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Marriages.

N—HARRISON.—At Stanhope Primitive thodist Chapel, on the 7th inst., James own to Miss M. A. Harrison, both of Stanhope.
NESS—POTTS.—Prudhoe, at St. Mary Magdene Church, 9th inst., by the Rev. J. A. llingwood Maughan, vicar, George Armong, only son of John Harkness, Prudhoe, Margaret Jane (Maggie), eldest daughter James Potts, Prudhoe House, Prudhoe.
SON—PEARSON.—Ryton Congregational urch, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. Hugh se Rae, Stephen, eldest son of Thomas arson, to Martha Ann, eldest daughter of hn Pearson, both of Ryton.
T—HOBSON.—On the 10th inst., at Jesmond rish Church, by the Rev. Humphrey T. Wightwick, M.A., assisted by the Rev. F. nith, M.A., nephew of the bridegroom, alter Scott, youngest son of Walter Scott, q., Holly House, Sunderland, to Jennie, ughter of the late John Hobson, Birtley.

Deaths.

—Simpson's Memorial Homes, Ryton, 4th st., aged 72 years, Robert Bell.
LAN.—Birtley, Crow Row, Oct. 3rd, aged Joseph, husband of Dorothy Bowman.
WN.—8, Horsecrofts, Blaydon-on-Tyne, aged years, Elizabeth Brown, widow of the late illiam Brown.
WN.—At Stanhope, on the 6th inst., Mrs rown, widow of the late Francis Brown, of reen Head Farm, aged 67 years.
—Whickham, West Street, on the 4th inst., ary, wife of William Cook.
ESMAN.—Whickham, on the 10th inst., aged William Cheesman.
LSON.—Pelton Fell, 5th inst., aged 25 years, orothy Eleanor (Dottie), wife of R. W. Coulson.
RLTON.—Crook, at the Gashouse Inn, on et. 3rd, aged 57 years, Archibald Charlton, usband of Margaret Charlton.
LESTONE.—At St. John's Chapel, on the 3rd st., Nathan Egglestone, aged 91 years.
CHINSON.—At Blanchland, on the 2nd inst., rs Hutchinson, aged 60 years.
LOP.—Burnhope Co..ery, on the 10th inst., t the age of 21 years, Robert Heslop, son of atthew and Elizabeth Heslop.
KSON.—Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, on the th inst., in his 73rd year, William Jackson, late of Ouston.
KSON.—Old Hedley Hope, near Tow Law, 0th inst., aged 7 years, Margaret Elizabeth ackson.
G.—Lamesley, on the 9th inst., Ann King.
DBITTER.—97, Hobson Colliery, on the 9th nst., aged 64, Thomas Leadbitter.
ON.—Dipton, 6th inst., aged 52 years, Mary ane, wife of A. Mason.
RSON.—Swalwell, 6th inst., aged 67 years, ohn, husband of Margaret Pearson, late of udley.
VIS.—Blaydon, 44, Mary Street, on the 11th nst., Richard John, husband of Esther Purvis.
ART.—Dunston, 2, Athol Street, on the 10th nst., Wilhelmina Stuart.
M.—Dunston, Railway Street, on the 10th nst., in her 20th year, Margaret James Ramsay (Maggie), wife of Joseph Symm, and daughter of Thomas and Mary Hood, of Winlaton Mill.
WART.—Clavering Place, Annfield Plain, n the 11th inst., aged 50, Margaret, the early-beloved wife of Alexander Stewart. nterment at Hare Law on Sunday, at Four o'clock. Friends please accept this intimation.
NER.—Witton Gilbert, Fell House, 7th inst., ged 82, Robert Turner.
MPSON.—19, Cromwell Place, Winlaton, 4th nst., Robert, son of Robert and the late Frances Thompson.
NBULL.—At Belle Vue Terrace, Consett, 7th nst., aged 27 years 11 months, Amelia, daughter of Charles and Mary Turnbull (late of rook.)
RANCE.—At 16, Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, he house of his sister, on the 4th inst., after long illness most patiently borne, Dr. obert Torrance, F.R.C.S., Ed., late of Saville ow, Newcastle.
DY.—Burnopfield, 14, Park View, 4th inst., ged 76 years, Jane, wife of George Weedy.
SON.—Elswick, 79, Amelia Street, on the 10th nst., aged 72, George Sanderson Wilson, late f Springfield, Shotley Bridge. To be interred t Benfieldside Cemetery on Friday, 3.30 p.m. ortege to leave Elswick 2.30 p.m. train. nds kindly accept this, the only intimation.

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FOOTBALL "SPECIALS."

THE ENGLISH CUP.

By CHARLES W. ALCOCK
(English Football Association).

A quarter of a century ago modern football was only just commencing to assert its claim to a recognised place in the list of British sports. Forty years back the game itself was practically unknown. At first the mere holiday recreation of a few public schoolboys, the winter of 1859 had seen the formation of the first real football club —at least of one conducted on a proper basis. But it was the establishment of the Football Association Challenge Cup which brought the Association game to the front at a bound. How little the fathers of Association football, who met together on Ludgate-hill in the autumn of 1871, could have foreseen the remarkable impetus the competition they were arranging was to give to the development of football! There was little, too, of bold advertisement about their methods, be it added. Only eleven clubs were represented at the inaugural meeting, and all of these were located within the Metropolitan radius, bar two. The modest sum required to purchase the trophy was subscribed by the clubs there and then, and on December 16th, 1871,

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP BECAME AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

By that time most of the clubs had arranged their fixtures for the winter, so that the entries for the season of 1871-2 were comparatively small. Of the sixteen clubs competing the first year, only two came from the North. Donington Grammar School was one, the other was destined to play a very important part in the development of Association football—the celebrated Queen's Park Club of Glasgow. At the outset distant teams were excused the early ties and it was not until the fourth round of the first competition that Queen's Park appeared actively on the scene. Good sportsmen as they have always been, the Scotch team came all the way to London the first match of purely international character, and the Scotchmen made a splendid fight of it, in due course to meet the Wanderers. It was though the Wanderers made a sad mistake in missing an easy goal just before the finish. Even then the drawn game was practically a loss to Queen's Park, who were unable to stay in London to play it off, and had consequently to scratch. In the end the Wanderers and Royal Engineers were left to struggle for the possession of the Cup, which fell into the hands of the Wanderers after a one-sided game, though only by one goal to none. Just then the Wanderers, who had a monopoly of the best public school players of the day, could hardly do wrong.

THEY WERE CUP-FIGHTERS PAR EXCELLENCE,

as their brilliant record in those early days will shew. Twice in succession, it is true, they failed to retain the Cup, which they had landed in 1871 as well as 1872. All the same, they made up for this double failure by a triple first in 1876 and two following seasons. In those primeval days three consecutive wins entitled the successful club to the absolute possession of the Cup. The Wanderers were the first and, as it happened, the only team to establish their claim. They won it altogether five times in the first seven years. It never passed into their hands, for the simple reason that, like good sportsmen, they handed it back to the Football Association, merely stipulating that it should never, in the future, be won outright. Curiously enough, they were never destined to reach the final tie again. The whirligig of time was bringing its revenges—in fact, had been for some little time. Throughout the 'seventies the competition had been a happy hunting-ground for Southern clubs mainly. It was not until the 'eighties had begun that the North was represented. The final tie of 1881-2

COMMENCED A NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF THE CUP.

What a sensation, too, was caused by the first appearance of the Blackburn Rovers at the Oval that year! They came up confident enough, with a congratulatory poem in praise of their victory already printed. But, as they found to their cost, they had underrated the powers of the Old Etonians, who were their opponents. A powerful as well as a fast side they were, the Etonians of that day, and superior physique gave them the victory after a hard game by the one goal of the match. Blackburn footballers, as luck would have it, were to be successful in the following spring as well. This time it was the Blackburn Olympic team, whose long passing enabled them to beat the Old Etonians by two goals to one. The final of 1883 was memorable, if only for one reason—that it was the last on which a Southern club appeared in the closing match of the competition. By this time Association football had established itself firmly in the North, as well as in the Midlands. Queen's Park, Glasgow, too, had not as yet forsaken the Cup, and they came very near winning it in the spring of 1884, being only beaten by the Blackburn Rovers, at the second time of asking, by two goals to one. Twice again the Rovers were successful, rivalling the achievement of the Wanderers. It was a remarkable performance, that triple victory of the Blackburn team. So evidently thought the executive of the Football Association, for a silver shield was presented to the Rovers in commemoration of an exceptional performance. They were hard put to it on the occasion of their third victory. West Bromwich Albion, another team of Cup fighters, had drawn with them at the Oval, and were only beaten when the game was played a second time at Derby. The next season the Albion were equally unfortunate, and that year, for the first time, the Cup found a resting-place in the Birmingham district. But it was Aston Villa who won, and the West Bromwich Albion, who had twice in succession been the runners up, had to wait till their third final, that of 1887-8, before they were able to land the Cup. Nor can one forget the

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES OF PRESTON NORTH END

In the season of 1888-9. It was an exceptionally fine side which did duty for North End that winter. There was no one to withstand them, and the double first they won in the Championship of the League and the final of the Football Association Cup was only the fitting reward of a long sequence of successes. Just then Lancashire football was quite in the ascendant, and twice again in following seasons the Blackburn Rovers gained possession of the Cup. Since 1891 the balance of power has passed into the Midlands. Only twice, indeed, has a Lancashire team got into the final. The scene at the Fallowfield Ground, at Manchester, when the Wolverhampton Wanderers and Everton met in the spring of 1893, will not readily be forgotten. The huge crowd interfered to a great extent with the play, but the game was allowed to stand, and the Cup went to the Wolves by the one goal of the match. Another stoutly-contested final was that of 1895. The Oval, which had been the scene of so many Homeric contests under both codes, had just been closed for football, so that it was not available. Fortunately for the Association, a ground of even greater capacity was ready to hand in the sports arena at the Crystal Palace. The first final decided there was a success in every way. Birmingham supplied both teams in the old-time rivals, Aston Villa and West Bromwich Albion. The Villa had the good fortune to obtain a rather lucky goal almost immediately after the kick-off. That early score determined the result. The Albion, as the game went, were quite as good as their opponents. But, though they worked hard to the bitter end, they were unable to recover the goal they had lost, and were beaten, after one of the most exciting finals ever witnessed. As luck would have it, Aston Villa were the last team to hold the original Cup. The trophy which had been the outward and visible sign of the greatest athletic development of the age was lent for the purpose ... on by the Villa executive to a local tradesman.

IT TOOK THE FANCY OF THE ENTERPRISING BURGLAR,

and from his hands presumably passed into the melting-pot. Whatever its fate, the fact remains that, in spite of bold advertisement and other means, it was never recovered. Happily, although there was an inclination to replace it by the more pretentious substitution of a massive gold cup, the good taste of the majority of the Association Council prevailed, with the result that an exact replica of the old trophy was provided. The first competition for its possession was memorable, among other things, for the plucky fight made by a Southern club. Sheffield Wednesday met the Wolverhampton Wanderers in the final, and had some difficulty in beating them, as they did, by the narrow margin of a goal. As it happened, Wednesday had met Southampton St. Mary's in the earlier round, and as the latter went down at the second time of asking the Southampton team were able to shew cause for the contention that they were, on paper at least, among the last of the season on that form. But Southampton were doomed to even worse fortune two years later. It was the cruellest of ill-luck, indeed, that attended them at the Crystal Palace in the spring of last year. By dint of sheer pluck they had got into the semi-final tie, a boast which no Southern team had been able to make for a long time. They had to meet Notts Forest, and until just on the end of the game had more than held their own. Play had once been suspended in consequence of a snowstorm, and undoubtedly should have been stopped again at the close. As it was, the referee insisted on the game being continued, and in the driving snow Southampton lost a couple of goals which they could hardly have lost under ordinarily favourable conditions. Southampton appealed, and with reason, to the Committee of the Football Association that the game should be re-played. Under the existing conditions of the weather at the time, the referee might well, and with credit to himself, have recommended such a course. Instead, he was obdurate, and in view of this the executive had no alternative but to rule Southampton out of the competition. As they had had much the best of the Forest, who eventually beat Derby County easily in the final, there was undoubtedly some ground for the belief that they would have made a very bold bid for the possession of the Cup, if they had not actually won it. But the ill-luck of Southampton must not make one forget the excellent performances of others in the later competitions. Among many great struggles one of the most exciting was that between Aston Villa and Everton at the Palace in 1897. In a little over half-an-hour five goals had been got, and there was every chance apparently that a record in the way of goals would be established. As it was, Everton played up with remarkable pluck, and, though unable to get on even terms, held their own so well that nothing else was scored. Aston Villa's victory by three goals to two was thoroughly in accordance with public form. They were decidedly the best team of the season, having, like Preston North End in 1888-9, the satisfaction of winning the Championship of the League as well as the possession of the Association Cup. Sheffield's performance in the final for the Cup at the palace in April was a veritable triumph for superior Physique. They fairly outstayed Derby County, who were helplessly out of it in the second half. In the League competition they were not so fortunate. In fact, at the end they came out sixteenth of the eighteen competitors, so that with possession of the Association Cup they had good reason to be content.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. AUCKLAND CASTLE.
[BY "STICKS."]

The meeting of these crack teams at Shotley Bridge on Saturday, drew together a good attendance. The weather was of an ideal character, and in consequence a hard and fast game ensued. The teams were as follows:—

Auckland Castle—Goal, Morgan; backs, B Robinson and Wilkinson; half-backs, Austin, C Heslop, and Trollope; forwards, Cummings, Burgess, Westcott, Turner, and Boutflower.

Derwent Valley—Backs, J. Hamilton, T. D Dales, and J. E. Thorpe; half-backs, W. H Croudace, J. M. Nicholson, and A. C. Blunt; forwards, R. S. Renton, J. O. Todd, C. T. Foreman, W. Douglas, and H. H. Wattsford.

Umpire, Mr R. Heymer.

After the bully-off the home men at once pressed, Renton making a fine run and forcing a corner, from which Todd very nearly scored. Then Westcott and Burgess came away, but Nicholson stopped them in good style. However, the visitors came again, Thorpe clearing well. The Castle then pressed severely, and only a very strong defence kept them at bay. Commings had a nice chance, but sent past. The Valley at length raised the siege, but Robinson sent them back. However, Croudace got the ball to Renton, who put in a dashing run and sent to Todd. The latter passed on to Foreman, who put just by with a fast shot. The home team pressed and gained an abortive corner, after which Renton again came into prominence for a grand run along the right, which resulted in another corner, well cleared by Morgan. Wattaford put in a well-meant shot which went wide, and then off-side spoiled Auckland when they were looking dangerous. Foreman and Douglas brought the ball back, and on sending out to Wattaford the latter just missed. However, the Valley got close in just afterwards, and from a loose scrimmage Nicholson scored a clever goal amid applause. The visitors attacked immediately afterwards, but found a stumbling-block in Dales, who ran the ball out of danger. Nicholson and Blunt were prominent for good work, but Heslop stopped the home forwards, and then half-time arrived—

Derwent Valley .... One goal
Auckland Castle .... Nil

On play being resumed, Boutflower and Turner at once rushed away, and the former sent past. Nicholson stopped a rush by Westcott and Burgess, but the Castle still pressed, and Croudace brought off a fine save close in. Auckland attacked strongly, and one of the forwards shooting true the ball was just on the point of going through when Thorpe got at it in time, and Hamilton sent out of danger—a very near thing. A corner fell to the visitors, but was easily cleared by Dales. From a free hit the Valley came very near scoring again. Then Auckland pressed, and Westcott made a good attempt to equalise, but missed the target. Dales and Blunt were here conspicuous for defensive work on behalf of the home club, and then Morgan made a fine save from Nicholson. Heslop was injured, but after being attended to the game was resumed. The Valley had rather the best of matters, and in the last few minutes fired in several shots, Foreman having hard lines just before the whistle sounded, hitting the cross-bar with a terrific shot. Nothing further resulted in the scoring line, and the final was:—

Derwent Valley .... One goal
Auckland Castle .... Nil

REMARKS.—In accordance with general expectations, the game was a most exciting one. The fact that the Castle went through last season without suffering a single defeat showed of what stuff they were made. Whilst not over-confident as to the result, the Valley were determined to do their utmost to beat their formidable rivals, and this they managed, but without much to spare. Before the game commenced the popular Derwent Valley skipper (T. D. Dales) expressed the opinion that the team this season was as strong as ever it was, and from what I saw on Saturday, I quite believe it. Three or four of the players are short of practice, but when they properly settle down they will take an immensity of beating. Auckland are no doubt a fine combination, and they will lose but few games. In Morgan they have a splendid goalkeeper, whilst Robinson played an excellent game at back, and was continually conspicuous. Heslop (the county half) put in a lot of useful work in the intermediate division, and was well supported by Austin and Trollope. The forwards are a smart set, Westcott, Burgess, and Boutflower all doing well. The Valley dispense with a goalkeeper, and play three backs instead. That rare athlete, Dales, was in fine form on the defensive, and he was ably backed up by Thorpe, whilst J. Hamilton gives promise of developing into a very useful man. Although short of practice, Nicholson played admirably at half, and that goal of his was a clever effort. Croudace and Blunt both shaped pretty well, the former especially. In the first half Renton took the palm amongst the forwards, putting in several fine runs, and controlling the ball admirably. Todd did capitally for a first attempt this season, but I like to see him best partnering Wattaford, the latter of whom was very smart at times. Foreman had hard lines in not scoring, that shot of his in the closing minute fully deserving a goal. Douglas did fairly, and all round the team played a capital game. I was pleased (and surprised) to see such a satisfactory attendance, and the game is evidently "catching on" in the district. More than that, the spectators appeared to have a good idea of what might be termed the finer points of the game. Provided the players steer clear of accidents, I shall anticipate seeing the Valley finish up the season with a fine record. To expect them to go through the season undefeated is perhaps rather a large order, but their reverses should be few and far between.

Consett Industrial and Provident Society, Limited.

The 146th quarterly meeting of the above society was held in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Consett, on Saturday night, Oct. 7th. A good number of members were present. After a most successful sale of branch reading room papers had been conducted by Mr John Crawford, auctioneer, the chair was taken by the president of the society, Coun. G. Lowes, who, after a few opening remarks, called upon the secretary (Mr Huntley) to read the minutes of last quarterly meeting. These, along with the committee's minutes for the past quarter, were confirmed.—The report and balance sheet were then considered, and after a few minor questions had been asked and answered satisfactorily, the same was adopted.—The report read as follows:—We again submit for your consideration a statement of the results of the working of your society for the past thirteen weeks. The sales for the past quarter (13 weeks) amount to £15,012 9s. 3½d, against £16,934 3s. 3d. for the same quarter last year (15 weeks). The membership now stands at 1,825, against 1,789 last year, an increase of 36 on the year. The share capital amounts to £43,788, against £39,720, an increase of £4,068. The dividend declared is 3s. 4d. in the £ on general purchases and 8d. in the £ on butcher's purchase.—The election of two members of the committee resulted in the re-election of the retiring members, Messrs Ed. Hobday and J. W. Leybourne.

FOOTBALL.

MATCHES.

Clough Dene Rangers defeated Hobson Juniors by one to nil at Clough Dene. The following did duty for the Rangers:—Simpson, Hunter, Ridley, Burrell, J. S. Musgrove, W. Musgrove, Richardson, Harrison, and Oyston.

DUNSTON VILLA v. HEBBURN UNITED.

Dunston Villas journeyed to Hebburn on Saturday, where they fulfilled an engagement with Hebburn United, whom they defeated by one goal to nil. The game was most interesting, and some fine play was witnessed. Walton scored for Dunston.

LEADGATE YOUNG PARK v. BRADLEY WHITE STARS

This game was played on the ground of the latter in fine weather, and resulted in a win for the former by six goals to three. The following did duty for the winners—Goal, J. Hall; backs, J. T. McGee and J. R. Lee; half-backs, E. Bunney, G. Tibley, and E. Hedley; forwards, E. Calvert, C. Birtley, J. R. Burnhope, W. Cook, and A. Birtley. Referee, Mr E Cant

LINTZ ROVERS v. DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

On the Lints ground. The above teams met on Saturday in a friendly, and a very fast game was witnessed. Both teams were evenly matched, and kept the ball moving from one goal to the other in turn. Both teams had a point each at half-time. The second half was not so hardly fought, but both stuck to their work, and when the whistle blew for time the score was—Infantry, four goals; Lints, three goals. This is the last game the soldiers play this season, as they set sail for South Africa on Tuesday. After the game the players retired to Mr N. Carrick's, and spent the evening in harmony.

CONSETT CELTIC v. BLACKHILL ALBION.

These teams met at Consett on Saturday. The Albion won the toss and decided to kick against the wind. The ball was put in motion, and from a nice pass from Bant, Chapman scored with a stinging shot. After the re-start a corner was forced to the Celtic, from which Chapman added a second. Between this and half-time grand play was witnessed between both teams. The whistle sounded for half-time with the score:—

Consett Celtic .... Two goals
Blackhill Albion .... Nil

The ball was again kicked off, and the Celtics pressed. Hands was placed in favour of the Celtics, and from this Chapman added a third. The Albion then pressed, but did not succeed in scoring. A corner was then placed to the Celtic, and from this Brown added a fourth. The Celtic had the best of the game. Chapman played a grand game. Time arrived with the score:—

Consett Celtic .... Four goals
Blackhill Albion .... Nil

The following did duty for the Celtic:—Goal, G. Surtees; backs, E. Dodds and G. Lovel; half-backs, F. James, R. Hewitson, and S. Bant; forwards, G. Nugent, W. Bant, R. Winter, T. Chapman, and G. Brown.

CRAGHEAD RANGERS v. FATFIELD ALBION.

