken effect. As a Good Templar I wish to show to your readers, and to "Old Crow" the inconsistency of our member. We find Mr Jones on the public platform at a temperance meeting, on a Monday night, in the very centre of his constituents, advocating temperance, and saying that long before he represented North-West Durham he was on the side of temperance, and furthermore, he said something to the effect that the Direct Veto Bill would have passed had not the Temperance Party been so weak-kneed, but where do we find him on the Thursday? At Lanchester Brewster Sessions, advocating additional public houses in Stanley, and furthermore, the very application that he made for a license was only 16 yards from the Wesleyan Church, on whose platform he had been on the Monday at Consett! Now, sir, what we want is not only members to represent us in the House of Commons, but members who will not oppose us outside the House of Commons. It would have been much better, I think, had Mr Jones remained neutral, for we are quite sure he will lose some of his supporters at the next election. We have other men, less worthy of our sympathy than Mr Jones, in our very midst, who call themselves Radicals and representatives of the miners of this county, who are often found on our platform advocating one man one vote, and then found at a Brewster Sessions advocating additional licenses for men who admitted in the court that they were the owners of over 30 licenses, which, to every common sense man, from a political standpoint mean about 30 votes to one, to utilise against our views as temperance voters at the time of a parliamentary election; and seeing we have 90 per cent. of publicans on the Tory side; we ask the honest question, where is the principle of men who are our leaders, who stoop to such an action. Working men, see to have this rectified, and to have leaders who are out and out real Radicals, men who will do their uttermost for the interest of the working class.—In anticipation of an insertion, I remain, yours

The Mover.

[Other letters on the same subject have reached us, but these two are a fair sample.—Ed. *C.G.*]

SMALL-POX AT THE SPEN AND VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space to inform you that other two cases of small-pox have broken out in this district—one at The Spen, the other at Victoria Garesfield—and with your permission I will ask a few questions, because I am afraid there must have been a either a lack of caution at the hospital, or want of proper inspection of Ramsay's Houses.

1—Will our doctors tell me how long small-pox patients, even the mildest of cases, ought to be isolated?

2—When small-pox patients are leaving the hospital, are they allowed to come home with the same clothes on as they went with, and if so, is the patients' clothes thoroughly disinfected?

3—Should the clothes of patients suffering from an infectious disease be destroyed, as there is the same amount of infection on the clothes a patient wears as the bed he or she lies on?

4—Is it true that the patients', friends are allowed to go to the hospital with food?

5—Is it true that one of the attendants has been exposing himself in public, by calling at the Coal Burn public house at opening hours, and when people are in, to get whisky?

6—If it be true that one of the hospital attendants has exposed himself in public as reported, is he a proper person to have charge of an infectious diseases hospital?

7—Has proper caution been taken at Ramsay's Houses by the local authorities of the district? Have the ashpits and water-closets been thoroughly disinfected?—Yours truly,

Paul Pry.

STANHOPE CHURCH HARVEST FESTITAL.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In respect to the decorations at Stanhope Church at the harvest festival, which, this year, have been so charming and so neatly done, two or three names were missed out of the report, which should have been in. Knowing that you are always chivalrous to the ladies, I send you the names of the ladies, whose neat and artistic work was so much admired by the large company present:—Miss Hincks, Misses Pulleine, Miss Arnison, Miss Collingwood, Miss Maud Thompson, amd Miss Shaw, Middlesbro'. Said a church lady to me:—"You should not have missed out Miss Collingfrom your report, as she is one of our very best workers." I might also add that Mr J. Briggs, gardener to the Bishop of Richmond, did yeoman service for the ladies in bringing plants, &c. In future, I shall feel obliged for being supplied with proper lists of workers, as I feel it sometimes difficult to get a right list.

Correspondent

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS.

On Thursday se'nnight, Mr W. H. Ritson, returning officer, published the list of nominations for the above election. There are 12 candidates for five seats, viz.:—

*a*Clark, Thomas, Dipton, under-manager.
Close, James, East Pontop Colliery, deputy overman.
Eltringham, William, Catchgate, under-manager.
*a*Errington, John, Pontop View, Dipton, insurance agent.
Gatiss, Thomas, Curry's Square, Dipton, miner.
Johnson, Michael, Ewehurst Head, gentleman.
Murray, George, Dipton, merchant.
Robinson, George, South Medomsley Colliery, colliery manager.
Swalwell, Samuel, Dipton, tailor and draper.
*a*Taylor, John Wilkinson, Wesley Terrace, Dipton, printer.
Tuson, Richard, Dipton, clerk in holy orders.
*a*Young, William, Red Lion Inn, Dipton, innkeeper.
a These are the retiring members.

County Councillor J. A. Curry, one of the old members, and late chairman of the Board, does not offer himself for re-lection. The polling is fixed for Monday, 16th inst.

None of the candidates have withdrawn within the specified time, and all will therefore go to the poll. The polling places will be at the Greencroft Board School, Catchgate, for that part of the parish lying to the east of Pontop Pike Lane, and south of Fondley Sett Lane, including Catchgate, Cornwall, Hare Law, Loud Cottages, East Castle, and Rasenside; and at Collierley Board School, Dipton, for the remainder of the parish.

THE WEEK.

PRESS AND PULPIT.

Although that man would have an enviably sanguine disposition who could look for any striking practical outcome from a discussion at the Church Congress of so hackneyed a theme as the relations between "The Church and the Press," there is considerable use in a friendly talk, by way of helping each to see itself as the other sees it. Especially is this the case when the journalistic side is presented by so thoughtful and experienced a journalist as Mr. Thackray Bunce, and when the clergy are wise enough to recognise that the obligations of newspapers are not bounded by the interests of any section or of one form of belief. They already give very large attention to all matters connected with the religious world. They would probably give more if the spokesmen for that world managed to put what they have to say in more vivid and less sectarian shape. To the clergy of the Church of England there is especially due acknowledgment of the fact that they have learnt that it is possible to be earnest without being sanctimonious, and to express their beliefs in a manner not repugnant to cultured ears. It is not necessary, indeed it is most undesirable, that teachers of religion should imbibe the spirit of the world, but they can, in making themselves living examples of the truths they preach, so conform to the conventionalities of the world as to commend their message to those they wish to reach. There is a good deal still to be done in the way of making their appeals attractive instead of repellent, and if an exchange of views with enlightened and sympathetic journalists like Mr. Bunce helps to this, some hours of the Church Congress will have been as usefully spent as in flaunting the disunion in their church in the faces of those who are fatuously running after that will-o'-th'-wisp known as the reunion of all churches. Because it seems to us that the Press in its natural evolution under the stress and strain of public opinion may be to the clergy of far more value than if it set itself to discuss theology and to make itself a distinctly religious teacher. The Press is the public. The tone of the newspapers is the tone the people, as a mass, require. For our own part we should rejoice to see our national Press higher, purer, healthier in tone. But the chief cause for satisfaction would be this indication that public opinion was at last rising out of grovelling sloughs to a realising of the dignities and sanities of life. And we should be ashamed of our profession if we did not believe that the bread tendency of the Press, with all its shortcomings and failures to rise to the height of its opportunities, is nevertheless elevating the people and a power for good.

THE "REV." TOM MANN.

How much more interesting and sensational life is than novels! And what a chance Mr. Besant (ho seems on first thoughts the man to have done it) has missed by not imagining the proposal of Mr. Tom Mann to quit the business of agitator in the Labour world for the profession of the Church. Some people, we observe, are writing as though Mr. Mann had already taken the great step. At the time at which we are writing he has not even resolved upon doing so. He only has the step in contemplation. He seems, nevertheless, to be much bent in that direction, and we shall not be surprised to see him in the "cloth" soon enough. One critic says that Mr. Mann as a parson would be "a calamity for both Labour and the Church." We cannot quite see that it would be a calamity for either one or the other. The claims of Labour would not lose an advocate. They would, on the contrary, be advocated with fresh force in a sphere in which they are not too often heard. And the cause of the Church—regarding the term as inclusive of the higher interests of the Christian community at large—could scarcely suffer much at the hands of a man who confesses that from his boyhood up he has been "of a strongly religious nature and disposition." Still, the dovecots of the strictly orthodox Church are not unnaturally fluttered a little, inasmuch as everybody understands that Mr. Tom Mann does not propose to turn parson for a mere living, like the conventional "fool of the family," who swallows the Thirty-nine Articles that he may swallow thereafter his daily bread. A stalwart reformer in social economics, Mr. Mann would be no less a reformer in matters ecclesiastical. He regrets "that so great an organisation as the Episcopalian Church should be on the side of plutocracy and against the people." His policy as a parson is indirectly foreshadowed there. For ourselves, we should much like to see and acknowledge a clerical Tom Mann. We should regard him as a novel and very interesting experiment; and we should expect the experiment to prove successful in many pregnant respects. We do not in the least agree with the writer in an evening contemporary who says that the clergyman, "for the time being, ceases to be a national man, and becomes a parochial man." He may do so, of course; but, for the man who enters the Church in the right spirit, the merely parochial needs cannot live long amid the claims of the national ones. The parson whose horizon is limited by his own church steeple is not the man wanted to-day.

RUSSIAN NIHILISTS.

Sophie Wassileff has brought to an end her "Memoirs of a Female Nihilist," which have formed by far the most interesting contributions to the *Idler* during some months past. Although her five years of exile expired a long while ago, it is but recently that she found herself back in European Russia. Russian political prisoners do not cease to be prisoners when they have served out their sentences, as Sophie Wassileff learned on the expiration of her term. The police found pretexts, as they always do in these cases, to delay her return from year to year, and even when she got back into the semi-civilisation of European Russia she found that she was by no means a free woman. This system of harassing their ex-political prisoners, at which the police and spies of the Czar are adepts, does not tend to wear down that sense of animosity which their daily treatment in exile keeps alive in the breasts of the Nihilists; and it is little surprising that, notwithstanding their memories of a cruel past, they turn to plotting anew immediately on their release. Sophie Wassileff is probably a more ardent and determined Nihilist now than she was at the time of her first arrest, years ago; and hers is the kind of example that is continually urging the discontented subjects of the purblind Czar to fresh efforts in the revolutionary cause. "Republic! Constitution! That is our dream," she still cries; and, barely sent forth from her cell, she says, "I am in relation with the local revolutionary society, and attend the meetings." This, on the part of one who represents herself as dogged by spies at every step, and whose second punishment, should she be taken again, would be a good deal worse than the first, gives a vivid idea of the spirit that animates the Nihilist party throughout the length and breadth of Russia. Nothing cows this party, nothing checks its continuous, silent movement. "Drawn together by the same education, the same situation, the same endless suspicion, there are in every city or town certain 'sets' or divisions of society apart. These circles are connected all over the country, and have centres at St. Petersburg and Moscow, that in the capital being the headquarters of our socialism." Almost every kind of meeting is forbidden in Russia to-day, but these invincible conspirators find means of coming together, of communicating from a distance, of printing papers, and distributing pamphlets. The terrorism which is the general and daily condition of their lives does not restrain them; and the Government, which punishes and persecutes relentlessly, seems every year to grow more helpless in their hands.

Trade Notes.

COAL TRADE IN DURHAM.

The pressing demand for coal at the surrounding collieries is stated to be much in excess of what can be supplied. At some pits, the heaps in stock are fast diminishing in order to supply the trade. Coke is likewise in equal demand. Trucks belonging to the Midlands are to be noticed by the casual observer waiting for supply on every hand, while great activity prevails.

THE DISTRESS AT BLACKHILL.

THE NORTHERN AND MIDLAND SLIDING SCALE.

On Monday afternoon, a largely attended meeting of the men connected with the Consett Tinmill Works was held in the open air near the blacksmith's shop, Mr Wm. Maund (Consett) a member of the Council of the Associated Iron and Steelworkers, presiding. It was explained by the chairman and Mr Henry Lodge (the delegate) that the works had only been in operation four days out of seven weeks, and there was a considerable amount of distress in consequence prevailing in the district. It was impossible for the Consett Iron Company to restart the works till they could get a proper supply of water, and the firm had been obliged to refuse some orders. It was resolved to form a committee of twelve to wait upon the management for pecuniary aid, and also to ask the members of the Consett and Benfieldside Local Board to assist by providing relief work, or by other means. The committee met on Tuesday morning to begin operations. Mr Lodge next broached the question of the proposed amalgamation of the Northern and the Midland Ironworkers'sliding scales, and pointed out that if this plan had been carried into effect some years ago the North of England men would have been in a better position by 2½ per cent. than they were at the present time. After some discussion the meeting agreed, by a unanimous vote, to authorise their delegate to vote in favour of the amalgamation of the two scales, at the next meeting of the Board of Arbitration. A vote of thanks having been passed to the chairman the company dispersed.

Sporting Items.

A quoit match has been arranged to take place at Hill Top, Dipton, between J Laws, of Cronniwell, and J Cranston, of Burnopfield, for £20 a-side.

The quoit match between John Wigham, of Westwood, and Wm. Holmes, of Clough Dene, for £20, announced to take place near the house of Mr John Minto, Miners' Arms, Medomsley, on Saturday, did not come off in consequence of the illness of Holmes.

Quoit Match at Blackhall Mill.—On Saturday afternoon there was a large attendance of spectators in the quoit ground attached to the house of Mr W H Stonehouse, Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, to witness a match between J Waters, of Throckley, and D Dyers, of Burnopfield, for £10 a-side. Betting: 5 to 4 on Dyers, who won. Score:—Dyers (5 start) 41, Waters 36. Mr J Blackburn acted as referee.

The East Stanley Pigeon Club's flying competition over a distance of two miles, resulted as under:—W. Dodds's Give Him Fire, 2min 37sec, 1; J. Beckwith's Young Fullerton, 2min 37sec, 2; M Moxon's Sure to Win, 2min 38sec, 3. Timer, J. Emmerson, starter, R. Purvis.

Rabbit Coursing at Burnopfield.—A rabbit coursing sweep, promoted by Mr T. White, who added £1 for small dogs, with an entry of 3s 6d per lot, was decided on Saturday afternoon in a field connected with the Queen's Head Inn, Burnopfield. Details:—First round—Carr's Shield Row Pet beat Wood's Small Port, Porteous's Ducket Lad beat Wright's Sweep, Shield Row Pet (2nd lot) beat Cawthorne's Jolly, Graham's Derwent Lad beat Carr's Stanley Lass, Derwent Lad (2nd lot) beat Jolly (2nd lot), Reay's Get Her Share beat Small Port (2nd lot.) Second round—Ducket Lad beat Shield Row Pet, Shield Row Pet (2nd lot) beat Derwent Lad, Derwent Lad (2nd lot) beat Get Her Share. Third round—Derwent Lad beat Shield Row Pet, Ducket Lad a bye. In the final Derwent Lad and Ducket Lad divided. Mr J Davison was referee, and Mr J Fenwick pistol-firer.

Pigeon Flying at Cornsay Colliery.—On Saturday week, the pigeon match promoted from White House to the respective dove-cots, at Cornsay, was successfully brought off amidst a large number of spectators, for £5, with 5s entrance of each bird added to the sweep. Distance, 1½ miles. There was an entrance of 10 birds. Result:—Ben Anderson's Swift, 1 min. 35 secs., 1; N Walker's Ghost, 1 min. 40 secs., 2; Jno. Richard's Blue Hen, 1 min. 43 secs., 3. Jno Sproates was stakeholder and referee.

Consett and North-West Durham Racing Company, Limited.—A meeting of the subscribers to the "memorandum of association" of the above company was held on Thursday se'nnight, at the Railway Hotel, Consett, under the presidency of Councillor Richard Murray, Benfieldside House. Several formal matters relating to the commencement of the business of the company were disposed of, and the company's seal was affixed to the share certificates. Correspondence with Messrs Weatherby with reference to the rules, under the auspices of which the company should be held was considered. Messrs Weatherby stating that the Jockey Club would not be agreeable to races being held alternately under the National Hunt Rules and the British Rules. The matter was referred to the consideration of the directors intended to be appointed at the first statutory meeting of the company. The arrangements for the dates of the fixtures was also referred to the same meeting, which must be held within four months from the incorporation of the company. The lease of the racecourse on the Carribees Estate was officially sealed. The company acquires the ground on a ten years' lease from the 23rd November next, and are empowered to hold not more than three meetings every year. Since the last meeting several applications for shares have been forthcoming, and were allotted in accordance with the applications. This was all the business.

The Straight Tip for the winner is anxiously sought for prior to any of our great races, and the joy or sorrow of the recipients is largely measured by the amount of money they afterwards win or lose. There is no uncertainty, however, or anguished suspense, as to the result of using Holloway's Pills and Ointment. After a fair trial the gain is sure and great. The Pills, taken occasionally in prescribed doses, keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials. The Ointment is a grand remedy for the removal of rheumatic pains, wounds, sores, ulcers, cuts, or bruises.

Drunkeness Cured.—A Wealthy American Lady whose only son for years was a slave to Intemperance, Nervous Depression and Exhausted Vitality, after seeking in vain for a cure, and trying all known remedies, at last found a simple means that cured and saved him from a drunkard's grave. Anyone suffering or desiring to help others in this worthy cause, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Mr James Holland, 25 Hart Street, High Holborn, London, will receive all information, free of charge. Mention this paper

"ROUGH ON CORNS."—Ask Chemists, Perfumers, or Grocers for "Wells' Rough on Corns." Quick, complete permanent cure for hard or soft corns, warts, bunions. 6d. and 1s. bottles.

The Unemployed in East London.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism 306

DON'T DIE IN THE HOUSE.—"Rough on Rats," clears out rats, mice, beetles, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, Chipmunks, gophers 7½d. and 1s. boxes at Chemists

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THE SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF AN EAST CASTLE MINER.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

ACQUITTAL OF P.C. LAMBERT.

On Wednesday, at Mrs Elizabeth Ward's, Jolly Drover's Inn, Redwell Hills, Mr John Graham, district coroner, resumed the inquiry into circumstances attending the death of Patrick Murray, aged 34, a miner, living at Old Row, East Castle Colliery, who died on Saturday week from the effects of injuries received at Leadgate, a week previously. Mr Thomas Lambert, Gateshead, appeared on behalf of P.C. Lambert, a member of the Durham County Police Force, and Mr J. McCartan (Consett), represented the relatives of the deceased. Supt. P. G. Benzies, Consett, and Rev Father Magill, Brooms, also watched the proceedings.

Thomas Hardy, miner, 38 Front Street, Leadgate, said that about 20 minutes to 11 o'clock on the night in question, he saw several men congregated about the corner end of Front Street. P.C. Lambert was standing between the Coach and Horses and the Queen's Head public-houses. There was a drunken man standing in front of Lambert in a fighting attitude. He was swearing at the officer, but witness could not catch what the man said. He never saw Murray strike Lambert, but the latter told the man to go off home, but he refused. Lambert advised him to go away a second time, but the man persisted in staying. Lambert turned round and pushed Murray, who fell over on his back upon the road. When the man fell, witness walked to the corner-end, and on returning, he saw the man in a sitting position with his back against the wall. He next observed Walaer and one or two more carrying Murray away.

By the Coroner: He would not like to say what Lambert's condition was with regard to being drunk or sober.

Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: The only thing he saw Lambert do was to give Murray a push; but the policeman made no attempt to pick him up. The officer walked over to the big lamp. Murray gave a low moan after he fell.

In reply to Mr Lambert, witness said if any blows had been given he would have been near enough to have seen or heard them. He had heard drunken men fall down and snore or moan, although there might be nothing the matter with them. The moan the man gave when he fell down was just the ordinary moan of a tipsy person. Deceased was excited and quarrelsome. Lambert kept his temper well, considering the way Murray was going on.

By the jury: It was not extremely light, but sufficient to see what transpired. The man might lie 5 minutes before he was lifted up.

John Snaith, landlord of the Queen's Head Inn, Leadgate, spoke to Murray coming into the bar at 10 o'clock the same night. There did not seem to be much the matter with him for drink, but he was a little excited. Murray had a small whiskey and small soda in the Queen's Head. He was with a man called Thomas Connolly, who left Murray in the house. He was shouting and mischievious. Murray began to quarrel with some people who were in the bar about the match. Witness told him that he would either have to use better language or go outside. He gave a saucy word to him back, and then went out. Witness did not see him again that night. Lambert was in the Queen's Head a little before Murray entered. He was not the least affected with drink. Witness next saw the policeman a little before 11 o'clock, and he (Snaith) could not perceive any difference in him. He was then quite sober.

Cross-questioned by Mr McCartan: There might be 20 or 25 people in the bar. Murray was arguing with anybody who might be willing to give him a word. There was no fighting, but some hot words passed, and that was the reason witness ordered him out of the bar. The policeman had nothing to drink in his house on either occasions. Murray did not seem to be drunk. A strange policeman came into the house just before closing time. The man Connelly was sober. They were arguing mostly about dogs before that.

By Mr Lambert: Murray was in such a state as to be wanting to "take anybody on."

Margaret Kinleside, wife of the post-master in Leadgate, deposed that the post office was almost opposite the Queen's Head Hotel. On Saturday night, 23rd Sept., she was standing in her doorway about 10·30. It was a bright beautiful night. The moon was out, but the big lamp was not lighted that night. There was a crowd of 20 people standing in a circle on the two public-houses, and some 15 or 16 yards from where she stood. There was no talking or any disturbance. Witness never heard a word said. Her impression was that there was one person in the middle showing the others something as they were looking over each other's shoulders. She (Mrs Kinleside), heard a blow struck. The crowd opened out, and a man fell upon the ground. It was clearly after the blow that the man fell. Another man raised Murray upon his feet, and the crowd closed in as before. Witness heard another blow, and the crowd parted again, and a man once more tumbled upon the ground. He fell simultaneously with the blow. The blow was heard before the man came in contact with the ground. During the time nothing was said. After Murray dropped down, however, witness thought a man knelt down and loosened his neck-tie. The man lay on the ground, perhaps, a couple of minutes. Subsequently the man was assisted upon his feet and the crowd closed the third time. They moved nearer hand where she was standing. Mrs Kinleyside heard another blow—she thought a heavy one, because it sounded bright and clear. The man fell again, and the people round about left him going upon the roadway for two or three minutes. Witness did not hear one word from beginning to end, except the blows and the falls. Her son came up at the time, and at her request helped to carry him upon the footpath. The last occasion the man fell about four yards from the kerbstone. Murray never stirred after he fell. She did not see the policeman come upon the scene after the man fell the third time.

Cross-examined by Mr Lambert, witness said that she did not see the crowd first assemble. She did not distinguish one of the persons that was there. It was light enough to see anyone in uniform, but she did not perceive Lambert there at all. Murray was inside the crowd, and he was the only man she saw fall. She had not been previously acquainted with him. She did not see Murray before he fell. Witness did not notice who was near Murray, although she would have every opportunity of observing when the crowd opened out. There were no cries of "shame" by the bystanders. She did not take any more interest in the man when he fell the second time. Witness could not say whether it was the same man or not. She did not think it was the policeman who fell down the second time. The man seemed less than P.C. Lambert. Witness did not think she would see the policeman even if he had been there. When the third blow was given, she felt sorry for the man. It was Murray who fell on the third occasion, because he was the person that was carried on to the pavement. She did recognise the man who fell the third time, and expected it was the same person who was knocked down the first and second times. No policeman seemed to be taking an active part.

The Coroner said that Lambert was a tall man, and must have towered above the rest of the crowd. He must confess that he was surprised that witness said she failed to see the policeman.

Witness stated that she was so sorry for the man that she did not take much notice of the rest of the crowd. She did not see the blows dealt.

Further questioned, witness said that a woman called Dolly Stobbs came to her and said the man had got a good blow, and she supposed the policeman had done it. Witness might perhaps ask Mrs Stobbs what was the matter. She might want to know the reason of these blows being struck.

Mr Lambert: What was the reason?—Witness: I really cannot say. Curiosity, perhaps.

Re-examined: The man fell first in the direction of Redwell Hills; the second and second falls were towards their door. There was no doubt that the man who fell the third time was Murray. It was the same man, she expected, that fell each time.

Cornelius McAloon, miner, of 195, Sunderland Street, Leadgate, testified that he was a staunch teetotaller. Coming down to the barber's shop about 10·30 on the Saturday night, he observed a crowd of men standing opposite the Queen's Head public-house. He heard a noise amongst them. He listened and heard a blow struck, and ran forward. On arriving at the spot, he saw Murray lying on his back upon the ground, and P.C. Lambert had hold of him by the coat collar, and was pulling him up. Lambert said "If it's fighting you want, you b——, I'll give you plenty of it." Murray was sitting down. Lambert had his foot down to give the man a kick, and witness stopped him and said "That man's got plenty, whoever he is." Lambert said to him, "Cornelius, that man struck me first. He hasn't got half enough." The policeman pulled Murray upon his feet, and Murray staggered back about two yards and then fell on his back upon the middle of the road, in the direction of Mrs Kinleside's doorway. Lambert walked away about 30 yards towards the corner end, and the man lay two or three minutes, till some men carried him as far as the footpath. When the man was on the footpath the policeman came up, and a match was struck. Lambert said "That isn't the man I struck; he's an old man that." Lambert was drunk. The crowd were saying "Go home, George," and that looked as if the man was drunk. The second reason was that he did not know the man he was "on" with; and thirdly, he smelt of drink.

By Mr Lambert: He dared say that Murray was drunk. The smell he distinguished between the two was the policeman's. It was a dark night. People at the other side of the street could not see what witness saw. There was no ring at all—the crowd was scattered about. The barber's shop was 33 yards away. He heard a noisy quarrel. The crowd was getting excited when they shouted "Go home, George." Anyone round about could hear 20 or 30 yards off. Anyone standing at the Post-office could have heard it. Lambert seemed to be put about, but was not much vexed. His hat had been knocked off. All that were gathered around heard what Lambert had to say. He supposed that those standing at the Post-office would hear him say to Lambert "Hold on; the man has had enough." He might have had some talk with Wm. Hunter about this matter. He never told Hunter, however, that he knew nothing about it, as he was in the barber's shop at the time. He could not tell what he said about the business. The witnesses already called were present in the crowd.

By the jury: He had never said that previous to this occurrence Murray had been badly used by four or five other men.

By the Coroner: He could not tell where Lambert's helmet was, but saw him afterwards with it on. There was a good deal of noise and excitement going on. Three or four voices were calling out, "Go home, George."

Peter Hughes, miner, 50, Plantation Street, Leadgate, said that he was walking down the street with James Monaghan on the Saturday night referred to, and observing a group of men standing in the middle of the road, between the Coach and Horses and the Post Office, they went up and saw P.C. Lambert emerge from the crowd and go as far as the barbar's shop. Witness having made enquiries, went over to Lambert, and told him that he should have locked the man up. He also asked "Why did you strike the man?" and the officer replied, "I'll do the same to you." Lambert made an attempt to strike him, but drew back again. Murray had been removed a little nearer the flags when he returned the second time. The policeman came over to where Murray was lying and said, "That's not the man I hit." An interval of about seven or eight minutes might then have elapsed. Witness considered that Lambert was rather the worse for drink—first, because the officer and himself were on friendly terms, and if he had been sober Lambert would not have threatened him; and secondly, because the officer staggered.

By Mr Lambert: It might be a matter of unnecessary impertenence for him to interfere with police in the discharge of his duty, but he thought he had a right to question the officer concerning what he had done.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that Lambert had his helmet on when he got up. McAloon was not speaking to him, nor did he hear the crowd say, "Go home, George."

James Donnelly, also a miner, of North Cross Street, Leadgate, attested that he was standing at Luke Nicholson's shop corner, and he saw Murray lying upon the ground. Lambert was holding him by the collar, and shoved him over upon his back before he went away. Witness heard two or three groans when the man fell upon his back. He also heard Peter Hughes shout to Lambert "that he would hear more about this." The policeman was drunk and staggering out.

By Mr Lambert: The policeman was mortal drunk, and rolling about from one side of the road to the other. The gas lamp was not lighted. He did not hear anyone telling the policeman to go home. Hughes was shouting in a high tone and in an angry mood to Lambert when he was standing near the barber's shop. Anyone standing at the Post Office could have heard what was said.

James Roberts, 205, Green Street, Leadgate, swore that Lambert came up to him at the Coach and Horses corner and said, "I have laid one b—— out to night, and I wish I had laid another one." Lambert was not sober.

By Mr Lambert: Another policeman went into Snaith's about the same time, but did not see Lambert. Some men asked Lambert "what fettle?" and then he used the expression attributed to him.

