PULARITY OF A CATCHGATE NATIVE.

The Wyvern" (Leicester) recently contained portrait of the Rev. W. G. Lendbitter, St. Luke's Church, Leicester, late of Catchgate, and a sop of Mr. George Leadbitter, of place. In giving a sketch of his work ... really it grew on to say:—"The ... has for the last two years been putting deal of arduous and self-denying labour into work of the poor parish of St. Luke's. ... North-Country man. He was educated at Durham University, and took his degrees there. In 1885 he graduated as B.A., and in 1886 proceeded to the ... Five years later the reverend gentleman gained the distinction of B.C.L. ... the Church the Rev. W. G. Leadbitter has ... long and well. He was ordained deacon in June, 1884, and priest in June, 1885, and in latter year he obtained his first preferment; ... Magee offering him the living of ... Hingstead (two little villages in Northampton ... Previous to this Mr. Leadbitter had ... in the diocese of Peterborough, having ... curate at Finedon and of St. Mark's, Peterborough. These posts, however, did not see the beginning of his Church work. He laboured hard ... layman for several years before his ordination, ... youthfulness preventing him from becoming a ... consecrated minister of the Church. In these ... days he had a training which fitted him for ... sort of work which is required in a good part of his present parish. He was attached to the ... man's Mission at Leith, and later he spent a ... year and a half at Long Buckby, doing mission work among the bargees.

There is room for a good deal of work in the parish of St. Luke's, for while the district includes a considerable population of respectable artisans, it also includes a good many streets, in the angle between Humberstone-road and Wharf-street, which are undoubted slums. In this district the Vicar is working most assiduously. It will be remembered that last winter a new Mission Church, St. Crispin, was opened to meet the religious wants of the class of people living in the district. But the provision of such a place of worship will not make people listen to religious truths. The Vicar has supplemented this by holding services in the streets during the summer months, and by active house-to-house visitation. Report speaks enthusiastically of his sympathy with and liberality towards the poorest of his parishioners, and they at least pray that he may long remain the Vicar of St. Luke's.

Besides being popular in his parish (and his popularity extends beyond the pool, the Rev. Leadbitter is a good preacher. He has sound, common-sense religious views, and a good deal of literary facility in setting them forth. His energy and enthusiasm are keeping the various religious and social agencies of the parish in good ... order, and everybody accounts him a "strong" Vicar.

PRESENTATION TO A CONSETT WORKMAN.

On Friday evening, the mechanics employed at the Consett Iron and Steel works assembled in the Co-operative Buildings, Consett, for the purpose of presenting Mr. George Lowson, a fellow workman, of Consett, with a spirit level and a purse of gold, as a token of esteem on the occasion of his leaving the district to take up an important appointment in Orange Free State, South Africa. The chair was occupied by Councillor William McIvor, Crookhall, who was supported by Councillor George Lowes, Templetown, Ed Holliday, and other leading trades unionists.

The Chairman said they were all aware of the object of the gathering. It was with feelings of mingled regret and pleasure that he occupied the position as chairman on that occasion. He regretted that he was losing Mr. Lowson, who had been a loyal comrade, and courteous colleague. From years of experience in the workshop, and that was the place to get a grip of a man's characteristics, he had been able to form an opinion of the character of Mr. Lowson, and he could say that it would bear the closest investigation. (Applause.) Probably not many had had more quarrels with Mr. Lowson than he, but after the battles had been ended, and their ruffled feathers had been smoothed down, they still found themselves to be as good friends as ever. (Hear.) He held a very high opinion of Mr. Lowson, and as he had sat on public bodies and committees with him he had always found him upright and conscientious in all his dealings. He had always found him to act to the best of his ability, and according to his conscience, judgement, and conviction. It was a source of pleasure to know that Mr. Lowson had always commanded the respect of his fellow workmen. The testimonial had been got up hurriedly, because they had very little notice of the intended departure of Mr. Lowson, but he was glad to say the workmen had responded to the appeal most nobly and a handsome sum had been realised. Mr. Lowson was going to leave behind him many warm friends, and when he looked upon the testimonial in the distant country he trusted that it would ever remind him of his stay in their midst. He wished him God-speed in the journey he was about to undertake, and every success whilst discharging the duties under his new appointment. (Applause.)

Councillor Lowes, in making the presentation, said he was exceedingly pleased to see Councillor McIvor in the chair. This was about the second time that he had seen him in that position, and he had discharged the duty so well on that occasion, that he had really left him nothing to say. He had known Mr. Lowson a great deal longer than the chairman, and had watched his career very closely. He had wondered how it came that he had been asked to make the presentation. There were perhaps two things that really entitled him to occupy the position. One was that he happened to be the ex-president of the Consett Mechanics' Association. They were all aware that he was president from its formation until a short time ago, when other duties compelled him to resign the position. The other reason was that he had known Mr. Lowson from a child. His acquaintance with Mr. Lowson from his youth up to the present, had founded sincere respect towards him, and that was one of many reasons why he was sorry of Mr. Lowson's departure; but let it be understood that nothing would please him better than to hear of Mr. Lowson achieving success which might be anticipated, and which he, as an upright and faithful citizen, fully deserved (Applause.) He knew that Mr. Lowson would not leave Consett if he had not a good object in view. By Mr. Lowson leaving them they were sustaining a great loss; but he knew that it would be a gain to the people of South Africa, amongst whom Mr. Lowson would reside. In the past Mr. Lowson had taken a great interest in public matters. He had attended the science and art classes, and had achieved a considerable amount of success. Just let him show to them what can be obtained by perseverance. For geometry, Mr. Lowson had attained a certificate for geometrical drawing, and first prize for home work in local competition. For machine construction, Mr. Lowson had succeeded in obtaining a first class in the elementary stage, first class in the advanced and Queen's prize, a teacher's certificate, and prize for home work from South Kensington Science and Art Department, and first prize for home work in local competition. (Applause.) To accomplish all this, Mr. Lowson had shown indomitable courage. In conclusion, the speaker said he was exceedingly pleased to find that the workmen had responded most liberally to the testimonial which would ever remind Mr. Lowson of his friends at Consett. It afforded him now great pleasure to hand over to Mr. Lowson the gifts—the spirit level, which was beautifully engraved, and bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. George Lowson by his fellow-workmen, 1896," and the purse of gold. He hoped he would accept the gifts in the spirit in which they were given.

Mr. Lowson feelingly acknowledged the gift. He said no words of his could express to them his thanks for their beautiful present. He felt very much to leave his kind friends at Consett, but he was taking the present step for the best, and after having given it full consideration. He knew that he did not merit all the good things that had been said about him that night. He was aware that he had done many things which he ought not to have done and left undone things which he ought to have done; but he could say that he was leaving Consett with no ill-feeling against any of his fellow-workmen. He again would thank them for the gifts, the purse of gold he would endeavour to use for a good purpose, and the spirit level he would value more than he could tell them. It would always remind him of his friends at Consett. He trusted that the town of Consett would go on and prosper, and he wished his fellow-workmen every success. (Applause.)

The customary votes of thanks terminated a pleasant gathering.

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FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars Reserve beat Tanfield United by one goal to nil, at Tanfield.

Annfield Plain Celtic 3rd defeated Kyo United Juniors by three goals to one, on the ground of the former.

Hamsterley White Stars v. Medomsley Rovers.—Played at Medomsley in torrents of rain. Shortly after the commencement a miskick by Kay opened the score for the home team. This awakened the Stars, and away they went determined to score. Graham passed to Armstrong, and that player scored with a low shot. After the centre kick the Stars again took up the attack, and from a scrimmage in front of the home goal Hamsterley added another goal to their score. Half-time—Hamsterley, two goals; Rovers, one. After the interval the Stars had the best of the game. The Rovers tried hard to break through the defence of the visitors, but could not. Armstrong scored number three, and the Stars won by three goals to one.

DELVES LANE UNITED v. ALLENDALE WHITE STAR.

This match took place at Allendale in wet weather on Saturday. Delves Lane were poorly represented, and the following played for

Delves Lane—Goal, Brown; backs, Gowland and Bell; half-backs, Bidwell, Atkinson and, Morgan; forwards, Johnson, Redshaw, Overall, Greenwood, and Stafford.

Delves Lane won the toss, and elected to play down the slope. The homesters kicked off, but Gowland sent well up the field, the visitors' forwards failing to take advantage of a good opportunity. The home forwards came away with a rush, but could not pass Gowland, who was playing in excellent style. Delves Lane, by good combination, got well up, but sent past. From the goal kick the homesters got well up and Hutton opened the scoring. Delves Lane were not to be denied, and went up in determined fashion, and just missed scoring. From the goal kick the homesters came away, but Gowland was not to be passed, and gave his forwards a grand opening, of which the latter took advantage, and Redshaw equalised the scores. From the centre kick the homesters came away, but Bell put well up the field, only for the ball to be returned, and the Stars took the lead. From the kick-off Delves Lane tried hard to equalise, but sent past. From the goal kick the homesters came away, but Gowland sent up, and the United were found pressing when half-time arrived with the score standing :—

Allendale....Two goals
Delves Lane....One goal

After a re-start, the visitors began to press, but could not score. Allendale came away, but Gowland was all there, and sent back to his forwards, who pressed, and Overall equalised the scores with a good shot. After the kick-off Hutton came away, but Gowland stopped his progress, only for the home backs to return, but Gowland put to Johnson, and that player passed to Overall, who had no difficulty in giving Delves Lane the lead. The home team attacked, and Gowland conceded a corner in attempting to save. The corner was well placed, but Gowland put well up to his forwards, and Redshaw passed to Overall, who put past the goalkeeper for the fourth time. Allendale pressed, but could not beat Gowland. The home team were not to be denied, and put past. From the goal kick Hutton received and put in a long shot which beat Brown. The home team tried hard to draw level, but Gowland was all there, and a hard-fought game ended as under—

Delves Lane....Four goals
Allendale....Three goals

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. BLAYDON UNITED.

These teams met on the Park ground on Saturday, intending to play a game in the Derwent Valley League, but owing to the referee failing to put in an appearance, they resolved to play a "friendly" instead. About half-an-hour after the advertised time the teams lined up as under :—

Leadgate Park Reserve—Goal, J. Hunter; backs, D. Cartmell and A. Aitken; half-backs, T. Calvert, R. Forster (capt.), and G. Temple; forwards, M. Willis, J. Birtley, S. Thompson, G. Milburn, and J. Calvert.

Blaydon United—Goal, W. Biggins; backs, J. Biggins and J. Gair; half-backs, Summerville, W. Pearson, and J. Wears; forwards, J. Hands, W. Tracey, J. Batey, C. Chapman, and Horne.

Blaydon won the toss, and elected to play with the wind in their favour. Thompson started for the Park, who soon made tracks for the visitors goal, and after about a minute's play Thompson scored the first goal for the home team. From the centre kick Blaydon took the ball down, and tried hard to equalise, but they could not break through the Park defence, which was very sound. Some end-to-end play ensued for a while, until the home men once more got possession, and Birtley made a splendid run up the right and centred to Thompson, who shot well in, W. Biggins clearing at the expense of a corner. Milburn placed this well, and some exciting play was witnessed in front of the visitors' goal-mouth, but Blaydon managed to get the ball away. Chapman and Horne made a good run down the left, and the former put in a good shot, Hunter being called upon to save. Aitken kicked well up the field to Willis, who transferred to Thompson, and the latter put on a second goal for the Park. From the centre kick the United made a rush down, some good play by Chapman and his partner resulting in Blaydon scoring their first goal. From the kick off midfield play ensued for a while, when the home forwards again took up the running, but shortly after the whistle sounded for half-time with the score :—

Leadgate Park....Two goals
Blaydon....One goal

On resuming, the Park ran down, and after a bit of a scrimmage in the visitors' goal-mouth, Thompson sent in another shot which beat the United custodian. The Park again attacked, but the ball went out, and from the throw-in J. Gair got hold and placed well up, and the United sent in a shot which Hunter saved at the expense of a corner. The latter was saved by Cartmell kicking well down. Even play lasted for a while, until "hands" for the United game them a chance to get into the home territory, but they could not add to their score, the home backs getting the ball away once more. Milburn kicked well down the field, and the leather once more visited the Blaydon goal, but was got out of danger. Play after this took place chiefly in midfield, and when the whistle sounded time the score was—

Leadgate Park....Three goals
Blaydon United....One goal

BLACKHILL CELTIC v. WEST PELTON VIOLETS.

Played on the ground of the latter in miserable weather. The home captain won the toss, and elected to play towards the entrance goal. Coyle started the ball for the visitors, who came away with a rush, and Stokell receiving passed to Coyle, who shot, but the home custodian cleared well. The visitors swarmed around the home goal, Coyle scoring No 1 five minutes from the commencement. The home team, try as they would, could not get over the centre-line for the Celtic half-backs, who were playing a grand game. From a corner kick Coyle scored again, making No 2. Stokell scored No 3 soon after, and Coyle added another, but was ruled off-side. Harris sent in a good shot, but the home goal-keeper kicked away. Stokell put through again, but was given off-side. Bell notched No 4 with a good shot, and just then the whistle sounded half-time—

Celtic....Four goals
Violets....Nil

On resuming, the home team tried hard to break away, but Harris cleared well. The Celtic still had matters all their own way, Stokell scoring No 5. The visitors added other four goals through Moss (2) Robinson, and Harris. Final—

Blackhill Celtic....Nine goals
West Pelton Violets....Nil

GATESHEAD N.E.R. v. TOW LAW.

Played at Gateshead. The weather was wretched in the extreme. The Tow Law captain won the toss, and decided to defend the Park goal, Oliver taking the initial kick for the home team in a proper downpour, before about 100 spectators. N.E.R. at once got down, but the slippery state of the ground made shooting next to an impossibility. M'Nee got in a milk-and-water shot which struck the corner of the post and went past. McIntosh and Hardy essayed a run, but Lawson transferred with a clever kick which enabled M'Nee and Smoult to gain an opening, but Allison kicked the leather from the goal line, and for a time N.E.R. had to act on the defensive. Tow Law carried the game to the home goal, and Hardy had no difficulty in notching the first point, Atkinson making a poor attempt to save. This reverse caused the railwaymen to exert themselves, and Allison and Co. had a warm time for the next few minutes, but managed to keep their charge intact. M'Nee sent in a neat centre from the right wing, but Forsyth and Smoult each missed the pass, and Temperley removed the ball out of danger. N.E.R. here kept up a continual bombardment on the Tow Law goal, but an opponent was always in the way, and shots were kept out by the backs and goal-keeper for a considerable time, but the smart tactics by the home men eventually baffled them at length, for Deans beat Allison with a hard shot and made the score equal. After a re-start was made the rain fell more heavily than ever, and the players expressed themselves satisfied, and the referee very wisely called time with the score—

Tow Law....One goal
Gateshead N.E.R....One goal

"GUARDIAN" v. "CHRONICLE."

Teams representing the above offices met on the Consett Swifts' ground (kindly granted for the occasion by the committee) on Friday. A high wind completely spoiled the game, which was little better than a farce. At half-time neither side had scored, and although the "Chronicle" men made some good attempts to get through in the second half they were unsuccessful, notwithstanding that they were awarded a penalty kick. A minute or two before the finish Repper scored for the "Guardian" out of a scrimmage, and the result was—

"Guardian"....One goal
"Chronicle"....Nil

Referee, Mr J. Hamilton, Consett.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. ALLENDALE RESERVE.

Played at Allendale in wet weather. The Swifts kicked off, and at once carried play into the home goal. Shots were put in by Sheldon and Laidler, but the backs cleared. The home forwards could not break past the visitors halves. A shot by Hamilton grazed the wrong side of the post, one by Laidler also sharing the same fate. A free kick brought relief to Allendale, Bradley giving a corner. It was well put in, and Froadick in trying to clear headed through his own goal. From the kick-off the Swifts' forwards completely baffled the home defence. Nearing the goal Laidler, taking from Sheldon, dribbled almost under the cross-bar, but giving it a terrific kick landed it yards over the goal. Shortly after this the whistle sounded for half-time with the score—

Allendale....One goal
Swifts....Nil

Allendale started the second half, but Hamilton gaining possession gave to Sisterson. Going up the wing he was tackled by the right back, but transferring to Laidler, that player shot past. The goal kick brought no relief, and Ellis being fouled the Swifts were granted a free kick. Walton placed well to Hamilton, who headed in. A regular "melee" followed in front of the home goal, but the ball was eventually put out. A good shot by Nichol was cleared, but Laidler getting his head to it scored a fine goal. Allendale at this time were completely hemmed in, being beaten at all points of the game. A grand centre by Nichol was put past. The ball was in the centre of the field when the whistle sounded, leaving the score—

Swifts....One goal
Allendale....One goal

SWALWELL PRESS v. PERCY WANDERERS.

Played on the latter's ground in miserable weather. The Press attacked well, and showed some tricky play, but the Percy defence proved equal to the occasion. Soon after M. Rose notched the first goal for the visitors. From the centre Percy pressed, but Thompson saved well. Wheatley returned the ball to Rose, who ran down the left wing and scored the second goal for the Press. Shortly after the whistle blew for half-time—

Press....Two goals
Wanderers....Nil

After the re-start the Wanderers dashed down the field, and sent in several shots which Thompson saved well. Finney got the ball and scored the first goal for the Wanderers, and when the whistle blew for time the result was—

Press....Two goals
Wanderers....One goal

Referee, Mr W Charlton.

LIZZIE CELTIC WEDNESDAY v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATIVE WEDNESDAY.

The "Co-ops" played their second game on Wednesday week, when they journeyed to Annfield Plain to oppose the Celtic Wednesday. The game was late in commencing owing to the visitors waiting for some of their players, but eventually had to start the game without either Ridley, Holmes, Smith, or Long. Richardson, a "Co-op" supporter, volunteered to play, and Hanover appeared when about to commence the game. Still the visitors were short, and two of the Lizzie Celts willingly gave their services. The game during the first period was very evenly contested, although the visitors seemed to be most dangerous. Bugless, the visiting custodian, was only called upon twice to clear, and both times saved easily. After many fruitless runs the whistle sounded half-time as under—

Co-operators....Nil
Celtic....Nil

On resuming everything seemed to favour the Celts, for with rain descending and a strong wind in their favour, and the entrance goal simply a heap of mud, the "Co-ops" could not make the least progress for the first twenty minutes, during which time the home side managed to score from a good shot. It might have been saved had Hanover allowed the custodian to handle, but the former, whilst almost through the goal, made a miskick, and so the goal resulted. Later, however, Ridley, after a good run up the field, had only the custodian before him and only a couple of yards from the goal line, when in came Tindle and charged him down from behind, and thus the leather cleared in time. Again Dawson came up, and when in the thickest of the mud he could just lift the ball past. On many occasions the "Co-ops" were almost on the point of scoring. Nothing further of note resulted, and a hard fought game ended as under—

Celtic....One goal
Co-operators....Nil

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
STANLEY v. NEWCASTLE UNITED A.

The meeting of Stanley and the famous United men of the "canny toon" was rightly regarded as one of the tit-bits of the football season, and the committee of the club naturally expected a considerable addition to the funds of the club from the fixture. However, they were favoured with an assortment of weather more varied than choice. The rain and wind seemed determined to do everything possible to spoil the game, and the afternoon was about the worst that there has been this season or last, with the exception of the meeting of the homesters and the Celts last season, when a blinding snowstorm made a cheerful accompaniment to the game. The game could not be looked upon as an easy thing for either team, as the Stanley men have made some very good performances this season. In spite of the United's well-earned reputation as an Alliance team of no mean standing, the home supporters felt fairly confident that their pets would manage to go a point or two better than the visitors. Their hopes were, we regret to say, doomed to disappointment, and it is not too much to say that the homesters never had a look in after the first twenty minutes. Both teams were strongly represented, though Cunningham was not figuring in the home ranks. It was some forty minutes after the advertised time of starting when the visitors took the field, and no time was lost in getting the men lined up, the following teams turning out :—

Stanley:—Goal, G. Morris; backs, E. Beckwith and W. Pouton; half-backs, Fish, E. Nicholson, and J. Milburn; forwards, T. Crute, T. Robson, S. Wood, J. Howe, and J. Masterman.

United—Goal, Kinnear; backs, Bell and Warburton; half-backs, Dixon, Walton, and Carr; forwards, Hedley, Purvis, Patten, Bell, and Gillespie.

Referee, Mr J. Wardropper, Benwell.

The home captain was unlucky enough to spot the wrong side of the coin, and started the ball to the waggonway end of the field. The home men at once made tracks for the visitors' goal, and Wood sent the ball by. Dixon fouled Howe, and Stanley were awarded a free kick, but the former player headed clear away. Wood tried to dribble through the opposing halves, but was too closely pressed, and let fly a good shot which nearly beat Kinnear, who could hardly move in the mud. He just managed to get to the ball and jerked it away in the nick of time amidst excited cheers from the crowd, which, despite the rain, had assembled in considerable numbers. Warburton completed the save, and Carr ran nicely up the wing, but Fish dispossessed him and passed forward, Crute making a desperate effort to get on the leather before it went by. Pouton next kicked away, but in a twinkling the home vanguard were swarming into the Stanley goal, and the determinedness of their attack discomposed the backs, who put in some very scrambling work, and Bell sent in a shot which struck the post and bounced into the net, sending the visitors one up. Stanley came away vigorously from the re-start in fine style, Warburton repelling cleverly. Wood sent in a nice shot, which Kinnear saved trickily, and again Carr put in some good dribbling on the wing, and took the ball well down into the Stanley territory. Wood was fouled, but the resulting penalty availed the homesters nothing, and Purvis sent in a stinging shot which fortunately hit Morris on the shins, and the visitors forced a corner, and then after some scrimmaging in the goal-mouth Morris was beaten for a second time within a very short period. On the re-start Morris fisted out, and Masterman and Howe ran up, and the former sent in a good shot which Kinnear fisted away. Shortly after this Masterman had an excellent chance to score, but mulled it badly, and Milburn made a better attempt a minute later. Masterman then sent in two shots, but could not get sufficient footing to put any sting into them, and they proved of no avail. A run up by the home forwards took the ball right in front of goal. Wood passed forward, and the ball stuck in a pool of water, Kinnear running out to save it, but Masterman neatly tricked him and landed the ball straight for the visitors' goal. The home supporters were just preparing to shout when Bell's cranium bobbed serenely up, and disposed of the danger at the expense of a corner. Crute took the kick, and placed the ball beautifully, Robson heading through. Encouraged by this success, the Stanleyites came on apace, but Hedley ran through his opponents and scored number three. This took some of the sting out of the Stanley team, and the halves on several occasions showed a conspicuous want of judgment, and the result of a long and continued pressure was a fourth point for the visitors, neatly headed by Hedley, Purvis having just headed the ball a foot wide of the posts a minute previously, though he was ruled off-side. On the re-start Newcastle pressed, but Beckwith kicked away, and Pouton shortly afterwards performed a similar service for his side. Crute gained possession, and trickily beat Warburton, but sent just wide in a creditable attempt to score. Fish then had a nice chance, but made a very weak try. Hedley then ran up, and sent in a long shot, which stuck in a pool of water outside the goal, and Morris looked on—an interesting spectator—whilst the visitors' forwards rushed up and put through number five. Uninteresting play followed till half-time—

United A....Five goals
Stanley....One goal

The attendance was much smaller when the second half of the game commenced, a number of the spectators leaving the field at the interval, as the rain came down in torrents. With four goals to the bad things were in a hopeless condition for the home men, and despite the cries of several enthusiastic Stanleyites, who had not lost all hope, to "stick in," neither side put any dash into their play, and a series of aimless kicks marked the initial portion of this period of the game, the field being a perfect quagmire, and the foothold of the players thoroughly treacherous. For a considerable time Wood was the only player who exerted himself, but one by one the Stanley players wakened up, and made their opponents fully aware of the fact. A foul was awarded off Walton, and Fish taking the kick placed well, and for some minutes a desperate tussle ensued in the goal-mouth. The defence were quite collected, and Bell managed to clear, and Walton put in a neat dribble, ending up in a creditable attempt to cause the downfall of the visitors' citadel, and then Robson forced Kinnear to kick away. United speedily retaliated, and Beckwith, when hard pressed conceded a corner, and then Hedley, who was clearly off-side, headed past. Dixon fouled Wood, and Robson gained possession from the resulting free kick, but shot weakly. "Hands" again let Stanley in, and Fish took the kick, sending to Milburn, who missed the mark with a very weak shot. Crute put in a good run on the left, and forced a fruitless corner, and some very scrambling play followed. Stanley then came on again, and were conceded another corner, but the ball went to the back of the sticks. Purvis took the ball up the field and sent in two good shots, the first of which was disposed of by Beckwith, whilst the second bounced out of play. Crute made a good attempt to get away, but was fouled by the opposing half, and Beckwith nullified the advantage by placing very weakly. Patten next put in some nice play, and when in the midst of a crowd of opponents cleverly wheeled round and twisted the ball into the net before the home backs knew that a shot had been made. The home spectators were not slow to appreciate this piece of play, and a warm tribute to the Newcastle man's ability came in the shape of a vociferous burst of applause. Purvis made a nice attempt to score, but was penalised for off-side. Hedley seemed to have a weakness for off-side, as he put one through a moment after which Mr Wardropper ruled off-side. Stanley "bucked up" considerably after this, and the result was that the United defence was kept pretty busy. Wood and Howe put in some nice work, being ably supported by Crute and Robson. The latter at length tricked the opposing half, and passed to Crute, who neatly sent the ball in the required direction, and it found its way through the mass of arms and legs in front of goal into the net, reducing the United majority by one. This advantage failed to waken any enthusiasm in the Stanley camp, and a perfect flood of wet fairly drenching the players, it was a welcome relief when the final whistle came with the score—

Newcastle United A....Six goals
Stanley....Two goals

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION.
OUSTON v. PELTON FELL

These old rivals met at Pelton Fell on Saturday, the weather being simply dreadful, rain falling heavily during the whole of the game. The visitors won the toss, and choose to play towards the south goal, the rain and a little breeze being at their backs. The game had hardly been started when Pelton got a free kick for "hands," which caused a foul for Ouston. Both teams were playing a good game, the ball travelling from end-to-end, but Ouston at last claimed a free kick, by means of which they scored a fine goal. On re-starting from the centre the visitors got down, and were not long in scoring another goal amidst great excitement. It seemed now as though the visitors were going to win, but the Pelton players kept their hearts up, and did their best to stop them from scoring any more, because they knew the change of ends would make a lot of difference. On again re-starting from the centre the homesters claimed "hands," and sent the ball into the visitors' quarters, but it was immediately brought back by their forwards, who played well down till Clark handled the ball. From the free kick Lawton put in a nice shot which just went wide. The goal-kick enabled the visitors to take well up into the home quarters, where they put in a clever shot, but it went past the post. The leather was soon in midfield, but the Fell took down and looked like scoring, but only received a corner. They kept well in the Ouston half for a time, but the latter managed to get the ball away. It was soon returned, and Lennon put in a nice shot, and Cockburn in trying to kick out scored a goal for Pelton. The visitors now wakened themselves up, and got nicely down, receiving a couple of corners, but they failed to score, the home custodian saving some nice shots. Cries of "Waken up, Pelton," were now heard all over the field, and they were not long in answering to the call, and amidst shouting and hissing scored another goal. This seemed to put new life into the homesters, who put in some good shots. The visitors' defence was kept going now, but they always managed to save. Dodds put in a clinking shot for Pelton, but the leather sailed by. Ouston had a good defence on, but still couldn't manage to get the ball away, and with the ball still in Ouston quarters the whistle sounded half-time—

Pelton Fell....Two goals
Ouston....Two goals

On resuming, Pelton began with some clever play, and five minutes had hardly elapsed when they got a third goal. On the ball being started from the centre the visitors claimed "hands," from which they got well up, and received a corner, but it only meant a goal kick for Pelton. The visitors again returned with the ball, and got another corner, but McDermott handled the ball. The free kick was the means of the Fell going well down and receiving a corner. Dodds put the ball well in the goal mouth, but the custodian managed to save by giving another corner. Ouston were now playing on the defensive, and despite having only ten men in the second half their play was grand. The home team got corner after corner, and it seemed as though they were going to win by six or seven goals, but the grand play of the visitors' backs and half-backs prevented them. Ouston seemed unable to get out of their quarters, and when they did so only got as far as midfield, where the home backs would send the ball flying back to the goal. The game was very exciting, and some very rough play took place now and then. For the last half-hour Pelton had all the best of the play, never being out of Ouston quarters, and amidst shouting and cheering for the home side the whistle blew for the game to end—

Pelton Fell....Three goals
Ouston....Two goals

CHESTER-LE-STREET v EDMONDSLEY.

Played at Chester-le-Street in very unfavourable weather. The referee deciding that the ground was fit to play, and both teams agreeing, the ball was kicked off by Hewitt for the visitors. The ball had only been in play about a minute when Wilson, with a long shot, scored for the visitors, thus making a capital start. This somewhat damped the spirits of the home team, but they did their best, and at once invaded the visitors' goal, and Ritson equalised with a grand shot. The visitors, however, nothing daunted, carried the ball to the home quarters, but Harle was on the alert, and saved brilliantly, banging the ball up the field, where Tulip captured, sending in a grass-cutter which the goal-keeper failed to cope with and scored the second goal for Chester-le-Street. From this Chester-le-Street had all the play, sending in a good many shots, and were somewhat unlucky in not scoring. However, Gordon came to the rescue, and sent in a capital shot which it was impossible to save, making the third goal for the home team. The ball having been set going once more, the visitors had a look in, and Hewitt sending the ball well down the field, Wake rushed in and put the second goal to their credit. This seemed to liven up their spirits, but a foul given against them on the half way line stopped their rush. L. Crichton taking the free kick for Chester-le-Street sent in a well-aimed shot right into the goal, and the ball striking the goal-keeper on the arm passed through, the whistle going just then for half-time, Chester-le-Street leading by 4 to 2. In the second half the home team had all their own way. They at once bombarded the visitors' goal, and when Tulip was about to try his head, the visitors goal-keeper deliberately struck at him. For this the home team were awarded a penalty, and L. Crichton quietly placed the ball through for the fifth time. The visitors now got properly disheartened, raising an objection against the penalty, and they walked off the field, leaving the citizens victorious of a well deserved game. Final—

Chester-le-Street....Five goals
Edmondsley....Two goals

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
LINTZFORD v. TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS.

The above teams met at Tantobie in a League fixture, and after about 20 minutes play the referee (Mr Amos) deemed it advisable to abandon the game, owing to the rough weather, no score having been registered by either team.

ENGLISH CUP.
QUALIFYING ROUND.
LEADGATE EXILES v. WALLSEND PARK VILLA.

These teams met at Leadgate on Saturday, in wretched weather, rain coming down incessantly the whole of the afternoon. The visitors arrived with a strong team, while the Exiles were only moderately represented, being again minus Doyle and Hughes. Punctual to time the referee decided that the game be played, and marshalled the teams up as under before a poor muster of spectators :—

Leadgate Exiles—Goal, H Callaghan; backs, B Rogers and W McGee; half-backs, J Haggan, T McGrachan (capt), and J Monaghan; forwards, J Robson and J McGee, right wing; P Daly centre; J Brannen and P Haley, left wing.

Wallsend Park Villa—Goal, Henderson; backs, Hatfield and Taylor; half-backs, Maxwell, Carr, and Maddison; forwards, Dale, Hewitt, Blanchie, Ward, and Rowan.

Referee, Mr R. Glass, Heaton.

The Exiles' captain won the toss, and elected to play towards the entrance goal. Blanchie kicked off, and the Villa at once made tracks for the home goal, where they forced a corner, which was nicely placed, but the home backs cleared well. Robson and J McGee came down on the right wing in clever style, and Robson put in a swift shot which just went over the bar. The home team still continued the pressure, but the visitors' goalkeeper and backs were in champion form. From a good shot by Haley, Henderson kicked out of the goal in the nick of time. The visitors now had a look in, and Callaghan had to fist out a good shot from Blanchie, which he did in good style. Haggan was now conspicuous for some good play. Park Villa ran up, but off-side spoiled their chance to score. Not to be denied the visitors continued the pressure, and obtained a corner, but W McGee cleared in splendid fashion. The home team now came down with a rush, and Haley scored the first goal with a splendid shot, the visiting custodian having no chance to save. From the centre kick the visitors ran up, but McGrachan cleared with a nice kick. Robson secured and ran down the wing, putting in a good shot, but it was a little too high, and went over. The Exiles maintained the pressure, and forced a corner, which was nicely placed, and J McGee headed through another, amidst great cheers from the home spectators. Wallsend played a plucky game, but the wretched weather prevented good play, and accurate shooting was out of the question. Robson and McGee, who were playing a good game came down together, and the former had hard lines in not scoring. "Hands" was given against the Exiles and nicely placed, but Rogers cleared the danger. The Exiles got down again, but off-side stopped their progress. The home team raced down once again, and Brannen put in a clever shot, but the ball went past. From the goal-kick Robson got hold and passed to his partner, who put into the centre, and from an awkward position Daly scored the third point for the Exiles just before the interval. From the centre kick the visitors ran up and forced Callaghan to clear two shots in quick succession, and shortly after the whistle sounded half-time with the score—

Leadgate Exiles....Three goals
Wallsend Park Villa....Nil

On resuming, Robson secured and ran the whole length of the field, but was knocked off the ball when in the act of shooting, and the leather went by. Continuing the pressure the home team were conceded a corner, which was well placed, but Henderson fisted out. The visitors now attacked, but found the home backs in good trim and not to be beaten. The Exiles came away again and nearly scored. The visitors now appeared to have had enough of it, being in a deplorable condition, and after a short consultation the visiting captain awarded the game to the Exiles, and both teams left the field with the score—

Leadgate Exiles....Three goals
Wallsend Park Villa....Nil

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
HOBSON WANDERERS V. BILL QUAY.

Miserable is not the word by which to describe the weather at Bill Quay on Saturday afternoon, when this fixture was being brought off. It was simply worse than miserable, for so heavy did rain fall during the whole of the game, that shelter cou'd not even be found by crouching near the field pailings. True to their promise the Hobson team arrived at the Quay about three o'clock, and before the advertised time they were ready to commence hostilities. It was at first feared that Muirhead, the popular centre forward would be unable to play through a slight accident which befel him a few days previous, but those supporters of the Wanderers who anticipated in this wise were agreeably surprised, for when the teams lined up he stood prominently in the centre of the forward division. Henderson and Bell, however, were notable absentees, and reserve men had to be found to fill their respective places. At half past three the teams lined up as follows:—

Bill Quay—Goal, J. Fitzpatrick; backs, A. Purvis and G. Thomas; half backs, Rennison, E. Dempsey, and R. Thomas; forwards, W. Dunnet, R. Denham, J. Simm, T. Stewart, and W. Proud.