Played at Fatfield, before a fair number of spectators. The teams faced each other as follows:—

Craghead—Goal, W. Laycock; backs, N. Sheraton and A. Moore; half-backs, W. Vickers, Ed. Buc-, and J. Brannen; forwards, J. Dodds, W. Allison, Sutherland, J Grix and G. Scott.

Fatfield Albion—Goal, G. Knox; backs, W. Wilson and Jos. Jobling; half-backs, E. Scott (captain), J. Goulden, Jos. Moore, forwards, F. Scott, J. Pringle, D. Wilson, J. Miller, and J. Wilson.

Craghead won the toss and elected to play down the field, the visitors left wing broke away and Knox was compelled to handle. The home team now pressed, but just when the left wing appeared likely to prove dangerous Scott kicked out. From the throw-in the home men continued pegging away, and a good pass by Miller to Pringle, who shot for goal but it went over. The ball being well placed up the field J. Wilson sent it into touch. Miller and Wilson then showed some tricky play by taking the ball to the visitors' territory, where Laycock was on the alert and consequently nothing came of it. The home team were now having the best of the game. Some neat passing by F. Scott and Pringle enabled them to get near the visitors' territory, and accidentally one of the visitors' backs (Vickers) placed the ball into the net for Fatfield. The Rangers then pressed and forced a corner, which went wide. Grix then got the ball and ran well up the field, but was checked by Jobling who defended well. The home right wing broke away and Scott centred to Wilson, who banged the ball into the net. From the kick-off Craghead eventually cleared and transferred operations to their opponents territory. Grix was nicely sprinting down the field when Wilson interposed. Following on the visitors made a determined attempt to score, but the defence of the home backs was too good. A free kick came to Fatfield which was placed well, and F. Scott scored the third point for Fatfield. Play was now mostly in the visitors' territory, when the whistle sounded half-time:—

Fatfield Albion .... Three goals
Craghead Rangers .... Nil

On resuming, Craghead pressed very hard, Buck playing an excellent game. Allison broke away and sent over to Sutherland who shot, but it went wide. From the goal kick Goulden sent into touch and soon after a foul fell to Craghead, which made matters look like scoring, and a scrimmage ensued in the goal-mouth, but was got away by Wilson who took it up the field, but over-ran it and it went into touch. Play ruled in the vicinity of the home goal, and Allison played up well and with the aid of a good pass by Sutherland he shot for goal, but it just went by. The goal kick was well placed, and Fatfield pressed and D. Wilson, when within shooting distance shot for goal, but Laycock saved well at the expense of a corner, which came to nothing. Craghead now showed good combination play, and forced a corner, but it was got away. A. Moore then got the ball in his power and sent in a stinging shot which fairly beat the home custodian. For some time play rallied in mid-field, and there were no particular incidents. Final:—

Fatfield Albion .... Three goals
Craghead Rangers .... One goal

NORTH-WEST DURHAM ALLIANCE.
ALLENDALE PARK v. BEARPARK.

This fixture was brought off at Medomsley on Saturday last, before a fair attendance of spectators in cold weather. The following teams took the field:—

Allendale Park—Goal, J. Scott; backs, W. Walton and M. Walton; half-backs, Hobday, T. Walton, and Hanley; forwards, W. Lynop, Robinson, Morris, Craig, and Brown.

Bearpark—Goal, T. Crooks; backs, Jameson and Golightly; half-backs, Ritson, Carling, and and Dixon; forwards, Hope, H. Simmons, J. Pope, G. Simpson, and J. Pattinson.

Referee, Mr H. Cruddas, Iveston.

The game was fairly even at the start, each end being visited in turn, but the backs were very sure on both sides. Morris and Lynop ran the ball well down, and Robinson sent in, but Crooks rejected. After a little further play in mid-field Hope and Simmons carried the ball well down the right, and centred; Pope received and sent in a hot shot which Scott failed to hold, opening out the scoring in favour of the visitors. Each side attacked in turn, but nothing resulted until the home forwards getting well down the visitors' left full back handled close into goal, and the inevitable penalty accrued. Mat. Walton took the kick, and banged the ball past Crooks in unmistakable fashion, thus putting the two teams on a level. The upshot of this was a bit of feeling on the part of the visitors amongst themselves, and for a time they played loose and disjointedly, but soon pulled themselves together, and Hope racing down the right got in a strong shot at Scott, but the home custodian cleared his lines well. Hobday sent back up the field, and Lynop made a nice run up the left, but was dispossessed close in. Returning to the attack Craig and Morris again got into the neighbourhood of the visitors' goal, but Crooks easily cleared Morris' shot. Brown got in a "twister" from the corner, and Crooks turning right round at the ball lifted it from just underneath the crossbar in skilful style—a very near thing. Another lively scrimmage ensued on the Bearpark goal-line, a claim for the ball being over being disallowed. The visitors again changed the venue, and Pattinson got nicely away up the left and centred. Pope received and sent over to Simmons, who beat Scott for the second time with a shot at cross-corners, putting the visitors once again in a majority. Give-and-take play ensued up to the half-way house, but nothing further transpired, and at the interval the Bearpark men were leading. Half-time:—

Bearpark .... Two goals
Allendale .... One goal

Resuming, Bearpark were quickly in the ascendant, and cut out some tough work for the home backs, who, however, were quite equal to the task assigned them, and the visitors failed to penetrate the home defence. From a break-away the home men got well down and Brown sent in a shot off the wing which, however, Crooks cleared in capital style. The visiting custodian again distinguished himself immediately after by another fine save when sorely pressed by the home forwards. Once again the visitors took up the running, Pattinson and Simpson coming down the left in clean style. The former centred and Pope sent further over to Hope. The latter player sent in a hot shot at Scott, but the home custodian threw away in good style. Another attempt, and then Simmons with a good opening sent wide. The visitors continued to make the pace, the passing between their forwards being very sure and fast. Coming down the left, Pattinson eluded Hobday and Walton and sent across to Simmons. Pope received from the latter and sent in a hot 'un at Scott. The home custodian fisted away, but right upon Pope's foot, who banged the leather into the net before Scott could recover his position, making the third point for Bearpark. Allendale next secured a corner, but Ritson sent back, and the ball again came away towards the home goal, Carling trying a shot from half which Mat Walton kicked out. Another shot from Pattinson just fell short by inches. The Bearpark men continued to maintain the whip-hand. Dixon sent on to Pattinson, who came away in clean style and once again centred to Pope. The visiting centre let drive and Scott cleared, only for the sphere to be banged back again by Pope as on the previous occasion, Scott having no chance to regain himself. This was the fourth point for Bearpark. The game was now presumably lost to Allendale, consequently, they did not further exert themselves to any extent. They, however, managed to keep out the Bearpark forwards, the home defence being the most conspicuous part of the team. The forwards appeared much below par, and did not combine with anything like the same precision and accuracy as their opponents. The whistle sounded the arrival of full time with the visitors victors. Final:—

Bearpark .... Four goals
Allendale .... One goal

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.
SOUTH TANFIELD v. HAMSTERLEY.

Played at South Tanfield in beautiful weather. Both teams were representative, with the exception that the visitors were without their clever left winger, D. Seath through illness. The home team won the toss and played downhill with a glaring sun behind them. Ferry started, and the visitors went straight for goal, but put past. The home team rushed down the left from the goal-kick, the outside man putting in a fine bouncing shot which Rudd cleared with difficulty. J. Seath sent to the left wing, who sped up the field. Here a penalty was given against the home right back for handling within the prescribed line. Carr took the kick and shot hard at the goalkeeper, who managed to beat the ball on to the ground, when Swinburn rushed up and hit the post with a rattle. The backs cleared splendidly, and found touch in the centre. Ferry secured from the throw-in and gave the right wing, who took up the field. Parker crossed to the left, who banged into goal, Ferry bundling both ball and custodian through. The home team pressed for some time from the centre kick, but eventually Carr cleared his lines, and play veered to the other end. Rudd having to stop a hot 'un previous to this. Then Ferry banged in from 20 yards' range; Patterson sent out feebly, Swinburn then secured and scored number two with a good shot. Play was pretty even up to half-time, when the score was—

Hamsterley .... Two goals
South Tanfield .... Nil

The home team rushed up and put past from the re-start. The visiting goalkeeper made a mess of the goal kick, with the result that the home centre banged through the goal before he could recover himself. Tanfield pressed heavily for some time. Rudd having to clear smartly after both backs had been beaten. The siege was at length raised and play was in home territory till the finish. The visitors obtained several corners, both Little and Ferry having hard lines, just heading over the bar. Eventually the visitors won rather easily, the score reading—

Hamsterley .... Two goals
South Tanfield .... One goal

Hamsterley—Goal, Rudd; backs, J. Seath and J. Carr; halves, Dodds, Little, and Anderson; forwards, Parker, Johnson, Ferry Fenwick, and Swinburn.

Referee, Mr. Milligan, Allendale.

BURNHOPE ROVERS v. BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S.

Played on the ground of the former in grand weather. Rovers' team—Goal, W. Laycock, backs, T. Talbot and P. Cassidy; half-backs, T. Hodgson, R. Wallace, and G. Talbot; forwards, P. Talbot, A. Flynn, R. Murray, J. Flynn, and J. Talbot. Referee, Mr Gray, Tantobie. The Rovers won the toss, and the Saints kicked off, and soon made tracks for the home goal, only to be brought back by Cassidy. After each end had been visited J. Talbot beat Johnson with a grand shot, and half-time arrived with the Rovers leading by one goal to nil. The second half was stubbornly contested, but the Saints had to retire beaten by one goal to nil.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE.

These teams met on the ground of the former on Saturday afternoon under the auspices of the above league. The weather was fine, and a good number of spectators lined the ropes. The teams faced each other as under:—

Park—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, G. Temple and W. G. Robson; half-backs, D. Cartmell, W. Calvert, and R. Dawson; forwards, J. Harper, P. Hughes, W. Crowther, J. Kelly, and C. Todd.

Swifts—Goal, Sheeky; backs, Wood and Eltringham; half-backs, McNally, Bradley, and Coleman; forwards, Walton, Sheldon, Hull, Page, and Boyle

Referee, Mr Hodgson, Tantobie.

The spin of the coin fell in favour of the visitors, who elected to defend the entrance goal. Crowther set the ball on its journey, and after a few exchanges in midfield the home forwards took up the running, the visitors' territory being the scene of action, but a good kick by Wood relieved the pressure. Walton took possession and made a run down the field but found a stumbling-block in Temple. The home right now got hold, and after a bit of neat play got well within shooting distance, but Harper sent the leather harmlessly past. From the goal-kick Boyle got hold and made off for the home goal where he gave to Hull, who had a grand opening, and sent in a swift shot, Calvert throwing away in fine style. The entrance goal was again the scene of action, Crowther having hard lines in not scoring. The home lads kept up the pressure, a corner falling to their lot, but it was placed wide. From the goal kick the Swifts had a turn at attacking, the home custodian and backs having plenty of work for a time, but Temple at last changed the venue, Sheeky again being called upon to save, which he did in grand style. End-to-end play was now the order, each side trying to score before the interval, and when the whistle sounded the score was as under:—

Park .... Nil
Consett .... Nil

On crossing over the home lads were the first to take up the attack, but Bradley relieved with a good kick. Boyle carrying play well into the home quarters, where the visitors tried their utmost to score, but could not succeed. Dawson getting possession placed the ball well out of danger. Todd and Kelly took the ball into the Consett half, and Crowther at last beat the visiting custodian with a grand shot. From the centre kick Consett went away with a rush, but found a strong defence opposed to them, Robson once more placing the visitors on the defensive, and Dawson sent in a grand shot, hitting the cross-bar and rebounding into play. McNally relieved, but only for a while. Todd and Kelly getting hold made a grand run down the field, and the latter added the second goal for his side. The Swifts now tried their utmost to score, but try as they would they could not penetrate the defence opposed to them, and when the whistle blew for time the score stood—

Park .... Two goals
Consett .... Nil

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.
ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. THROCKLEY.

On Saturday afternoon the Annfield Plain Celtic met the Tyneside team, Throckley, in a fixture under the auspices of the above league, Mr A. P. Little, of Leadgate, commanded the contestants, who lined up as follows:—

Annfield Plain Celtic—Goal, J. Gallagher, backs, R. Pearson and R. Carr; half-backs, A. Coyle, W. Cox, and J. Coyle; forwards, R. Forster, J. Hewison, J. Mewes, W. Herdman and E. Storey.

Throckley—Goal, Emmerson; backs, McGill and Telford; half-backs, Forsythe, M. Short, and Lynch; forwards, Hepple, Callighan, P. Barnfather, J. Short, and Watson.

Fortune favoured the visitors in winning the toss. They elected to attack the entrance or low goal. Annfield Plain commenced full of hope, but found a strong opposition in the visitors. Barnfather soon became prominent, and kept his opponents busy throughout the game. Getting hold he made a fine run, but lost to Carr. Notwithstanding momentary reverses Throckley maintained a heavy pressure upon the Celts' goal for some time, but found that portion of the home territory ably defended by Pearson and Carr. From a throw-in Forster soon got to work by passing to Mewes, who was robbed by Barnfather putting to Watson, whose attempt at goal just went wide—a very near thing. Then the ball travelled upwards, but found touch before anything worthy of comment took place. Again Forster by some tricky play eluded Hepple, and put over to Herdman, who sent to touch. M. Short made a fine pass to Barnfather only to see that player shoot wide of his mark. Play was next seen in Throckley territory, where Emmerson managed to save just in the nick of time. Resuming the aggressive, Throckley soon found themselves in the Celtic goal-mouth, where Watson, in making a rush at Gallagher, got more than he bargained for. On several subsequent occasions the visitors were dangerous, but as often found a strong defence. Again Barnfather got hold and forced Gallagher to run out to save. The latter missed his kick, but the backs kept his goal intact until he got back to his charge. Desperate attempts were made by both sides to score. A corner kick for Throckley was well placed by Watson, who saw the homesters carry play into less dangerous quarters. Mewes passing to Forster saw him make a dash up the field until a favourable position was reached. He shot, but the well-aimed attempt went over the top. The pressure upon Emmerson's charge made matters hot for him, but he emerged out of the ordeal creditably, and when half-time arrived neither team had effected a score. On the resumption of hostilities in the second half of the encounter Callighan ran the ball into touch. Following the throw-in, Forster became dangerous, but McGill and Telford kept him from carrying out his purpose. On gaining the ascendancy Throckley rushed up to Gallagher's charge, where they had the pleasure of seeing Barnfather beat Gallagher with a flying shot close in. Play tamed down for a little until Storey let fly a shot, which came near equalising. The Celts kept pressing and worked hard to equalise, but do what they could, they were unable to achieve that desire, as every attack upon Emmerson's charge was successfully repelled. Towards the close of the game the visitors resorted to time-wasting tactics by kicking out, and the final arrived with—

Throckley .... One goal
Annfield Plain Celtic .... Nil

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.
RE-PLAYED TIE.
TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS v. BLAYDON UNITED.

Owing to the "Co-ops" drawing at Blaydon, they received a visit from Blaydon to play the re-played tie on Saturday. Blaydon won the toss, and decided to play down the hill. No sooner had Fletcher started than the home forwards made tracks for the Blaydon goal, but the defence proved rather stubborn for a short time. However, it was soon broken down when Seath scored the first goal for Tantobie amid loud applause. Again pressing the home forwards got close in, but failed to score. The Blaydon forwards got hold, but were soon checked by the home defence (I. Adamson and Gladders), who were playing a splendid game. McKever played well to the forwards, when the Blaydon custodian was called upon to save, and he gave a corner, which was well placed by Weightman, and Fletcher scored the second goal. Play was very even and uninteresting for a time. W. Adamson and Weightman taking advantage of a miskick by Blaydon, soon made things look rather dangerous, and passing to Seath he scored the third goal. The visitors then got away and tried Lishman with a shot, but found him at his post, and he soon sent it out of danger. Atkinson and Seath made a fine run and brought the ball to the other end, and Fletcher shot wide. On pressing again the "Co-ops" became dangerous, and Seath put on the fourth goal amid cries of "off-side." The goal, however, was allowed. The "Co-ops" tried hard, but could not score again previous to the interval, which arrived with—

Tantobie Co-operators .... Four goals
Blaydon United .... Nil

The second half was not of an interesting character, and as the game wore on it was evident that the visitors had found too strong an opposition. Blaydon worked hard in the second half, but could only score one goal, with the result that they were thoroughly outclassed on all sides. Nothing further resulted and the final was:—

Tantobie Co-operators .... Four goals
Blaydon United .... One goal

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.
NEWCASTLE UNITED A v. BIRTLEY.

On Saturday last Birtley visited St. James' Park, Newcastle, to play the Newcastle United Reserve team under Northern Alliance rules. The homesters had their full team on, including Rogers, who, last season, was a regular player on the first team. On the Birtley team the only change was the displacement of Patterson in favour of J. Wilson, of Elswick Harriers, at outside right. There would be about 3,000 spectators when the following players lined up:—

Newcastle United A—Goal, Watts; backs, Birnie and Knifton; half-backs, Procter, Veitch, and Carr; forwards, Rogers, McDonald, Reid, Simm, and Rae.

Birtley—Goal, Biggars; backs, Greene and Martin; half-backs, Hill, Dover, and Ryle; forwards, J Wilson, W. Wilson, Dixon, Spence, and Doyle.

Referee, Mr G. W. Greener.

Hamilton Dixon gave the ball the initial touch, but Newcastle immediately got possession and rushed down. Rogers put in a magnificent shot, which was repelled by Biggars, but the ball went off Greene to McDonald, who, with a splendid opening, banged the leather into the net three minutes after the start. After the Birtley defence had again been called upon the villagers broke away and J. Wilson got the better of Knifton, but the centre was intercepted by a Novocastrian, and the ball again travelled to the Birtley end, where Simm shot over. Shortly after, Rogers got the ball and put it into the net, scoring the second goal for the Tynesiders. After the centre kick Dixon had a chance of dribbling down, but lost possession, and later W. Wilson had a shot, but Watts saved. After this Birtley acted mainly on the defensive, the display given by Biggars being very fine. Shots of all kinds were stopped in a manner which would have credited many first-class custodians, and when half-time had arrived Newcastle were leading by twogoals. Score:—

Newcastle .... Two goals
Birtley .... Nil

Newcastle again took up the attack, and pressed hard. All the home forwards were conspicuous and Biggars had to look spry, but he seemed to have improved during the interval, and was even better, if possible, than during the first half. Birtley occasionally had a look in, and once a terrific shot from the right wing struck the upright and bounded into play again, and Watts just managed to snick the ball away. It now looked as though there was going to be no further scoring, but just on time a fast shot was sent in by McDonald, which fairly beat Biggars, thus scoring the third goal. Almost directly after time arrived with the score—

Newcastle United A .... Three goals
Birtley .... Nil

MIDDLESBROUGH A v. STANLEY.

Much interest was centred in this fixture, which was played on the Linthorpe Road Ground, Middlesbrough, on Saturday afternoon, before 4,000 spectators. The first half of the game was much in favour of the home team, but they failed to effect a score. This, however, may be accounted for by the lack of combination in the forward line, and also the erratic shooting of many of the players. In goal, Hughes kept his charge well, and the backs were always on the alert when the occasion presented itself. The visitors' forwards played a moderate game, and if it had not been for Ellis, in goal, there is little doubt but that the score against them would have been a heavy one. As it was, however, no score was effected, and the interval arrived with no score. In the second half the homesters played with more dash, and there was also a slight improvement in their combination, whilst their opponents seemed to lose ground. Their goal was being constantly attacked, and it was not long before the homesters gained their lead, through Osborne, the game ending in their favour by one goal to nil.

NORTHERN LEAGUE.
THORNABY UTOPIANS v. TOW LAW.

The Utopians entertained Tow Law on Saturday afternoon, and a moderate-sized crowd turned up at the Peel Street Ground, Thornaby, to witness the encounter. The opening play was very interesting, and after Tow Law had gained a fruitless corner, the Utopians pressed, and Davidson centring well, Freeland had only to touch the ball through, but, instead, he kicked high over the bar. After even play, the homesters pressed, and Devine, the right back of the visitors, only just robbed Purvis in front of goal. By means of long, well-judged passing, Tow Law gave the home defence plenty of work to do, and only lack of finishing power in front of goal kept them from scoring. A little later a fine attack was initiated by Freeland and Hudson on the Utopians' right wing. The ball went across to Guttridge, who returned well to the centre, and Purvis obtaining possession, scored with a fine shot, with which Nattrass had no chance. From another centre by Guttridge, Purvis tried to score with a daisy cutter, and Nattrass nearly let the ball go through, one of the back division rushing up and clearing just in time. The next feature of interest was a beautiful dribble by Hymers, the Tow Law extreme right wing, whose final shot just cannoned back from the cross-bar, and was cleared. From a free kick close in, the visitors' goal had a very narrow escape. For the Utopians, Harker was playing a very fine game at left half, and many of the attacks resulted from movements initiated by him. Brown, the visitors' left full back, was not so safe in his head work, and on more than one occasion he gave corners, where, with a little more steadiness, he might have cleared. Play ruled greatly in the home team's favour, the attacks of the visitors being generally repelled with ease. At half-time there was no further score. On the resumption, the first attack was made by Tow Law, who nearly got through on the left. Dolphin, the visiting outside left, was given offside when in a favourable position for shooting. The free kick brought no relief, for the visitors were soon back again, and Reardon only just managed to divert a hot shot from Hymers round the corner of the goal-post. From a free kick to the Utopians, Freeland nearly scored, and the corner which resulted was got away. Tow Law taking up the pressure. A splendid break away by Hymers and Milburn, on the visitors' right, was negatived by Stroud, and a corner which fell to Tow Law gave rise to a lively bully in the Utopians' goal mouth, but the ball was safely got away. Another corner fell to Tow Law, and the kick was well placed. A scrimmage ensued under the bar, and the ball was bustled through by one of the visitors, the score thus being made equal. The visitors now had much the best of the game, the forwards showing plenty of combination. Guttridge and Davidson made a good attack on the home left, but taking the game as a whole, the visitors were doing most of the pressing. Davidson nearly got through with an overhead kick, and this was followed by a run on the visitors' right, Dolphin's final effort going over the line. The Utopians brightened up, a stinging shot from Freeland just being a little bit too square. A free kick and a corner fell to them, and from the latter the visitors' goal had another narrow escape. Still keeping up the pressure, the Utopians tried hard to score another goal, but without success, and the game ended in a draw with the scores as follows. Final:—

Thornaby Utopians .... One goal
Tow Law .... One goal

NORTHERN WEDNESDAY LEAGUE.
LEADGATE v. NORTH SHIELDS.