Francis Bell Graham, M.B., &c., said: On Sept. 24th, I was called to see deceased about 11 a.m. at the residence of Mr Walker, St. Ives' Road. I found the man partially unconscious, his pupils equal, and right arm and leg paralysed. On his brow and nose there was a contused wound, which seemed to be the result of a fall on a rough surface. On the right lumbar region there was a bruise three inches broad. The man was removed to Bantling Castle as soon as possible, and the same afternoon I had a consultation with Dr Renton and Dr Dawson as to the advisibility of an operation to relieve the apparent pressure on the left side of the brain. It was thought better not to perform the operation. On the 26th, I had a consultation with Dr Allen, and again it was determined not to operate. From this date the man gradually got worse, the bruise on the right lumbar region developing into a bedsore; coma set in, and the man died on the 30th September. A *post-mortem* was performed with Dr Allan on October 2nd. External appearance: *Post-mortem* lividity fairly well marked; pupils equal; on right lumbar region a large bedsore was present; a large bruise on the left testicle; abrasions over the central part of the brow and nose, with deep cut at the inner angle of the left orbit. Thorax or throat: Signs of old plurisy in the right pleura; calcelarous deposits at the base of left lung, otherwise the lungs were normal. Heart: Valves normal; muscular wall of left ventricle soft and flabby. Abdomen: The intestines, stomach, liver, and kidneys were normal. Cranium: On exposing the bone an extravasation of blood was found over the left parietal bone, extending backward, with slight effusions of blood into the left temporal muscle. On removing the bone, which was fractured, a clot of blood weighing 3ozs. was found lying over the motor area of the brain on the left side. The source of the blood was from the left middle artery, which was torn across at the seat of the fracture. On raising the clot, the convolutions of the brain were found very much flattened. On the right side of the brain there was a slight effusion of blood, with some laceration of the frontal lobes of the brain. The ventricles of the brain were free from effusion. Examination of the bone: A fracture of the left parietal bone (which was fairly thin) was present beneath the upper attachment of the left temporal muscle. The fracture was not depressed, but ran as a crack backwards and slightly upwards for six inches, through both plates of the parietal bone, along its lower border, and then bent at an acute angle upwards and forwards for two inches through the internal plate, and three-quarter-of-an-inch through both plates of the left parietal bone. Opinion as to cause of death: Violence applied to the left side of the cranium, producing fracture of the bone, rupture of blood vessels, effusion of blood, and formation of a clot which pressed in and abolished the functions of the brain. The same violence cause laceration of the opposite side of the brain, which would be a factor in the cause of death. In my opinion the fracture of the bone would be produced by a fall. If it were caused by a blow from a blunt instrument the fracture would be depressed, and may be composed. My reasons for believing that the fracture was produced by a fall are:—1st, the fracture was not depressed; 2nd, the bone was cracked, which, in my opinion, proves that the force which fractured the bone was widespread; 3rd, a blow from any blunt instrument is localised, and tends to drive what it comes in contact with directly inwards. Thus if the injury had been caused by a blow of this kind the fracture would be depressed, more localised, and the soft parts over the fracture would be bruised.

By Mr McCartan: There was no bruise over the back part of the head. A fall on the back of the head would not cause a fracture of that kind. It was quite possible for the man to fall with the side of his head upon the ground. The skull was not fractured. There was no external sign of any injury over the seat of the fracture.

Dr. Allen, Shotley Bridge, confirmed the evidence of Dr. Graham in the *post-mortem* examination in whiah he assisted, and his theories agreed in the main as to the cause of death. He would not be so positive, however, as Dr. Graham, in thinking that the cause of the injury was attributable to a fall and nothing else. The injuries found were due to some violence acting directly on the left side of the head. As there was no superficial injury on the left side of the head, or any depression of the bone, this violence, in Dr. Allen's opinion, was due to the head coming in contact with some large flat surface. As an instance of what he meant—a sudden fall against the ground would do it. The fracture and haemorage on the left side due to direct injury on that side, The hemorhage and laceration on the right side, being indirectly attributable to the same force.

Interrogated by Mr McCartan, witness said he saw Murray whilst he was alive. He was then paralysed on the right side and arm. The pressure and blood under the fracture of the left side of the brain caused the paralysis of the right. There was no mark on the skin on the left side of the head. He would not like to be so positive about the injury being caused by a fall. One strong blow was sufficient to account for all the injuries the man sustained.

By the Jury: The blow could not be done by a man's fist or a baton. He did not consider the man's life would have been spared even if medical aid had been obtained on Saturday night.

In reply to the Coroner witness explained tha the bruise on the buttock might have been caused by the same fall as occasioned the fracture of the skull.

Mr T. Longstaff said the Local Board did not give instructions for the Brays lamps at the road ends to do lighted that particular night, and Mr J. Hogan averred that it was not lit.

The Coroner, summing up, said this case required very great care and deliberation, in order to arrive at a just decision, The jury must not be influenced by what they have heard outside, or give undue weight to the evidence adduced for either party. From what he knew of the jurymen, however, they were superior to such considerations and, no doubt, would deal with the matter in an unbiassed and unprejudiced manner. In the first place they had overwhelming proof that Murray was intoxicated and quarrelsome. Regarding the policeman's condition, 13 witnesses deposed that he was quite sober, and six that he was either mortal drunk, intoxicated, the worse for drink, or had a glass or two. Their reasons for this supposition were so flimsy and weak that they might be dismissed without serious consideration. It was important, however, as affecting the policeman's future career that the jury should determine whether the officer was drunk or sober. Lambert had done his best to get the man off home, and probably if there had been a police station at Leadgate, he would have been locked up. It was a pity the policeman should be exposed single handed in a place like Leadgate on a "pay" Saturday night to all the trouble and danger of taking prisoners all the way to Consett. The County Council was quite rich enough to provide a lock-up there. It was also an indiscreet thing for persons to interfere with the police in the execution of their duty. If they exceeded their duties, it was an easy matter to report to the proper quarters, and the culprit would be dealt with according to his merits. The Coroner considered that Lambert exercised great patience and forbearance in his attitude towards this man, and was justified in what he had done in self-defence. If Murray had only got Lambert down, it was quite possible that they would have been holding an inquest into the death of the constable. Mr Graham reviewed the evidence at much length, and pointed out that while the statements of the witnesses on behalf of the police were quite straightforward and agreed in all essential particulars, there were serious discrepancies in the testimony adduced on the other side. They must dismiss from their minds any suggestion that the baton had been used at all.

The jury, after three-quarter-of-an-hour's deliberation, brought in the following verdict:—"That on the 30th September, Patrick Murray died from an effusion of the blood on the brain, and fracture of the parietal bone, resulting from an accidental fall on the road at Leadgate on the 23rd of September. That P.C. Lambert did not exceed his duty, and by pushing Murray on the road he was merely acting in self-defence; and the jury further agree that Lambert was sober."

Mr McCartan, on behalf of the relatives of the deceased, expressed his obligations to the jurymen for the patient and impartial way in which they had discharged their duties, and said they never entertained the opinion that P.C. Lambert exceeded his duty. What looked like a mystery, however, had been cleared up to the satisfaction of everybody concerned.

Mr Lambert wished to remove a wrong impression with reference to certain statements he made about Councillor Winter in regard to the case. He put certain questions to a witness which had tended to injure Mr Winter's reputation, and he unreservedly withdrew anything that might have hurt that gentleman's feelings, and felt sure that Mr Winter had fulfilled his duty in an impartial and unbiassed manner.

The Coroner remarked that nothing would be further from Mr Lambert's thoughts than to make imputations against what anyone had said or done out of doors. He thought that thanks were due to the jury for the painstaking attention and time devoted to the inquiry, and its satisfactory termination.

FROSTERLEY.

Social Evenings.—On Saturday evening, a supper and entertainment was held in the old Wesleyan Chapel, Frosterley, under the auspices of the Frosterly Men's Bible Class. The band was present, and discoursed selections of music. Fruit was also served at intervals. Mr T. Tallentine exhibited his wonderful models. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Entertainment at Frosterley.—A very successful band of hope entertainment was held in the Bridge End schoolroom, Frosterley, on Saturday night. The large room was crowded.

WOLSINGHAM.

Revision Court.—At this Court held on Wednesday week, the Conservatives are believed to have a slight gain on the lodger list.—At the close Mr R. G. Wooler, in a suitable speech, complimented the Assistant-Overseer on the manner in which the lists had been compiled, and the Revising Barrister agreed with him that the lists had been most carefully prepared.

Boys sent to Gaol.—At Wolsingham on Tuesday, Joseph W. Bell (15), and Adam Spence (15), were sent to prison for one month for stealing two pigeons, value 5s, the property of Richard Little, of Tow Law. When arrested prisoners had some carrots in their pockets, which they had purloined from a garden, and they were handed over to the police by another man who found them in his cowbyre.

ESH COLLIERY.

It is stated that another death has occurred through Typhoid fever at Esh Colliery, on Monday, while a number of cases are stated to have been in the district.

Ruptures.—White's Moc-Main Lever Trusses is the most effective invention for the treatment of Hernia. The use of a steel spring, so hurtful in its effects, is avoided, a soft bandage being worn round body, while the requisite resisting power is supplied by the Moc-Main Pad and Patent lever, fitting with so much ease and closeness that it cannot be detected Send for descriptive catalogue with testimonials & Prices to J. White and Co. (Limited), Piccadilly, London. Do not buy of Chemists, who often sell you Imatations of our Moc-main. J White and Co. have no any agents.

A Card.—An Important Discovery is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, kidney diseases, and kindred complaints. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico. The Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope. Mention this paper

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5th, 1893.—Before J. W. WALTON-WILSON, Esq. (presiding), the Hon. J. G. P. VEREKER, EDMUND BALLENY, Esq., and WM. LOGAN, Esq.

GAME TRESPASS.

Joseph Telford and *William Elliott*, ironworkers, both of Dale Street, Blackhill, and *John Hann*, of West Row, Blackhill, appeared to answer a charge of trespassing in pursuit of game on Miss Taylor-Smith's estate at Colepike, near Lanchester.—The gamekeeper spoke to seeing the defendants leave some rabbit holes, and on overtaking the men on the highway, he escorted them into the harness-room, where he kept them till the arrival of Inspector Daly. The men were searched, and two ferrets, 17 nets, and seven rabbits were found in their possession. They were brought to Consett, and their proper names ascertained.—Mr W. H. Oliver (Durham) defended, and said that as the keeper did not get the men on the land, he had no right to stop them upon the high road.—The Justices considered this a very bad case, and fined the defendants £2 each and costs, or the alternative of a month's hard labour.

William Turner, miner, Esh, for trespassing on land in the occupation of the Ushaw College authorities, was mulcted in a penalty of 10s and costs.

A QUEER DOG CASE.

George Smettem, miner, Dolman's Cottages, Lanchester, was charged by P.C. Robinson with keeping two dogs without a license.—The officer said he called on the 1st Sept., and saw defendant's wife, who said they had one dog, and produced a license for it. On leaving the house, he perceived a second dog enter Smettem's dwelling. Witness re-visited the house, and asked the wife if she had two licenses, and she answered that they only possessed one. On coming away on the third occasion, Robinson saw another dog go into defendant's house. (Laughter.)—Defendant acknowledged keeping one dog (a pup) without a license; but called evidence to show that the third dog (a greyhound) belonged to John Macdonald, Kyo Lane.—Defendant was fined 7s 6d and costs, amounting to 18s in all.

CLOSING AN INSANITARY HOUSE.

The Bench, on the application of Mr J. E. Parker, the inspector to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, issued an order for the closing of a small house in the occupation of Mr Campion and family at Cornsay village, and belonging to Mrs Brownbridge, of Hedley Hill, on the ground that the house was insanitary, and not fit for human habitation.

CHARGE OF BIGAMY AGAINST A WOMAN.

Margaret Reynoldson, a married woman, of East Stanley, was charged with committing bigamy. Mr F. Harle (Chester-le-Street) appeared to prosecute, while Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended.

Henry Williams, miner, Catchgate, said that on the 8th October, 1887, he was present at the Register Office, Lanchester, when Joseph Chapman, of Catchgate, miner, was married to Margaret Reynoldson, spinster, of Greencroft Cottages. Mr W. Thompson, the deputy-registrar of marriages, and Mr R. Walton, the deputy supt.-registrar, officiated at the wedding. Defendant was the woman referred to, and Chapman was still alive. Witness produced a copy of the certificate of the marriage bearing date of the 8th Oct., 1887.

In reply to Mr Welford, witness said he was still living at Catchgate, and Margaret Chapman had been living at Greencroft. He believed they resided six months together after they were married, and then she went back to her mother. Witness heard that her husband struck her with a jacket on the side of the face, and she went home direct.

Defendant: I did not.

George Ridley, registrar, West Stanley, proved that he was present at the Primitive Methodist Chapel when Margaret Chapman (who went under the name of Reynoldson) went through the form of marriage with Andrew Stewart, the Rev T. Archer, Primitive Methodist minister, performing the ceremony. Defendant was the person who was married to Stewart. Witness produced a copy of the marriage certificate, dated 14th July, 1893.

Sergt. J. Liddell deposed that when he served the summons upon the defendant, she said "My husband knew perfectly well what I had done. During the time I lived with him, he was continually ill-treating me, and after I had left him, he never subscribed one penny towards my maintenance. I quite expected the summons coming, as he has been making his "brags" what he was going to do."

For the defence, Elizabeth McKie, a single woman, living at Whickham, was called, and said that on the 22nd Dec., 1888, she was with Mrs Margt. Chapman. At about 6·30 p.m., Joseph Chapman came in, and told his wife to go home, as he would not maintain her. He declared that if she did not go home he would do that to her, drawing the *Police News* across his throat. Witness was there on the 23rd, when he said to his wife that if she "didn't get out he would kick both her and witness out. He had got new toe-plates and heel-plates on his boots, and if they did not go out he would kick them out." She had lived with her parents since then.

Cross-examined by Mr Harle: The house was a nice little one to live in. The house was not provided with food. Witness carried some down from her mother's on the Friday. She was only in defendant's house three days altogether. Neither party agreed very well.

Robert Reynoldson, waggonway man, West Stanley, the defendant's father, testified that after his daughter was married to Chapman they lived with them for 13 months. During that period, he had seen Chapman ill-use his wife. About four months after they were married, he saw Chapman nipping defendant by the neck till her face was black and blue. Witness threatened to pitch him out if he did not treat his daughter well. The husband went upon his knees and begged his pardon, and witness told him that he would have to treat his daughter better than that. The parties left his house and went to reside in a house of their own. She came back, however, within a fortnight, and was confined at witness's house. He had to find everything for his daughter, and still had the child.

The accused was committed for trial at the Assizes, bail being accepted.

ADULTERATION OF VINEGAR.

IMPORTANT CASES.

Mrs Gray, shopkeeper, South Moor, was summoned for selling pure malt vinegar, which on analysis was found to contain 50 per cent. of diluted acetic acid, coloured and flavoured to resemble malt vinegar, the real malt vinegar present not amounting to one-half of the entire sample. Mr Iliff (Sunderland) appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Durham County Council, Mr H. Wilson (Newcastle) defended, while Mr Simpson (from Mr Lambert's office, Gateshead) represented the wholesale firm whose name was introduced in the proceedings. Mr B. Scott Elder, the chief inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, also watched the cases.

Mr Iliff, in his opening remarks, said that at one time there was a very strong conflict of opinion between the middle man, who supplied the vinegar, and the wholesale firm; the latter at first disputing Mr Stock's certificate, and gave them notice to call the analyst. They also received a letter from the defendant, intimating that she intended to produce a legal warranty in respect of the vinegar in question, but on the 2nd October a further communication was received from Mrs Gray, to the effect that she would not plead the warranty. He (Mr Iliff) understood that the wholesale merchants intended to fight the case, but since then he had received a letter from their London solicitors setting forth that they were not satisfied that the vinegar remains in the cask was their stuff. The third portion of the sample taken, and left with the defendant, having been broken, the firm withdrew their notice requesting him to call Mr Stock, and had asked Mr Lambert to watch the case on their behalf. Mr Iliff said that if their Worships were satisfied that defendant was not so much to blame as the people wo supplied the vinegar to her, then the County Council inspectors would take whatever course the Magistrates might deem necessary to punish the defaulting parties.

John William Wilson, assistant to Mr Laidler, spoke to purchasing the vinegar from Thomasina Gray (defendant's daughter) on the 15th August. He asked for "a pint of malt vinegar."

James Laidler, inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, deposed to forwarding the samples to Mr W. F. K. Stock, and produced the copy of his analysis as above.

Mr Williams said that the wholesale firm intended to defend the case, but had withdrawn from their position at the last moment.

Mr Simpson said the reason they had not defended the charge was because the firm had satisfied themselves that the vinegar was not theirs.

Thomas Simpson, of the firm of Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson, chemists, Newcastle-on-Tyne, said that they had supplied vinegar to Mrs Gray for the past 18 years. The vinegar they sent to defendant on the present occasion belonged to the firm in question, and prior to the institution of these proceedings they kept no other vinegar in stock. They received large consignments of 20, 30, or 50 casks.

Edwin Bell, who has been in the employment of Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson for six or seven years, gave evidence that on the 27th July, a dozen casks, belonging this particular wholesale firm came in to their establishment. On the 31st July, a cask was sent to Mrs Gray. The bungs had not been tampered with, and each cask had the firm's label thereon (copies of which had been taken off returned casks, and were now produced). The vinegar did not belong to any other firm, this being the only vinegar they had in the place at the time.

Robert Bethony, a cartman in the service of Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson for the past 13 years, proved the delivery of one of the casks, which had not been tampered with, of this wholesale firm's vinegar, on the 31st July.

Miss Gray, a daughter of the defendant, testified that the vinegar was sold precisely in the same state as it was received from the previous witness. She accidentally broke the sample bottle left by Mr Laidler as she was reaching some things off the shelf, but another sample, supplied to Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson, was taken from the same cask. The vinegar had not been tampered with in any shape or form, and the wholesale firm's label was on the cask when it was delivered.

Miss Thomasina Gray, another daughter, swore that she supplied the vinegar to Mr Laidler's assistant from the cask sent by Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson. They kept no other vinegar in stock.

Edward Smith, a nephew of Mrs Gray's, proved tapping the vinegar cask. There was nothing wrong with it, and the vinegar was sold in precisely the same condition as they received it from Messrs Wilkinson and Simpson.

Mr Simpson said that his clients emphatically repudiated the allegations that the vinegar was the article they had supplied. They were prepared, in the first instance, to defend the case, but when they applied for the sample bottle, it had unfortunately been broken, and on testing the sample subsequently sent, they had sufficient proof that the vinegar was not theirs. The wholesale firm had had a sample of their vinegar analysed by Messrs Allen and Haymer, the well-known experts, of Sheffield, and it was found to be absolutely pure.

Mr Iliff explained that the evidence already tendered did not mean that the Bench need acquit the defendant, but would only tend to the mitigation of the penalty. With reference to the sample being broken, there was the third sample before their Worships, which would have been analysed at Somerset House, if Mr Stock's certificate had been disputed.

The Magistrates considered the case proven, and imposed a fine of 40s and costs.

William Dodds, manager of the Craghead Co-operative Stores, was similarly charged, Mr Iliff remarking that this vinegar was found to be adulterated to the extent of 50 per cent., and strange to say, the vinegar had also come from the same wholesale firm, although supplied through different agents—Messrs Johnson and Dodds, 20, Bigg Market, Newcastle. Defendant had given notice that he intended to produce a written warranty from Messrs Johnson and Dodds that the article was invoiced to him as pure malt vinegar. As soon as that guarantee was proved, he (Mr Iliff) should ask their Worships to dismiss the summons, and to impound the warranty, so that the County Council would be in a position to prosecute the proper parties, under another section of the Act.

Evidence having been given by J. W. Wilson that he purchased the vinegar on the 15th August,

Defendant produced the written warranty he had got from Messrs Johnson and Dodds, Newcastle. Since these proceedings had been instituted, he had been getting vinegar from Messrs Hill and Underwoods.

The Magistrates, in view of the warranty produced, dismissed the summons.

ASSAULT ON A BOY.

William Stephenson, a boy, was charged with having assaulted another boy named Francis J. R. Claughan by striking him at Cornsay Colliery on Sept. 10th.—The Bench considered it a trivial offence, and merely imposed a fine of 1s and costs.

ANOTHER DOG LICENSE CASE.

William Miller, of Cornsay Colliery, was charged by P.C. Newton with keeping a dog without a license and was fined 7s 6d and costs.

ADULTERATION OF SPIRITS.

James Wilson, innkeeper, South Moor, was charged by Inspector Laidler, with using too much water with his rum. Mr J. G. Murray, who defended, stated that the test used by defendant had not gauged the strength correctly, and had misled Wilson.—A fine of £1 and costs was imposed.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Joseph Gainford, James Hallegan, Joseph Smith, Charles Keegan, Thomas Forstir, James Fitzpatrick, Michael Hall, Joseph Cooper, George Hindson, George Hall, George Million, Robert Appleby, Thomas Bell, and Robert Elliott, all miners, were summoned by P.C. Stubbs for playing at pitch and toss at South Moor on the 24th ult. The officer said he watched the group for some time, and he saw money change hands.—Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) defended, and a witness, in reply to questions, said the men were gambling on a piece of ground adjoining the highway, and which belonged to the South Moor Coal Company. It was public property, although the land was railed in twelve months ago.—For the defence, William Thompson, denied that the men were playing at pitch and toss. They were merely standing about for their own amusement. Witness further denied that the ground was public property, but belonged to Mr Wilkinson, of New Acres Bank.—Defendants were fined 10s and 7s 6d each, and the costs.

SECOND COURT.

Before the Hon. J. G. P. VEREKER (presiding), and and EDMUND BALLENY, Esq.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF HORSE AND CART.

Michael Ellensworth, hawker, Stoney Heap, was summoned by P.C. Robinson, for being intoxicated whilst in charge of a horse and cart at Lanchester, on the 26th ult., and was fined 10s and costs.

David Todd, fish hawker, South Shields, was prosecuted by P.C. Weightman, for having been guilty of a like offence, committed at Annfield Plain, on Sept. 18th, and was similarly dealt with.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

John Johnson, Henry Bell, Joseph Gourley, Joy Douglass, and John Gurgan, masons and labourers, appeared to answer a charge, preferred against them by P.C. Robinson, of causing wilful damage to grass, the property of Mrs Margaret Nicholson, Manor House Farm, Lanchester, on the 16th Sept.—Defendants were fined 10s each and costs, with the exception of Bell, who was let off on payment of half that amount, together with 1d damages.

John Maddison, of Burnhope Colliery, mason, was charged by P.C. Jameson with wilfully damaging grass the property of Joseph Wake, Burnhope, on the 9th of last month, was mulcted in a penalty of 5s, besides 1d damage and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Smith and *Joseph Cooke*, charged by P.C. Stubbs with fighting at South Moor, were bound over for the space of six months, and ordered to defray the costs.

Benjamin Todd and *Edward Graham* having been fighting at Annfield Plain, were dealt with in the same manner.

A SQUABBLE AT HOLMSIDE.

Ellen Amers and *Agnes Gardner*, married women, were both charged by Jane Carter with threatening her at Holmside on the 11th Sept.—Complainant deposed that Amers came to her door and declared that she would stick a knife into her. Gardner also used a similar threat.—The defendants denied the allegation, and the case was dismissed.

EDUCATION ACT.

Daniel Donaghey, was summoned by Seymore Meddick, at the instance of the Tanfield School Board, for not sending his children to school.—An attendance order was made in this instance.

A similar case preferred against *John Halliday*, was adjourned for 14 days.

George Hindson, whose case was adjourned from a preceding court, now called Dr. Ingram-Johnson, of South Moor, to prove that his child was not able to attend school, and the summons was accordingly dismissed.

POOR LAW ACT.

Richard Nanberorrs, miner, Annfield Plain, was ordered to pay 6s a week towards the maintenance of his wife, who has become chargeable to the Lanchester Union.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7TH.—Before F. W. Glyn.

WANTON DESTRUCTION.

A lazy-looking fellow named *William Taylor*, of no fixed residence, was brought up charged with destroying his clothes while in the casual ward of Lanchester Workhouse.—He was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, October 9th.—Before Coun. JAS. ANNANDALE (chairman) and W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq.

FEMALE TIPPLERS.

Rose Carrol, residing in William Street, Consett, was summoned by P.C. Catterick for being drunk at Consett, on the 30th ult.—Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Jesse Campbell was charged by P.C. Atkinson with a similar offence at White-le-Head, on the 19th ult.—The usual fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

A PUBLICAN REFUSES TO SERVE A BOTTLE OF SODA WATER.

William Craggs and *John Richardson*, miners, were proceeded against for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Mr Nicholas Carrick, The Leazes, Burnopfield, on the 16th ult.—Prosecutor stated that Richardson was not one of the men that refused to leave his house when requested.—The Chairman: Are you sure?—Prosecutor: I am positive.—P.C. Pemberson: I am certain he was one of the men.—(Laughter.)—The Chairman: The case against Richardson will be withdrawn.—With regard to Craggs, prosecutor attested that the defendant came into the house and ordered a bottle of soda water. He refused to fill it, because he was the worse for liquor, and he then declared that he would take the house, as he cared for no man. Craggs was ordered to leave the premises, but he refused to go.—Defendant was fined 5s and 7s costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Winter and *George Butler* were accused of a breach of the peace by fighting in Newmarket Street, Consett, on the 30th ult. Winter pleaded guilty, whilst Butler alleged that he only struck in self-defence.—P.C. Rispin averred that he came across the defendants, who were engaged in a stand-up fight.—Supt. Benzies corroborated.—Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay 7s 6d costs.

NEIGHBOURS' FRACAS AT WHITE-LE-HEAD.

WHY DON'T THE COLLIERY OFFICIALS PART THEM?

A considerable amount of time was wasted by the investigation of a number of summonses with reference to a most trumpery affair, in which neighbours had differed through a police court case, which was decided a month ago.

The first charge was one charging *John Atthey* with threatening the life of William Kelly, on the 30th ult.

Complainant stated that when he was going home he met defendant, who threatened to break his neck, and he did not care a b——. If he did not do it then he would do it some other time. He was afraid of defendant, and the latter sent the children to throw stones and bricks at him.

Defendant declared that he never used the threat, or even attempted to touch the man.

Thomas Gibson said that he was in Robson's public-house when he saw complainant come and stare right in the defendant's face in a very insulting manner, and said that he would see him at Consett on Monday.

The Chairman said it was a most trumpery case, and would be dismissed, complainant to pay the costs.

John Kelly, brother of the last complainant, was charged with assaulting John Atthey, on the same evening. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Complainant stated that when he was near his own garden fence, defendant came up and dealt him a blow on the shoulder.

Mary Bowes said she saw the blow struck by Kelly.

Defendant said he was going home with his brother, when he heard Atthey using threats, and say "Here you b——, I am here." He asked him what was the matter. Atthey replied that it was his brother he wanted to be at, and he might say that they were glad to get into the house through the violence of Atthey. He never assaulted the man yet.

Fred Wilson, David Kelly, and Margaret Doolan adduced similar testimony.

The Chairman said this was another most trumpery case, and ought never to have been brought into that Court. The summons would, therefore, be dismissed, the costs (12s) to be defrayed between the two parties.

David Kelly was next accused of assaulting Margaret Atthey at the same time and place. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said that he would not demean himself to strike either a girl or a woman.

Complainant stated that whilst the disturbance was going on, defendant struck her on the face, causing her nose to bleed.

After other evidence, in which it was pointed out that defendant really acted the part of peace-maker in getting his father and uncle into the house, the Magistrates dismissed the case, complainant to pay 13s costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

John Hall and *Richard Jenkins*, ironworkers, of Consett, appeared to answer a charge of trespassing on the Woodlands Estate, near Knitsley, the property of Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., in search of conies, on the 1st inst. Defendants pleaded guilty.—Thomas Stephenson, gamekeeper, deposed that on this particular afternoon, about five o'clock, he was coming from Lanchester, and on the road near to Woodlands he saw a man standing on the road, which aroused his suspicions. On going into the wood he found the two defendants with a ferret and nets at a rabbit-hole. The men at first refused to give their names, and after a struggle he brought them to Woodlands Hall.—John George Wood, an ex-school teacher, Consett, alleged that he was in company with the last witness. On arriving at Lanchester Wood Gate, he saw a man standing on the road, amusing himself with a stick. Presently the man whistled, and then he (witness) jumped off the trap ran into the wood, and saw the two defendants. One of the defendants had a rabbit in his possession, and was busily employed at a rabbit-hole. The defendants at first refused to give their names.—The Chairman: Has this witness been acting as a sort of amateur detective?—Mr Haansbergen: Oh no. Mr Wood, along with another young man, was returning with Stephenson from Lanchester Church, having been at a christening.—(Laughter.)—Mr Haansbergen stated that of late he had been very much troubled with poachers, especially on the Sunday afternoon, and he desired to have them stopped.—Defendants were fined 20s and 11s 6d each costs.—Hall: What about my ferret; how can I get possession of it?—The Chairman: We have nothing to do with that.—Hall: But they have no right to keep the ferret.—The Chairman: We can't help you.—The men had to be removed from the dock by some of the sergeants before they would leave the precincts of the building.

ANOTHER TRESPASS CASE: DOGS AFTER A HARE.