Hobson Wanderers—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, M. McCue and W. H. Liddle (captain); half backs, Atkinson, T. Heslin, and Weedy; forwards, R. Hindhaugh, J. Layton, A. Lown, E. Muirhead, and Maddison.

Hobson won the toss, and wisely elected to defend the bottom goal into which a light breeze was blowing. Simm commenced play by giving to Denham, but no sooner did the latter get on the ball than Muirhead pounced and dispossessed. In quick time he carried play to the bottom end. Purvis and Thomas made a desperate effort to relieve, but the pressure was too great, and in the midst of fast play Muirhead got in a shot at goal which Fitzgerald failed to cope with. This took place about three minutes after the start, and on the game re-commencing it appeared as though the Wanderers were going to carry all before them. Bill Quay, however, warmed to their work and set themselves about to defend their territory. Inspired by some fine saves by the home backs, the forwards showed up much better, with the result that they were able to break through the visiting forwards. Liddle, in rushing out to save made a mis-kick, and the ball went over the touch line. Rennison threw in, and Liddle kicked down to his colleague, who were not slow to make tracks to the bottom end again. Here a few quick exchanges took place and after the ball had repeatedly been in front of goal, Stewart kicked over to the north side of the field. Gradually Denham and Dunnett worked their way up, but Weedy prevented them getting too near by passing to Liddle who had a clear field before him. Shortly afterwards McCue missed his mark, and Stewart was about to make a good pass when he fell, and Liddle rushing over, had plenty of time to get away. Denham attacked, and got well upon the ball, and in order to improve matters he sent over to Simm, who, with a rash shot, sent over the goal line. McNeil took the goal kick, and wisely placed the ball on the North side of the field, and a second later saw Maddison trying a shot at goal, which had the same result as the previous stroke by Simm. On the ball returning into play Lown shot more accurately, and Fitzgerald was called upon to defend his charge. He sent the leather to mid-field. There was a general tackle for supremacy, in the midst of which Bill Quay handled the ball and again let their opponents into their ground. Another attack was made upon Fitzgerald, shot after shot being directed at the goal, but each time the custodian was equal to the occasion. Denham carried play to mid-field, but ere many seconds had passed Lown and Muirhead combined to the bottom end, where D. Thomas missed his kick and let the forwards through. The former mentioned player promptly transferred play to Layton, but before he could steady himself for a shot at goal he was challenged by Proud, and his aim went wide of the mark. Simm tried hard to get in but McCue was more than a match for him. Ultimately he sent over to Denham, but the ball went past into touch. After receiving a nice pass from Dempsey, Simm kicked miraculously, but despite this drawback the Quay men were able to keep Hobson in check. Following some short passing near the centre line, there was some good combination up and down the field, each team apparently trying their best to break up the respective defences. From out of a scrimmage near the Bill Quay goal, Proud received and cleverly made tracks to the top end. This was the first chance they had had, but it was spoiled by McNeil, who threw out with comparative ease. "Hands" gave the Wanderers an opportunity and it was improved upon by Dunnett missing, and allowing his opponents to get well in. Nothing came of the advantage, however. Purvis gave to Dempsey, but on being tackled by Muirhead and Hindhaugh he was compelled to submit to being dispossessed. A stiff scrimmage ensued near the goal-mouth, and it was only by long kicking that the home team relieved their backs from what had been an exceedingly busy time. Hobson now calmed down somewhat and Denham got round Lown and sent over to Proud. The latter was dribbling up so as to get into a shooting position when he was charged by McCue and his shot at goal gave McNeil very little trouble. Atkinson received from McNeil and kicked well down to Muirhead. Here the Wanderers brought some pressure to bear upon their antagonists and S. Thomas handled the ball so deliberately that the referee allowed a penalty kick. This was entrusted to Maddison, who placed it nicely between the posts, thus adding the second goal. Hobson continued to press and were conceded a corner, from which nothing resulted. Half-time arrived after each end had been visited in turn, with the score—

Hobson Wanderers .... Two goals.
Bill Quay .... Nil.

On the teams crossing over, Hobson again showed an aggressive spirit. They worked the leather to the top end, and were shaping to repeat their performance of the first half when "hands" were given against them, and they had to hie down the field. Dempsey was close upon Muirhead, but on Atkinson going to the latter's assistance he was able to receive and get the ball away. Having passed Simm, Rennison was met face to face, and it was only by some tricky work that Atkinson got off, the ball, however, rolling over the line. A hard fight followed amongst the forwards, Muirhead eventually coming out of the crowd in flying colours, and sprinting up the field. The brothers Thomas and Purvis challenged, and he kicked to Hindhaugh. This player looked likely to make a favourable impression upon the game when he was surrounded by about six men, and in some close kicking "hands" was again declared, and again Hobson had to fall back. A corner kick was the outcome of this ill luck. Proud placed nicely above the heads of those congregated round the goal-mouth. The ball was headed dangerously near the cross-bar, and on it reaching the ground, Maddison tried a long kick, but his foot slipped and the orb went out of play, another corner resulting. This nevertheless saved the Wanderers' goal from immediate danger. Rennison, this time was allowed to place, but his shot went by the posts. Play now became very fast, despite the heavy state of the ground, and Bill Quay were now faring much better than some minutes previously. They got nicely into the Wanderers' quarters, and before the latter could realise the danger of their position Denham toed to Stewart, who scored the first goal for his side with a fast shot. This aroused the Hobson men and they went at it with a strong will. At various stages the Quay players were driven to one side, and it was just in the nick of time that G. Thomas saved a long shot at goal. The home forwards followed up, but Muirhead was too smart to allow of any liberty to be taken. Twice in quick succession Hobson got into the Bill Quay lines, but so well did the homesters crowd their goal that it was rendered utterly impossible to get through, several shots rebounding over the goal line. Proud was noticeable for one or two good runs, but on each occasion his attempt to score was frustrated, until he was fouled, when a free kick was awarded. Purvis kicked off, and Proud, who was in a capital stand, sent the ball flying past McNeil between the posts, equalising the score. The game now hung in the balance, and each side appeared determined for victory. The respective goals were sorely tried, but the backs fought hard, and evaded several serious onslaughts. Muirhead and Lown on the one side and Proud on the other were cheered again and again as the match drew to a close, and as matters were becoming very exciting. Towards the finish Bill Quay got away from their own goal and rushed down the field in a body. Some close scrimmaging took place near the uprights, and just as the whistle noted the end of the game, the ball went through, but the score was of course disallowed. Result—

Hobson Wanderers .... Two goals.
Bill Quay .... Two goals.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BY "OFF-SIDE."

A GRUMBLE.

Saturday last was certainly one of the most miserable days that I can remember during a lengthy experience. From early morn a cold and pitiless downpour of rain continued the whole of the day, making everybody and everything assume a most uncomfortable and depressing appearance. Footballers are proverbially a hardy lot, but even some of them were not proof against the rude and determined attack of Jupiter Pluvius, and while in some cases games were never commenced at all, in others the players cried "enough" long before the full period of play had expired. Naturally, in every instance the various grounds were in a dreadful state, and what with the mud and rain it was a difficult task to recognise many of the players at the cessation of hostilities, whilst those spectators who had had the pluck to turn out presented a most woe-begone appearance, the final tootle of the whistle in almost every case being one of the most satisfactory occurrences of the afternoon. May it be a long time before we experience a similar dose of weather.

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STANLEY SUCCUMB TO A BETTER TEAM

I don't think that even the most rabid supporter of the Stanley team expected his men to take a couple of points out of Newcastle United A, who are probably the best combination in the Alliance, and will, if they stick together, finish either first or second. No trouble or expense has been spared to secure a reserve worthy of the Second Leaguers, and, therefore, what chance can clubs like Stanley and Dipton hope to have against a team got together under such circumstances? I must admit that although I had little faith in the ability of Stanley to win, I hardly anticipated that they would have been defeated by such a large margin as four goals. However, there could be no question as to which was the cleverer team, the visitors showing up strongly at all points, and being the masters of the situation almost from the very beginning. They were much quicker on the ball than the home team, passed more accurately, and shot with infinitely greater precision. The defence was also sound, and taken altogether it would be idle to deny that the Newcastle men are an exceedingly powerful set, and well able to hold their own in the company they are likely to be called upon to meet.

Admitting that the weather and ground were all against a good display, the game fell a great deal short of what had been expected, and play was mostly of a scrambling character. The home defence was a long way from being as reliable as usual, or else the score against them would have been considerably smaller. Morris was unaccountably weak in goal, and whether he was benumbed by the piercing rain I know not, but the fact remains that he has seldom given a poorer exhibition, and with a little more alacrity on his part one or two of the shots which found the net would certainly have been saved. Beckwith and Pouton by no means did themselves justice at back, their tackling and kicking being much below what we know them to be capable of. The halves worked very hard, and often successfully against the tricky quintette of forwards they had to face. Nicholson was the best of the trio, and was a worker from start to finish. Fish was scarcely so prominent as in previous games, but then it must be remembered that he had not the same class to tackle. Milburn had a smart couple to cope with in Hedley and Purvis, who often led the old Diptonian a rare dance, but "Jacky" stuck in pluckily, as is his wont, but could do with a little more pace.

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The veteran Sam Wood wears wonderfully well, and although he has been so many years on the warpath can yet take his own part in the best of company. He was undoubtedly the best forward on the Stanley side, and some of his touches proved what a past master he is at the game. Howe was a good second, his efforts to put a better complexion upon the game for his side being untiring, and often deserving of a more worthy fate than the majority of them met with. Howe is a player of the right stamp, and quite worth his place on the team. Crute was not so brilliant as the first game he played for Stanley, but nevertheless he was a long way from being a failure, and did very fairly. Robson also did pretty well, but Masterman was of very little use, and showed bad judgment with the opportunities given him. The home forwards were just about the best part of the team, but spoiled a lot of good work in midfield by some faulty play in front of goal.

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There was scarcely a weak spot observable in the United ranks, all the team being very smart and in good condition. Kinnear is well-known as one of the best of custodians, and he brought off some fine pieces of work. Bell and Warburton are a splendid pair of backs, and know how to use their heads and feet to advantage. There also seemed a capital understanding between them, and they did not forget to cover one another as occasion demanded. It is a hard matter to choose between the three halves—all of whom, in contrast to those on the other side, backed up their forwards in grand style—but Carr perhaps deserves a special word of praise, and is a most finished and clever player. After seeing him perform, it is easy to understand how he has sometimes been selected to assist the first eleven. The forward line was a treat, their running, passing, and combination being alike good, and it is difficult to realise that they would be bad to stop on a dry and fast ground. Patten is a splendid centre, and the smart fashion in which he registered the last goal brought forth one of the most hearty outbursts of applause during the afternoon. Bell and Gillespie make a grand left wing, having each other's play off to a nicety, whilst Hedley and Purvis were equally as successful on the opposite wing. To sum up the game, it may be said that Stanley were outclassed—a fact which they readily admitted at the conclusion of the match.

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POOR DIPTON.

Although the Wanderers travelled to Blyth with small hopes of success, they scarcely, I think, reckoned upon having a "baker's dozen" goals run up against them; whilst they were unable to respond with nary a one. Judging from what a Blyth correspondent says in Tuesday's "Leader" Dipton had a rough time of it more ways than one. I quote the following:—"The visiting team, Dipton Wanderers, had decidedly the worst of matters—not only in respect to the game, but with regard to the accommodation provided at half-time. When the temporary suspension was announced, the seasiders found shelter in the new press cabin, the spectators gathered closely together in and near the old cricket house; but the Wanderers were permitted to spend the interval in the centre of the enclosure, where they clustered together like so many cattle while the rainstorm was at its worst. The committee of the Blyth club certainly cannot be accused of undue consideration to their opponents, but assuredly in weather such as was experienced last week and a more hospitable spirit might be entertained towards a visiting team." All I can say is that such a state of affairs is disgraceful to any club, let alone one of the standing of Blyth.

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ONE POINT FOR THE HOBSON.

The Hobson had to be satisfied with one point at Bill Quay on Saturday, but on the day's play, and with the least slice of luck, they should have captured two. Although they were short of a couple of good men in E. Henderson and Bell, the Wanderers gave a capital account of themselves, and in the first half there was only one team in it, and that was not Bill Quay. The visitors pressed repeatedly, completely penning the Albion in their own quarters, and had they only shot half decently they would have established such a lead at the interval as would have made a victory for them assured. Of course, with the wind and rain behind them, the home men showed up better after the change of ends, and managed to draw level. The game had a rather sensational ending. A few seconds before time the Bill Quay men were pressing in the Hobson goal-mouth, and just as the whistle was sounding for time a well-directed shot was made which landed the ball into the net. As a matter of course the home men claimed that the ball had been through ere the whistle sounded, but the referee did not see things this way, and rightly disallowed the point, as it was undoubtedly scored after time had been signalled. With their full strength on the Hobson would in all probability have won fairly easily, and even as it was they had ill-luck to not annex the full number of points.

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The defensive portion of the Wanderers' team was again on their best behaviour, and made very few mistakes during the game. McNeil once more demonstrated what a fine goalkeeper he is, and the shots that escaped him were cankers. Liddle and McCue played a splendid game at back, their kicking being wonderfully good on the soft and treacherous ground. The absence of Henderson and Bell greatly weakened the half-back line, but nevertheless the latter by no means did badly, Weedy and Heslin putting in a lot of useful work, whilst Atkinson filled Henderson's place in the centre very creditably. Muirhead stood out prominently amongst the forwards, and was in one of his best moods. The heavy ground seemed to trouble him very little, as he ploughed through it in rare style, and generally had the measure of the half opposed to him. Poor little Lown found the going all against him, whilst a "header" into one of the numerous pools that dotted the ground did not tend to improve his play. The other three all showed up conspicuously at times, and had often hard lines in not scoring.

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Considering that they have only been re-organised this year, Bill Quay have certainly got together a most capable team. The defence is pretty sound, and it was thoroughly tested in the initial half on Saturday, during which time the visitors were doing little else but shoot into the home goal, which had a number of narrow escapes. Proud was the pick of the forwards, and displayed a lot of skill and judgment. Dunnett also played up well, but Simm—a light of other days—was dead off colour, and proved a complete failure in the centre. As they still retain their unbeaten certificate in the league the Hobson have not much cause to grumble, but they had set their hearts upon gaining another couple of points last Saturday. Certainly no team could have worked harder to secure them. However, their record is one that will bear inspection, and they will want a lot of beating by the best of teams.

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THE EXILES WIN COMFORTABLY.

With an almost entire lack of counter-attractions in the district, the English Cup-tie at the Brooms on Saturday would most probably have attracted a crowd of goodly dimensions had the weather been only moderately fair. As it was, the persistent attentions of the presiding genius of the watering-pot upset everything, and as a consequence there was but a fair company present. However, it says much for the enthusiasm taken in the game that anyone could be found to turn out at all. The Exiles had the good fortune to win the toss, and this gave them a great advantage, of which they did not fail to make the most, and notwithstanding that the defence of the Wallsend men was grand they could not prevent the "greens" from getting through thrice before half-time. The visitors had got an awful gruelling during this period, and only ten minutes of the second half had expired when, as the result of a conversation between the respective captains and the referee, the Villa decided to award the game to the Exiles, and cease playing. They undoubtedly adopted the wisest course under the circumstances, as it is extremely improbable that they would ever have overtaken the score of the home team, who were fully holding their own even after the cross-over.

The Park Villa are undeniably a clever little team, but they were much too light for the conditions which prevailed on Saturday. Henderson is a splendid goalkeeper, and as active as a cat, whilst both backs played a cloaking good game. Carr was the best of a moderate set of halves, but the forwards all exhibited nice form, albeit they are rather on the light side. Blanchie, Ward, and Rowan were very prominent. Callaghan kept goal in his usual style for the Exiles, and as my readers are fully aware what that is like I need say no more on this head. The backs were good, showing a great improvement upon their display of the previous week. McGee was a little in front of his partner. All the halves played an excellent game, but the palm must certainly be awarded to McGrachan, who was in grand trim. None of the front rank did better than Joe Robson, who has probably not given a finer display this season. He covered the greasy turf at a rare pace, and got in some beautiful centres. Haley, Brannen, and J. McGee all played up to form, but Daly was only moderate in the centre, being a tiffle slow.

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HARD LUCK FOR BYER MOOR.

What promised to be one of the best games of the season for the Byer Moor club was entirely spoiled (both from a financial and playing point of view) by the wretched weather that prevailed on Saturday last, when Stanley Reserve visited Byer Moor. As all the football public know the Stanley organisation is one of the foremost in the district, and their reserve this season is almost composed of the whole of the last season's first team, when they were known as Oakey's Lilywhites, consequently their visit to Byer Moor had been anxiously looked forward to by the home players and partisans. Although miserable to a degree as the weather was, the game was by no means a poor one, the first half especially being keenly contested, Stanley crossing over leading by three goals to two. In the concluding period the home team had desperate hard lines, for once, and only once, were the Stanley team dangerous in this period, the home lads keeping up a continual bombardment of the Stanley goal, but luck was not theirs, for try as they would they could not add to their total, and despite a determination to win that did them credit they had to retire beaten by three goals to two.

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Coming to the players, Gailes in goal for Stanley could not be blamed for the two shots that passed him. In the second period he proved the saviour of his team, and how his charge escaped downfall was little short of a miracle. Joyce was the best of the backs, kicking strongly and with great judgment, whilst the halves were good, but resorted to kicking out tactics too much, and this to a great extent won them the game. The forwards ran and passed well, but were met by a stubborn defence, and any impartial man who saw the game cannot but admit that they were extremely fortunate to score two goals from free kicks within 15 yards of their opponents' goal, to say nothing of the last goal Hodgson let roll through.

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On the home side, Hodgson sadly tarnished his reputation by allowing the third goal mentioned above to pass him. The backs again played a rattling game, Bennett by his dashing play winning the admiration of all, while Tom Leighton was the personification of coolness. At half Jos. Brown worked like a trojan, but was completely eclipsed by the display of his brother "Bill," who played a really grand game, and was just about the best man on the field. Weedy and Welch on the right did pretty well, and Nicholls was a trier in the centre, but was badly hurt, while on the left E. Leighton and Lowe were again conspicuous. The whole five, however, as in the preceding week at the Hobson, showed too much anxiety in front of goal, which spoiled more than one chance.

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AN EXCITING GAME AT PELTON FELL.

For genuine excitement commend me to a game between those old and near rivals, Ouston and Pelton Fell, who met on Saturday under the auspices of the Chester-le-Street League. They had previously come together at Ouston, where the latter won by two goals to nil, and Pelton were burning to wipe out this defeat. They certainly managed to do this, but it was only after a stiff struggle. With the elements in their favour Ouston commenced by popping on two goals, but the home team drew level before the interval. One of the visitors refused to turn out in the second half, so that Ouston had only ten men, but notwithstanding being thus handicapped, they played a grand defensive game, and only once could Pelton lower their colours, albeit this point was sufficient to win them the game. Play was very exciting at times, and in spite of the drenching downpour the spectators appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves, and held to their posts bravely until the call of time. There is certainly very little to choose between the teams, and probably in nine cases out of ten each would win on their own ground.

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BLAYDON BEATEN.

Blaydon are a team but little known in our district, and they will probably remember their visit to Leadgate last Saturday for a long time to come. That the visitors are no novices at the game they fully proved on the preceding Saturday, when they caused some surprise by overcoming the smart "Saints" of Marley Hill. The Park Reserve had out a good team for this game, but unfortunately for them the appointed referee (Mr. Gray, Marley Hill) did not turn up, so that the match will only rank as a "friendly." Blaydon quickly showed that they had a good knowledge of the game, and they will give most of the teams in the Derwent Valley League a hard tussle. However, the home team proved too good for them on this occasion. Thompson was in fine form for the Park, his shooting being capital considering the state of the ground, whilst the visitors have a wonderfully clever player in Chapman. I should like to see Blaydon perform on a dry turf before expressing an opinion as to their merits individually.

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A GOOD VICTORY FOR CHESTER-LE-STREET.

Chester-le-Street made no mistake in their league game with Edmondsley on Saturday, polishing off the visitors in handsome style. I regret to hear that the losers so far forgot themselves as to leave the field before time was up, owing to disagreeing with a decision given by the referee. I have previously expressed myself in strong terms upon this sort of thing, which is little short of disgraceful, and teams resorting to this practice should be severely dealt with, and taught that they cannot leave the field with impunity. Although the ground was very wet and greasy the players kept their feet pretty well. L. Crichton and Harle did splendid work at back for the winners, whilst D. Crichton and Briggs could not have been improved upon at half, the latter feeding his forwards admirably. With the exception of the right wing, the forward rank were in fine form, and showed some capital play. Waggott is a plucky little player, but is far too light for the first team. Much of the success of the Chester men is due to the presence in the team of L. Crichton, who has taken great trouble to get the men up to concert pitch. Crichton is a well-known Alliance player, and has assisted Newcastle United A. Chester occupy a capital position in the local league, and are evidently going to make a great effort to top it.

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THE CO-OPS. JUST BEATEN.

The Tantobie "Co-ops." played a capital game at Annfield Plain on Wednesday of last week, and only succumbed after a hard tussle by the solitary goal scored during the afternoon. This was undoubtedly a creditable performance on the part of the visitors, seeing that they were without four of their regular players—viz., Ridley, Holmes, Smith, and Long. Had these men been present the result might easily have been different. The "Co-ops." obtained the services of two "subs.," and although they were very tricky their shooting left much room for improvement. Bugless in the Tantobie goal could not be blamed for the shot which beat him, whilst both the backs were good, Hanover especially so. Bell did well at half, whilst I have already referred to his partners, the two "subs." mentioned above. The forward line was not as strong as usual, although they indulged in some good runs, Ridley and Dawson shining most. The pick of the Celts were the backs and custodian.

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THE SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

A meeting of this league was held on Monday evening, at the Hat and Feather Inn, Medomsley. Those present included—Messrs W. Brears (in the chair), Greenhow, J. Costello, J. L. Weedy, J. Ross, jun., and W. G. F. Thompson (hon. sec.) Mr. Thompson reported that the Brooms and Pickering Nook had finished on equal terms with six points each, which rendered a final match necessary. It was decided that the latter should take place on Saturday first on the Dipton ground, providing that it can be obtained, or failing this at Annfield Plain. Mr. R. Glass, of Heaton, was chosen to referee, with Messrs Brears and Greenhow as linesmen. The kick-off was fixed for half-past eleven, and the proceeds of the "gate," after paying all expenses, will be equally divided between the teams. It will be satisfactory to a number of people to know that this matter—which has been on the "tapis" for such a lengthy period—will shortly be settled. The game is expected to be a fast and exciting one, and will probably draw a large crowd.

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FOOTBALL.

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THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.

A most successful examination was conducted by the Board of Examiners of the Northumberland and Durham Referees' Association, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Thursday evening of last week. The examiners comprised Messrs A. Cooper, Durham; J. Conqueror, Southwick; R. Coleman, Durham; W. Tiffin and R. Glass, Newcastle. About fifteen candidates turned up for examination, but, unfortunately, it was found impossible to take the whole of them on Thursday night, owing to the examiners having to catch the 9.20 train, but another visit will probably be paid to this district in about a week's time. Those who wish to be examined should forward their names at once to Tom Amos, 5, Hobson, Burnopfield, the divisional secretary, who will advise them as to time and place of the next examination. The following duly qualified as efficient referees on Thursday evening:—Messrs J. E. Taylor, Blackhall Mill; T. Kidd, Consay; A. P. Little, Leadgate; W. Hogarth, Burnopfield; J. Costello, Leadgate; J. Osman, Dipton; T. Amos, Hobson; J. W. Bryant, Consett; and J. Ross, jun., Consett.

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As one who has been through the examination I can assure referees that they have nothing to fear providing they understand the rules. If they don't then it is no use appearing before the examiners. The questions put are of a straightforward character, and although some of them may appear somewhat awkward they are all covered by the rules. Every encouragement is given to candidates by the examiners, who take very great pains with their work, and are a most affable and courteous body of gentlemen. I can sincerely say that I thoroughly enjoyed the examination, and I believe that was the experience of the whole of the other candidates, most of whom picked up a few points worth knowing. I would impress upon those wishful to be examined the importance of getting a thorough grasp of the off-side rule, which, I understand, has resulted in the downfall of many referees of good standing. As I pointed out a fortnight since, even if a candidate fails the first time he need not be discouraged, as he is bound to learn something useful, and should go through all right at the second attempt. The association promises to become exceedingly strong, and will, I hope, be recognised by the Durham Association next year.

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LINTZFORD V. SHOTLEY ROVERS.

The following letter from Mr. Wm. Smith hon. sec. Lintzford A.F.C.) arrived too late for insertion last week:—Dear Sir,—On behalf of the committee of the above club, I wish to tender our grateful thanks to Mr. W. Urwin, confectioner, and Mr. J. Scott (the Rovers' custodian) for their great kindness to our player, R. Turnbull, who was so badly stunned in the game between the above-named clubs, at Shotley Bridge, on the 3rd inst. I hope that we may at some future date be able to repay those kind-hearted samaritans for their trouble on our behalf.

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MEMS.

That clever forward, Joe Robson, played his last game in the district for some time on Saturday.

I understand that Robson has secured an appointment at Jersey, and I trust that he may meet with every prosperity.

It cannot be said that our teams have been favoured in the draw for the second round of the English Amateur Cup.

The Park have to travel to West Hartlepool to meet the N.E.R., whilst the Exiles are due at Howden.

Although both teams will be away from home they by no means consider their chances of taking part in the third round as remote.

Marley Hill wisely refrained from making the journey to Shotley Bridge on Saturday, and wired the Rovers to that effect.

I hear that the Park are losing Dunn, who, I believe, is leaving the district.

Allendale Park turned up at Consett to play the Swifts, but the game was abandoned without a start having been effected.

Blackhill Rovers have carried out my suggestion of last week, and will in future play under Association rules.

There will probably be plenty of excitement knocking around the Hobson on Saturday, on the occasion of the visit of Consett Swifts.

The game should be a good one, as both teams are anxious to improve their league record.

Byer Moor are to be sympathised with in their bad luck, for after having all the best of the game on Saturday last against the strong Stanley Reserve, they had to put up with a defeat of three to two.

To make matters worse, the club has been robbed of two "gates" this season on account of the deplorable weather, and worse still, they have Lamb again on the injured list.

I understand "Sep" tried on Saturday last, but was compelled to retire before the finish, his foot still troubling him, and it is doubtful if he will play again this season.

Byer Moor, however, will try hard to retrieve their lost prestige to-morrow (Saturday), when at Marley Hill they tackle the "Saints" of that ilk.

A hard and fast game will no doubt ensue. May the best team win.

The "Co-ops" did exceedingly well to return home from Annfield Plain with only a goal registered against them.

With four of their usual players absent, and the game contested at the Lizzie, they can't grumble much.

The miserable weather prevented Allendale from giving a trial to their new centre forward last Saturday.

His name is Houston, and he last year figured in the ranks of Axwell Rovers.

I notice that Morris has been shelved by the Stanley committee, who have selected Crooks as goalkeeper against St. Peter's Albion.

Is this on account of Morris's poor display against United A?

The next three matches of the Park are all away from home.

Stockton will be visited on Saturday, and Stanley and Hartlepool the two following weeks.

This is rather hard on the players, as it means a lot of travelling.

The secretary of the Referees' Association (Mr. R. Glass) officiated in the cup tie at Leadgate last week, and gave general satisfaction.

I also notice that Mr. Glass has been chosen to referee the final of the Schools League between the Brooms and Pickering Nook.

The Celts had a fruitless journey to Mickley on Saturday, as the game was abandoned at the end of a quarter-of-an-hour's play.

There should be a good game at Leadgate in connection with the Derwent Valley League.

The Park Reserve and Shotley Bridge both play attractive football, and it should be a near thing between them.

According to fixture-card the match should have come off at Shotley, but the venue has been changed in deference to the wish of the Park secretary.

Haley and Brannen, of the Exiles, form one of the cleverest wings in the district.

I am informed by the Consett Swifts' Secretary that a press-box on their ground will be an accomplished fact within the course of a week.

I am glad to hear it, and congratulate the Swifts on their enterprise.

The Hobson had a small following of enthusiasts at Bill Quay on Saturday.

Amongst the number were my friends, Messrs Ben Mason and Jim Weedy.

Dipton and Birtley have been ordered to replay their cup-tie at Dipton on Saturday.

The Park Reserve captain (Bob Forster) will have a try forward at Stockton.

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DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

Result up to date:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Ag't	Pts
Stanley A.	4	3	1	0	12	8	6
Byer Moor	3	2	1	0	9	4	4
Shotley Rovers	2	2	0	0	5	3	4
Leadgate Park Res	3	1	1	1	14	12	3
Marley Hill	2	1	1	0	3	1	2
Lintzford	2	1	1	0	4	3	2
Allendale Park	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Blaydon United	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Dipton Wanderers Reserve	3	1	2	0	5	11	2
Tantobie	3	0	2	1	2	6	1
Spen	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Hobson Wanderers Reserve	3	0	3	0	2	9	0

The unfinished game Spen v. Allendale Park is not included in this table.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

JOICEY CHALLENGE CUP.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Agst	Pts
Waterhouses	6	5	1	0	22	2	11
Bearpark	5	4	1	0	18	0	9
Pelton Fell	5	3	1	1	10	5	7
Newbottle	5	2	3	0	16	12	7
Chester-le-Street	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Usworth Church	3	2	1	0	10	5	5
Ouston	4	1	2	1	9	9	4
Usworth Colliery	5	2	0	3	9	11	4
Edmondsley	6	1	2	3	6	14	4
Woodside	2	1	0	1	6	2	2
Brandon Albion	5	1	0	4	5	19	2
Fatfield	5	1	0	4	8	13	2
Heworth	3	1	0	2	2	11	2
Beamish	5	0	0	5	8	21	0

The result of the Heworth v. Woodside match, on Oct. 10th, not yet to hand.

SECOND DIVISION.

PETER HAY CUP.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Agst	Pts
Waldridge	6	5	0	1	34	7	10
Ouston 2nd	5	4	1	0	13	3	9
Woodside 2nd	4	3	1	0	17	4	7
Chester-le-Str't 2nd	3	2	1	0	11	3	5
Heworth 2nd	4	2	1	0	19	7	5
Pelton Fell 2nd	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
Usworth Coll'ry 2nd	4	1	1	2	3	4	3
Edmondsley 2nd	6	1	1	4	6	25	3
Beamish 2nd	3	1	0	2	4	16	2
Fatfield 2nd	6	1	1	4	5	22	1
Chester Moor	6	0	0	6	3	34	0

Fatfield have had two points deducted for playing an unregistered man.

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MATCHES WANTED.

Blackhill Rovers A.F.C. have fixtures open for good 1st teams and reserves. Apply to J. Carr, 23, Dixon Street, Blackfine.

Annfield Plain Celtic 3rd have still a few vacant dates for junior teams; average age, 17. Apply to C. Mordue, Annfield Plain.

Consett have the following dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible:—Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 25, 26, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, March 13, 20, April 10, and 17. Apply to W. Bowen, 13, Ridley Street, Blackhill.

Shotley Bridge Rovers Wednesday team has all dates vacant, and want them taken up by good teams. Apply early to Albert Barnes, hon. sec., Shotley Bridge.

Cement Rovers have nearly all dates vacant, and would like to arrange with junior teams; average age, 17. Also, a good second have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up at once; ages, 12 to 15. Apply to John Horswell, Clavering Cottages, Annfield Plain, R.S.O.

Tantobie Heroes have nearly all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply to J. Gedling, Post Office, Tantobie.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 15 to 17. Apply, M. H. Trewick, 1, John Street, Tanfield Lea.

South Moor Violets have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages, 12 to 15. Apply, C. Wright, 12, Poplar Street, South Moor.

Medomsley Rovers have the following dates vacant and would like them filled up as soon as possible:—Oct. 31, Jan. 2, 23, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, away; Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 30, Feb. 13, 27, March 13, home. Average age, 18. Apply, Geo. E. Nattrass, secretary, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Allendale Park Reserve have Nov. 7, 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, Feb. 6, 20, March 13, and 20 vacant. Apply to W. G. F. Thompson, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Spen Red Rose are in want of matches; ages, 13 to 14. Apply to G. Lowdon, 14, West Street, Spen.

Allendale Young Park would like to arrange matches with junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, J. Proud, 8, Dean Bank, Medomsley, R.S.O.

Tanfield United have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up as soon as possible with junior teams; average age, 16. Apply to J. Frame, Tanfield, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Kyo United Juniors have all dates vacant for junior teams; ages, 16 to 18. Apply to W. Reay, 31, Robert Street, West Kyo, Annfield Plain.

Swalwell Presbyterians have all dates vacant for October, and would like to arrange dates with junior teams; average age, 15. Apply to T. Halfpenny, 30, Myers Yard, Swalwell.

Blackfine Juniors would like to arrange dates with junior teams; ages, 12 to 16. Apply to C. Lumley, 27, Dixon Street, Blackfine.

Oxhill Lilywhites would like to arrange matches with junior teams in the district; ages, 11 to 16. Apply to R. Dixon, Hedley's Row, Oxhill, Stanley, R.S.O.

West Stanley Red Roses are in want of dates with junior teams; ages, 9 to 12. Apply to J. Birkett, 8, Benton Terrace, Stanley, R.S.O.

Medomsley Young Rovers are in want of matches; ages, 12 to 13. Also, the reserve team; ages, 9 to 11. Apply to J. Pattison, Royal Oak Square, Medomsley.

Tantobie Co-operators have Nov. 14 (home) and Oct. 17 vacant for good teams. Apply to W. Bell, Sterne, Tantobie.

White-le-Head Temperance have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 15 to 18. Apply to John Kirtley, White-le-Head, Lintz Green.

Consett Rising Stars are in want of matches with junior teams; ages, 14 to 16. Apply, L. Clark, 20, Newmarket Street, Consett.

Consett St. Patrick's have all dates vacant for junior teams; ages, 12 to 14. Apply, Hugh Ward, 24, Puddler's Row, Consett.

Leadgate White Star have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 11 to 13. Apply to G. Grey, 213, Bottle Bank, Leadgate.

Cricket.

MEDOMSLEY CRICKET CLUB.

AVERAGES FOR 1896.