These teams met on the Park ground on Wednesday afternoon of last week, in beautiful football weather. There was a capital attendance when the teams turned out. The visitors unfortunately were not quite at full strength, their captain (Taylor) being an absentee. Leadgate also were without two good men in Kennedy and Davies, whose places were filled by Forster and Prest. The visitors won the toss, and elected to defend the entrance goal with the breeze against them. Soon after the commencement Leadgate, with the wind in their favour, assumed the aggressive, and McGowan, from the centre, cleverly kicked the ball right into the net. Play continued to rule mostly in favour of the home side, and ere the interval arrived Kershaw headed in from McGowan's centre, and scored the second point for Leadgate, who crossed over with a lead of two goals to none. In the second half, the seasiders played up better, but the Leadgate defence was impregnable, Bell, the custodian, being equal to all contingencies. Lowes, for the locals, missed from a penalty kick. End-to-end play followed, the Shields lads perhaps having a slight advantage, but they found the home defence sound, and could not open their account. Prest sent in a good shot at the other end, but the goalkeeper managed to fist out. Just before the close Bell saved in great style, and the final result was:—

Leadgate .... Two goals
North Shields .... Nil

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "OFF-SIDE."

THE PLAIN BEATEN AT HOME.

Unfortunately, the Celts were only able to place a moderate team in the field on Saturday for their game with Throckley, the absentees including Rowell (who is unwell), Parker, and Gillender—a useful trio. This necessitated a calling in of reserves, who certainly did very well, but, of course, lacked the experience of those whose places they took. The visitors are noted as a hard-working, determined team, who go all the way, and never say die until the final sole sounds. However, the home men hoped to gain the points at issue, but they were disappointed in this after a hard game. The Celts, handicapped as they were, stuck in pluckily, but in the end were worsted by a goal to none. The first half proved barren of goals, albeit each fortress had a few narrow escapes, but the defence as a whole was superior to the attack, and in consequence both Gallagher and Emmerson could show a clean sheet when the half-way house was reached. The second period was evenly contested, but Barnfather (who was prominent all the game) got one through for Throckley, who thus appropriated the points at issue by the only goal scored throughout the afternoon.

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On behalf of the Plain, no fault could be found with Gallagher in goal, as he did the work that fell to his share in a thoroughly workmanlike manner, and was only defeated by a fast, flying shot. At back Pearson played a very fine game, and is a back much above the average. Carr did his utmost, but compared unfavourably with his partner. However, he will do better with more experience. The brothers Coyle and Cox formed the half-back trio, and all three worked their hardest to secure victory for their side. Cox, as usual, was seen to much advantage, but the good-tempered "Wallaper" was greatly missed. Despite his little eccentricities, he is a player any team might be proud of. The forwards put in good work often, and at times their efforts seemed likely to be crowned with success, but at the crucial moment something appeared to always upset their plans. Forster, Hewison, and Storey all buckled to manfully, whilst Mewes is coming on nicely. The Plain have no reason to be cast down at their defeat, as with their full strength available the verdict would probably have been reversed.

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Throckley are not what may be termed a brilliant team, but they have some useful players in their ranks, and will pick up many points in the league. Emmerson in goal showed greatly improved form to that which he displayed at the Hobson a few weeks previously, and kept his charge intact throughout the whole of the encounter. McGill and Telford covered the goalkeeper finely, whilst Forsythe, M. Short, and Lynch proved themselves a useful trio of halves. Amongst the front rank Barnfather played a very smart game, and is a forward of much ability. The hard-earned win of the visitors was principally due to this player, although he was ably assisted by his confreres.

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A WIN FOR LEADGATE WEDNESDAY.

The Wednesdayites have at length succeeded in placing a victory to their credit in connection with the Northern Wednesday League. Their victims were North Shields, who at home played a draw with Stanley early in the season. The visitors were not able to place their full strength in the field, neither for that matter were Leadgate, who had two good men off in Kennedy and Davies. Playing towards the entrance goal with the wind in their favour, the home men had much the best of matters in the first half, and McGowan opened the scoring for them with a long shot. Leadgate continued to have the most of the game, and after a clever run by Tolson and McGowan the latter centred finely for Kershaw to head through. This was the state of the poll at half-time. Shields did better after the change of ends, but the home defence was too good for them, Bell in goal playing a particularly smart game. The home forwards also had shies at the low goal, Prest making one extremely fine attempt, but the custodian brought off a splendid save—in fact, it was the best piece of work he accomplished during the match. The half-time result was unaltered, so that Leadgate bagged a brace of points.

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The winners undoubtedly deserved their victory, as they were easily the better team on the day's play. Leadgate have a splendid goalkeeper in Wilf Bell, and it will take an extra good shot to elude his vigilance. He was in great form last week, and could not be beaten at any price. Lowes played his usual dashing game at back, but at times is much too rash, and would do better if he exercised more judgment. Henson played very creditably for an initial appearance. At half Greener showed greatly improved form, playing in something like his proper style. Those long legs of his were continually in the way of the Shields' forwards, and he tackled finely. Steel played his customary consistent game, but Forster does not yet appear to have got into his stride. In the forward rank Tolson and McGowan made the best wing, and this pair put in a lot of hard, effective work. Prest did not do at all badly, and he would dearly liked to have scored. He certainly made a most praiseworthy attempt. Lockey played fairly well, but I have seen Kershaw to more advantage, albeit that goal of his was cleverly obtained. On the visiting side Pearson, Joseph, and Patton were perhaps the pick. The whole side worked hard, but had to bow to the inevitable.

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BEARPARK DEFEAT ALLENDALE.

The meeting of these two teams at Medomsley did not prove such an equal game as many had supposed. Bearpark were defeated by the Consett men to the tune of three goals, a week or two ago, at Consett, and judged on this form it was more than expected that Allendale would be able to give the quietus to the Bearpark men with the advantage of ground. However, there is no such thing as reckoning up results on form. Football form is the most fickle of fickle things, and delightfully vagarious. Consequently Allendale had to play second fiddle with three goals to the bad. Problem—If Consett beat Bearpark by three goals to nil, and Bearpark beat Allendale by four to one, how many goals should Consett beat Allendale by? There's a pretty double-barrelled "rule of three" sum for football arithmeticians. But as I said before, you might as well try to stop the wind or blow out the sun as reckon by football form. Allendale might very easily beat Consett next week if they played, and nobody be able to explain it. Leaving the glorious "unexplainability" of the result, and turning to the game itself, briefly both teams played hard in the first half, but the visitors had slightly the balance of play, and at half-time were leading by two to one. Pope and Simmons each beating Scott, whilst Mat Walton scored for the Allendale boys from a penalty. In the second half Bearpark had decidedly the balance of the play, and outstripped the homesters at every turn, particularly in the forward line, the passing being most accurate and well-judged, accompanied by rare dash.

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Conspicuous in the attack time and again were the right wing (Hope and Simmons), and the centre forward (Pope), but Scott (the home custodian) defended ably, and minimised the score against Allendale appreciably. The custodianship of Scott was in like keeping with that of Crooks at the other extremity, who saved some difficult shots in the most awkward positions, getting the ball safely out of some lively and dangerous scrimmages. Mat Walton, Thompson Walton, and Morris all played fairly well, but the last-named does not feed and support his wings sufficiently for a centre-forward. He is a good individual player, with a rare turn of speed and skilful manipulation of the ball when once he gets hold of it, but doesn't combine as freely as he ought across the line of forwards. The comparative effects of this were plainly seen in the two exhibitions by the respective sets of forwards on Saturday. Pope fed his wings most judiciously and unselfishly, particularly the right wing. The wing players brought down the ball, and when close in accurate centres gave Pope at centre-forward nothing to do but score, which he did three times, and nothing but the excellent goalkeeping of Scott prevented he and Simmons from doing the trick oftener. The latter player gave a fine exhibition of forward play, and was the best man on the field. Hope too was a flier, and a good shot to wit. Hobday played his usual dogged and determined game at half-back, neutralising the efforts of the Bearpark left wing (Simpson and Pattinson) very materially.

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STANLEY MAKE A GOOD SHOW.

Stanley played a capital game at Middlesbrough on Saturday, and did extremely well in only losing by a goal. On this form they will not be long in picking up a few Alliance points. Speaking of the game a Darlington writer says:—"From the play on Saturday on the Linthorpe-road ground there was not such disparity between the two teams as seems indicated by the position on the table, Middlesbrough being near the top and Stanley at the bottom, pointless. Both forward lines were weak in front of goal. Hughes, the Middlesbrough A goalkeeper stopped the best shots that the Stanley front line sent in, and a few of them were real stingers, but from a fair distance. The Middlesbrough line ought to have been through the Stanley goal at least half-a-dozen times in the first half, but the aim was erratic, and the ball was sent bye at all points, when a straight shot would have probably meant success. The Stanley custodian was most active, and his long arms in "corners," averted all danger. But he played too much in the dual capacity of goalkeeper and back. Once indeed, he seemed tempted to run the ball down the field himself. The visiting forwards kept well up the field, and the half-backs fed well at long range, but Bell, after a spill at back, spoilt a good deal of that kind of work. Osborne, the home centre forward, shone conspicuously throughout the game, and is in a fair way to earn a trial in the first team. Wanless and Callaghan, on the right, put in some splendid work in the field, as also did Evans and Murphy on the left, but as previously mentioned they failed to put the finishing touches to meritorious work.

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The one goal scored was in the second half, when the crowd, wearied of fruitless labours, shouted for a goal. That the players promptly responded may not seem perhaps wholly to their credit, for it suggests the query why did they not score without such entreaty? But the team had changed ends and were playing towards their favourite goal. The score was due to a pretty passage by Wanless and Callaghan a good centre and a prompt conversion by Osborne. For a quarter-of-an-hour longer the play continued fast and exciting to a certain degree, and Stanley seemed a little bit outplayed, while Middlesbrough were comparatively fresh. Still towards the close Stanley slipped through the backs, and an equalising shot seemed twice probable—but they were weaker in front of goal than Middlesbrough."

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My Stanley correspondent writes:—In my notes last week I tried to draw blood out of the Stanley lot, and I fancy I have succeeded. I am anxious to see them improve their position, and though a few may not have taken kindly to my little word of warning, the many have buckled on the armour, and against the sturdy Middlesbrough combination they gave a really good account of themselves. The referee said Middlesbro' won by a goal to nothing, and, of course, his word is law. A goal each, however, would have been more legitimate ruling, for Masterman and Crute between them fairly registered a point, which the man with the whistle declared to be off-side. Be it so; the fact remains that against Wallsend and Middlesbro' Stanley have proved themselves to be a coming team, and I am glad of it. They meet Hebburn Argyle at home on Saturday, and I venture to predict the handing over of the wooden spoon on a journey north in the direction of Shankhouse.

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ANOTHER POINT FOR TOW LAW.

The Tow Lawites are making a good show in the Northern League this season, and gained another point at Thornaby on Saturday by drawing with the Utopians. Speaking from memory I don't think that Tow Law have yet been beaten in the competition, and they should finish in a prominent position. One who was present at the game writes as follows:—"The Utopians were a shade better than Tow Law on Saturday's game, but allowing for the advantage of choice of ground the teams may be said to be very equally matched. Thornaby scored their goal after 20 minutes' play in the first half, and Tow Law secured theirs an equal period off half-time. The Topes showed the most consistent play from start to finish, but the Tow Law forwards were certainly the smartest when they woke up, which was not till the beginning of the second half. Towards the finish, however, they again lapsed into their comparatively slothful play of the first half. The game had not many features of interest, and a dog-fight, which, starting round the ropes, transferred itself to the centre of the field, was the "piece de resistance" of the afternoon. The players fled mindful of the unprotected nature of their shins, and only returned when a gallant spectator courageously entered the field and with a stick put to flight the canine pugilists."

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THE PARK SMOTHERED.

Whatever were the Park doing at Grange- just about pull through, instead of which town? It was expected that Leadgate would they were smothered to the tune of seven goals to one. It was a proper procession, the Park scarcely ever having a look-in. The boys will have to buck up, and endeavour to improve their record for the season, which at present is not particularly creditable. The Park go to Sunderland on Saturday, and will have to put their best foot foremost if they hope to hold their own. Grangetown had got a nice warm little lot together last week, and they did not forget to rub it in to the visitors. The Park supporters were quite taken aback when the news reached them, as they had counted upon an altogether different result. On Saturday's form Grangetown will find future opponents in the Amateur Cup something to do.

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A GOOD GAME AT LEADGATE.

One of the best games that has been seen on the Park ground at Leadgate for a long time resulted from the meeting of Consett Swifts and the Park Reserves. The teams should have met on Oct. 23rd, but the Swifts were unable to raise a team on that date. Both teams being vacant last Saturday, they agreed to bring off the postponed game (which was a Derwent Valley League one) on that day. The constitution of the home team has undergone a big change from last season. Aitkin and M. Robinson have been transferred to Blackhill St. Cuthbert's, Wattie Walton has gone to Allendale Park, Joe Birtley is playing with the first team, and Tommy Cook did not turn up on Saturday. In consequence two juniors (W. Calvert and Kelly) were played, both of whom had just previously been engaging in a junior game. As I have said above, the encounter was a really good one. The ball travelled rapidly from one end to the other, and the spectators were highly delighted with the display of both sides. Play was fast and exciting, and some excellent work was put in by the respective opponents. At the interval neither side had notched a point, the play having been pretty equally distributed.

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In the second half the men showed no signs of falling-off, but kept the pace a cracker. However, the Park managed to get the ball through twice, and thus won a capital game by two goals to nil. Although defeated the Swifts showed up finely, and they will take their own part in the league. Sheeky proved himself an admirable custodian, saving some splendid shots. Wood played a rare game at back, whilst McNally, Bradley and Coleman were an excellent trio of halves. Boyle put in some splendid work amongst the forwards, and the other four were anything but duffers. The whole side were very smart on the ball. For the Park, Jack Calvert in goal did all that was required of him in good style, and he was given some work at times. Temple played extremely well at back, and had a useful partner in Robson. The halves all worked hard. Dawson being often conspicuous, and young Calvert also gave a most promising exhibition. Crowther led his forwards in capital fashion, playing a clever game all through. Hughes also did creditably, and not much fault could be found with the other three. The spectators unanimously voted it the best game they had seen on the Park ground this season, and it is pretty evident that both the Park and Swifts have some very promising reserve talent.

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A DENIAL.

Dear Sir,—I see in your "mems" this week about a Catchgate player going to "knock out" a Park junior. Now, this is a very false report indeed, because there was nothing of the sort said about knocking anyone out. I think the Park Juniors got a very quiet and pleasant game, much better than we got up there. There was no one came on to the field at half-time to fight one of the Park players like there was at Leadgate; and if the Park Juniors are not satisfied with their fair beating Catchgate will play the same team again for a set of gold medals on any strange ground.—Yours truly,

A CATCHGATE PLAYER.

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HAMSTERLEY BEAT SOUTH TANFIELD.

Hamsterley played a good game on Saturday, although slack at the commencement of the second half. Good combination was shown in the first half against the hill, but down hill was not so good, the nature of the ground interfering. Rudd saved finely at times. Carr again played splendidly. Seath was handicapped by getting a nasty blow on the foot soon on, but pluckily continued. Jock has no "soft sawder" about him. Little was the best of the halves, although neither Dodds or "Anty" played a bad game. The forwards were a pretty level lot, the left wing being perhaps the best. For the home team Patterson in goal played a grand game, saving repeatedly. It is only fair to state that he had two capital backs in front of him, the left for choice. The halves were only moderate. Of the forwards the centre and outside left were good, the latter at times being very speedy. The game was very pleasant, being contested in a friendly spirit.

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BRAVO! TANTOBIE.

Tantobie brought off a fine performance on Saturday, when they beat Blaydon United in a re-played cup-tie by the decisive score of four goals to one. It was fully thought that the "Co-ops." would have gone down at Blaydon in the first game, but a surprise was in store, as Tantobie played a grand game, and greatly astonished the home men by making a draw of it. Blaydon had on a strong team, but found their rivals equal to them. On Saturday, Tantobie tried T. Seath, late of Lintzford, who played a splendid game, as in fact, did all the home team. McKever was in great form at centre half, and was ably supported by Hanover and Bell. The backs (I. Adamson and Gladders) were very strong, and could not be beaten, whilst Lishman in goal had very little to do, but did that little well. The forwards gave a fine display, T. Seath scoring three out of the four goals, Fletcher being credited with the other. The other three forwards (Atkinson, W. Adamson, and Weightman) did well, although they did not succeed in scoring. Some of the Blaydon men did not behave too well in the first game, but the re-play was very quiet, the "Co-ops." playing the game as it should be played. I congratulate Tantobie on a very fine performance, and trust that they may go further up in the competition.

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FOOTBALL

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A CLOSE GAME AT BURNHOPE.

Burnhope gained a victory over the Saints of Blackhill on Saturday by the skin of their teeth, as the visitors came with a strong team, but had to retire beaten after a good game. The Rovers were in capital trim, Laycock again shining between the sticks, and he kept out some good attempts to score by the Saints. The backs showed improved form, whilst the halves, as usual, played a strong and untiring game. Bob Wallace is a source of strength to the team at centre half, whilst Hodgson is a coming player. Flynn and J. Talbot made a fine show in the vanguard, and it was a nice goal that the latter scored. The Rovers meet Marley Hill on Saturday first, and will try hard for the points, as they want them badly. They have had hard lines in their away games, as they have been beaten on each occasion by the bare margin of a goal. Play up, Rovers!

MEMS.

Allendale were fairly beaten on their merits on Saturday.

The Bearpark men proved quite a "surprise packet" for everybody.

No one ever dreamed of them winning by such a good margin.

Such are the vagaries of form.

What price Allendale and Consett when they meet?

Hope is a flier.

Ditto Simmons.

Whilst Pope was evidently in a mood to score.

Notching three out of the four points.

The brothers Walton also gave a good display as per usual.

Morris was the best forward on the home side.

The others being very much off.

Lynop retains his old failing for getting too far up the field.

With the result that he spoils good chances by getting "off-side."

Scott and Crooks are a brace of gallant goal-keepers.

The latter being a marvellous man in a "scrum."

Scott is too big to get into one.

And generally manages to maintain his vertical position.

Comments on the games are at a discount just now.

The all-absorbing topic amongst the spectators on Saturday being the "war."

President "Kruger" in goal on Saturday would have had a "glorious" two "forty-fives."

With some of our local teams.

Allendale had the assistance of W. Walton, of Leadgate Park Reserve.

The surprise of the day was the big beating the Park received at Grangetown.

The home club had got a warm team together.

And the visitors in consequence were badly beaten.

And the Leadgate supporters fondly hoped that their boys would go into the second round.

It was a cruel disappointment.

Other teams in the competition had better beware of Grangetown.

Especially if the latter are drawn at home.

Like Allendale, the Plain suffered defeat on their own ground.

Throckley came, and saw, and conquered.

However, they were fortunate in meeting the Celts with a poor team.

I am sorry to hear that Tom Rowell is indisposed.

Then that humourist, "Walloper," was amongst the missing.

And he can ill be spared.

The Plain have a fine back in Pearson.

He played a grand game on Saturday.

Gallagher also sustained his reputation in goal.

The smartest man on the Throckley side —if not on the field—was Barnfather.

This player is a fine forward.

And scored the only goal of the game.

Throckley are not at all a bad team.

And have some very good players.

I hear that the representatives of a certain club turned up at Tantobie last week for the Derwent Valley League meeting.

They were only a week too soon.

Chairman Hodgson witnessed their arrival.

And thought they were on poaching bent.

However, they were not long in calming his fears.

There is nothing like being in time.

But a week too soon is rather a wide margin.

Ben Cook was unable to play for the Park last Saturday.

Ben is nursing a damaged toe.

But hopes to turn out on Saturday.

All was peace in the Leadgate Wednesday camp last week.

For the boys had registered their first victory.

And the "fire-water" flowed like a river.

Wilf Bell should be kept in goal.

He shaped like a real artist last week.

With Kennedy and Davies playing the team would be a strong one.

Jack Kershaw afterwards said that he was never more surprised in his life than when he headed that ball through.

However, it was very neatly done, Jack.

Tom Greener came out in something like his old form.

It was amusing to see him wrapping his legs round the Shields' players.

After one dose of this the visitors fought shy of Tom.

And likewise of Lowes.

Whose Balaclava-like charges are enough to frighten anyone.

McGowan and Tolson make a clever wing.

But they must not overdo the fancy business.

Prest made a good substitute for Davies.

And nearly scored with about the best shot of the day.

Leadgate are hoping to win their cup-tie on November 1st.

They meet Newcastle Co-operative.

The Brooms Juniors are reaping a rare harvest of goals.

They should easily top the second division of the Junior League.

And next season will probably figure in the first division.