John Price and *Henry Calligan*, ironworkers, also of Consett, were summoned for being on land near to Howen's Gill Bridge, the property of the Consett Iron Company, in pursuit of game, on the 25th ult. Defendants pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr J. McCartan (Consett).—P.C. Bradley deposed that on the day in question, about 3·30 p.m., he saw the two defendants on the aforementioned land, between Knitsley Farm and the Consett Junction. They had two dogs with them, and one of the animals, a fox terrier, rose a hare, and the dogs gave chase. While the dogs were running the hare, the men were busily engaged watching them, by running up and down the footpath.—Cross-examined by Mr McCartan, the officer said the land would be 300 yards from the bridge. He was on the Templetown railway when he saw the defendants. He would be about 200 yards away from the men. There was a footpath running through the field. The defendants hounded the dogs after the hare. He met the men at Consett Junction, and inquired about the dogs, and the men replied the animals had followed them, and hoped he (the officer) would not say anything about the matter. He told the defendants that when the dogs came back, they should have secured them, and not allowed them to hunt further.—In answer to Mr Van Haansbergen, the officer said he was not sure whether the footpath was a public one or not.—Mr McCartan said that what the officer had said about the defendants being in the field with the dogs was perfectly correct. The animals had followed the men into the country, and when walking up this particular field a hare crossed over the footpath, and the dogs gave chase. They never incited the dogs, and it was quite clear that the officer took the same view of the case when he asked why the men had not the dogs in leaders. The men were not bound to do this so long as they did not incite the animals, or go off the footpath in pursuit of game. The men did not go into the country with any intention of committing a breach of the Act. The dogs followed them, and when the hare passed, they called the dogs back; but it was of no avail.—Robert Eccles said he was one of the four men the officer spoke to near Consett Junction. He was out for a walk in the direction of Knitsley Farm, when he saw a dog run into a field after a hare. The defendants, to his knowledge, never incited the animals to follow the hare. They met the officer, and Price said it was true that the dogs did run after the hare, but they did not encourage the animals.—Defendants were found guilty and fined 20s and 8s costs.

EXPOSING FIREWORKS.

Several tradespeople were summoned for exposing fireworks for sale.—P.C. Humphrey proved the cases.—The various parties contended that what they had done was in ignorance of the law, and said that when they renewed their licenses instructions ought to have been given that such was not allowed.—The Bench dismissed the cases with a caution, and the payment of costs.

LARCENY BY A FARM SERVANT GIRL.

Hannah Little (18), a servant girl, formerly in the employ of Mrs Jane Callender, of the Leazes Farm, Burnopfield, was proceeded against for having stolen certain articles of jewellery, the property of her mistress, on the 18th and 25th of September. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr T. W. Welford (Consett).

Prosecutrix deposed that she was a widow, and lived at Leazes Farm, Burnopfield. The prisoner entered her service as servant on the 14th August, 1893. On the 18th September she missed several articles, including black jet trimmings from her room. She looked into the prisoner's dress pocket and into her drawers, and found the jet trimmings, also a black beaded guard, a jet bracelet, and a gold ring and case. She valued the articles at £1 13s 0d. She called the prisoner upstairs and charged her with the offence, and cautioned her not to do so again. On the 25th ult., she missed other articles from her bedroom She again examined prisoner's room and found in her dress pocket a jet brooch, ivory brooch, and a jet necklace, which were her property. She valued the same at 10s.

Cross-examined by Mr Welford: Prosecutrix said it was not a fact that the only thing found in the girl's pocket was the beads. She never told prisoner to put the beads on or the white tie when going to church. The prisoner did not give her notice to leave on account of the conduct of one of her sons. The prisoner was not accused of setting fire to a stack of hay. For the first offence she warned the prisoner. She went and told her mother, and the latter said that she would have to come home. The charge had not been made against the girl simply because she had made the complaint that her son was too familiar with her.

P.C. Pemberton averred that from information received he proceeded to Mrs Callender's farmstead, and then went in search of prisoner. He apprehended her at Lintz Colliery, and charged her, in the presence of Sergt. Thornton, at his house, with having stolen the articles (produced) on the 18th and 25th of September. Prisoner replied: "I got them, and am guilty of that. They were found in my pocket."

Mr Welford said that he had five characters in his possession which went to show that the prisoner had been an honest girl, and a good worker. Her parents were very respectable people. In answer to the charge, he had to say that all the articles were kept in the room where the prisoner slept. The beads were found in prisoner's working dress pocket through a mistake. The reason the girl was ordered home was through one of the prosecutrix's sons attempting to take liberties with the girl. If this charge had been withdrawn they would never have heard anything about this offence. There had also been a charge made against the girl that she had set the stack of hay on fire. The girl did not run away for the offence, and was waiting to receive her wages (£1 4s 0d) on this particular morning, when the charge was made against her.

Mary Little, mother, adduced that prosecutrix came to see her on the 25th, and enquired what prisoner was going to leave her service for. Witness replied: "Her time was up," and told Mrs Callender it was on account of her sons, and people were talking about it. Mrs Callender then said she would not get her daughter back as easily as she expected, and told about finding the beads in her pocket, and the other articles in her room. Mrs Callender afterwards mentioned about the stack of hay being fired, and prisoner was blamed for the same.

Mr Welford asked their worships to be as lenient as possible with the girl, and to take into consideration the previous good character the girl had possessed.

The Chairman said the Magistrates had taken into consideration the prisoner's previous good character, and the plea set up by her solicitor. In the usual way she would in all probability have been sent to prison if it had not been for the character she possessed for the past eight years. However, they had decided that she should come up for judgment when called upon, and to give two sureties of £20 each for her good conduct in the future. At the same time, she would have £1 16s 8d costs to defray.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, [illegible] dairy cows and heifers, 42 fat cattle, 15 store cattle, 6 calves, 480 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £21; fat cattle to £16; store cattle to £7 10s; fat black-faced ewes to 24s—top, Mr Stephenson; fat mule ewes, to 29s 3d—top, Mr Stephenson, Westgate; fat mule lambs, to 27s—top Mr T. Stobbs, Hare Law.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr Murray had forward on Monday, a large supply of stock, for which there was a good demand, and although there was no advance in prices, everything was sold out. 17 fat cattle, to £15 15s—top, the Derwent Flour Mill Farm; 25 young cattle (principally black polled), £4 to £6 15s; 10 cows, to £13 15s; 225 sheep, to 35s 6d; lambs, 32s 6d; 5 calves, to 60s; 2 pork pigs, to 50s; 36 young pigs, 18s to 33s 6d. A large quantity of poultry, harness, stackyard ladders, and other sundries were also disposed of at fair prices. An extra large company of buyers was present, and trade good throughout the whole sale.

CATCHGATE.—On Wednesday se'nnight, Mr J. S. Murray held a clearance sale for Mr T. Bainbridge who is clearing out the whole of his live stock &c., when there was a large muster of farm dealers. There was a capital demand, and a keen competition. The following are a few of the prices:—sets of harness, 25s to 57s 6d; coup carts, £6 12s 6d to £7 7s 6d; riding saddles, to 35s; bridles, 5s to 9s 6d; pigs, 19s to 38s; pork pigs, £3 to £4 10s; stirks, 60s each; cows, to £11; heifers, to £6 5s; horses, £10 5s, £14, and £16; mule lambs, 15s; foal by Evan, £11.

LANCHESTER.—Messrs Green and Dowson had forward on Monday, 23 cows calved and to calve; 19 fat cattle; 180 fat sheep and lambs. Cows from £10, up to £17; fat cattle made from £10 10s, to £15; geld cows from £6 7s 6d, to £11 10s. Fat sheep and lambs sold well. There was a fair attendance of buyers.

UNITARIAN CHRISTIANITY.

LECTURE AT CONSETT.

On Tuesday evening, Mr W. H. Lambelle, the well known Unitarian lecturer, of Newcastle, commenced a series of lectures explaining the principles of "Unitarian Christianity," in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. There was only a moderate company present. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Carrick, Blackfine.

The CHAIRMAN briefly introduced the lecturer, and regretted very much that Mr Lambelle was unable to be at Consett last Tuesday, through missing the train at Newcastle, to deliver his first of the series of lectures. The first one "Unitarian Christianity. what it is, and what it is not," would now have to be missed, and they were assembled together to hear the lecturer explain his views on "Unitarian Christianity, the faith of the old Testament," (Applause.)

The LECTURER, at the outset offered an apology for having lost the train last Tuesday. He had for the last 20 years stood on the public platform, and it was the first time that he had ever missed an appointment; he could say that it was not his fault that such did occur last Tuesday. He left home in good time to get the train, but owing to the congested state of the traffic at the Central Station, through the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to the north, it was utterly impossible for him to get anywhere near the train. He wished to state that he was not present in opposition to the other churches, and he was not there to denounce any man's doctrine, and say that the faith he believed in was right; but he was there to hold up his faith, and would do so to the best of his ability, at the same time saying nothing that would hurt the feelings of anyone. They should discuss the question in good spirit, knowing they were Christians, and although they might hold different opinions they would agree to differ. The ground to be covered in a full argument was too extensive for one lecture, hence they would only be able to look at the subject as a whole. The chief points throughout the lecture were as follows:—Distinguishing characteristics of Trinitarians and Unitarians. The inquiry as to which is taught in the Old Testament. Two methods:—1, Examination of successive revelations of the Divine Will. This too extensive for space of lecture. More suitable for private study. 2, A condensed view of the multitudinous passages in the Jewish Scriptures, which have a direct bearing upon the subject. This shorter method more convenient, can only present a mere selection of each passage. Passages quoted. Direct testimony to Oneness of God. This is not denied by Unitarians who maintain that hints and intimations only of a Trinity are to be found. Use and meaning of term *Jehovah*. Forms and modes of address. Use of pronouns. Forms of worship in the Old Testament. Arguments to prove Trinity. Elshini and Adononi. Use of plurals to mark dignity of rank. Calvin's note on this. Summary and conclusion.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the lecture.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had at Robt. Jackson's bookseller, Front Street and 20 Newmarket Street, Consett

CONSETT COUNTY COURT.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4th.—Before His Honour E. J. Meynell (Judge.)

DISOBEYING A SUBPŒNA.

RICHARDSON v OXLEY.—Wm. Richardson, draper, proceeded against Robert Oxley, Consett, on a judgment summons.—Plaintiff said that he had subpœned the wife, Mary Ann Oxley, ~~but she~~ had not attended.—His Honour: Why have you subpœned her?—Plaintiff: Because the business of a fruiterer is carried on in her name, and defendant was in his wife's service.—His Honour: Was any conduct money paid?—The Registrar: Yes, 1s.—The Judge said he could not make an order without the necessary evidence.—Plaintiff: But she was subpœned two months ago, and did not appear.—His Honour: Very well, subpœne the wife again, and if she does not come I will fine her.

SEQUEL TO AN ASSIZE ACTION.

HAGAN v COCKBURN.—Margaret Hannah Hagan, a married woman, sought to recover £18 5s 0d from Jas. Cockburn, labourer, of No. 56, Park Road, Blackhill, being 96 weeks rent of the house he has been occupying for some years.

Mr Wynne-Parry (Gateshead) appeared for plaintiff, and explained that she was the heiress-at-law to the late Samuel Simpson, who was her father. As the result of an action tried at Newcastle Assizes in the spring of this year, Mrs Hagan was appointed administratrix. The rents were originally paid to Mr Simpson; there was an interval when the money was paid to a Mrs Bell; but from the 20th February to the present time they had been collected by plaintiff's son. The reason Cockburn declined to pay the arrears was because he had not received anything for his attendance at the Newcastle Assizes as a witness; but in the particulars of the claim His Honour would see that they had allowed him 19s for his two days' attendance.

His Honour: Then she is claiming as administratrix?—Mr Parry: No; as direct heiress-at-law.

Plaintiff having given evidence in support of the claim, His Honour asked: Have you become owner of the premises?—Plaintiff: I am deceased's daughter.

His Honour: That may be, but that does not prove that you are his heir. I have no proof that Samuel Simpson was ever the owner of this house.

Plaintiff said that Simpson died on March 10th, 1890, and at his decease she took out letters of administration in respect to the estate.

His Honour: This rent sued for has accrued since your father's death. Was Cockburn in possession when your father died?—Plaintiff: Yes. The rent was 4s a week. My son has since gathered the rents.

C. H. Simpson, plaintiff's son, living at Hebburn-on-Tyne, said he had collected the rents from Cockburn since the settlement of the action. He also gathered one fortnight's rent previous to April 13th, 1891. He had likewise got the rents from 25th of last February till about five weeks ago.

By His Honour: Defendant never refused to pay him. When he asked him about the payment of the back rent during the time litigation was proceeding, defendant said he would see what the rest of the tenants did before he did anything.

By the defendant: He had looked after the money from the 26th April, 1891, to the 20th February, this year, but had not paid the rates (which were included in the rents), because he had not received any rent to pay the taxes with.

John Capstaff, a clerk in Messrs Dix and Warlow's offices, Newcastle, proved the service of the notice upon Cockburn to pay rent in future to Messrs Dix and Warlow. With reference to the arrears due, defendant promised to write making an offer with regard to payment.

His Honour: I have not yet discovered plaintiff's title to the property.

Mr Parry: She is heiress-at-law.

His Honour: The notice produced is hardly in proper form, and is by Geo. W. Simpson. Where is the will of the late Mr Simpson?—Mr Parry: He died intestate.

His Honour: But this document does not say so.

Mr Parry said there was an action—Hopper v Simpson—tried at the Newcastle Assizes, and Mrs Hagan was appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Samuel Simpson.

His Honour: I must have proof that there was no will, and it there is a will I must see how the property was left.

Mr Parry: Plaintiff has taken out letters of administration respecting her father's estate.

The Judge: That doesn't prove that she is heiress-at-law.

Mr Capstaff explained that the action tried at the Assizes was to prove that there was a will subsequent to the one mentioned.

His Honour: That only makes your case worse. Instead of there being no will there seems to have been two wills.

Eventually, the case was adjourned for further evidence, and His Honour advised Cockburn to defend the action and obtain legal advice at the next Court. There were some very difficult questions arising in this case.

Similar actions against Stephen Billings and Robt. Oxley were similarly postponed, defendants' expenses being allowed.

HIRE OF AN ORGAN.

GRAY BROS. v DAGLISH.—Gray Bros., of West Stanley, musical instrument dealers, sued John Daglish, of Annfield Plain, for £1 17s 0d, for hire of an organ.—Mr Leadbitter (Catchgate) was for plaintiff, and Mr Welford (Consett) for defendant.—Robt. Armstrong, an agent of the firm, went into the witness box and produced an agreement; but as he could not prove the signature thereon, plaintiffs were non-suited.

A DEFAULTING LODGER.

BALKIN v. RICHARDSON.—William, Balkin preferred an action against James Richardson, a mason, for 38s, for board and lodging.—Mrs Balkin said defendant lodged at their home for a month, but only paid 12s, one week's board and lodging.—Defendant said he paid all the money, when plaintiff and another person came and turned him out of the house.—Verdict for plaintiff for 38s.

RATHER TOO SHARP.

BUCKWOLD v. MURRAY.—Henry Buckwold, general dealer, Newcastle, sued John Murray, miner, near Dipton, for goods sold and delivered in June last.—Plaintiff said the agreement was to pay 2s 6d a month; but as there was only some 13s owing at present, and plaintiff claiming for the full amount, the Judge struck out the case.—Plaintiff: He refuses to pay anything.—His Honour: Well, but you have no right to sue for more than is due.

DISPUTE AT A PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH.

STEPHENSON v. JACKSON.—William Stephenson, miner, of Poplar Street, South Moor, sued John Jackson, stoneman, of Scott's Houses, West Stanley, for the recovery of £10. Mr T. W. Welford appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr G. Leadbitter, jun. (Catchgate), defended.

Plaintiff deposed that on the 8th May last, a match was made between his son, John William Stephenson, and A. Jewitt, to shoot at eleven pigeons each, in a field at Annfield Plain, for £10 a-side. The conditions were 21 yards rise, and 60 yards fall, the gun to be held below the elbow. Defendant was appointed stakeholder, and plaintiff gave him £10 on behalf of his son. At the eighth shot, a dispute arose, Jewitt being called back for holding the gun too high. Robert Smith, plaintiff's umpire, said the gun was not held right. The result was that the match was not shot off. Plaintiff told the other party that if they did not shoot over again, the match should not proceed any further that day. The other side, however, did not agree to this course, and plaintiff accordingly applied to Jackson for his stake money to be returned, and if he could not see his way to do that just then, he was not to pay the money over to the other party. Defendant said he would have to see further into the matter before he decided. He had not recovered the money from Jackson, nor could he obtain satisfaction from him. Defendant had told some persons that he still held the stake.

Cross-questioned by Mr Leadbitter: There was no arrangement made with the referee about disputes.

His Honour: It does not matter if it was so.

By Mr Leadbitter: The referee decided that Jewitt's was a fair shot. They had not given him (Stephenson) two chances already to have the match shot off afresh.

Evidence having been called to support the plaintiff's testimony,

Defendant, on his oath, averred that as stakeholder no notice was given to him on the field not to part with the stake. The first intimation he had was the beginning of June. He paid the stake money over to Jewitt on the 27th May, and it was on the 20th that he told Stephenson that he would have to see further into the matter before he paid the money over.

J. Jewitt said that he found the money for his brother's stake, and received the first instalment of £10 on the 20th May, and the second £10 was handed over to him on the 27th of that month.

By the Judge: The reason why only £10 was paid at first was to give the other party a chance of having the match shot off again on Whit Monday, 22nd June, but he refused.

His Honour: It is a curious way of doing business. Judgment for plaintiff for £10 in 28 days.

HIS HONOUR HAS SUSPICIONS.

HAMILTON v. TINNLEY.—James Hamilton, draper, Newcastle, issued a summons against William Tinnley, a miner, for debt.—Mr Wilson (Newcastle) said that the summons had been taken out in the wrong name, and Mr Hyslop ought to be plaintiff. Defendant, he understood, admitted the debt, and if he offered no objection, his Honour might amend the summons.—His Honour said that he was very suspicious of this case, and he believed a similar trick was practiced upon him some time ago.—Mr Wilson replied that Hyslop was formerly in the service of Mr Hamilton, but had now set up in business himself.—His Honour said he had heard some very queer stories about cases being tried in Mr Hyslop's name.—Defendant said he did not owe either Hamilton or Hyslop anything.—The Judge struck out the action, and allowed defendant his costs.

A similar case, Hamilton v. Thomas McGooderich, was treated in the same fashion.

ACTION AGAINST A BROTHER.

HETHERINGTON v. HETHERINGTON.—John Hetherington, weighman at Pontop Colliery, Annfield Plain, entered an action against his brother, Michael Hetherington, for £33, arrears of rent. Mr Leadbitter represented plaintiff, while Mr Perry defended.—Plaintiff's case was that he let the house to his brother after his return from America, in January, 1881, at a rental of 2s 6d a week.—In defendant's pass book there was an entry to the effect that on March 10th 1893, only £6 18s 6d was due.—Plaintiff said that did not include some arrears of former years.—His Honour said that plaintiff was claiming £33, being four years rent, and he had not taken any notice of the payments made by defendant. Plaintiff's book and the pass book did not correspond.—Plaintiff asserted that defendant was credited with all payments he made.—Defendant admitted that £6 18s 6d was owing, and His Honour found for this sum.

DEDICATION SERVICE AT LANCHESTER CHURCH.

On Sunday morning, a new pulpit, lectern, bible, and altar book, in the old parish church of St. Mary, Lanchester, were dedicated to divine worship by the Lord Bishop of Durham (Right Rev Dr Westcott), in the presence of a large congregation. The pulpit, which has been designed by Mr J. W. Walton-Wilson, J.P., of Shotley Hall, has been executed by Mr R. Hedley, of Newcastle. The lecturn is the gift of a friend in the parish, and is the work of Messrs Sihge, of Frome, London. The cost has been about £120, and both are beautiful objects of ecclesiastical art. The bible was the gift of the vicar and Mrs Glyn; while the altar book was presented by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society. A special form of service was gone through before morning prayer, and at the close, the well-known hymn "We love the place, O God" was sung. His Lordship selected as his text and discourse Genesis xxviii. 17:—"How dreadful is this place", &c., and preached a practical homely sermon. The choir rendered the anthem "How amiable are Thy dwellings" exceptionally well, Miss Thompson presiding at the organ. In the evening, Rev F. W. Glyn, M.A., (vicar) preached an excellent sermon, the bishop remaining till evensong, and pronounced the benediction. The offertories during the day amounted to about £18.

BLAYDON LOCAL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday se'nnight, under the presidency of Col. J. A. Cowen, J.P. On the motion of Coun. Paxton, a vote of congratulation was accorded to Col. Cowen, on his recovery from his recent illness. The Clerk (Mr H. Dalton), presented accounts amounting to £652 7s 11d, which were passed and ordered to be paid. The seal of the Board was affixed to a general district rate of 1s 8d in the pound for the half-year ending March 25th, 1894. The Medical Officer of Health (D. P. Brown), in his report, stated that the registrar's returns for the past quarter showed an annual death rate of 21·5 per 1,000, which was a much higher rate than had been the case for 18 months past. This was owing chiefly to the fact that four deaths had been due to typhoid fever, and 17 due to diarrhœa. One death had resulted from small-pox, and one from diptheria. Two more cases of small-pox had broken out during the past week, one at Victoria Garesfield, and the other at Spen. A report of an analysis of the water at Chopwell Springs, which had been prepared by Mr W. F. K. Stock (county analyst), was read. It stated that the sample of water from the West spring was perfectly wholesome for drinking purposes. With regard to the East spring, he was of opinion that it was also wholesome, and that the darkening of tea infusions was due to the presence of iron in the water which was very minute, the water being of the very best quality for drinking and culinary purposes.—Several tenders for the fencing of a new road at Blackhall Mill were laid before the Board, and the tender of Messrs Hall Brothers, of Newcastle, to do the work necessary for the sum of £53 was accepted. Mr T. Waters, of Strothers Farm, Greenside, received the contract for the work necessary in cleaning ashpits at Spen, for the sum of £60 per annum. Mr Wm. Todd, Blaydon, was appointed plumber to the Board at a salary of £91 per annum.

BENFIELDSIDE SCIENCE, ART, AND EVENING CLASSES.

The second season of the above classes was opened on Monday evening, the 9th inst., at the Board Schools in the presence of a large number of young people, teachers and committee.

Mr LAX said these evening classes afford golden opportunities to young people of the district, who are willing to work a little overtime, of materially improving their education and laying up as it were, a mental plant which would stand them in good stead in the future of their lives. If England were to maintain her position in the van of nations it would be owing as much to her education of all kinds, elementary, technical, classical, etc., as to the indomitable courage of her soldiers and sailors and the skill of her generals and statesmen. You must not be afraid of work if you wish to attain to a respectable position in this life; for what is called genius is not of the sudden growth that its revelation, through the appearance of a clever book or great poem, would seem to indicate. When we read the biographies of our great men who have attained to the highest positions through intellectual accomplishments we find that what is excellent in their works had been reached by unremitting labour and self-sacrifice. Longfellow puts this thought graphically in his charming poem "The ladder of St. Augustine."

> We have not wings we cannot soar,
> But we have feet to scale and climb
> By slow degrees, by more and more,
> The cloudy summits of our time.
>
> The heights by great men reached and kept,
> Were not attained by sudden flight;
> But they while their companions slept,
> Were toiling upwards in the night.

And so it must be with you, with all of us, who would rise an inch above our fellows; we must work! work!! work!!! and the reward is bound to come.

Mr TEARE explained that the somewhat excessive fee of six shillings for a single subject, if taken alone, was to induce students to take up two or more subjects in which case a deposit of two shillings per subject would be made, the whole of which would be returned if the attendances, etc., were up to the requirements.

Slips of paper were distributed amongst the students to ascertain what class or classes they would join, and also if any considerable number of them wished any other class started than those announced on the bills; and if so the committee would do the best they could to get teachers for such; the result of this information would be a guide to the committee touching their arrangements for the present season.

After Mr Barclay had said a few words, Mr Lax was asked to present the certificates to the successful students of last season. He congratulated the recipients on behalf of the committee, wished them success in the present season, and further said the committee were fortunate in having commanded a staff of able teachers, and he trusted they would show themselves apt pupils in this, as they had done in the past season. They would gather from the bills what evenings and hours the different classes met.

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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, General Manager.

York, Oct., 1893. 457m

Sales by Auction.

By Mr J Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, Oct. 16th, 1893.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows and Heifers; 25 Fat Cattle; 350 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 8 Store Cattle; 10 Calves.

Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.

J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

SPECIAL SALE of SHEEP and LAMBS, Thursday, October 19th, 1893. Present entries comprise:—

2,000 Mule, Twice-cross, and Black-faced Ewes, Lambs, and other Keeping Sheep.
Additional entries expected.
Ballot drawn Wednesday Evening.
Sale at 12 o'clock.

453m J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1893.

15 to 20 Fat Cattle.
200 Fat Sheep.
15 Black-polled Heifers, a special consignment from Scotland.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers, calved and to calve.
10 Young Turkeys.
8 Half-bred Stirks.
Long and Short Stackyard Ladders.
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472m J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

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By Mr. John Lowes.

Queen's Head Hotel, Front Street, Chester-le-Street.

MR JOHN LOWES, honoured with instructions from Mr GEO. TURNBULL, who is leaving the above Hotel, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION his Household FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, &c. Also, PONY and TRAP Date of Sale in November. Particulars to follow 398m

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. John Crawford.

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

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL at the above Rooms, on Monday, October 23rd, 1893, a large Consignment of Valuable NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, including 4 Walnut Pianos; Brass-mounted Bedsteads, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold in the above Sale, or at any time, on application to the Auctioneer. 475m

Horse and Cow Sale at Crawford's Auction Ground, Gibson Street, Consett.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD will SELL BY AUCTION at the above Ground, on Wednesday first, Oct. 18th, 1893, 14 useful HORSES and PONIES, MILK COWS, PIGS, CARTS, HARNESS, etc. Lot 1—Bay Mare, 8 years old, 16 h.h., Good Worker and Quiet in all Yokes, from Mr Bulman, Birk Cote. Lot 2.—Young Black Mare, from Mrs. Elliott, Blanchland; Bay Pony, from Consett Fell; also 11 other useful Horses and Ponies; Cows; Pigs; Coup Carts; Spring Carts; Steelyards; Saddles, Bridles, Harness, &c.

Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Entries taken up to time of sale. 474m

Blackhill Farm, near Burnopfield, Lintz Green.

MR JOHN CRAWFORD, favoured with instructions from the Widow of the late THOMAS HANSOM, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION on Thursday, October 19th, the whole of the valuable FARM STOCK and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of—Farm Stock:—3 Well-bred Milk Cows, and 1 Heifer; time of Calving will be given by the Auctioneer at the Sale; Chestnut Horse, good worker; Long Cart; Heavy Cart Harness; Trace Chains; Plough Gear; Scythe; Riding Saddle; Cow Chains and Tubs; 2 Pigs, 11 weeks old; Wood Pig Cree; 40 Head of Poultry; Stack Ladder; Hay Knife; Potato Scales and Weights. Dairy:—Churn; 20 Milk Bowls; Butter Scales and Weights; Milk Cans. Furniture:—Desk Bed; 2 Wood Bedsteads and Mattresses; Kitchen Chairs and Tables; Oak Table; Easy Chairs; Pictures; Form; Longsettle; Case Clock; Cupboard and Delf Rack; Corner Cupboard; Clothes Horse; Pots; Pans; Dinner Ware; Bread Tins; Water Pails; Rain-tubs; Looking Glass; Poss-stick; Saws; Axe; Fender and Fire Irons; and other lots too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at One o'clock prompt.

Blackhill Farm is about One Mile from Lintz Green Station, and Five Minutes' walk from Burnopfield.

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By Mr. A. Phillipson.

Front Street, Dipton, Monday, October 16th, 1893.

MR A. PHILLIPSON respected with instruction from Mr SEPTIMUS AMOS, who is leaving England for South Africa, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above place and date, the whole of his very Superior and Modern Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS comprising—Sofa; Oval Walnut Table; Splendid Brass Bedstead; Hair Mattress; Spring Mattress; Feather Bed; Bed-room Drawers in Ash; Washstand with Marble Slab; Dressing Table with Glass attached both in Ash; Chamber Service; Chaise Brass-Mounted Fender, with Brasses, &c.; Brass Cornice; Gents' Easy Chair; Rockey Chair; Kitchen, Bed-room, and Sitting-room Chairs; Carpets and Oil Cloths; Sitting-room Fender; Fancy Bracket; Oil-Paintings and Pictures; Ornaments; Mantel Mirror; Patent Mangle; Grand Tall-cased Clock, &c. See Bills for details and particulars.

Sale to begin at One o'clock.

N.B.—The above Furniture is quite above the average class, of the best make and style, and just as good as new, being kept in Apple-pie order. 429m

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"AN ATTENDER."—It would be well for you to bring the subject of your letter before the notice of the church officials, who would, no doubt, see the rule carried out. Our experience is very different from yours, as we were most courteously treated on Sunday last when we visited the church.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[BY "INCOGO."]

AN ACCUSATION.

It would be interesting to learn by what spirit of divination the manager of the Consett Co-operative Society conceived the idea that my notes in the last issue of the *Guardian*, bearing on the Co-operative question, were inspired by Mr John Taylor Muir. Mr Hall should have been sure before he volunteered such a statement in a packed meeting, and the more so, seeing that there is not a particle of truth in the accusation. I have known Mr Muir for many years, but we never once exchanged thoughts on paper, nor has the subject of co-operation ever been introduced between us when I have met him on the occasion of my periodical visits to Consett. I was at Consett on the afternoon of Monday last, and when the charge laid by Mr Hall at the door of the gentleman named was told to me, I held my sides and laughed considerably, but when I heard that Mr Muir was annoyed—as well he might—I resolved to give the charge the lie. Mr Hall must have had the secret revealed to him in a dream. It is evident that he has been hoaxed by some wicked elf who, finding him an easy prey—whispered a fable into his ear and vanished. You see, my reader, that, as the poet wittily puts it: "He is oft the wisest man who is not wise at all." If Mr Jesse Hall has any regard for truth, and for the feelings of other men, he is in duty bound to prove the assertion made or tender an apology.