The secretary of the Medomsley C.C. (Mr Robert Charlton) has kindly favoured us with the batting and bowling averages of the club for the past season. From these we learn that that fine all-round player, T. D. Dales, heads both the batting and bowling departments. Although he has succeeded his batting record of the late season in previous years, figures of 31·11 for 10 completed innings are something to be proud of. "T. D." has had a wonderful run of success as a bowler, his puzzling slows have accounted for 46 victims at a cost of only 5·17 runs each. Morton Hedley, who, unfortunately, has only been able to assist the club at intervals, comes second in batting with an average of 19·50. Others who have rendered good service in the batting and bowling department are R. Charlton, R. Campbell, R. Cant, W. Cant, J. R. Lowes, M. Charlton, and J. Robinson. That promising batsman, R. Charlton, heads the batting averages for the second team, T. Bramley being a good second, and M. Murphy third. W. Brown, W. Hunter, and W. G. Thompson have all bowled well for the second-string.

FIRST ELEVEN.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Tim's not out	Total runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
T. D. Dales	11	1	311	70*	31·11
M. Hedley	5	1	78	50	19·50
R. Charlton	8	1	113	41	16·14
R. Campbell	9	1	111	29	12·33
S. Wheatley	2	0	22	20	11·00
R. Cant	12	1	104	21	9·45
W. Cant	15	0	128	29	8·53
J. Robinson	15	2	89	26*	6·84
W. Hunter	9	1	48	15	6·00
M. Charlton	13	0	65	13	5·00
J. R. Lowes	9	0	41	14	4·55
J. Veitch	4	0	16	10	4·00
M. T. Milburn	6	0	22	12	3·66
G. E. Milburn	7	2	18	7	3·60
W. E. Charlton	10	2	28	11	3·50
W. Simpson	5	0	6	2	1·20

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
T. D. Dales	140·5	39	238	46	5·17
J. R. Lowes	61	13	128	16	8·00
M. Charlton	102·4	30	214	24	8·91
R. Campbell	27	8	57	6	9·50
J. Robinson	68·1	11	179	14	12·79

SECOND ELEVEN.

BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Tim's not out	Total runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
R. Charlton	10	1	117	33	13·00
T. Bramley	15	2	134	60*	10·30
M. Murphy	11	0	104	58	9·45
W. T. Hunter	13	0	118	20	9·00
E. Morris	7	2	39	14	7·80
W. Hunter	6	0	43	14	7·16
W. Simpson	5	0	30	13	6·00
J. Veitch	6	0	35	15	5·83
W. Brown	11	0	64	21	5·82
Jos. Walton	7	0	39	11	5·57
M. Hunter	15	2	72	23*	5·53
S. Wheatley	12	0	55	12	4·58
W. G. F. Thompson	7	3	13	9	3·25
J. Hunter	11	0	18	11	1·64

* Denotes not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
W. Brown	58·3	9	135	24	5·62
W. Hunter	43·5	15	69	11	6·27
Jos. Walton	35·4	8	86	13	6·61
M. Hunter	115·2	28	248	30	8·26
W. G. Thompson	65	10	145	17	8·53

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NOTABLE MEN IN THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

We venture to say that we could not have chosen a more popular gentleman for the subject of our sketch this week, than Mr. W. Smith, the secretary of the Lintzford A.F.C. and Derwent Valley League. Mr. Smith was born at Spital Tongues, an outskirt of Newcastle, on September 13th, 1868, and is thus in his 28th year. He early showed an inclination for manly sports and at the age of nine years joined the cricket club in connection with St. James's Choir, New Benwell, and played several games against Sam Wood, now of Stanley. On removing to Rowland's Gill Mr. Smith assisted the cricket club at that place for three years, at the end of which time another change was in store for him, as he took up his residence at Delaval, near Scotswood, where he became a prominent member of the then famous Delaval Royal Oak C.C., and held the combined offices of captain and secretary for the latter part of two seasons. During his stay at Delaval he carried off the prize for best batting average. Eventually Mr. Smith's family removed to their present abode, Victoria Garesfield. At this time there was no sporting organisation of any kind in the village, but Mr. Smith soon set to work to remedy this state of affairs, and, in conjunction with Mr. Chas. Smith and "Bob" Abbott, formed a football club, which was first called the Chopwell Rovers, but at the end of its initial season the club assumed the name it is now known by—viz., Lintzford. Mr. Smith was the first secretary, a position he has occupied for eight years out of the ten during which the club has been in existence. So highly did the members and friends of the club appreciate Mr. Smith's valuable work that on New Year's Day, 1892, he was the recipient of a handsome marble timepiece in recognition of his services, and also



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as a momento of his marriage, which had taken place a few weeks previously. However, Mr. Smith's chief claim to the gratitude of the footballers of this district rests on the fact that he was the founder of the Derwent Valley League, now a flourishing combination, and which has undoubtedly done a great deal to improve football in North-West Durham. Mr. Smith has held the responsible position of secretary since the inception of the league, and has gained the esteem and goodwill of every individual member. As an acknowledgment of his services to the league Mr. Smith was presented with a beautiful clock, barometer, and thermometer combined on March 28th last, the presentation taking place at a dinner held at the league headquarters, Rowland's Gill. Mr. Smith was also elected chairman of the newly-formed Burnopfield and District Junior League. As a player Mr. Smith figured on the left wing for two seasons for the "Ford," but a severe accident to his knee while at practice compelled him to cease playing any more. Mr. Smith has more than once expressed a desire to relinquish the secretaryship of the Lintzford club, but the members and supporters will not hear of it—and they are wise, because such men as William Smith are not found every day. It may be safely said that he has hosts of friends, and not a single enemy. No matter where you may drop across Mr. Smith he is always the same kindly, genial, and courteous fellow—forever considering the comfort of others before himself. There is a charm about his manner that one finds difficult to resist, and a more straightforward, upright, and thoroughly honest fellow than William Smith it would be hard to discover. That he may long live to adorn the football world is our earnest wish—a wish which, we feel certain, will be re-echoed by many hundreds of footballers throughout North-West Durham.

Sporting Items.

RABBIT COURSING.

TANTOBIE.—A good company attended the grounds connected with Mr Matthew Snowdon's Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, in spite of the stormy weather, to witness a match at rabbits between Craven's Dutch Drops, and Crinson's Dick Turpin, the best of 15 courses, for £30, Dick Turpin receiving 7½ yards start. Dutch Drops, who ran a really good match, won by 8 courses to 4. Judge, Mr F Fox; pistol-firer, Mr John Mellon, Dipton.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

DIPTON.—A pigeon shooting handicap near the Sportsman's Arms, Dipton, was brought off under very unfavourable circumstances, very few shooters turning up on account of the state of the weather. However a small sweep was commenced, the following being the score:—Pinfire, 11111; Old Gold, 11111; Johnny Get Your Gun, 110; Roy, 11111; Wallace, 11111; Chit Chat, 11111; Tatie Chips, 1110; Little Joe, 11110. Stake divided.

QUOITING.

SWALWELL.—On Saturday afternoon, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, a large company was present at the quoit grounds adjoining the Wherry Inn, Swalwell, to witness the decision of a match between J Robinson, of Blaydon, and T Swan, of Winlaton, who contested a game of 31 up, for £20. Betting ruled at evens, and a fair amount of money changed hands. The conditions were—10 yards on the clay, 5lb quoits, and 2-inch pins. Score—Robinson, 2332200000020401221122101—31; Swan, 00000212214020200000000002—18. Mr E Turner officiated as referee.

LOCAL STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

BENFIELDSIDE.—There was forward at this mart on 16 fat cattle, 253 fat sheep and lambs, 15 keeping lambs, 19 pigs, 13 cows and calving heifers, 4 store cattle, and miscellaneous lots. There was a fair good trade for sheep the whole of which were sold; but cattle a dull trade both for fat and cows. Prices:—Fat cattle, 10s to 16s; cows to £14; stirks £7 each; sheep to 43s; pigs to 32s 6d; keeping lambs, 15s to 10s; poultry 10d to 2s 9d each.

TOW LAW.—Mr Vickers had forward on Monday, 48 dairy cows and heifers, 21 fat cattle, 15 store cattle, 6 finger calves, 6 pigs, 145 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £20; fat cattle to £13; steer stirks to £5. Fat lambs to 25s—top, Mr R. Bradwell, Gibbet Hills, Howden-le-Wear; to 23s 3d, from Mr R. J. Snowdon, Etherley; to 23s, Mr Joseph Robson, Middles; fat black-faced ewes to 23s—top, Mr T. Robinson, Shield Ash, Stanhope.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—Mr James Turnbull held his usual fortnightly sale on Monday. Owing to the boisterous state of the weather, the usual entries were not forward, and also a smaller attendance of buyers than usual. The entries forward were 15 fat cattle, 150 fat sheep and lambs, 26 new-calved and incalving cows, 2 calves, 35 young pigs, and 2 bacon pigs. The sheep trade was sluggish in the extreme. Trade for beef was more spirited, but prices remain the same as at last week's market. Cattle: Fat heifers to £16—top, Mr H. Potts, Harbour House; fat cows to £16 10s—top, Mr E. J. Weightman, Middle Herrington. Fat sheep: Shearlings to 46s 6d—top, the Birtley Iron Company; mule sheep to 40s—top, Mr Bovill, Perryhill; ewes to 38s 6d, from the Earl of Durham; b.f. wedders to 30s—top, Mr H. Potts; fat lambs to 25s 6d, from Mr Watson, Tanfield. New calved cows to £20—top, Mr Bellwood; and £20 5s, from Mr Walker; incalvers to £18 17s 6d—top, Mr T. Howard, Pockerley. Bacon pigs to £3 7s 6d; young pigs to 16s.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Mr J. S. Murray held his annual sale on Saturday of tups, tup lambs, ewes, gimmers, and other classes, under very adverse circumstances. Rain fell in torrents the whole of the day, preventing several entries from getting forward, but still there were a fair number forward, viz., 31 shearling tups, 64 tup lambs, 307 ewes, gimmers, and hoggs, and 8 cattle. The sale commenced with the aged tups, which met a very slow dragging trade, several having to pass the ring unsold, those sold making £2 to £3 2s 6d; Scotch, 25s each. The tup lambs met a better sale nearly the whole being sold, although prices were considerably down from last year. They were shown at a great disadvantage on account of the wet day. The sale for keeping sheep was good throughout, most of them making good prices, and nearly the whole were sold. The following were a few of the prices realised:—Shearling tups: Whitfield, 60s; Dodds, 55s to 65s; N Walker, 56s; R Anderson, 35s to 37s 6d; Campbell, 45s to 62s; J E Nicholson, 55s to 57s 6d; T Walker, 40s; Robson, 43s; Johnson, 45s; others, 30s to 40s. Tup lambs from the Derwent Flour Mill Farms, 30s to 37s 6d; Bolam, to 35s; H Davidson, to 37s 6d; N Walker, 32s 6d to 42s 6d; Whitfield, 27s to 30s; F Pattinson, 32s 6d to 35s; D Stockdale, 45s to 52s 6d or an average of 45s; Fenwick, 40s to 70s, or an average of 52s 6d for ten; J Kirton, 32s to 37s 6d; J Davidson, 35s; J E Nicholson, 45s; Ross, 30s to 40s; Simpson, 30s to 55s, an average of 43s; Charlton, 32s 6d; H Elson, 30s to 35s; mule shearling, 38s 6d; do ewes, 30s to 39s; half-bred ewes, 34s to 42s; Cheviots, 15s to 20s; Scotch ewes, 19s; Leicesters, 34s to 38s 6d; Leicester ewe lambs, 17s to 24s 6d. There were eight cattle offered, but there was no trade.

WEARDALE PUBLIC BODIES.

STANHOPE SCHOOL BOARD.

Ald. Livingstone, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting, at Stanhope, on Friday. The percentage of attendances at the various schools was:—Lanehead, 87·5 per cent.; Wearhead, 88·7; St. John's Chapel, 90·5; Westgate, 87·6; Rookhope, 94·5; Frosterley, South, 85; Frosterley, North, 86·5; Stanhope, 91; Stanhope Barrington, mixed, 85; Stanhope Barrington, infants, 80. The year's income was stated to be £3,920, and the expenses £2,823.

WEARDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Mr Roddam presided at Friday's meeting.—Dr Easton was appointed Medical Officer.—A new gas cooking stove is to be put into the Workhouse in place of the present old brick oven, which costs 7s 6d each time it is lighted.—Mr Fenwick again brought forward his motion to heat the House with hot water. After hearing the Inspector's report, he was more constrained than ever to go on with it. He estimated that the adoption of the scheme would effect a saving of 50 per cent. They could borrow the money—about £300—and the payment of the principal and interest would not be more than the present cost of heating, and in the course of fifteen years the plant would be their own, and would effect a permanent saving of 50 per cent. The scheme was recommended by the Medical Officer, and it would be a great benefit to the House and all in it.—The Rev Mr Jagg seconded. Mr Muschamp advocated more coal fires. Mr Smurthwaite condemned the scheme. The motion was lost.

WEARDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr J. W. Roddam presided at Friday's meeting. The appointment of a medical officer for St. John's Chapel District excited a breezy discussion. There were two applicants, Dr Wolfe, St. John's Chapel, and Dr John Easton, Edinburgh. Mr Fenwick said that as far as he could gather, there was nothing at all against Dr Wolfe, but the people were afraid that if he was appointed the successor of the late Dr Hewitson, there would be only one doctor in the upper part of the Dale. The other applicant proposed to reside in the Dale, but only if he got the official appointments. Ultimately a vote was taken, when Dr Easton was appointed by nine votes to three.—Arising out of the presentation of the Surveyor's report, there was an interesting discussion on the alleged pollution of the river Wear in the district. Mr Fenwick declared that the Bishop Auckland people were causing all the trouble. They would put all the districts round to a great expense to make the river pure, and then after all, the Bishop Auckland people would have to go to Waskerley for their water. The Chairman thought they did very well in sending the water out of Weardale district in a pure state.

PRESENTATION TO SERGT. JAS. MITCHELL, AT CONSETT.

On Thursday evening, a number of the leading residents of Consett assembled at the house of Mr Coltman, Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Consett, for the purpose of presenting Sergt. James Mitchell with a gold albert and appendage, and a purse of money, and Mrs Mitchell with a silver tea service, as a mark of esteem and respect on the occasion of their leaving the district for Houghton-le-Spring. As soon as it became known that Sergt. Mitchell had to be transferred to Houghton-le-Spring, a general desire was expressed that a testimonial should be promoted for the sergeant. A committee was formed, with Mr T. Coltman as secretary, and to the appeal for subscription there was a liberal response. Mr Ed. Wylam, Consett, was voted to the chair, whilst Mr Geo McCann, Consett, occupied the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN said they were met to do honour to whom honour was due. Mr Mitchell was an officer who was highly respected by the inhabitants of Consett. It was often said that "an honest man is the noblest work of God," and he considered that an honest policeman was a very good thing. Sergt. Mitchell, during his stay in the district, had acted in a most conscientious and upright manner, and was not afraid to do his duty. By so doing he had commanded the respect of all who knew him. He hoped that the would continue to prosper in his new district, and that the day would not be far distant when he would be promoted to a higher rank in connection with the force. (Applause.)

Mr COLTMAN said that he fully expected Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, would have been with them that night, but he had received a letter stating that owing to having to proceed to Hartlepool he was sorry that he could not attend the gathering. He might state that the testimonial had been promoted through receiving subscriptions from one guinea down to a shilling, and the book containing the subscribers he would now hand to Sergt. Mitchell.

Mr P. COYLE, in making the presentation, said it gave him great pleasure to have the honour of making the presentation to their worthy friend. He could only say he well-merited the gifts. Ever since the sergeant came to Consett he had proved himself an able and conscientious officer. He had done his duty both to the public and to the force of which he was an honoured member. He had won the esteem of the whole of the inhabitants of the town, and would carry away with him the best wishes for his future prosperity. (Applause.) In making the presentation to Sergt. Mitchell they felt that they would not be doing their duty unless they recognised the work of his better half—(applause)—and therefore they had decided to present Mrs Mitchell with the handsome tea service they saw before them. Never were presents more thoroughly earned, and he felt confident that they would be highly appreciated by the recipients, who would no doubt hand them down to future generations, as an evidence of the popularity the sergeant and Mrs Mitchell had enjoyed during their sojourn in the town of Consett. (Applause.) What was Consett's loss was Houghton-le-Spring's gain, and the latter was to be congratulated upon having secured the services of such a trustworthy, intelligent, and active officer. He now took the opportunity in handing over these tokens of their esteem and goodwill to Sergt. Mitchell, with the earnest hope that his good lady and him might long be spared to enjoy them, and hoped that whenever they gazed upon them they would remind them of their many friends they had gained during their stay in Consett. He might state that the inscription on the appendage was as follows—"Presented to Sergt. J. Mitchell by a few of his friends at Consett. Sept. 1896." (Applause.)

Mr MCCANN said he was pleased to take part in that gathering. He had known Sergt. Mitchell for about two years, and he had found him to be a most zealous, upright, and conscientious officer. He could only say that during Sergt. Mitchell's residence in Consett, he had risen in the estimation of the people. They regretted he had severed his connection with Consett, and he hoped the recipients would be long spared to enjoy the presents. (Applause.)

Mr. J. KEMPSON also referred to the good qualities possessed by Sergt. Mitchell.

SERGT. MITCHELL suitably acknowledged the gifts. He stated that during his stay in Consett he had endeavoured to do his duty in a straightforward manner. He would thank them, on behalf of his wife and himself for the beautiful presents. They would most certainly appreciate them, and when they looked upon them they would remind them of their many kind friends at Consett. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr COLTMAN, a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman and Mr Patrick Coyle, terminated the pleasant gathering.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, 7th Oct.—Before Col. F. F. Shepple (chairman), Messrs H. W. Kerrich-Walker, and Chas. F. Forster.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following prisoners were charged with this offence and dealt with as follows:—Stephen Briggs, 5s and costs; Arthur Nicholson, 5s and costs; John Younger, 7s 6d and costs; John Hardy, 5s and costs; Ed. Flervn, 5s and costs; Thos. Swinburn, 5s and costs; Henry Curry, 5s; Thos. Heatherington, 7s 6d and costs; Wm. Dalton, 2s 6d and costs; Wm. Burnside, 7s 6d; Mat. Wears, 2s 6d and costs; Jos. Heslop, 7s 6d and costs; John W. Simpson, 5s and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Bewick and Robert Simpson were charged with fighting at Pelton Fell on the 27th ult., and were bound over to keep the peace, for three months in £5 each, and ordered to pay costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

George Oliver, Thos. Oliver, and Jacob Baxter were charged with playing pitch and toss at Fatfield on the 27th ult. P.C. Armstrong proved the charge and defendants were fined 1s each and costs.

James Clark, James Burns, Thomas Burns, Samuel Collins, Richard Collins, John Paton, were charged with a similar offence at Chester-le-Street, on the 3rd Oct. P.C. Gill prosecuted and Clark and the Collins were fined 2s 6d each and costs; and Paton and Burns 1s each, and costs.

EDUCATION CASES.

School Attendance Officer Finlay had James Parker summoned for non-payment towards the maintenance of his son, a deaf and dumb boy, in an asylum. He was £3 9s in arrears. An order was made for the amount; the order to be held over for a month to see what arrangements defendant could make. The officer had summoned James Lowden, and Joseph Redshaw for neglecting to send their children to school. Lowdon was fined 5s; in the case of Redshaw an attendance order was made.

A VIOLENT BUTCHER.

William Temple, a butcher, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Chester-le-Street on the 3rd inst, and further with assaulting P.C. Jeppat the same time and place. The officer said defendants was in Front Street making a disturbance; he was very drunk, and witness asked him to go home. He would neither go home nor be quiet, so witness took him into custody. On the way to the lock up he kicked witness twice on the shins. When inside the office he struck at witness and again kicked him. His conduct both in the street and in the police office was most violent. Mr John Turnbull on behalf of the defendant admitted the charge and put in the previous good character of defendant; and expressed his sorrow for his conduct. Find 2s 6d and costs in each case.

CONSETT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETY, LTD.

The 133rd quarterly meeting of this society was held in the Society's large Hall on Saturday evening week. Mr George Lowes (president) presided, a fair number of members being present. The balance sheet and report was adopted, and showed the sales for the quarter to be £14,740 12s 1½d, an average of £1,133 1s per week, as against £14,259 5s 5d, an average of £1,074 11s per week in the corresponding quarter of last year; there was also an increase of £481 7s 1½d on the year's trading, on an average increase of £37 per week. The nett profits amount to £3,878 5s 5d, as against £3,598 14s 10½d last year an increase of £279 10s 6½d—the same to pay a general dividend of 3s 6d in the £, and the butchers dividend of 2s in the £, as against 3s 2d, and 1s respectively in corresponding quarter of last year. The share capital now stands at £35,601, as against £32,702 last year,—an increase of £2,899 in the year. The number of members now on the register is 1716—an increase of 73 on the years. Messrs William McIvor, and Jas. W. Leybourne were re-elected to serve on the committee for the ensuing twelve months. It was unanimously agreed to grant free use of the rooms and light to the Consett Science and Art Committee for ensuing season. It was also resolved to grant a donation of £10 towards to building fund of Grange-over-Sands Convalescent Home. The committee were empowered to invest the sum of £25 in the Birtley Iron and Tin Plate works.—This being all the business the meeting terminated.

PRESENTATION AT ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

On Saturday evening, the trustees and members of the Allendale Primitive Methodist Society and a number of friends also representing other denominations met in Primitive Methodist schoolroom, at Allendale Cottages, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. John Robinson, Allendale Cottages, a young man, who for some years had been a prominent local preacher, and who, in the course of a fortnight, is about to leave the district, for South Africa, where for several years a brother has resided and done well. Mr. Robinson is going out with some relatives, Messrs Teasdale, who are returning to South Africa at the same time, having been here for some months on a visit to their friends, so that our respected young friend cannot really be said to be going to a distant land to seek a home among strangers, for he will be accompanied throughout the whole journey and voyage by friends, almost from the very threshold of his own dearly beloved and cherished home at Allendale Cottages, a place that we can fully realise is near and dear to him, where his dearest and most faithful friends on earth—an anxious and a loving mother and two sisters—reside, who are the oldest standards at Allendale, having lived there ever since the place was built some years ago; where Mr. John Robinson spent the happiest days of his boyhood, and where the family are well known and highly respected, not only locally, but far beyond the confines of the parish. At a comparatively early age, Mr. John Robinson was deeply imbued with earnest religious thoughts and sentiments, which even at that time, exercised a great power over his mind, and he became an ardent enquirer after the truth of the Gospel, and, by degrees, thus built his faith on the firm rock of the undeniable brotherhood of Christ. At this important period of a hopeful and promising young life, when the bud of high and noble inspirations were gradually opening out in the developing process of spiritual life, he happily came under the religious influence and teaching of Mr. W. Richardson, of Allendale Cottages, who is widely known throughout the Primitive Methodist Circuit, as a popular and thoroughly possessing christian and local preacher, whose deep and sincere piety is unquestionable, possessing as he does, a wide and extensive knowledge of christianity in general, into which he throws his whole heart and soul, so that young Mr. Robinson could not possibly have had the benefit of a better local or home training, so to speak, than he has received from his youth up even to the present time. Although but yet in the prime of early life, Mr. Robinson has already distinguished himself both as a devout and an exemplary young man, and as a local preacher of considerable note in the Primitive Methodist Circuit. Mr. Robinson has a wide circle of friends and admirers, and in recognition of the faithful services he had rendered to the Primitive Methodist Society, at Allendale Cottages, the meeting of his friends presented him with a large and handsome Gladstone bag with brass mountings and leather straps, which contained an inscription, beautifully engraved, as follows:—"Presented to Mr. John Robinson by the members and friends of the Allendale P.M. Society, October 10th, 1896."—In the absence of Mr. Robert Hetherington, Medomsley, Mr. Berryman was voted to the chair, who in a neat speech, said they would all be aware of the purpose for which they had met that evening, to present their worthy brother with a token of their high appreciation of his valued services to their society, as well as of the great assistance they had received at various times from other members of the same family. He had known Mr. Robinson for a period of nearly twenty years, since he was but a lad, and he could speak to the fact that he had been a most useful member of their Society in the respective positions of had ably filled, whether as a Sunday School teacher, a class leader, or a preacher. In conclusion he expressed many good wishes for his future happiness and welfare in his new prospective sphere of life.—Mr. W. Richardson, in making the presentation, spoke in a feeling manner. He said he felt he could not say a great deal. This was a world of meeting, contrasting bright and happy friendships, and then perhaps of parting never to meet again here below. It was a duty incumbent upon them all to make the best of this world as far as it might be in their power to do so, and at the same time to prepare themselves for that future world of eternal happiness beyond the grave. Their respected young friend was not leaving them under any unhappy circumstances, but was endeavouring to better himself, and they were all united in hoping that he would greatly succeed in his new enterprise. It had fallen to his duty to make the presentation, and he wished to say that it was not so much for the intrinsic value of the article, as the kindly feeling of genuine respect that had prompted the presentation, which he trusted would at all times hereafter, whether in the land of gold or elsewhere, forcibly remind him of his old friends at Allendale Cottages. (Applause.) It would be a great consolation to his dear mother and sisters whom he would leave behind, to know that he was held in such high esteem when leaving his native land for the shores of South Africa — a distance of 7,000 miles away. He concluded by saying he had pleasure in handing him the bag as a manifestation and an evidence of the great respect in which he was held by their Society, outside friends, and the subscribers generally, and in doing so they all wished him the greatest prosperity in a foreign land. (Applause.)—Mr. Robinson, in responding, said he hardly knew what to say. He had borne up well so far, but Mr. Richardson's kindly expression of feeling towards him had a tendency to cause him to give way a little. He always enjoyed a prayer meeting. The present meeting was really an enjoyable one, even under the circumstances of their being about to part, for he felt he was in the midst of many kind and valued friends. He was glad to say he had been connected with them in the way that had been described, and it had constituted the greatest pleasure of his life. He had also assisted others outside, and he had great respect for the Wesleyans, as many among them had been true friends to him. He had enjoyed as happy a Christian life amongst the Primitive Methodist body as any other person, and he had no ill-feeling not in the slightest degree, to any member of the Church. (Applause.) He was leaving to improve his temporal position, if possible, amongst the people of South Africa. Religion had always been a great joy to him from his youth up. He was glad for the respect they had shown him that night which he could heartily assure them he fully recognised and appreciated to the greatest extent. He trusted they would have no fear as to his future spiritual welfare, for he would stand true and steadfast to his colours for Christ. When he was far away in Africa he would remember them all who had been so good and kind to him. If it should ever be his good fortune to return again, he would just be the same; but if they should not meet again on earth, he trusted they would meet in heaven. He thanked them all very heartily for the present, which he would greatly prize throughout his whole lifetime. (Applause.)—Mr. Crawford and Mr. Bailey both made short and pointed speeches, and spoke highly of Mr. Robinson, whom they had known personally for a long period of time, and fully endorsed all that had been said respecting their young friend. They gladly united in the many kind wishes that had been so ably expressed both by the chairman and Mr. Richardson.

A social supper was afterwards held in the same room, and the tables were most tastefully spread with an abundance of good things to which ample justice was done by all present. Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Eddy, and Mrs. Charlton ably attended to the cutting of the bread, &c. whilst the tables were presided over by Miss Hockin, Miss Turner, Miss Forster, whilst Miss Richardson assisted in her usual courteous manner. A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for their services, which brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

MR. JUSTICE STIRLING AND DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

In the High Court of Chancery, recently, Mr. Justice Stirling granted an injunction (with costs) against a London chemist, which is of much public importance. The terms of the order are "that the defendant, his servants and agents, be perpetually restrained from supplying to persons who ask for or order Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, under that or any abbreviated title such as "Pink Pills for Pale People,' 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills,' or 'Dr. Williams' Pills,) any pills not being the plaintiff's Pills, and also from passing off such pills by the use of the term 'Pink Pills for Bloodless People,' or in any other way." The defendant is also required to give up to the plaintiff all labels, &c., containing the term "Pink Pills for Bloodless People," and account to the plaintiff for all profits made by the use of that title.

The numerous cures effected in this country by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have led to fraudulent substitutions being attempted. They are only genuine when sold in a pink wrapper, with the full name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, printed in red. Anyone who knows substitution, or attempted substitution, is asked to communicate (in confidence) with Mr. C. Urquhart Fisher, 45, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., solicitor to the manufacturers of the genuine Pills, who will take proceedings for the enforcement of the Company's rights.

HERE AND THERE I' WOR DISTRICT.

DEAR SOR,—As find this week its rether diffikult ti fix maw mind opon owt else than the two Elekshuns that's gannin on in wor neyborhood. The feelins gettin het, an the marits o' thi different Kandidates are tawkad aboot wherivvor ye gan. As for the elekshun literature wey thors onny amount oot, and sum oot has a gud deel o' nonsense in't. Wor Nance says—"That she nivvor thowt there cud be so monny konvarshuns in see a short time as thor hes been," and she wunders what's cum ower a few o' thor beggers that hed see much ti say agyen the Lokil Bord, an that noo hev thor sowls runnin ower wi a bornin enthusiyism for thi change. She wad like ti knaw whether they mean what they say i' thor papers they've put oot, and hev advertised in yor kolums. Another thing she wad like ti knaw is—Where were they when thi fight was gannin on ti get thi Orban powers, an hoo much did a lot o' them dee towards gettin thi thing completed! Sum o' them in thor hearts wad iv been glad if the job haddent cum off yit. Just fancy, noo, a man gettin up and sayin at one time he wes deed opposed tiv onny change tykin place, an then a short time efter kongratulatin ye upon hevin secured thi thing! Aw cannot understand this at awl; but wor Nance says—"It's easy ti understand, it's what they call 'Elekshuneerin Whitewesh,' and that kind o' men can whitewesh onny color ye like." Noo hinnies, aw dee hope ye'el not be tyun deon wi' this sort o' thing. It's wor Nance's oppinion that awl thor cheps want is a seet on the new Coonsil for thi purpose of putting a dreg in amang thi spokes noo and then. They hev nee simpathy in Lokil Government that gies thi workin man see much of his awn way; they've hed ti bite thi dust a few times since thi Lokil Government Act of 1894. They divvent like thi thing, aw knaw, but they'll hev ti put up wid. The men that produce thi wealth shud hev thor fair share on't. We get oor share o' the work, and sumtimes mair than oor share, an awl we ax for is a fair share o' these kumforts an konveniences that thi wealth we myek shud bring. It may reed weel on papor that thor gannin ti dee awl they can for thi workin classes, an promise that awl thor wants shall be supplied if they get on ti thi Coonsil; but its "awl my eye, an' Betty Martin." Put them on, an they'll do what they think fit, an konsider ye efter that. Thor's sum o' them that can boast of a lang public career. But hoo dist cum that they've had this lang turn of office? Is't becaws they've dyen owt for us? No, but becaws up till the year 1894, we hadent thi chance of votin for men o' wor awn choice. There was two things that prevented thi workin man fra freely expressin his oppinyon. The forst was this—thor were varry few workin men had onny property ti qualify them ti sit on thor public boddies. The briks and mortor were thi things that myed ye a full blawn citizen then. That's gyen. An divvent forget it. So ye'll see hinnies, that we haddent monny men ti choose on, an when a chep got on ti one o' thor Bords and he was willin ti let things alyen an ti distorb nowt, an was willin to "wink his eye" at a lot o' things that were dyun, he was allowed ti stop. Ye may think tha we were wrang for lettin him tide se lang, when we had thi votes ti put him oot if he didn't de reet for us. But, hinnies, this wes where the second thing cam in—we didn't vote by ballot. A paper was left at wor hoose by thi owerseer an we had ti write on that paper whe it was we voted for, an this wes openly read oot when thi votes were counted, an both eyes an ears were oppen I see an hear how Jacky Riddel or Ralphey Riddel had voted. If we had the currage ti vote agyen thi gaffer or thi gaffer's fancy kandidate, we wor then fawlin oot wi wor bread an butter, an often, for thi sake o' wor wives an bairns we had ti vote agyen worsells. So ye'll see that lots o' these cheps that boast aboot thor lang service hev the laws to thank, mour than the free expresshuns of public oppinnion. We only had thi parliment and Scheul Bord Elekshuns where cud conceel oor votes then; but noo whe can dee as we like wiv oor votes, an nyen o' them can tell we wor votin for. So, lads, be careful next Monday what yor deein, an divvent let thor beggors that cum to yor hooses to canvas por votes myek ye beleeve that "a black man's a white man." Tyek thi past for yor guidance, and look weel ower thi list of Kandidates before ye giv yor vote. Divvent herry yersels when ye gan to thi Ballat Box,—thors nee need for that; but consider what a lot depends on hoo a man casts he's vote. Ivory vote is impo tant, and ivory man that hes a vote shud gan to thi Pawl. The vote tyuk a lot o' gettin. Be careful what ye dee wid, is Ralphy Riddel's Advice.

Noo aw promised last week that aw wad let ye knaw what wor Nance hed to say aboot thi likely men for winnin thi seats. Settorday neet we had a luk ower thi list, an she happens to ken thim awl but aboot three or fower; so we set to wark to try an decide wee had the best chances. We tried three or fower different methods o' kalkulashun, but nyen o' thim cum oot as she wanted thim to cum oot. Aw syun fund oot that she wanted thi nyems o' thi men to cum oot, as she wanted thim elekted; aw said tiv her "—Nance, whe dis thoo think ill git in?" "Aw divvent knaw," says she. "It luks, thi way we're ganin on, as if they wor awl blanks an nee prize." Aw submitted that we shud say forst whe we thowt wad be thi most likely for gettin in, and efter that she shud tell ye whe she thowt shud be in. "Awl reet," says Nance "Weel synn di that. Get thi paper spread oot on thi tyebel, an reach me thi darnin needle, an aal shut mi eyes, an prog for them. That's just as gud a way to get a konclusion as onny aw knaw, and if wor favourites divvent cum oot awl gan nap for thim that aw think shud cum oot." It was agreed on between us that this shud be oor course of proceedin, an the signal been given we went off. Awl put them doon as they cum off thi paper, an awl try to tell ye what hor fyece was like when aw menshined the mans nyem, an if she said owt, awl let ye hev that as weel, tho' mind she dissint knaw that awre dyun this. Thi forst man that cum off was Jack Harrison, ther wes a gud deel o' sunleet aboot her eyes—an she says "aw wish heed been knawn a bit better amang thi men." The second was Charly Cook, ye wad hev thowt by hor fyece she'd been readin somethin fearful. The third was Harry Greener, thor was nee change in hor coontenance, and she waddin't beleeve thi needle was strite. The next that cum oot was Gordy Wallas, an ye wad hev thowt hor fyece was "black an blue." The fifth that cum off was Jack Errinton, and thor was quite a change on her fyece—a sort of "Newgoun" luk aboot it. The sixth man that cum oot was the undor-manager at Pontop, and hor fyece was bad to describe here one side was a bit lively, the uther luked as tho shed wiped it wi the blue-clout. The seventh man was wor awd akwaintance Gordy Hobson—"thi new J.P.," says, Nance. The eighth man wes Harry Beathem, hor fyece then wes awl iv a glimmer. "Gud awd Harry," aw hope thool get this lad, it ill myek up for thi Ow'omens job a bit tho the pays' not see gud," says Nance. The next place wes won by J. F. Smith, an thor wes anuther transfomashun on hor fyece. The next place wes geon to Johnny Taylor, "thi hero o' the Lokil Bord," says Nance, an thi usual pay Friday neet luk was there thereckly. Thi eleventh place wes obtained by Mr Mitchinson and thi twelfth by Neddy Robson of Kyo. "Wey, lad, weve gettin a mixtor! We munnit hev that lot, so awl bother nee mair aboot it, but tell thoo wheaw think thoo shud vote for. Thoo must hev a few workin men on thaw votin paper an aw think, that Harrison, Donoldson, Beathem, Mason, an one o' thi Robson's should hev a vote a peice. Then thoo mun think ov Billy Down, an Jonny Taylor, Jack Errinton an Tommy Reed. Aw wadint gan for nee mair." "They say," "thoo knaws, that Jonny Taylor's sure ti get in, but mind Ralphy thors neebody sartin, an if ivvorybody thinks thi syem way, hill not get in. Thool hev a chance between noo an thi elekshum day an if he issent gannin weil thoo cud giv him one o' thi spare votes." We let thi mettor drop for a time, but it waseent lang till an awd frind com in to hev a bit crack an as natural as life he drifted into the syem subjekt, an it sarved us till we got oor suppors an he went off hyem, and we went off to bed.