Bearpark are making a better show in the North-West Durham Alliance than what was expected.

They have got together a capital team.

And will give some of the more fancied teams a warm time.

The championship appears a pretty open question as yet.

Birtley and the Park have not made a start with their games yet.

Burnhope turned the tables on Blackhill St. Cuthbert's.

Beating them by the only goal scored during the game.

Laycock again "held the fort" with conspicuous success.

The backs (Talbot and Cassidy) played a sound game.

Getting in some grand kicks.

The halves were a capital trio.

Bob Wallace again donned the Rovers' colours.

And proved a great acquisition to the team.

Hodgson (a reserve player) is coming to the front.

The forwards played a good game.

Johnson had no chance with the shot that beat him.

It came from the foot of J. Talbot.

The Rovers have other three home games straightaway.

And will have to be reckoned with.

Burnhope think it a pity that Tantobie cannot get over that 4—3 beating.

Stanley played a capital game at Middlesbrough on Saturday.

It was no disgrace to only get beaten by the solitary goal of the match.

That man of many clubs, Peter O'Connor, assisted the visitors.

Stanley were rather in a quandary as to a goalkeeper.

Robbins was unable to get away, and Watson has been "called up," being one of the reservists.

In this predicament the veteran Ellis was placed between the posts.

And made a downright good show.

The other members of the team also acquitted themselves well.

On this form Stanley should give Hebburn something to do on Saturday.

And might book the points.

Hebburn will be without Hurst, who is one of the reservists.

The respective reserves of the Park and the Swifts provided the spectators with a fine game on Saturday.

It was voted one of the best displays ever seen on the Park ground.

The visitors surprised everyone by the fine game they played.

In Rowle they have a forward distinctly above the average.

He is surely worth a place on the first team.

Wood also is a very useful back.

Whilst Sheeky makes a good custodian.

The halves all played admirably.

The Park played a couple of juniors.

Both of whom did very well.

Especially Willie Calvert, who should develop into a splendid half.

The Park forwards again played a rattling game.

There was not a shirker amongst them.

Crowther, Hughes, and Harper were conspicuously prominent.

Todd will make a good outside left.

The Rovers will try three new men against Lintz Rovers on Saturday.

Well done, Tantobie!

You made no mistake with Blaydon this time.

Tom Seath, the old "Ford" player, was in his best shooting mood.

Three goals fell to his lot.

The "Co-ops." completely outplayed Blaydon.

Jack McKever was in rare form.

And makes a splendid centre half.

With a little bit of luck Tantobie should go further up in the competition.

Friend Hodgson assumed his best Sunday smile when he heard the result.

The veteran supporter of the "Co-ops." Mr. Smailes, would insist upon standing drinks all round.

Everbody was happy in Tantobie on Saturday night.

Except the Blaydon men.

What ho! South Moor United played a draw with Consett Shamrocks.

It was an extremely pleasant game.

Not a single foul was given during the game.

Mason and Mathieson were the pick of the United players.

Sep. Nicholson is a clever half, out is rather light.

Boggan and Armin were off-colour.

South Moor are going to try hard to get a point out of Consett United on Saturday.

A correspondent writes that the Hamsterley secretary and his committee had better wrap their players in cotton wool and put them in a glass case for fear anyone from the village of M—— looks at them.

It has been suggested that "a cat may look at a king," but no one from the village of M—— must look at a Hamsterley player.

Annfield Plain Reserves defeated Tanfield Lea Cæsars at Tanfield Lea last Saturday, by two goals to nil.

The Celtic have a good goalkeeper in Sellaway and a good back in J. Foster.

The Celtic intend to make Hamsterley play for the points on Saturday.

The Celic Reserve have played five games in the league, gaining five points—four away games and one at home.

Stanley did uncommonly well at Middlesbro'.

Crute and Masterman had hard lines.

In being declared off-side after registering what seemed to be a good goal.

They failed to catch the speaker's eye.

But played a good game all through.

Watson, who has been goalkeeping for them, is off to the Transvaal.

His duty there will be offence, not defence.

His Victoria Cross will be on view.

In Jimmy Masterman's window on Christmas Day.

When Newcastle United A. come to return a lost six goals.

Oom Paul will not appear on that occasion.

MATCHES WANTED.

Tantobie Red Stars would like to have a few of their vacant dates filled up; ages 13 to 16 years.—Apply, F. Mather, Quarry Row, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Kip Hill Red Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up; ages 12 to 14 years.—Apply, Jas. Anderson, Kip Hill, Stanley, R.S.O.

Annfield Plain Red Stars are in want of matches; ages 11 to 13. Apply, J. Huggup, 15, Annfield Place, Annfield Plain.

East Pontop United are in want of matches; average age 12 to 14 years.—Apply, Albert Walford, 46, East Pontop, Durham, R.S.O.

Robson United Reserve wish to cancel all games as they are unable to raise a team.—Signed, J. Dickinson, Secretary.

Kip Hill Red Rovers played a draw with Oxhill—one goal each—at Oxhill, on Saturday.

Kip Hill Wanderers have all vacant dates, and would like them filled up with junior teams; ages from 16 to 17 years.—Apply, R. Lauder, 13, Shield Row, R.S.O.

Stanley Athletic Reserve are in want of dates; average age, 16 to 17 years.—Apply, T. Robson, 49, Joicey Square, West Stanley.

Robson United have a few vacant dates, and would like them filled up at once with good junior teams; ages 16 to 18 years.—Apply, R. W. Hallam, 50, Front Street, Hobson, Burnopfield.

Allendale Putters are in want of matches; average age, 16 to 17 years.—Apply, J. G. Stobbs, 88, Allendale Cottages, R.S.O.

Grange Villa Albions have all dates vacant; average age, 16 years.—Apply, R. Jacques, 2, Lee's Terrace, Grange Villa, via Chester-le-Street.

Local Government Board Inquiry at Wrekenton

Some time ago the Chester-le-Street Rural District Council applied to the Local Government Board for the loan of £4,000 for the purpose of putting in new sewerage works at Lamesley. However, the Local Government Board did not care to lend the sum named without having the matter inquired into, and, as a result, Mr J. E. M. King held a public inquiry at the Coach and Horses Inn, Wrekenton, on Monday morning last. Among those present were Messrs Arnell, Smith, Swinburn, Robson, Bowes, Dr Taylor, J Mole, Sanitary Inspector, R. Dickinson, Clerk to the Chester-le-Street Council, the agent to the Earl of Ravensworth (Mr H. Wallace), and the engineers (Messrs Balfour and Son).

Mr H. Wallace, in stating the case, said that he represented the Earl of Ravensworth, who was practically owner of the whole place for which the proposed sewer was to be laid. Up to the present time there had practically been no sewerage at Lamesley, each house being drained into the ditch, which flowed into the river Team. The ditch was very objectionable, as a footpath ran along the side of it, and several villas had recently been built in the neighbourhood of Lamesley. It was proposed to take up a Gateshead sewer which came near this place, and put in nine inch pipes, provided with a storm overflow. There was a cesspool in Lamesley, and it would be done away with when the new sewer was laid. Lamesley railway station was stagnant with the present method of sewerage.

After Mr Balfour, sen., had explained the plans of the proposed sewers, Mr Robson, representing the owners of the Teams Colliery, said that the coal under the course of the new sewers had not yet been worked out in many places. It had been taken out in irregular places, and the sewer would be wrecked if the coal was not purchased. In some cases the coal was 60 feet below the surface, and in the eastern district of the colliery the upper seam was 360 feet below the surface. There were four seams six feet thick yet to work under parts of the course of the sewer. He did not stand as an objection, but he was present to object on account of seventeen cottages at Teams Colliery not being included in the scheme. The owners of the Teams Colliery, and the Chester-le-Street Council had gone to considerable expense in a temporary sewerage scheme. This sewer they had understood, was to be connected with the main sewer, but it was not mentioned at all. That was the objection.

It was pointed out that these cottages had been overlooked when the plans had been drawn.

Mr Arnell said it would be a very serious matter if the sewers were broken up by the mining of the coal under them.

This concluded the business, and Mr King said he would report in due course.

BRITON OR BOER?

"Shall we war with a baby Republic?
That crows and exults in its youth;
And thinks in its childish ambition
That its legs and its arms are of use.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
That frets in its swathing years;
And screams at the sight of the stranger,
And throws in the height of its folly
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
That knows not the right from the wrong;
And thinks it is able to rob us
Of strength while our grasp is so strong.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
Whose years as compared with our own,
Are as Pontop beside brave Ben Nevis,
Or an acorn beside the oak grown.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
We, whose strength has attained to the full;
And boast that we shelter the weak ones
Against the oppressor and cruel.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
And thus cast our laurels away,
By our manhood that never gave way.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
We gather in rain and in sunshine,
We, whose empire is greater than these;
Whose mountains and valleys are bedecked
And woven with laurel leaves.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
We, whose soldiers are thick as the leaves
That fall in the shades of Vallombrosa,
Or dance in the evening breeze.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
We, whose feet, as they sail o'er the sea,
Put fear in the heart of the craven,
And cheers on the brave and the free.
Shall we war with a baby Republic?
The answer is borne by the breeze,
From the farthest of all our dominions:
'We love not such conquests as these.'"
W. M.

Catchgate, October, 1899.

MAN'S NOBLEST WORK.—This is an age of great and wonderful inventions. Steam, electricity, water, air, all are made to serve man. But unquestionably, the greatest inventions are those which preserve man's health and prolong his life, and among the greatest of these are Stanton's Cough Pills. Their effects are truly wonderful, and hundreds are happy to-day who would have been in their grave. For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Loss of Voice, Hay Fevers, Hoarseness, Croup, or various Diseases and Weaknesses of the Throat, Chest, or Lungs, Stanton's Cough Pills positively cure. We can cheerfully recommend them to our readers, and we can truly say they are the safest cure for Throat and Lung affections. Sold by all Chemists in Boxes at 13½d. and 2/9. Boxes sent post-free on receipt of 15 or 35 stamps. William Mather, Wholesale Druggist, Manchester.

LOCAL POLICE COURTS.

Lanchester Petty Sessions.

THURSDAY, Oct. 12th, 1899.—Before Col. Leadbitter-Smith (Chairman), Mr. E. W. E. Ballecy, the Rev. T. J. L. Warneford, and Mr. J. Green.

DRUNKENNESS.

Alf Keeping, Esh Colliery was fined 5/- and costs for being drunk.

Robt. Guardhouse pleaded not guilty to being drunk at Burnhope.—P.C. Haw said he drew the landlord's attention to the defendant's drunken condition, who turned him out.—Defendant denied this, and said he was supplied with a gill of beer by the landlord. He was 59 years old, and had never been before a Bench of Magistrates before.—The case was dismissed, because it was his first offence.

Robt. Reed and Sarah Reed were charged by P.C. Haw with being drunk at Burnhope.—The female defendant denied the charge, and said the policeman told her she was drunk.—Reed was fined 2/6 and Sarah Reed 1/- and costs.

David Frank pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Quebec.—A fine of 2/6 and costs was imposed. Sergt. Gilhespy proved the case.

Thos. Turnbull was summoned for being drunk.—Fined 2/6 and costs.

Thos. Surtees was summoned for being drunk at Quebec on Saturday night.—Fined 5/- and costs.

Walter Thompson was fined 2/6 for being drunk at Langley Park.—P.C. Iceton proved the case.

Matthew Golightly was summoned by P.C. Crabb for being drunk, and was fined 2/6 and costs.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

John Forster and Peter Cummings were bound over to keep the peace for fighting at Langley Park, on Sept. 16th.—P.C. Iceton proved the case.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Geo. Sanderson, gamekeeper, summoned Thos. Clark and John Richardson for doing wilful damage to the extent of 3d each, near Colepike Hall.—Fined 2/-, 1d damage and costs.

Robt. Wright was charged with a similar offence, and was fined 2/- and damage and costs.

Michael Walton, gamekeeper to Messrs Hedley, summoned Thos. Fletcher and Jos. Fletcher for doing wilful damage at Burnhope.—A fine of 2/- and costs was imposed.

GAME TRESPASS.

Geo. Foster, of Langley, summoned John Stephenson, of Burnhope, for committing game trespass at Langley on Sept. 16th.—Complainant said he saw the defendant let his dog loose. It raised a hare. On charging defendant he picked up a stone and threatened to strike him.—Defendant said the dog belonged to his son, and broke the leader. He had never been charged with game trespass.—A fine of 10/- and costs was imposed.

MAN AND WIFE AT VARIANCE.

Mary Ann Ridley, a young married woman, of Sacriston, summoned Francis Ridley, her husband, under the Married Women's Act, for having deserted her in July, 1898, Mr. J. Turnbull, Chester-le-Street, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. H. Oliver, Durham, defended.—Mr. Turnbull stated that some time ago the defendant summoned her husband for a similar offence, when the Bench decided that the parties should settle the case themselves, and live together again. That had been done, but the plaint had had a very unpleasant life. A child was born in the December of last year. Every opportunity had been given to the defendant by his client, who had written to him asking him to provide her a home. He had refused to do so, and his client had consulted him, and he had asked the defendant to do something for his wife. No notice, however, was taken of the letters, and he had been obliged to bring the matter before the Court. When his client had to be confined she was obliged to go to the Workhouse.—In answer to Mr. Turnbull, complainant said she had been married for three years.—Elizabeth Bird, sister of the complainant, living with her mother at Burnhope, gave evidence as to the condition of her sister.—Elizabeth Bird, sister of the complainant, living in the house when defendant entered it very drunk.—In answer to Mr. Oliver, witness said her mother did not thrash the defendant out of the house; it was not of her own accord.—P.C. Haw said defendant had lived at Burnhope before the warrant was taken out against him by the Lanchester Workhouse authorities. Defendant was away from Burnhope a few weeks before the warrant was executed. Defendant was living at Hetton-le-Hole when he was apprehended.—Mr. Oliver submitted that there was no desertion on the part of the husband. There was a mutual separation between the husband and wife. The so-called desertion was supposed to have taken place in June, 1898, and then a warrant was taken out against the man who was apprehended. There had been a mutual separation. There was the woman had left the man, and not the man the woman.—The Bench had not the slightest doubt defendant had deserted his wife, and ordered him to contribute 10/- per week to her maintenance, the custody of the child to be left in the mother's hands.

Consett Petty Sessions.

MONDAY, Oct. 16th, 1899.—Before Mr. J. Annandale (Chairman), Mr. F. Priestman, and Mr. W. Aynsley.

A DESERTER.

James Ward, belonging Gateshead, was charged with having deserted from the Durham Artillery Militia at Sunderland, on May 14th.—An officer of the regiment stated that the defendant joined the militia on April, and went up for his first training on April 3rd. The military authorities recognised that the man had been dealt with by civil law, and the Bench inflicted a penalty of 42/-, or in default 14 days. The extreme penalty of the law was £25.—The Chairman (to the officer): This man is not free him from the militia?—The Officer: No, your Worship. He will have to serve after he has served his sentence.—The Chairman: You will catch him when he comes out.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following is a list of the cases of drunkenness and the fines imposed:—Wm. Waugh, Shotley Bridge, 5/- and costs; Jos. Barren, Dipton, 5/- and costs; Giles Wood, 5/- and costs; Anthony Morris, 10/- and costs; Jos. Bewicke, 5/- and costs; Margaret George, 2/6 and costs; Patrick McGeary, 5/- and costs; John Dodds, 5/- and costs; John McNally, 5/- and costs; Henry Makepiece, 5/- and costs; Luke Westhorpe, 5/- and costs; Charles Brodie, 5/- and costs; William Soulsby, 5/- and costs; Jane Brown, dismissed; George Brown, 5/- and costs; Joseph Bell, 10/- and costs; Alice Kelly, 2/6 and costs; and Michael Quinn, 5/- and costs.

MISCHIEVOUS BOYS AT LINTZ COLLIERY.

Frank Kelly, James McCloskey, Thomas J. Maudlin, John James, William Brown, Alexander Graham, and Robert Ellis (youths), were charged with doing wilful damage to a trolley at Lintz Colliery.—Sergeant Lawson stated that on Sunday, the 1st inst., about 2.30 p.m., he saw the defendants at Esther Colliery, Lintz, throwing grease about, and they had also damaged a trolley. On the Sunday previous, someone had thrown these damages from an engine. He had asked witness to give a look about the place, as damage had been done.—The under-manager, Mr. Wm. Braidford, sen., said that a great amount of damage had been done at the colliery.—The Bench characterised the act as sheer mischief, and fined the defendants 6d, 1d damage, and costs 6d.—in each case.

IN SEARCH OF BLACKBERRIES.

Jane Ann Forster and Thomas Hogg were charged with doing wilful damage to underwood, the property of George Bolam, South Medomsley, to the amount of 1d each.—P.C. Curtis stated that on Wednesday, the 4th inst., about 11.30 a.m., he went to the fields in Pontop woods, and there saw the defendants gathering blackberries. Witness told them they had no business there; in fact, they knew that.—The defendants were each fined 6d, 1d damage, and costs.

William Temperley and William Gilliard were charged with doing wilful damage to underwood, the property of George Bolam, South Medomsley.—Sergt. Newton attested that on the 29th ult. he saw the defendants searching for blackberries, and whilst doing so they damaged some underwood.—The defendants were each fined 6d, 1d damage, and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Alex Graham and Robt. Ellis (boys), were summoned by Sergt. Lawson for having done wilful damage to an engine at Lintz Colliery, on Oct. 8th. Defendants pleaded guilty, and witness said he saw the boys working the handle of the engine backwards and forwards.—Mr. W. Braidford, sen., manager of the colliery, said that the boys might have set the engine backwards and forwards. When they commenced work the reversing gear might have been damaged. The cost of the damage to their property. He did not wish to be hard on them; he did not want to make it too severe.—A fine of 6d, 1d damage, and the costs was imposed.

Eliz. Hetherington and Jane Hetherington were summoned by Sergt. Lawson for doing damage to grass at South Medomsley, the property of Geo. Bolam, farmer, of Pontop Hall, on Sept. 25th.—P.C. Dixon, Leadgate, proved the case.—Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said she had had liberty from Miss Surtees, of Hamsterley, to gather blackberries. She was on the road near Hamsterley, when the officer saw them he took a basket off her, and went into the wood, where he and another policeman only laughed at her daughter for gathering fruit.—Mr. Surtees said she had gathered brambles in Miss Surtees' wood for nearly thirty years. The officer would have thought it hard if he had had two quarts of berries taken from him.—The case was dismissed against the mother, while the daughter was fined 6d and the costs.

P.C. Dixon, of Iveston, preferred a charge of wilful damage to turnips against Wm. Stewart on Oct. 1st.—The officer said the defendant had done much damage to Mr. Johnson's turnips.—Mr. Johnson corroborated, and defendant was fined 6d, the damage, and the costs.

DAMAGING A WALL AT LEADGATE.

Wm. Carr and Elijah Penrose (youths) were charged with doing wilful damage to a wall at Leadgate, the property of the Leadgate Urban District Council.—P.C. Dixon deposed that, on the 4th inst., shortly after 9 o'clock, he saw the defendants each with a stone in their hand, and they were knocking the stones off the top of the wall running up by the park side.—The accused Carr said he was putting stones upon the wall and not displacing them.—The constable said that the accused had a stone in his left hand and was braying at the wall.—Mr. T. S. Longstaff, Surveyor to the Leadgate District Council, assessed the damage at 2d each, and added that this nominal sum was only with a view to preventing further damage.—The defendants were each fined 1/-, 1d damage, and the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

John Dunning, Mark Brown, James Rooke, and Hy. Jardine were all charged with playing pitch and toss in Hill Top, Dipton, on the 8th inst.—P.C. Dobinson proved the charge, and the defendants were each fined 5/- and costs.

TOWN'S POLICE CLAUSES ACT.

Sarah Ann Batey was charged with a contravention of the Towns Police Clauses Act, by setting her chimney on fire, at her residence, Victoria Street, Consett.—P.C. Waites proved the offence, and the defendant was fined 2/6 and costs.

A CARRIER IN TROUBLE.

Wm. Butterwell was charged by P.C. Sindon with driving a waggon without lights.—P.C. Sinden attested that on Saturday night, the 30th ult., at 20 minutes past 9 o'clock he was on duty at Derwentcote, when he saw the accused driving a waggon without any lights. The accused told witness that he never carried any lights.—The defendant: I told you I left my lights at home.—Prosecutor: You said you never carried any lights.—The Chairman: Is this the Shotley Bridge carrier?—Prosecutor: Yes.—The accused was fined 2/6 and costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Wm. Henderson, Jos. Black, John Swinbank, Hy. Panton, Thos. Armstrong, Rich. Black, and Thos. Heslin were charged by Sergt. Lawson with having played at pitch and toss on the public footpath leading from Dipton to Hamsterley Hall, on Oct. 8th.—The officer said he saw the defendants throwing money up.—All the defendants were fined 7/6 and costs each.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Frank Parks and Thos. Heslin pleaded guilty to a charge of a breach of the peace by fighting at Burnopfield, and were bound over to keep the peace.

Frank McCue and Patrick Keefe were similarly dealt with for a kindred offence.—P.C. Robson proved the cases.

A NEIGHBOUR'S SHINDY.