IN DANGER.

A good Christian met me at the Consett Station on Monday afternoon, and warned me not to go near the Co-operative Store, nor the blacksmith's shop at the ironworks. "Why?" I asked sharply. "You know," was the reply. "Your notes last week were well taken with by the bulk of the co-operators generally, but at the meeting on Saturday night, the 'big 'uns' were fair jumping." "Let them jump," I replied, "until they finish the dance, and then, upon reflection, they may possibly introduce variation in the tune." "Aye, aye, it's time they did," was the reply, "an' depend upon it there will, as you said, be a shaking of the dry bones some day." Later in the afternoon I met with several of the most intelligent of the Consett co-operators, whose attitude towards me savoured rather of cordiality than coolness. They told me frankly, however, that I had been misinformed, and I was equally out-spoken in turn, declaring that if I had erred, I was sorry for my sins, and, on conviction, would reform the tenor of my devious ways. It was written in the olden time that there was in those days a wicked race who loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil, but such a stigma cannot well be laid at the doors of the Consett co-operators, and yet, strange to tell, they wax desperately wroth when comment is made on facts contained in the pages of a report for the issue of which the directors are themselves responsible.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Never in the annals of Consett—and they are chequered enough—have the people witnessed such a state of things as at present exists. The laying idle of the rolling mills is a very serious matter to the Company, and a still more serious business to the men who toil for their daily bread. It may mean to the Company, or the shareholders rather, a more limited return in point of dividend. This is bad enough, because without a fair return for the investment of capital it is very unlikely that men who have made money will care to put it out at usury. Such men deserve both encouragement and adequate return for their own, but with the ordinary son of toil the stoppage of the supplies means misery. No man would have for one moment imagined that trouble would have come from such a quarter as a water famine in the autumn months, yet so it is. Personally, I had concluded that the worst was past, seeing that in the district in which I "hang out," we had last week a heavy rainfall, extending over two days and two nights. The pools stood in the fields, and the roads were running like miniature rivers. It transpires, however, that the Consett district has been left out—not in the wet, nor in the cold, but in the bracing breezes and the mellow sunshine. This is unfortunate under existing circumstances, and many an honest fellow is walking about in enforced idleness, while many an anxious housewife hardly knows how to make both ends meet.

THE QUALITY OF THE WATER.

The quality of the water supplied by the Consett Water Company has been again brought under the notice of the public. It is most essential that the inhabitants of the extensive district covered by the mains of the Company named should be provided with water as pure as it can be obtained, but it can hardly be considered a *fair* test to base an opinion on its quality when the earth is parched, every brooklet dry, and the reservoir drained to the dregs. There is no gainsaying the fact that the water is in the condition stated by the experts, but I repeat, that an analysis made under such conditions is no criterion of the purity or otherwise of the Consett water. It is well known among medical men that muddy water is often healthier than water clear as crystal. A filter can be bought for a few shillings, and in the meantime those families who are not provided with one would do well to keep a supply of water for domestic use in a vessel and thus allow the sediment to settle at the bottom.

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

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

The musical meeting held last Wednesday, in the New Town Hall, Consett, on behalf of Dr Stephenson's Children's Homes, realized over £50. The doctor is exceedingly grateful, and thanks all who helped in any way to make it successful.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Messrs Spry and Monti, with their specially selected company are here this week, and have been performing the new, sensational comedy darma, *A Secret Crime*, with favourable results. Mr Cyril Harrison is a capable "Harold Oakdem," and as "Raymond Hollis," Mr Arthur Ravlands is exceptionally good. Mr Henry Lyons plays "Mr Hollis" with excellent taste. Miss Dade is a pleasing "Winifred Melrose," and as "Maud," Miss Alice Juman gives entire satisfaction. Messrs Spry and Monti as the twins "Dromio" and "Antipholous Smith" are very funny, and with the assistance of Miss Nellie Wallace as "Kitty," they keep the audience in roars, the whole time they are on the stage. The singing and dancing of this trio is most vociferously *encored*. All those desirous of having a good laugh should not miss seeing *A Secret Crime*. Next week, Mrs Dalmain's company, under the management of Mr Lewis Gilbert, is announced to appear in the powerful melo-drama in four acts, entitled *Next-of-kin*. This company carry special scenery with them for the proper production of this piece.

THE NEW POSTMASTER.—Mr Thos. F. Foster, of the firm of Messrs Foster Bros., drapers, Consett, has been appointed postmaster of the town, in the place of Miss Isabella Fraser, lately deceased.

GOSPEL TEMPERANCE BRASS BAND.—On Saturday, the members and friends connected with this successful mission band, which the town is proud to possess, held their annual tea in the Gibson Street Wesleyan Schools. The various tables were presided over by several young ladies, and about 200 people sat down to the good things provided, and did full justice to the same.—In the evening, a miscellaneous entertainment was given in the same building. Mr W. Grainger presided over a large and appreciative audience. A financial statement was read, which showed that by the successful endeavours of the members, a considerable sum of money had been raised during the year, thus enabling them to wipe off a portion of the debt contracted through the purchasing of the new instruments.—A capital programme of music was rendered by the Leadgate mission band, along with the Misses Elliott, Consett; Mr J. Bell, Mr R. Lowes, Mr J. Robinson, Blackhill; Mr H. Curry, Leadgate, and Mr W. Dixon, Consett. — The customary votes of thanks concluded a successful and enjoyable entertainment.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday evening, the 121st quarterly meeting of this society was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett. Mr Geo. Lowes (president), occupied the chair. There was a large attendance of members.—The report and balance-sheet were read, and after a long and protracted discussion, were confirmed.—The report showed that the total sales in all departments had been £15,523 6s 3½d., against £15,610 8s 3½d in the corresponding quarter last year; there being a net decrease of £87 2s 0d in sales, and a decrease over last quarter of £409 15s 1d. The total profit from all sources was £2,210 17s 3d, which would allow the Society to meet all the usual charges, and reduce fixed stock by £40. Total sales in each department —Central :—Grocery, £6,016 14s 2½d ; Drapery, £1,524 0s 11½d ; Butchering, £2,388 15s 10½d ; Boot and shoe-making, £431 9s 7d ; Furnishing and hardware, £598 2s 0½. Castleside branch, £2,244 7s 4d ; Westwood—Grocery, £731 7s 7½d ; Drapery, £200 2s 4d ; Milk and confectionery, £382 1s 9d. Average wages expenses per £ on sales :—Central, Grocery, 8½d ; drapery, 10½d ; butchering, 9½d ; boot and shoe making, 1s 2d ; furnishing and hardware, 8d. Castleside branch, 7½d. Blackhill branch, 7½d. Westwood—Grocery, 9½d ; drapery, 1s 0½d ; milk and confectionery, 1s 7½d. Dividend —Central :—Grocery, 3s 4d ; drapery, nothing ; butchering, 1s 3d ; boot and shoe making, 2s 4½d ; furnishing and hardware, 2s 1d. Castleside branch, 3s 2½d. Blackhill branch, 3s 1d. Westwood :—grocery, 3s 1d ; drapery, 2s 11½d ; milk and confectionery, 1s 9½d.—It was decided to declare a dividend of 2s 3d in the pound on members' purchases, a decrease of 9d from last quarter.—The educational report was read, which stated that the reading-rooms and library continued to be well attended. The total issue of books from the library during the quarter had been 1,442.—This was considered satisfactory.—It was resolved to give the Committee authority to sell land for building sites.—Messrs J. Ellison, and W. S. Davies, Consett, were elected committee-men. — The question of business working-hours was relegated to the Committee.—The other business was of a formal character.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Monday week, about 4·30 p.m., Mr John Wood, aged 66 years, the horse-keeper in the employment of the Derwent Flour Mills Society, was found dead in the granary attached to the stables.

LEADGATE.

SUPPER.—A ham and tongue supper was held in the Primitive Methodist school-room, at Leadgate, on Monday night, in aid of a much-needed heating apparatus, which is about to be placed in the chapel by Mr Spoor, Bishop Auckland. A good number partook of the good things provided, showing their sympathy with the object.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Monday evening, a concert was given in the Miners' Hall, Leadgate, for the benefit of Mr Felix Mullen, who has been unable to follow his employment for many weeks, owing to illness. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the night's enjoyment :—Messrs John Kennedy, Wm Newton, Wm Costello, James Monaghan, John McTaggart, John Day, Misses Thompson, Fittes, Foreman, and the Misses Weaver. Mr J. Stokoe executed a clog dance in good style, while Messrs Day, McTaggart, and Monaghan kept the company in roars of laughter. A nigger sketch caused the greatest amusement, and was heartily *encored*, as were several of the other items of the lengthy programme. Mr Fred. Stokoe, Blackhill, ably accompanied, and rendered a splendid piano selection of his own composing. The meeting, which was crowded to excess, found a good chairman in Mr George Nicholson, who, on behalf of Mr Mullen, thanked the promoters of the concert, and those present, for their kindness. The Leadgate String Band, under the leadership of Mr Robert Makepeace, greatly enlivened the proceedings. "God save the Queen" terminated one of the most successful concerts ever held in the hall.

LANCHESTER.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING.—The harvest festival was commenced at Lanchester, on Wednesday, when the ninth annual parochial tea was held in the National Schools, about 600 persons partook of a most excellent repast. The five tables were presided over by Mrs Glyn and Mrs Towns ; Mrs Hedley and Mrs Dixon ; Mrs Brotherhood and Mrs Reed ; Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Parker ; Mrs W. W. Thompson and Miss Thompson. In the evening, a special service was held in the parish church, which was filled to overflowing. The sacred edifice had been very prettily decorated for the occasion. The pulpit and lecturn were greatly admired. In the absence of the preacher announced (Rev E. Price, M.A., Rural Dean of Auckland), the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn, M.A., preached a capital sermon. The offertory realized about £28.

WEARDALE.

THE WEARDALE RAILWAY SOD CUTTING.—Mr Charles Tinkler, Stanhope, took a photo on Wednesday of the handsome silver spade, purchased by the committee for presentation to Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., on the occasion of his cutting the first sod of the projected railway from Stanhope to Wearhead, on Saturday week, the 21st inst.—The spade was viewed by a number of people in Mr Tinkler's studio.

BLAYDON.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The opening concert of the season, under the auspices of the above society, was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blaydon, on Thursday se'nnight. There was a crowded attendance, and the chair was occupied by Ald. Hindmarsh, J.P., of Gateshead. The following rendered a most enjoyable programme :—Miss Farquarson, (soprano), Miss Hindmarsh, (soprano), Miss Hogg, (contralto), Mr Farquarson, (tenor), Mr R. J. Soulsby, (bass). Violin solos were admirably rendered by Miss Bateman, recitations being given by Miss Long, while the Misses Ryle gave selections on the piano. Mr W. Foggin, Forest Hall, presided at the piano.

STANHOPE.

A football match was played on Wednesday afternoon, at Stanhope, between Stanhope church choir boys and Tow Law church choir boys, and resulted in a victory for Stanhope, by eight goals against two.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A very successful band of hope entertainment, and magic-lantern views, illustrating scenes in the life of our Saviour, was held in the Stanhope Primitive schoolroom, on Saturday night. A good company was present.

CONTINUATION CLASSES.—Continuation classes, under the new Government order, are being commenced in Stanhope, for the forthcoming winter, both in the Barrington and Board Schools. The subjects to be taught at the Barrington School are writing and composition, including letter writing and commercial correspondence, by Mr J. A Mason, schoolmaster ; "Our bodies ; their make, and growth," by Dr Robinson, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. ; Arithmetic, Mr F. Thompson ; Music, by Rev A. E. Burdekin, M.A. ; "The life and duties of a citizen," by Mr J. A. Mason. The bill of fare offered by the Board School committee, includes Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English, Geography, History, Euclid, Algebra, Physiography, Botany, Geology, Agriculture, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Vocal Music, Drawing, Needlework, Domestic Economy, and "Life and duties of a citizen." The various classes will be taught by certificated masters, and others recognised by the Department, and are free, those under the Barrington School committee, 1d per week for two or more subjects.

DEATH OF A OCTOGENARIAN.—Esther Tinkler, one of the old standards of Stanhope, passed peacefully away to her rest on Thursday morning last, at the ripe age of 82 years. She was the widow of the late George Tinkler, and has been a hard worker through life, and even managed to keep house and do household work for her two sons—Charles and Septimus—up to the latter part of summer. She was averse to having help, and managed wonderfully with the aid of her sons. She was of a genial, kind, and social disposition, and was greatly respected in Stanhope, and her death is much lamented. Her funeral, at the old church at Stanhope, on Sunday, was a large one ; all classes paying their last respects to her departed worth.

FLOWER SHOW.—The annual meeting in connection with the Stanhope Floral and Horticultural Society, was held on Tuesday evening. The accounts showed a substantial balance in the hands of the treasurer after all was paid. The thanks of the meeting were sent to Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., for his successful intervention in securing the society an excursion up the valley, that day, also to the Bishop of Richmond, for the free use of his beautiful gardens and grounds for the show. It was also suggested to hold a spring show next April for spring flowers, such as hyacinths, tulips, crocuses, polyanthuses, and other spring flowers. Mr Joseph Wearmouth, the champion wrestler of Weardale, was awarded the champion silver cup, which he has won three times at the sports in connection with the show. The show is looking up, and there is a prospect of it regaining its old popularity as an excellent country flower show. The officers were re-elected, and Mr Mason, who has done yeoman service for the show was heartily thanked for the valuable help he has so ungrudgingly rendered.

LECTURE.—The Rev. J. Harrison, F.R.G.S., gave a very able and interesting lecture on "Research and discovery in the Holy Land," on Saturday evening, in the Hartwell school, Stanhope. The Rev. G. Jepson, presided. The lecture was highly appreciated.

DRAWING-ROOM PARTY AT THE RECTORY.—At a drawing-room party at Stanhope Rectory, given by the Bishop of Richmond, last week, both the Wesleyan and Primitive ministers and their wives were invited, and were present. The catholicity of spirit manifested by the bishop and Mrs Pulleine is highly appreciated by the nonconformist party.

SOUTH MOOR.

CONCERT.—A highly successful concert was given in the South Moor New infant schools on Saturday evening. The object of the entertainment was to raise funds for the purchase of a piano for use in school work and for any concert, &c., held in the schools. The programme was a particularly good one, and everything went off very well. It would be invidious to mention anyone of the artistes as having done better than the others, as all did so well. The soprano, Miss K. Fairley, is a young lady of great promise. She is just commencing public singing, having recently returned from the Royal Academy of Music, where she had a successful course, and obtained her silver medal for singing. Madame Marie Bellas is well enough known in the district to need no comment. Dr Ingram-Johnson, who sustained the role of tenor, is well known round South Moor and district as a singer, and Mr J. Duncanson, of Durham Cathedral, quite kept up the reputation his fine bass voice has obtained for him. The two comic men, Mr T. L. Gray, of Chester-le-Street, and Mr Bert. Mordaunt, of Newcastle, kept the crowded audience in roars of laughter the whole time they were on the platform. The instrumental part of the programme was well sustained by Miss Hughes (who acted as accompanist) and Miss Johnson on the piano, and also by Mr Storey, who gave two capital solos on the Northumbrian pipes, which were very well received. The piano, a fine instrument by Knauss, was supplied by Mr Archibald Ramsden, of Leeds, from his branch shop at West Stanley.

DIPTON.

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT, 1887.—In the examination for colliery managers held at Darlington in July, John Stalker, Dipton, obtained a certificate of competency as an under-manager of mines, having read under F. Davison, M.E., Ivesly Colliery, Waterhouses, Durham.

EVENING CONTINUATION CLASSES.—It will be remembered that the Collierley School Board called a public meeting on 31st ult., for the purpose of making known their plans for the winter's Evening Classes. These classes have now been opened with very gratifying numbers of students in attendance. They are taught by Mr A. E. Hayes, head master ; Miss S. E. Hindson, head mistress ; and Messrs R. R. Hardman, and G. Murray, jun., and comprise the following subjects :—Domestic economy, needlework, vocal music, shorthand, arithmetic, writing and composition, freehand drawing, geometrical drawing, inorganic chemistry, and the life and duties of the citizen. Altogether 115 students have joined one or more of the above.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Mr A. E. Hayes, head master of the Collierley Board School, has been appointed by the London Society for Promoting the Knowledge of Foreign Languages as their representative Professor for the District of North-west Durham in the French, German, Spanish, and Italian languages. All lessons by the Society's teachers are given according to Hossfeld's Method. Mr Hayes will be happy to reply to all inquiries respecting this practical method of acquiring modern languages.

QUEBEC.

ACCIDENT AT HAMSTEELS COLLIERY.—On Friday, Mr W. Stiff, engaged as a coal hewer, happened an accident whereby he received a fracture to his leg by a fall of stone. The poor fellow was afterwards conveyed home, where medical assistance was procured to attend to his injuries.

WHICKHAM.

A meeting of the Whickham Local Board was held on Tuesday se'nnight, Mr Henry Wallace in the chair. The financial report showed a balance of £576 5s 2d in the bank. The medical officer reported a death rate of 12 10 per 1,000. The Board leavied a rate of 10d in the pound.

WEST STANLEY.

EXCELSIOR QUADRILLE PARTY.—The members of the above party held their usual assembly on Tuesday night, when upwards of 50 couples danced to the music rendered by Messrs Blaylock and Waugh. The refreshments were under the able management of Miss Anderson.

DERWENT COTTAGES.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—The anniversary services of the above place of worship were celebrated at Derwent Cottages. On Saturday night, a public meeting was held, and addresses given by the Rev A. E. Salmon, Leadgate, Mr W. Bowman, Blackhall Mill, and Mr T. Wilson, Derwent Cottages. Mr W. Richardson, Blackhall Mill, occupied the chair. A coffee supper was afterwards held, when a goodly number partook of the good things provided. The following ladies presided at tables —Misses Walton, Ball, Leathard and Robinson, assisted by Messrs Robinson, Irwin, Robson, and Cant. Mesdames Bell, Marrs, Ball, and Edgar, made the tea. On Sunday, two powerful sermons were preached by Mr W. Gibson, Tow Law, to large congregations.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

LOCAL BOARD. A meeting of the Ryton Local Board was held on Monday night, Mr J. B. Simpson in the chair. The Surveyor submitted a report on the water supply. He stated that, as instructed, he had gauged the springs on Sept. 20th, and had referred samples to the analyst. The reports of the analyst were included in the report, and they were to the effect that the water was satisfactory for drinking and culinary purposes. The Surveyor further reported that, as directed, he had approached the Surveyor of the Blaydon Local Board with a view to having the Spen Burn piped in at the point where it crossed the Spen Road. The Spen Board had agreed to join with the Ryton Board, and to have the work proceeded with at a cost of about £45.—The tender of Messrs Fell and Co. for planting 200 trees and 50 shrubs on the slopes of the Station Road was accepted provisionally.—It was stated that in three months the death-rate had been 20 per 1,000. The deaths included seven of people whose ages averaged nearly 30 years. The births for three months were 70, or an annual average of nearly 50 per 1,000. One case of scarlatina, six cases of diphtheria, and one case of typhoid fever were reported in the district.

CONTEMPORARY CHAT.

A strange reminder of the siege of Paris has just been brought to light after 23 years. Some workmen were digging up a roadway in the Rue Compant at Belleville, when they came across a bomb of German manufacture. The military authorities were communicated with, and a small detachment of soldiers were sent to remove the dangerous projectile, which was still charged.

A new man in the iron mask has just been discovered. For a long time experts have puzzled over a letter in cipher addressed by Louis XIV. to Louvois, but hitherto they had been unable to find the clue to the mystery. Recent efforts have, however, been crowned with success. In this lengthy epistle the Grand Monarque instructed his Minister of War to have General de Burlande arrested and taken to the fortress of Pignerol for having raised the siege of Conti without permission. The king added that the features of the prisoner should be concealed under a *loup*, or black velvet mask. The order was transmitted by Louvois to Catinat, who saw to its execution. This interesting document is in the archives of the French War Office.

A good story of an Aberdeen deputation is told. The members had been skirmishing all over England and having a good time inspecting something or other, and towards the end of the pilgrimage some of the members hinted that the bill would be pretty heavy. It was resolved that, to reduce the cost as much as possible, they would make the rest of their progress on third-class tickets. They arrived at York, and here the Lord Mayor entertained them with sumptuous hospitality. Finally he would drive them to the station and see them off. Every excuse was made to avert this crowning honour—but the Lord Mayor was obstinate. He saw them to the station, and the representatives of the Granite City had nothing for it but to crawl into "thirds" under the Lord Mayor's eyes. After the train started that deputation swore a colossal oath they would never again travel officially otherwise than by first-class.

How a German photographer capped the feats of the familiar "lightning artist" of the "Variety" stage, is treated by Dr. Schnaus in his "Photographic Diversions." This ingenious person, having to amuse an evening party, caused a number of photographic portraits of guests, who were known to be coming, to be transferred to panels and painted over in oil colours. This done, he covered the portraits with an opaque film of the water-colour known as Chinese White. Thus provided, he appeared in the character of a travelling "lightning artist," and having chosen his subject and taken care to place his easel so that observers could not get directly behind him, he began, to the accompaniment of slow music, to imitate the gestures and movements of a painter at work. At work in truth he was, but it was only at the simple task of removing the white film. Having added a few extra touches of oil paint to make the whole look fresh, the operator produced the portrait, repeating the operation with other subjects, to the great astonishment of the company. Ladies are, it is admitted, less easy to deal with, because of the impossibility of knowing beforehand what costumes or hair ornaments they will appear in.

Monday next (says the *World*) must be noted as a centenary. On October 16th, 1793, perished on the scaffold, in the Place de la Révolution, Marie Antoinette, widow of Louis Seize: By 10 o'clock numerous patrols were circulating in the streets—thirty thousand foot and horse drawn up under arms. At 11 Marie Antoinette was brought out. She had on an undress of *piqué blanc*. She was led to the place of execution in the same manner as an ordinary criminal—bound, on a cart; accompanied by a Constitutional priest in lay dress, escorted by numerous detachments of infantry and cavalry. These, and the double row of troops all along her road, she appeared to regard with indifference. On her countenance there was visible neither abashment nor pride. To the cries of *'Vive la République!'* and 'Down with tyranny!' which attended her all the way she seemed to pay no heed. She spoke little to her confessor. The tricolour streamers on the house-tops occupied her attention in the Streets du Roule and Saint-Honoré; she also noticed the inscriptions on the house-fronts. On reaching the Place de la Révolution her looks turned towards the Jardin National (whilom Tuileries); her face at that moment gave signs of lively emotion. She mounted the scaffold with courage enough. At a quarter past twelve her head fell; the executioner shewed it to the people, amid universal, long continued cries of *'Vive le République!'*" Thus Thomas Carlyle, quoting from the "*Histoire de la Révolution par deux amis de la Liberté.*"

The legend of the Wandering Jew, which exists so pertinaciously all over Europe, seems likely to be cleared up, among other romances, by the doctors of the Salpêtrière. A work recently published by M. Meige deals very fully with the legend and with its remarkable ubiquity, which is attributed to the fact that the wanderer was not a myth but an entity—or rather a succession of entities. Wandering Jews are not unknown at the present day. They bear a remarkable similarity to each other in respect of clothing and feature; they mostly hail from the same source, the borders of Poland and Germany; and their moving principle is "neuropathology." Cartophilus and Ahasuerus have their modern counterparts in Moïse B—— and Gottlieb M——, both "neuropathes" who have passed through the Salpêtrière in the course of their ceaseless wanderings, seeking relief. The photographs shew men of downcast, furrowed countenances, with long beards and strongly-marked features, aged beyond their years. They are striking figures, and their disease is that they cannot be still. Wherever they try to settle down the lust for moving seizes them, and on they go in obedience to an uncontrollable impulse. Moïse began wandering at the age of sixteen. In the course of his travels he married at Buda-Pesth, and had three children there. But he could not rest for all his longings. By an instinct of sentiment he removed his family to Jerusalem, and there he left them, returning once in every five years. He is of a hirsute, repellent appearance, forcibly recalling the early pictures of his predecessor, who was without doubt (according to M. Meige) only another neuropath traveller, wandering continually, here to-day and gone to-morrow, followed by a second, perhaps a third and fourth, all tending to preserve the personality and the legend of the man who mocked Christ on His way to the cross.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 11th.—Before Messrs. H. W. KERRICH WALKER (chairman), F. S. NEWALL, and GEORGE DUBERLY.

DRUNKENNESS AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Fines were inflicted upon 27 persons for this offence.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

William Barth was charged with assaulting P.C. McGee at West Pelton on the 30th ult., and was ordered to pay 5s and costs for the disorderly conduct, and 10s and costs for the assault on the police.

AN UNATTENDED HORSE.

Thomas Blackburn was summoned for leaving his horse unattended in the Front Street at Chester-le-Street.—Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10s and costs.

AN UNLICENSED DOG.

Robert Glendinning was charged with keeping a dog at Chester-le-Street without having a license. —Defendant's wife said that they had not the means to get the license then, but had got it since; they got the dog a month old, six months ago.—The Bench dismissed the case on payment of costs.

A DISORDERLY CUSTOMER.

George Rogerson was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and refusing to quit the premises of John Maughan at Lamesley, on the 30th ult., and further with assaulting Hannah Maughan at the same time and place. Mr John Turnbull appeared for the prosecution. Mrs Maughan, the landlady of the Quarryman's Arms at Wrekenton, said defendant came to the house in a drunken state, he was refused drink and became very violent, the police were sent for, and during the time he struck witness a violent blow on the cheek, her black eye was the result of the blow. John Maughan corroborated, and P.C. Elliott, of the Gateshead police also gave evidence, and said that defendant had been convicted in the borough.—Fined 5s and costs for refusing to quit, and for the assault 10s and costs.

CRUELTY TO HORSES.

Jacob Estell was charged with working two horses at Pelton on the 30th ult., while in an unfit state, and was fined 20s and costs.

ANOTHER REFUSAL TO QUIT.

George Brown, who admitted being disorderly and refusing to quit the Quarryman's Arms at Wrekenton on the 30th ult., was fined 5s and costs.

EDUCATION CASES.

Several persons were summoned for neglecting to send their children to school, and were fined 5s each.

WEAK WHISKEY.

Henry Simpson was charged at the instance of Inspector Laidlaw with selling watered whiskey at Chester-le-Street, and was fined 5s and costs.

THE INNKEEPER TO BE CAUTIONED.

Thomas Surtees did not appear in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly on the licensed premises at Pelton Fell.—Sergt. Winn gave evidence and stated that he saw defendant very drunk in the house of Thomas Pinkney. He was very drunk and was served by the landlord with drink.—Fined 7s 6d and costs. The Chairman remarked that the landlord should be cautioned.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

George Brayson was charged with being drunk, and also with assaulting P.C. Johnson at Chester-le-Street on the 7th inst.—Fined 10s and costs.

YOUTHFUL SCAMPS.

Richard Hope and *Samuel Bruce* were charged with stealing two live ducks, the property of Thomas Jennings, at Chester-le-Street, on the 23rd of Sept.—The Bench ordered the lads to come up for judgment when called upon.

A SPIRIT LEVEL.

William Baker was charged with stealing a spirit level, the property of John Kerr at Edmondsly on the 5th inst.—The Bench imposed a fine of 5s and costs.

TYPHOID AT CHESTER-LE-STREET : THE CHESTER-LE-STREET WATER *V.* CONSETT WATER.

The Chester-le-Street Water Company were summoned under Section 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, at the instance of the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority to shew that the water in their collecting tank is of a nature fit for domestic purposes. Mr Fred Harle appeared for the Sanitary Authority, the Company being represented by Mr Strachan, barrister, instructed by Mr J. Turnbull.

Mr Harle stated that the water was brought from the Stanley Burn, near Craghead, and that at South Moor, a little further up the stream, the undiluted sewage of a number of houses was discharged into the stream. In October of last year there was an outbreak of typhoid fever at South Moor and Craghead, and immediately afterwards, in such due course as the medical witnesses would shew, there was a serious outbreak of the same disease in Chester-le-Street. It was a remarkable thing that in the majority of the cases, the sufferers used the water complained of. At the present time an epidemic of typhoid was raging in Chester-le-Street, and they again had the remarkable fact that the majority of houses afflicted were supplied with the Chester-le-Street water. The Sanitary Authority were acting under instructions from the Local Government Board, and asked for an order restraining the Company from further supplying their water for domestic use.

Mr Dickinson, clerk to the Sanitary Authority, produced the minutes of the meeting where he was instructed to institute the present proceedings.

Mr Strachan objected, on the ground that the minutes did not set forth any resolution, but simply an instruction to the clerk.