Noo aw wad like to say a few word aboot the scheul bord elekshum it affects thi fokes in Collierly only. An one thing theyl hev ti dee is to remember that thors two different ways of Votin on Monday next. For thi Orban Coonsil ivvory man thats on thi register hes 12 votes, he mun give nee mair than one voti to one man, he can voti for as monny under twelve as he likes but he hessent to put nee mair than one X tiv onnyboddys nyem. Wi thi Scheul Bord each voter hes five votes. He can give aal thi five to one man if he likes or he can split his vote if he wants to di that. He can give five men one vote apeice or he can give 2 twos and a 1, or 3 and 2 or if he cares he can give 4 to one man and 1 tiv anuther. But whativvor ye dee, put figors on the paper and not crosses. Thors aboot eight men up. The five awd members an three uthors. Noo aw want ti say this lads, that if thi awd Bord hessent dyun the thing that reet, let them knaw see. If thor either unfit or unfair, or unreasable, they hev nee bisness theer. Auve heerd a lot of komplaints here and there aboot the awd Bord, sum o' thi things may be true and sum o' them may be untrue. We ken aal the men an if onny o' them's not the ticket, gi them thor notice. Weigh awl thi men weel ower. Aam ditarmined to dee that, an gi mi vote for these men that di thor best for thi general gud. Aw heer that Jimmy Taylor's withdrawn his nominashun, as thor was a bit fear that in fower or five been up that hev to get thor votes fra thi workin men, instead of keepin thi seet that tyuk a lot o' fighten for, it might hev tossed it away. This ill not be forgot when thi time cums roond agyin. Its not thi forst time that hes stood on one side to let uthors hev a chance that think the hev mair reet. But aw hope heel de his best to win a place on thi Lokil Bord. Before ye get maw next lettor it ill awl be settled an a lot o' thi men elected ill be scrattin thor heeds to learn how thor gannin to get sum o' thor promises carried oot. Your truly—

RALPHY RIDDEL.

Collurly Dykes, Oct. 12th, 1896.

LANCHESTER JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday last in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. William Logan J.P., (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs James Oliver, William Young, Robert Kay, Edward Sloane, J. W. Taylor, William Collier, R. Burleigh, J. Green, H. Curry Wood, Geo. D. Powell, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

LEADGATE HOSPITAL.

The contract with Mr. Rutter, for the carrying out of certain alterations at the Leadgate Hospital at a cost of £401 10s, received the seal of the Board.

THE LAYING OUT OF THE LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL GROUNDS.

The Chairman reported that the question of the trenching of the ground and the making of the footpaths at the Langley Park Hospital was left in his hands. After having had the ground carefully measured up he found that it would cost a certain sum of money, and he did not feel disposed to go on with the work without first consulting them.

On the motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Sloane, it was agreed the work be carried out.

The question of letting the work to a contractor was left in the hands of the Chairman.

Dr. George Renton reported that the two patients who were in the Leadgate Hospital, which he referred to in his last report, were now convalescent.

THE LANGLEY PARK HOSPITAL.

Dr. John Wilson reported that on the 15th and 17th ult., seven children from the Workhouse suffering from measles were admitted to the Langley Park Hospital. They were now better and returned to the Workhouse last Saturday. On Monday last, two more cases of measles from the Workhouse were removed to the Hospital, and a case of typhoid fever was brought in from Malton Colliery.

This was all the business.

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NOTICE.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at Mrs. Temperley's, Commercial Inn, Leadgate, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. No charge. Mr. M. Bates, Judge. Also, a SEWING COMPETITION will be held in connection with the above. Judges, Miss Nicholson and Mrs Graham. 280v

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NOTICE TO COWKEEPERS.

IT is proposed to form a COW CLUB for Leadgate and District. A MEETING in connection with the above will be held at the Mason's Arms, Leadgate, on Monday October 26th, 1896, at Seven p.m. All interested are requested to attend. 270v

BURNHOPE AND DISTRICT PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING will be held at Mr. Jos. Lumley's, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday, October 21st, 1896, on Seven p.m., to fix date of Competition, &c. JOHN TURNBULL.

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UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT will be given by the Choir, on Saturday, October 17th. Doors open at 6.30. See Bills. 258v

MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, Wear Terrace, Bishop Auckland. Certificated Mistresses; Higher Cambridge; Local Visiting Masters for Drawing, Painting, and Violin; French Mistress (Parisian). A large Tennis Ground. School and Class-rooms, large and airy. 40v

NORTHUMBERLAND LIVERY STABLES DERWENT PLACE, SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

THOS. STEPHENSON begs to inform the public that he has commenced the Hacking Business at the above address, where all orders will have strict attention. 975t

NOTICE.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT will CLOSE during the Winter Months, Every Saturday at 10 p.m. Pay Fridays at 8 p.m.
BELL AND BINNING
London House
331v Consett.

CONSETT WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ALL SEATS FREE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1896.
Morning 10.30 } REV. J. IRWIN.
Evening 6.0 }

WILLIAM S. SHELL, M.S.A.,
ARCHITECT AND SURVEYOR
Begs to inform the Public that having completed the Works in course of Erection at the decease of the late Mr. John Smith for the Executors, he is now Practising
TIRELY ON HIS OWN ACCOUNT
AT
TAYLOR STREET, CONSETT.
APRIL, 1896. 913t

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 20th of Oct., an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave NEWCASTLE at 12.15 a.m. (with bookings from Blackhill, Blaydon, Durham, &c.,) for LONDON for 2, and 4 days. Passengers holding 2 days' tickets return from King's Cross Station, London, at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st; and those holding 4 days' tickets return from King's Cross Station by the 8.45 or 10.30 p.m., on Friday, October 23rd.
For further particulars see bills.
GEORGE S. GIBB, General Manager.
York, Oct., 1896 316v

NOTICE.

THOSE who are in want of a good SET OF HARNESS should go to

WILLIAM BIGGINS

THE NOTED SADDLE AND HARNESS MANUFACTURER
9, CHURCH STREET, BLAYDON, AND BUSTY BANK, BURNOPFIELD.
Who is unequalled in Style, Quality, and Cheapness. Football players will do well to call at W.B.'s Establishments for Balls, Shin Guards, Bags, Gloves, &c., Football clubs and Colliery Work contracted for. Men sent out to work; conditions on application. 158v

LEADGATE, 1896.

THE ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES for this Parish, will be held (D.V.,) as follows:—
ST. IVES CHURCH, LEADGATE,
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, ST. LUKE'S DAY,
Holy Communion at 8.30 p.m.
Divine Service at 10.30, 2.30, and 6.30.
Preacher:
The REV. W. E. COKAYNE FRITH, M.A., Vicar of Herrington.
Offertory in Aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts. 252v

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Wm. Robinson.

Preliminary Announcement.
Hare Law.
SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS belonging to the late William Wilkinson, on Wednesday, November 4th, by WM. ROBINSON, Auctioneer. Particulars later.

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
NEW FINES, MEDOMSLEY.
Sales conducted on the most reasonable terms.

By Mr John S. Murray.

SALES BY AUCTION by J. S. MURRAY.
Saturday first, October 17th.—Furniture, &c., Hamsterley.
Monday, October 19th.—Fat and Store Stock, &c., at the Mart.
Tuesday, October 20th.—Draperies at the Auction Mart Sale Room.
Wednesday, October 21st.—Furniture, No. 10 Delves Lane, Consett.
Saturday, October 24th.—Special Sale for Store Cattle at the Mart.
Tuesday, November 3rd.—Household Property, Building Sites, &c., at the Freemasons' Arms, Consett. 324v

Hamsterley, near Ebchester, Saturday, October 17th, 1896.
Household Furniture, Garden Produce, Greenhouse Plants, Phaeton, &c.

J. S. MURRAY favoured with a commission from Mr. Allen, who is retiring after 31 years service as Manager at Hamsterley Colliery, will SELL BY AUCTION, the GREENHOUSE PLANTS, POTS, STANDS, GARDEN ROLLER, LAWN MOWER, TOOLS, &c. LIGHT PHÆTON, nearly new, by Phillipson. Part FURNITURE, Kitchen Press, Chairs and Tables, Mahogany Table, 3 Bedsteads, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Rocking Chair, Clock, Umbrella Stand, and numerous other Lots.
241v Sale at One o'clock.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1896.
Usual Good Entry of Fat Stock, &c., and 4 very good S.H. Grazing Heifers, and 2 Steers, very fresh.
2 One-and-a-half year old Dale Fillies, both very promising.
1 Set of Double Harness.
2 Full Sets Single Harness, in good order, and other miscellaneous lots.
Sale at One o'clock prompt.
326v JOHN S. MURRAY.

DRAPERIES.
At the Royal Auction Mart Sale Room, Benfieldside On Tuesday first, Oct. 20th, at 6 o'clock p.m.
A LARGE and Important Consignment of DRAPERIES of every description to be SOLD BY AUCTION on Tuesday night, at 6 o'clock. No reserve. J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE.
At No. 10, East Parade, Consett, on Wednesday, October 21st.
J. S. MURRAY will SELL BY AUCTION the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Effects, belonging to Mrs. Patterson, who is declining House-keeping, comprising: Handsome 8 ft. Mahogany Sideboard, Plate Glass back; Mahogany Centre Table; 2 Couches; 6 Mahogany Chairs in hair; Kitchen Table and Form; Clock; Folding Table; 4 Kitchen Chairs; Chest of Drawers; 2 Cupboards; 3 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Fenders; Fire-irons; Tidies; Oil Stove and Oven; 2 Washstands; 2 Sets of Chamber Ware; Sewing Machine; 2 Swing Glasses; Poss Tub and Staff; with all the Sundries, &c. Sale at One o'clock.
328v J. S. MURRAY.

SPECIAL SALE OF STORE CATTLE at the Royal Auction Mart, Benfieldside, on Saturday, October 24th. A large entry. Further entries solicited. J. S. MURRAY.

PROPERTY.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION in the Long Room of the Freemasons' Arms, Consett, on Tuesday, November 3rd, 1896, of HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, BUILDING SITES, etc. Present entries: — Property in Stephen Street, Sherburn Terrace, and Gladston Street, Consett, and at Leadgate. Further entries expected and solicited.
330v J. S. MURRAY.

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

Sales by Auction.

By Mr A. Phillipson.

Freehold Land for Sale at Dipton.
MR. A. PHILLIPSON, respected with instructions from Mr M. Southren, of Flint Hill, Dipton, will offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr Bennett, Fox Inn, Dipton, on Wednesday, October 21st, 1896, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, a FREEHOLD MEADOW FIELD, measuring 2a. 3r. 16p., and situate between Hill Top and Flint Hill, Dipton.
Particulars and conditions of Sale may be obtained of the Proprietor or Auctioneer, Dipton. 25v

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

By Mr. J. Green.

Dean House, near Rowley Station.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 1896, AT 1.30.
4 Young S.H. Cows due to Calve.
50 S.H. Cattle, including some by S.H. Steers.
100 Mule and Blackfaced Lambs.
9 Young Pigs.
1 2½yrs. old Colt. 1 Filly, Foal by "Rout."
Additional Entries expected.
JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.
Sale Office—Satley, Tow Law, R.S.O. 250v

Lanchester Stock Mart Co., Ltd.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th, at 1.30 prompt.
MR. JACKSON GREEN, Auctioneer.
4 Fat Heifers; 120 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 5 Prime Pork Pigs; 10 Grand Young Pigs; and 20 Geese. The Sheep include consignments from Moor Leazes, Maiden Hall, Lang House Newbiggin, &c.
Further entries to time of Sale.
315v JOHN GIBSON, Secretary.

By Mr. John Crawford.

Victoria Street Sale Rooms, Consett.
MR JOHN CRAWFORD, will SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday first, Oct. 19th, TWO SPLENDID TONED PIANOS; also a large consignment of New and Second-hand FURNITURE. Sale to commence at One o'clock. Anyone wishing to dispose of their Furniture can have it sold in the above Sale. 322v

JOHN CRAWFORD, AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER, EMIGRATION and HOUSE AGENT. Also, appointed Bailiff by his Honour Judge MEYNELL to Levy Distress for Rent, under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Sale Office, 25, Victoria Street, Consett.

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER, AND VALUER, Land, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with experience, ability, and care. Prompt Payments. Appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to levy Distress for Rent, under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888; also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Houses designed, and Buildings carried out for Convenience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 102t.

Election Addresses

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On the 19th inst., you will be called upon to elect Members for the Collierley School Board, and I beg respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for re-election. I have now served you upon the Board for two years, and have at all times endeavoured to advance the cause of Education in the Parish. I have attended the Board meetings regularly, and have also done some service on the Committee of the Science and Art Classes which have been held in the District.
I am in favour of Secondary Education, though I am strongly opposed to all needless Expenditure of Public Money, and believe in affording facilities for the best possible Education, at the lowest possible cost to the Ratepayers. If honoured with a renewal of your confidence, I shall endeavour to do my duty faithfully and well.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant.
WM. ELTRINGHAM.
Catchgate, October 7th, 1896.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
The adoption of Urban Powers in this District necessitates the selection of twelve Members to represent you. The Election is to take place on the Nineteenth of the present month, and the event is one which concerns the highest interests of every inhabitant. You now possess powers of Self-Government, and with you rests the selection of men who will be vested with the power either to advance your interests or squander your money. It is you who have to make the choice, and I sincerely hope and trust you will return men who, by their past lives and conduct, are worthy of being entrusted with the Suffrages of a Working-class community such as our own, and who have given proof of their ability to further and advance your best interests.
My friends and supporters having done me the honour to nominate me, I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for your Suffrages. I am no stranger to public life, having had the honour of representing you on the Lanchester Rural District Council, as a Member of which body, and also as a Guardian, I have always done my utmost to watch over and further your interests. In my capacity of Vice-Chairman of the Collierley School Board, and as Parish Councillor, I believe that my humble efforts in your behalf have met with your kind approval, my sole desire having always been to uphold your rights and to do justice to all, and I have done so without fear or favour, and irrespective of party or sect. It has been my privilege to live among you for the long period of 26 years, and I venture to think that my efforts on your behalf justify me in asking for a renewal of your support on the present occasion. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part to merit your approbation. I have always supported every measure or proposal that was calculated to further the interests of the Working classes, and it has been my study to improve their surroundings and add to their comfort and convenience.
Trusting to be favoured with your Vote and Interest,
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM YOUNG.
Red Lion Inn, Dipton,
October 6th, 1896.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
The First Urban District Council Election for the Parishes of Kyo, Collierley and Greencroft, will take place on Monday, October 19th at the respective Polling Places. Twelve members will be required to form that Council. More power will be vested in the 12 Urban Councillors than in the 36 Parish Councillors. Parish Councillors, like the Prophets of old, cry aloud, and in many instances with the same results. Houses, W.C.'s and Ashmiddens can be built on and adjoining the Roads, and Parish Councils cannot prevent it, but Urban Councils have that power.
You know that it is only according to the composition of the new Council that the work of reform will be forwarded or retarded. Let men be chosen and supported who are in sympathy with the aspirations and just demands of the Working People. Then progress will be made, existing evils will be removed, and the District benefited.
I am in favour of extending the Lamps from Hare Law to Flint Hill, and from Annfield Plain to East Castle, also to Hill Top. Why should not the small Villages enjoy the same privileges as the larger ones? I am also in favour of erecting Urinals in each Village; also that the Dwellings and Sanitary Conditions of the District be improved, and that the Roads and Footpaths be kept in better condition, and that the Awarded Footpaths or Bridle Roads be opened out for the use of the Public.
In soliciting your Suffrages on the 19th October, I can do so by remembering the fact that as a Member of the Kyo Parish Council and Waywarden I have always sought to do my duty. In conclusion,—if successful on the day of the Poll, my motto shall be: "The greatest good for the greatest number."
I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient servant,
WILLIAM DOWN.
Catchgate, October 7th, 1896.

Election Addresses.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS,
OCT. 19th, 1896.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
In submitting myself as a Candidate for a seat upon the new Urban Council, I beg to state that, if elected, I shall at all times favour every proposal which will lead to better and more effectual Sanitation. The provision of adequate HOUSE ACCOMMODATION for the working classes, and the proper condition of ROADS and FOOTPATHS in the District.
As a Ratepayer, I shall endeavour to accomplish these desirable reforms at the least possible expenditure of public money.
Give ONE VOTE TO SWALWELL, and these pressing matters will receive attention.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. SWALWELL.
Dipton, R.S.O. 217v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
Having been requested by a large number of Ratepayers to become a Member of the above first District Council, it affords me great pleasure to offer myself as a Candidate at the forthcoming Election, which takes place on October 19th next.
I am pleased that at last we have secured Urban Powers for this important District.
There are many pressing matters requiring the attention of the new Council, viz: Condition of Roads, Footpaths, Sanitation, &c. Should you do me the honour to elect me, these questions will at all times receive my careful consideration.
Trusting to receive your Support on the day of the Poll.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN RUSSELL.
Annfield Plain, October, 7th 1896. 243v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
The Election of Members for the above Council will take place on Monday, October 19th, when your Vote and Assistance will be an esteemed favour.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
EMERSON WILKINSON,
Dipton, R.S.O., October, 6th 1896. 347v

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS AND NON ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On the 19th of the present month you will be called upon to elect five members to represent your interests on the above Board. It is now close upon six years since you did me the honour of electing me as one of your Representatives. During that time I have endeavoured to carry out my duties on your Board in a straightforward and conscientious manner in the interests of all concerned. In point of attendance I again head the list, having (with one exception) attended every meeting of the Board, being desirous of being present on all occasions, and to take part in its deliberations.
I therefore beg to offer myself for re-election, feeling confident that the trust reposed in me in the past has not been misplaced.
If elected I shall, as hitherto, endeavour to discharge my duty faithfully, and give my most careful and impartial consideration to all matters relative to the management of the schools, comfort and efficient education of the children, and to see that the same is carried out on the most economical lines. As I shall by this time be fairly well known to you all it will be unnecessary for me to say more at present.
I therefore leave the issue in your hands, and ask for a renewal of your confidence on the day of the Poll.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.
Delight House,
Dipton, October 6th, 1896. 241v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
Also, on the 19th inst., the above Election will take place for which twelve members are required. I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for a seat on the Council. In doing so I fully recognise the responsibility of all who may be called upon to conduct its affairs. I have a fair knowledge of the District and its requirements, and if elected I shall give my support to any scheme having for its object the improvement of the Sanitary Conditions of the District, and the Welfare of the People generally. At the same time I shall make it my duty to watch carefully over the Interests of the Ratepayers and prevent as far as possible any unnecessary expenditure. I therefore solicit a share of your support on the day of election.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.
Delight House, Dipton, October 6th 1896. 242v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
In response to a numerously expressed wish, I offer myself as a Candidate for a seat on the above Council. Being one of yourselves—A Working Man and living among Working Men, I claim to have some knowledge of your Interests. Should you do me the honour of Electing me as one of your Representatives I will endeavour to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon me.
I am, yours faithfully,
221v. JOHN HARRISON.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
I most respectfully solicit your Vote at the coming Election.
Below you will find a record of my public life, extending over Fifty Years.
I have been Overseer for several years.
Until the passing of the Highway Acts of 1862, I was Surveyor of the Highways, having full management of the Roads,—levying rates for the maintenance thereof, employing men and paying wages.
The position of Waywarden, which I still hold, was my next appointment, and, this honour has again been conferred on me.
I claim to be the "Father of the Guardians," as I am the oldest member living. Having lived at Harperley Mill, in the district, all my life.
It is over thirty-three years since I was appointed a Guardian, and I have been your Member during the whole of that time with scarcely a break. For some years I was the Vice-Chairman. In connection therewith, I have been on all the most important Committees, including Chairman of the Relief Committee from its formation at Kyo.
I was for many years Churchwarden for the Parish of Collierley during the Ministry of the late Rev. Blythe Hurst, Ph. D.
At the passing of the Education Act, I was one of the Members of the Kyo School Board, in conjunction with Major Joicey, Major Ridley, Mr. John Hall, and Mr. Mitchinson. Major Joicey and I were appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. Excepting an interval of three years, I have been a Member until the last Election, when I lost my seat only on account of several spoiled Voting Papers. I was Chairman at the time of my defeat. During that period the business was conducted with the greatest harmony, and, I venture to say, with success.
I was one of the first Members of the Burial Board for the Parish of Collierley, and I attended regularly to the duties until the principal part of the work was completed.
I also have served on the Lanchester District Council, and am still a Guardian.
During the whole of my long Public Service I have always devoted myself to the work to the best of my ability, and I believe to the satisfaction of my friends who placed such confidence in me, and for which I beg to tender my most sincere thanks.
At the forthcoming Election of District Councillors, I intend to offer my services, and, if elected, I shall continue to do my duty in the future as I have endeavoured to do in the past.
I have the honour to remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEORGE HOBSON.
Harperley Mills, October 6, 1895. 245v

Election Addresses.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
DISTRICT COUNCIL.
[F]IRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS,
OCT. 19th, 1896.

TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADIES A]ND GENTLEMEN,—
[Subm]itting myself as a Candidate for a seat [on the n]ew Urban Council, I beg to state that I shall at all times favour every pro[posal whic]h will lead to better and more effecti[ve ...] The provision of adequate HOUSE [ACCOM]ODATION for the working classes, and [the] condition of ROADS and FOOTPATHS [of the d]istrict.
[As a] Ratepayer, I shall endeavour to accom[plish] desirable reforms at the least possible [expenditu]re of public money.
[O]NE VOTE TO SWALWELL and these matters will receive attention.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. SWALWELL.
[...] R.S.O. 217v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
[URBA]N DISTRICT COUNCIL.
[E]LECTION OF COUNCILLORS.
TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADIES] AND GENTLEMEN,—
[Having] been requested by a large number of [elector]s to become a Member of the above first Council, it affords me great pleasure to [offer my]self as a Candidate at the forthcoming [election] which takes place on October 19th next. [I am p]leased that at last we have secured Urban [Powers f]or this important District.
[There] are many pressing matters requiring [the atten]tion of the new Council, viz: Condition [of Road]s, Footpaths, Sanitation, &c. Should [you do] me the honour to elect me, these questions [will at a]ll times receive my careful consideration. [Trusti]ng to receive your Support on the day [of the] Poll,
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN RUSSELL.
[Annfie]ld Plain, October, 7th 1896. 243v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
[URBA]N DISTRICT COUNCIL.
[E]LECTION OF COUNCILLORS.
TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADIES] AND GENTLEMEN,—
[The E]lection of Members for the above Council [takes] place on Monday, October 19th, when [your V]ote and Assistance will be an esteemed [favour.]
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
EMERSON WILKINSON.
[...]n, R.S.O., October, 6th 1896. 347v

[COLLI]ERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.
[TO TH]E ELECTORS AND NON ELECTORS.
[LADIES] AND GENTLEMEN,—
[On th]e 19th of the present month you will be [called] upon to elect five members to represent [your i]nterests on the above Board. It is now close [on ...] years since you did me the honour of elect[ing me a]s one of your Representatives. During that [time I] have endeavoured to carry out my duties [on the]r Board in a straightforward and conscien[tious] manner in the interests of all concerned. [In poi]nt of attendance I again head the list, (with one exception) attended every meet[ing of] the Board, being desirous of being present [on all] occasions, and to take part in its deliber[ations.]
[I th]erefore beg to offer myself for re-election, [being] confident that the trust reposed in me [in the] past has not been misplaced.
[If el]ected I shall, as hitherto, endeavour to dis[charge] my duty faithfully, and give my [most c]areful and impartial consideration to [all m]atters relative to the management [of the] schools, comfort and efficient education of [the c]hildren, and to see that the same is carried [out i]n the most economical lines. As I shall [by thi]s time be fairly well known to you all it [is] unnecessary for me to say more at present. [I th]erefore leave the issue in your hands, and [ask fo]r a renewal of your confidence on the day [of the] Poll.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.
[L]ight House,
[D]ipton, October 6th, 1896. 241v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
[UR]BAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.
TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADI]ES AND GENTLEMEN,
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I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.
[L]ight House, Dipton, October 6th 1896. 242v

ANNFIELD PLAIN
[UR]BAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADI]ES AND GENTLEMEN,—
[In] response to a numerously expressed wish, [I offer] myself as a Candidate for a seat on the [new] Council. Being one of yourselves—A Work[ing] Man and living among Working Men, I [ought] to have some knowledge of your Interests, [and shoul]d you do me the honour of Electing me [as one] of your Representatives I will endeavour [to fa]ithfully discharge the duties devolving upon [me.]
I am, yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRISON.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
[UR]BAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.
TO THE ELECTORS.
[LADI]ES AND GENTLEMEN,—
[I mo]st respectfully solicit your Vote at the com[ing] Election.
[Bel]ow you will find a record of my public life, [exten]ding over Fifty Years.
[I have] been Overseer for several years.
[Un]til the passing of the Highway Acts of 1862, [I was] Surveyor of the Highways, having full [mana]gement of the Roads,—levying rates for the [maint]enance thereof, employing men and paying [...]
[The] position of Waywarden, which I still hold, [was m]y next appointment, and, this honour has been conferred on me.
[I c]laim to be the "Father of the Guardians," [bei]ng the oldest member living. Having lived [at H]arperley Mill, in the district, all my life.
[It i]s over thirty-three years since I was appointed [Gu]ardian, and I have been your Member during [the w]hole of that time with scarcely a break. For [...] years I was the Vice-Chairman. In connec[tion] therewith, I have been on all the most [impo]rtant Committees, including Chairman of [the] Relief Committee from its formation at Kyo. [I] was for many years Churchwarden for the [Paris]h of Collierley during the Ministry of the Rev. Blythe Hurst, Ph. D.
[On] the passing of the Education Act, I was one [of] the Members of the Kyo School Board, in con[junc]tion with Major Joicey, Major Ridley, Mr. [...] Hall, and Mr. Mitchinson. Major Joicey [and] I were appointed Chairman and Vice-Chair[man] respectively. Excepting an interval of three [years], I have been a Member until the last Elec[tion] when I lost my seat only on account of [several] spoiled Voting Papers. I was Chairman [at th]e time of my defeat. During that period [the b]usiness was conducted with the greatest [harm]ony, and, I venture to say, with success.
[I w]as one of the first Members of the Burial Board [for] the Parish of Collierley, and I attended [regul]arly to the duties until the principal part of [the w]ork was completed.
[I] also have served on the Lanchester District [Coun]cil, and am still a Guardian.
[Du]ring the whole of my long Public Services I [have] always devoted myself to the work to the [best] of my ability, and I believe to the satisfaction [of m]y friends who placed such confidence in me, [and] for which I beg to tender my most sincere [than]ks.
[At] the forthcoming Election of District Coun[cil]s, I intend to offer my services, and, if [elect]ed, I shall continue to do my duty in the [futur]e as I have endeavoured to do in the past.
I have the honour to remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
GEORGE HOBSON.
[H]arperley Mills, October 6, 1895. 245v

Election Addresses.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
The above Election will take place on Monday, October 19th, between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m. The Polling Booths are as follows:—For Kyo Township, at the West Kyo School; for Greencroft and Catchgate, at Catchgate Board School; for Greencroft and Collierley, at the Board School, Dipton.
Your Vote and Interest is respectfully solicited by—Yours respectfully,
HENRY GREENER.

Please vote thus on Ballot Paper:—

GREENER, HENRY	X

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On the 19th day of October, 1896, you will have the opportunity to elect twelve members for your new Urban Council.
Having resided amongst you for a period of twelve years and knowing all the requirements of the District. I have decided to offer myself for a seat on your Council, and respectfully solicit your Suffrage and Support on the day of the Election. If elected it shall be my endeavour to promote the interests of all concerned.
Trusting to receive a fair share of your patronage.
I remain, yours respectfully,
WILLIAM TAYLOR.
Durham Road, Annfield Plain, Oct. 5th, 1896. 216v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On the 19th of October you will have to elect twelve members for the new Urban District Council.
Having lived in the District for a long period I am acquainted with its requirements and am interested in its welfare.
If elected, I shall give my vote to any scheme for the improvement of the district, viz., Good Drainage, and Better Dwellings for Workmen.
The question of Lighting shall have my special attention, as will also the important matter of Good Roads and Footpaths, viz., Kerbing and Channelling and useful Footpaths. With the question of better Train Service, which has for some time been a burning one, I am in favour, and will strenuously strive to improve it.
The Allotments question will likewise receive my careful attention, and any other scheme which has for its object the Improvement of the District, I pledge myself to support.
Hoping to have your Support on the day of Election.
I remain, yours sincerely,
JOHN STOREY.
Catchgate, October 7th., 1896. 250v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On Monday, the Nineteenth day of October, you will be called on to Elect Councillors for the newly-formed Urban District of Annfield Plain. Having been in Business here for nearly a quarter of a century, and being fully alive to and conversant with, the Requirements of this large District, I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for your Suffrages. I need hardly point out to you the importance of the Trust which has now been placed in your hands for the first time. We have on every side evidences of Steady Development and Increasing Prosperity, and I am hopeful that there is a bright future in store for the District. Therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen, it behoves you to send to the Council men who are well known to you, and who may be relied on to carry out those Improvements which are so essential to the Comfort and Well-being of the Community at large. The Sanitation of our District has, I regret to say, been sadly neglected in the past. Proper Sanitation is an essential of life, and one of the first duties of the new Council will be to remedy existing defects in this respect. Our Roads and Footpaths, also, have been greatly neglected, and the reparation of these ought to receive prompt and serious attention. I am in favour of these and other improvements being carried out speedily, and with a due regard to Economy; and, in the event of my being Elected a Member of the Council, it shall be my earnest and conscientious endeavour, without fear or favour, to give effect to all Proposals and Measures which are likely to Benefit the Working Classes, and add to the Comfort and Prosperity of the Ratepayers at large.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
JOSEPH LUMLEY.
Annfield Plain, 5th October, 1896. 218v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
Having been nominated at the request of a number of Electors, I beg to submit myself as a Candidate for a seat on your New Urban District Council. I have lived amongst you for a long period and, years ago, took a leading part in the promotion of the Water Extensions, Lighting, and other Local Objects. I am not quite a stranger to public labours, and have a Practical Knowledge of the Requirements of the District, and, if elected, I shall endeavour to promote the Social and Physical interests of my fellow Townsmen and Neighbours. Hoping to have a share of your Votes on the polling day,
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your faithful servant,
C. F. COOKE.
Annfield Plain, October 7th, 1896. 237v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
You will be called upon on the 19th inst to record your vote in the formation of an Urban District Council, which has not before existed in your respective Townships. As a Candidate for a seat on this Board, I humbly solicit your consideration.
I am contesting my seat under the colours of the Independent Labour Party.
I believe that much good may be derived by the formation of such a body, if you exercise your sound judgment in the selection of your Representatives. I consider that the interests of the working people can only be justly and determinedly advocated by men of their own classes:—Men who have known the wants of the people in the past, and can gauge their requirements in the future, and men who know the misery to which the poor have been and are lowered by false and deceptive advocacy.
I therefore, Ladies and Gentlemen, appeal to you to exercise your serious attention and appoint men, who will do their duty for the common weal of the people.
If you should do me the honour of electing me as one of the twelve, I shall do my very best endeavours at all times to efficiently, and economically represent your interests on the above Board.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours sincerely,
JOHN ERRINGTON.
Annfield Plain, October 19th, 1896.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
Having been nominated for a Member of your First District Council, I have pleasure in offering myself as a Candidate at the forthcoming Election.
I am very pleased to congratulate you on the success of having secured Urban Powers for your District. I hope in a short time you will find an advantage which you have not had before—the privilege of spending your own money to the best advantage.
I have served you for about two years at Lanchester, and, I trust, faithfully. I have always tried to combine efficiency with economy in spending Ratepayers' Money.
Should you do me the honour of returning me to represent you on the new Council, you may rely upon my striving to render satisfaction to all.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours sincerely,
GEORGE WAILES.
Parkfield House, Hare Law,
Annfield Plain, R.S.O., October 5th, 1896.