Jane Kirtley, an old woman, summoned Patrick O'Neil for a breach of the peace, and doing wilful damage to a gate belonging to her house. Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett, defended.—Complainant said defendant was her neighbour, and tore off the gate of her garden. Defendant's wife had been in the habit of going through her garden to clean her window, but complainant was determined to stop them, as they were no road through her garden. Bad habits could be broken off, and when the defendant broke the gate down she was "raised," and said it good right to be. Defendant had threatened to kill her, and send a gang of men to put her out of her house.—A little girl, granddaughter of the complainant, said she heard the defendant say he would put her granny's head in a pail of water. She saw the defendant pull a staple out of the gate.—Mr. Aynsley said the ground had not been enclosed until some weeks ago, when the prosecutor had, by enclosing it, prevented his client from going over the ground.—Defendant (called) said about 7 o'clock on Saturday, Oct. 7th, he was in his house. His wife had to go round complainant's house to get to his window, as there was no other means of access. The ground had been fixed up about a month ago. To get across the ground he opened the gate, but did not break any railings of it. On returning to his home the complainant called him a dirty ——. He had never threatened her, and he had lived in the house for four years. Complainant had never warned him not to go over the ground until after he had opened the gate.—Mrs. O'Neil, wife of the defendant, said on going round to clean the panes of her window, she found the gate fastened. Complainant had never stopped them until her husband broke the gate down.—Both cases were dismissed.

EDUCATION ACT.

John Gibson, Attendance Officer to the Lanchester Committee, summoned John Wynn for neglecting to send his child to school.—On visiting the defendant's house, the officer found the boy playing with another child.—A fine of 5/- and the usual order was made.

Elizabeth Scott was summoned for a similar offence.—A fine of 5/- and the usual order was made.

ALLEGED STABBING AT DIPTON.

Wm Wears and Wm. Bertram, miners, of South Medomsley, who were arrested on Saturday on a charge of having committed a serious offence of "wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm," to John Wigham, a miner, of South Medomsley, on Friday, Oct. 13th came up for trial.

Mr. T. W. Welford, of Consett, who represented the complainant, applied for a remand for eight days on the ground that his client was unable to appear owing to the serious nature of the wounds inflicted upon him. In support of his application he called witnesses.

Mary Garfoot, wife of Matthew Garfoot, residing at South Medomsley, who said that on Friday, Oct. 13th, she was in her house when she heard her sister (Mrs. Wigham) shouting "murder." On going out to her she found Wigham lying on the ground with the defendants on the top of him, and the accused Bertram was on the ground with them beating him on the head. She assisted Wigham to his feet, and found his head was a complete mass of blood. She was afraid to touch him, and considered him unfit to appear.

Sergt. Lawson said he saw the doctor write the certificate produced. He had not seen the complainant since Saturday afternoon, when he was conscious, but very ill.

Mr. Welford stated to the Bench that complainant had about thirteen cuts in the head with a knife which was in the possession of P.C. Curtis.

LARCENY AT CONSETT.

Wm. Lee, butcher, of George Street, Consett, summoned William Hastings Harris, cartman, of George Street, for having stolen his mackintosh coat, on Aug. 1st, 1899. Mr. T. W. Welford, Consett, defended.—Prosecutor in his evidence said he was a butcher, and resided at 21, George Street, Consett. He occupied a slaughter-house and yard near the prisoner's house in Gibson Street, Consett. On Monday, July 31st, 1899, about 10 o'clock, he saw his mackintosh coat hanging in the yard all right, and about an hour afterwards he missed it, and gave information to the police. The coat produced was his property, and was worth 35/-. The prisoner had been in the habit of going to the slaughter-house to clean the midden out every week, and he saw him there on the Monday in question, and he had seen him about three weeks ago in the presence of the prisoner. At the time the prisoner told him it was the last time he had been he missed his mackintosh, and a sheepskin stolen out of his yard, and he had said nothing.—Mr. Welford, for the prisoner, asked if the prisoner had been an honest man, and he said that he had. He never knew him to do anything dishonest. The prisoner took some tripe to Newcastle for the prosecutor, and he went to Newcastle to see if the prisoner went to Newcastle he would get it for him. When the prosecutor promised to do so. defendant made it his business to see him about it. when the latter said he had not got it. On the Wednesday, when the defendant came to clean out the prosecutor's midden he took the prosecutor's mackintosh, and went off with it on Wednesday. On the latter part of the day the defendant went to Hexham with it, and wore it openly ever since. After his return from Hexham, the prisoner had been stopped by the prosecutor in the passage of his house, about it, when he (prosecutor) had called him a thief. Shortly afterwards, the prisoner's policeman went to the prisoner's house, and said that he was wearing the coat, which was "stolen" at the Police Station. Defendant then went to fetch the coat, which he said he got from Newcastle. Defendant had been in the employ of Mr. Wm. Batey's, and from testimonials from Mr. Jas. Oliver, late supt. Mr. Richard Murray, and Mr. J. S. Murray, the Bench could not deal leniently with him under the "First Offenders' Act."—P.C. Carruthers, of Consett, said, from information received, he visited the defendant's house in Gibson Street, Consett, and found the mackintosh (produced) hanging at the foot of the stairs on a nail. Prisoner was present at the time, and when witness took the mackintosh down and examined it, prisoner said it was his. Witness took possession of the mackintosh, took the prisoner to the Police Station, and charged him with the offence, when he replied, "I took the coat, but only did it for a joke."—The Bench considered the defendant guilty of having taken "French leave," which they could not distinguish from larceny, and ordered him to pay a fine of 20/- and costs.

ALL THROUGH JEALOUSY.

Mary Rice, Consett, was charged with assaulting Isabella Wintrel at Consett, on the 5th inst. Mr. J. M. Aynsley, Consett, appeared on behalf of the defendant.—The prosecutrix stated that she went into Mrs. Liddell's house, and was busy talking to that woman when the defendant began to call her names. In coming out of Mrs. Liddell's house she said to the accused, "What are you?" and the defendant replied, "What are you?" This went on until the accused struck prosecutor, and afterwards got hold of her by the hair of the head, and pulled her down upon the top of her.—The Chairman: Just say that again.—Prosecutrix: I said I was in Mrs. Liddell's yard, and I was getting something out of the yard, and I spoke to Mrs. Liddell; this woman (pointing to the defendant) spoke to me and called me names; she called me and I called her. (Laughter.)—The Clerk: Is the yard common to all of you?—Prosecutrix: No, sir. She (meaning the accused) is jealous of me and her husband, and I have known her husband this last 30 years; that is where it is; that is where the jealousy is coming in. (Laughter.)—The Chairman: Hush, hush, hush!—Cross-examined by Mr. Aynsley: The assault took place between 12 and one o'clock. The assault took place in the street. Mrs. Rice objected to her husband coming to prosecutrix's house but that was not the real cause of the quarrel. She did not know that the accused objected to her husband coming to her house until she was told about it. (Laughter).—Prosecutrix did not call the defendant a jealous b——. The defendant called prosecutrix, and she called her back again. Prosecutrix did not strike first. The street was full of people at the time. Prosecutrix could swear by all the books in the Court that she did not strike the accused first.—James Liddell, a witness for the prosecutrix, said the occurrence took place on the 5th inst. The defendant came to her house to inquire after the prosecutrix, who was better known as Bella Carr, and asked witness what the prosecutrix had been saying about her. The prosecutrix then came into witness's yard, and the defendant asked witness if she had any "fancy men" to give away. Witness replied that she had three "fancy men" to give away, if she wanted any. Witness understood that it was a case of jealousy, and she was sorry that she had anything to do with it. When the prosecutrix first came into witness's yard she said she was "not going to be talked about." Defendant then said, "You rob me of my 'fancy man'," and subsequently the prosecutrix and the defendant began to quarrel. Witness saw the defendant strike the prosecutrix.—By Mr. Aynsley: The disturbance took place on witness's back door-step. There was using of bad language to each other, and there was "six and two threes" between them. The defendant did not shove the prosecutor away in self-defence; she struck her deliberate blow upon the face. She did not see the defendant lying down upon the road, as she was engaged with her dinner.—The Chairman (to Witness): Did this woman come to her or was she remark she had made?—Witness: Miss Wintrel had a bag lying in my coal-house, and she just came and opened the door of the coal-house, and said "Mrs. Liddell, I am going to rob you." I said, "You will not rob me because I have no coals." She replied, "I'll rob you of some of your 'fancy men'," and that is all that they began to quarrel. She said "I am; you've had a 'fancy man'."—The Chairman: Was that in front?—The complainant.—Witness: Yes.—The Chairman: Did she look at her?—Witness: I cannot say.—The Chairman: Did she allude to the defendant when she said this?—Witness: Yes, there was an "allusion" to each of her "fancy men" that she had got.—The Chairman said the Magistrates had heard sufficient of the case, which would be dismissed, and each party would have to pay their own costs.

JOTTINGS FROM THE CITY.

[By the "Impressionist."]

It has been for a long time a quite open secret that the

DURHAM COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

was not being supported in anything like the generous manner such a deserving and valuable institution was entitled to. The work of the College has been seriously handicapped in consequence, and it is not before time that public attention should be brought to the existing state of its financial position. The meeting held at Newcastle on Monday afternoon, and presided over by Earl Grey, was of a very influential sort, and the appeal made by the noble Earl for funds had fairly gratifying effect. In order to complete the building, a sum of £60,000 is required, and of this, £9,500 was promised at the meeting, amongst the contributors being the Consett Iron Co., Ltd., £1,000; Bell Bros., £1,000; Swan and Hunter, £1,000; Lord Armstrong promised £1,000; Earl Grey, £500; Ald. Gibson, £1,000; Mr James Hall, £2,000; Mr W. D. Cruddas, £1,000; and a number of smaller subscriptions realised the remainder, £1,500. Earl Grey characterised it as a standing disgrace to the four northern counties that so beneficent an institution should have been so systematically neglected as it has been. Out of 11 principal University Colleges of England, he explained, this stood second in point of numbers of students; the average cost per student was least of all, and the whole cost per student was only £28 as compared with £51 the average for the others. The noble chairman appealed strongly to his hearers and expressed the hope that, before the year was out, £100,000 would be raised.

There is another educational institution to which

THE RUTHERFORD COLLEGE,

which is doing, and in past times has done also very useful work. Of this establishment nothing was said at the meeting above-named. It, too, is in debt, and, in fact, has never been able to pay its way; and the time is sure to come when the education of the people—it is surely entitled to some measure of public recognition and financial aid beyond what it at present receives. Possibly its turn will come next. We shall see.

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CALLING UP OF THE RESERVES

for service in the Transvaal has meant a good deal to Newcastle and Tyneside. It is said that as many as 4,000 are employed at the Armstrong works alone, and considerable numbers are employed in and about the shipyards on each side of the river. A good number of these have already been dispatched on their way to the seat of war, and will be before the close of the present week. There have, however, so far, not been much excitement locally. For the reason that for the most part the soldiers have been entrained in a somewhat secret manner, and early in the morning. Except for the immediate relatives no opportunity has been given to the general public to witness the departure of the soldiers, and so far there is to be made to-morrow (Friday) when a rabble will be given to the 74th Battery of Artillery, consisting of some 170 men, who are to leave the city on Monday for the seat of war. The function is bound to be a thorough success. Thousands have been most enthusiastically taken up in all parts of the city. Any surplus that may accrue from the fund for giving them a good send off will be handed over to the fund just started for the benefit of the wives, families, and dependents of the Reservists.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

In another part of this paper appears an advertisement worth the reading, as it's for the public good. It tells of a Free distribution of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, a remedy for Kidney Ills. Read it, and call at chemist shop of Thomas Milner, 15, Shakespeare Street, on October 20th.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

PROPERTY SALE.—A large company assembled at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, when Mr. James Turnbull offered for sale a block of copyhold property in the Front Street, Chester-le-Street. The block consisted of two shops, dwelling-house, two cottages, with blacksmith's shop, stabling, and cowbyre in the rear. Mr. C. Craven, Beamish commenced the bidding at £500, and Messrs M. D. Thompson, J. Dixon, Taylor, Clark, and George Morton took part in the bidding, the figure was run up to £1,010 from the last-named bidder. At this sum the property was withdrawn.

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DURHAM QUARTER SESSIONS

The General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Durham were opened in the Assize Courts, Durham, on Monday, before the Right Honourable John Lloyd Wharton, M.P., and other magistrates.

The Chairman, addressing the Grand Jury, said he had been anxious to ascertain the number of prisoners for trial at the corresponding sessions of last year. He was afraid the present calendar showed an increase, but he found to his satisfaction that although there were 47 cases before them that number was one less than in the corresponding quarter of last year. The character of the crime was of a normal nature. There were perhaps a larger number of cases of unlawful wounding, but otherwise they were of the ordinary character of larceny, shopbreaking, and some cases of indecent assault. There were also three cases of attempted suicide, but in one case, that of Wm. Jackson, of Hylton, the man had died in prison. As a matter of form it would, if they were satisfied, be their duty to return a true bill.

TRIAL OF PRISONERS.

A CHESTER-LE-STREET CASE.

Mr Meynell drew attention to the case of Isaac Shaw (on bail) charged with indecently assaulting and illtreating Jane Smith at Chester-le-Street, on the 6th of August. The prosecutrix was unable to attend through illness, and he asked that her depositions might be laid before the Grand Jury.—The Chairman suggested the postponement of the trial to next Sessions.—Mr Meynell agreed, but asked that the bill might be returned that day. He had Dr Charles, of Stanley, present, who would state the condition of the prosecutrix.—The Chairman said it was unnecessary. Mr Meynell's application would be granted, and the witnesses were bound over to appear at the January Sessions, bail also being renewed.

SENTENCES.

David Carr (37), shunter, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the dwelling house of Hunter Cambridge, at West Hartlepool, on the 5th of July, and stealing two silver watches and other articles. It was stated that the prisoner had been a station master, but through domestic trouble and drink had lost his position. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

Joseph Ridley (35), labourer, pleaded guilty to two indictments of larceny at Sunderland, and having a bad record, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Thomas Frederick Riches pleaded guilty to stealing a mare, valued at £3 10s, the property of Thomas W. Wilkinson, at Jarrow, on the 11th of July. He was sent to prison for three months.

Wm. Pooley (32), labourer, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing a watch and bail, and was pleaded guilty to maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm upon P.C. Joseph Edgar, on the 19th June, at Gateshead. He was sent for nine months' imprisonment.

John Ford (38), labourer, pleaded guilty to stealing a ham and three sandwiches at Sunderland, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Robert Robson (59), shoemaker, and Robert Massom (35), labourer, were indicted for housebreaking at Sunderland. The former was found guilty, and sent to prison for three months, and Massom was found not guilty and discharged.

Thomas Watts (18), billiard marker, pleaded guilty to burglary at Darlington on the 29th July, and was sent to prison for six months.

Wm. Smith (42), gardener, pleaded guilty to receiving two hens and other fowls at Fulwell on the 6th of August, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. For stealing the fowls Donald Atkinson (21), labourer, was sent to prison for twelve months.

Thomas Calligan (25), labourer, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of boots valued at 4s 6d, the property of Christopher Morrison, at Jarrow, on the 19th of August last, and was sent to prison for six months.

Wm. Dawson and Sarah Dawson were found guilty of stealing 42 7s 6d at Stockton, and were sentenced to six months' hard labour.

George Summerhall (50), labourer, was found guilty of stealing a quantity of scrap iron at Seaham Harbour, and was sent to prison for six months.

Robert Gleghorn (42), labourer, pleaded guilty to maliciously damaging panes and a chair to the extent of £3 15s at Darlington, and was committed to prison for three months.

Catherine Lisle (56), pleaded guilty to wilfully damaging a plate glass window at Shields, doing damage to the extent of £5 5s. She was sent to prison for three months.

Elizabeth Blain (40) pleaded guilty to stealing a table cloth and other articles at Sunderland, and having eleven previous convictions against her was sent to gaol for twelve months.

James Callighan (21), miner, pleaded guilty to unlawfully wounding Joseph Husband at Washington, on the 9th of September, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

James Scorer (19), miner, for assaulting Amelia Watson, at Hetton-le-Hole, was sent to gaol for nine months.

Wm. Rowley (30), joiner, a man stricken with paralysis, pleaded guilty to assaulting two girls at Harton, and was sent to prison for six months.

Thomas Hook (38), miner, pleaded guilty to three indictments of burglary at Ryhope, and one of larceny at Sunderland, and was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Wm. Coates (29), hawker, and Robert Laing (24), labourer, were found guilty of having stolen a quantity of brass and copper at Sunderland, and were each sent to prison for nine months.

Thomas Fagan and Thomas McQuin, labourers, aged 25 and 24 respectively, were found guilty of shopbreaking and stealing 20 lbs. of tobacco and £1 7s 1d in money, the property of the Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society, at Hebburn on the 1st of October. Both men had bad records. Fagan was sent to penal servitude for five years, and McQuin to three years.

Edward Mortimer (27), striker, was convicted of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Charlotte Mortimer at Gateshead, on the 15th August, and for attempted suicide on the same date.

A BILL IGNORED.

The Grand Jury threw out the bill charging Frederick Kinston (25), servant in the Royal Artillery, with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Josiah Priddis, another servant, at Sunderland on the 6th of August.

James Wilson (71), labourer, for stealing an overcoat at Durham, on the 3rd of October, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, he having a long list of previous convictions against him.

Elizabeth Bolam (28), was found guilty of stealing a house walked at £1 in conveyance and one set of harness, valued at £5, the property of George Wright, at Houghton-le-Spring. She was sent to prison for four months.

John Mason (75), labourer, was charged with being found at the hour of twelve in the night in the house of Mrs. Tweedy, at Jarrow, on September 19th, and was sent to three years' penal servitude.

DIVERSION OF HIGHWAYS.

Mr Simey referred to an application for the diversion of certain footpaths at Great and Little Usworth. The application was supported by the Parish Council and also by the Chester-le-Street District Council. The diversion was shown on the plans. They had been duly and properly filed.

The Chairman said he noticed that the application was to stop up an old road. Would the public gain any corresponding benefit.

Mr Simey said it was proposed to make a new road.

The Chairman understood the present application was only to stop an old road. If they stopped the old road without making a new one they would be depriving the public of a right.

Mr Simey said that was provided for by the Act of Parliament. The old road could not be stopped until the new one was made.

The Chairman said in that case the order would be granted.

Application was also made respecting the diversion of "much of a Public Highway in the Parish of Dunstonworth as lies between a point 50 yards North-East of the Ford crossing Boldburn and a point about 100 yards West of Rich Garden House, the said Highway to be diverted along a line to be converted direct line to a New Bridge, about to be erected over the said Boltsburn."—The necessary notices had been served and the application was in order, said it would be granted.

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—For some time the members and friends of the above chapel have had under consideration the necessity of a more modern and substantial chapel to worship in. The old one which has served its day and generation, with its many historic events, has become very dilapidated through mining operations in various places at its their history, which have always been a source of trouble; to this end, and through their efforts in having gone upon the financial income for repairs through the coal mining operations they have at last put their thoughts into practical form, and have decided to build a more modern chapel, up-to-date with the latest improvements, and to afford better accommodation and comfort for its members and hearers. They have appealed to the many friends in the district, and found a very hearty response to their appeal. A great number of social teas have been promised during winter, and we are pleased to find that so far as the teas have gone they have been well attended. A rabbit dog was given by Mr. William Keilor, of White-le-Head, and the receipts handed over to the treasurer of the new building fund was £4 6s. Further, we have great pleasure in stating that the above was given by Mr. John Dodds, colliery owner, who put in an appearance, and gratified the hearts of the bene factors by depositing the sum of £5 to the building fund. We trust that the many friends will gather round the much needed enterprise, and that shortly the building will be in stone and mortar.

DERWENT VALLEY NOTES.

[BY "ROWLEY."]

WESLEYANISM AT SPEN.

The Wesleyan Methodists of Spen and district have for some time past greatly improved their cause in a humble, but nevertheless useful manner, and at last it is my pleasant duty to record that their efforts are about to be blessed with success, to which they are justly entitled. Public worship has for some time past been held in the Colliery Offices, but the day is now almost within measurable distance when the members will quit that building, and occupy more suitable premises. The Consett Iron Company have most graciously placed at their disposal a site situate near the Post Office, upon which to erect a new chapel, and strenuous efforts are being put forth to raise the necessary stimulus wherewith to erect a new structure, which is estimated to cost about £790. Mr Wilson, of Blackhill, I learn, is busy preparing plans, and the work will be proceeded with at the earliest possible moment. Good work has been done in the past, but let us hope that their new premises will be the birth-place of many souls.

RELIGIOUS WORK AT SWALWELL AND DUNSTON.

That devoted band of Primitive Methodists at Swalwell are doing their utmost to meet the spiritual requirements of the village of Swalwell, with its rapidly increasing population. A member of the denomination has just been informing me that negotiations are now in progress with a view to the purchase of a piece of land upon which to erect a new chapel. The congregation has increased, and the attendance of children at Sunday School shows an appreciable augmentation, so much so that larger premises have almost become absolutely necessary. If I mistake not, the Methodists of that thriving village have also signified their intention of erecting a new place of worship. Methodism, we are told, has always flourished in the village, finding a congenial soul in the hearts of the active toilers in the factories on the Derwent. Wesleyanism at Dunston is spreading to its utmost. Methodism was introduced into Dunston about 90 years ago, and the chapel in which the followers of Wesley worshipped at that time is still standing, but it has long since gone out of use. History tells us that in the year 1835 nearly the whole of the Wesleyans left that body, and went to the New Connexion, on account of the alleged heterodox views held by the Rev. J. Forsyth, the Wesleyan minister stationed at Gateshead. For many years after this unfortunate event, the Wesleyans had no preaching place in Dunston. At the present time they possess an excellent chapel, but, owing to the increased congregation, this is inadequate to meet the requirements of that body, and negotiations are now in progress with a view to securing a site upon which to establish a more commodious place of worship.

HONOURING A LOCAL ORGANIST.