Dr Duncan, Medical Officer of Health, said he had surveyed the whole course of the stream, and found the sewage of 120 houses at South Moor going directly into the stream. At Craghead, the whole of sewage was passed over a series of filtration beds, and afterwards into the stream. At the intake the pipe head was covered with a wire gauze to prevent the solids coming out. At South Moor, the effluent from the sewage beds showed plentiful traces of unfiltered sewage. The sewage of Alma pit houses was also discharged into the stream. In November, 1892, typhoid broke out in Chester-le-Street. During that month there were 13 cases, and 11 of them were supplied with Chester-le-Street water. In February there was a second outbreak, and from then to the present time there had been 77 cases, and out of that number 65 had the same water. From all the inquiries he had made, he could come to no other conclusion than that the cause of the outbreaks of typhoid in Chester-le-Street were due to the use of the Chester-le-Street water.

Cross-examined by Mr Strachan : The Chester-le-Street Water Company did not supply South Moor and Craghead. It was quite true that the sanitary conditions were not quite as good in the districts where the outbreaks first took place as they might be. Where the first case happened the sanitary conditions were not bad. The occupiers of the houses did not complain to witness about the nearness of the privies. He did not attribute the outbreak of typhoid to any other cause than that of the use of the water supplied by the Company. He had seen the contents of many ashpits left lying in the streets until the carts came to take it away. If the water supplied by both Companies was quite pure, and he found an outbreak of typhoid, he would look for the cause in the surroundings. The filtering beds at Craghead belonged to the Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authority, the Alma Pit houses were also in the Authorities area. South Moor was in the Lanchester Union. He was not aware that the Chester-le-Street Authority had taken any steps requesting the Lanchester Authority to prevent the discharge of the effluent from their sewage beds into the burn. He did not know that all the water in the burn from South Moor disappeared into pits workings at Tanner's Fall. There might be typhoid germs in a water supply, and it could not be found by analysis, but witness was not an expert bacteriologist. If it was true that the Consett water had more evidence of sewage contamination, and no cases of typhoid occurred where it was used, he would look elsewhere for the outbreak. He knew that the London water contained all the sewage of Oxford, and people drank it, and were no worse for it. There had been cases of typhoid in the county where they did not use the Chester-le-Street water.

Re-examined : He visited South Moor on Saturday last and saw the sewage flowing directly into the burn.

Dr Eustace Hill, County Council Medical Officer of Health, said that he made an investigation into the probable causes of the outbreaks at Chester-le-Street, and again made an investigation in company with Dr McLean Wilson, who was sent down by the Local Government Board. He found the houses in Chester-le-Street, where typhoid prevailed, in various states of sanitation, some of them good and some of them very bad. He inspected South Moor Sewage Farm, and found it very bad, and in his opinion absolutely useless. The Alma Pit houses had no drainage at all. On Saturday he found the sewage there running into the burn—the sewage from a population of about 3,500 people was sent into the burn. He examined the reservoir of the company, and found there a general want of attention.

Cross-examined : No chemical analysis would show the typhoid bacilli. More than half the houses in Chester-le-Street where the typhoid prevailed had such sanitary arrangements that would not lead one to suppose that they were the cause of the outbreak.

Re-examined : Professor Koch had laid it down that when water contained above a certain proportion of bacilli, it became dangerous to health.

Professor Murray, of Durham University, said he had made a bacteriological examination of the water. He found 1,376 bacilli to the dram, and good drinking water should not contain more than 400 to the dram.

Cross-examined : He had examined the Newcastle Water Company's water, but he refused to state the number of bacilli contained in samples.

Mr Strachan addressed the Court at length, pointing out that it had not been alleged by any of the eminent men who had given evidence that any typhoid bacilli had been found in the water. If there was any danger of typhoid getting to Chester-le-Street, it was owing to what?—why to the fact that contamination was allowed to get into the burn, above the Water Company's intake, and the Authority was answerable for that—that very Authority who had had the effrontery to make a scapegoat of his clients.

John George Morson, water-rate collector for the company, said that at the time of the outbreak in Middle Chare, 57 houses in that Chare had their water, and two had Consett water, and the outbreak occurred in one of the two with the latter water. He had known many people take in the Consett water, and then take it out and put in the Chester-le-Street water.

Dominick Tiffin, in charge of the reservoir, said he cleaned the filtering bed out, and replaced the sand with new sand from the riverside.

Fred. Waggott said that the first case of typhoid occurred in their house, his brother taking the disease. At that time the ashpit and privy in their yard were in a very bad state, and the Sanitary Authority took no pains to remove the refuse. The privy was only two yards from the door.

George Windmill said he had typhoid last Dec. When he took ill the ashpit was in a very bad state, and bad smells came from it. He used the Chester-le-Street water. Other 12 tenants used the same water, and only two had typhoid.

George Jackson gave similar evidence.

Wm. Gordon Dawson said he lived next door to where there was a fatal case of typhoid. At that time the ashpits and privies were in a very filthy state—in fact a complete disgrace. Witness complained several times to the Sanitary Inspector, but nothing was done.

James Turnbull said that while Ridley lay ill of typhoid in Lamb's yard, the ashpits there were in a bad state. He had to complain to the sanitary contractor to remove the refuse. The smell made him ill, and he was ill for some time. He wrote to the Sanitary Authority complaining about the state of the ashpit. He had both water supplies in his house, but always drank the Chester-le-Street water. He had no interest in the Chester-le-Street Water Company. There were five tenants in Lamb's yard for two middens.

William Evans said in his family there were two cases of typhoid fever. At that time the ashpits and privies were in a very bad state, running over in fact; and in his dinner hour he had to shovel up the overflowing matter. He used the Chester-le-Street water, and lived in a house belonging to Capt. Fenwick, M.P.

A large number of witnesses were not called at the request of the Bench, Mr Strachan not pressing to have them heard.

Thomas Fairley, analyst, Leeds, said he analysed samples of the Chester-le-Street water, and also a sample of the Consett water, he found more accumulated in the Consett water than in the Chester-le-Street. His analysis were made and his report written before he knew where the samples were drawn. In his opinion the Chester-le-Street water was a fairly satisfactory water for drinking purposes, but he would not recommend that the Chester-le-Street water should be shut off in favour of Consett, which he considered would be dangerous to the public health.

After an extended hearing, lasting over five hours, the magistrates retired, and on returning said they had decided to order the Water Company to improve their collecting tank and their method of filteration. They were also of opinion that the Sanitary Authority and their officers had been very remiss in their duty, in allowing the state of things revealed in the evidence, to exist in either Chester-le-Street or any other part of their district. In consequence of the present scarcity of water, the company would be allowed until the end of the year to carry out the necessary improvements, and it was to be hoped that the Authority would also in the meantime carry out the improvements necessary on their behalf.

Mr Strachan said that any intimation from the Bench would be treated with due respect by his clients, who were quite ready and willing to carry out any instructions from the Bench.

Mr Newall : You are a public company, working for, and supplying an article for public consumption, and you must take care that the public health is not endangered.

Mr Strachan : Your Worships may depend upon it, that whatever is said by the Bench will be attended to, and that the improvements asked for by the Bench will be carried out.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

STRANGE FREAK IN THE VEGETABLE WORLD.—Mr Jackson has this year grown a very strange potato. There are eight splendidly-formed and fully-developed potatoes all grown in one, as if ingeniously put together. It is quite a curiosity, and well worthy of exhibition.

PROLIFIC CROP.—Mr J. G. Jackson of Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, has for some years farmed a piece of good land, under a good landlord who does not raise the rent of his tenants if they farm well, and have exceptionally good crops. The present year is a very good one in many respects for farmers, and vegetable growers. This gentleman has just reaped his potato crop, and from every poke of potatoes set the average yield is 180 stones of splendid Champion potatoes.

On Wednesday night, the supper in connection with Kyo Flower Show was held at the house of Mr Lumley, Annfield Plain. Mr John Brewis acted as chairman, and G. R. Hobson vice-chairman. After the usual votes of thanks were tendered to host and hostess, and to the various competitors, the successful gathering terminated.

PHRENOLOGY.—Mr Morgan's lectures at Annfield Plain have been fairly well attended, and have commanded thoughtful attention. The professor's conversational style, fruitfulness of verbal illustration and felicitous explanation of technical terms, are very attractive and instructive. These qualities, combined with fulness of knowledge, the subject admirably fits him for a public teacher. Should any of our readers doubt the abilities of Mr Morgan to instruct, and describe character, their best plan would be to test him by submitting their respective heads for examination. He will return to Consett at the end of this week.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

A CASE OF SMALL-POX occurred at Allendale Cottages early this week, the [illegible] person being a young woman from the S[illegible] who was visiting friends at Allendale Cottages. The nature of the case was early suspected and immediately on the eruption, Dr Charles communicated with the Medical Officer of Health Dr [illegible] who ordered the woman to be at once removed to the fever hospital at Leadgate.

MINE FATALITY AT OXHILL.

An inquest was held at Mr J. Errington's, Ox Inn, Oxhill, on Tuesday, by Mr John Graham, coroner, touching the death of Joseph Strong, aged 25 years, living at Oxhill. It appears that a month ago deceased was working down the pit at South Tanfield Colliery, and got injured. He lingered for 28 days, being attended by Dr Benson, of Stanley, but expired on the 8th inst.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT BEAMISH.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr John Graham, district coroner, held an inquiry at the house of Mr J. Thompson, Bird Inn, Shield Row, on the body of William Thomas Charlton, aged about 30 years, who belonged to Stanley.—From the evidence it transpired that Charlton was deputy-overman at the Beamish Air Pit. On Monday last, he was in the act of drawing timber when one of the props gave way, and caught the deceased in the back, and he was knocked down. A wound, one inch in depth, was inflicted, and the poor fellow only lived for 20 minutes.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed."

Cricket.

OXHILL CRICKET CLUB.

The members and friends of the above club were entertained to a splendid supper at the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, by Mr and Mrs Taylor. When the good things provided had been done full justice to, the secretary presented a record of the games played during the season, which showed that the club had taken part in 25 matches—winning 15, losing 8, and drawing 2. The following prizes were presented during the evening:—Batting—1st team, W. Raine, bat, and special prize (travelling bag), given by friends of the club; 2nd team, Jos. Wilson, hand-bag. Bowling—1st team, J E Smith, silk belt; 2nd team, H Middlemast, silk belt. The remainder of the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner. Messrs A Tuson, J E Smith, W Black, W Taylor, and G Collin entertained the company with songs, and several toasts were given.

PRESENTATION AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

On Tuesday night, at a "smoking concert" held at Mr Morgan's Commercial Hotel, Shotley Bridge—Mr J. Dixon (Benfieldside) presiding—occasion was taken to present Mr J. W. Forster, in commemoration of his recent marriage, with a silver tea and coffee service, bearing the subjoined inscription:—"Presented by the members and friends of the Shotley Bridge Cricket Club to Mr J. Wilkinson Forster on the occasion of his wedding." Mr Forster was one of the founders of the newly-organised cricket club at Shotley Bridge, and has acted as secretary (and recently as captain) with much ability and tact for a lengthened period. Mr Jos. Eltringham, of Blackhill, made the presentation, and his observations regarding Mr Forster's character and ability were confirmed by Mr J. Lax, of Shotley Bridge, for whom Mr Forster has acted as manager of his business for many years. The remainder of the evening was spent in a harmonious manner, Mr Hoffman, Newcastle, contributing some good songs, whilst the rest of the vocalists included the chairman, Mr J. T. Symington, Blackhill, &c. Mr Lax also favoured with a recitation.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. ASHINGTON.

The Wanderers journey to Ashington by the 10-50 train from Lintz Green, and the team will include J. Hunter and W. Mansell, late of Leadgate Park. The Wanderers will be represented by the following team:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Rowell (capt.) and W. Mansell; half-backs, T. Turpin, E. Buck, and R. Coates; forwards, F. Harle and R Gilliard, right wing; J. Hunter, centre; J. M. Maddison and T. Walker, left wing. Linesman, T. Swinbank.

CONSETT v. LEADGATE PARK RESERVE.

This game will be played at Leadgate. The following team will do duty for Consett:—Goal, G. Lamb; backs, W. Graham and T. Skelton; half-backs, Geo. Eustace, R. Wake, and J. Allison; forwards, P. Rafferty and T. Foster, right wing; A. Eustace, centre; M. Eustace and R. Harkness (capt.), left wing. The Park team will be chosen from the following:—J Jones, E J Walker, J Rippon, J Haggon, G Walton, J T Willey, T Snowdon, H Makepeace, Jos Wilson, H Glasgow, G Forster, J Jeffrey, J Day.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. AXWELL ROVERS (SWALWELL.)

This match will be played at Swalwell. The following will be the Wanderers' team:—Goal, Keith; backs, W. Henderson and E. Henderson; half-backs, McNeil (capt.), Liddle, and Smith; forwards, Hindhaugh and Leadbitter, right wing; Bell, centre; J. M. Maddison and Lown, left wing. Linesman, Thos. Amos.

ENGLISH CUP.—QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

FIRST ROUND.

LEADGATE EXILES v. MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN.

These teams will meet on the Exiles' ground in the above competition. As this is the first English Cup tie ever brought off in the district, great interest is being manifested in the game, and there will undoubtedly be a tremendous attendance. Middlesbrough have been showing up prominently this season, and on Saturday defeated Stockton on the latter's ground. The Exiles have likewise been playing in grand form this season, having only suffered one defeat, and they intend to put forth every effort to enter the second round. The following team will represent the Exiles:—Goal, J. O'Neil; backs, J. Haggan and W. McGee; half-backs, Peter Hughes (capt.), T. McGrachan, and Jas. Monaghan; forwards, J. McMahon and Jas. McGee, right wing; J. Hill, centre; H. Callaghan and T. Conroy, left wing. Kick-off at 3. Referee, Mr Buckton, Darlington.

TOW LAW v. HOWDEN RANGERS.

There will no doubt be a very large crowd at Howden to witness the above tie. Ever since the draw became known, the game has been freely discussed by the partisans of both clubs, and though, on form, Tow Law's chances are slender, yet many of the supporters of the club are confident that they will occasion some anxiety to the Rangers before the game is over. The Tow Law team will probably be—Goal, J. H. Allison; backs, J. Temperley and W. Thompson; half-backs, W. Waites, R. Wilson (capt.), and W. Simpson; forwards, Coulson, Corrie, Hobson, Potts, McIntosh. Referee, Mr J. L. Lowthian, Shildon.

LEADGATE PARK v. HURWORTH.

This tie will be played at Hurworth, the Park leaving Blackhill Station by the 10-30 train. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. Foreman and W. Mansell; half-backs, J. Wilson (capt.), J. Robson, and W. Bell; forwards, R. Graham and C. Foreman, right wing; R. Wilson, centre; G. Wattsford and H. Wattsford, left wing. Linesman, Wm. Johns.

Consett Reserve v Blackhill Royal Oaks.—At Blackhill. The Consett eleven will be as follows:—Goal, J. Winter; backs, T. Winter and F. Howard; half backs, J. Bowen, J. Pescod (capt.), and A. Angel; forwards, J. Smith and J. Turley, right wing; C. Kelly, centre; B. McKie and J. Adams, left wing.

Lintzford 2nd v Clarence (Newcastle.)—At Lintzford. The following will represent Lintzford:—Goal, L. Taylor; backs, W. Dixon and J. Green; half-backs, J. Newton, J. West, and J. Carlton; forwards, W. Leythen and W. Laws, right wing; T. Dixon, centre; T. Seath and M. Riddle, left wing. Kick-off at 3-30.

Leadgate United v Stanley Athletic.—At Stanley. The United team will be as follows:—Goal, R. Dawson; backs, J. Paull and G. Temple; half-backs, P. Daley, G. Cooper, and H. Rogers; forwards, W. Crowther and W. Robson, right wing; W. Turnbull, centre; G. Jopling and B. McGee, left wing.

Blackhill Park v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's.—At Blackhill. The "Saints" team will be—Goal, J Ringer; backs, G Lamb and H Prinn; half-backs, T Grant, E Cullen, and J Croft; forwards, P Cullen (capt.), P McDermott, G Gray, D McDermott, and W [illegible].

THE LIGHTING OF CONSIDE, KNITSLEY, AND LANCHESTER.

A notification has this week been received from the Local Government Board with reference to the application of the Rural Sanitary Authority to be invested in respect of the contributory places of Conside, Knitsley, and Lanchester, with powers contained, in the first paragraph of Section 161 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that Mr Frederick Herbert Tulloch, A.M.I.C.E. Inspector, will hold a Local Government enquiring into such matters in the Board room of the Lanchester Union at 10·15 a.m., on Monday first.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT USHAW MOOR COLLIERY.

On Saturday Mr T. Bell, aged 43 years while engaged in driving a locomotive engine at the above colliery, received such injuries from scalds that he died on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The accident apparently occurred from an oversight. The points being open the engine took the wrong way, coming in contact with a screen and carrying off the top of the boiler, frightfully scalding deceased. He afterwards walked home, and medical assistance was immediately procured to attend to his injuries. The poor fellow being accustomed to engines had merely undertaken to drive the engine to relieve a comrade. An enquiry was instituted on Monday, when a verdict of "Accidental death due to an oversight," was returned.

THE WEST DURHAM RAILWAY.

At the general meeting of the West Stanley Co-operative Society, held on Saturday, it was resolved that the following petition be sent to Mr Godfrey Smith, passenger superintendent North-Eastern Railway Company:—(1) That seeing these large centres of population having been so long neglected, and that the revenues of the company have been swelled by the large amount of coal sent from this important district, we therefore respectfully but urgently, and with faith in the fairness of the request, ask that there be not less than five trains each way on ordinary days, and an additional train or trains on Wednesdays and Saturdays; that there be an early train not later than 7·30 a.m., and a late train not earlier than 9·30 p.m. (2) That the station for Stanley be called Stanley, and not Shield Row, seeing that Stanley is rapidly becoming as well known in Durham as is Consett; but travellers and business men, or even anybody at a distance, will be at a loss if the name of Shield Row is given, and great inconvenience will be caused to both passenger and mineral traffic. (3) We would also make an urgent request that there should be at least one train each way on Sundays; and trust the directors will see their way clear to accede to the urgent requests made.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS.

St. Ives', Leadgate.—The annual services of praise and thanksgiving for the harvest were held in this parish on Sunday, in the Iveston schoolroom, where the vicar conducts a service on Sunday afternoon, for the villagers. Prayers were said by the Rev B. S. Spencer, curate of Esh. The choir, which was strengthened by the surpliced choir from the parish church, beautifully rendered the service and sung an anthem. The offertory amounted to £1, and was for the expenses of the Iveston Mission. On Thursday evening, Sept 28th, there was a special service in the parish church, Rev T. Varley, vicar; Rev R. S. Hay, curate; and Rev C. Wilson, curate of Consett, took part in the service. The preacher was Rev H. A. V. Boddy, chaplain to the Marquis of Londonderry, and vicar of Grindon. The services were continued over Sunday, the preacher morning and evening, being Rev Edward Sykes, organising secretary of the S. P. G. The offertories at the services were on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, and amounted to £5 12s 3½d. There was a service for children in the afternoon. The Litany was intoned by Rev E. Sykes, and the vicar delivered an appropriate address. Many kind friends sent in fruit, grain, flowers, &c., for the decorations, and many busy hands were skilfully engaged in beautifying the House of God for the occasion, and all deserved warmest thanks.

Esh Mission Church.—On Sunday, the harvest thanksgiving services were celebrated, the interior of the building being most artistically and neatly arranged and decorated by the lady members and friends of the congregation. The Rev L. Tomlinson curate of Peases' West, Stanley, conducted the service in the evening and preached a most effective sermon. The anthem was for the evening "All thy works praise Thee". The services were well attended with packed audiences, especially in the evening. The offertory at the close of the service was taken in aid of Church Missionary Society and for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.

Some four or five years ago a suggestion was made by Dr. Wm. Robinson, of Stanhope, that the combined efforts of the various friendly societies should be applied to the establishment of a convalescent home on the west coast, for the benefit of their members arriving to a convalescent stage from some long illness or other. This happy suggestion entered deeply into the fertile brain of Mr J. J. Robinson (then editor of the *Durham Chronicle*), and after careful study and consideration he enlisted several friends into the movement. From that time until the present the forward movement of the "Home" has never waned in the least, for as one day succeeds another, so does the membership of the Home, Self Help and Mutual Dependence is the basis, therefore success is all the more likely to be obtained. Well, having decided that a home was very much needed, the question of locality was then a great point of consideration, and with commendable judgment, Grange-over-Sands was the district selected. This place, as most of our readers are aware, is situate not far from Morecambe Bay, on the west coast of Lancashire, and is described by Mr George Marshall, Darlington, as a lovely place, and the centre of a lovely district. It is close to the beautiful lake district of England, and has in itself charming walks, in fact Grange is one huge park. One great advantage is that this Home can be visited all the year round—the winter as well as the summer—this to a person having suffered from some chest complaint, must of necessity be a great boon. The Home is conducted by some of the leaders of our various Friendly Societies, and on strictly business principles, and in the words of its founder (Mr J. J. Robinson) it did not begin with a debt; it ought never to have one—unless it be a debt of gratitude, and we add, we feel a debt of gratitude to him and the noble band that assisted him. The central committee of this Home is in Sunderland, the chairman being Mr J. Lacey, Sons of Temperance, and the secretary, Mr W. C. Hetherington, M.A.I.O.O.F. Local associations are formed in nearly every town throughout this county, the committee and officers of which are selected from among themselves for the conduct of the local association. Consett has a local association and comprises the Oddfellows, Foresters, Sons of Temperance, Free Gardeners, Mechanics, &c. Each member of the various societies, who desires to join, pays his quarterly subscription (4d) to the secretary of his own lodge, and at once becomes a member, and when in need of a change of air after an illness, with the recommendation of the doctor, the patient is fully entitled to two weeks at the Home (free of any other charge) and his railway fare paid to the home and back. This is co-operation in its highest sense, and the dividend is "restored health." Eight persons have been sent from Consett this year, and each one on his return eulogises the place for the beauty of its surroundings, the food and comforts of the Home, and the cheerfulness and homeliness of the lady superintendent. In a word all combines to make a *Home* from home.

"How to Behave," price sixpence.—To be had o Robert Jackson, bookseller, 9 and 10 Newmarket Street, Consett.

TOWLE'S PENNYROYAL & STEEL PILLS FOR FEMALES, quickly correct all irregularities, remove all obstructions, and relieve the distressing symptoms so prevalent with the sex. Boxes, 1s 1½d. and 2s 9d of all chemists. Sent anywhere on receipt of 15 or 34 stamps, by the Maker, E T Towle, Chemist, Nottingham. Beware of Imitations.

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FOUND DROWNED AT FROSTERLEY.

An inquest was held at Frosterley on Wednesday, before Deputy-Coroner Badcock, touching the death of Edward Bainbridge (45), platelayer. Deceased had been off work for a few days, suffering from dizzy fits, and went out on Monday morning about six o'clock. Not returning about 6:30 his wife went out to look for him, and found him lying in a mill race, which ran along the foot of the garden. Deceased had been in the habit of taking a short cut over the race, and at the place where he was found would have to climb some railings. He had nothing to take him over that place that morning, and nothing different was noticed with him, but knowing he had lately been taking these fits made his wife go to look for him.—The jury found that deceased was found drowned, but there was no evidence to show how he had got into the water.

HIGHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH.

ANNUAL FRUIT BANQUET.

On Monday evening, the members of this prosperous church at Highgate, held their annual successful gathering in the shape of the usual fruit banquet, combined with a miscellaneous concert. The spacious and sacred edifice was crowded with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by Mr W. Kirton, Walbottle. The other gentlemen on the platform were:—Revs. T. D. Landells, M.A., Jesmond Baptist Church, Newcastle; William Raistrick (Primitive), Blackhill; Thomas Durant (Baptist), Consett; Alex. Baillie (Presbyterian), Blackhill; and the genial pastor (Rev. E. W. Jenkins.)

The proceedings opened with the hymn "Praise ye the Lord," after which the Rev. T. Durant, offered an appropriate prayer.

The Pastor said they were assembled together to celebrate another of their annual gatherings, and he was pleased to see such a large company before him. He considered they had never a more richer treat than what was in store for them on that occasion. They had some of the best talented speakers of the day on the platform, to address them, whilst there was a capital programme of music provided by some of their most noted singers for their enjoyment. This was not all, they had the distribution of fruit to gratify their appetites. Let him tell them also they had never a better chairman—(applause)—who, along with the several soloists, had come at great sacrifice so as to entertain them and to do good. (Applause.) He would now leave the meeting in the hands of their worthy chairman.

The Chairman, who was loudly applauded, said their worthy pastor had a different opinion of the chairman than he really possessed himself. (Laughter.) In the first place let him state that he was pleased to see such a large company present which no doubt spoke volumes for the prosperity of the church. (Applause.) It would not be necessary for him to give them a long address, when he saw the array of talent behind him on that platform. He was glad to see such a gathering of young people, and felt proud when he saw that Mr Jenkins was doing a work so as to keep them within the fold, and not allowing them to become contaminated with the world and its sin. (Applause.) Strong drink was one of the greatest evils they had to contend against, and he would say to the young people present, be careful what company they kept, and never touch the contents of the wine cup which stung like an arrow. He was glad that Christian people were trying to be preachers day by day. In the world there was a great amount of evil to contend with, and Mr Jenkins and his friends were doing something to bring the people together, and show to the world that they were something more than Christians by name. He would again urge upon the young people to have a character that would bear investigation. There were too many shams in the world. Let them be out-and-out Christians, and show to those around them what church they belonged to. (Applause.)

The programme of music was next proceeded with, and was as follows:—Organ recital, "March of the Pilgrims," Mr J. E. Thompson, Blackhill; song, "But the Lord is mindful of His own," Miss Bowmaker, Newcastle; anthem, "Sing to the Lord of the Harvest," choir; song, "Pearly Gates," Miss Brown, Wolsingham; duet, "Lovely peace," Miss Wright and Mr Robinson, Blackhill; organ recital, Mr J. Bell, Edmondbyers; song, "The Better Land," Miss Wright; song, "Rest in the Lord," Miss Bowmaker; song, Miss Brown; anthem, "I will cry unto God most High."

The whole of the music was most satisfactorily rendered.

The singing of Miss Bowmaker, who possesses a rich contralto voice, was highly appreciated. The same can also be said of Misses Brown and Wright, and the latter's rendition of "The better land," was really a treat in itself. The two organ recitals were well taken with; whilst the choir did full justice to the two anthems. Mr Thompson and Mr Bell, in turn, presided at the organ, and Mr J. Sanderson, Blackhill, conducted the choir with his usual ability.

Rev T. D. Landells, M.A., who is a son of Dr Landells, of Edinburgh, followed with an interesting and instructive address. He expressed his pleasure in coming to Highgate on that occasion, to make the acquaintance of the people of the church and their worthy pastor. He was glad at being present to see the meeting, and wished that he could get Jesmond Church filled with such an audience on a week-night. He was glad to have had the privilege of getting a glimpse of their beautiful country-side, because he had not had the opportunity of seeing it before, and he could say that it nearly came up to Jesmond Dene. (Laughter). He had admired the beautiful scenery whilst being shown around a portion of the country that afternoon, under the guidance of their genial pastor. Let him state that he felt nervous in standing there before them, not that he was told it was a critical audience, but simply because he was at a loss to know what to address them about. Fruit banquets were not known in any part of the country that he had travelled in before. In many parts of Scotland they had what was known as strawberry feasts, and no doubt fruit banquets were something similar in this part of the country. He was, nevertheless, very familiar with tea meetings, and thought them excellent institutions, which created a social feeling amongst the members of the various churches. He understood they were contemplating extending their borders, and he wished them God-speed in this direction. He was just thinking they could get a great many lessons from an apple. Eve was tempted by an apple, and introduced sin into the world. At this time of the year many important and suggestive lessons could be learned that might be useful to them all. It was a time of sadness. When they saw nature dying, it made them reflect and ponder. Just as they saw nature passing away, so they would have to do the same thing, and give place to others. Whilst this was going on it had its compensation. There was beauty in the decay of autumn. It also spoke of another spring that would come, God never sent a sorrow in this life without sending a compensation. Death was not always sadness, it had its compensation. All the sorrows of this life were compensated by the grace of God. Another important lesson of the harvest time was this: Just what a farmer sowed in Spring did he reap in Autumn? This was a universal law. This was also true in the spiritual sphere. Just what they sowed in this world, would they reap in the world to come. To be more pointed, he would ask how were each one of them shaping their character and future destiny? What preparation were they making for the harvest of eternity? He would ask them to take this into their consideration, and see whether they were sowing seed that would bring forth a harvest of blessedness. In this world they were not left to themselves. They had a friend in the blessed Lord Jesus, who stood by them amongst all trials and troubles. He would again ask them to prepare themselves for the harvest, and be ready for the Master's call. (Applause).

Rev Wm. Raistrick also spoke.

The customary votes of thanks concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

At the annual tea and entertainment of the Tow Law Co-operative Society, held in the Mechanics' Institute, on Saturday night, Mr John Wilson, M.P., delivered an address.

"ROUGH ON RATS."—Ask Chemists, Grocers, or Oilmen for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, beetles, [illegible] roaches, ants, insects, ground moles, &c. 9d and 1s. boxes.