Election Addresses

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
Having been nominated as a Candidate for the above Council, I have pleasure in stating my willingness to stand.
If elected, I will do my utmost for the welfare of the whole community—gentle and simple alike.
I have lived in the neighbourhood for 22 years, and have always striven to do my best to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Working classes.
Soliciting the favour of your Vote and Interest,
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully,
JAMES STRAWBRIDGE.
Annfield Plain, October 8th, 1896.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

Monday, October 19th, 1896.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
On the above date you must elect your Representatives for the School Board. Having been nominated as a Candidate, I appeal for a share of your support. I am in favour of all measures that are beneficial and tend to further the Advancement and Education of the Young People. If you do me the honour of electing me, I shall make it my duty to watch over your interests to the best of my ability.
I remain, yours faithfully,
ROBERT T. BATEY.
Front Street, Dipton, October 9th, 1896.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
The Election is to take place on Monday, first, October 19th. You will be called upon to elect Five Members for the above Board, and with you rests the selection of men to look after the Educational Interests of this Township. My friends and supporters having done me the honour to nominate me again, I beg most respectfully to offer myself for re-election, after serving you upon the Board for six years and having always done my best for the comfort and education of the Children, my sole desire having always been to uphold your rights and further your interests, and to do justice to all, with due regard to economy. Having resided many years close to the Schools, I have had exceptional opportunities for studying your requirements. Should you do me the honour to elect me again, I assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part relative to the management of the Schools. Trusting to be favoured with your Votes,—Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM YOUNG.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Monday, October 19th, 1896.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
At the request of several Ratepayers, I have allowed myself to be nominated for a seat on the above Council. In seeking your Suffrages, I have no personal ambition to serve, and no hobby to ride.
I am distinctly in favour of Better Roads and Footpaths, coupled with Improved Sanitary surroundings; also other improvements which have for their aim and object the elevation, betterment and comfort of the People.
I am also in favour of spending judiciously the Public Money, and would advocate efficiency and economy.
During the time I have had a seat on the Collierley Parish Council I have striven to act conscientiously in every matter affecting the interests of the Ratepayers, and should you do me the honour of electing me I shall endeavour to use my honest discretion without fear or favour, my motto being: "Justice to all; favour to none."
I beg to remain, your faithfully,
ROBERT THOS. BATEY.
Front Street, Dipton, October 9th, 1896.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
In response to an earnest appeal from many influential Ratepayers, we beg to offer ourselves as Candidates for Membership in connection with the new District Council.
We are life-long residents in the District, and can therefore fairly claim to have an intimate and practical acquaintance with its requirements. We have served on the Collierley and Kyo Parish Councils, and have at all times taken a deep interest in everything appertaining to the welfare of the District. We are firm believers in thorough Sanitation, Good Housing, and firm but effective District Government.
If honoured with your patronage, we shall support all useful and beneficial improvements, but with strict regard to economy. We will also do all that lies in our power to secure increased Railway Facilities, including a Station for the people living in the vicinity of East Castle.
Trusting to receive your favourable and generous support,
We are, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servants,
WILLIAM ELTRINGHAM.
WILLIAM FRENCH.
Mark your Paper thus:

ELTRINGHAM, WILLIAM	X
FRENCH, WILLIAM	X

Catchgate, October 9th, 1896.

ANNFIELD PLAIN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS,

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
As one of the first Advocates for Urban Powers for the above, and, as one who has striven at all times during a residence of nearly Thirty Years amongst you, to forward every thing calculated to be a benefit to the district, I appeal to you for your influence and support on Monday the 19th inst., at the Election Booths.
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN FOSTER SMITH.
Front Street, Annfield Plain, 390v.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—
We have been nominated for seats on your first Urban District Council and it affords us much pleasure to comply with your requests as Candidates at the Election which will take place on Monday, October 19th, 1896.
We congratulate you on the success of having secured Urban Powers for your District. We hope, in a short time, great improvements will result from a right administration of the management of our own affairs and the spending of the rates collected for the same.
The Miners of West Shield Row and South Derwent Collieries in the year 1891 took up the question of obtaining Urban Powers for Street Lighting, making better Roads and Footpaths, Sewerage, &c., and we were appointed to arrange Open Air Meetings to further the Scheme. Mr. William Fitzpatrick was appointed to preside at such Meetings, to which we moved and seconded the first resolution for Urban Powers, and the Rev. John Gornall, Vicar of Collierley Parish, ably supported the same. Several Meetings were held at different times, and it was always our privilege to take a prominent part with other Gentlemen to further the scheme to have the District made better in every respect. Should you do us the honour of returning us to represent you on the New Council you may rely upon us in the future as in the past to do all that we can to make the District in all respects better than it is now.
We are in favour of Better Houses for all people requiring the same, and every measure that comes before the Council which has for its object the well-being of the District shall at all times have our most careful consideration, whilst keeping safeguard on the spending of the ratepayers' money with economy.
We remain, Ladies and Gentlemen
Yours sincerely,
THOS. E. COLLINSON.
Collinson Terrace, Catchgate.
JOSEPH HALL.
Catchgate, October 15th, 1896.

COLLINSON, THOMAS	X
HALL, JOSEPH	X

Please to vote thus.

Business Announcements.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT
PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
Wm. Aynsley, Esq., Chairman.
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—R. MURRAY, Royal Hotel.
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—W. WRIGHT, Burton House.
CONSETT—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
—T. D. DRYDEN, Grocer, &c.
—N. ELDON, Wine Merchant.
—JOSEPH MURRAY, Grocer, &c.
—T. MILNER, Chemist, &c.
—G. PATRICK, Chemist, &c.
KYO—T. GATISS, Earl Grey Inn.
LEADGATE—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
—W. TEMPERLEY, Commercial Inn
MEDOMSLEY—T. CALVERT, Grocer, &c.
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STANLEY—W. AYNSLEY, Grocer, &c.
—T. ROBINSON, Chemist.
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TANFIELD—JOHN IRWIN, Pack Horse Inn.
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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 1896.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

SINCE THE nominatoins for the newly established Urban District Council for Annfield Plain were published in the "Guardian" and thus made known to the public, the interest manifested in the election has gradually increased until it is now being generally expected that on Monday next the electors of the district will be as busy as though they were in the midst of a General Parliamentary Election. Each of the large number of candidates and their supporters are determined to win the respective seats to which they aspire. Very few meetings in support of the different candidates have been held, and before casting the vote the elector should spend a few minutes in wading through the election addresses which appear in our columns this week. Some of them are very pointed and explain somewhat fully their views upon the whole situation. While we have no desire to interfere with the rights and priviledges of the electors we trust that in the selection of candidates, the electors will remember the claims of those who for many years have—very often at considerable cost and inconvenience transacted the public business of this district.

THE BATHS question at Consett has been placed upon the shelf, for a time at least, and in fact for altogether so far as the District Council themselves are concerned. The committee appointed to go into the matter have performed their work faithfully and well, and their recommendation is that baths similar to those at Chadderton would meet the requirements of this district, and the probable cost would be about £4,300 exclusive of land. This is a large sum to spend at one single shot, and the councillors, evidently feeling the weight of their position, have decided to let the matter lie over, awaiting any action that might be taken by the ratepayers. That such facilities as public baths are required goes without saying, but whether or not they, if erected, would be a paying concern, is another question.

THE MEETING in the Co-operative Hall, Consett on Monday night in the interest of the Liberal cause was quite a success, from many points of view. The audience was of satisfactory dimensions, and the platform displayed some excellent talent. Not only were the speeches by Mr. Beckingham, of this district, and Mr. Samuel, the respected member for Stockton, delivered in the plain English fashion, but they were brimful of interesting and instructive facts. Mr. Beckingham, spoke well on the Armenian outrages, but the style in which Mr. Samuel dealt with the Truck Act, the Workmen's Dwellings Act, and other important matters fairly excelled the efforts of the other speakers. He was so clear and deliberate in his bearing that he reminded us of our own Member, and perhaps it is chiefly due to this fact that he won his way into the good opinions of the electors who attended the meeting.

BY THE death of Mr. William Charlton, landlord of the Station Hotel, Ebchester, which took place on Friday last, this neighbourhood has lost a gentleman whose services to the public have been inestimable. He was of a family who have for generations been associated with the immediate locality, and was widely known by all classes for his kindly disposition and unceasing interest in the wellbeing of those around him. He was 68 years of age. He was a cattle dealer in his earlier days, and afterwards he became landlord of the Station Hotel and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. As a Parish Councillor, a member of the Board of Guardians, a Rural District Councillor and an overseer of the poor, he did a noble work, and to add that his services will be missed on these bodies is only to mention the value of his labours. His funeral was well attended on Monday, a large number of old standards arriving at Ebchester from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect.

MR. WM. ALLAN, who for upwards of thirty years has held the position of manager of Hamsterley Colliery, is leaving his appointment. He has, during his connection with this colliery been held in high esteem, and as a consequence, a movement has been set on foot by the officials and workmen, with the object of raising a suitable testimonial for his long and valuable services, not only as a colliery manager, but as a representative on public bodies, having been some twenty years a manager of the Hamsterley Schools, a member of the Medomsley School Board, and a Parish Councillor. Mr. R. J. Chaytor has been appointed secretary to the fund, and although it has only been open a fortnight, subscriptions are coming readily to hand.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

["BY INCEDO."]

LIBERALS IN COUNCIL.

Judging from the meeting in the Consett Co-operative Hall on Monday evening, the Liberals in the North-West Durham district have not yet hauled down their colours, albeit that so gallant a Scot as Lord Rosebery declines to lead the van. The resignation of his Lordship at a moment when the air resounded with the battle-cry of: "A truce to murder in the sunny East, and a guarantee of equity in the untrodden future," is much to be regretted, lest it should not be forgotten that the human mind is "variable as the shade," and that even great leaders of men, such as Lord Rosebery unquestionably is, are subject to impressions from within and without. Apart altogether from political considerations, no good end would be served by attempting to ignore the fact that the loss of an acknowledged leader is an event that cannot be regarded with indifference. Lord Rosebery is one of the great of the earth, but after all that has been and done, such men, clever and useful as they are, must sooner or later be done without. There was a good deal of truth in the observation made by one of the English Kings in the glorious days of chivalry, when tidings were conveyed to him that one of the most renowned of his warrior leaders had fallen:—
"For Lord—I needs must wail,
That e'er he slain should be,
But I trust I have within my realms—
Five hundred as good as he."
Whether my Liberal friends are prepared to endorse the sentiment expressed in the lines, I cannot tell, but judging from the tone of the meeting under note, they do not appear to regard their position as being wholly desperate.

ROOM FOR REFORM.

A case was reported in the last issue of this journal, showing that a boy, the son of a widow with a large family, had been wrongfully summoned by the police in an alleged theft case. It was admitted all round that an error had been made and the professional man engaged by the widow to defend her boy very wisely appealed to the Bench to the effect that the expense incurred by the widow ought not to be paid by her; in the face of the statement by the police that the lad was innocent. The Bench admitted the justice of the claim, and expressed the "hope" that the party who misdirected the police would consent to pay the cost of the case, which was dismissed so far as the boy in question was concerned. My readers understand well enough that sympathy of the order named is very cheap, but it will be a long time before it will help the poor, or please the rich. Such expenditure as that under note ought to be made compulsory, either by those who wilfully, or otherwise, give such information to the authorities as are calculated to lead to the apprehension of the innocent, and failing that remedy, the county ought to be held responsible. It is a standing blot upon the laws of our country that such a state of things should exist, and the day is surely not far distant when the magistrates will have the power to do more and "hope" less, for there is no getting over the fact that there is room for reform.

A TEMPTING OFFER.

It was announced in these columns last week that no fewer than fifteen bicycles, each valued at twenty guineas, could be had without money and without price, by such of the readers of the "Guardian" as care to try their luck and win in an easy jumble puzzle competition to be brought under the notice of the curious during the current month. The opportunity is a rare one for such of both sexes as have a longing to be in the fashion by going on wheels. Anybody can learn to ride a bicycle, irrespective of age or sex, for I have known men and lads with wooden legs, and even wooden arms, acquire the art. I was assured in the early part of the past summer that I should go in for cycling, on the ground that it would suit my line of work immensely. There was no denying the applicability of the arguments advanced, and hence I resolved to get a nice machine and learn—and thereby hangs a tale. I was led astray by the delusive idea that because in the long ago I had been accustomed to riding all sorts and colours of horses, I could make a bicycle obey me promptly, but depend upon it that I soon found that a machine of steel and rubber is no respecter of persons. I kept no record of the falls I got, but I know that many a morning when I returned to breakfast after my customary exercise, every bone in my body ached, while blue marks and occasional blood letting were within the circuit of my experience. But I eventually got over experiences of this order, and can testify that the bicycle is really "a boon and a blessing"—not only to men, but to "gentler sister woman."

NOTES FROM STANLEY.

(By Observer.)

FAULTY AUDITING.

In the last issue of the "Guardian" a letter appeared under the above heading, which has caused much comment in Co-operative circles. Several affirm that the auditors in connection with the Cowdenbeath society which has been swindled of over £6,000 by the secretary, are not to blame, seeing that the duplicate pass books accorded with the secretary's ledger. The auditors are to blame inasmuch as they knew the ledger entries were done in pencil which ought to have aroused suspicion. A systematic statement of accounts must be in ink, otherwise they can be changed at will. Auditors are simply detectives, and must be alive to their employer's interests, and in case of tracing any irregular method their first duty should lead to an enquiry, failing this brings the responsibility on to their heads. This latest ingenious scheme for the falsification of accounts should most certainly arouse all other societies who allow dual offices, for it behoves shareholders to safeguard their interests by a concentrated study of the genuineness of speculative systems which contains their savings.

BASKET LICE.

It is stated that a man lost his life recently by eating food which contained living insects. The live intruders which wrought destruction were traced to a small wicker basket in which the man carried his food to work. The result has caused many to examine small baskets in which vegetables are kept, and with few exceptions all contain these small white insects, consequently scores of baskets have been consigned to the flames. Raw fruit eaten from these sources may contain a large number of these minute insects without being discerned by the eye, and in this way could perhaps live in the system. The best way to discover them is by shaking the baskets well, when they will fall off in large quantities.

A PRESENTATION.

A few days ago Mr. Wm. Ridley, of West Pelton, who has been appointed to the management of Houghton collieries, was presented by the officials and workmen of the West Pelton collieries with a beautiful timepiece, and a purse containing £20, also a handsome brooch for Mrs. Ridley. This gives definite proof of the esteem held towards this gentleman by the residents of the district. He will remove shortly to his new sphere of labour taking with him the goodwill of all.

EXTRA POLICEMAN.

East Stanley which is located a half mile from West Stanley has become a thriving populated village. This has made it necessary to instill a policeman there; consequently P.C. Iceton has been appointed. The Stanley district is now well represented by law officers, and they are a noble staff, who endeavour to fulfil the duties incumbent upon them in a creditable manner. They have at times no easy task in securing peace, and the most people seem to forget their active service. I therefore take the pleasure of congratulating them for the discipline exercised by them for the good of the district, and hope that under their supervision and direction the residents will become law abiding, and aim at moral, social, and intellectual reforms.

A POPULAR FAMILY.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights last, the Meier Family rendered interesting programmes of music in the West Stanley Co-operative Hall. They appear in the most picturesque costume of the Tyrolean mountains. They are marvels on instruments, and it is a treat to witness and listen to their performances. Capital audiences were in attendance.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

This class of services were held at the St. Andrew's Church, West Stanley, on Sunday last. The choir enriched the proceedings by well selected music which was much appreciated. The sermons were preached by Revs. Canon Mathwin of West Pelton, and J. Cook of Holmside. The sacred edifice was thronged with worshippers.

A SUCCESSFUL LECTURER.

The Rev. J. Wollerton, superintendent of the Chester-le-Street circuit gave his popular lecture in the Beamish Wesleyan Church on Tuesday evening last, entitled "British Birds." A limelight lantern was used to illustrate the lecture. A ham supper was served at the close. The proceedings were well patronised.

PLEASANT EVENINGS.

The West Stanley United Methodist Free Church are endeavouring to interest those who attend their church by holding a meeting each week, when a selected programme of a miscellaneous character is gone through. Willing friends give voluntary services, and thus profitable speeches, recitations, solos, duets, etc., are a specimen of what are termed "pleasant evenings." This is a noble idea and worthy of imitation. Mr. Harris, resident missioner, seems to be the organizer of this scheme.

LEADGATE NOTES

(By "Rover.")

A FREE LIBRARY AND NEWS-ROOM.

Our Urban District Councillors have given very great satisfaction to their electors by the very enthusiastic way they have taken up the question of providing a free library and news room for Leadgate, and it is to be hoped they will not allow trifles to stand in their way, but having set their hands to the work they will push it to a successful termination. I am reminded that there will be some opposition to the scheme. It would be truly wonderful if there was not, for some people are so constituted that they must needs negative everything in the world except their own little selves. Upon public grounds and in accordance with public requirements the scheme is an admirable one, and if it can be completed by next June it will be a very fitting occasion to celebrate Her Majesty's 60 years' reign by opening the premises to the public.

A FORTHCOMING EVENT.

My friends, the Primitive Methodists are still bestirring themselves for the forthcoming bazaar. On Monday Mr. H. Whitfield gave a tea in the school-room, which was very largely patronised by the public. Mrs. G. Foster also provided tea in her house, and was well supported by a large number of friends. At this rate of going their prospects must be brightening up.

THE FOOTBALL FEVER.

I believe it is true that there were two football matches played in Leadgate on Saturday last. I don't know who were the referees that ordered the players to turn out on such a day. Their playing may be considered a proof of their enthusiasm for the game, but it certainly is not a proof of their wisdom. To my mind it is evidence of a mania that needs to be seriously watched, or the consequences may become alarming.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By Castlesideite.]

SAD NEWS.

Quite a gloom has been cast over the village by the sad news reaching us of the sudden and unexpected death of Miss Lucy Ellison, second daughter of Mr. James Ellison, of Cort Street, Blackhill, and late of Castleside. For some years Lucy has been from home filling honourable situations in Sunderland, Roker, and Newcastle. Her fine graceful figure commended her to ladies in want of such to serve in drawing-room or dining-room, besides her genteel appearance she was amiable, kind, and trustworthy, and was much loved and respected by a wide circle of friends, especially by the young people of her age and acquaintance. From childhood she has been connected with the Wesleyan Sunday School and Church Choir, and was interested in all things affecting the above institutions. So recently as the children's treat she visited the place of her childhood and entered heartily into all the games of frolic and fun. The cause of her sudden demise I am not in possession of, but I am informed that she died in the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, having undergone an operation for some internal complaint.

A FITTING UNITY.

It may interest some in the district to learn that Mr. Joseph Errington, late of Rowley, now residing in Consett, and employed as clerk at Blackhill goods station has recently entered into a life partnership with Miss Bates, of Consett, eldest daughter of Mr. George Bates, horse-keeper, Consett Iron and Steel Company. For some years Miss Bates has been a nurse in the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and by her courtesy and kindness has endeared herself to many suffering inmates of that institution. Miss Bates attended our late friend Mr. W. Lee before and after the operation which he underwent. She was married at Christ Church, Consett, and the bridal pair spent their honeymoon in Scotland.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

An adjourned meeting of the Tanfield School Board was held on Tuesday evening in the West Stanley Board School. Mr M. Armstrong presided at the opening of the meeting, and Mr Jonathan Green, J.P., took the chair on his arrival. The other members present were the Revs T. H. Archdall and Father Thompson, and Messrs Jno. Green, W. Bulmer, Severs, B Mason, and Forster in addition to the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson).—A considerable number of requests for improvements in the school apparatus, and complaints of damage done by the recent storm were read, and it was decided that the Stanley committee of the Board should visit the schools in the neighbourhood, and, after consulting with the head teachers report to the Board, except in such cases as were urgent.—A letter was read from Mrs Wilkinson, caretaker at the Leazes school resigning her position. On the motion of Mr Archdall, seconded by Mr Foster, the resignation was accepted, and it was decided that applications should be invited in the usual way.—An application from the Tanfield Ratepayers Association was read asking permission to hold a meeting in the school at Pickering Nook, through Mr Jas. Turnbull, the secretary.—The Chairman moved, and Mr Bulmer seconded, and it was granted.—It was asked if Mr Ritson had ever received any money for political meetings.—The Clerk said that if they had held such meetings he had never received any payment for them. He had of course received the usual charge of 5s for any social meetings that had been held in the schools.—It was decided that the ratepayers should be granted the use of the schools at a charge of 1s 6d.—Mr Bulmer raised the question of the giving of orders to other people than those ordered by the Board, but the matter was not proceeded with.—Mr W. H. Bulman, of East Stanley Pit had his tender for tuning the pianos in the Board Schools accepted. The Board then went into committee.

LOCAL MARRIAGES,

CONSETT.

On Monday, at Christ Church, Consett, the marriage of Mr George Turner, secretary to the Consett Branch of the Steel Smelters' Amalgamated Association, to Miss Mains, eldest daughter of the late Mr Robert Mains, of Medomsley Road, Consett, took place in the presence of a large assemblage. Both parties are well-known in the district. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Richard Mains, was attired in a steel-grey tweed dress, trimmed with pasmentary trimming, and also wore a large picture hat trimmed with velvet and white tips. The bridesmaids were Misses Mary and Amy Mains, and Miss Williams, who were dressed in electric blue, with large picture hats trimmed with white plumes. The best man was Mr A. G. Turner, Blyth, whilst the groomsman was Mr David Arnott, Consett. The ceremony was performed by the Rev C. S. Wilson (curate). Afterwards the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride, where a sumptuous repast was provided, and partaken of by a large number of friends. The presents were numerous and costly.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

Judging from the large attendance at Benfieldside Church on Wednesday of last week, an event of considerable interest to the inhabitants of the village and neighbourhood was transpiring. This was the occasion of the marriage of Mr Thomas Teasdale, of Boksburg, Johannesburg, South Africa (formerly of Medomsley), to Miss Elizabeth A. Forster of Shotley Bridge. The bridal party arrived at the church at two o'clock when the Rev Canon Ross-Lewin conducted the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was tastefully attired in a silver grey alpacca, trimmed with white silk, carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums, and was given away by her brother, Mr William Forster. After the registers had been signed, the bride and bridegroom, amid showers of rice and old slippers, were driven to the Temperance Hall, where they were the recipients of the congratulations and good wishes of their friends, and where tea was partaken of by about 200 guests. Amongst those present were Mrs Sharp (mother of the bride), Mr W. and Mr J. Forster (brothers), Mrs Priestman, Mrs F. Priestman, Mrs Pumphrey, Mrs and Misses Pelle, Misses Willis, Miss Marston, Mr Lax, Mr and Mrs P. Teasdale, Mr and Mr T. Chatt, Mr and Mrs J. Calvert, Mr E. Teasdale, Mr J. and Miss Robinson, Mr and Mrs W. Robinson, Mr W. D. Robinson, Mr and Mrs Jamieson, Mr W. P. Morris, Mr and Miss A. Phillipson, Mr and Miss Bell, Mr J. Bell, Mr and Mrs Houliston, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Leslie, Miss Jackson, Mrs Wardhaugh, Mr Drummond, Mr and Mrs Urwin, Misses Snowdon, Mrs Scott, Mrs Surtees, Mrs Miller, Mrs Spraggon, Mrs Renwick, &c. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr and Mrs Teasdale left during the afternoon for Saltburn, and will in two or three weeks time sail for South Africa.

ONLY NINE FIGURES TO PLACE IN POSITION. To the fifteen persons who succeed in placing them in the most lifelike position 15 High-Grade Cycles will be presented. These Machines are of the highest class, and equal to those sold at 20 guineas. The puzzle will be ridiculously easy, and a boy or girl may succeed in what at the worst is only an hour's play. See the "Consett Guardian" of October 23rd, 1896.

LEADGATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the above body was held on Wednesday evening in the Board Room, Leadgate. Coun. Geo. Nicholson, J.P. presided, and the other members present were Couns. J. W. Winter, L. Nicholson, W. F. Lane, Wm. Robson, H. Cheesemond, M. D. Greener, Jon. Costello, T. Keenleyside, W. McIvor, and the Clerk, Mr. J. Coupland, and the Surveyor, Mr. T. Longstaff.

COUN. LANE FEELS AGGRIEVED.

Coun. Lane said he wished to make a remark: he might say a complaint. In the papers it was reported that there was a scene in the Council at the last meeting. That meeting had been a very busy meeting, as they would see from the minutes, whilst from the papers it looked as if nothing had been done at it. There appeared paragraphs describing as "a scene" a slight altercation between two gentlemen with whom he often came to loggerheads. It was simply a stretch of imagination on the part of the papers. Though they could find space for this part of the proceedings and complain of the want of business done in connection with the lighting and other matters—he admitted to the Council they were blameworthy in the lighting—they could not find space for a fair report of the real business done. It was the first time that he had presided at the Board and he therefore felt the matter more. Perhaps Councillor Robson would like to say something on the subject. He hoped the reporters would make a note of the matter.

Coun. Robson said the reporters always did them justice. They looked at these matters in a different light from the Councillors. Mr. Lane was, of course, speaking for himself.

The Chairman: If it is all right we will proceed.

Coun. Robson reiterated that he was quite satisfied with the reports in the papers and he hoped that the reporters would make a note of that from him.

The matter then dropped.

THE LIGHTING OF THE DISTRICT.

A long discussion on the lighting question ensued and Coun. McIvor suggested that before next August the committee should take the whole matter into consideration, and see if they could not make some arrangements to have the lamps lighted earlier.

Coun. Winter said the only way seemed to be to consider the advisability of supplying another method of lighting.

Coun. Costello said that the Gas Company gave them very plainly to understand that they were perfectly well aware of their monopoly. Mr. Holliday had brought up at the last Council meeting at Consett, a scheme of an electric light for the whole district.

The Chairman said they wanted to know if the Leadgate Council would be likely to go in with them in such a scheme.

On the motion of Coun. McIvor, seconded by Coun. Winter, it was agreed to approach the Council, and the neighbouring councils on the matter.

A DISPUTED FOOTPATH.

On the motion of Coun. Cheesemond, seconded by Coun. Costello it was decided to write to the N.E.R. Company to open up the footpath near the Redwell Hills Bridge to the Brooms School.

THE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER.

It was agreed that the Clerk should call a special meeting of the Council as soon as the reply of the Local Government Board should come to the communication setting forth the scheme in respect to it.

The Clerk said the letter had been sent the day after the Council meeting, but no answer had been received.

A GIFT TO THE CLERK.

Coun. Keenleyside thought that seeing that the Agricultural Holdings and many other Acts had been adopted by the Council, the Clerk should have extra payment. He moved he be given £5.

Coun. McIvor seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

THE PARK.

Coun. Winter called attention to the fact that there was a committee of the Council called the Parks Committee, and a meeting had never been called within recent years.

Coun. Costello corroborated.

Coun. Cheesemond said the Park was a dead letter.

The Chairman denied this and said it was greatly used by the children of the town in the summer.

Coun. Winter wanted to know what was the use of having a Committee if it never met. They never knew whether there was anything to do or not.

The Surveyor said that he had done anything in the Park which was necessary on his own intiative.

Coun. Greener: You are really the Parks Committee.

Coun. Robson said he objected very much from coming from Iveson to see if there was anything to do and he thought Mr. Winter would do the same.

Coun. Winter said that many things could have been done to the Park by the committee. He had called attention to the matter several times.

Several members expressed their intention of notifying the convener to call a meeting.

A VACANCY.

The following communication was read. We the undersigned being two Councillors of the members of the Urban District Council of Leadgate, hereby give you notice that there is a vacancy in the Council caused by the absence from meetings of Mr. Jno. Brown Dormand. This was signed by Couns. W. F. Lane, J. W. Winter.

The Chairman said that having received this notice the election according to law must take place within 28 days.

FINANCE.

Cheques to the amount of £111 16s 10d were ordered for payment.

THE ROWLAND WILKINSON CHARITY.

Coun. Winter asked if there was not anything due to that part of the district from the Rowland Wilkinson charity.

The Clerk stated that Mr. Nicholson was the representative of the Charity and

The Chairman thought that he would be quite competent to look after it. The amount of the charity was £40 altogether, and was given out in sums of 4/- each to aged widows. The rent was due in November.

This concluded the business.

CONSETT INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES.

A grand supper and presentation was held on Saturday night in the tent-room at Mr. Courtney's Cocoa-rooms, Havelock Street, Consett when most of the members of the "Endeavour" Tent, No. 2,334, sat down to an excellent knife and fork supper, kindly provided by the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Courtney. When justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and Bro. Wm. Hall, Templetown, occupied the chair. The Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be present at this gathering for the purpose of presenting their worthy secretary (Bro. Knox) with a black marble timepiece, in recognition of his valuable services to the Tent. He had very great pleasure in calling upon Brother Holliday to make the presentations. (Applause.)—Bro. Holliday was glad to present Bro. Knox with this handsome clock, decorated with bronze figures, and with an electro plate inscribed with these words:—"Presented to Thomas Knox by the members of the "Endeavour" Tent, No. 2,334, I.O.R., October 10th, 1896." Bro. Holliday referred to the good work Bro. Knox had done for the Tent at Consett, and said the order was one of the strongest Temperance Societies in England, though he was sorry to say they could not boast of a large number of members, yet he was proud to say the Tent consisted mostly of young men, and he felt there was success for them in the near future.—Bro. Knox replied that he would think of the kind friends he had at Consett. (Applause.) He hoped to see that Tent in a more flourishing condition than it was at present. (Applause.)—Afterwards, a convivial evening was spent, when the following gentlemen contributed to the harmony: Song, Mr. Wm. Hall; reading, Mr. J. Hall; song, Mr. T. Borrow; song, Mr. J. Hall. A vote of thanks to the Chairman and to Bro. Holliday, for making the presentation, was moved by Bro. Wm. Bird, seconded by Bro. Peacock, and carried. Also, a vote of thanks to Bro. Knox for defraying all expenses in connection with the supper was moved by Bro. J. W. Redshaw, seconded by Bro. Holliday, and carried unanimously.

A BICYCLE FOR NOTHING. Nay, not only one but fifteen high-grade machines will be given to the fifteen persons (men, women, or children) who may succeed in the Free Pictorial Jumble Puzzle offered in the "Consett Guardian" of October 23rd, 1896. All for less than an hour's recreation. It will cost you nothing. Why not try?

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Recalls the Delicious Tea of Thirty Years ago.

Correspondence.

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

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

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

Letters or News, to secure insertion, must be addressed to the Editor, and not to individuals.

"AN ASPIRANT FOR PUBLIC HONOURS, BUT AS YET AN UNTRIED MAN."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—The above was a criticism on Mr W. Fitzpatrick in a local contemporary. Those that live in the district of Annfield Plain know that this is as unjust as it is untrue. I say it without fear of contradiction that no man in this district for the last 15 or 20 years has been more in sympathy and touch with the requirements of the people than Mr Fitzpatrick. Who was the prime and unwearied mover in the agitation for Urban Powers! Why, only this untried man! Who was it but the aforementioned gentleman that fought energetically against the rights of the people being usurped only twelve months ago! This untried man, who is at present a member of the Kyo Parish Council, where his colleagues know the worth and wealth of information with which he is possessed. In conclusion, Mr Editor, allow me to say I hold no brief for Mr Fitzpatrick, but on perusing the criticism referred to I held it to be cruel and unjust. No man is the district is more widely read and better known than he is. The miners' meetings which Mr Fitzpatrick has been asked to address bespeaks his popularity among the men that have to work hard for their daily bread.—Yours etc.,

A CATCHGATONIAN.

October 12th, 1896.

REV A. MAGILL AND MR R. J. SIMPSON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Mr Simpson's letter of last week is simply a "tu quoque," "you're another!" Not being clerical secretary for the Italian Mission all the world over, nor appealing for funds for the Church in South America, I must abjure all personal responsibility for things in general in that quarter of the globe and in Italy. (There at least I have myself seen crowds of Italian men at Mass.) Things are different, however, with Mr Simpson, he is clerical secretary to the S.A.M.S.) and appealing to the public for funds he must be prepared to answer for his Society. "When in doubt, play a Jesuit!" but Mr Simpson having done so, follows up with Pope and Cardinals, faith and morals, peoples and republics. As then Mr Simpson won't play according to either Cavendish or Aristotle, but prefers the cuttle fish method (now this fish darkeneth the water with a certain fluid and escapeth in the darkness.) I suppose I must give what figures the S.A.M.S. do publish in their report for 1895 and leave the blanks to be filled in by inference, merely promising that if they had been worth filling in, Mr Simpson would have given them long ago.

(1) Income for the S.A.M.S. for 1895, £14,280 7s 10d. (2) Number of separate missions, 20. Of these, four only attempt work among the Aborigines—viz., Ushuaia, Tekeufka, Keppel, and Chaco. (3) Number of missions abandoned, 18. Of these only three attempted work among the Aborigines—viz., Amazon, Lebu, and Wollaston. (4) European missioners and helpers 53, natives 4, ladies 14—51. Of these 18 are engaged among the Aborigines. The rest are practically chaplains and missioners among the English-speaking Protestants in the commercial centres of South America.

Why were these 18 missions abandoned? Was it on account of success or of failure?

Southern district (of which Mr Diamond spoke):—

Work.	Cost in 1895. £ s d		Results among Aborigines.
CHUBUT (PATAGONIA.)			
Welsh Mission	286 5 0		Nil
USHUAIA (TIERRA DEL FUEGO.)			
Among Aborigines	440 1 1		?
TEKEUIKA (TIERRA DEL FUEGO.)			
Among Aborigines	734 15 0		?
KEPPEL (FALKLANDS.)			
Training Station	957 6 11		?
THE ALLEN GARDINER.			
Mission Ship	1001 6 4		?
	3429 14 4		(Produce £1131 12 11)
Add 1-5th of Bishop's salary	640 2 0		
Add 1-5th of loss of publication	292 0 0		
Add 1-5th of home management	2795 0 0	745 8 6	
Gross expenditure		4175 2 10	
Less produce		1279 0 0	
Net cost of Southern District, 1895		£2896 2 10	

Now, Mr Simpson, where are the results for the expenditure? Echo answers, "Where."

In this report (Mr Simpson is cler. sec. remember) we read: "The committee desire to point out that many excellent and enthusiastic persons, impatient of results, in their missionary zeal become dispirited and faint hearted if they do not see or hear of immediate and very early results from spiritual work, eagerly calling for the number of converts, or the baptized, or communicants, and basing their standard of progress on such returns." At the risk of being considered enthusiastic by Mr Simpson, I confess I too should like such returns for the four places mentioned above just for 1895. Mr Simpson writes: "It would be a long and useless task for us to enter into a minute account of our fifty years' work in the south, which has been supplied to our subscribers, and with which they were satisfied." Apparently they have not all been satisfied, nor are your critics. Surely 50 years is enough for a start and you must have some results to show and for a Christian mission, what standard would you propose to take if not the number of converts, of the baptized and of communicants; Writing of the Jesuits (who by the way were not expelled from South America by the people nor by the Pope but by the Spanish and Portugese Governments) Sir Woodbine Parish (a Protestant writer) says "In the course of a century and a half upwards of a million of Indians were converted to Christianity by them and taught to be contented and happy under the mild and peaceful rule of their enlightened and paternal pastors" (Buenos Ayres &c., ch. 17 p. 299) I wonder how many of these were purloined babies! What do you say Mr Simpson! Of our tribe, the Guaranis—one of the most ferocious of all—702,086 were baptized by the Jesuits alone between A.D. 1610 and 1768—besides those admitted into the Church by the Franciscans (Dobrizhoffer Account of the Abipones) vol. 111 p. 417). And of this very tribe another Protestant traveller C. B. Mansfield, Esq., M.A. says in 1852 "The Guarani race are a noble set of fellows—Roman Catholic the Creed" (Paraguay, Brazil, &c., preface p. 9.)