The Claxton Hall, Swalwell, was on Wednesday evening, the scene of an interesting ceremony, the occasion being the presentation of a handsome silver tobacco box, cigar and cigarette case, and a magnificent pair of ash trays in case, to the late organist, Mr Blenkinsop, who performed the duties of organist for some time at the Holy Trinity Church, Swalwell. The presents were a tangible proof of the appreciation of such services, as was explained in a neat little speech by the Rev. Joseph Short, of Gateshead, who gracefully made the presentation. Dr. Smith, of Whickham made a capable chairman, and ably touched upon the services rendered by the recipient as organist. A well-arranged programme of music was gone through, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part:—the Rev. Joseph and Mrs Short, Mr Smith, Miss A. Slater, Mr E. Bertram, Master Bertram, Master W. Brown, and others.

HOMES FOR AGED MINE-WORKERS.

The miners in and around Marley Hill spent a pleasant hour-and-a-half in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Wednesday evening week, in listening to interesting speeches by Mr John Wilson, M.P., Mr Henry Wallace, J.P., Mr J. Hopper, and Coun. E. W. Berkley, who fully explained the scheme inaugurated for the provision of homes for aged mine-workers. The different speakers were listened to most attentively, and that the scheme finds a warm place in the hearts of the Marley Hill men, was plainly evidenced by the frequent applause accorded to the speakers as they ably expounded the subject. With such able gentlemen at the head of affairs as those named above, prosperity will certainly attend the movement, which has now obtained a firm foot, and it is already tending to make the remaining years of many of our veterans of industry more happier than ever. Some two hundred houses have already been erected at Haswell Moor, and many of these are now occupied by aged miners and their wives, who no longer fear the knock of the landlord, but rest free for the evening of their lives. An earnest appeal has been made to the miners of Marley Hill for a modicum of their hard-earned pay towards this laudable scheme, and greatly mistaken will I be if this request is not acceded to. As one who knows the men of Marley Hill, I can say that they are never happier than when lending a helping hand to a fellow-workman in distress. ADD LEEK SHOWS.

WEARDALE NOTES.

[BY "STANHOPE."]

TEMPERANCE.

The British Women's Temperance Crusade is succeeding beyond the anticipations of the most sanguine. A meeting of the Stanhope branch was held on Monday week, presided over by Mrs Woolliscroft. The principal speaker was Mrs Judson, of Westgate, one of the most popular temperance advocates that has honoured Weardale with her presence. Her transcendent abilities as a speaker are such that her valued services are frequently requisitioned in all parts of the country.

THE LATE MR. N. EGGLESTONE.

The oldest inhabitant of Weardale was laid to rest at St. John's Chapel on Saturday week, viz., Nathan Egglestone, well-known and highly respected. He was one of the characteristic, kindly-hearted dalesmen—free, frank, social, hospitable, kind-hearted, and unostentatious, taking a lively interest in all that pertained to the dale's welfare. For years he was one of those of whom the poet sings—"the only noble to be good." In this light he was one of nature's noblemen. He was beloved in life and in death is much lamented.

A CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the late Mr. Francis Brown, of Greenhead, Stanhope, was laid to rest last week. Singular to say, she was the same age as her late husband, and died on the same date and about the same hour. Her funeral was a very large one, she being an old standard.

DESERVED SUCCESS.

The two concerts given at Eastgate and Stanhope by the Misses Hildyard and Pulleine and their friends for charitable objects redounds to their credit. They were both deserved successes, and showed great musical talent.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

About 50 yards of cement flagged footpath is to be laid down in the Front Street at Stanhope forthwith. The contract has been let to Mr. T. Egglestone, and is to be done in about a month. The County Council pays the cost. The street is to be all done, so much every year. Wolsingham would do well to follow the example of Stanhope. The flagged footpaths there are a positive disgrace.

A RECEPTION MEETING.

A local preachers' reception meeting—the first in the Stanhope Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday week, when Mr. J. T. Ridley was received into the lay ministry as a duly acknowledged local preacher. The Rev. R. Huddlestone gave the charge in an intelligent and able style.

AN ADVANCE.

The quarrymen in the Wear valley, we are glad to note, are in for a very substantial advance of wages.

AN OLD FRIEND.

The Rev. Mr. Finch, a former curate of Stanhope, has just been visiting the late scene of his pastoral labours. He has since been the guest of the Bishop of Richmond, at Stanhope Rectory.

AT THE TOP.

Crawleyside school, at the monthly meeting of the School Board on Friday week, topped the tree for average attendance, it being 94.2 per cent. Nine schools were behind it. The mistress is Miss Butler.

A LOW DEATH-RATE.

The death-rate for Upper Weardale for the past quarter was only 10.5 per 1,000, while at Stanhope it was only 5.7 per 1,000. The Derwent district had neither births nor deaths for the quarter. Wolsingham's death-rate was 17.1 per 1,000; it includes Tow Law.

TEAM VALLEY AND DISTRICT PLOUGHING AND HEDGE-CUTTING ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting was held at the Ravensworth Arms, Lamesley, on Monday night. Mr Hugh Munro presided, and there was a good attendance. The Secretary (Mr W. Johnson) read the financial report for the last year, which showed a substantial balance. The date of the next competition was fixed for Wednesday, December 13th. Four fields of lea land were offered for the competition, and a committee was appointed to inspect them. The whole of the old committee were re-elected, and strengthened by 14 additional members. Mr Henry Wallace was unanimously re-elected president, and Mr William Johnson secretary. It was decided that the committee meet at the Ravensworth Arms next Monday evening to revise the rules and make the final arrangements for the next competition.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT NOTES

[BY "OBSERVER."]

THE CRICKET CLUB CONCERT.

The Cricket Club concert was, as predicted, a complete success, and the hearts of the committee must have been gladdened as they saw the vast crowds coming for admission. Mr. Travers gives a good entertainment, and is very popular with Burnopfield audiences.

A POPULAR ENTERTAINER.

While dealing with entertainments, I must not forget to mention that given by Professor Lenton in the Marley Hill Church Institute. Professor Lenton is an entertainer of no mean order, and delighted his audience by some really clever performances.

THE TRANSVAAL.

Just now everybody is talking of the Transvaal crisis. How few people one meets amongst those whose cry is "war," who advocate. The majority seem to think that a war in the Transvaal would be only like play for English soldiers, but how very much they may find themselves mistaken. It is quite an overlooked fact that the Boers are amongst the bravest and most stubborn races in the world, and that they will defend their country till the last, and will be reinforced by almost the whole of the Dutch race in South Africa, who, no matter how loyal they have been to our Queen in the past, will not fail to help their own fellow-countrymen in a time of need. The issue of the war, I have no doubt, will be in favour of England; but that issue will only be attained when hundreds, and perhaps thousands of our brave men have sacrificed their lives, and after all is over will we be any better for having undertaken such a task? I doubt it—for a feeling of indignation against England will have been aroused in the bosoms of the Dutch race which will not be obliterated for years to come, and which will lead to endless troubles.

TEMPERANCE.

The Burnopfield Temperance Society do not intend the grass to grow under their feet this winter. They are, I believe, arranging for a series of lectures by a well-known and popular temperance orator, and are also going the length of putting up a room specially for their band to practice in. I wish them every success.

GOOD NEWS.

The Rev. E. Campbell is having a very trying time through illness. He has, I believe, had a relapse of his first illness, but is now on the road to recovery—a fact which his many friends will hail with joy.

Blackhill Wesleyan Sunday-School

Recently the young people connected with the above school conceived the idea of holding a concert and supper, with a view to clearing off the debt remaining on the library and in the provision of a new cupboard. The promoters entered heartily into the scheme, and were enabled to draw up a most entertaining programme. The event was fixed for Monday night last, and the school-room was packed by a sympathetic audience, who fully appreciated the bill-of-fare provided for their delectation. Mr. D. M. Spence, of Shotley Bridge, occupied the chair, and was introduced to the audience by Mr. J. Robinson. The Chairman, in a few opening remarks, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present, and hoped they would all spend an enjoyable evening. [illegible] the programme by singing a duet in capital style, for which they were warmly applauded. Miss M. Hunter, of Dipton, followed with a nice rendering of "Golden Harvest," and then Mr. Bishop favoured with an excellent recitation, "King John." Mr. A. Wildsmith, Consett (who was accompanied by Miss Wildsmith) gave that fine song, "Queen of the Earth," in such a style as to gain for himself an encore, to which he kindly responded, "Jack's the lad" was well sung by Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Newcastle, and then Miss Smart, of North Shields, delighted her hearers with an excellent mandolin solo. Mr. Frankland was heard to advantage in "A stormy night," and so also Miss Dawson in a piano solo. Mr. Wilkinson was loudly applauded for his singing of "The Star of Bethlehem," and Miss Hunter's rendition of "Polly and a coach" was highly appreciated. "The longshoreman" found an able exponent in Mr. Frankland, whilst Miss Smart was warmly encored for another mandolin solo. Mr. A. Swainston's recitation, "A bachelor is his own master," caused much amusement. The patriotic song, "The sea is England's glory," was finely sung by Mr. Wildsmith. Mr. W. Palliser acted as accompanist in his customary able manner. At the close of the concert, Mr. Palliser proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes, and this was heartily accorded. The entertainment was voted a most pleasant one, all present seeming to be highly delighted at the excellent programme submitted. Afterwards an excellent supper was provided, to which a very large company sat down. The tables were gracefully presided over by Mrs. Palliser, Miss Tweddle, Miss Turnbull, Miss Hetherington, Miss Sheldon, Miss Wallace, Miss Aitken, Miss Ashby, Miss Brown, Miss Dent, Miss Bell, and Miss E. Wallace. The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and the young people are to be congratulated upon the outcome of their laudable endeavours.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

DIPTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The harvest festival services in connection with this church were continued last week, and took the form of a lecture, which was delivered by the Rev. A. Braclough, of Stanley, on the subject, "Nine years on the gold coast." Mr. C. Hedley, of Hamsterley, presided over a very good company. After the lecture a public supper was provided in the school-room, the tables being presided over by Mrs. Hunter, Miss F. Wood, Miss A. Gray, and Miss S. J. Weightman, while they were assisted by Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Phillipson, Miss Postle, and Miss E. Browell. The fruit and vegetables used for decorations were sold with a brisk sale, which was conducted by Mr. A. Philipson.

HARE LAW PARISH CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening of last week the annual harvest festival services in connection with St. Thomas' Parish Church, Hare Law, were commenced, the preacher being the Rev. Mr Douglas, of Tudhoe. On Sunday, the services were continued, and were conducted in the morning by the Rev. W. Downard, curate of Collierley; in the afternoon the children's service by the vicar, the Rev. J. Gornall; and in the evening by the Rev. T. H. Archdall, M.A., vicar of Tanfield. The church, which had been decorated tastefully by the members of the choir, was crowded at the Sunday services. During the services the special anthem, "While the earth remaineth," was sung by the choir, the organist being Mr E. Hayward, of Shotley Bridge.

THE CHARGE OF SHOOTING A WEARDALE GAMEKEEPER.

At the Stanhope Police Court on Saturday, Charles Maddison, a young man, on bail, appeared to answer to a charge of shooting at J. J. Dodd, game watcher for Mr J. A. Hildyard, on Westernhope Moor on September 30th. He was remanded till to-morrow (Friday), pending the recovery of Dodd.

SWALWELL.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.—On Thursday evening week a successful missionary meeting was held in the above place of worship, presided over by Mr. G. F. Johnson. The speakers were the Rev. R. Donaison, of Gateshead, and the Rev. C. T. Tetley, of Whickham, who touched upon the good results accruing from missionary work, and the need of further help for the same.

DUNSTON.

DAMAGE BY YOUTHS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court, on Thursday, Henry Steel, Henry Bainbridge, John McLean and Albert Lee (youths), were charged with doing wilful damage to a shed and other property of Mr. Isaac Bewley, contractor, Dunston, to the amount of 1d each.—A constable stated that on the 1st inst., about four p.m., he was on duty in Seymour Street, Dunston, when he saw the defendants running about on the top of a wooden shed, and damaging the felting.—Mr. Bewley stated that the shed, which was used by the masons, was a total wreck.—One of the defendants said that the prosecutor's own employees had pulled the wood of the shed to light their fires with. (Laughter.)—The defendants were fined 2/6 each.

IN SEARCH OF GAME.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Joseph Fearns and William Melville were charged with trespassing in pursuit of game at Dunston.—P.C. Gill stated that on the 5th inst. he saw the two defendants, accompanied by a rabbit dog, crossing two fields belonging to Mr. Wm. Tweddle, and afterwards go into a clover field belonging to Mr. Anthony Hoiser. The defendants then went to a rabbit hole.—The defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs.

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URBAN DISTRICT OF TOW LAW.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the Accounts, together with all the Rate Books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts, mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will on the 31st day of October, 1899, be deposited in the Office of the Urban District Council of the above-named District, and be open between the hours of 10 and 4 to the inspection of all persons interested, until the 9th day of November, 1899.

AND THAT on the 9th day of November, 1899, at the hour of 10·30 in the forenoon, the District Auditor will attend at the Offices of the said Urban District Council to audit the said Accounts, when and where any Ratepayer or Owner of Property in the District may be present, and may make any objection to such Accounts before such Auditor.

Dated this 18th day of October, 1899.

ED. MILBURN,
634f Clerk to the District Council.

BLACKHILL VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

GRAND CONCERT

To be given by the CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 31st, 1899, In St. Aidan's Hall, Blackhill.

For the purpose of creating funds to provide Prizes for Competitive Papers sent in during Winter Session, 1899-1900.

Doors open 7-30 p.m., commence 8 p.m. prompt. Carriages 10 p.m.

Reserved Seats, 1s. 6d.; Second Seats, 1s.; Admission, 6d.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL CONCERT

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT,

WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, 1899.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OF

Mr. HARRY LISTON, of Blackpool. (The King of Entertainers).

Miss LORD LUMLEY, of Blackpool. (The Charming Young Actress).

Professor WM. MILES, of Bradford. (The Delineator of Shakespearian Character).

Reserved Seats can now be booked at the Hon. Secretary's Office,

W. RAMSAY,
571f North-Eastern Bank, Blackhill.

NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT.

ARCHIBALD RAMSDEN

Begs to announce that he will give A GRAND FREE INVITATION CONCERT On WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1st, 1899, at 8 o'clock.

VOCALISTS:—

Soprano: MADAME EMILY SQUIRE, Of the Handel Festivals, St. James' Hall, Queen's Hall, and Crystal Palace Concerts: Prima Donna English Opera, Drury Lane.

Contralto: MISS KITTY LONGLAND, Of the London Concerts, &c.

Tenor: MR. GWILLYM EVANS, Of the Albert Hall Concerts, London, and Royal College of Music, London.

Bass: MR. HERBERT HILTON, Of the Albert Hall Concerts, London.

Violinist: MISS MABEL BURMESTER, Of the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Solo Pianist: MR. JULIAN CLIFFORD, Graduate of the Royal Conservatoire, Leipzic.

Tickets may be had Free at Archibald Ramsden's Piano Saloon, Front Street, Consett, where a Plan of the Hall may be seen and Seats reserved. 612f

VICTORIA THEATRE, STANLEY.

Lessee and Manager .. MARK H. LINDON.

SATURDAY, the Last Night of the most successful Drama—

THE FRENCH SPY.

MONDAY, OCT. 23rd, and during the Week,

THE KING OF TERRORS.

Look out for Dr. BODIE. 616f

NEW THEATRE,

CONSETT.

Lessee and Manager .. Mr. HUGH ROBERTSON. (Also of the Royal Theatre and Opera House, Barrow-in-Furness, and Theatre Royal, Jarrow-on-Tyne).

Resident Manager .. Mr. LLOYD CLARANCE.

Last Three Nights of Mr. JOHN CASSIDY'S Co. in the new MULDOON'S PICNIC.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1899, Mr. HERBERT CECIL and CO. in the powerful Drama—

THE LUCK OF LIFE.

Time and Prices as usual.

Public Notices.

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(Pupil of Mr. Sticks, Newcastle).

STUDENTS' CLASSES at Consett, Stanley, Annfield Plain, Benfieldside, and Medomsley.

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CONSETT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTICE.

To Architects, Builders, and Contractors; Owners and Occupiers of Property; Lodging-House Keepers and Occupiers of Houses Let in Lodgings, or occupied by Members of more than *One* Family; Owners or Occupiers of Slaughter-houses; Blood-Boilers; Blood-Driers; Bone-Boilers; Tallow-Melters; Tripe Boilers; Gut-Scrapers; Hackmasters; Owners of Whirligigs and Swings; also, Shooting Galleries and Ranges, and Telegraph and other Wires.

NEW BYELAWS are now in operation in this Council's District, of which Copies can be had at a Charge of Sixpence each.

(Signed), WM. AYNSLEY, Chairman.
THOS. WM. WELFORD, Clerk.
October 12th, 1899. 523f

CO-OPERATIVE HALL, WEST STANLEY.

MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 30th, 1899. At 7, open at 6-30.

LINDON TRAVERS, F.R.G.S.

will give his thrilling Recital— "BRITON OR BOER."

The story of South Africa in the Nineteenth Century with a most complete series of remarkable Pictures and Sensational Snapshots, some of which were taken by Mr Travers, during his travels in South Africa. Pictures of the Boer at home and on the Battlefield; How the Boers fight; The Boer Rebellion of 1881; Majuba Hill; March of the Australian Lancers through London, and Departure of British Troops from Southampton; General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C.

Tickets: Reserved Seats, 2s.; Front Seats, 1s. Proceeds for Presbyterian Church Building Fund. 647f

Sales by Auction.

By Mr A. Phillipson

Superior Dwelling-House For Sale. 4, Annfield Terrace, Catchgate.

To be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the House of Mr. Lumley, Railway Inn, Annfield Plain, on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 1899, at Seven o'clock p.m.

MR. A. PHILLIPSON, Auctioneer (Subject to such conditions as will then be produced), all that Valuable FREEHOLD TENEMENTED DWELLING-HOUSE of 3 and 2 Rooms each, with Wash-house, Pantries, Cemented Yard, and all conveniences.

Messrs. Stephens and Tasey, the Occupiers, will show the Property to intending purchasers.

The Houses are quite new, substantially built of stone, pleasantly situated and Up-to-Date in every respect.

For further information apply to the proprietor, MR. THOS. STOREY, Builder, Catchgate, or the Auctioneer, Dipton. 543f

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 John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

SPECIAL SALE OF WINTERING STOCK. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1899.

70 to 80 S.H. Local Home-bred Cattle, comprising Geld Cows, Young Bulls, Heifers, and Bullocks, one to three years old.

SHEEP.

30 Half-bred Ewes.
40 Half-bred Gimmers, a select lot.
40 Prime Cheviot Ewes.
30 Mule Ewes and Gimmers.
70 Mule Ewe Lambs, including a select lot suitable for tupping.
20 Pure Bred Leicesters.

Sale at One o'clock.

641f J. S. MURRAY.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, 1899.

10 to 15 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep and Lambs.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs, 2 Fat Pigs.
Dairy Cows and Heifers.
A large consignment Steel Gripes, Shovels, Butchers' Blocks, &c.
Ropes, Ladders, Carrots, Poultry, &c.
A lot Garden Tools.

Sale at One o'clock.

642f J. S. MURRAY.

Freehold Dwelling-Houses, in Delves Terrace, Delves Lane, Consett.

MR. J. S. MURRAY, favoured with instructions from Mr. T. Little, the Delves, to SELL BY AUCTION, at the Fountain Hotel, Consett, on Wednesday, November 1st, 1899, all those Two Superior DWELLING-HOUSES and Appurtenances, pleasantly situate in Delves Terrace, frontage 42 feet, occupied by Mr. M. M. Charlton and Mr. N. Charlton. Sale at 7 to 8 o'clock.

T. W. WELFORD, Esq., Solicitor to the Vendor.

After the above, will be sold Two Houses of Three Rooms each, Building Sites and Quarry, on Consett Park Estate, on the Castleside Road.

Solicitors Messrs MURRAY, RICHMOND, and AYNSLEY.

Other Business Property in Consett expected.

A Five-Roomed House of Superior Household FURNITURE, will be SOLD at Shotley Bridge shortly.

Particulars next week.

644f J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURNE MURRAY,

THE AGRICULTURAL AUCTIONEER, VALUER AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.

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WILLIAM ROBINSON,

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Election Addresses.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION. OCTOBER 23rd, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—On Monday next, you will be called upon to elect Five Members for the Collierley School Board, to manage the affairs of that Board for the next Three Years.

Having been requested to come forward as a Candidate, I have consented to do so, and should you trust me with your Vote and Interest, you may rely on my doing the best I can for the welfare of your children at the least possible expense to the ratepayers.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
GEORGE MURRAY.

London House, Dipton. 593f

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

OCTOBER 23RD, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been invited to offer myself for a seat on your Board, and as a large and interested Ratepayer, I beg to express my willingness to act as one of your representatives.

I believe in a sound and good education being provided for the children, without distinction to sect or class, and it is hardly necessary to add, this should be available to all.

I believe in thorough representation, and, if elected, it will be my earnest endeavour to serve you faithfully in trying to obtain the best possible results, with due regard to efficiency and the financial interests of the Ratepayers. Respectfully soliciting your vote and confidence,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
J. B. ARMSTRONG.

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION OCTOBER 23rd, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—You will be shortly called upon to Elect Five Members to the Collierley School Board. This Body, I need hardly remind you, is responsible for the Education of your Children; and as the kind of Instruction they receive when young largely influences their future lives, it is important that this should be the best that can be procured for them. A high standard of excellence cannot be attained without efficiency in teaching, and where this exists parents may hope to see their children qualified for positions which are within the reach of all.