SHOCKING FATALITY AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Tuesday se'nnight, an inquest was held at Mr Miles Handy's, Smith's Arms Inn, Catchgate, touching the death of Timothy Scott, aged about 40 years, an onsetter employed at Messrs Dickinson's Willie Pit, South Derwent Colliery, Annfield Plain.—It appears that the man went to work on Monday week, about six a.m., in the five-quarter seam of the Carrmyer's shaft. It is supposed that he had been looking down the shaft from the top of the gate from the above seam, when the cage came down from the seam above, and caught his head, almost severing it in two. He was found about 6·30 by George Pariett, a driver boy, and Henry Williams, quite dead.—The jury returned a verdict that Scott had been accidentally killed by the cage striking his head.—Mr G. F. Bell, assistant Government Inspector of Mines, was in attendance.

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These preparations were not brought out entirely for money, therefore they are given away to all who are unable to pay for them at all Handyside's places of business, and at 12 Bentinck Crescent, Newcastle, every Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. Everyone should go and hear and see the marvellous change this preparation produces on all diseases.

The Pills prepared by G. Handyside, are composed of rhubarb root and other vegetable extracts, and they are earning a great name. They contain no medicine, therefore cannot ruin the constitution, as it is well known that those who take the most doctors' medicine have the worst health. And it cannot be otherwise, for most of it irritates the stomach, and drives the food out of the system before it has nourished the body, but these Pills prepared by G. Handyside, feed the digestive organs and enable them to digest the food, and after they have been taken for some time the residue of the bowels show natural digestion, while those who take doctors' medicine the food is driven away from an irritated stomach. But this is not all. The stomach contains millions of small tubes, no thicker than a fine hair, to convey the gastric juice to mix with the food. The continual irritation of the stomach through purging medicines, must have a tendency to fill up these small tubes and prevent a proper supply of gastric juice, which is necessary for proper digestion, therefore it is not surprising that everyone who take the most doctors' medicine have the worst health. Purging pills do good for a day or two, and then you are worse than ever. You take more; relief is given to you again for a day or two. You are worse than ever, and you go on till your constitution is ruined. Two doctors are now needed where one was sufficient fifty years ago, when people preserved their health by God's natural remedy, the fruits of the field. Both sexes should continually take the Pills after the age of forty, for the heart after that age ossifies. No delicate person or growing youth should be without them. And they should be taken strictly by the directions. Thousands of testimonials; extracts sent post free.

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THE ADVENTURES OF PERCY ADAMS.

A TALE FOR YOUNG MEN.

BY
TEMPEST BLANCH,
Author of "Our Hands have Met," &c.

CHAPTER IX.

My Uncle's Secret.

"He's not deed yit," cried Jackson, "but ye've—ah! maw Goad—ye've," and he dropped his voice to a whisper, "ye've fetched blood—aw can feel's on me hand! The Lord hev mercy on us—he'll dee as shure's we heer."

Oh, no, Jackson, he'll not die. I just fired at his right shoulder. The bullet will be easily extracted and it was done in self-defence. They have no business prowling about and living on plunder.

It was during a great depression in trade, when orders had been diverted from the North of England to America and Germany, when wives were dying, and children crying for bread! * *

The big man was evidently suffering more from fright than from the effects of the bullet. He had heard what I said, and he raised himself up with his left arm saying, "Beg pardon, master, let's off this time an' awl nivver interfere agyen. Its a bad gam this, but its the last time for me."

He struggled to his feet and produced a candle and matches, and asked me to examine the wound. I did so, and found the bullet had passed through the fleshy part of the arm, and it was only necessary to staunch the wound. I asked Jackson if he had any tobacco, and he replied that "he had nowt but shag," whereupon the "big man" produced a roll of brown twist. I unrolled a piece and covered over the wound, putting my handkerchief as a bandage uppermost. The "big man" thanked me, and we proceeded homeward.

Some months after this occurrence, I learnt that "big Jim" had begun to lead a new life. He does not now recognise the other two men who ran away and left him with us; and instead of spending all his earnings in riotous living, he has opened an account at the savings bank, and is now respected among men.

The crimson tide was the tide in his affairs, and he took it at the flood.

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With great dexterity, Jackson steered his noble steed over the loose stones down the narrow lane, and in a few minutes we pulled up at the great iron gate at the entrance to "Owlett Hall." It was past midnight, and my heart leaped for joy when I saw the brilliant lights streaming through the windows and the fanlight over the hall door.

But what if I were too late!

As we drove up the long avenue, the hall door silently opened, and there, standing in the doorway, the light shining full upon his face, I saw a little black man!

"Who the deuce is that, Jackson?" I queried in a whisper.

"The deuce, you're reet, Maister Percy—its the divvil!" "Cum heer "Khan," he shouted, looking towards the black man, "Cum heer, an' dinnit stand there like a ghost." He's a nigger footman, Maister Percy."

After a hearty laugh, I remarked in astonishment, "Well Khan, I took you for the devil himself, and if there's anything in this world I do object to, it is to feel that I'm face to face with his satanic majesty." Khan laughed too, and wiped his face with his white pocket handkerchief by way of apology, but it made no impression.

Khan found his tongue and said to me, "Massa wants to see you sar. Been very bad—very bad—not so bad now."

Khan led the way to my uncle's chamber, and as I entered I saw John Adams—not the hale, hearty, robust, uncle Adams that used to be, but the weak tottering clay—clinging tenaciously to the immortal soul which soon—by all the laws of human evolution—must pass away beyond the shadows of this world into the land of promise and rest.

As I entered, he beckoned me to his bed side. The cold bony hand clasped mine tenderly, and he talked spasmodically. "I've a secret to tell," said he, "a secret which I've kept to myself for years. Lawyer White has made my will, and it is in his possession. I've always spoken against women to you. Now, I will try to tell you the reason why as briefly and as simply as I can."

He laid his head upon my arm, and drew as long a breath as he could, then proceeded:

"You never knew that I had been married? No, nobody about here knows. I unfortunately married a pretty young girl, who was as vain as she was beautiful. I was poor then, earning just such a miserable pittance as an ordinary clerk receives in these days for office drudgery. Yes, I was a clerk under one of those over-fed bloated aristocrats who has never yet been known to say, "you have done that work well." A man who made notes of the most trivial errors during the year, and brought them up at Christmas to save giving you a Christmas box, and whilst he drew his £1,000 a year, he thought £80 a year quite sufficient for me! I mention these details because I know such men abound to-day, and I want this tale to strike home to their consciences if they have any. I will go a step further, and say, no man has any right to receive £1,000 a year out of a concern, whilst another with equal talents and probably more ability, is paid the miserable sum of £80 a year, and no man in England should be allowed to receive more than £1,000 a year, whilst all these poor, unclothed, and homeless children are starving in our wealthy cities under our very eyes!"

"But to revert to my own life. I said my wife was beautiful. If you will take down that picture of the crucifixion, and look underneath—yes, take it down, that's it; set it upon that chair. Now look at the wall where it hung about the centre, wet your finger, and you will turn up a square piece of paper. Yes, that is a miniature painting of my—

"Your wife." said I almost breathlessly, as I scanned the features. A deathly silence ensued, which lasted for several minutes.

"I have seen that face somewhere," I said to myself, struggling to suppress my alarm lest he should notice it.

"Very beautiful, Uncle," I murmured.

"Yes, but that beauty is only skin-deep; and what is beauty when it adorns but the exterior clay which holds a vain, false heart?"

"Worthless, Uncle, as worthless as the dust."

"Well, we pulled along together fairly comfortably, for about two years, during which time I practiced very largely the tune of self-denial, so that she might have all she wanted. Her vanity increased as the days rolled by, and every time Mrs. Toff, next door, got a new bonnet or new jacket, my wife, Nell, wanted one as well. She could'nt bear to see her neighbours better dressed than herself. That same phase of vanity is the ruin of thousands of women. The demand devours the supply; and insatiable vanity and implacable covetousness eats out the very vitals of humanity; then comes the welcome tempter to claim his victim. He, too, has an eye to covetousness, and is waiting an opportunity to lure away and gloat over his prey.

"Squire Silverdon—what! you seem startled—not the present one; his father, the late M.P. for L——"

"Oh, his father," I rejoined with a forced air of indifference, whilst my hair began to stand on end, like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

"Yes, my boy," he continued, "she was beautiful; fair as the lily; with deep blue eyes, sparkling like diamonds, and long thick golden hair, which in her younger days hung in long wavy tresses over her shapely back and shoulders. Veritably, she was then a perfect hebe. But, the tempter came! Silverdon came; and at first he professedly took an interest—a friendly interest—in both of us. In addition to the old family seat "Kremlyn Hall," he kept up a town residence in Carlton gardens so as to be near his parliamentarian colleagues, for the better propagation of his private designs. During the recess he rode about a good deal and often passed our way. He began to talk to me first, then to my wife whenever he had the opportunity, sometimes making her little presents. I noticed a change in her demeanour. She was more vain than ever and talked much of "miserable poverty while others were rolling in wealth."

"One night when I returned home after working late at the office for my £80 a year I found that my little bird had flown and left an empty cage!"

"There was a little letter pinned up over the mantelpiece. It ran as follows:—

"Dear John,—I'm so sorry, but I cannot stay here any longer and see other women better dressed and better off than myself, and somebody has promised to make me a lady. It is no use of you trying to find me, for we are going abroad and you will never see my face again. He has been so kind to me and matters have gone too far for me to turn back now. It breaks my heart to leave you, but you would not care to call me wife again if you knew all."

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"When I read that letter I was standing in front of the fire in our little cottage. Something seemed to clutch my heart—and I fell back unconscious upon the floor!"

"As soon as I regained consciousness my lips quivered, and I cried out—Revenge!——Revenge!——is sweet. The day will come!! "I remember it all.

"Be calm uncle. You are too ill for this excitement." He waved his hand and with a sigh he proceeded: "No;" he said, "I will finish it, I've never told it before, and I feel relieved that I have passed the crucial point, the meridian in safety; and now for the retribution and my eventual success."

"England then held nothing dear to me; so I determined to bury my sorrow in the old country and begin life anew. Therefore I turned my face to the East towards India and proceeded thither. I sat the civil service examination and passed at the top of the tree. This was the turning point in my affairs. I performed my duties honestly and with an air of independence. I always abhorred servility in any form. There, the man who wore his clothes cut in the latest fashion, and who crept up the sleeve of the junior partner, and made parties for the benefit of the senior partner's younger son; who worked a few hours more during the week than other clerks and performed various other little acts of servility—there I say, in India, these things were counted but vain endeavours to gain a prerogative which natural talent and ability had failed to secure.

So it was that the independent unservile "John Adams" found his level, and in a few years was promoted to the somewhat important post of secretary to the Governor of India.

During my probation I made the aquaintance of a Captain Curtis, a man who rose from the ranks in the —th Queen's Lancers, stationed at Lucknow, and who afterwards returned to London and wrote to me with reefrence to my wife, at my request of course.

"You see those drawers in American walnut?"

"Yes," I replied, rising from my seat.

"Well, they are made on the American principle." Just press the handle of the top drawer on the left, and don't stand too near."

I did so and the drawer flew open.

"Now, you see a red letter or rather a letter marked in red "Captain Curtis." That letter you will take care of, because it gives a description of a certain young woman whom I want you to find! The latter portion of the letter will also interest you, for it goes to prove that the judgments of the supernatural sometimes overtake us in this world. Read it my boy

I turned to that latter part and read as follows:—"I am sorry to be the medium of conveying to you very sad news with regard to your unfaithful wife and Squire Silverdon. Under happier circumstances the news would doubtless have given you pain, but I think you will feel as I feel, that they have met with a just retribution. At the residence of Silverdon in Carlton Gardens, at about one o'clock this morning fire was noticed to be issuing from a window in the second storey. The flames crept up the timbers with such alarming rapidity that all efforts of the fire brigade to stay their progress were unavailing. Just over the front room, and upon the third storey, was the bedroom of the Squire. Here the window was thrown open and two faces were seen peering through the flames crying for help. It was impossible to save them; and in a few minutes their ashes went down to the dust, and their souls went forth upon the dark and thorny way, in due time to appear before the great King of Kings! Moreover, I have learnt that your wife had a daughter, the image of herself. She will now be about three years old. There is a peculiarity about this child! On her left hand, the third finger—(that is, the ring finger) and the little finger are webbed together so that it would be impossible to put a ring upon her "marriage finger." There is a mystery about this, and the father and the mother sent the child to some elderly people in the North of England to be brought up as their own, at the same time placing a sum in a local bank for maintenance and education."

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"As I finished the last sentence my uncle broke in saying: 'Now, Percy, I want you to find that girl if she is alive! She will now be about nineteen. It is sixteen years since I received that letter, and I have recently tried in vain to find her myself. I should love to see her before I die. Find her and bring her hither!"

"I will try, uncle. I believe I know where she is even now.

"What! you know where she is?"

"Yes, uncle, I think I do. Good-night!"

He stretched out his trembling hand and grasping mine firmly, he looked into my eyes, and in a broken voice murmured:—"Find her my boy and bring her to me." Then he rolled back upon his pillow and a sweet smile passed over his face.

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How fade the lines of caste and birth;
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The groaning multitudes of earth.
Whittier.

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ASSOCIATION.

Hobson Wanderers' Reserve beat Allendale Park by two goals to nil, at the Hobson.

Axwell Rovers (Swalwell) beat Heaton Rovers, on the latter's ground, by four goals to nil.

Waldridge White Star beat St. Oswald's (Eighton Banks) by two goals to one, on the latter's ground.

Ouston Institute 3rd beat Pelaw by three goals to none.

Shotley Bridge Rovers 2nd beat Consett Church Y.M.C.A. by two goals to nil.

Collierley Board School 2nd beat Pickering Nook Board School 2nd by one goal to none, on the latter's ground.

Collierley Board School 1st defeated Leadgate National School, on the former's ground, by nine goals to nil.

Collierley School Old Boys 2nd beat Annfield Plain Wanderers, on the latter's ground, by three goals to nothing.

Waldridge White Star 2nd and Edmondsley Juniors met on the former's ground, the result being a draw of two goals each.

Flint Hill Albion and Whickham Juniors met on the former's ground, the result being a draw—two goals each.

Spen Albion 2nd beat Old Hartley Stars 1st after a very exciting game by two goals to one, at the Spen, before 500 spectators.

Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers Reserve beat Hamilton Lilywhites, on the former's ground, by four goals to nil.

LEADGATE WEST END v RIDLEY'S CRESLERS (Leadgate.)—This return game ended in an easy win for West End by seven goals to nil.

DELVES LANE HEROES v LINTZ NOMADS.—Played at the Lintz, and resulted in a draw of two goals each.

ESH TRUE BLUES RESERVE v BYER MOOR RESERVE. —Played at Byer Moor, and ended in a win for the Blues by three goals to two.

BURNHOPE ROVERS 2ND v TANFIELD LEA CÆSARS. —Played on the latter's ground, and after a quiet game resulted in a win for the Rovers by three goals to one. Soulsby and Wallace played well for the winners.

LANCHESTER RISING STARS v QUEBEC ST. MICHAEL'S. —Played on the former's ground, and resulted in a victory for the Stars by three goals to one. J. Maddison and J. W. Morgan showed up prominently for the winners.

LINTZ BOARD SCHOOL v BURNOPFIELD NATIONAL SCHOOL.—Played on the former's ground, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team by seven goals to nil.

KIP HILL v SWALWELL MISSION.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for the visitors by two goals to nil. The following represented Kip Hill:—Goal, J. Brown; backs, A. York and N. Nicholson; half-backs, J. Fairbairn, J. York, and T. Cranston; forwards, G. Whitfield, G. Nicholson, J. Clementson, B. Lock, and T. Reay.

OUSTON INSTITUTE 2ND v BRANDON ALBION.—Played at Ouston. After some good passing, McKie scored for the home team with a splendid shot. The visitors could not break through the Ouston defense, and a pleasant game ended in a win for the Institute by two goals to nil.

BLACKHILL PARK v BLAYDON ALBION.—Played at Blackhill before a good number of spectators. Smith kicked off for the Park, who had a slight breeze at their backs. Play ruled pretty even for 20 minutes, when Tindle scored for the homesters, who led at the interval by one goal to none. Hands re-started for Blaydon, who raced away and looked like scoring, but the backs saved. Hobday in goal stopped several good shots, and a capital game ended in a win for the Park by two goals to one.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL OLD BOYS v BENWELL ROYAL OAKS.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a draw of one goal each. The bad condition of the ground made shooting very uncertain. The Collierley team was—Goal, W. Platten; backs, R. Spink and W. White; half-backs, W. Black, G. Barrow, and J. Robson; forwards, G. Fenwick and T. Anderson, left wing; G. Robson, centre; M. Cain and J. Bird, right wing.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v CONSETT Y.M.C.A. —Played on the former's ground. The visitors won the toss, and played with the wind and hill in their favour. On kicking off, the home forwards made their way to the visitors' goal, where P. Cullen scored from a neat pass by Murphy. The home team had much the best of the play, and at half-time were leading by four goals to one. The second half was more even, and the "Saints" eventually ran out winners by five goals to one.

LINTZFORD JUNIORS v LEADGATE UNITED.—Played at Lintzford. The homesters kicked off, but the visitors at once made tracks for the Lintzford goal, but were repulsed by Ferry. The home team scored from a corner, and shortly after the United equalised. Lintzford pressed and Walton scored, the home team leading at the interval by two goals to one. On recommencing, the visitors pressed, but Newton cleared. Bulmer and Walton ran up, the latter scoring with a splendid screw shot. The homesters continued to hold the upper hand, and were awarded a penalty kick, Poole doing the needful. Some capital passing was now shown by the Leadgate forwards, who added two goals in quick succession, and the final result was as under—

Lintzford ....Four goals
Leadgate ....Three goals

EAST CASTLE ROVERS v TOW LAW WANDERERS.— Played at Tow Law. The home team kicked off up the hill, and came away in a body, but T. McEnaney pulled them up with a long kick. The visitors' forwards now swarmed round the home posts, and fairly rained shots in, but the Wanderers' custodian was playing a wonderfully good game, but could not be beaten. At half-time nothing had been scored. After a short rest, Young re-started, and after some midfield play Temple scored with a splendid daisy-cutter. The same left wing came away and sent in a long shot, which C. Haughan, in trying to save, headed through his own goal. Temple again scored for the visitors, but was ruled off-side. The Rovers, however, quickly had their revenge, for Thompson getting away, centred cleverly, and Young banged the leather through. Gladders notched a third, J. McEnaney a fourth, and Gladders a fifth. Result—

Rovers ....Five goals
Wanderers ....One goal

The Rovers were represented by—Goal, R. Haughan; backs, C. Haughan and Wm. Thirlaway; half-backs, Jn. McEnaney, John McEnaney (capt.), and Thos. McEnaney; forwards, Thompson and G. Gladders, right wing; W. Young, centre; J. Tweedy and W. Temple, left wing.

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE RANGERS v HAMSTERLEY UNITED.—Played at Hamsterley. The first half was slightly in favour of the Rangers, who had hard lines on two occasions, Hudson hitting the upright and Walker heading just over the bar. The United were never dangerous in this half, the visitors' custodian having nothing at all to do. At the interval nothing had been scored. On crossing over, the home team soon got away and scored the first point of the game. The Rangers now indulged in some good passing, and F. Tomlinson equalised with a beauty. Just before the close, the United broke away and scored, but the goal was disputed on the ground of off-side. Final score—

United ....Two goals (one disputed)
Rangers ....One goal

LIZZIE CELTICS v OAKEY'S LILYWHITES.—Played at Stanley before 800 people. The home captain won the toss, and Herdman set the ball in motion for the Celts, who worked into the homesters' quarters, but the backs relieved. The home forwards made a grand run down the field, and through a misunderstanding between the backs, Bolam scored the first goal for the Lilywhites three minutes from the start. The visitors pressed, and a nice pass from left to right enabled J. W. Robson to shoot, and the ball hitting the upright bounded through. The home team disputed the goal, but the referee allowed the point. The Lilywhites, being the lighter team, soon fagged, and for about three minutes the visitors bombarded the home goal, but could not get through, the backs relieving, and at half-time the score was—

Lilywhites..One goal
Celtics..One goal

Even play was the order for a time on resuming, and then G. Robson securing took the globe well up and centred, Herdman scoring a second goal for the Lizzie. A little rough play was now witnessed, and the homesters gave one or two fouls. From a throw in, the Lilywhites secured and Gibson equalised. The home team, cheered on by their supporters, made a grand effort to secure the winning point, but Graham and Burton were too much for them. The Lizzie forwards got possession and raced down the field, and T. Robson scored the winning point. A hard-fought game ended as under—

Celtics ....Three goals
Lilywhites ....Two goals

CORNSAY ROVERS v GATESHEAD ST. AIDAN'S.— Played at Cornsay. Gateshead having won the toss, choose to play down the slope. Raw kicked off for the home team, and even play was the rule for a while, until Kidd and Hardy made a splendid run up the left wing. Hardy shot well in, and Kidd banged the ball through in splendid style, amidst deafening cheers. The visitors now played for all they were worth, but it was only now and again they broke through the Rovers' half-backs, who were playing in grand style. The leather was nicely taken up the field by Walker and Sargent, who placed well over to the left, where Hardy and Kidd did some very tricky work, especially Kidd, whose play was a treat. Hardy made another splendid shot, and the leather was put through. At half-time the score stood—

Cornsay ....Two goals
Gateshead ....Nil

The visitors re-started and took up the running, but were quickly repulsed by the backs and goalkeeper, the latter playing a sound game. The Gateshead men strained every nerve to get one through, but could not succeed, as McDermott was always on the alert. The game continued to be well contested, the "Saints" gaining a corner, which came to nothing. No further scoring took place, and one of the best games ever witnessed on the Cornsay ground resulted as under—

Cornsay ....Two goals
Gateshead ....Nil

Cornsay team—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, E. Clark and G. Simpson (capt.); half-backs, A. Hendy, M. Boddiner, and G. Sargent; forwards, E. Hardy and T. Kidd, left wing; M. Raw, centre; R. Walker and J. W. Sargent, right wing. Linesman, W. Minto. Referee, Mr H. R. McGowan.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS v BURNOPFIELD TEMPERANCE.—Played at Shotley Spa. The visitors' captain winning the toss, elected to play down the slight incline. Gibbons kicked off for the Temperance, and Murray getting possession passed over to Watson, who made a splendid run, eluding his opponents and centreing, and from a scrimmage the home team scored their first goal amid loud cheers. The visitors began to play up vigorously, but were repulsed, and Watson again getting possession made a grand run up the field, and passing the backs shot a grand goal. The Temperance now seemed to go to pieces, the Shotley forwards making rings round the halves, Barrass and Lishman putting in some useful work. Walton getting possession put in a splendid shot, and scored No. 3 for the home team. The visitors now broke away, but found the backs to be in grand form. Weedy and Lee took the globe down the field, the former shooting, but found the goalkeeper equal to the occasion. Walton got hold and passed over to Watson, who shot through, but was ruled off-side. At half-time the score stood—

Rovers ....Three goals
Temperance ....Nil

Murray re-started for the home team, whose forwards settled down to some splendid passing. Barrass put on a goal from a grand pass by Murray. The game now ruled pretty even till just before the finish, when Watson scored for the home team with a grand shot. Result—

Rovers ....Five goals
Temperance ....Nil

HOBSON WANDERERS v. GATESHEAD TOWN.

Played on the Hobson ground. Beck kicked off for the Wanderers, who at once ran up the field, Lown scoring within two minutes of the start. The visitors came down in a body and equalised with a soft shot, the leather slipping through Keith's hands and rolling through. The Hobson forwards showed some capital passing, and despite the grand defence set up by Jos. Pike and his colleagues, were not to be denied, and scored No. 2 with a fast shot. The home team were having much the best of the game, but Pike in goal made some grand saves, being only just beaten before the interval with a low shot. Half-time score—

Hobson ....Three goals
Gateshead ....One goal

T. Pike resumed for the visitors, but the fast play in the first half began to tell a tale on both teams, and the concluding period was not as exciting as the first. Gateshead did most of the pressing, but try as they would they could not break through the grand defence of the brothers Enderson at back, and the result of a fast and pleasant game was—

Hobson ....Three goals
Gateshead ....One goal

LEADGATE PARK v. LANGLEY PARK ROVERS.

Played on the latter's ground. The visitors played down the slope in the first "45," and were not long in asserting their superiority. The Langley backs and goalkeeper defended well for a time, but eventually Foreman headed a grand goal from a splended centre from the left. Shortly after Foreman added a second, R. Wilson a third, and Foreman a fourth (after a run three-parts the length of the field.) The two Wattsfords were continually in evidence with their passing, dribbling, and shooting, and after G. Wattsford had missed an easy chance, he dribbled round the backs and shot a beautiful goal. The home team were very seldom dangerous, and half-time found the score standing—

Leadgate ....Five goals
Langley Park ....Nil

The homesters showed up a trifle better after the interval, but the Leadgate halves were playing a grand game, and generally had the measure of the opposing attack. The visitors' forwards put in any number of good runs, and on one occasion Foreman just missed the goal with a splendid effort. Further points were added by R. Wilson and H. Wattsford, the visitors running out easy winners as under—

Leadgate ....Seven goals
Langley Park ....Nil

Referee, Mr J. Ross, jun.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

FIRST ROUND.

SHILDON RANGERS v. WOLSINGHAM.

Great interest was centred in this match, as the Rangers had beaten Wolsingham by two goals to one, at Wolsingham, the previous Saturday, in a Bishop Auckland League match, and as the tie was to be played at Shildon, it was thought a certainty for the home team. Shildon won the toss, and played against the hill and wind. Wolsingham kicked off, and immediately pressed, Hardy shooting past. Parker for the Rangers saved well from Williams; Ward returned, and Hardy scored for the visitors after ten minutes' play. From the kick-off, Shildon pressed, Herron giving a corner to save, which proved useless, Lunson clearing with a huge kick. After some midfield play, Wolsingham ran down, but were pulled up for off-side. From the free kick, Soakell got the ball and centred, Williams scoring. The home team soon after put on a goal, and the visitors added another through the instrumentality of Muse and Watson. Half-time score—

Wolsingham..Three goals
Shildon ....One goal

The home team pressed on resuming, Bennett shooting wide and Shaw putting over the top. Hereabouts Turp put in some effective work for Wolsingham, and saved the goal time after time when the home team were doing the most pressing. Parker put in a long shot, which Herron cleared, Shaw returning. Ranahan saved and sent up the field, where Hardy received and ran past the backs, but his final shot hit the bar and re-bounded into play. Shildon ran down in a body, but Lunson checked them when they were about to shoot. Wolsingham ran up, and Weston let fly from about 30 yards and scored a splendid goal. The whistle went immediately after, leaving the result as under—

Wolsingham ....Four goals
Shildon ....One goal

Wolsingham team—Goal, Herron; backs, Ranahan and Lunson; half-backs, Soakell, Turp, and Ward; forwards, Williams, Muse, Weston, Watson, and Hardy. Referee, Mr E. Fairless.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. SHANKHOUSE.

The above match was played at Dipton. It being the first visit of Shankhouse (who are holders of the Northumberland Cup) to Dipton, a big crowd assembled to witness what proved to be the fastest and most exciting game that has been played at Dipton. The "gate" was a record one for the home club, fully 2,000 people lining the ropes when the teams appeared on the field. The visitors, who are a lot of big, strong fellows, arrived with their strongest team, and having won the toss, elected to defend the entrance goal, with a slight breeze at their backs. Evans kicked off for Dipton, and play at once became very fast. The visitors were the first aggressors, but the play of the home backs and halves prevented them from becoming dangerous. The ball got no respite, travelling quickly from one goal to the other, the defence of each side being taxed to the utmost, but they successfully kept off all danger. Shankhouse now got up and forced a corner, which was well placed, but Rowell saved with his head. Walker and Maddison now got possession and raced away down the left, the home team missing a grand chance to score, Evans shooting wide. The visitors' left wing were going nicely up the field when Coates dashed in and dispossessed them, sending down the field with a good kick, from which Gilliard got possession and put across to Walker, who shot into the net, but was ruled off-side. Shortly after Whitton was called upon to save, which he did in splendid style; but the leather being returned, Whitton ran out to save and missed the ball, Gilliard spoiling a good chance by kicking over the bar. Even play continued to the interval, when the score read—

Dipton ....Nil
Shankhouse ....Nil

The game was resumed after a short rest, and if the first half proved exciting the second became more so. The Wanderers got up the left, and Walker had hard luck, sending in a stinging shot which hit the upright. Both ends were visited in turn, Freek playing a cool game, and saving his charge on two occasions when a goal seemed certain. Both teams were beginning to feel the effects of the pace, which had been tremendous from the start, but they struggled most gamely to secure the winning point. Buck was now winded, and the game had to be stopped for a couple of minutes. On resuming, both teams went at it with renowed vigour, but all efforts to score proved futile, the play of Buck, Coates, Rowell, Turpin, and Freek successfully repelling all attacks on the part of the Shankhouse forwards. Dipton, cheered on by their supporters, got into dangerous proximity to the visitors' goal, but their efforts were in vain, and when the whistle sounded a stubbornly-contested game resulted as under—

Dipton ....Nil
Shankhouse ....Nil

The following represented the Wanderers:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Turpin and T. Rowell (capt.); half-backs, R. Coates, E. Buck, and Wm. Bowes; forwards, F. Harle and I. Gilliard, right wing; Wm. Evans, centre; J. M. Maddison and T. Walker, left wing. Linesman, T. Swinbank. Referee, Mr C. H. Hornsby, New Benwell.