In 1683 Ruiz and Solinas, Jesuits, accompanied by Ortiz de Zarate, a secular priest, entered the Chaco. They had already formed a reduction of 400 families in 1686 (three years, Mr Simpson!) when they were attacked by the Tobas and Macabis and Solinas and Zarate fell martyrs for the Faith. There were no bullets nor bayonets behind these men three hundred years ago as in the Chaco of to-day.

In 1690 Mascardi and Quillelino penetrated almost to the southern extremity of the continent and were martyred by the Patagonians. They had no Allen Gardiner to do the coasting and so they e'en went by land preaching and teaching and baptizing until they met their death.

The Jesuits then had something to show for their labours and spite of the suppression much of that work endures to-day. Spite of their faults the Spaniards and Portuguese in South America have civilised and Christianised the bulk of the Indian population. Can the same be said of Protestant England in North America? and why did these Jesuits and Franciscans succeed? Because they were ready to give their lives—as many did—for the salvation of the poor Indians.

The S.A.M.S. started fifty years ago as the "Patagonian Missionary Society." As such it was a failure, so it changed its name to a more indefinite one, just as Mr Simpson today flies from particulars to generalities. At the end of 50 years you have some 50 men and women, scattered along the coast and in the commercial entries of South America, engaged for the most part as chaplains to the English-speaking communities, enjoying the comforts of civilised life, with lawn-tennis for the ladies. And these harmless folk with their comfortable homes, their wives and families and good salaries Mr Simpson compares as Missionaries, with the Jesuits and Franciscans and Salesians of the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th centuries! Yes, Mr Simpson "By their fruits ye shall know them." I have given you some of the fruits of the labours of those men in South America. Where are yours? A packet of goody-goody "letters from the twenty missions, with an honest declaration now and then of absolute failure. Thus from Ushuaia "We are sometimes tempted to think that our best efforts, as far as we can judge, have been almost in vain. "Again from Chaco and Still all is not dark. Our knowledge of the language is greatly increased." Can we imagine what follows coming from a Jesuit or Salesian?—" Sad havoc the fever is playing at Santos and Campenas and I grieve that I cannot get to these places, so many hundreds dying without the consolation of the Gospel but our English, one and all forbid it." How naive this remark from the same pen "I must not however have you to imagine that success attends all our efforts." Not at all! for instance your efforts to get to Santos and Campenas!

If this is the sort of thing you have to report to your subscribers, Mr Simpson, no wonder you adopt the cuttle-fish policy, which to defend Mr Gladstone is trotted in. "Ultramontanism has had far too little of the truth told to itself." Quite so, Mr Simpson, but then our friends have made up with fiction and exaggeration. And Mr Simpson adds "I have tried in a very humble way and in a very infinitesimal degree to supply this want." As regards the points at issue Mr Simpson's efforts have been most successful—the information we have elicited from him has been infinitesimal. Faithfully yours—

A. MAGILL.

LOCAL PITMENS' DWELLINGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Some forty three years ago my Father, Thomas Nixon, coal miner, removed himself and family to the village of Tanfield; he was employed along with three of my brothers at East Tanfield Colliery. The conditions of labour and living were not ideal, there were just tolerable. The family consisted at that time of father, mother, four boys, and three girls—nine in all—the cottage, we will call it, consisted of two rooms—one down, and one above, being, I suppose, part of what was at one time a farm house, and known then, and possibly even now, as the High Farm, not much accommodation for nine of us, but it was such as we had placed for our use. I could say very much indeed about the inconveniences of our then abode, but as such is not my present object, it would be worse than useless, and so I refrain. I have written the foregone as a kind of introduction or passport Sir, to your good favour, in order that you may be induced to accord me the privilege of making a suggestion to "The Messrs Joicey and Co., Limited, and other colliery proprietors, as well as to say, which, if acted upon, will give untold pleasure and benefit to the thousands of workmen and their wives, and will reflect again back to the employers. I left the pits and their grime behind me thirty-two years ago, and fortunately have been able to secure for myself and family a goodly number of comforts of life, which I might have dreamed of in the old life, but certainly never could have realised them. This however, has not made me forget the inconveniality—not to say harshness—of the old life. From time to time I have paid fleeting visits to the old scenes, and have visited "auld acquaintences," moved about among the people, talked, smoked, supped, eaten, and slept with and among them, for I always feel my heart beats warmly and truly to those honest sons of toil amongst whom I was partly reared, sometimes roughly knocked about, but as a particular old acquaintance, Joe Close, of Tanfield, always told me, "its a deun for thee good" man. Well now the meagreness of space in a pitman's cottage needs only to be named here; it is known sufficiently not to require more than to mention it. Take therefore the small space and domestic conveniences into consideration, and the amount of "coal grime" and pit carried to each home everyday, and try and reckon up the enormous amount of labour put upon the female population. I venture to say the sum is beyond computation. When in your neighbourhood in June last, I was more than ever struck with the toilsomeness of the wives and daughters of the coal miners, much of which could be obviated if colliery owners would build wash-houses and baths at each colliery, so that pit clothes could be dealt with, and men could have a bath, change their clothes, and walk home to their cottages clean and refreshed. This, sir is my suggestion, and I shall be pleased to write more fully upon it if the suggestion should attract sufficient notice to warrant me in doing so. In the meantime accept my thanks in anticipation of your granting this letter a place in your widely circulated and much esteemed paper.—Yours etc.,

J. NIXON.

Manchester, October 12th, 1896.

WINLATON SCHOOL BOARD.

THE NEW SCHOOLS AT ROWLANDS GILL.

The usual monthly meeting of the Winlaton and Blaydon School Board was held on Thursday evening. Mr. I. Clark presided, and there were also present Mr. J. Howdon, Mr R. Carr, Mr. Young, Mr. W. Atkinson, the Rev. A. T. Tebb, and Mr. Dalton (clerk.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Clerk read the Finance Committee's report, which recommended that cheques to the amount of £199 1s 10d were required to be signed at that meeting, and their payment would leave a balance in hand of £714 1s 6d. There was a letter from Mr. Nicholson which stated that Messrs Henderson and Chalmers had applied for part of their retention money. There was £200 in hand and Mr. Nicholson said he did not object to the contractor receiving half of that amount, although it would be for the Board themselves to decide.

Mr. Carr moved that the report be adopted, and that Messrs Henderson and Chalmers be allowed £100 of the retention money.

The Rev. Tebb seconded, and it was agreed to.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Clerk submitted the annual report which stated that the balance in hand on September 29th, 1895, was £941 19s 6d. The total receipts were £4,817 5s 6d, which included £1,529 2s 6d in grants. Together with the balance in hand at the commencement of the year the total balance in hand was £5,759 5s 0d. The total expenditure for the year, amounted to £4,714 10s 9d.

The report was adopted.

NEW SCHOOLS.

Mr. Nicholas Smailes, head master at the new schools at Rowlands Gill reported that the schools were opened on the 21st ult., Mr. Young, School Board member, being present. On that date he admitted 37 boys and 30 girls, being a total of 67 children. Since then he had admitted two boys and three girls. The returns for the fortnight showed the attendances to be 1,350, the number of books 72, the number present in all 72, the average attendance 68, and the percentage of attendances 94 per cent. The work on the whole had progressed as satisfactorily as could be expected under the existing circumstances. It would be necessary for the Board to appoint a female ex-P.T. to superintend the girls' needlework, and he would like a monitor or first year pupil teacher. As Miss Atkinson and he were about to apply for specimens for a museum they would like to know if the Board would pay carriage on the same, as they expected to receive the specimens free of charge. Furthermore would the Board to permit him to commence the school in the afternoon at one o'clock and close at 3.30 p.m.

Mr Young pointed out that it would be more convenient for Mr. Smailes and more convenient for the scholars to close the school at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. Atkinson: Yes, winter nights are coming on, and it will be better for the children to leave school before dark.

The two latter mentioned requests in Mr. Smailes report were granted.

Miss Emily Atkinson, head mistress of the Rowlands Gill School, reported that the number on the books was 45 and the total attendance for each week since the opening of the school was 370. The staff at present was sufficient for the number of children admitted, but, in case of future emergency it would be wise if the young monitors were to be appointed.

The Clerk remarked that there were altogether 117 scholars on the books, and the school was only built for 150. It was his impression that before long they would be called upon to enlarge the premises.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: It is a great mistake not to look about twenty years forward in building such schools.

Mr. Young: We have made a mistake this time.

Requisitions for the new school were then read and granted.

APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASE OF SALARY.

Applications were received for increase of salary from Miss Rogers, headmistress of the Winlaton Girls' School, who is at present receiving £90 per annum; and Mrs F. Adamson, infant school mistress at Blaydon, who is receiving £80 per annum. Miss Liddle and Miss Raine of the Blaydon Girls school applied for an acknowledgement out of the Cookery Grant, which, they pointed out, was double that of previous years, owing to the fact that they had conducted two classes of scholars instead of one.

It was resolved that Miss Liddle be allowed £3 10s and Miss Raine £1 10s out of this year's grant, and that in future the cookery teachers be allowed half the Cookery Grant earned.

The other applications were ordered to lie over until the next meeting.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. J. H. Reed, attendance officer, reported that the attendance continued to be satisfactory, although at Winlaton they had had a considerable trouble with blackberry gathering. There were also several children absent through measles and whooping cough, principally infants.

Mr. R. Adamson of the Winlaton Board Schools reported that there had been much irregularity in the attendance, especially among the boys of the lower standards for the last few weeks, owing to blackberry gathering. About twenty boys had been withdrawn from the Thornley and Rowlands Gill districts to attend the school recently opened at the latter place. An additional teacher was required at this school.

The Clerk pointed out that several teachers were required for the different schools.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb asked if there were any applications?

The Clerk replied that the vacancies had not yet been advertised. There was however, an application from Mr. Richardson, who wished to be appointed at the Winlaton School at a salary of £80, Mr. Marley having expressed the desire to be transferred from the Winlaton to the Blaydon School.

It was resolved that Mr. Marley be transferred and that the vacancy at Winlaton be offered Mr. Robinson at £75 a year; also that Miss Atkinson be empowered to appoint a monitor at Rowlands Gill.

With regard to the other cases it was decided that a special meeting of the Board be held, when the head teachers would be requested to wait upon the Board, and re-arrange part of the staff.

THE CARETAKER AT ROWLANDS GILL.

In answer to the Clerk, Mr. Young said that Miss Oliver whom he appointed temporarily as caretaker at new school at Rowlands Gill, had done her work well. She was willing to undertake the cleaning of the school and her father was prepared to be responsible.

The Rev. A. B. Tebb: It would be advisable for him to make application for the post.

Mr. Carr: And in the meantime we can visit the place.

The Board shortly afterwards rose.

Epps's Cocoaine.—Cocoa-Nib Extract. (Tea-like.)—The choicest roasted nibs (broken up beans) of the natural Cocoa, on being subjected to powerful hydraulic pressure, give forth their excess of oil, leaving for use a finely flavoured powder—"Cocoaine," a product which, when prepared with boiling water, has the consistence of tea, of which it is now beneficially taking the place with many. Its active principle being a gentle nerve stimulant, supplies the needed energy without unduly exciting the system. Sold only in tins, by Grocers, labelled "James Epps and Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."

CONSETT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESSES BY MR. J. H. BECKINGHAM, AND MR. J. SAMUEL, M.P., OF STOCKTON.

On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, under the auspices of the Consett Liberal Association, and taking into consideration the time of the season when politics are not so interesting as they might be to the general public, there was a good attendance. Mr. C. P. Douglass, president of the association, presided, and was supported on the platform, by Mr. J. Samuel, of Stockton, Mr. J. H. Beckingham, of Newcastle, Mr. R. G. Barclay and Miss Barclay, of Shotley Bridge, Mr. Jno. Orr, of Annfield Plain, Mr. Jno. Green, of Stanley, Coun. Keenleyside, of Leadgate, Ald. J. A. Curry, of Newcastle, Mr. J. W. Winter, Liberal Agent, Mr. G. T. Broadbent, Mr. T. Carr, Mr. N. Bell, Mr. J. Hardy, Mr. J. Wildsmith, and Mr. Jno. Lowes.

The Chairman in opening the meeting, expressed his pleasure on again meeting a Consett audience. He was also pleased to see Mr. Samuel, of Stockton, and Mr. Beckingham, of Newcastle, upon their platform that evening. (Applause.) These gentlemen had come with the object of delivering addresses, in which they would show how the Country was standing, politically, at present. At that moment the Liberal Party were without their leader, but at the same time let him be understood to say that Lord Roseberry was still a strong liberal. (Hear, hear, and applause.) He thought it was well before the commencement of the Session that they should have a clear understanding and know exactly how the Liberal Party were standing. (Applause.)

Mr. J. H. Beckingham, addressing the meeting, said it was his good luck to have come into the district of North-West Durham, and he hoped that in due course he would have the right to address them not only as a Liberal, but as a voter in their constituency. (Applause.) It has been said with a considerable amount of truth that it was very difficult to get a British public to take any great interest in several important questions at once. He ventured to say that it was now difficult to discuss at length domestic matters when the all absorbing questions of the hour were, first the resignation of their late leader, and secondly the terrible slaughter of the Christians, which had horrified the whole of the world, and which had just taken place recently in Turkey. Not only must they discuss that question, but as Liberals they were bound to consider what part England—if she is bound by the ties of honour, of treaty, and of conscience—what part the United Kingdom should take to put a stop to those atrocities. There was an uneasy feeling in the minds of most men that England was to a certain extent responsible for these massacres, because had not England in the past supported Turkey, Turkey at that moment would not have had the power to kill those poor people. Lord Roseberry stated the other night in his remarkable speech that it was not so much stimulant, but it was guidance and suggestion that the British nation required—it was that people should see how these outrages could be avoided. Proceeding, the speaker sketched out a scheme by which he believed those outrages could be put an end to. The allied powers, he said, could put about 2,000,000 soldiers on to the field at once, whereas England's voluntary soldiers numbered 200,000 fighting men, 75,000 of whom were in India, and a large portion were also garrisoning Ireland. After the Fall of Sebastopol, it was said on authority that England could put on to the field about 30,000 and if at present they could muster 50,000, or 60,000 men that would be the outside that they could do. Therefore, for England to go to war single-handed against Turkey and the other European empires would be sheer madness, and he was also of opinion that before our troops could arrive at the Dardenells many Christians would be slaughtered and an European war would be commenced, the end of which it would be impossible to see—only that many Christians would be killed and England would suffer enormously in blood, in treasure, and in power. It was a miserable thing to have to make that admission, but it was better to look facts in the face, because by so doing it would be possible to arrive at something like a method of putting an end to the terrible crisis. It would probably be known to those present at the meeting that night that England was detested and distrusted by the whole of Europe. Their argument was that England wanted other people to fight her battles, and when the moment of settlement arose she would step in and claim the Fox's share. Needless to say that he did not give these as his views; on the contrary. Another argument they raised in favour of their distrust in England was that England, they said, was very fond of colonising herself, but objected to other nations doing so. There were several other reasons, and for these England was isolated. Then they must next consider what in their opinion would be the remedy to all their grievances. It was his belief that Parliament should be called together and they should declare that as the Anglo-Turkish Convention is a dead letter. England is willing to give up Cyprus, not to return it to Turkey, but to let the inhabitants of Cyprus decide, whether they prefer to remain as they are, or whether they wish to form themselves into a Republic, or whether they will follow the example of the Ionian Islands and join the Kingdom of Greece. Further, England should declare she is prepared to fulfil her solemn pledges and to evacuate Egypt, within a certain time, and the Egyptians are likewise to decide their form of government, the only reservations being, Egypt to be completely severed from Turkey, Egypt not to be handed over to any European power, and England to hold the two entrances of the Suez canal; also that as a guarantee of England's willingness to fulfil her pledges, she will admit to a joint army of occupation of Egypt, a regiment each of French, Russians, Austrians, and Italians, all to leave with the English army of occupation. Finally, England through her Parliament, and Ministry, should propose to Russia, France, and Austria, that she (England) is prepared to send an expeditionary force of ten or twenty thousand men in order to conjointly work these powers to coerce the Turk; also that England is prepared to guarantee a large share of the cost of this war, should it take place. And finally, when once more the Crescent goes down before the Cross, and the Turk has been defeated and brought to reason, then England will claim nothing, as her share, and that the only stipulation should be that a portion of the European dominions of the Porte, including Constantinople, should decide whether they should be a Republic, a Principality, or join Greece, and that the other portion of European Turkey down to Salonico be ceded to Austria, Russia to have a portion of Asia Minor, and England only to have the commerce and cotnrol of the Suez canal. England did not want Constantinople. All she wanted was that the Suez Canal should be bound not only to other nations but to herself. England must show her sympathy in a practical form and show that she is prepared to make sacrafices in the nature and in the direction that he had just laid before them, because it would be impossible to avoid an European War unless England did so. Lord Salisbury could not settle the question, unless he spoke in the voice of a united nation and said that England was prepared to make these sacrafices. Lord Rosebery's speech was, they must all agree, an exhaustive, able, clear, and conscientious utterance of an upright gentleman and of a man who preferred to sacrifice his own legitimate ambition for what he thought was right and for the unity of his party. (Loud applause.) He was bound to say that it was on reading his first speech that he came to the conclusion that he was a born leader of men. Nevertheless he, like many other Radicals, believed that the democratic party should be led by a Commoner. The power lay in the Commons and it was necessary that the minister who propounded and expanded his policy to those who had to support and condemn him, and furthermore, the man who had so successfully piloted them through the Commons in the past should be the man who should lead the Liberal Party (Hear, hear, and applause.) But although this question was not a momentous one it would settle itself. His remarks, he thought led to the belief that this political difference between leaders would be settled when the party got into the majority. Therefore he came to one of the objects of that meeting, namely, that it was necessary to get a majority, and if they were to have a majority, the electors must organise and explain Liberal principles. Although the fortunes of the Liberal Party were brought low, they need not despair. On the contrary, they must be full of hope, because if the Tories only went on as they had been doing they might soon have an innings. (Applause.) They would soon be triumphant and it was for them to work for such a grand consummation. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. Orr, was the next speaker. He proposed:—"That this meeting of Consett Liberals desires to express its unabated confidence in the principles advocated by the Liberal Party, and hereby hopes that all present will do their utmost to further the Liberal organisation for the district by uniting themselves to the local Association. It also declares its sympathy with the persecuted Armenians, its abhorence of the cruelty and tyranny of the Sultan of Turkey, and pledges itself to support the Government in any steps it may take to put an end to such horrible carnage and bloodshed." In support of the resolution he said after the very eloquent speech they had just heard, and another which they were about to hear from the member for Stockton, they might imagine that it would be very much out of place for him to detain the meeting at any great length. He hoped that Mr. Beckingham would like his residence in North-West Durham, and that he would enjoy his health there and be a strong supporter in the Radical movement. He hoped they would carefully consider the resolution he had just read and put the words into practical use. Having heard so much about the burning question which was occupying the minds of all more, or less, he would confine his remarks to home politics. He had his say on the Armenian question last week, and he said nothing then that he wished to retract now. He only trusted that the outrages would soon be stamped out. (Applause.) Proceeding, Mr. Orr referred to the Liberal party as one best fitted to serve the masses of this country, and went on to detail what the last Liberal Government did for the people when in power.

Coun. J. Green, of Stanley, seconded the resolution. He said, as he had to leave early to catch a train from Consett he would not be permitted to speak at any length. He would doubtless get the opportunity in a few days time to say something to the electors, as a big meeting was being arranged at which Dr. Spence Watson had promised to deliver an address. (Applause.) Suffice it to say that he was in full sympathy with the resolution, and he would do all in his power to strengthen the hands of their party in this Division. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Samuel, whose rising was the signal for loud and renewed cheering, next spoke. In the course of an interesting speech he said this was his first appearance in Consett as a speaker, and it afforded him the utmost pleasure to accept of the invitation of Mr. Winter to come and address them, especially when he learned that they were about to take into consideration the necessity for improved organisation in their district. If they looked at the condition of the County of Durham they would find that the orgnisation in the past had been neglected, and it therefore behoved them as active workers in the cause of Radicalism to be on the alert and improve their organisation. He dared say that in their own constituency their organisation was neglected and that they allowed things to somewhat take their own course, and he dared say that that was the reason why their majority at the last election was reduced by over 700 voters. He thought that they ought—no matter what their majority may be—as far as possible, to give assistance to their agents and committee in trying to bring about a better state of things. The resolution which he had been asked to support had two objects. In the first place it dealt with the question of principles of their party and in the second place it dealt with the question of the Armenians. They had listened to a very eloquent and historic address from Mr. Beckingham on the question of the Armenians and the Eastern question, which would absolve him altogether from speaking on those points, but he would like to make one or two references to it. He did not altogether agree with the conclusions on the historical aspect that Mr. Beckingham had given. In these discussions upon foreign affairs there was one thing he would like to bring prominently before their minds. He believed that in foreign matters there was no public opinion in this country. Indeed, they were as much serfs in this matter as were the people of Russia. The Foreign and Colonial Secretaries had the power to do whatever they thought, and they had the power to declare war—of course in the name of the Crown. The power was in the hands of the Ministry; but he (Mr. Samuel) maintained that through their representative institutions, before any treaty, any bargain, or any agreement with another power was signed, such treaty or agreement should be placed upon the table of the House of Commons. (Applause.) It was their duty to look after their responsibilities, and they ought to put humanity before British interest. There was another aspect of Mr. Beckingham's speech with which he disagreed. He was a man of peace, and he belonged more or less to the peace society. He did not believe in war under almost any circumstances. He believed it was a terrible thing to go to war, but he would decry all who said that this nation could not place upon the field 100,000 men. As an Englishman, he would be ashamed to say so. They were spending to-day in the House of Commons £40,000,000 to maintain their army and navy—£15,000,000 more than what was spent 20 years ago, and then they said "we are so small that we have to stand back," or words to that effect. He was not one of those who believed that they could settle a question by saying they could not do it. It was certain that in the Armenian question justice ought to be done; and if England put her foot down firmly, she ought to be able to assert her position and her feelings in this matter. (Applause.) Referring to home policy, Mr. Samuel said there was a striking difference between what they regarded as Liberal principles on the one hand, and Tory principles on the other. He believed, as Mr. Beckingham had said, that their principles should go to the root of all matters, and they should uproot any evil in the country. Before the Tories got into power they made many promises. They told the electors that they would—if a Tory Government were elected—every man of them, have a free house to live in and better trade. (Laughter.) He wished to point out to them how all these things were impossible. What was meant by giving every man a house? That brought them to what was called the Workmen's Dwelling's Act. Perhaps Mr. Joicey at the last general election would tell them something about this. (A Voice: He did.) And he would try to make them believe that every man who lived in Consett—if he voted for him—would no doubt in time become a house owner, and have the rate of payment upon easy terms. He (Mr. Samuel) had taken the number of population and rateable value of Consett, and he found the latter to be £36,000. In this Bill, then, about which there had been so much talk, only one-eighth of the rateable value is allowed to be borrowed, so that men might be able to invest in houses—that was to say that of the £36,000 their Local Board, or District Council would only be able to borrow something like £4,500. If they divided that by £150 which was the sum allotted to each man, they would simply have out of their 11,000 be the thirty persons that the Local Board would to become owners of houses. And who would be the thirty persons that the Local Boord would favour? (A Voice: "Rippon"—loud laughter.) That was a question that could easily be answered. Then again the Bill insisted that every man must live in his own house, and could not let it to anyone else, that if the owner wished to leave the district he must sell his house, even though by so doing he lost the interest he had already paid upon it. Furthermore the man that was earning over £3 a week could not invest under this Bill, and this like many others of the limitations he thought to be ridiculous. He hoped that when Mr. Joicey or any other man came to them again, and tried to persuade them that there was something in the Bill they would ask the speakers questions about it. There was another measure to which he would like to refer, as he knew it affected the workmen of Consett. There was an act passed this Session which he knew would have serious results for them. He referred to the Truck Act. Before 1831, and since then he was sorry to say, men had their food deducted from their wages, and in fact their masters could deduct anything they thought fit. After 1831 the old Truck Act was brought into the House of Commons and made law. It stated that all wages were to be paid in the coin of the realm, and the impression was that no deduction could be made in the wages of the workingmen of this country; and the most remarkable thing about it was this: Up to the year 1837 when the next Truck Act was brought in, the introducer of the Bill was under the same impression, and his desire was that this Act should apply to every trade in the country. Since then fines had been declared illegal and it was impossible for an employer to deduct fines from the wages of a workman. But on January 1st of next year every man who goes to work will see a placard, and on it a number of fines for breach of discipline. Afterwards the employer will be able to deduct fines to the extent specified on the notice. This Bill, with the exception of miners, would apply to every workman in the country, from the factory hand, to the largest contractor, and the employer would be able to deduct the whole cost of damaged goods from the wages of their workmen who may be responsible. He considered that to be a most outrageous measure. (Hear, hear.) The Agricultural Bill he characterised as one of the seediest bills that the Government had passed this Session. Concluding, the speaker urged upon the electors of this Divison to work with might and main in the Liberal cause in order to place a different party in power. This could be done by everyone of the Liberal voters assisting to bring it about and by taking a deeper interest in politics. When they asserted themselves thus and worked in harmony he would not hesitate to prophesy that England would be all the better for it. (Loud applause.)

Mr. J. W. Winter, Liberal agent, in a pointed speech moved a vote of thanks to the speakers. He said Mr. Samuel needed no unnecessary beseeching to come and address their meeting and he (Mr. Winter) knew that he was only re-echoing the opinion of the whole meeting when he said that they had listened to a thoroughly intellectual treat both from Mr. Samuel and Mr. Beckingham. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

Mr. R. G. Barclay seconded. Having referred to the excellence of the speeches, Mr. Barclay said he had just read in that evening's newspapers that a strongly-worded Note had been sent to the Porte from the Italian Embassy, calling the attention of the Government to the fact that a young man, an Italian subject had been murdered during the recent massacres in Constantinople. He hoped that that would be the beginning of the end of those outrages, and that soon they would be put an end to. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Samuel returned thanks, and the meeting terminated in a similar vote being accorded the chairman.

LILITH.

A Sequel to "THE UNLOVED WIFE,"

BY

Mrs. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH,

AUTHOR OF

"The Hidden Hand," "Nearest and Dearest," "Lost Lady of Lone," &c.

Chapter XIX.—*(continued.)*

"It was on the twenty-first of March, then, that he came down suddenly to Cloud Cliffs. That letter which you had written to me had fallen into his hands, and he rushed down to Cloud Cliffs, just as I feared he would, in a—"

"Terrible rage. Quite natural under the circumstances. Well?"

"He came in just after I had read your last letter, which was even more compromising than your first, and as I was about to drop it into the fire he seized it from me—"

"Very rude of him."

"And he read it."

"Quite so. It was what we should have expected of him. Proceed."

"And then—But, oh, indeed, I cannot describe the scene that followed."

"You needn't. I can see it all. The fat was in the fire. There was a fiz, a blaze, a conflagration!"

"I cannot blame him for his anger *then*. The circumstances were so criminating. He demanded an explanation, but I could give him none without betraying your secret, which I was sworn to keep. It ended, as I told you, in his declaring that he did not love me, congratulating himself that he had never fallen into the deep degradation of loving me, and saying that he would leave the house, never to return while I should desecrate it with my presence."

"Very melodramatic, and consequently very nonsensical, as all heroics are *off* the stage. And you believed him?"

"Yes; for I left the house that night."

"And you still believe him, eh?"

"Yes; for I will never make known my existence to him."

"What a baby you must be, Lilith, to believe all the ravings of a man maddened by jealousy. Why, child! you were no sooner gone than he, sought you sorrowing all over the country. A month later the body of a poor, unfortunate young woman who once belonged to our troupe, and was the wife of a man who sometimes acted under my name, was found in the woods in such a state of decomposition that it could not be recognised; but it was dressed in a suit of your clothes, which were readily enough identified by all your servants, so that the sapient coroner's jury who sat upon the remains brought in a verdict that—'Lilith Hereward came to her death by a blow on the back of her head from some blunt instrument held in the hand of some person unknown to the jury.' When Hereward learned of this verdict he fell like a slaughtered ox; and he knew no more of life for weeks—"

"*Oh!*" cried Lilith, involuntarily.

"In the meantime, I, out in California, knew nothing of what was going on in West Virginia until a month after that coroner's inquest—until one day I met with an old copy of the *Pursuivant*, in which I read a full account of your supposed fate. Then, my child, I understood, or thought I understood, what had happened—that your death had been caused, directly or indirectly, by the jealous rage of your husband; and I threw up my engagement and travelled as fast as steam could take me to West Virginia and to the presence of Tudor Hereward. I found him the mere shadow of his former self."

Lilith moaned.

"But I did not pity him in the least! I bitterly upbraided him for having been the cause of your death, as I fully believed him to have been. I am afraid I have became melodramatic over it all, which was very unprofessional *off* the stage, you know. He never sought to excuse or defend himself. Still I had no mercy on him. To deepen his remorse for his wrong to you, I gave him the secret! What cared I then for any consequences to myself? I gave him the secret!"

"What! You told—you told him—who you were!" exclaimed Lilith.

"No, I did better than that. He might not have believed my word. I told him nothing. But I directed him to the papers in the old trunk for all information and all proof. And then I left him and went to the village hotel and waited for events. But nothing happened, and at last I heard that he had gone to Washington to accept some foreign mission that had been offered him. Then I also left the neighbourhood and went to the Southwest. I took no further pains to conceal my identity; yet no evil happened to me. No requisition under the extradition treaty was made for me. But, Lilith, my child, you are cleared from suspicion in the eyes of your husband! He has the secret!"

"Oh, no, he has not!" exclaimed Lilith. "He has not! For those papers to which you referred him for information were not in the house! I brought them away with me when I left Cloud Cliffs."

"You brought them away with you!"

"Yes, I would not leave them there to endanger you. So, you see, He does not yet know that I am innocent."

"I am sorry that he did not find the papers. But, Lilith, my darling, he *does* know that you are innocent. He came to his senses from the very day in which he lost you. All that I heard about him in his own neighbourhood proved his profound sorrow at your loss and his faith in your integrity."

"And yet he told me—"

"Never mind what he told you. He was mad with jealousy then, and his words must not be remembered. He loves you, I am sure. He always loved you. I tell you this—I who know something of human nature."

"*Oh, if I thought so! Oh, if I thought so!*"

"Now, now, now, now, *don't* be stagey! Hereward loves you devotedly. I was sure of it when I talked with him of you. It was not only remorse for his cruel suspicions, but sorrow for your loss, that was almost driving him mad!"

"He had but little cause for remorse about his suspicions. The circumstances were so incriminating."

"And your life and character so vindicating."

"Was it accident that led you to Aunt Sophie's house?" inquired Lilith at last.

"Yes and no. I will explain. After I had made a short theatrical tour in the territories I came East and to New York. I was so reckless that I did not care what might become of me. I was on Broadway one day, when I saw your picture in a photographer's show-case. I did not then connect it with any idea that you were still in the land of the living, but fancied it was a photograph that might have been taken for your foster-father, the summer before your marriage when you were on your last trip with him."

"No, it was taken just before I sailed from New York, for Aunt Sophie. She wanted a picture of me and she took me to a photographer who was a member of her church and for whom one of her lady boarders coloured the photographs," Lilith explained.

"So I learned later. Having no picture of you, my darling, and wishing to possess one, I went in and asked to buy a copy. He told me that he could not sell one without permission from the customer who had had the photograph taken. I told him that the customer and the original of the picture were both dead. At this he stared and said that he guessed not, unless they had died very recently. And then the artist told me that the pictures had been taken by the order of an old lady friend of his own, and of a young girl boarding in her house then, but now away to Europe. Still I had no suspicion that they represented my living Lilith, but believed the likeness to be an accidental one, though so good that I wished to possess a copy. So I requested the artist to give me the address of the customer for whom they had been taken. He very readily obliged me. I went to Mrs. Downie's house the same day. Seeing her sign out, I requested the girl who answered my ring to take my card to her mistress. While I was waiting in the parlour I saw your photograph on the mantelpiece. I took it down and examined it minutely, a faint suspicion coming like hope into my heart that it might be yours after all. I turned to the back and read the inscription, 'To Aunt Sophie, with the love of Lilith,' or something to that effect. My child, I am not given to wild emotion—off the stage—and yet I was so overcome with joy and fear that I dropped upon a chair, and had some trouble to compose myself before the landlady came in. But in that short space of time I had resolved to take board in the house, if possible, in order to find out all about you. So when Aunt Sophie came in I broached the subject of board and lodging, and the good creature consented to receive me."

"Yes, she wrote to me about that," said Lilith.

"But I governed my strong anxiety and refrained from asking her questions about the original of that photograph for a few hours, and then began cautiously to examine her. It is needless to say that I learned all she knew of *you*."

"Did you return the confidence, and supplement her small knowledge of my antecedents by telling her all you knew of me?" inquired Lilith.

"Only by saying that you were a very near and dear relative of mine."

"So much she herself wrote to me; but she wrote of you as Mr. Ancillon, and yet she speaks of you as Senor Zuniga—"

"Yes. I took board with her as Alfred Ancillon, I did not wish, in the case of my arrest under the extradition treaty, to bring an old and proud name into that connection. And so it was not until after I had seen your advertisement, and searched the files of the *Pursuivant*, and discovered my full vindication from that imputed crime, that I determined to resume my own name. When we were once on board the steamer, I told Mrs. Downie that Ancillon was only my professional name, by which I think she understood that I was a literary man writing under that *nom de plume*, but that my true name was Zuniga. You look very much astonished, Lilith."

"I am astonished. I have been wondering in a state of the deepest perplexity over that whole matter!" exclaimed Lilith.

"Wondering why I called myself Zuniga?"

"Yes."

"Why, my dear, because of all my names, professional or otherwise, *that* is the one to which I have the best right."

"Were you—were you, then—were you—"

"The Senor Zuniga of Washington society?"

"Yes."

"Of course I was. *You* recognised me at first sight, and so also did Hereward, as I saw by your amazed looks, although afterwards you were both persuaded that you were only deceived by a very striking likeness."

"Yes, we were. For we knew you as Mr. Ancillon, and believed the professional announcement that you had gone to California—"

"When my stage name loaned to another member of the troupe alone had gone."

"But believing as we did, how could we imagine you to be identical with Senor Zuniga, the nephew of the P—— Minister? Even now I cannot understand it."