I am anxious that the Educational Machinery in the Collierley School Board area should be as perfect as possible, and that parents should avail themselves of its benefits and privileges to the full. Having been asked by many Ratepayers to give a helping hand in keeping this Educational Machinery going, I beg to express my readiness to do so; and at the same time to assure you that, in the event of my being returned to the Board, it will be my study to serve your interests with fidelity and a due regard to your pockets. Respectfully soliciting your Vote and Support, I beg to remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
J. T. ROBINSON.

Please mark your Paper thus:

ROBINSON, J. T. .. | 5

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The election of the above Board will take place on Monday, the 23rd of the present month, when you will be asked to exercise your judgment in the selection of five members to represent you for the next three years. I have had the honour of being one of your members for the last nine years. During that period I have regularly attended the Board meetings, and taken my share in the responsibilities appertaining to the management of your schools, and have endeavoured to discharge my duties faithfully and in a fearless and impartial manner. The knowledge gained in that time in the working of the Education Acts and the Code, and also the requirements of your Schools, is essential in School Board work, together with a desire to further serve your interests, encourages me to again enter the race for School Board honours, and ask for a continuance of your confidence and support in the forthcoming contest.

As I am well-known to the most of you, it would be superfluous on my part to weary you with any high-sounding phraseology or paper promises; but simply ask you to consider with a calm, unbiassed mind the nine years of faithful service spent in your behalf, which I hope will enable you to form a right judgment as to whether I am worthy of the trust so long reposed in me, or otherwise.

Should you again do me the honour of returning me as one of your representatives, I shall, as hitherto, do my utmost to promote your very best interests by attending to the comfort and happiness of your children, and will endeavour to secure for them the most efficient instruction the district can afford.

I therefore leave the issue in your hands, and patiently await your verdict.

I remain, Yours faithfully,
THOMAS CLARK.

Delight House, Dipton, October 14th, 1899.

You will find my name second on the list; when having found it, kindly place your vote as under:—

CLARK, THOMAS 5

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

OCTOBER 23RD, 1899.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It is now nine years since you returned me to the Collierley School Board, and after trying my utmost to serve you and watch over your interests during that long period, I again come before you as a Candidate, and respectfully ask you for a renewal of the confidence you reposed in me three years ago. The election is fixed for the 23rd of October, when you will be called upon to Elect Five Members to look after the Educational Interests of this District.

I venture to think that what I have done in the past has met with your approval. I have always done my utmost to promote the Education of your Children, and have also striven to ensure their Comfort and Happiness whilst in School. For many years I have resided in close proximity to the Schools, and have, therefore, had exceptional opportunities for watching their development and growth. My sole desire has been to uphold your Rights and further your Interests, with due regard to the Expenditure of Public Money.

Should you do me the honour of re-electing me as a Member of the Board, I shall do all in my power to increase the usefulness of the Schools and to still further improve the conditions under which the work of educating your children is carried on. Hoping for a renewal of your confidence,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
WILLIAM YOUNG.

Red Lion Inn, Dipton, October, 1899.

MARK YOUR PAPER AS BELOW:

YOUNG, WILLIAM 5

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS OF KYO AND OXHILL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Few words are necessary from me to place my views on Educational matters before you. Having tried to do my duty during the six years you have reposed confidence in me, I again place my services at your disposal.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS BOWES.

Annfield Plain, Oct. 17th, 1899.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KYO.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—On Monday, the 30th of the present month, you will be called upon to elect five members for your School Board. I beg to offer myself as a candidate; knowing it means a struggle against so many employers of labour, or their officials, and the means adopted to secure the votes of the employees. I believe in a fair representation of employers; but not a monopoly.

I am in favour of the best possible education being given to the children in all the schools under the management of the Board, and will aim at the comfort of every child, and encourage better attendance by rewarding the children. I approve of the schools being thoroughly heated during the winter months, and made comfortable, for children cannot make progress in learning whilst suffering from the cold. I am also in favour of every encouragement being given to the Teachers to secure the most efficient results and the greatest amount of good to the children, and believe that this can be attained by Teachers and Board acting conjointly. I am also in favour of an Increase of Representatives on the School Board. Depending on your vote and Interest.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM DOWN.

Rose Villa, Catchgate, October 7th, 1899.

DOWN, WILLIAM 5

Election Addresses.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE ELECTORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—On the 30th instant, you will be called upon to Elect Five Members to serve your Interests on the above Board for the next three years. During the three years that I have been entrusted with your confidence, I have endeavoured to fulfil the Duties of the Office to the best of my ability, and if re-elected I will continue to serve your Interests as best I can.

Yours Faithfully,
WILLIAM ELTRINGHAM,
Catchgate.

VOTE THUS:—
ELTRINGHAM, WILLIAM ... 5

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, 1899.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—You will be called upon, on October 30th, 1899, to Elect Five Members upon your School Board. Having been repeatedly and urgently requested by a large number of Electors to allow myself to be nominated as a Candidate, I have, after much careful consideration, decided to offer myself for Election. In the past, you have honoured me with your Vote for the Urban District Council, and I feel sure my conduct on that Authority will have proved to you my sincere desire to serve the highest and best interests of the community, irrespective of any man's smiles or favour.

I will not attempt to allure your Votes by any new or startling Programme, but simply state that in all matters pertaining to the Education of the Children in the District, I believe in equal opportunity for all; so that the children of the poor man may have every facility afforded them to reach the highest pinnacle in our Education Standard. I also believe, in the matter of the Representation on the Board, that the number ought to be increased to Nine Members; and, if elected, I will endeavour to secure an early inquiry. My position in life affords me abundant opportunities of hearing and knowing what are the prevailing wishes of the people within the Board's area; and I can honestly assure you that if I am honoured with you Votes on the present occasion, I will constantly endeavour to merit your confidence by faithfully carrying out your mandates on the Board.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
JOHN STOREY.
Catchgate, Annfield Plain, October, 1899.

Business Announcement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY.
WILLIAM AYNSLEY, Esq., Chairman.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, October 20th, 1899.

EDITORIAL CHAT.

ALTHOUGH ONE DOES not hear a great deal concerning the North-West Durham Caledonian Society, it must not be inferred from this that that body is in a languishing condition. Far from it—as was easily to be gleaned from the report published in our last issue of the proceedings enacted at the annual meeting of the society. One of the hardest workers on behalf of the organisation has been Mr. J. Mathieson, and this gentleman, in his capacity as hon. secretary, was able to present a most encouraging report. His record of the doings of the society containing several touches of that dry humour for which Caledonia's sons are famed. Mr. Mathieson's report concluded with a hope that the membership would be materially increased during the winter months. He thinks that there should not be so much difficulty with Scotsmen in and about the neighbourhood allying themselves with the society, and is hopeful that there will soon be a larger number coming to their meetings. An excellent syllabus has been arranged for the ensuing season, the principal event being the Burns' Concert on January 29th, for which a splendid array of artistes has been engaged, and the concert will probably be a huge success. It is satisfactory to note that Mr. A. Russell (the hon. treasurer) was in the happy position of being able to report that the finances of the society were in a sound condition. We wish continued success to the North-West Durham Caledonian Society.

THE LANCHESTER BOARD of Guardians were in a generous mood at their last meeting, and granted increases of salary to both their Relieving Officers. However, there was by no means complete unanimity upon the question, and several members expressed their dissatisfaction at the proposed increases in no half-hearted terms. The committee appointed to go into the matter reported favourably upon the applications made by Messrs Walton and Ward respectively. On the question coming up for discussion, however, before the full Board, Mr. Severs, in a strong speech against the committee's recommendations, said it seemed to him that their officials had only to ask for money there, and they got it. This is the opinion of several people besides Mr. Severs. Mr. Powell thought their officers were very well paid for their services, and Mr. Wood and Mr. Wardle took a similar view. In spite of these objections, Mr. Walton's salary was increased to £150 by 23 votes to eight. In Mr. Ward's case the recommendation was that he receive £150 per year from June 25th next. Upon this the voting was much closer, 17 voting for the increase and 14 against. We are quite open to agree that the two Relieving Officers have responsible and at times difficult duties to perform, but this notwithstanding we must confess that we are unable to discover any adequate grounds for the step taken by the Board at their last meeting. No doubt both gentlemen have been diligent and faithful officers, but, in our opinion, they were paid a reasonable salary for the work that devolved upon them. We yield to no one in our desire to see every man receiving the full amount which his services entitle him to; but in this case we must confess that we are unable to see eye to eye with the Board.

FOLLOWING CLOSE UPON the nominations for the Collierley School Board, those for the triennial election in connection with the Kyo School Board have now been issued. Nine candidates have been nominated for the five seats, and it is somewhat singular that the same number will go to the poll at Collierley, Mr. J. W. Taylor, J.P. (the late chairman) and the Rev. R. Tuson having declined the contest. We notice with regret that Mr. Geo. Ridley, J.P., of Stanley, one of the old members, does not seek re-election. Doubtless his decision is prompted by health considerations. Mr. Ridley was a most useful member of the Kyo Board, and his genial presence and valuable advice will be much missed. Three of the newcomers seeking School Board honours are running together, and it is reported that they are a dangerous trio. We refer to Messrs Storey, Down, and Reece. The two former are members of the Annfield Plain District Council, upon which body they have accomplished some most useful work. Messrs Kay, Bowes, Eltringham, and Robson were members of the old Board, and they are expected to make a determined effort to secure re-election. Messrs Jas. Bainbridge and Geo. Bullerwell are the other candidates. It is not improbable that there may be one or two withdrawals before the polling-day arrives; but it is not likely that there will be sufficient to avoid a contest. In all probability we shall deal with the election at greater length in our next issue.

THE MUCH-DISCUSSED Lamesley question has at length come to a satisfactory conclusion, and probably the members of the Whickham School Board will not be sorry. At the last meeting of the Board a letter was read from the Education Department couched in semi-legal terms so dear to the hearts of those connected with Government Departments. Reduced to the commonplace, it set forth that the Lords of the Committee on Education ordered that Lamesley should contribute to the provision and maintenance of the schools in the Whickham district to the amount and in the manner to be fixed by orders afterwards made in pursuance of the Elementary Education Acts of 1870-93. Lamesley will also be entitled to elect a member to the Whickham School Board. Mr. Swinburn—whom the Board may thank for having discovered an anomalous state of affairs—thought the communication from the Education Department satisfactory, and rightly pointed out that the contribution which was now coming would have been received five or six years ago but for the omission of those responsible at the time. However, all's well that ends well, and, as the Board will probably be awarded a substantial contribution, it must be confessed that the parish is indebted to Mr. Swinburn. His fellow-colleagues fully recognise this. Whatever omission there may have been in the past has now been remedied, and the members of the Board can now settle down to their work on behalf of the rising generation without fear of the "Lamesley question" troubling them again.

AT THE LAST MEETING of the Blaydon District Council, that well-known advocate of the working-classes, Mr. J. Tucker, of the Spen, brought forward an important motion, which, unfortunately, only received scant support. Mr. Tucker moved: "That in view of the scarcity of proper accommodation for the working classes in this district, the Urban District Council do adopt Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890." There is no doubt much to be said in favour of Mr. Tucker's proposal, in view of the very serious overcrowding that exists throughout this part of the county. Mr. Tebb supported the motion in a very able speech, pointing out that it was possible for them to borrow money at 3½ per cent., and to have buildings erected so that it would not cost a single penny. In the course of a few years these houses would become the property of the Council. One would have thought that, on this showing the Council at least would have relegated the matter to a committee for them to report; but such was not the case. Mr. Latimer agreed with the principle of the motion, admitted that there were houses totally unfit for habitation and that there was much overcrowding, but—did not vote for the motion. He pursued this course because he believed that they had already sufficient schemes on hand. This may be, but Mr. Tucker's proposal was one of paramount importance, inasmuch as it immediately concerned the health of the people, and struck a blow at disease and filthiness, with all their undesirable concomitants. Whilst in no way desirous of dictating to the members of the Blaydon Council, we think that Mr. Tucker's motion deserved more favourable treatment. However, the "member for the Spen" is not easily discouraged. Defeat only increases his ardour, therefore we may expect to see him introduce the subject again at no distant date—and, we hope, with a greater measure of success.

Local and District News.

Consett.

POLICE COURT.—On Wednesday morning, before Mr. W. Aynsley, Mary McGregor, married woman, living in Consett at present, was fined 2/6 and costs or seven days, for being drunk in Consett on Tuesday evening.—P.C. Richards proved the case.

Annfield Plain.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Saturday evening a benefit concert, promoted by the deputies of the South Pontop Colliery, was held in the Co-operative Hall, Annfield Plain, in aid of Mr. Robert Newton, of Annfield Plain, who had been unable to follow his employment for some months, through illness. Coun. J. Storey presided over a large and appreciative audience, and a handsome sum was realized.

DEATH OF MRS STEWART.—On Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, the beloved wife of Mr. Alexander Stewart, of Annfield Plain, died at her residence at the age of 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart hail from Scotland, but have lived in the locality for 30 years, during which time they have made many friends. The deceased lady, who was a peace-loving woman, was of industrious and thrifty habits. The interment, which took place on Sunday afternoon at Hare Law Cemetery, was witnessed by a large number of friends, the services being conducted by the vicar, the Rev. J. Gornall, and the curate, the Rev. W. Dowward. The church choir was in attendance, and sang "Thy will be done" at the house before the mournful procession wended its way to the church.

Blackhill.

POULTRY, PIGEON, AND RABBIT SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society was held in Mr. Eltringham's office on Saturday last, to hear the report of a sub-committee who were appointed to endeavour to secure St. Aidan's Hall for their next show. Their effort being unsuccessful, it was ultimately decided to engage the Consett New Town Hall for a two days' show.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.—On Saturday afternoon a successful rummage sale was held in St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill. The large quantity of goods displayed soon found a ready sale, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the church expenses. The stallholders were Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Davison, Miss Hammon, Miss Stephenson, and the Misses Eltringham.

Byer Moor

ST. CUTHBERT'S UNION.—The harvest festival services were held on Thursday evening, and continued on Sunday. Special preachers occupied the pulpit. The church was very tastefully decorated, and good congregations assembled.

Blaydon

BREACH OF THE PEACE.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Lyal Robson and Alex. Berry were charged by P.C. Turley with fighting at Blaydon, on September 30th.—The defendants were bound over in the sum of £5, and ordered to pay the costs—8/- each.

LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening, in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Blaydon, the Rev. S. Horton, of Edinburgh, delivered, to a comparatively large audience, an exceedingly able and instructive lecture on the subject, "Lights and Shadows of London," which was apparently well and justly appreciated. Mr. M. Kirsop, Blaydon, occupied the position of chairman. It may be affirmed that Mr. Horton is at the present period visiting various parts of the country with a view of raising some urgently needed "wherewithal" on behalf of the Edinburgh Mission, the arduous and difficult work in connection with which he readily undertook by special request of last Conference, in July of this year.

PITCH AND TOSS.—At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, Hy. Marshall, Spencer Kelly, Rey Selby, Thomas Hymers, Wilfred Hymers, John Hymers, Thomas Cook, James Cowan, Edward Streaghan, Thomas Greenwell, Geo. Mordue, Jackson Fleming, Charles Seandle, Henry Joff, and George Robson were charged with playing at pitch and toss near Blaydon.—George Robson and Charles Seandle pleaded guilty, whilst the others denied the offence.—A constable stated that on the 24th ult., he was on duty on the highway between Blaydon and Crawcrook, when he saw the whole of the defendants playing at pitch and toss.—The Chairman (Mr. Hall) said that the Bench had decided to fine the two defendants who had pleaded guilty 6d and costs each, and those who had not pleaded guilty 1/- and costs each.

Burnopfield

C. E. T. S.—On Monday evening a concert was given in the Temperance Hall, Leases, before a crowded audience. The chair was occupied by Rev. G. T. Dunne, and the programme was rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Misses Saunders, Davidson, Shaw, Sadler, and Barkus; and Messrs McGowan, Lows, Bell, and Jackson. Mr. Dunn acted as accompanist.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—A public entertainment was held in the United Methodist Free Church School-room on Monday evening. A good number of people assembled. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Taylor, of Burnopfield, and an excellent address was given by Mr. A. Graham, organising secretary of the Newcastle and District Band of Hope Union. The musical part of the programme was supplied by Messrs Johnson and Boast, and Misses Purvis and Lamonby. The accompanists were Miss Laura Kyle and Mr. Jos. Pyle.

RECEPTION MEETING.—On Saturday week, the Wesleyan Methodists at Burnopfield and Lintz Colliery held a reception tea and meeting in the Burnopfield Wesleyan Chapel. The occasion was to welcome the newly-appointed lay agent, Mr. Percy C. Pegler (of Brixton Hill Circuit). The tea was patronised by a fairly good number of people. The meeting was addressed by Rev. H. Hoole and Mr. Pegler. The chairman being Mr. W. Nicholson, of Gateshead.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—The balance sheet of the society, as presented to the quarterly meeting on Saturday week, was a very satisfactory one. The membership now stands at 1,236, an increase of 38 over last quarter. The sales have a weekly average of £1,161 0s 3½d, and the average purchases per member are £12 4s 2½d. The number of members who have sent in checks is 1,116. It was thought that owing to the expenditure at Hooker Gate Branch that the dividend would be a trifle reduced, but that proved not to be the case, as 3/8 in the pound is again returnable to the members. The education department still maintains its usual healthy condition. The library, reading-room, and billiard-room continue to be well patronised. The results at the recent Science and Art Examinations are as follows:—Physiography: 23 sat; result, 1 first-class, 9 second-class, 13 failed. Freehand drawing: 21 sat; 5 first-class, 7 second-class, 9 failed. Model drawing: 13 sat; 2 first-class, 5 second-class, 6 failed. A library has been established in connection with Hookergate Branch.

Chester-le-Street

RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO CHESTER-LE-STREET should not fail to call at PETER HAY'S and inspect his enormous Stock of Drapery, Ready-mades, Millinery, Mantles, and Fancy Goods. His display is a great attraction and ought to be seen by all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival services were held in the Chester-le-Street Parish Church on Wednesday week. In the morning and afternoon the Rev. E. F. C. Frith, vicar of New Herrington, preached and in the evening the preacher was Canon Bailey, rector of Ryton. The anthem, "Honour the Lord" was sung by the choir at the evening service. The church was very prettily decorated with harvest emblems, flowers, etc.

Dipton

BENEFIT CONCERT.—On Saturday evening a benefit concert in aid of Mr. John Jennings, Dipton, who, through severe affliction has been unable to follow his employment for twelve months. The artistes were local ladies and gentlemen who are always willing to assist in any philanthropic movement. There was a good company present and a substantial sum was realised.

Derwent Cottages

VISIT OF THE REV. T. CHAMPNESS.—That popular divine, the Rev. Thos. Champness, of Rochdale, who is always willing to further the highest interests of Methodism will visit Derwent Cottages on Wednesday afternoon first, for the purpose of opening the new Wesleyan Chapel in this corner of the Shotley Bridge and Consett Wesleyan Circuit. Immediately after the opening ceremony a monstre public tea will be provided at popular prices. In the evening a public meeting will be held in the Consett Wesleyan Church when suitable addresses will be delivered by the Revs. Thos. Champness, G. E. Polkinghorne, J. Bishop, J. W. Denham, and A. Barraclough. The chair will be occupied by Coun. J. Lowes, Circuit Steward, Consett. On Sunday, Oct. 29th., Pastor T. G. Reed, of the Sailor's Bethel, Newcastle, will preach in the new chapel, afternoon and evening, and on Monday, Oct. 30th, will deliver his popular lecture entitled "Nil Desperandum." The chair will be occupied by Mr. Thomas Watson, of Blackhill. The proceeds are in aid of the new chapel funds.

Leadgate.

WESLEYAN MISSION BAND.—On Sunday first Mr. Morrison, of Shincliffe, will preach two special sermons in aid of the band funds, while in the afternoon Mr. Redhead of Newcastle will conduct a special service, and sing solos during the day. The object is a worthy one and should receive the patronage of all Christian people.

Manor House.

LEEK SHOW.—The Manor House Leek Show will be held on Saturday first, at the house of Mr L. Stoker.

Medomsley.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Temperance Hall, Medomsley, was filled with a crowded audience on Monday evening, the occasion being an excellent cinematograph and gramaphone entertainment, the proceeds of which are to go towards the liquidation of the debt incurred in the renovation of the hall. The apparatus, which belonged to Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Morgan, of Newcastle, was ably manipulated by Mr. Brown, a gentleman who has acquired a thorough knowledge of Canada, Naples, and and other places, having been an extensive traveller, which he ably imparted to his audience on Monday evening. A feature of the entertainment was a series of scenes between Newcastle and Cullercoats, the same having been taken from an express engine at considerable expense. The entertainment was a huge success, and greatly enjoyed by all.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT SEGHILL.—On Saturday night last, Mr. Geo. Coulthard, jun., who has recently been appointed under-manager of the Hunter Pit, Medomsley, was the recipient of a presentation subscribed by the officials, workmen, and other friends connected with the Seghill Colliery. There was a large attendance of subscribers at Mrs. Younger's hostelry, where the presentation was made. Mr. W. G. F. Thompson presided, while Mr. Hare (manager) made the presentation, which consisted of a massive marble timepiece, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. G. Coulthard, jun., by the officials and workmen of the Seghill Colliery, on his leaving to take the position of under-manager at Medomsley, October, 1899." The timepiece, together with a handsome cruet for Mrs. Coulthard, were supplied by the well-known firm of Reid and Co., Newcastle. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, songs being rendered by Messrs Watson, Saint, Bradley, and others.

Marley Hill

BOYS' BRIGADE.—In aid of the newly-formed brigade in connection with St. Cuthbert's Church, a concert was given by Professor Lenton and party in the Church Institute. A very large company assembled, and the entertainment was very much appreciated.