RUGBY.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. NORTH DURHAM 2ND.

This game was played on the former's ground, when a splendid encounter was witnessed. The home team kicked off, and from good passing Stebbs got over, but a forward pass spoiled the try, a minor only resulting. After excellent play by the home forwards, J. Aitken dropped a fine goal. The Rovers continued to press, and the Durham back missing the leather, Anderson scored a fine try, Elliott failing at goal. The Rovers worked the ball back to the Durham line, and Aitken following up got over, Robson landing a grand goal. The homesters held the upper hand till the whistle sounded for half-time, the score being—

Rovers ....Two goals, one try
North Durham ....Nil

On resuming, Bruce put in a splendid run for North Durham, but could not get over. The home forwards worked the ball to half-way, where Geo. Aitken came away with a fine dribble, and Smailes grounded the oval over the line, Robson again converting. One of the visitors was here hurt, and took no further part in the game. The Rovers scored a fourth try, from which Robson landed the major point, and the final result was—

Rovers............Four goals (one dropped), one try (22 points)
North Durham ....Nil

Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[BY "OFF-SIDE."]

A CUP-TIE AT LANGLEY PARK.

Owing to losing a number of their best men last season, the Rovers of Langley Park did not enter for the Durham Cup; but the wanderers have now returned to the fold, and so the Rovers once more decided to try their luck. The fortune of the draw decreed that they should meet Leadgate Park in the first round, the whole of the other entrants in this division securing byes. Although the Rovers had choice of ground, they scarcely expected to pull through against such a strong team as Leadgate Park; and, as a matter of fact, they never had the slightest chance. The visitors played much superior football to their opponents, and beat them in hollow fashion.

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The winners were minus the services of F. and W. Foreman, but, as events turned, they were not missed at all. Crowther was a spectator for fully three-parts of the game, and was only troubled with about a couple of shots. Bell and Mansell did all that was required of them at back, the former kicking splendidly. The halves, in my opinion, were the best part of the team. They all three were in champion form, and never gave their opponents a moment's peace. Robson's pace generally enabled him to beat his opponents for possession, and his display all through was a most finished one. Wilson worked like a nigger, and fed his forwards most judiciously, besides getting in some dangerous shots. Snowdon, of the Reserve, fully justified his selection, his head work being grand.

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The Park forwards gave a vastly improved exhibition, and the re-arrangement in the front rank seems to have done much good. The left wing was undoubtedly the strongest, and the brothers Wattsford played to each other in excellent style. C. Foreman and Graham did well individually, but did not combine so admirably as the left wingers. Foreman was very dangerous in front of goal, and I believe he was responsible for three of the goals scored. Wilson is not an ideal centre. He has a bad habit of "chocking" the shots put in by the halves, and seems to completely lose his head when in close proximity to the goal-posts. However, he is young, and has plenty of time for improvement.

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I cannot conscientiously say much in favour of the Rovers. They have two good backs and a capital centre half. The others are not of much account. Newton in goal takes things a great deal too coolly, and was caught napping two or three times. Jackson was the most prominent of the forwards, who, however, are lost for the want of a capable centre. The one that did duty in this position on Saturday was a complete frost. It was expected that Nichol—who last year assisted Esh True Blues—would have turned out for the home team, but he failed to enter an appearance, and a substitute had to be picked up on the field.

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THE CELTS AGAIN EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

Oakey's Lilywhites and Lizzie Celtics played their return fixture at Stanley on Saturday, the game of the previous week having been favourable to the Celts by a single goal. The match aroused no end of excitement, as may be gathered from the fact that the attendance was estimated at 800. Another hard and exciting game was witnessed, the Celtics again proving their superiority, curiously enough, by a single goal. The whole of the winners were in splendid form, and did their duty so well that it would be unfair to specially mention any individual player. The Celts certainly appear to have a very strong eleven at their disposal this season, and will probably surprise most of their future opponents.

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A BRILLIANT VICTORY FOR THE ROVERS.

If the Blackhill Rovers can only keep up their form of last Saturday, they should not fear any club on their card. They gave a really grand display—a long way the best they have done this season—and sent their supporters into transports of joy. The combination of the whole team was a treat, and they have evidently profited by the friendly hint or two I threw out last week. The Rovers on Saturday showed what they really can do if they try, and surprised friends and foes alike by their well-nigh perfect display. They have only to play like they did against North Durham to win the Junior Cup. Now that the Rovers have gone in for the proper game, I sincerely trust that we shall see no more selfishness, but that each man will do his best for the team, and not for himself.

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The passing of the Blackhill backs left nothing to be desired, the present re-arrangement probably accounting for this. It would be difficult to single out any player as doing better than another where all played so well, but Dickinson, Robson, and Elliott amongst the backs, and Aitken, Anderson, McGee, and Sayers in the forwards deserve special mention. Robson landed three splendid goals from tries. On the North Durham side, Bruce (three-quarter) and Coates (half-back) showed up grandly, while Bell was conspicuous among the forwards, who were beaten at all points. The losers were considerably surprised—as they afterwards candidly acknowledged—at their big defeat.

KIP HILL V SWALWELL MISSION.

Notwithstanding that they were only able to take a moderate team to Swalwell on Saturday, Kip Hill managed to come off victorious. J. Brown in goal saved well on several occasions for the winners, while Nicholson displayed sterling form at back. His partner (A. York) kicked very weakly. The halves played a fair game, Fairbairn being the pick. The shooting of the forwards was good, but they should indulge in more passing. The visitors were entertained to tea after the match, and spent a real jolly night. Keep it up, Kip Hill, and show us some of last season's form.

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A JUNIOR MATCH AT LINTZFORD.

Lintzford Juniors were visited on Saturday by Leadgate United, and as the same teams had played a draw of two goals each a month since, much interest was evinced in the game, which was a real treat, some splendid play being shown on both sides. For the visitors, Dawson in goal shaped fairly well. Temple and Robson as back played a sterling game, their kicking and tackling being superb. The halves were a good trio, and often spoiled the combination of the home forwards. The front rank are a very clever set, and their combination was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators. The home custodian gave one of his best displays, and stopped some excellent shots. Ferry and Newton were a capital pair of backs, and the halves worked hard, Poole being the best. The forwards worked like Trojans, Walton and W. Poole doing good service, and were well assisted by Leath and Swinburne.

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A CURIOUS GAME.

A correspondent sends me the following remarks on the game between Delves Lane Heroes and Lintz Nomads, played at the Lintz:—

"When Lintz asked for matches, they asked for clubs whose members were under 15 years of age. In future they expect something reasonable. Fancy great fellows from 5ft. 9in. to 5ft. 10in. coming to play a lot of lads, some of whom are at school and the others just left within the last twelve months. One of the Delves Lane backs lifted up his leg and put it round poor little Kay's neck. However, Kay got the ball away, as the little fellow usually did, and a goal was scored. A stroke of luck and Lintz would have won, as they pressed during the whole of the last half. When, however, the Delves men got the ball away they simply strode over their small opponents. The game was a demonstration of skilful manipulation of the ball against individual efforts, and had the Lintz lads not been so alarmed for the first quarter-of-an-hour at the size of their opponents, they would have won easily. Although the Delves men got a goal in the last half, it was simply through a big fellow happening to be nicely placed. He stepped over the two backs, and as the others could not possibly overtake him, he popped a goal on amid great laughter."

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MEMS.

Both the Leadgate clubs—Exiles and Park—will be engaged in English Cup-ties to-morrow.

A correspondent writes to suggest a match between the Exiles and Tow Law, at Leadgate, thinking that it would be a very interesting game and draw a large gate.

The Langley Park Rovers hit on a very ingenious plan on Saturday, as instead of the usual lines being marked out white, fine light soil was used, and answered admirably.

This is a capital plan, and undoubtedly saves a great deal of labour.

When did Esh True Blues adopt the style of playing three full-backs and only two half-backs? I noticed the foregoing style played against Byer Moor on Saturday. Were they afraid of the Byer Moor forwards?

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MATCHES WANTED.

Consett Fell Rangers 2nd will be pleased to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 11 to 14 years. Address: W. Christer, 18, John Street, Consett.

Consett Young Heroes would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 13 to 16. Apply, J. Purvis, 40, Albert Road, Consett.

Blackhill East End would like to arrange matches with junior teams. Ages, 14 to 16. Apply, Robert Butler, 23, Derwent Street, Blackhill.

Allendale Rising Stars would like to arrange matches with junior teams within a radius of five miles. Ages, 10 to 12. Apply, T. Fawcett, No. 76, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Lizzie Celtic have Oct. 21st (away) and Nov. 25th (home) vacant, and would like them filled up with good teams. Apply, J. Coyle, No. 14, South Pontop, Annfield Plain.

Cornsay Rising Rovers would like to arrange matches. Ages, 12 to 14. Apply, J. Jobling, Liddle Street, Cornsay Colliery.

Lanchester Albions have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible. Ages, 11 to 13. Apply, A. Askew, Station Road, Lanchester.

Tantobie Wanderers would like to arrange matches with junior team. Ages, 14 to 17. Apply, Thomas Conlon, Tantobie, via Lintz Green.

Byer Moor have all dates vacant for 2nd teams, and would like to have them filled up with moderate 2nd or good 3rd teams. They have also vacant dates for juniors. Address: W. H. Dawson, Byer Moor, Burnopfield, R.S.O.

WOLSINGHAM COUNTY COURT.

Saturday, Oct. 7th.—Before His Honour, E. J. Meynell, Judge.

ACTION AGAINST STANHOPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Wm. Shaw, of Wolsingham, sought to recover £5 damages from the Stanhope Agricultural Society on the grounds that his pony was excluded from competing in a class in which it was entered, it being over 12½ hands high.—Mr J. T. Proud appeared for the Society, and asked for an adjournment in consequence of the non-attendance of an important witness.—Mr Davey appeared for plaintiff and opposed the adjournment, whereupon Mr Proud took objection to the summons which was brought against the secretary instead of the committee.—The case was adjourned until December 9th.

COLLIERY ACCIDENTS AT THE SPEN.

On Friday, an accident occurred at the Spen Garesfield Colliery, which belongs to the Consett Iron Co., by which a miner, named William Robson, of Thornley, was severley crushed on one leg whilst following his employment as a coal hewer in the Brockwell Seam, by a fall of stone.—At the same colliery a serious accident befel William Carrick, a deputy, who had juds to draw in the three-quarter seam, being assisted by a hewer to take the timber away. When nearly finished drawing all the timber the stone came away, and buried Carrick, the deputy, underneath. Armstrong promptly rendered assistance, and removed part of the fallen stone, so as to allow Carrick to breathe, and then went for help. It was two hours before he was extricated from his perilous position, and had it not been for the presence of mind of Armstrong in clearing away the stone from his head and body to allow air to reach him, he would probably have succumbed. He was conveyed home on an ambulance stretcher. Dr Smith, on examining him, found that no bones were broken, but that he was seriously crushed about the body and legs.

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Thursday, Sept. 21st. Present: Messrs J. H. Morris (chairman), W. R. Cooke, Wm. Robinson, J. W. Jamieson, the Attendance Officer (M. T. Milburn), and the clerk (M. Coupland).

REPORTS.

The teachers' reports were read and adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to order the requirements.

PRECEPTS.

It was resolved that two precepts of £100 and £50 respectively be issued to the overseers, payable in October and February next.

NEW TEACHER.

The applications were considered by the Board, and it was agreed that Miss Soutar, of Dundee, be appointed assistant in the mixed school.

FINANCE.

Cheques for the following sums were ordered to be signed.

	£	s	d
Loan and interest	72	6	6
Books	13	14	0
Printing	1	18	0
Advertising	5	10	8
Petty cash account	2	17	10
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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

TO CLEAN DECANTERS.

The best way to clean decanters after port wine has stood in them for some time is to wash them out with a little pearlash and warm water, adding a spoonful or two of fresh slacked lime if necessary. A few small cinders will facilitate the action of the fluid against the sides of the vessel. After the decanter is clean rinse it in several waters

TO KEEP BOUQUETS FRESH.

A bouquet of red or pink roses, if placed in a strong light, even when they are first cut, will in a few hours have a bleached and a lifeless look, while if they are not so exposed they will retain their colour and freshness for several days. The water in which flowers are to be placed should be slightly salted, and the ends of the flowers' stems clipped before they are placed in it.

SICK-ROOM DON'TS.

Don't whisper. A whisper will often wake a light sleeper, when an ordinary voice would not. Don't whisper.

Don't tiptoe. A tiptoe will sometimes cause more disturbance than a carefully, squarely-placed football. Don't tiptoe.

Don't handle rattling papers. The folding and unfolding of papers that "rattle" is well calculated to "rattle" invalids. Don't "rattle."

Don't sniff or sigh. Sniffs and sighs may better be indulged in in the open air, where a gust of wind can blow them away. Don't sniff or sigh.

PRESERVING FERN FRONDS FOR WINTER DECORATION.

Gather a few fronds now, and lay them flat between sheets of blotting paper or newspaper, and press them under a heavy weight or in a napkin-press for 48 hours; then put them away in dry papers in a box or drawer where they are kept quite flat and dark. They will keep quite green, and will form a beautiful background for winter bouquets, and also remain green and pretty all winter. The Royal fern and the Mountain Polypody, Male fern, and Hart's Tongue are particularly good for this purpose. Take the fronds from both sides of the plants; by this means you will have such as lend themselves for arrangement in all parts of a bouquet, but they are difficult to arrange if they all point to one side.

BRUSHES.

Brushes of all kinds should be regularly cleaned every week in strong soap lather, with a liberal addition of soda. After rinsing in several waters, let them drain with the hair uppermost, and be hung in their appointed places as soon as they are dry. If brushes are treated in this manner, and used with ordinary care, they will last double the time they generally do. A brush for cleaning china, cut glass, &c., is an essential in every well-regulated household. The kind used by house painters, medium size, are most convenient. With them crockery can be cleansed almost without wetting the fingers. Screw small hooks over the sink for the jug mop, china, and saucepan brushes, and small scrubber. A large painter's brush is extremely useful also for dusting carved furniture, and the corners of stairs, or any cracks or crannies.

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STATIONS.	WEEK DAYS.								
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	6·10	8·5	9·42	11·0	12·15	2·35	4·5	5·20	7·30
Elswick ...... "	6·14	8·9	9·46	11·4	12·19	2·39	4·9	5·24	7·34
Scotswood ...... "	6·18	8·13	[illegible]	11·8	12·2[illegible]	[illegible]	4·13	5·28	7·38
Swalwell ...... "	6·24	8·18	9·55	11·14	12·29	2·49	4·19	5·33	7·44
Rowlands Gill "	6·33	8·27	10·4	11·23	12·37	2·57	4·28	5·42	7·53
Lintz Green ... "	6·40	8·34	10·10	11·30	12·44	3·3	4·35	5·47	8·0
Ebchester ...... "	6·53	8·45	10·21	11·40	12·54	[illegible]14	4·49	5·58	8·13
Shotley Bridge "	6·59	8·49	10·26	11·44	12·5[illegible]	[illegible]18	4·55	6·8	8·19
CONSETT ...Arr.	7·[illegible]	8·55	10·28	11·50	1·5	[illegible]	[illegible]	6·10	8·25

CONSETT Dep.	7·10	9·58	10·31	1·12	[illegible]25	6·11	
Knitsley ...... "	7·21	[illegible]	10·46	1·2[illegible]	[illegible]	6·22	[illegible]
Lanchester ... "	7·30	9·1[illegible]	10·55	1·32	[illegible]45	6·21	[illegible]47
Witton Gilbert "	7·38	9·25	11·3	1·40	[illegible]53	6·4[illegible]	[illegible]45
Aldin Grange "	7·45	9·32	11·11	1·47	[illegible]0	[illegible]	[illegible]2
DURHAM ...Arr.	7·5[illegible]	9·38	11·17	1·5[illegible]	[illegible]5	6·5[illegible]	[illegible]7

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
DURHAM . Dep.	7·25	9·40	11·3[illegible]	2·35	5·20	[illegible]
Aldin Grange "	7·32	9·47	11·47	2·41	5·27	[illegible]23
Witton Gilbert "	7·40	9·54	12·4	2·48	5·35	[illegible]
Lanchester ...... "	7·50	10·2	12·12	2·54	5·45	[illegible]41
Knitsley ...... "	8·0	10·13	12·23	3·8	5·55	[illegible]
CONSETT ......Arr.	[illegible]11	10·25	12·2[illegible]	[illegible]13	6·5	[illegible]

	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	P
CONSETT ...Dep.	8·13	9·5	10·3[illegible]	12·40	3·25	5·25	6·10	[illegible]5
Shotley Bridge "	[illegible]16	9·10	10·39	12·44	3·30	5·29	6·1[illegible]	[illegible]10
Ebchester ...... "	8·22	9·14	10·43	12·45	3·34	5·33	6·19	[illegible]14
Lintz Green ... "	8·30	9·24	[illegible]	12·5[illegible]	[illegible]44	5·43	6·29	[illegible]23
Rowlands Gill "	8·36	9·29	10·5[illegible]	1·1	3·50	[illegible]47	6·34	[illegible]28
Swalwell ...... "	8·42	9·34	11·6	1·7	[illegible]57	5·54	6·42	9·35
Scotswood ...... "	8·48	9·42	11·1[illegible]	1·13	[illegible]	5·58	6·48	[illegible]41
Elswick ...... "	8·55	9·50	11·1[illegible]	1·2[illegible]	[illegible]13	[illegible]6	6·55	9·48
NEWCASTLE Arr.	9·0	9·55	11·24	1·25	[illegible]18	[illegible]11	7·0	[illegible]53

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE ...	7·30	7·15	CONSETT ...dep.	8·40	8·20
Elswick	7·34	7·19	Shotley Bridge ...	8·44	8·25
Scotswood	7·38	7·23	Ebchester	8·48	8·29
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Lintz Green	8·57	8·39
Rowlands Gill......	7·53	7·38	Rowlands Gill......	9·1	8·44
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Swalwell	9·9	8·52
Ebchester	8·13	7·55	Scotswood	9·14	8·58
Shotley Bridge....	8·19	7·59	Elswick	9·21	9·5
CONSETT......arr.	8·25	8·[illegible]	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·28	9·10

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	10·50
Elswick	10·54
Scotswood	10·58
Swalwell	11·4
Rowlands Gill	11·13
Lintz Green	11·19
Ebchester	11·30
Shotley Bridge	11·34
CONSETT Arr	11·40

LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Public Offices, Front Street, Mr Nicholson, (chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Messrs. E. Todd, T. Keenleyside, George Nicholson, W. F. Lane, M. D. Greener, J. Snaith, T. Foreman, W. Robson, the assistant clerk (Mr J. h. Ccupland), and the Surveyor (Mr T. S. Longstaff.)

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer (Dr Geo. Renton) reported as under:—

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

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith, I beg to hand you the vital statistics of your district for the quarter ending September 30th, 1893. It will be observed that while the birth-rate is well maintained, the death-rate is very much above the average, the cause of the increased mortality being the excessive infantile death-rate. No less than 16 deaths of infants under one year old were registered; being more than one half of the deaths at all ages. The chief influences in bringing about this result have been diseases affecting the digestive organs, in many instances the result of improper feeding. In other respects the health of the district has been good, especially with reference to its comparative freedom from diseases of an infectious character, of these latter only four have been notified to me during the past month, viz., scarlet fever, two cases; enteric fever, one case; and small-pox one. The small-pox case came from the premises adjoining the house where the disease first appeared. The patient was promptly removed to the hospital, where he has made a rapid recovery.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

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

[illegible]khill, Oct. 10th, 1893.

Vital Statistics.

44 births, representing an annual rate of 35·5 per 1,000—26 males, 19 females.

28 deaths, representing an annual rate of 22·6 per 1,000—15 males, 13 females.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	2	0
Measles	0	0
Smallpox	1	0
Enteric	1	0
Totals, miasmatic form of disease	4	0
Pulmonary Consumption	0	4
Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy	0	1
Tubercular disease other than Pulmonary Consumption	0	3
Diseases of the heart	0	2
Diseases of the abdominal viscera	0	7
Other diseases not named	0	10
Diarrhœa	0	1
Total deaths from all causes	0	28

The report was adopted.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

A communication was read from the Clerk to the Consett Local Board, enclosing a copy of Dr. W. F. K. Stock (county analyst) certificate with regard to the present condition of the water, supplied by the Consett Water Company, and also asked the Board to appoint a committee to meet a similar deputation at Consett on the 20th inst, to take into consideration what steps should be taken to provide a better and more wholesome water for the district.

On the motion of Mr NICHOLSON, seconded by Mr ROBSON, the Chairman, Messrs. NICHOLSON and Lane were appointed a committee to attend to this matter.

The Consett Water Company wrote stating that they had no power to interfere with local wells, and pointing out that the discolouration of the water was only caused by peat fibre, and was not harmful.

CHEQUES.

Cheques were presented for £68 17s 6d, and were ordered to be signed.

THE NEW ESTIMATE.

The Assistant Clerk presented an estimate for £372 for the ensuing half-year. A rate of 10d in the pound would realise £315; balance in hand, £60; due from Durham County Council, £30; total, £405.

Mr ROBSON proposed that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a rate of 10d in the pound for the ensuing half-year.

This was seconded by Mr KEENLEYSIDE, and agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr T. Longstaff) submitted the following report—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month your workmen have finished the breaking of the limestone. Manual labour has been done at Iveston and Stockerley Banks, and small slag carted in front of the new Co-operative Stores.

Annexed are the monthly paybills:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Durham Main Road—						
Manual labour				1	12	0
Other Roads—						
Manual labour	5	19	0			
Team labour	3	5	0			
				9	3	0
				£10	15	0

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month the day workmen have cleaned out your Pont Settling Ponds, and lengthened the sewerage drain off West Street. Your gas and Iveston oil lamps have burnt well during September. The lamp-pillars are not yet painted.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector (Mr T. Longstaff) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

GENTLEMEN,—I have paid over to your treasurer the sum of 10s 6d on account of grass sold in the Park. You will need to fix a rate for the ensuing six months.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
THOS. LONGSTAFF.

The reports were approved of.

THE SUBWAY TO TIN STREET.

The North-Eastern Railway Company wrote stating that they could not see their way clear to recommend the erection of a subway for foot passengers under the railway from Tin Street to Front Street. The company propose widening the street subway to the west of Tin Street from its present narrow dimensions to a 20ft. road.

THE ERECTION OF A MORTUARY.

Mr NICHOLSON brought forward the question, as a recommendation from Coroner J. Graham, for the local Sanitary Authority to go in for the erection of a mortuary for the district. He considered it was highly necessary this should be done for the convenience of the dead, and Mr Graham contended that it was a disgrace to civilisation, and to the Local Authorities in not having such a building in their midst.

Mr PARKER considered it highly essential that such a building should be erected. Their worthy vicar was against Sunday interments, and if a mortuary was built it would be a good thing for the district of Leadgate, because if friends preferred they could take their dead to the mortuary until such-like times as it was convenient for the same to be buried.

Mr ROBSON considered the vicar was taking a wrong stand in objecting to the burial of the dead on a Sunday. His arguments for doing this were not good, and the people themselves should be allowed the privilege of saying when they inter their dead. If the vicar refused to do such work on a Sunday, he should stand by and allow some-one else to carry out this most important function.

Mr NICHOLSON said that in speaking about the mortuary he made no reference to what their vicar objected to.

Mr FOREMAN: Such a thing should never have been brought before this meeting. It is entirely out of place.

Mr PARKER said the vicar could either refuse or accept an interment on a Sunday. It was not his (the speaker's) pleasure that this refusing should occur. If the vicar would do this work in harmony with the people it would please the churchwardens.

The CHAIRMAN: Let the remarks cease with reference to the vicar. It is a question of a mortuary we are discussing.

After further discussion, the question was deferred for a month.

The Board then adjourned.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

The chilly days and long nights are coming on apace; very soon we will be into the winter months, and still the drought continues. The scarcity of water is being felt all over the country; both north and south the cry is heard, and the want of water is felt. Surely the rain will not much longer delay its coming! Never in the memory of living man have the springs been so low, and the scarcity so long continued. In many of the burns the fish have perished by the thousand, the water leaving them.

The Healeyfield and Rowley School Board held its ordinary monthly meeting on Monday. There were present—Messrs T. J. Muse (chairman), M. Lee, Wm. Pattinson, and J. Proud (clerk.) The business was formal. According to law, the Rev C. J. Walker and Mr R. Walton (vice-chairman) have allowed their membership to lapse, not having been present for six successive meetings.

The annual examination of the Healeyfield and Rowley Board Schools was held on Tuesday last. Messrs Northorpe and Dawson, Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools for the Northern District, were present, and a fairly good examination is expected.

A rather serious accident befel a little girl named Lizzie Bowie, daughter of Mr W. Bowie, farmer, of The Middles, Rowley, on Tuesday afternoon. Like most children, being fond of a ride, she got into her father's cart, when the horse suddenly started off, throwing the child, who had been off her guard, out of the cart. She fell on her head, and sustained serious injuries, rendering her unconscious for some hours.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of this body was held on Wednesday afternoon, in the Benfieldside Edge Road Schools—Mr Wm. Telford (chairman) presiding. The other members present were:—Rev E. W. Jenkins, Messrs Wm. Ramsay and Hy. Carss; the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay), and the schoolwarden (Mr Alex. McKean.)

SHE WANTED HER SON.

Mrs Bridget Connolly, of Shotley Bridge, waited upon the Board with a view of procuring possession of her son Michael, by having him brought out of the Earl's House Industrial School. She stated that he was now 14 years of age, and was in delicate health.

The CHAIRMAN said all they could do was merely to give a recommendation, if it was found desirable, that it was necessary that the boy should be brought home.

On the motion of Mr CARSS, seconded by Rev E. W. JENKINS, it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the superintendent of the institution, to ascertain whether the boy was in ill-health or not, and inquire if the Board would be justified in giving a recommendation for his release.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Cheques were required for the following payments:—

	£	s	d
Salaries of teachers—			
Benfieldside School—			
Boys' Department	[illegible]	9	2
Girls' Department	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Infants' Department	[illegible]	10	0
Derwent Street School	[illegible]	13	4
Officer	7	1	[illegible]
Accounts	[illegible]	17	4
Petty cash	[illegible]	[illegible]	0
	£148	10	[illegible]

The committee recommended that the goods asked for by Mr Teare be obtained.

The report was adopted, and the necessary cheques were signed.

FREE EDUCATION.

It was pointed out that the members were entirely unanimous in favour of what had been done at the last meeting in adopting the Free Education Act. Although at the meeting referred to there were two distinct motions moved and seconded, yet it was merely anent the question as to the best mode to carry out in putting the Act into force. If the members had not taken this step, a petition would have been sent to the Education Department, and the Board would have been compelled to have taken such a course.

ATTENDANCES.

School Returns for the month ending Sept., 1893.

Inspected Schools.	No. on books	Average Attendance	Admitted.	Left.	Sick.
Board Schools—Boys	244	221	—	—	3
" —Girls	213	226	—	—	6
" —Infants	107	94	—	—	10
Derwent St.— "	99	88	1	2	—
Shotley Grove	90	76	—	1	11
St. Mary's Roman Catholic—	180	163	—	—	10
" —Infants	74	66	—	—	18
Total	1037	934	1	3	58
Increase	3	43	—	—	—
Decrease	—	—	—	—	—
Average attendance, 90 per cent.					
Under five years	130	—	—	—	—

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—In submitting my report for the month of September, you will find from the school returns that the attendance has increased on the previous month. The percentage is 90.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
A. McKEAN.

CARETAKER'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—During the month, repairs have been done to the schools, and chimney-pots have been put on the master's house.

A. McKEAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee having read the attendance officer's report, express their satisfaction that the average attendance in the township has reached 90 per cent.

The committee confirm the action of the attendance officer in applying for an attendance order.

Report is made that seven children from Derwent Street Schools, sent into Standard I., have been returned.

The committee confirm the action of the head teachers of the senior classes in returning them.

The reports were adopted.

RESIGNATIONS.

The resignations of Miss Mackay, Miss Fawell, and Miss Brodie, teachers, were accepted; and the clerk was instructed to advertise to fill the vacancies.

This was all the business.

SINGER'S NEW MACHINE ART WORK.—During the past few days, Messrs Singer and Co., have held an exhibition at their premises in Grainger Street West, Newcastle, of various specimens of art work produced by their lady operators, on the latest sewing machines of their invention. The work is very marvellous, and the samples of machine-worked pictures, and of flower embroidery of every description have been much admired by the numerous ladies and gentlemen that have visited the exhibition. On Thursday, during the private view, there were 588 visitors; on Friday, 2,673; on Saturday, 10,087 and on Monday, 7,643, making a total of no fewer than 20,991 persons. Messrs Singer have done a public service in placing embroidery upon a more artistic level, attainable by all with a taste, whilst giving larger and infinitely better results for the time expended.

LOCAL LEEK SHOWS.

CONSETT.