"But you will when I tell you the whole of my story, Lilith."

"And you acted your part so well! When you were introduced to us you looked so sublimely indifferent and unconscious of ever having seen us before. And, besides, though you looked so nearly identical with Alfred Ancillon, there were really striking points of dissimilarity."

Senor Zuniga broke into one of his wild laughs, and then said:

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"Yes, forever Zuniga."

"And as the baroness may return before you leave, I must present you to her—by what name?"

"By my true name, of course. By the only name—now that my character is cleared from the faintest shadow of reproach—by which I shall henceforth be known—Zuniga."

They talked on for an hour longer, asking and answering questions, but Zuniga was reticent about one matter—his right to the name he claimed.

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While they were still talking, the door of the drawing-room swung open and the baroness, accompanied by Aunt Sophia, entered the room.

Lilith and her visitor arose to receive them.

"Madame Von Bruyin," said Lilith, addressing her patroness with a slight gesture of her hand towards her visitor, "please permit me to present to you the Senor Zuniga, my father."

The gentleman bowed profoundly; the lady graciously, saying:

"I am glad to see you, senor. Your daughter is a dear friend of mine. Pray resume your seat. I hope that you will favour us with your company at luncheon."

"I thank you, madame, I shall be very happy," replied the senor, with another bow.

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At this moment Monsieur Le Grange joined the group and was informally introduced to the Senor Zuniga.

The whole party then moved to the small salon, where the luncheon table was spread, and where Madame Von Bruyin's liveried servants were in attendance.

The light meal passed off very pleasantly—the senor being more than usually brilliant in sparkling wit and anecdote.

Soon after their return to the drawing-room Zuniga took leave, pleading that he had to run down to Calais that night to catch the earliest boat to Dover, but that he hoped to be in Paris again within a few days.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN U.D.C. ELECTION.

CANDIDATURE OF MR. H. GREENER.

On Friday evening a meeting of the electors of the above district was held in the Salvation Army Barracks, South Pontop, for the purpose of promoting the candidature of Mr. Henry Greener. At the outset of the meeting Mr. George Gair moved, and it was unanimously agreed to, that Mr. Oliver Granville preside over the proceedings. On taking up his position,

Mr. Granville said he understood that the meeting had been called to hear a speech from their candidate; but in his absence he could not see what could be done except form a committee to secure his success on the polling day.

Mr. Wm. Greener explained that their candidate would willingly attend the meeting if he were requested to do so.

On a motion being taken to the effect that Mr. Greener be asked to address them, there was an unanimous feeling in his favour, and accordingly a messenger was despatched with the information that the meeting desired his presence.

The Chairman said if he rightly comprehended the situation the object of the promoters of the meeting was to elect a committee.

Mr. Geo. Gair said there would be three polling stations, one at Kyo, a second at Collierley, and a third at Catchgate. He thought there ought to be two men at each place to assist those who could not read, and others who did not understand how to fill up the voting papers. Another point was that if the meeting was to be beneficial, it would be as beneficial for Annfield Plain as any other part of the district. It was a large and wide district, covering a large area, and he thought they ought to go in for some other local men as well as Mr. Greener. There were nine candidates for Collierley, and he thought that on their side they had the better half and ought to get a majority on the new local board. They ought to have seven out of the twelve to represent their interests.

At this stage of the meeting Mr. Greener arrived, when the Chairman informed him that a resolution had been passed, expressing approval of his candidature, and that they wished to hear his views on the subject.

Mr. Greener, in reply, said he was much obliged to them for their vote of confidence in him, and if he was returned he assured them that he would do his utmost to do what was fair and right for everybody. It was useless to make a great long list of promises and one did not know what might crop up; but he would always be willing to listen to their requests and would do his best to carry them out.

The Chairman addressing Mr. Greener, said he presumed their candidate would have no objection to any person asking any questions.

Mr. Greener said he had not the slightest objection. He would continue on the District Council till next March at Lanchester, and on the Board of Guardians.

Mr. C. Green: When does the local board come into operation?

Mr. Greener: On the 19th of October.

The Chairman: Will this Local Board interfere with the District Council?

Mr. Greener: It will take the responsibility from the District Council to Annfield Plain: viz., the work of looking after the roads, sanitary arrangements and footpaths. Instead of being represented at Lanchester we would have matters in our own hands as far as our own district is concerned. The Greencroft parish had been split up. It is now Greencroft Within and Greencroft Without, those who go to the Annfield Plain district are in Greencroft Within, while the others will still be represented at Lanchester until March, but so far as we are concerned that authority is done with them, and will cease to act for us.

Mr. W. Greener in explaining Mr. Gair's remarks said that the statements that gentleman had made undoubtedly arose from the fact of his having seen other candidates running conjointly, and if there was any candidate who would like to join their candidate they could put them together and go for them. It was left in the hands of the electors to choose whom they thought fit to run with him.

Mr. H. Greener said so far as he was concerned he would always endeavour to work with anybody.

Mr. Smith thought that Messrs Greener, Russell, Bainbridge, Smith, and Wailes were as good as any they could choose upon.

A voice: There's another one or two.

Mr. Gair said that when he made the suggestion to support more than one candidate he had no particular name in his mind at all, further than that that meeting was called in the interests of Mr. Greener's candidature. If that meeting went in for Mr. Greener only, there would be eleven to one and their place would be in the minority. That was his idea for mentioning that. There might also be a little explanation of the mode of voting given. The new system was rather different from the mode of voting for a school board election.

The Chairman thought the committee could manage that work.

Mr. E. Robinson asked how many votes an elector would have?

Mr. W. Greener explained that they could either vote for one or twelve, but they could not give any candidate more than one vote.

A committee, consisting of Messrs R. Robson, T. Gailes, J. Snaith, R. Tindall, Bolam, W. Short, J. Hetherington, T. Pinkerton, G. Gair, J. Stolart, W. Greener, J. Iceton, and the Chairman was next selected.

Mr. R. Bates, at this point of the business, asked if the meeting was convened for electors, or for the workmen of South Pontop only, as he had an impression that Mr. Reid and his were intruders?

The Chairman stated that he had not the slightest doubt that the committee would be pleased to have their assistance at the poll as well as Mr. Greener.

Mr. Reid, on being requested to speak, said he thought they would probably have heard Mr. Greener and other gentlemen address the meeting. In passing by and seeing the place lighted up it reminded him of what he heard a few days ago, so he thought he would enter the place. He would be very much obliged for as many votes as possible.

Mr. Bates thought the meeting ought to press Mr. Greener to give them a speech. There were forty candidates in the field, and as they did not want to put poor men on that important board he thought if Mr. Greener addressed them they would know where he was standing, and where to put him.

Mr. Greener (jocularly), remarked that he was standing "there." If they took and rolled him the full length of the building they could not roll a speech out of him. He believed in working, not talking.

Mr. Tindall thought it would have been much better had the board been divided into wards, but as the matter stood, it was an open vote. He had had a chat with two or three eminent candidates, one of whom was expected to head the poll, who stated that it would take 800 votes to put one man on the Board, another said it would require 600, and another 400 and 250 for the last successful candidate. What they ought to do was to get another mate for Mr. Greener on that side, and give them their vote. It would require them to use every effort and everyone to go and give his vote in order to get a man or two on for the Greencroft side. Collierley had sufficient votes to put all its candidates on. Continuing, Mr. Tindall said if the Collierley and Kyo sides would be content with four of their number, then they could vote their own man in, and give votes to the other sides. There were a lot of gentlemen connected with the collieries who would make good councillors. Therefore with their small voting power and independent of everything else it would necessitate them to give (Mr. Greener) one vote each, and thus ensure the successful return of their candidate.

Mr. Reid hoped Mr. Tindall was not running away with the idea that Collierley wanted the whole of the board to themselves. He thought there were nearly as many nominated for the part of Greencroft as for the whole of Collierley, notwithstanding the fact that Collierley was nearly as large as Greencroft and Kyo put together, so that he could not see that Collierley was grabbing.

The Chairman could not see what difference it would make if a man went from Kyo or Collierley. Once the local board was formed, it would be the Annfield Plain Urban District Council, and it behoved them as intelligent men to look out for the men best qualified to represent them on the board. He would require to know that those men, who were seeking their support, had a clear idea of the requirements of the electors, and the work of the council, whom they professed to represent. He was not ignorant of the fact that a great deal of the interest manifested was more pocket interest than of interest in the work of the Urban Council. It therefore behoved them to choose the best men, who would do the greatest amount of work for the inhabitants of the place.

The meeting then terminated and the committee remained behind to make arrangements for canvassing the district etc., in favour of the canddature of Mr. H. Greener, of South Pontop.

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LANCHESTER BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Thursday in the Board Room of the Union Buildings, Lanchester.—Mr. William Logan, J.P. (chairman) presiding. The members present were Miss Peile, Mrs. Piercey Taylor Smith, Messrs Thos. S. Longstaff, J. Green, William Aynsley, George Forster, Robert Kay, A. Kuhlman, R. Wigham, J. W. Taylor, Thomas Barry, George Dixon Powell, William Young, Henry Greener, William Indian, William Collier, R. Burleigh, Thomas Wilkinson, William Gray, George Hobson L. Nicholson, James Oliver, Edward Sloane, George Wailes, William Johnson, H. C. Wood, the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson), and the Workhouse Master (Mr. W. Brotherhood).

NEW PARISH OF CRAGHEAD.

The Clerk reported that he had received the order from the Local Government Board confirming the formation of the new Parish of Craghead by the Durham County Council.

URBAN POWERS FOR ANNFIELD PLAIN.

The Clerk further stated that the order of the Durham County Council granting urban powers for the district of Annfield Plain, had been confirmed by the Local Government Board.

POOR LAW OFFICERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND.

The Clerk reported that he had received copies of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896. He stated that every officer had to report whether he wished to avail himself of the advantages of the Act between now and Christmas.

ROYAL BATH HOSPITAL, HARROGATE.

On the motion of Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Powell, it was decided to forward a further subscription of £2 2s to the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate.

THE BUTCHER MEAT FOR THE WORKHOUSE.

The Chairman stated that when the Guardians accepted the tender of Mr. R. Stephenson, of Newcastle to supply the Workhouse with the butcher meat, they fully expected that they would be supplied with English beef and mutton. However, they found out that Mr. Stephenson had his headquarters at Liverpool, where he slaughtered nothing but Canadian cattle, and then had it forwarded to Newcastle. When he heard of this he thought it was only right that the Guardians should say what they were prepared to do in the matter. He understood that Mr. Parker, Leadgate, was the next lowest tender, and having supplied the "House" in past years had always given satisfaction. He did not believe in having the meat brought all the way from Liverpool to Newcastle, and from the latter place to Lanchester.

Mr. Oliver: What the "House" should be supplied with is English beef and mutton.

Mr. Green: The Canadian meat is just as good.

The Chairman: Look at the distance the meat has to come before it reaches Lanchester.

Mr. Green: The distance is nothing.

Mr. Sloane: It was generally understood we would be supplied with English beef and mutton.

Eventually Mr. Burleigh moved the following motion:—"That Mr. John Parker's tender for meat for the Workhouse be accepted in place of that of Mr. R. Stephenson, of Newcastle."

Mr. Longstaff seconded, and Mr. Young supported.

Mr. Wilkinson proposed an amendment that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for fresh tenders for to supply the Workhouse with butcher meat for the ensuing six months.

Mr. Taylor seconded.

On a vote being taken the following voted for the amendment:—Messrs Barry, Forster, Green, Kay, Kuhlman, Powell, Taylor, Wailes, Wilkinson, and Wood.

For the motion—Miss Peile, Mrs. Piercey Taylor-Smith, Messrs Aynsley, Burleigh, Collier, Gray, Greener, Hobson, Indian, Johnson, Logan, Longstaff, Nicholson, Sloane, Wigham, Young and Oliver.

Mr. Taylor proposed another amendment to the effect that the tender of Mr. Barras, Blackhill, be accepted.

This was seconded.

On another vote being taken, the motion was declared carried.

GENEROUS VISITORS.

The Master reported that Mr. and Mrs. Harkewitz, Keswick, at present staying at Colepike Hall, visited the Workhouse, on the previous day, and left £5 to be expended on the inmates.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Sloane, the Clerk was instructed to forward a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Harkewitz for their kindness towards the inmates.

AMOUNT OF SECURITIES.

The following securities were fixed to be provided by the Assistant Overseers and Collectors of Poor Rates in the following Townships:—Benfieldside, £300; Consett, £500; Cornsay, £500; Esh, £500; Greencroft, £300; Knitsley, £80; Kyo, £250; Oxhill, £150; Medomsley, £500; Satley, £50; South Moor, £200, Stanley, £500; Tanfield, £500, Iveston, £300.

THE DRAPERIES CONTRACT.

The contract for supplying the general draperies to the Workhouse was secured by Mr. Scott, of Durham.

ACCOUNTS.

Cheques to the amount of £1,283 were signed. This was all the business.

LANCHESTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of this Committee was held at Lanchester last Thursday—Rev. P. U. Fortin (chairman) presiding.—Mr. John Gibson, attendance officer, reported that the prevalence of measles continued to adversely affect the attendance at Cornsay Colliery, Esh Winning, Quebec, Lanchester, Burnhope, South Moor, and Craghead. Since the previous meeting 39 visits had been made to schools, and 432 absentees had been looked after. Byelaw notices were served on 35 parents.—Mr. William Ward reported that since the last meeting he had made 42 visits to schools, and 474 absentee visits, besides serving 12 bye-law notices. The Consett and Leadgate School attendances were still adversely affected by the prevalence of whooping cough, and measles.—The reports were adopted.—The other business was of a formal character.

AN APPEAL TO JUDGMENT.

In attempting to attract the attention of the public to a new article it is always best to appeal to their judgment and common sense, provided the article is one of undoubted merit. We will therefore tell you in a few plain words about Angier's Petroleum Emulsion—of what it is composed, and why it is so largely used by the medical profession in the treatment of lung troubles and wasting diseases. Angier's Petroleum Emulsion combines the antiseptic action, the soothing and healing effect, and the food value of a highly purified tasteless petroleum oil, with the well-known tonic properties of the hypophosphites, and is therefore both food and medicine. It cures the most stubborn coughs, heals any inflamation of the throat and lungs, and does more to prevent and cure consumption than any other remedy. It is pleasant to take and promotes appetite, aids digestion, increases weight and strength, and builds up the system generally. It is prescribed by eminent lung specialists, and is used in many of the largest hospitals in the kingdom. Sold by all leading chemists, 2s 9d and 4s 6d. A sample bottle sent free on receipt of 3d to cover postage. Descriptive pamphlet post free. Angier Chemical Co., 32, Snow Hill, London, E.C.

TOW LAW.

LECTURE.—The Rev. M. N. Robson, gave an interesting lecture on "The newspaper; past and present," which he illustrated by lantern pictures, in the Presbyterian Church, on Monday evening.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

THE JUBILEE YEARLY FUND.—The members of the above fund held their annual supper on Saturday last, at the Railway Hotel, Annfield Plain, when a splendid repast was provided by the hostess, every member doing ample justice to the good viands before him.—After the removal of the cloth, Mr. J. Henwood, secretary, read the annual report which showed that after all expenditures had ben paid a dividend of 9s 5d was left. This was greeted with applause.—In the absence of the president (Mr. R. Emmerson, jun.), Mr. J. Henwood was elected chairman for the evening. The "Health of the host and hostess" having been drunk with musical honours, also "The prosperity of the fund," the remainder of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, etc, given by Messrs M. Black, H. Wood, T. Graham, J. Henwood, and others.—A vote of thanks to the chairman, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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NORTH-WEST DURHAM LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CONSETT.

On Friday evening a meeting of the North-West Durham Liberal Association was held in the Havelock Street Cocoa Rooms, Consett, Mr. T. Carr presiding over a moderate attendance.

The Secretary and Registration Agent (Mr. Winter) read the following communication from Mr. James Joicey:—"At a private conference held at Newcastle, on August 1st to consider the Liberal Organisation of Northumberland and Durham, it was decided that a committee should be formed consisting of one delegate from the Liberal Association of each constituency in the two counties to further consider the various questions raised at the Conference. This committee held a meeting on September 10th and appointed a sub-committee to draw up a copy of proposed rules for the Liberal Federation for Northumberland and Durham, and the sub-committee consisting of Mr. Samuel Storey, Mr. J. G. Candlish, and Mr. Percy Corder, have requested me to call another meeting of representatives of Northumberland and Durham to attend a meeting at the County Hotel, Newcastle, at one o'clock on Saturday, October 10th; and at the same time I am forwarding invitations to the Liberal M.P.'s and candidates of the two counties who were invited to attend the original conference. I enclose copies of the sub-committee's report and scheme, so that your association may be in a position to supply its delegate with a copy of the proposals which they are called upon to consider."

Mr. Winter and Ald. Curry were appointed delegates to attend the conference, after which the scheme was considered and the delegates were instructed how to act in regard thereto.

Mr. Weaver asked if the secretary and registration agent could give the meeting any idea as to how he had fared at the Revision Courts just held.

Mr. Winter said it was now eight weeks since he was appointed secretary and registration agent, and he was going to make a statement with regard to the Revision Courts. At the proper time he would present a proper drawn up report to the association. He might, however, say that so far as the work was concerned, they would, when they saw the bare facts, be extremely satisfied with the result. (Hear, hear.) At the time that he was appointed there were only seven days in which occupier and lodger claims were to be sent in, and it was a physical impossibility for him to get round the district in that time. They were also too late with the ownership claims. He regretted this, for if they had seen the statement of the other side they would see that they had claimed a large number of ownership claims. The Conservatives made a large number of ridiculous claims but he could not object to any of them as his objections were supposed to be sent in a fortnight before he was appointed. There had also been an attempt on the part of the Conservatives to manufacture faggot votes. At Burnhope most of the colliery houses were owned by Mr. U. A. Ritson, and he had given his three sons a house each in a certain row, and they claimed ownership votes. (Laughter.) Amongst the number of ownership claims, they had claimed many whom he knew were not Conservative voters. In their statement they gave the Liberals credit for 16 new occupiers votes gained, but when he made his statement he would be able to make out 34 or 35. He might just mention that he had had a great deal of assistance from the late registration agent, Mr. Foggon, and Mr. Barclay of Shotley Bridge. Since the last meeting of the association he (Mr. Winter) had been round the district, and in every place he found a disposition amongst the Liberals to work. Subscriptions towards the central fund were coming to hand very steadily, and amongst the handsome cheques which he had received, was one of £25 from Mr Atherley-Jones, which he promised as an annual subscription. (Applause.)

The members of the association present considered the report a very satisfactory one, and the secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Foggon for the valuable assistance he had rendered the registration agent at the recent Revision Courts.

The meeting resolved, on the suggestion of Mr. Wildsmith, that the question of revising the rules of the association be considered at the next meeting, which will be held at West Stanley.

COLLIERLEY.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The final meeting of the above Council was held in the Colliery Board Schools on Thursday evening, under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Johnson, chairman. The other members present were:—Councillors W. Young, H. Beatham, T. Gatiss, J. W. Taylor, R. T. Batey, J. G. Taylor, and D. Mole.—In reply to a letter sent to the Local Government Board, a letter was read to the effect that the Board could not advise the Council in their inquiry respecting the payment of the acting assistant overseer.—Coun. J. G. Taylor thought the Council ought to be responsible for the payment of the salary.—Coun. J. W. Taylor said the Council had no power to take upon themselves any liabilities.—It was decided to write for the advice of the auditor on the point.—The order for the formation of the New Annfield Plain Urban Council was examined and read, and the members expressed their satisfaction with it.—The payment of accounts amounting to £3 8s 0d were ordered to be paid.—It was decided that the cheques be signed by Councillors Young and Batey. After the business of the meeting was transacted, Coun. J. W. Taylor moved and it was decided that the Council accord their hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his affability in presiding over their deliberations.—In response, the Chairman thanked them for their vote of thanks and expressed his willingness to pay the expenses of the late parish Councillors having their photos taken.—The offer was accepted and the work was given to Coun. R. T. Batey.

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DEATH OF AN OLD CONSETT MAN IN AFRICA.—On August 23rd the death took place of Mr. Robert Surtees, who was at one time in the occupation of the Delves Farm, Consett, which belonged to his family. He emigrated to Natal in 1856, and continued his old trade of farming. In 1857 he went to Durban and commenced business as a butcher. He next moved to Weenen County and remained there until his death. He was a well-known trader with natives, and leaves a son and two daughters in the Transvaal.

THE ARMENIAN MEETING.—In reply to a letter by Mr. G. T. Broadbent, which contained a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting on the Armenian Question held last week, Mr. Atherley-Jones, M.P. has written as follows:—"I am obliged for copy of the resolution you were good enough to forward me in reference to our policy in Armenia. I hope you had a good meeting. I very much regretted that the notice were so short that it were impossible for me to attend. It is sad to contemplate great Britain standing aloof while these terrible atrocities are being perpetrated on our fellow Christians. I deplore the attitude of both political parties."—After all expenses had been paid in connection with the above meeting the promoters were able to send five shillings to the Armenian Fund.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—On Sunday a snowstorm of unusual severity for the early time of the year visited this district on Monday. Before day-break snow had fallen to the depth of over two inches, and being accompanied by a keen frost it lay upon the ground for many miles. On Monday, though the air was still frosty and bitterly cold most of the snow melted away. The season has been a most singular one, both remarkably early and productive, but of such hindering character that the ingathering of the crops has been attended with an amount of labour and difficulty rarely equalled. Eighteen weeks have now elapsed since the hay harvest commenced, and although much good hay was got early on, a serious quantity has been wasted, whilst haymaking is yet, strange to say, still incomplete in some parts of the district. The wintry weather now recorded abruptly brings it to a close. The corn harvest, which is about finished, has also been of an unsatisfactory description, especially in the locality of Slaley, much of the grain having been got in a poor condition.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Mr. Joseph Lumley's, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday evening, to fix the date of next competition in connection with the Burnopfield and District Ploughing Association.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL.—Foreign missionary sermons were preached in the above place of worship on Sunday by the Rev. J. Bacon, superintendent minister. At the evening service the choir rendered the chorus "Lift up your heads." Collections were taken in aid of the Foreign Mission Society.

WESLEYAN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.—The third session of this society was opened with a well-attended and a very successful concert. Mr. Hy. Greener, of South Pontop, presided and the programme was given by Misses E. Reed, E. Dodds, Burton, Mrs. Morgan, and Messrs Jno. Russell, G. Dunne, and J. Holland.—A supper afterwards took place.

BLACKHILL.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—A supper and social was given by the Y.P.C.E.B., on Wednesday night, when a good attendance was present.

Owing to an error we last week stated, in our report of the Benfieldside Ratepayers' Association that the amount spent by the School Board was £2,238 instead of £2,038 and the rate as 1/1 instead of 1/3.

P.M. CHURCH.—In aid of this new building, a concert will be given in St. Aidens Hall, Blackhill, on Wednesday evening next. Besides the Consett Amateur Orchestra, a large number of popular artistes have offered their services, and altogether the programme promises to be a real musical treat. The prices for admission are reasonable, and the object is deserving of every support.

MEETING OF THE BURIAL BOARD.—On Thursday evening last a meeting of the Benfieldside Burial Board was held in the vestry, at the Blackhill cemetery.—Canon G. H. Ross-Lewin presided, in the absence of Mr. Wm. Aynsley, the chairman, and the other members present were:—Messrs E. Sloane, T. Knox, Stoddart, and the clerk, Mr. T. Whinney.—Eight grants of right to purchase graves were signed.—The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and vouchers thereof, and found them correct. They recommended that cheques to the amount of over £27 be signed. They further reported that the amount in the bank was £101 2s 1d. Under these circumstances the Finance Committee thought that no precept would be necessary since the balance in the bank was such a substantial one. This report was agreed to and the meeting concluded.

THE FREE CHURCH COUNCIL.—On Thursday evening a highly successful concert and supper was held in the Wesleyan School Room at Blackhill. The gathering was inaugurated by the Consett and District Free Church Council, a body that has been, since its inception, engaged in strengthening and binding together the interests of the numerous Free Churches throughout the district, and the degree of success which it has attained might well be gathered from the numbers which attended the first social gathering which has been held under its auspices. The platform was occupied by the ministers of most of the Nonconformist churches, the duties of chairman being ably fulfilled by Coun. J. W. Davison, J.P. The gathering was opened by a hymn. The Chairman delivered a short and appropriate address on the work done by the organisation, and then an excellent musical programme was rendered by Messrs R. Evans, C. Stelling, F. A. Adamson, the Misses Williams Miss Edwards. Mr. W. H. Palliser accompanied in excellent style. Addresses were given by the Rev. J. Bacon, and F. S. Foster, in the intervals. A resolution condemning the massacres of the Armenians was moved by the Rev. W. Raistrick, and seconded by the Rev. F. S. Foster, and supported by the Revs. E. W. Jenkins, J. Bacon, and others. Mr. Palliser moved a vote of thanks to the performers and those who had provided the tea, and the Rev. T. Durant seconded.

BENFIELDSIDE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH.—The harvest festival was held on Sunday last. There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., and morning prayer at 10.30 a.m., children's service at 6.30 p.m., and evensong at 6.30 p.m. The Rev. A. T. Dingle, M.A., of Christ Church, Oxford, vicar of Silksworth, was the special preacher. The choir rendered the musical portion of the choral service very well, and the church was tastefully decorated. The weather was very unfavourable, but the congregation was large at evensong.

BURNHOPE

PARISH CHURCH.—The harvest thanksgiving services of the parish of Holmside were held last week. On Wednesday afternoon a public tea was held in the Burnhope School-room, when although the rain was falling with steady persistency, about 200 people were present. In the evening a Divine service was held in the Parish Church, a large congregation being present. The church had been nicely decorated by the members. The choir gave a highly creditable rendering of the musical part of the service, which included the anthem "Now thank we all our God." At the conclusion of the service the "Te Deum" was sung. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Beamish (the Rev. D. W. James) and the clergy present included the Rev. W. C. Cooke, Vicar, and the Rev. C. J. Gray and the Rev. J. W. Ashton, curates. The services were continued on Sunday. At the Morning Service the sermon was preached by the Vicar, and at the evening service, when a larger congregation filled the church, the preacher was the Rev. C. J. Gray.

BURNOPFIELD.

CONCERT.—A grand concert is to be given in the Co-operative Hall Burnopfield, on Saturday evening first, for the benefit of Michael Bailey, who was disabled some time ago by an accident in East Tanfield Colliery, when we trust a host of friends will be present.

BLACKHALL MILL.

FATALITY TO A BOY.—An inquest was held on Friday afternoon, at Blackhall Mill, before Mr. Coroner Graham, on the body of Robert Moody, a boy of 12 years of age, whose death occurred on October 8th.—The evidence showed that the youth was exercising a horse on Thursday, when he was thrown off the animal's back, and was dragged along the ground a distance of about 300 yards. He was attended by Dr. Marshall, of Westwood, and lived about half-an-hour after the accident.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

CASTLESIDE.

CONCERT.—We beg to remind our readers of the second annual concert will be held in the United Methodist Free Church, Catchgate, on Saturday evening next at seven o'clock.

HAMSTEELS.

HAMSTEELS MINERS' LODGE AND THE BALLOT ON JOINING THE FEDERATION.—The following resolution has been carried at a meeting of the above lodge by a large majority:—"That we are in favour of taking the ballot as to joining the Miners' Federation; also that we condemn the action of our executive committee in issuing the circular asking whether we shall take the ballot or not."

HAMSTERLEY.

DIED FROM THE EFFECTS OF AN ACCIDENT 13 YEARS AGO.—An inquest was held on Monday night at the Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, near Ebchester, before Mr. A. T. Sheppard, deputy-coroner, on the body of Thomas James, aged 69 years, of No. 18, Dene Row, Hamsterley Colliery, who died on the 10th inst from the effects of injuries received in the mine thirteen years ago.—From the evidence tendered it appeared James was following his employment in the Hamsterley Colliery Drift when a fall of stone took place, which caught him in the back. Dr. Smith, of Ryton attended to James at the time, and during the past ten years he has been under the treatment of Dr. Marshall of Blackhall Mill.—The jury returned a verdict that death was due to paralysis and disease of the spine, the result of injuries accidentally received by a fall of stone at Hamsterley Colliery in August, 1883.

KNITSLEY

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—The harvest thanksgiving services were held in the above chapel on Sunday last, when Mr. Swainston, of Consett, preached afternoon and night to good congregations. The committee have had the chapel nicely renovated and made comfortable for people to worship in, for which work Mr. J. Haughan, Knitsley Grange, was the contractor. Special hymns were sung by the choir, and the following took part in the quartette:—Miss L. Hume (soprano), Miss E. Hall (contralto), Mr. T. Maddison (tenor), and Mr. J. Brodie (bass).—On the Monday night an entertainment was held, after which a supper was provided, when a good number partook of the good things provided. The following ladies kindly waited at the tables:—Misses L. Hume, E. Hall, M. Trotter, Mesdames Warhust and Todd. The harvest thanksgiving was a complete success. The collections and proceeds of the supper were in aid of the renovation fund

KYO.

ROSE, THISTLE, AND SHAMROCK, LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW.—This annual leek and vegetable show was held on Saturday at the House of Mr. Wm. Stott. The judges were Mr. Martin Handcock, of Sheep Hill, Burnopfield and Mr. Robert Appleby, Sunniside, whose decisions gave every satisfaction. The secretary was Mr. Jos Milburn of Marley Hill. There were a good number of exhibits and a good number of prizes offered.

LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOW.—The second annual leek and vegetable show was held at the house of Mr. Thomas Gatiss, Earl Grey Inn, on Saturday last. The exhibits were everything that could be desired. With reference to the winning stand of leeks great credit is due to Mr. Jno Summerbell of Kyo Burn, being successful in obtaining first and second honours, there being very close work in the first three stands, the last named position was awarded to Mr. Wm. Stoker, of Catchgate, the first measuring 36 inches in length by 14½ inches in circumference. A special prize awrded for the best leek in the show, was also won by J. Summerbell. The large room was tastefully decorated for the occasion and gave the exhibits a grand appearance The show was fairly well patronised considering the bad state of the weather. There were 35 stands of leeks and 12 collections of vegetables, which made no easy task for the judge, but the decisions of Mr. Jos. Robinson, of Fondly Sett, met with general satisfaction.

LEADGATE.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival services will be continued in St. Ives Church, Leadgate, on Sunday next, in the morning, afternoon, and evening. The preacher is the Rev. W. E. Cokayne Frith, M.A., vicar of Herrington.

HONOURS FOR A LOCAL LADY.—We are pleased to learn that at the Health Exhibition held recently in Newcastle, Miss Mary McCurley, of Leadgate, was awarded the special prize (a gold medal) for high-class and invalid cookery done at the exhibition. We congratulate Miss McCurley on her well-earned success.

LANCHESTER.

STOCK MART CO., LTD.—On Wednesday this company had forward 85 headstore cattle, six horses, four foals, 91 mule ewes, 20 Cheviot ewes, 60 black-faced ewes, 200 mule lambs, and 20 rams and ram lambs. Trade was slow, but fair prices were obtained as follows:—1½ year old heifers to £6 12s 6d; do. bullocks to £7 12s 6d, stirks from £4 17s 6d, to £5 17s 6d; arms to £3; mule gimmers to 32/6, mule ewes, 36/-; black-faced ewes to 14/9; mule lambs, from 15/5, to 23/-. A large company was present.

MEDOMSLEY.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—The work in connection with the fitting up of the Hunter Pit, Medomsley, with the electric light has now been completed, and the new system was inaugurated on Monday last with very satisfactory results. Preparations are now going on to light up the Derwent Pit in a similar manner.

DRAWING ROOM MEETING.—By the invitation of the Hon. Mrs. Vereker, a Drawing-room meeting was held in the Picture Gallery at East Cowes Castle, on Wednesday, October 7th, when Lady Sophia Palmer, the gifted daughter of the late Earl Selbourne, gave an address on "What is Church Defence? Do we want it now?" which was highly appreciated by a large and representative audience. The Hon. J. Vereker was in the chair.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Monday night, a successful concert was held in Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist Chapel, for the benefit of Mr. J. Fairlamb, who happened an accident at the Consett Angle Works sometime ago, causing the loss of his right foot. There was a good attendance, the chapel being about full. Mr. W. Brown, of Consett, presided. He said he was glad to see many present to show their sympathy for so good a cause. Songs, recitations, and duetts were then given by the following:—Misses Cant, Gibson, Leybourne, Wright, Coxon, Tweddle, Oley, and Messrs Adamson, R. Pearson, and Leybourne. Miss Wright, of Shotley Bridge, supplied the accompaniments.—Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

SOUTH MOOR.

MISSION CHURCH.—On Saturday afternoon a public tea was given and presided over by a few bachelors in the Infant School, South Moor, kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Jas. Fairley, of Shafto House.—In the evening it was intended to have a lecture on "General Gordon" illustrated with limelight views, but unfortunately, at the last moment, it was discovered that the lantern did not work properly, and so the lecture was abandoned. Songs and solos were rendered by Misses Polly Smith, Dipton; Armstrong, and Mr. Wilson. A pianoforte duet was given in a "taking" manner by the Misses Polly, and Emily Smith.—The provisions were of excellent quality and the tables were adorned with plants, flowers, etc. There was only a fair attendance owing, no doubt, to the inclement weather which prevailed. The proceeds were in aid of the Bazaar Fund.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—A successful sale of work was held in the above place of worship on Wednesday of last week. The proceedings were opened by the Rev. W. Gelley, of West Stanley. In the course of his introductory remarks the rev. gentleman expressed his surprise at the excellent show of articles, which he said quite exceeded his expectations. He then introduced Mrs. Oxley, of South Moor, to the audience, and asked her to open the sale of work.—Mrs. Oxley in opening the bazaar, said she and her family had always been willing to assist any effort which was for the public good. She was surprised to see such a nice show of useful and ornamental articles, which she trusted would have a ready sale. She graciously offered her services and influence on any future occasion.—The names of the stall-holders were:—Mesdames Atkinson, Wilkinson, Fawell, Davison, Mason, and Miss Robson, all of South Moor. The refreshment stall was presided over by the Misses Mason, B. Wilkinson, Harrison, Bentley, and Mesdames Milne, and Moss.—The sale of work was continued on Saturday evening last. Amongst other gifts was a parcel of goods kindly given by Mr. Bates, of South Moor. During intervals vocal and instrumental music was ably rendered by Messrs Foster, Harrison, and Trevena. The sales were fairly good, and the company was a fairly representative one. The proceeds, which we understand, were large, were in aid of the Trust Building Fund.

SWALWELL.

The eviction of two miners in connection with the strike at Axwell Colliery, took place on Wednesday morning. A number of police, under the charge of Superintendent Rutherford, carried out the evictions, which were witnessed by a large number of people. Mr. T. McCann was present on behalf of the men, to see that everything was carried out satisfactorily.

STANLEY.

ODDFELLOW'S MEETING.—A meeting of the North-West Durham branches of the Society of Oddfellows was held on Saturday last in the Wesleyan School Room at Stanley, Mr. Jno. Carr, of Stanley, presiding. The Leadgate, Quebec, Blackhill, Annfield Plain, Pelton Fell, and Stanley lodges were in attendance. A motion to the effect that the lodges in the district should vote in favour of a separate district for the lodges in North-West Durham, was unanimously adopted, and a new set of bye-laws were also drawn up.

BURNING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday evening last, a somewhat severe burning accident occurred at Shield Row station. A little girl who was playing about in the waiting room at the station was either pushed or slipped on to the fire, and her clothes speedily became ablaze. One of the porters rushed in and threw his overcoat round the girl thus extinguishing the fire, though not before the child was severly burnt.

HORSE WARRANTY CASE.—At the Newcastle County Court, John Calvert, grocer, Stanley, brought an action against Thomas Nixon, grocer and contractor, Newburn, for £10, damages for breach of warranty of a horse. Defendant counter-claimed £17 15s balance on the value of a horse which had been sold, and expenses of keeping the animal at livery.—His Honour Judge Greenwell, having heard evidence, gave judgment for the plaintiff for £8 10s, and also judgment against the defendant with regard to his counter-claim, with costs.

PRESENTATION TO A LOCAL MAN.—A very large gathering took place in the Church Institute, at Stanley on Tuesday evening, to witness a presentation to Mr. John Hawkes, a well known local gentleman, who has been closely connected with the local missions of the church. The vicar of Stanley, the Rev. W. James, presided, and said that he was very glad to see such a very large gathering, as it made an excellent testimony to the esteem and regard in which Mr. Hawkes was held by those amongst whom his life had been spent. Most of those present had known Mr. Hawkes longer than he had, but he had known him long enough to be able to bear hearty testimony to the general esteem in which he was held, and to the estimable qualities he possessed.—Mr. T. W. W. Ritson made the presentation, and spoke of Mr. Hawkes's work as an employee at the Co-operative Stores. He had had great opportunities of judging of Mr. Hawkes's work, and he could say that he had always tried to do his work conscientiously and unselfishly, and he had never had one single complaint about his work. His merits were recognised by everyone in Stanley. He had very great pleasure in presenting him with a purse containing £14 in gold and a handsome commentary. He hoped that in his future work at college, and in his subsequent life he would meet with the success that he deserved. (Applause.)—Mr. Hawkes responded, and said that leaving his native place had shown him how true and how many were his friends. He thought Mr. Ritson had somewhat flattered him, but he could assure them that he had tried to do his best to deserve their esteem. He thanked them quite as much for the kind wishes that had been expressed as for the gifts, handsome as they were. (Loud applause.)—The Vicar and Mr. Ritson were thanked for their services on the motion of Mr. Frater, seconded by the Rev. Mark Fletcher.

STANHOPE.

VOLUNTEER SHOOTING.—This event came off on Saturday amid wretched weather, J. Thresher winning premier honours and J. Priestman second.

TOW LAW.

SALE OF SHEEP.—On Thursday the second special sale for breeding ewes and other sheep was held at the Tow Law Auction Mart. The advertised numbers were 3,700, but the numbers forward (including late entries) were over 4,000. A drenching rain the previous night was followed by a sharp bracing wind on the morning of the sale, and the several lots were shown in fairly good bloom. There was a splendid lot of mule and blackfaced ewes and gimmers, and the best lots were keenly competed for, but with the exception of one or two lots a general fall had to be conceded of 2s to 4s a head upon last year's prices. Mules and half-bred ewes made up to 38s 6d, and black-faced ewes to 24s, this price being secured for the Whiteless ewes from Mr. Lowdon. Mule lambs were in fair demand, and the best class of black-faced lambs sold well.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Saturday afternoon, the Rev. A. T. Guttery preached at this place of worship, after which a public tea was provided. The Rev gentleman lectured in the evening, on "Shams," to a large audience. On Sunday the services were continued.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

LEEK SHOW.—The annual leek show was held at Mr. Smurthwaite's Bird Inn, White-le-Head, on Saturday. The secretary was Mr. Ledger, of Dipton, and Mr. R. Shields, of Swalwell, officiated as judge. The exhibits in the leek section, 22 in number, were of an excellent quality. Mr. Grayson's orchestral band was in attendance. The following is a list of prizetakers:—Best three leeks.—1. T. Gibbons; 2, E. Charlton; 3, G. Gray; 4, J. Wilkinson; 5, J. Steel; 6, M. Reay; 7, J. Satterthwaite; 8, D. Brabban; 9, M. Satterthwaite; 10, J. Milburn; 11, W. Smurthwaite; 12, T. Jewitt; 13, W. Turpin; 14, S. Trewick; 15, J. Henderson; 16, J. Vasey; 17, J. Harrison; 18, M. Jewitt, 19, J. Rodham; 20, H. Scott; 21, G. Ledger; 22, J. Ledger.—Best collection of vegetables.—1, E. Charlton; 2, H. Scott; 3, G. Gray; 4, M. Reay; 5, J. Wilkinson; 6, J. Steele; 7, G. Ledger; 8, J. Harrison; 9, T. Jewitt; 10, J. Vasey; 11, S. Trewick; 12, G. Ledger.—Best three heads of celery.—(specials given by Mr. Lindon).—1, J. Milburn; 2, M. Reay.

WOLSINGHAM.

INTERESTING LECTURES.—The University extension lectures at Wolsingham every Friday night are a treat and are well attended. The old town has done well to receive such a class of lecturers, as Professors Mark Wright, H. Stroud, R. A. Sampson, and Herbert Kynaston will give three lectures each on scientific subjects.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Benfieldside Edge Road Schools—Mr W. Telford (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Rev. Alex. Baillie, Rev. Geo. H. Ross-Lewin, Mr William Ramsay, Mr Geo. J. Robinson, and the clerk (Mr R. G. Barclay.)—The Clerk presented the financial statement for the year ending September 29th. The income was as follows:—Balance forward, £23 2s 7d; annual grant from the Educational Department, £694 6s; annual grant from the Science and Art Department, £19 1s 6d; fee grant, £381 10s 10d; grant under section 97 of the Act of 1870, £62 10s 9d; from rating authorities, £900; sale of needlework 5s 6d; dinners, £10 18s 10s; use of schools, £2 2s 6d; from Public Works and Loan Commissioners, £535, making a total of £2,605 15s 1d. Expenditure—Salaries of officers, £80 12s; legal expenses, £3 4s 6d; administration expenses, £12 18 9d; salaries of teachers, £1,348 16s 3d; books, apparatus, &c., £44 3s 7d; fuel, light, &c., £175 18s 5d; loans, rates, and taxes, £15 5s 5d; maintenance expenses, £19 13s. 10d; contribution to Industrial Schools, £14 4s 7d; new furniture, £15 10s 8d; in respect of loans and interest, £387 8d 4d; purchase of land, erections, &c., £485 9s 6d; loan law charges, 17 3s 6d; balance in treasurer's hands, £14 4s; balance in the hands of the Clerk, £3 9d 4d; making a total of £2,628 17s 8d, leaving a balance due to the treasurer on the general account of £43 9s 5d.—On the motion of Mr Ramsay, seconded by Mr Baillie, the Chairman was empowered to sign the statement.—On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Baillie, it was resolved to advance the Clerk's salary £6 per annum.—The Finance Committee recommended that cheques should be signed for the following:—Teachers' salaries:—Boys' Department, £42 18s 4d; Girls' Department, £43 10s 10d; Infants Department, £16 14s 10d; Derwent Street School, £17 11s 6d; Officer, £7 1s 8d; accounts, £41 16s 4d; total, £169 13s 6d.—The report was adopted, and the necessary cheques were signed.—The Attendance Officer (Mr A. McKean) reported that the attendance had been good during the month, the percentage for the district being 89, the same as the corresponding month of last year.—The Caretaker (Mr A. McKean) reported that nothing had been done to the wall near the front gate in the way of repairing it. He would suggest a lamp be placed on the corner of the school building, facing the master's house, as it was very dark at that place at nights.—The report was adopted, and it was agreed that the lamp should be erected.—On the motion of Mr Baillie, seconded by Mr Robinson, Mr Thomas Williams, of Kyo, was appointed an assistant master in the Boys' Department, at a salary of £75 per annum. There were twenty-seven applications for the post.—The Clerk read the Finance Committee's report, which stated that the committee recomended that a precept should be issued upon the Overseers for £350 for the ensuing half-year. The estimated expenditure for the same period was £1,164 3s 6d, and the income, £691 9s 6d from goverment grants; £19 1s 6d from art grants; £202 from fee grants, and £5 from sundry receipts, making a total of £920 7s 6d. The excess of expenditure over receipts was therefore £244 1s.—The Chairman explained that the precept recommended was the same as the corresponding period of last year.—The report was confirmed, and it was decided that a precept for £350 should be issued on the overseers.—The other business transacted was of a formal character.

Football.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 17TH.

CONSETT v. ALLENDALE PARK RESERVE.

This match takes place at Consett on Saturday first when the following team will do duty for CONSETT—Goal, T. Henderson; backs, Joe Lee and S. Dimmick; half-backs, R. Bowen, T. Jones, and R. Black; forwards, Morgan, John Lee, D. Robinson, W. Bowen, and J. Longhorn.
Referee, Mr John Peacock. Kick-off at 3.

"GUARDIAN" v. "CHRONICLE."

Teams representing the above offices will meet on the Consett Swifts' enclosure on Friday. The following are the teams:—
"GUARDIAN"—Goal, J. Lowdon; backs, J. Petrie and J. Ross; half-backs, J. Robson, J. Siddell, and W. Newton; forwards, G. Sanderson, W. Gardner, E. E. Greedy, R. Repper, and W. May.
"CHRONICLE"—Goal, W. Ord; backs, J. Robinson and A. Dover; half-backs, J. W. Marshall, Wm. McCluskey, and I. Tinkler; forwards, R. McLean, T. Henderson, A. Eva, W. McLaren, and G. Piggins.
Referee, Mr J. Hamilton, Consett.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS RESERVE v. CONSETT SHAMROCKS.

At Consett. The following will play for the SWIFTS—Goal, D. Elliott; backs, G. Wood and A. Frodick; half-backs, R. Bradley, J. Walton, and T. Ellis; forwards, J. Nichol and J. Little, right wing; J. Laidler, centre; G. Hamilton (capt.) and E. Sisterson, left wing. Linesman, W. Harris.
Referee, Mr J. W. Bryant. Kick-off at 3.

IVESTON VILLA v. CONSETT PARK.

To be played on the ground of the latter, when the following will represent
IVESTON VILLA—Goal, W. Graham; backs, T. Toole and J. Thompson; half-backs, J. Curr, R. Dawson, and P. Forster; forwards, J. Forster, J. Noble, J. Paul, F. Marron, and J. Harper.

ROSE AND CROWN JOCKEYS v. ZETLAND PONIES.

This match will be played on the Rovers' ground, Blackfine, for the benefit of Mr Joe Lamb, Blackhill, who has been unable to follow his employment for a considerable time.
"JOCKEYS"—Goal, J. McArdle; backs, L. Draffen and T. Agnew; half-backs, M. Wilkinson, J. McKenna, and W. Burton; forwards, G. Young, R. Stobbs, C. Dibley, W. Brown, and J. Brown.
Kick-off at 4.

BLACKHILL ROVERS A.F.C.: CAPTAIN'S v. VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM.

At Blackfine. Teams:—
VICE-CAPTAIN'S TEAM—Goal, J. Carr; backs, J. Johnson and G. Hewitson; half-backs, G. Blaylock, C. Bellinger, and T. Hodgson; forwards, J. Barron, J. George, J. Postle, W. Leybourne, and D. Aitken.
CAPTAIN'S TEAM—Goal, Lindsay; backs, J. Stokoe and J. Carr; half-backs, D. Routledge, G. Bell, T. Lumley; forwards, F. Johnson, J. Millhouse, G. Smith, E. Tindle, and W. Askew.
Kick-off at 2-30.

HEDLEY HILL v. WITTON GILBERT.

At Witton Gilbert.
HEDLEY HILL—Goal, W. H. Morallee; backs, G. Thompson and J. Blake; half-backs, A. Tomlinson, J. Kearton, and S. Newton; forwards, E. Heslop and P. Tomlinson, left wing; J. Hudson, centre; G. Tomlinson and T. Jones, right wing.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK v. STOCKTON.

At Stockton. The following will do duty for
LEADGATE PARK—Goal, J. Crowther; backs, F. M. Foreman and W. Bell; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson (capt.), and T. Snowdon; forwards, R. Forster and A. Burnhope, right wing; S. Thompson, centre; Jos. Wilson and G. Lock, left wing.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

STANLEY v. ST. PETER'S ALBION.

Stanley travel to St. Peter's on Saturday to play their fixture, and as both teams are new members to the Alliance, each will strive to gain the two points. The following will do duty for
STANLEY—Goal, T. Crooks; backs, E. Beckwith and W. Ponton; half-backs, J. Milburn, T. Fish, and E. Nicholson; forwards, T. Crute and T. Robson, right wing; S. Wood, centre; J. Hewe and J. Pentland, left wing.
Referee, Mr J. T. Patten, Newcastle.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS.

This fixture takes place at the Hobson, when, considering that the two teams meet a week later in the 2nd round of the Cup at Consett a deal of interest will be centred in the match. The teams will be as under—
HOBSON—Goal, J. McNeil; backs, M. McCue and W. H. Liddle (capt.); half-backs, J. Weedy, T. Heslin, and J. T. Bell; forwards, R. Hindhaugh, J. Layton, A. Lowe, E. Muirhead, and J. M. Maddison.
SWIFTS—Goal, H. Highfield; backs, Joe McKie and C. Poscod; half-backs, R. Wake, B. McKie, and J. Allison (capt.); forwards, R. Harkness and J. Rafferty, right wing; J. Dempsey, centre; M. Eustace and J. Turley, left wing. Linesman, J. Hamilton. Meet at headquarters at 1-15.
Referee, Mr E. Watson, Swalwell. Kick-off at 3-30.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. WALLSEND CELTIC.

On the Annfield Plain ground on Saturday. The following team will play for the
CELTIC—Goal, E. Lynon; backs, R. Bell and J. McClatchie; half-backs, W. Allison, W. Parker, and P. Bell; forwards, R. Forster and W. Ellis (capt.), right wing; J. Coyle, centre; J. Lynop and R. Gillender, left wing.
Referee, Mr H. Smith, Gateshead. Kick-off at 3-15.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LINTZFORD v. BLAYDON UNITED.

At Blaydon, when the following players will represent
LINTZFORD—Goal, Turnbull; backs, J. Carr and Gibson; half-backs, Dodds, J. Seath, and Anderson; forwards, Jim Andrews and Tom Seath, left wing; A. W. Hayles, centre; J. Laing, jun., and T. Ferry, right wing.
Referee, Mr G. Grey, Marley Hill. Kick-off at 3-15.

STANLEY RESERVE v. ALLENDALE PARK.

Stanley will receive a visit from Allendale Park when a good game is expected. Teams:—
STANLEY RESERVE—Goal, J. Gallee; backs, M. Joyce and T. Chisholm; half-backs, R. Cunningham, W. Southern and G. Whitfield; forwards, J. Cunningham and G. Purvis, right wing; J. Dodds, centre; J. Dodds and W. Gibson, left wing.
ALLENDALE PARK (chosen from)—M., T., Jos., and Jno. Walton, A. and M. Hedley, T. Bailey, B. Mooney, R. Charlton, A. L. Lyance, J. Robinson, W. Clegg, and H. Glasgow. Linesman, R. Milligan.
Referee, Mr W. Hodgson. Kick-off at 3.

MARLEY HILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. BYER MOOR.

These keen rivals will meet on the ground of the former on Saturday, when a good game is sure to be witnessed. Teams—
MARLEY HILL (chosen from)—W. Morton, B. Davison, T. Pharoh, J. Gilbert, E. Cullen (capt.), J. Ringer, J. McMahon, W. Douglas, D. McDermott, P. Cullen, J. McEnaney, J. Eddy, and O. McGahon.
BYER MOOR—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, G. Bennett and Tom Leighton (capt.); half-backs, Jos. Brown, W. Brown, and W. Henderson; forwards, R. Clasper and G. E. Weedy, right wing; G. Nicholls, centre; E. Leighton and H. Lowe, left wing. Linesman, H. Weedy.
Referee, Mr A. P. Little, Leadgate. Kick-off at 3.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS.

These teams meet on the Park enclosure, when a good game is expected. The undermentioned players will play for
LEADGATE PARK—Goal, J. Hunter; backs, D. Cartmell and A. Aitken; half-backs, T. Calvert, J. Calvert, and G. Temple; forwards, M. Willis and W. G. Robson, right wing; G. Milburn, centre; A. N. Other and J. Birtley, left wing.
ROVERS—Goal, Scott; backs, Oliver and Hobday; half-backs, Robinson, Gray, and Winter; forwards, Watson and Smith, right wing; Barras, centre; Joyce and Tindle, left wing.
Referee, Mr G. Reed, Byer Moor. Kick-off at 3.

WEST DURHAM LEAGUE.

HEDLEY HILL RESERVE v. DEARNESS DISTRICT RESERVE.

On the former's ground.
HEDLEY HILL—Goal, J. W. Purvis; backs, E. Sharp and A. Turner; half-backs, M. Cavanagh, E. Stones, and J. T. Gardiner; forwards, J. W. Sanderson, J. W. Thompson, R. Newton, R. Elliott, and W. Hudson.
Referee, Mr R. Mills, Ushaw Moor. Kick-off at 3.

DURHAM JUNIOR CUP.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ROVERS JUNIORS v. MARLEY HILL JUNIORS.

To be played at Shotley Spa. The following players have been selected to do duty for
SHOTLEY ROVERS—Goal, Dodds; backs, Patterson and Barron; half-backs, Oliver, Lister, and Surtees; forwards, Raisbeck and Laing, right wing; Watson, centre; Barras and Robb, left wing.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

RE-PLAYED TIE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. BIRTLEY.

On the Dipton ground on Saturday, when the subjoined players will do duty for
DIPTON WANDERERS—Goal, R. Palmer; backs, G. Underwood and M. Evans; half-backs, J. T. Willey, E. Buck, and M. Cain; forwards, R. Coates and G. Forster, right wing; M. Temple, centre; T. Walker (capt.) and J. Kelly, left wing.
Referee, Mr M. A. Jane, Crook. Kick-off at 3.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

OUSTON v. WOODSIDE.

These teams met at Woodside, when the visitors will try a new forward in J. Ridley, of Boldon.
OUSTON—Goal, J. Elliott; backs, G. Robson and W. Cockburn; half-backs, J. Smith, J. Gibbon, and F. Clark; forwards, H. Dixon, G. Minns, J. Carr, J. Riley, and J. Quinn.

SECOND DIVISION.

WOODSIDE RESERVE v. OUSTON RESERVE.

At Ouston, when the following will represent
OUSTON—Goal, T. Hardley; backs, G. Harle and B. Hannah; half-backs, J. Melville, T. Moody, and T. Llewellyn; forwards, J. Neasham, T. Clark, W. McAndrew, G. Blair, and W. Thompson.

DEATH OF MR WM. CHARLTON, OF EBCHESTER.

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of one of the oldest inhabitants of Ebchester in the person of Mr. William H. Charlton, which took place at his residence, the Station Hotel, on Friday, at the age of 68 years, after a few days illness. Mr. Charlton, who was a familiar figure in the village which he belonged, and was better known throughout North-West Durham as "old Willie," was highly respected by the inhabitants. Mr. Charlton was born on 22th February, 1828, at Broomfield, near Blackhall Mill, and has spent the whole of his life time in the Derwent Valley, and during the past 27 years has evinced a deep interest in parochial matters affecting the village of Ebchester. When the Derwent Valley Branch Railway from Newcastle to Blackhill was in course of construction, Mr. Charlton was employed on the same, and accordingly secured the license for a public-house at Broomhill, which was called the Railway Inn. After carrying on business for a number of year in this house, Mr. Charlton, thought it advisable to procure more commodious premises, and accordingly erected the Station Hotel and had the license he held for the Railway Inn, transferred to the new premises, where he has carried on a most successful business as a licensed victualler and farmer for the past 25 years. About 30 years ago, Mr. Charlton had the contract for carting the gas coals from the Medomsley Edge Drift to the Shotley Bridge and Consett Gas Works. For a number of years deceased has acted as one of the Overseers for the parish of Ebchester, and at the last election was returned at the head of the poll, as one of the Councillors for the Ebchester Parish Council. When this august body assembled for their first meeting they unanimously selected Mr. Charlton as their chairman, which office he declined to accept. The deceased up to the time of his death held other important public offices, as well as being a member of the Lanchester Board of Guardians and District Council. Mr. Charlton took a deep interest in the agitation for the erection of a bridge over the River Derwent at Blackhall Mill. No one rejoiced more than deceased when this was an accomplished fact, and he was present at the opening ceremony which took place a few months ago. He was also a strong supporter of the Westwood Brass Band. It was only the other week that the band was successful in winning a cup at a contest, and the members honoured Mr. Charlton by presenting him with the same. Mr. Charlton was also deeply interested in the Ebchester mystery, and had the case in hand of disposing of the money that was left prior to his illness. The interment took place on Monday afternoon at St. Ebba's Churchyard, Ebchester. The cortege was followed by a large concourse of people, including many of the oldest standards of the district, who had travelled miles to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed friend. The coffin was covered with black cloth, and brass mountings, and bore the following inscription:—W. H. Charlton, Died October 9th, 1896, Aged 68 years.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. Charlton, (widow), Mr. W. H. Charlton, (son), Miss Charlton, (daughter), Mrs. Charlton, Oliver Ford, Mr. R. Charlton (brother), Mrs. R. Charlton, Mr. Charlton, jun., (Consett). Amongst those present we noticed Mr. James Oliver, Consett, Mr. Edward Sloane, Blackhill, Mr. J. H. Morris, Medomsley, and Mr. Thos. S. Longstaff, (representing the Lanchester Board of Guardians, and District Council), Mr. M. Martin, Consett, Mr. W. Wishart, Newcastle, Mr. Robt. Jackson, "Consett Guardian"), Mr. H. Smith, Ebchester, Mr. R. Milburn, Westwood, Mr. John Thompson, Ebchester, Mr. Ed. Dixon, Ebchester Mill, Mr. J. Moody, Ebchester; Mr. W. Bean, Low Westwood, Mr. J. Hetherington, Slate House, Mr. John Bell, Westwood, Mr. R. Browell, The Spen, Mr. R. Oxley, Westwood, Mr. J. Stewart, Sunderland, Mr. W. Laidler, Westwood, Mr. R. Dixon, Broad Oak; Mr. Thomas Laidler, Westwood, Mr. W. Temperley, Broomhill, Mr. John Thompson, Westwood, Mr. Russell, Plawsworth, Mr. J. Milburn, Westwood, Mr. George Temperley, Ebchester, Mr. George White, Westwood; Mr. Joseph Jackson, Broomhill, Mr. George Neasham, Consett, Mr. Clegg, Westwood, Mr. J. J. Thompson, Lanchester, Mr. J. Musgrove, Westwood, Mr. George Charlton Ebchester, Mr. W. R. Cooke, Mr. J. Weston, Mr. J. T. Simpson, (Westwood), Mr. E. Temperley, Ebchester Farm; Mr. J. Jewitt, Medomsley; Mr. Thomas Simpson, Westwood; Mr. Jos. Noble, Broomhill; Mr. R. Bell, Westwood; Mr. Simpson, (Messrs Tucker and Company), Gateshead; Mr. Thos Wilkinson, Westwood; Mr. Stokoe, Wood Head; Mr. W. Thompson, Consett, Mr. and Mrs. Calvert, Leadgate, Mr. J. Hunter, The Buildings, Medomsley, Mr. J. Hunter, Medomsley, Mr. George Dixon, Low Westwood, Mr. Thew, Wood Cottage, Hedley, Mr. W. Milburn, Low Westwood, Mr. R. Moffitt, Medomsley, Mr. W. E. Charlton, Medomsley, Mr. W. Dickinson, Shotley Bridge, Mr. E. W. E. Balleny, J.P., Little Greencroft, Mr. Chas. D. Balleny, The Delves, Consett, Mr. A. Wade, Ebchester, Mr. W. McKenna, Low Westwood, Mr. W. Walton, Milkwell Burn, Mr. Jas. Rodgers, Broomhill, Mr. J. Leath, Medomsley, Mr. J. Graham, Hamsterley, Mr. Bolam, Mukwell Burn Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Browell, Ebchester, Mr. J. Glendinning, Allendale Cottages, Mr. George Bullerwell, Shotley Bridge, Mr. J. Crawford, Consett, Mr. Armstrong, Blackhall Mill, Mr. Robson, Broomhill, Mr. R. Ramsay, Ebchester, Mr. W. Dixon, The Hollings, Ebchester, Mrs. Hadwin, Mrs. Lawson, (Westwood), Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Jackson, Ebchester, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. T. Chatt, Consett, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Laidler, Low Westwood, and others. The burial service was impressively read by the Rev. George Gibson (vicar.) The underbearers were: Messrs W. Charlton, (Allendale Cottages), H. Smith, W. Vasey, and M. Graham, (Ebchester), whilst Messrs M. Martin, (Consett), and R. Milburn, Westwood, acted as bidders. The undertaker was Mr. Wilson, Westwood. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths placed on the grave, including one from the members of the Westwood Brass Band, Mr. J. Charlton, Ebchester Hill, and Mr. Stokoe, Newcastle. The hearse and mourning coaches were provided by Messrs T. C. Rawes and Company, Consett.

BALL AT LEADGATE.

A most successful and enjoyable ball, in connection with the St. Ives Young Men's Church Guild, was held on Tuesday evening, in the Co-operative Hall, Leadgate. There was a large and representative company present, visitors being in attendance from all over the district. The arrangements were admirably superintended by the committee (who also acted as M.C.'s), and who comprised—Messrs J. M. Nicholson, J. O. Todd, J. Kershaw, J. G. Bates, C. T. Foreman, J. E. Kinleside, and J. E. Parker. The secretarial duties were most efficiently discharged by Messrs W. J. Foreman, and Geo. Willey. Finer music than that discoursed by Messrs J. R. Wood, Consett (piano), A. Parker, Consett (violin), and Jas. Smith, Blackhill (cornet, and Silver Medallist, Olympia), could not have been desired, and gave the utmost satisfaction. The refreshments were, as usual, A 1, in the experienced hands of Mrs M. Willey, who was assisted by an effective bevy of attendants. Among those present we noticed—Mr J. Aynsley, Mr J. Murray, Mr P. Ainsworth, Mr F. Wade, Mr C. Prior, Mr H. Wood, Miss Worth, Consett; Mr J. Todd, Mr J. Steel, Mr W. Foreman, Mr G. Blench, Miss Todd, Miss Nicholson, Miss Shield, Mr J. Kershaw, Miss E. Foreman, Miss Burnhope, Miss Hewitt, Mr H. Makepeace, Mr F. M. Foreman, Mr C. T. Foreman, Mr T. Kinleside, Mr A. Burnhope, Mr C. Burnhope, Mr J. Winter, jun., Miss K. Winter, Leadgate; Mr T. Bell, Miss Kelly, Miss Gibson, Mr J. Walton, Miss Donald, Miss Ramsey, Miss Jefferson, Medomsley; Mr E. Von Fischer, Mr J. E. Thorpe, Blackhill; Miss Redshaw, Miss L. Redshaw, Mr A. Towns; Mr J. G. Bates, Mr J. Jones, Mr R. Rowe, Mr H. Rawes, Mr Wm. Rawes, Mr Thos. Forster, Mr J. Forster, Mr I. Williamson, the Misses Nicholson, Miss G. Murray, Miss Telford, Miss Christopher, Mr W. Smurthwaite, Consett; the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, Dr Henley, Mr J. E. Parker, Miss Shaw, Miss A. Shaw, Miss M. Shaw, Miss Robson, Miss Rogerson, Miss Turner, Miss Tate, Mrs Temperley, Miss Blench, Mr J. Day, Mrs H. Makepeace, Leadgate; Mr A. Davis, Miss Gatiss, Miss Craigie, Miss Teesdale, Miss McKenna, Miss Riddell, Dipton; Dr McClay, Mr H. G. Young, Mr E. Robson, Blackhill; the Misses Cawthorn, Hobson; Mr R. Aynsley, Miss Aynsley, Mr H. Walton, Lanchester; Mr W. Aynsley, Stanley; the Misses Wade, Mr T. Hardy, Consett; Mr Geo. Willey, Mr J. M. Nicholson, Mr J. E. Kinleside, Miss Makepeace, Leadgate; Mr Joseph Wilson, Medomsley; Miss Suddes, Stoney Heap; Mr H. Hall, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Burdon, and others.

SPEN.

DEATH OF A SPEN MAN IN AMERICA.—News has reached the Spen district of the death of Mr. Matthew Nivens, at the age of 33 years, which took place on September 28th at Hickman, Pennsylvaina, from the effects of typhoid fever. It is about four years since Mr. Nevins left the Spen district.

A GREAT INJUSTICE is very often done because some self-assertive people imagine it is next to impossible to make an error. Shakespeare must have made an analytical study of the human heart before he uttered those warning words "Man know thyself, then others learn to know." This is a lesson we should all try and perfect ourselves in, and when this has been done we have to face the significant fact that unless we cultivate good health, prosperity and happiness cannot abide with us. Holloway's Pills will aid us to do this. The most eminent medical men agree that for the preservation of good health, and cure of disease there is nothing to equal them.

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BEAMISH, PONTOP, AND CONSETT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The large number of supporters of this society will remember the unfortunate circumstances under which the annual show was held at Consett on August 19th last. A large committee who had the undertaking in hand worked with might and main in order to ensure the show's success, and moreover there was a ready response by the public to assist in achieving this object, but the weather was altogether unfavourable, and it was owing to this fact that the show—which was an excellent one in the fullest sense of the word—was a comparative failure financially, the committee afterwards finding themselves in a deficiency of about £170. For the purpose of considering the best means to adopt in order to clear this amount off the books a meeting was held at Mr. Wylam's Freemason's Arms on Wednesday night. Mr. J. S. Murray presided, and there were also present Messrs G. Morgan, Shotley Bridge; Jas. Oliver, Consett; A. Fewster, Low Bradley; E. Wylam, Consett; Ed. Wylam, Shield Row; G. Hunter, Medomsley; J. Elliot, Number One; T. Snowball; Hedley Grange; H. O. Hurbock, Consett; W. Hogarth, Beamish; W. Ramsay (secretary,) Blackhill; J. Hodgson, Stanley, and A. Atkinson (general secretary,) Marley Hill.—After some discussion the vice-presidents and members present subscribed from one to two guineas each towards the liabilities; and the secretaries were instructed to draw up a circular, appealing to those interested in the society to render assistance.—The meeting were unanimous in the opinion that the show would be placed upon a firm footing after the answers to the circular had been received.

A RECORD PROPERTY SALE IN NEWCASTLE.

A very extensive sale, by private contract, of freehold property situated in Collingwood Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has recently been effected by Messrs Thos. B. Sanderson and Son, Estate and Property Agents of that city. The site is one of the most important in Newcastle, and occupies an area of about two thousand square yards. The price realised is £90,000, being far in advance of any sum previously obtained for a single block in Newcastle. A large proportion of this property was purchased some years ago at less than ten pounds per yard.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

HODGSON.—Annfield Plain, Coach and Horses Inn, on the 8th inst., the wife of Ralph Hodgson, of a son.
LAMB.—Edmondsley, on the 9th inst., the wife of George Lamb, of a daughter.
NEWTON.—At Shield Row Station, on the 12th inst., the wife of W. S. Newton, stationmaster, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DAVISON—WATSON.—At White-le-Head Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 10th inst., by the Rev E. Campbell, Nicholas Davison to Dorothy Jane, youngest daughter of Hannah and the late George Watson, both of Burnopfield Colliery.
ROWELL—NORTHEY.—At the Registrar's Office, Chester-le-Street, on the 28th ult., George Hall Hedley Rowell, son of John Rowell, Twizell, to Emma, third daughter of Samuel Northey, of White-le-Head, Dipton.

DEATHS.

BELLERBY.—At Durham, Gilesgate Hospital, on the 5th ult., aged 16 years, Mary Louisa, only daughter of the late Mrs Bathsheba Bellerby and Mr Jno. Bellerby, painter, Allergate, Durham.
CANNON.—Blaydon, 56, James Street, on the 8th inst., aged 32, Patrick, husband of Mary Jane Cannon.
CHARLTON.—Ebchester, Station Hotel, on the 9th inst., aged 68, William Henry Charlton, husband of Margaret Charlton.
ELLISON.—At the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, on the 11th inst., Lucy Isabella, eldest daughter of James Ellison, 34, Cort Street, Blackhill.
HODGSON.—At the Coach and Horses Inn, Annfield Plain, on the 10th inst., aged 2 days, Thomas Richard Hodgson, infant son of Ralph and Hannah Elizabeth Hodgson.
JAMES.—Hamsterley Colliery, on the 9th inst., aged 69, Thomas, husband of Alice James.
LYNN.—Blackhill, 53, Park Road, on the 13th inst., aged 1 year, William Edward, beloved son of Henry and Catherine H. Lynn.
NEVIN.—At Hickman, Co., Pennsylvania, America, on the 28th Sept., aged 33, Matthew Nevin, late of Spen district.
NEWTON.—Stargate, on the 12th inst., aged 64, Thomas, husband of Ann Newton.
O'RIDAN.—Consett, 26, Spencer Street, on the 1th inst., aged 33, Ann, wife of Patrick O'Ridan.
REDSHAW.—Blackhill, 80, Derwent Street, at the residence of his daughter, on the 10th inst., in his 83rd year, William Redshaw, late of Snow's Green.
WINCH.—Snow's Green, at the residence of his son-in-law (Ralph Lister), aged 72, Charles Winch, husband of Sarah Winch, of Shotley Bridge.

In ever loving memory of Elizabeth Yuille, who died 16th October, 1890, aged 65 years; also, of Samuel Yuille, who died 1st Oct., 1896, aged 76 years. R.I.P.
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In loving memory of Mary Glendinning, the beloved wife of John Glendinning, who died at Medomsley, Oct. 20th, 1893, aged 54 years.
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