On Saturday, a leek show was held at the house of Mr John McKie, Burton Hotel, Consett. There was no less than 24 stands of the best leeks that have ever been set up for exhibition, and all those that visited the show were highly satisfied with the display. The onerous duties of secretary were discharged by Mr W. Walker, Bradley Cottages. The post of judge was filled by Mr Thomas Bell, High Felling, Gateshead. The prize-takers were:—1, Charles Surtees, blankets; 2, John Atkinson, blankets; 3, George Lovett, coffee-pot; 4, John Bell, alarum clock; 5, J. G. Turnbull, blankets; 6, R. Walker, clock; 7, T. Milner, trouser piece; 8, J. Butcher, teapot; 9, G. Diamond, rug; 10, Jas. Atkinson, looking-glass; 11, Wm. Carr, two shirts; 12, Mrs McKie, clock; 13, T. Johnson, teapot; 14, Thomas Reed, pair of trousers; 15, J. Patterson, two shirts; 16, John McKie, vest and trousers; 17, John Walker, shirt piece; 18, W. Walker, lamp; 19, Rd. Matthews, half-dozen knives and forks; 20, Isaac Brown, sheets and shirts; 21, Thomas Telford, sheets and shirts; 22, Thomas Edgar, shirt and lamp; 23, Dobson Martin, dozen knives; 24, Jas. Wiseman, pipe and tobacco.

BLACKHILL.

The annual leek and vegetable show was held at the Derwent Hotel, Blackhill, on Saturday and Monday, when a grand collection of leeks was exhibited. The room was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mr G. Walton, Leadgate, was judge, and Mr W. Robson, Blackhill, acted as secretary. On the Monday night, a grand ball was held, when a good company was present. The music was supplied by Mr J. Emerson (agent for Messrs Waddington and Co.), and a very pleasant evening was spent. Awards:—

LEEKS.

1, S. Judge, timepiece; 2, R. Judge, armchair; 3, T. Graham, blankets; 4, T. Brunswick, blankets; 5, R. Routledge, cruet stand; 6, R. Burns, blankets; 7, T. Hodgson, looking-glass; 8, J. T. Hetherington, lady's dress piece and apron; 9, J. Davidson, half-dozen knives and forks; 10, W. Lamb, ham; 11, J. Dickinson, alarum clock; 12, R. Simpson, bed quilt; 13, E. Graham, two shirt pieces; 14, Mrs Lamb, tea set; 15, W. Moore, brass mantel rod; 16, J. Moore, pair of vases; 17, E. Robson, travelling bag; 18, W. Lamb, jun., lady's shawl; 19, W. Robson, tea set; 20, A. Postle, cheese dish and jug; 21, T. Barron, table cover; 22, J. Fairlamb, pair of sheets and towelling; 23, W. Hall, guernsey and tie; 24, J. Postle, lamp; 25, T. Moore, umbrella; 26, O. Fairlamb, two shirt pieces; 27, G. Temperley, spade, gripe, and hoe; 28, T. Nichol, two tin mugs and can; 29, Miss Temperley, pair of sheets and two towels; 30, R. Shield, quilt and table cover; 31, R. Postle, lady's shawl and table cover; 32, R. Aitchinson, dress piece and apron; 33, J. Hall, pipe rack, pipe, and tobacco.

VEGETABLES.

1, Mrs W. Lamb, parcel of groceries; 2, Mr Temperley, spade.

LEADGATE.

A leek show as held at the house of Mr R. Calvert, Black Bull Inn, Leadgate, on Saturday. There was a capital collection of vegetables. The following is a list of the prize-takers:—

VEGETABLES.

1, G. Walton, silk handkerchief.

LEEKS.

1, R. Richardson, blankets; 2, J. Wiseman, blankets; 3, R. Carson, blankets; 4, W. Brown, quilt; 5, R. Richardson, table-cloth; 6, T. Brown, skin rug; 7, T. Short, bed rug; 8, G. Walton, table-cover; 10, J. Donachy, sheets; 11, J. Steel, shawl; 12, R. Calvert, hearthrug; 13, R. Oxley, piece of flannel; 14, E. Maughan, petticoat linen; 15, G. Rolph, sheets; 16, J. Brown, piece of calico; 17, J. Black, pair of sheets; 18, J. Lumley, shirt piece; 19, T. Cookson, piece of calico; 20, J. Hornsby, table-cloth; 21, Mrs Calvert, umbrella; 22, W. Fiddes, shirt piece; 23, J. Steel, shirt piece.

BLACKHALL MILL.

On Saturday, the A1 Leek Show was held at the house of Mr J. Smailes, Mill Inn, Blackhall Mill. There was an excellent display of leeks and vegetables, and the exhibition was well patronised throughout the day. Mr W. Laidler, Blackhall Mill, officiated as secretary. The following is the prize list:—1, S. Rudd, blankets; 2, J. McNastrie, set of china; 3, A. Stewart, timepiece; 4, W. Laidler, mirror; 5, G. James, dinner set; 6, J. Dinning, dinner set; 7, W. Allan, breakfast set; 8, R. Mason, breakfast set; 9, Thomas Bell, lamp; 10, J. Smailes, blankets; 11, J. [illegible], blankets; 12, W. Charlton, table-cloth; 13, [illegible], sheets and silk handkerchief; 14, W. [illegible] dinner set; 15, Thomas Storey, dinner set; [illegible] Telford, shirt and silk handerchief; 17, J. [illegible] rug; 18, Thomas Charlton, hearthrug; 19 G. [illegible], breakfast set; 20, J. Straffen, breakfast [illegible]; [illegible] S. Harris, chamber set; 22, A. Odment. [illegible]; 23, R. Allen, blankets; 24, E. Jameson, [illegible] and silk handkerchief; 25, H. Coxford, shirt and silk handkerchief; 26, Thomas Allen, pan and steamer; 27, J. Clark, silk handerchief; 28, C. Laidler, [illegible]; 29, W. H. Stonehouse, blankets; 30, J. H[illegible], [illegible] silk handkerchief; 31, R. Kelly, shirt and silk handkerchief.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

1, set of dinner ware (given by Messrs Bewicke, Blaydon), W. Hardy; 2, [illegible] (given by Messrs Bewicke), J. Trathen; 3, copper kettle (given by Mr Turnbull), S. Rudd; 4, cheese dish (given by Messrs Bewicke), T. Jameson; 5, two pans and steamers (given by Mrs [illegible], Chester-le-Street), J. Brown; 6, teapot and jugs (given by Mrs Smailes), J. Dinning; 7, brass candlesticks (given by Mr Robson, Flint Hill), J. James; 8, cheese dish (given by Mr Bone, Newcastle), R. Allen; 9, bottle of whiskey (given by Mrs Armstrong, Blackhall Mill), J. McNastrie; 10, lamp (given by Mr Scott, Blackhall Mill), J. Gibbens; 11, hat (given by Mr W. Russell, Low Westwood), J. Smailes; 12, half-dozen knives and forks (given by Mrs Rudd, Blackhall Mill), H. Stewart; 13, watering pan (given by Mr Nichol, Low Westwood), W. H. Stonehouse; 14, 1lb tea (given by Mr Rudd), W. Allan; 15, pan (given by Mr Arnott), W. Charlton; 16, silk handkerchief (given by Dr Marshall), W. Laidler; 17, spade (given by Mr R. Chaytor), T. Bell; 18, tongue (given by Mr W. Nelson), S. Harris; 19, tongue (given by Mr Wade, Low Westwood), E. Jameson; 20, tongue (given by Mr Wade), T. Telford; 21, rabbits (given by Mr G. Ward, Blackhall Mill), J. Clarke; 22, rabbits (given by Mr Dixon, Broad Oak), T. Allan; 23, dozen bottles of beer (given by Mr R. Robson, Hamsterley), H. Coxford; 24, dozen bottles of beer (given by Mr Robson), R. Mason; 25, dozen bottles of beer (given by Mr J. Allan), T. Charlton; 26, rabbits (given by Mr Charlton, Pear Tree Farm), T. Storey; 27, half-dozen bottles of beer (given by Mr Nichol), C. Liddle.

TANTOBIE.

A leek and vegetable show was held on Saturday and Sunday in a large tent erected in a field near the house of Mr Gladders, Oak Tree Inn, Tantobie. The judge was Mr Watt, gardener for Mr T. W. Asquith, Harperley Hall. There was a capital and extensive display of garden produce. The chief prize-winners were:—

LEEKS.

1, G. Gray, Hobson; 2, W. M. Handcock, Burnopfield; 3, J. W. Anderson, East Tanfield; J. Brewis, R. Mason, J. Milburn, W. Gibson, T. Jewitt, Geo. Watson, W. Dawson, T. Potts, W. Lake, Hy. Scott, M. Snowdon, W. Holmes, N. Watson, J. Punton, J. Steele, and W. Turpin.

VEGETABLES.

Collection of vegetables—1, T. Jewitt, Tanfield Lea; 2, J. W. Anderson.

Celery—1, W. Gibson, Tanfield Lea; 2, J. Brewis, Tanfield Lea; 3, G. Watson, Hobson Colliery.

Pickling cabbage—1, T. Pringle, Tanfield Lea.

CATCHGATE.

A successful show was held at the house of Mr M. Coates, on Saturday, the spacious room being neatly decorated with plants and flowers. Mr W. M. Handcock acted as judge, and gave every satisfaction. Mr J. Robinson acted as secretary. Awards:—

LEEKS.

1, W Richardson; 2, J Summerbell; 3, J Brewis; 4, M Bates; 5, G R Hobson; 6, Mrs Ward; 7, J Lightle; 8, S Smith; 9, M Coates; 10, J Wilson; 11, R Kirsopp; 12, T Burton; 13, H Bates; 14, J Robinson; 15, J F Robinson; 16, J Wilson; 17, J Ward; 18, R Robson; 19, G Ballerwell; 20, J Champney.

VEGETABLES.

Red cabbage—1, J Summerbell; 2, W Richardson; 3 J Ward.

Savoy cabbage—1, J Lightle; 2, J Brewis; 3, S Smith.

Cauliflower—1, J Wilson; 2, J Ward; 3, S Smith.

Three carrots—1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward; 3, J Wilson.

Three parsnips—1, J Summerbell; 2, M Bates; 3, J Brewis.

Three roots of beet—1, J Summerbell; 2, J Ward; 3, J Wilson.

Three turnips—1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward; 3, J Summerbell.

Two heads of celery—1, J Wilson; 2, J Ward; 3, S Smith.

BLAYDON.

The 28th annual exhibition of the Blaydon and Stella Leek Society was opened on Saturday afternoon at the Blaydon New Inn, Blaydon, and was in every way successful. The following are the prize-takers in order of merit:—Messrs Ed Peel, John Dodds, Jas McNally, S Bullock, T Hopper, J Forster, J Walker, J Wilson, J Lowdon, T Charlton, Wm Brown, J Daglish, T Spoors, J Anderson, H Picton, W Picton, W Jordan, R Robson, W Robson, W Hepple, A Frazer, W Scott, E Moody, J Watson, W Walker, R Brown, W Vallans, J Liddle, J Robson, J Tweddle, J Young, R Ions, W Wilson, H Chapman, W Prudhoe, J Robson, J Purvis, J Watson, J Priestley, D Pentleton, F McGuiness, W Hudson, W Gascoigne, J Hopper, and G Stewart.

SWALWELL.

A leek and vegetable show was held at the Highlander Hotel, Swalwell, on Saturday afternoon. There was a capital entry; and in some of the classes competition was very keen. Awards:—

LEEKS.

Messrs R Gardner, W Collin, T Elliott, J Johnson, R Shield, W Blackbird, Messenger, W Norvell, J Smiles, Steel, M J Danby, W Blackbird, jun., and M Smiles.

VEGETABLES.

Red cabbage—Messrs J Oxley and M Massey.

Three roots of beet—Messrs C Mitchison and M Massey.

Cauliflower—Messrs J Smiles and C Mithison.

Three heads of celery—Messrs E Watson and E Forster.

FLOWERS.

Hand bouquet—Messrs J Battensby and M Massey.

Three bottles of cut flowers—Messrs M Massey and J Frazer.

Six roses—Messrs M Wheatley and J Gardner, sen.

CASTLESIDE.

A most successful leek and vegetable show was held at the Fleece Inn, Castleside, on Saturday, when valuable prizes were awarded to the following:—

LEEKS.

1, David Hall; 2, Joseph Thompson; 3, Jacob Hall; 4, John Robinson; 5, George Cancick; 6, N R Potts; 7, John Watson; 8, Joseph Toward; 9, T Potts; 10, John Hy Hall; 11, Mrs Scott; 12, J Brown; 13, E Young; 14, T Foster; 15, L Hall; 16, J G Brown; 17, N Slack; 18, R Slack; 19, G Hall; 20, M Laing; 21, John Scrivens.

VEGETABLES.

1, J Hall; 2, N Slack; 3, D Hall; 4, J Brown; 5, T Potts; 6, G Cancick; 7, J Robinson; 8, M Laing; 9, R Slack; 10, G Hall; 11, J Thompson; 12, John Scrivens; 13, N R Potts; 14, Mrs Scott; 15, J H Hall; 16, J Watson; 17, J Toward; 18, J G Brown; 19, L Hall; 20, E Young; 21, T Foster.

Mr Wm Milburn, Westwood, officiated as judge, and gave the greatest satisfaction.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The annual show in connection with the King's Head Leek Club was held at Mr Harry Lamb's, and was a most successful affair. The leeks, of which there were 51 stands, were all of first-rate quality, while the collections of vegetables would have done credit to shows of much greater pretensions. A new feature was also introduced in the shape of illuminating the show by the electric light. Over the main entrance to the house a powerful arc lamp was placed, which lighted up the street in a manner unknown in Chester-le-Street, and inside the room were 16 candle incandescent lamps, supplied by Messrs Barnett and Co., Newcastle. The decorations of the room, carried out by Mrs Lamb, were of a tasteful and elaborote description. The general arrangements of the show were directed by the active secretary, Mr Ralph Armstrong, and were all that could be desired. During the time the show was open it was visited by a large number of people from all parts. The judges were Messrs John Smith, Houghton Gate, and Joseph Camson, Fatfield, and their awards gave general satisfaction. In the vegetable class the prizes were taken as follows:—

Collection of vegetables—1, E Ridley; 2, M Summers.

Two heads of celery—1, M Summers; 2, W Clifford.

Cauliflowers—1, M Summers; 2, W Clifford.

Kidney potatoes—1, M Summers.

Round potatoes—1, M Summers; 2, A Thompson.

Red cabbage—1, J A Green; 2, E Ridley.

Red cabbage (open)—1 and 2, Mrs M Summers.

At Mrs Smith's, Butcher's Arms, the first of what is intended to be an annual leek show was held under most favourable circumstances. Twenty-three stands of excellent leeks were staged, all of a high standard of excellence. Every comfort for both exhibitors and visitors had been arranged by Mrs Smith and her manager, Mr Robt Smith, and the show, although the first attempt, was a decided success. Mr Tom Fish, Birtley, was judge, and the general arrangements of the show were carried out by the president of the club, Mr W. G. Watson, and Mr H L Spence, secretary.

CHESTER MOOR.

The annual show of leeks grown by the workmen at Chester Moor Colliery was held at the house of Mr Robt Wilson, at that place. This show is an old-established fixture, and has a reputation for the quality of the exhibits. This reputation was fully maintained at this show. Eighteen stands were submitted to Mr M D Thompson, the judge, and his awards were as under, in the order given:—John Slater, Thomas Sanderson, S Adamson, Wm Bambrough, J Stoker, G Lambton, J Sanderson, J Carr, H Wilson, E Bambrough, R Wilson, G T Lambton, A Bickles, W Mills, M Reay, E Wilson, I Wilson, and M Dawson.

PELTON FELL.

For some years past the Pelton Fell workmen have held a leek show in connection with their Workmen's Institute. This year, for various reasons, the show has been abandoned. In consequence of this, a leek club was somewhat hastily formed and a show arranged for at Mr Joseph Maddison's, Colliery Inn. Under the circumstances the show was in every way a satisfactory success. The exhibits were all of a high quality, while the prizes were both valuable and useful. Twenty-five stands of leeks and four collections of vegetables were staged. Mrs Maddison and Miss Pace had neatly and tastefully decorated the room, which gave to the whole show a most pleasing appearance. Mr G. Bennett, West Pelton, was judge.

WALDRIDGE FELL.

The annual leek show was held at the house of Mr William Colridge, Swan Inn, Waldridge. The show is one of old standing, and has always been considered a most excellent one. The quality of the leeks grown upon the edges of the Fell speaks volumes for the care and cultural skill bestowed upon them by the hardy miners of the little fell colony. This show was no exception, and both in number and in quality the leeks shown were quite in keeping with the character of the show. Twenty-five stands were staged. Mr Wm Slater, Plawsworth, was judge.

BIRTLEY.

When the farmer's "Derby" Leek Show was discontinued some years ago, the leek growers in the Team Valley began to cast about for a successor to the defunct "Derby." That has been more than secured in the show annually held at Mr George Levett's, Station Hotel, Birtley. The show was held in the Assembly Room of the hotel, a place admirably adopted for such a purpose, and under the care bestowed upon the decorations, always a great feature at this show, the gathering had more the appearance of a full-blown flower show than a leek show. Mr Levett and those associated with him are to be complimented upon the unqualified success attending this show, which, as has been said by many competent judges, exceeds in excellence the once famous but now defunct "Derby." No less than 44 stands of most excellent leeks were staged, the competition being of the keenest and closest character throughout, making the office of judge no sinecure for Mr Thos Tulip, who officiated in that capacity. During the time the show was open it was visited by enormous crowds of people from all parts of the county, Mr Levett and the cultivators of the popular esculent coming in for many compliments and unstinted praise.

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

There are about 70 young persons under 17 years of age connected with the Stanhope Primitive Methodist Band of Hope. The old members of that body do not lend their help and influence to the Band of Hope movement as they should do—yet it is doing a grand work.

Methodism in Weardale is evidently the church of the people. Between Frosterley and Wearhead they have chapel property worth £24,000. They have 1,500 or more members in their churches, 60 local preachers, 1,650 Sunday scholars, and 380 teachers. They raise £100 yearly for missions; £550 is also raised yearly for chapel purposes, minister's salaries, &c., and yet they have practically no wealthy people among them, and the dale is unusually depressed in respect to trade. The staple industries of Upper Weardale are nil. Practically speaking, both the ironstone and leadmining industries are but spectres of the past; 150 shares of the Weardale Lead Company were offered the other day for sale at one shilling per share. Methodism has done much to elevate the Weardale people these last 150 years.

Extensive preparations are already commencing for celebrating the sod-cutting of the Weardale extension railway, on the 21st inst., by Sir J. W. Pease, M.P., at St. John's Chapel. There are to be triumphal arches erected at different parts of the village, and Westgate is going to be nothing behind. It is going to have decorations of its own. It will be a "red-letter day" in Weardale, and the public are looking forward to it hopefully, as it will inaugurate a better state of things, commercially speaking, for the dale.

The millennium is fast approaching in Stanhope at least. The Bishop of Richmond gave a drawing-room party last week to which both the Primitive and Wesleyan ministers and their wives were invited. The Primitive minister (Rev G. Chun) and Mrs Chun were present. The tendency of the age is to break down the sectarian barriers which separate the churches, and the man or woman who stands in the way of inviting Christians of all creeds into one great brotherhood is an enemy to society and the Church of God on earth.

The road between Frosterley and Stanhope, with the autumn tints of the serried leaves, just now resembles some fairy palace, and to be enjoyed must be seen. Beautiful in spring, glorious in summer, but just now splendid. So are Wolsingham Park, Stanhope Dene, Westernhope Burn, Ladly Wood, Eastgate Lynn, Linkirk, and Broadwood. To lovers of nature and the beautiful these places just now are magnificent. They quite eclipse the transformation scenery of the best of pantomimes. If this old world can be so beautified, and these apparently lifeless trees in winter be so changed into such magnificent scenery, what a delightful place must heaven itself be. Truly it has not entered into the mind of man to picture the indescribable glories of our future home.

Continuation schools in connection with the Education Department, London, and the County Council, Durham, are being started at Stanhope, both by the Church of England school authorities and likewise in connection with the School Board party—one at a penny per week, and the other free, for a big class of subjects, so that anyone in pursuit of knowledge in favoured Stanhope has now facilities for acquiring it brought to his or her very doors—a thing our forefathers never had the chance of—technical education, or science made easy. It is to be hoped many of the youths of the place will avail themselves of such splendid privileges.

I fell in with a lot of splendid specimens of geology the other day. Stones marked with beautiful fern-like plants, the best geological find I have yet come across in my researches. They are known to geologists as dendrite markings, due to aborescent deposit of earthy magnanese oxide, commonly associated with those of iron in rock. They are, according to Geke, liable to be deposited in the form of bog magnanese under conditions similar to those in which bog iron is thrown down. Earthy magnanese oxides not infrequently appears between the joints of fine grained rocks in aborescent forms that look so like plants as to have been mistaken for vegetable remains. The markings on my specimens are distinctly those of ling, and in some cases go through the stone and are seen on both sides, and are extremely pretty. Nothing beats nature in her great laboratory.

The lower part of Weardale just now is exceedingly pretty. The foliage of the trees partake of a thousand hues, and presents one of the grandest panoramas of nature conceivable. No human artist or clever painter can use his brush with such consummate skill as Dame Nature. Every tree presents a different hue. One is a beautiful yellow, another a verdant green, while a third is deep brown, and another a beautiful red. They are mixed in such an *al fresco* manner as baffles the best of man's ingenuity to compare with them.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW."]

The winter will be upon us almost before we are aware of it, and probably will prove just as trying a time as the season from which we are about to part was exceptionally delightful. It therefore behoves us to be up and doing, and to look a-head of us. It is doubtless this idea which has prompted Mr F. W. Brodie and a few friends, to advertise a meeting for this (Friday) evening, to discuss the matter of re-organising what, two or three years ago, was known as the Blackhill Ethiopian Minstrel Troupe, a company of amateur vocalists and "jokists," who succeeded in getting quite a big name by reason of their most enjoyable performances. Gone, now, is, I fear, the Consett Choral Society. Gone, too, is the famous Parliamentary Debating Society, that at one time caused so much amusement—not unmixed with pain. If, then, during the long winter months there is to be any sort of amusement outside the purely theatrical fare, promoters of schemes must be up and doing, and not permit the grass to grow under their feet. Mr Brodie and friends in taking initiatory steps to revive interest in the Ethiopian Troupe, are to be congratulated. I shall be glad to learn that the meeting fixed for to-night has been well attended, and that a start has already been resolved upon. There are plenty of young fellows round about who will absolutely shine as negro entertainers, if only they can be prevailed upon to make their appearance before an audience. I wish the movement every possible success.

The names of Spry and Monti, whose company appears at Consett, this week, in the new, sensational comedy-drama, *A Secret Crime*, are surely familiar to me as comedians of the "knock about" order, and until recently known only on the music hall stage. They have launched out into business of the "legitimate" order, just at a time when many actors and actresses are transferring their services to the stage of the music hall. Now-a-days, there are, indeed, few music hall artistes taking to the legitimate stage; but, as we all know, it is the exception that makes the rule. It is to be hoped Messrs Spry and Monti have plenty of reason for congratulating themselves on their own change. *A Secret Crime* is something of a mixture, but it is a very agreeable one. There are many who believe in plenty of variety, and these undoubtedly, have enough and to spare in this instance. Side by side with startling dramatic events, we are favoured with singing and dancing of the liveliest description, and if the story is at times interfered with somewhat, all is forgiven in the enjoyment of the moment. The scenery is effective, and special mention should be made of scene 3 in the last act, "The Raven's Glen," a very realistic scene. Audiences have been fairly good during the week.

At the new Victoria Theatre, West Stanley, on Thursday evening, a good audience assembled to witness a performance of *Married Life*, the occasion being set apart for the benefit of the late Mr F. Rutherford and family. During the remainder of the week, *A Celebrated Case*, and *Too Late* were respectively presented in front of good and appreciative audiences.

It is interesting to notice that the Blackhill Brass Band Contest will be held on Whit Saturday, May 12th 1894! Please don't forget it.

The following is, according to an American publication, the drift of Madame Patti's thoughts:—

Sing, and the throng sings with you;
Preach, and you preach alone;
So it's better to sing for the wealth it will bring;
Than to preach till the sinners groan.

The latest Gilbert Sullivan opera, produced on Saturday evening last, entitled *Utopia (Limited,)* or the *Flowers of Progress* has been pronounced a big success in every way. The dresses and scenery are superb, and it is said that the costumes worn by the ladies in the second act alone cost upwards of £9,000. One of the happiest hits, in a musical sense, and one which went with great enthusiasm on Saturday evening, is a reminiscence of *H.M.S. Pinafore* sung by a character familiar to all who have seen the last named opera, viz.—Sir Edward Corcoran, K.C.B. If I quote a verse, the style will be at once recognised:—

Though we're no longer hearts of oak,
Yet we can steer and we can stoke;
And thanks to coal and thanks to coke,
We never run a ship ashore.
(All.) What never?
(Captain.) No, never!
(All.) What, never?
(Captain.) Hardly ever!
(All.) Hardly ever run a ship ashore!
Then give three cheers and three cheers more,
For the tar who never runs his ship ashore.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[BY "ANNFIELDITE."]

MORE LIGHT REQUIRED.

The season has again arrived for lighting the district lamps on the highways, and it would be better if the lamplighter would start a little earlier. At present it is about dark when he begins to light and part of the district is left in darkness for some time before he has gone the whole round, when light is greatly required. There ought to be pipes laid and lamps erected on the highway from the Three Lane ends, near the Morrison pit, on to the boundary of the Stanley Local Board, and again, from the foot of the Loud Hill, along the highway to Greencroft Cottages, which is a very dark and lonely road, and as Dipton people have lighted up to the Beasom, there ought to be an arrangement made for lighting up the road along the Avenue—about four lamps from Hare Law Bank top to the Beasom and road ends would meet the case, and surely it cannot be denied that this would be a very great boon to the district, as these are roads which are very much travelled by pedestrians, besides being a great aid to the business character of the district. Surely the authorities will see this need, and attend to it at once, as it is not much to ask this, it having been promised at the beginning of our lighting system for the district.

ANNFIELD PLAIN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Sunday last, the preacher appointed did not turn up. There were good congregations present, to hear the preacher who made a good impression the last time he was there, and his coming was looked forward to. Happily there were two of the home lay preachers present, Mr J. Johnson and Mr C. Graham, who stepped into the breach, and did excellent service for the Master.

BEARPARK PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

On Sunday last, sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr Philip Reay, of Annfield Plain. There were good congregations at both seavices, and good collections for the trust funds. The chapel is a neat erection, is well kept, and the choir sang in good Methodistic style.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

I see the Kyo School Board Election is fixed for the 30th of this month, and now is the time for nominations. This being a very important district the people ought to bestir themselves, and put on this Board men that will carry forward the great educational movement to its greatest and grandest successes. The schools under this Board—four in number—Annfield Plain, Kyo, Oxhill, and Hare Law, are all free, and books and copies found. Now is the time to think, speak, and act to secure the right men for the next three years.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—Derwent Place, 20th ult., the wife of J. J. Richardson, of a son.

CASTLESIDE—6th inst., the wife of Christopher Urwin, of a son (still-born).

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—Register Office, 9th inst., W. Collinson to H. Smith, both of Hamsteels Colliery.—10th inst., J. Ross, of Annfield Plain, to M. Kelly, of Hill Top.

STANHOPE CHURCH—7th inst., by Rev G. Jepson, Stewart Murray, of Glasgow, to Elizabeth H. Johnson, of Stanhope.

WOLSINGHAM—Register Office, 7th inst., Frank Collingwood, of Stanhope, to Miss Robinson, of Blanchland.

DEATHS.

CONSETT.—42, Front Street, on the 12th inst., aged 23 years, Septimus, beloved husband of Elizabeth Jane Pattison. Interment on Sunday, at Benfieldside Cemetery, at 3 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—5, Snow's Green Road, 6th inst., aged 72, Thomas Winch.

ANNFIELD PLAIN—7th inst., aged 60, Matthew Fairless.

STANLEY—Louisa Terrace, on the 10th inst., aged 35 years, Mary Jane, the beloved wife John Shield. To be interred to-day (Friday) at Stanley, at 4 o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.

TOW LAW—Preston Cottage, 9th inst., aged 67 years, Isabella, wife of James Lamb.

SOUTH PONTOP—6th inst., aged 14 months, Dina Murray, daughter of John and Elizabeth Scott.

STANHOPE—5th inst, aged 82, Esther Tinkler.

In ever-loving memory of Elizabeth Yuille, beloved wife of Samuel Yuille, who died at Barmoor, Oct. 16th, 1893, aged 65 years.

"Beloved in life, remembered in death."

In loving memory of John James, the beloved child of Georgina and the late George Knox, late of Medomsley, who departed this life October 9th, 1892, aged 1 year.

"Dear darling boy your mother misses you when the morning comes,
You are missed by her when the night returns,
You are missed by her here, you are missed by her there,
You are mourned for and missed by her everywhere.
But soon does she hope to meet you and your father in heaven,
Where by the world's cares she will never be riven."

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