BRASS BAND.—On Saturday evening the members of the Marley Hill Brass Band held a successful dance in the Co-operative Hall, Burnopfield. Dancing commenced about seven o'clock, and was kept up with spirit till about 11 o'clock. The duties of M.C.'s were ably carried out by Mr. Michael Keith and Mr. J. Shippen. An excellent programme of dance music was supplied by the band, and the dance was greatly enjoyed. Upwards of 50 couples were present. The proceeds were in aid of a new pavilion for the band.

SOCIAL.—On Friday night a social was held in the Colliery Board Schools, Marley Hill. A number of young people assembled, and dancing was indulged in till three a.m. on Saturday morning. During the evening, songs were sung by Misses Cuthbertson, Saunders, and Barkus, and Mr. F. Saunders. The M.C.'s were Messrs J. Thirlwell, E. Saunders, and T. Coulson. Music was supplied by Messrs M. Mulcahy (piano), and F. Gregory (violin.) Refreshments of a superior quality were supplied by Mr. Wood, of Gateshead.

Oxhill

POLICE CHANGES.—We understand that P.C. Jackson, from Hart, near West Hartlepool, has succeeded P.C. Golightly, who has been removed to Consett Iron Works, and that P.C. Ellwood comes from Darlington to Blackhill, succeeding P.C. Hildreth, who filled the vacancy caused by the resignation of P.C. Martin at Catchgate.

PRESENTATION.—On Thursday night last, Miss D. M. Welsh, daughter of Councillor Wm. Welsh, of Stanley, was made the recipient of two well-deserved testimonials in recognition of her services, extending over a period of nearly five years, as organist at the mission church at Oxhill, in connection with the Beamish Parish Church. Mainly owing to Miss Welsh's energy and enthusiasm, the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Alf. Simpson, had acquired a position seldom accomplished by a mission organisation, and her voluntary efforts were highly appreciated, not only by the members of the choir, but also by the congregation. It was felt that her valuable services ought to be recognised in some tangible form, and subscriptions having been obtained, a gathering took place as stated, when the young lady, after some well-deserved encomiums from the Rev. D. W. James (vicar), and the Rev. J. H. M. Atkin (curate), was presented by Mr. Simpson, with a beautiful watch suitably inscribed. She was also the recipient of a purse of gold at the hands of the Rev. J. Downard, late of Oxhill, the gifts being handed over in the presence of a large company, and amid considerable enthusiasm.

Pelton

PUBLIC TEA.—In the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Tuesday, a public tea was provided by Mrs. R. H. Lonsdale, Mrs. Soulsby, and Mrs. Schofield, and a good company attended.

COTTAGE TEA.—These teas we observe, are still to the front. On Monday last a public tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hair, of Bloomfield Terrace, when over £6 was received in aid of the new organ being built by Nelson's, of Durham, for the P.M. Chapel Pelton. The last three teas for the object has raised over £21.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAYS.—October 15th and 16th were set apart for special services in aid of the Sunday Schools. At the Primitive Methodist Chapel suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. Jno. Batey, a veteran in Sunday School work of over 66 years' standing, as a scholar, teacher, and secretary in the same Connexion. An address was also given by Mr. Jno. Lloyd, and suitable services were also held afternoon and evening.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.—On Monday last, Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Newfield Inn, Pelton, on the body of Agnes McDermott, seven years of age, and daughter of a miner named Thomas McDermott, residing at 2, West Terrace, Newfield. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased had been in the habit of going to a neighbour named Mrs. Pile to generally assist her in the house, and as usual she had gone last Saturday. Between the hours of eleven and twelve Mrs. Pile had gone out, leaving the deceased in the house. When she came back she saw the girl burning in her yard and she called for help. A man named Morpeth Young came and put the fire out, but the girl was then dead. How the girl got on fire is unknown.—A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Stanley.

James Watson, who has recently officiated as goalkeeper to the Stanley Football Club, has been called away to South Africa, where as a reserve, he will be more on the offensive and it is to be hoped successful side.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—"The French Spy" has been drawing crowded audiences at this place of amusement during the present week, and has been freely commented upon as being the best drama produced during the present season.

ACCIDENT AT EAST STANLEY.—An old man named Young, who has been horsekeeper at the Air Pit, East Stanley, for upwards of 40 years, had the misfortune to fall heavily, on his road home on Thursday night last, and sustained injuries to his head, which rendered him unconscious for some time. He was attended to by Dr. Charles, and is now, considering his age, progressing favourably.

THE LATE REV. R. ROBINSON.—We understand that the statement that the late Mr. Robinson was born at Shildon was not correct. A letter we have received from the elder brother of the lamented rev gentleman informs us that the latter was born at Coundon Gate, Canney Hill, about a mile out of Auckland, on the Spennymoor turnpike road. Mr. Robinson's brother is now living at South Normanton, Alfreton, Derbyshire, but at one time resided at Esh Winning.

MISSION BY CANON BODY.—On Saturday last the Rev. Canon Body commenced a mission in the parish church of St. Andrew's at West Stanley, which will be continued until the 25th inst. Needless to say the famous missioner, who is assisted by a staff of clerical and lay workers, has been the means of drawing large and delighted congregations, his eloquence being no less telling now than it was years ago. A reception of the missioners and an introductory service was held on Saturday night, and since then there have been services for children, men, and women separately.

POLICE CASES.—Mr. Jonathan Green had before him on Friday last, at the Stanley Police Station, John McGuire, on a charge of drunkenness, whom he fined 2/6 and costs, with the alternative of seven days imprisonment.—Wm. Gillespie, John Wilson, Dennis Ross, Frank Cullen, Terence O'Neill, and James Robson were all charged with sleeping in the coke ovens at Stanley Colliery on Thursday night. The first two were dismissed on promising to leave the district, Ross and Cullen were sent to gaol for seven days, and O'Neil and Robson for 14 days. The whole of the cases were proved by P.C. Tate.

Stanhope.

A THIRTY FEET FALL.—Wm. Walker and Joseph Parker, two masons, while doing repairs on the roof of Stanhope Hall, fell from it to the ground, a distance of 30 feet. They escaped wonderfully, no bones being broken. They got a severe shaking, and are under medical treatment, but are progressing favourably.

SAD QUARRY ACCIDENT.—On Friday a sad accident occurred to a workman of Messrs Ord and Maddison, at the Ashes limestone quarry, Stanhope. His name is Isaac Gibson, of Westgate. While following his avocation he was hit by a fall of earth and his back broken. The poor fellow was with much difficulty, got down the face of the quarry, and conveyed home, where he was attended by Drs. Easten and Craig. He has five children depending on him for support.

Swalwell.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.—On Saturday the members of the Swalwell Co-operative Society held a successful tea and concert in the Presbyterian Hall, Swalwell.—At the tea a very large number sat down to tables presided over by Miss J. Riddle, Miss L. Ord, Miss J. Dunn, Miss A. Spoor, Miss M. I. Turbitt, Miss I. Massey, Miss M. A. Smiles, Miss P. Jamieson, Miss I. J. Holmes, and Miss N. Oltomen. The entertainment, which was largely attended, was presided over by Coun. Fletcher, Secretary Co-operative Union, who delivered an interesting address. A capital programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Miss R. Clark, Mr. J. W. Peel, Miss Pepperley, Mr. Curry, Mr. Robson, Miss Watson, Mr. Smith, Miss C. Irving, and Mr. Forster. Mr. Forster ably presided at the piano.

BAND OF HOPE.—The usual weekly entertainment, held under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope, took place on Monday evening in the Presbyterian Church, Swalwell. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. Wm. Speers. An interesting and practical address dealing with the drink traffic was given by the Rev. Wm Dryburgh, B.D., who handled his subject in a most able manner. Mrs. Scott, of Blaydon, also delivered an eloquent address, which was full of instruction, and greatly appreciated. Miss Hewitt and Miss Ollimar each rendered vocal selections, whilst a dialogue was given by three members, who won hearty applause. Miss Watson, a young resident in the village, gave an admirable selection upon the mandoline, in a highly creditable manner. The duties of accompanist was fulfilled by Miss Maggie Speers, in her usual capable manner.

Shotley Bridge

At the Kennel Club Dog Show being held at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week, the following prizes were secured by Chow-Chows from the well-known kennels of Mrs. Faber, Derwent Dene, Shotley Bridge, viz., "Premier Yumsie" 20 Guinea Cup for bitches; "Premier Champion Chow VIII," first, "Pride of Hong Kong" third, and "Singapore Boy" reserve in open class; also first for brace, and first for team.

Tow Law.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The annual convention of the Christian Endeavour Society held in connection with the Tow Law Presbyterian Church took place on Saturday. In the afternoon a meeting was held under the presidency of the Rev. A. P. Adamson, of Crook, at which an interesting paper, dealing with Christian Endeavour works amongst juvenile societies, was read by Miss Green, of Stockton, whilst a model address was given by the juniors, under the care of Mr. Wm. McIntyre. A public meeting was held in the evening, under the presidency of the Rev. George Samuel, when addresses were given by the Rev. J. Black, M.A., of Wolsingham, and the Rev. T. Humble, of Tow Law. A successful tea was held in the afternoon, at which a large company sat down to tables presided over by Misses Boal, Westgarth, Hildreth, and Baxter.

DEATH FROM INJURIES.—On Sunday, Robt. Edgar, aged 54 years, a coal-hewer, employed at East Hedleyhope Colliery, and residing at East Hedleyhope Reading Room Row, died from injuries received to his back by a fall of stone, on September 25th, 1899. On Tuesday afternoon Deputy Coroner Badcock held an inquest at the Dearness Valley Hotel, to enquire into the cause of death. After hearing the evidence of John Lockey, Robt. Robson, and others who conveyed the deceased home immediately after the accident, was heard, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Waskerley

P.M. CHAPEL.—On Saturday evening that popular service of song entitled "In His Steps" or "What would Jesus do" was rendered by the choir, in the above chapel, the connective readings being given by Miss L. Muse, of Castleside. At the close of the service a ham and coffee supper was held, of which a good company partook, the tables being presided over by Misses Graham, Hudson, Reed, Gowland, Robson, and Reine, and Mesdames G. Hall and Shearlock. The proceeds were in aid of the new chapel fund.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

BLACKHILL v. LEADGATE LEAGUE.

M. Hobday 100, E. Batey 82; J. Barrow 100, F. McDonald 86; T. Gaughan 93, J. Matthews 100; C. Merritt 100, P. Matthews, 56; W. Atkinson 100, P. Daly 53; T. Gallagher 85, Jas. Monoghan 100. Blackhill, 578; Leadgate, 477.

CONSETT v. STANLEY VICTORIA.

F. McNally 73, W. Long 100; J. Merritt 100, Bird 72; J. Smurthwaite 57, Pringle 100. Consett, 230; Stanley, 272.

LEADGATE GUILD v. ALLENDALE.

J. Kershaw 100, T. Young 83; F. Lockey 93, R. Ashby 100; J. S. Jobling 100, G. Walton 84. Leadgate, 293; Allendale, 267.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. DERWENT COTTAGES.

Blunt 70, Forster 100; Walton 72, Carr 100; Sanderson 55, Cole 100. Derwent Cottages, 197; Shotley Bridge, 300.

Kyo School Board Election.

The following is a list of the candidates contesting for the five seats on the above Board:

James Bainbridge, colliery undermanager, East Pontop.

*Thomas Bowes, colliery undermanager, Pontop House, Annfield Plain.

George Bullerwell, agent, East Kyo.

William Down, Assurance Agent, Rose Villa, Catchgate.

*William Eltringham, colliery undermanager, Catchgate.

*Robert Kay, colliery manager, Oxhill.

John Reece, checkweighman, South View, Annfield Plain.

*John Wm. Robson, miner, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain.

John Storey, grocer, Catchgate.

Mr. George Ridley, of Stanley, one of the retiring members, will not seek re-election.

The asterisk denotes old members.

MEDOMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of this body was held in the Board Room on Wednesday night, under the presidency of Coun. H. Palmer, J.P. (chairman.) Also present—Couns. W. Robinson, J. W. Jamieson, Jos. Armstrong, W. R. Cooke, Jacob Walton, T. Storey, J. Crawford, T. Milligan, Jas. Anderson, W. Robinson, and W. Walton; and the Clerk (Mr M. T. Milburn.)

LAMPS AT EBCHESTER STATION.

In reply to a letter from the Council, requesting the North-Eastern Railway Company to erect two additional lamps at the east end of Ebchester Station, a communication was read from Mr Watson stating that the matter was being gone into.

LIGHTING AT HAMSTERLEY.

The committee appointed to go into this question recommended that a new lamp be obtained and placed near Mr Green's shop at Hamsterley.—The recommendation was adopted.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

A letter was received from Mr W. H. Ritson, asking for the Council's opinion respecting this matter.

The following petition was read:—

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned ratepayers living at Blackhall Mill, have read with regret a report of the Lanchester District Council meeting, held on September 21st, wherein a letter is reported to have been received from the Blaydon Council suggesting that that portion of Blackhall Mill now within the jurisdiction of your Council should be transferred to that of the Blaydon Council. Now, seeing that we are the parties most interested in such a protest, we hereby desire to enter a strong protest against such a course being adopted. Amongst the many objections we might offer the principal is the one pointed out by a member of your Council at the meeting already referred to—namely, the increased rate that would be made chargeable to us. In the probable event of your being consulted in this matter, we ask you to co-operate with us in resisting this proposal. (Here follow a number of names.)

The Chairman explained the position of affairs at some length, stating that the sewage disposal works would have to be enlarged at Blackhall Mill, as they were not sufficient for the purpose required. If they did not accept the Blaydon Council's proposal they would have to face some considerable outlay in the direction that he had pointed out.

Coun. Cooke thought it would be well to call a meeting at Blackhall Mill, and for some of the Councillors to attend that meeting and explain the whole state of affairs to the people down there.

Coun. Robinson said if the works were enlarged the whole cost would fall on the Medomsley Parish.

Coun. Storey thought it best to have the whole place under the jurisdiction of one Council or the other.

Coun. Jamieson said the river was the most natural boundary.

The Chairman agreed.

Coun. Storey understood that if they refused the Blaydon Council's request, the latter would wash their hands of the works now at Blackhall Mill.

Coun. Robinson replied in the affirmative.

The Chairman said they wanted some reply to the letter before them. So far he had not heard any opposition to the proposal.

Coun. Jamieson moved that the Clerk be instructed to reply to Mr Ritson's letter, stating that the matter had been considered, and that the Council offered no objection to the Blaydon Council's proposal.

This was seconded by Coun. J. Walton, and carried.

It was further agreed that Mr Charlton Ward (on behalf of the petitioners) be informed that the petition had been received, and would have consideration.

It was also resolved that the Councillors on the north side should arrange for a meeting of the ratepayers at Blackhall Mill, and that as many of the Councillors as possible should attend the meeting, and explain matters to those who attended.

FINANCE.

Cheques for sums amounting to £48 4s 4d were ordered to be signed.

LIGHT WANTED.

A numerously-signed and influential petition (forwarded by Mr C. F. Scott, Newbell) was read by the Chairman, asking the Council to erect lamps on the road between Number One and Leadgate. It was stated that the main was already laid.

Coun. Crawford said he had had some conversation with the caretaker at the Hospital, who said that it was awkward on dark nights when he had to bring patients to the Hospital. He was also told that numbers of young people gathered at nights outside the Hospital, and played concertinas and indulged in singing and dancing, which disturbed the patients. It was thought that the erection of lamps might do away with this nuisance.

After further discussion, Coun. Robinson moved that the Clerk write to Mr. Scott saying that the matter had been considered, and that it would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Coun. Hogg seconded, and the motion was adopted.

A PRECEPT.

It was agreed that a precept be issued on the overseers for £50, after which the Council adjourned.

BENFIELDSIDE URBAN COUNCIL

On Wednesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Council Offices, Shotley Bridge, Coun. Parnaby, J.P. (chairman) presiding. There were also present—Couns. R. G. Barclay, J.P., E. Sloane, J. Heymer, H. Carss, G. J. Robinson, J. Dowson, and W. Telford; and the Clerk (Mr J. B. Lasenby), the Surveyor (Mr J. Dixon.)

FEEDING INFANT CHILDREN.

A letter was read from the County Council relative to the proper feeding of infant children, which the Council referred to the Medical Officer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee approved of accounts to the amount of £325 7s 11d, and recommended that cheques be signed for that amount.

Coun. Barclay moved, and Coun. Dowson seconded, that cheques be signed for the above amount.—Carried.

THE NEXT ESTIMATE.

Coun. Barclay reported that the Finance Committee had had under their consideration the estimate of the probable expenditure for the next half-year, which amounted to £2,349. The balance in hand was £1,170; private works and improvements, £79; amount on account from April rate, £120; and due from the County Council, £153. A new rate of 1s 2d in the £ would produce £920, making the income up to £2,442, leaving at the end of the half-year roughly speaking a balance in hand of £100.

The recommendation of the committee was agreed to, and the Clerk was authorised to prepare a new rate of 1s 2d in the £.

CEMETERY MATTERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking for the authority of the Council to the proposal to extend the cemetery at Blackhill.

LAWLESS SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Col. Eden, replying to the Council's request to station an additional constable at Shotley Bridge. He had made inquiries about the alleged damage to walls, gardens robbed, and other damages, and had found that some little damage had been done, but the owners had refused to prosecute. He wished to receive more detailed information of the damage done. While every endeavour would be made by the police to cope with the disorderly behaviour the Council complained of between Shotley Bridge and the Railway Station, he regretted that he was unable at present to station another constable near Highgate.

The matter was allowed to rest for the present.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr J. Dixon reported that according to instructions he had posted the notices in Queen Street and Back Armstrong Street declaring those streets to be public streets. The new kerb and channel had been laid down in Cemetery Road, and Messrs Ayton Bros had done the work very satisfactorily. He had collected and paid over to the treasurer £179 0s 4d for the general district rate, and £1 1s 6d from other sources.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Dixon considered the district was in a good sanitary condition at present. Plans had been stamped for additions to Mr Jackson's house, for urinals, etc., intended to be built for Messrs Ridley and Cutter at their property, the King's Head, Shotley Bridge.

The report was adopted.

The Council shortly afterwards rose.

DEATH OF MRS ELIZABETH BELL, OF BLACKHILL.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs Elizabeth Bell, 41 years of age, the wife of Mr Wm. Bell, of 11, Roger Street, Blackhill, which took place at her residence on Sunday evening from inflammation of the bowels, after an illness of three weeks' duration. Mrs Bell was a member of the Blackhill Wesleyan Church, and was well-known in Shotley Bridge, where she had resided for many years, having only removed to Blackhill a short time ago. The interment took place at Benfieldside Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon in the presence of some 500 relatives and friends. The Rev. J. Bishop, Wesleyan Minister, Shotley Bridge, conducted the service in an impressive manner. The bidders were Messrs Wm. Grainger, Consett, and Edward Appleby, of Benfieldside, while the underbearers were Messrs Tindall, J. Richardson, Maund, and Geo. Atkinson. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Gradon, contractor, Blackhill. The coffin was of polished pitch pine, fitted with brass mountings. Wreaths were sent from Mr Bell and family, Mr and Mrs Westhorpe, Benfieldside; Mr and Mrs Steele, Newcastle; and Mr and Mrs Turnbull, Shotley Bridge. The deceased leaves a husband and family to mourn their great loss. Mr Bell and family wish to tender to all the kind friends their sincere thanks for the great sympathy shown towards them in their sad bereavement.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

GRAND CONCERT IN THE TOWN HALL.

A large and influential audience drew together at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the first subscription concert for the season. All the reserved seats were booked some time previous to the concert, a large number of them of course being occupied by the subscribers according to the ballot as enumerated in the columns of the "Guardian." The great attraction was the announcement of Mr. Sinkins' party, which included that old-time warrior, Mr. Sims Reeves. Not but what it is commonly acknowledged that Mr. Sims Reeves has long ago seen the halcyon of his days, but more especially in respect to the efforts of those "best days" which have now gone by, and also out of curiosity to see the old veteran, was his first visit to Consett looked forward to with much anticipated pleasure. Consequently the announcement published in the town during the day representing a copy of a telegram from Mr Sinkins to the hon. secretary (Mr W. E. Brown) and conveying the intelligence that Mr. Reeves was too ill to appear (and that his place would be filled by Mr. Cunningham), caused grave disappointment. The chorus for the occasion was numerically in excess of those at previous concerts. The principals representing Mr. Sinkins' party were Miss Edith Rema (soprano), Miss Bell Bruce, Canadian (mezzo-soprano), Madame Van Der Veer-Green (contralto), Mr Douglas Powell (baritone), Miss Clara Asher (solo pianist), Miss Nadia Sylva (violinist), Mr. Spencer Lorraine (accompanist), from which it will be seen that the artistes were all of first-class repute. Mr. G. P. Stephenson conducted the chorus, and opened out the proceedings with the part song, "Moonlight" (Eaton Faning), to which a splendid rendition was given by the choir. The parts were nicely balanced, any slight preponderance that might be observed leaning to the bass, which throughout all the three choruses was markedly fine both in tone and volume. Following this the audience were treated to the combined prowess of the piano and violin specialists, Miss Clara Asher and Miss Nadia Sylva respectively. The expositions given were 1st and 2nd movements of sonata in G major (Rubinstein), a cordial round of applause signifying the appreciation of the audience at the finish. Mr. Douglas Powell, the baritone exponent, next made his "debut" before a Consett audience. This singer was described in the programme as "the young English baritone who has speedily established himself as one of the most popular concert singers before the public." His interpretation of "The Milkmaid" further established that reputation in the ears of his audience, enthusiastic applause greeting the termination of his initial effort. Mr Powell apparently possesses a voice of good compass, tone, and expression, and puts his whole energies into his renditions. Miss Ysobel Bruce continued the programme with (a) "So like a flower thou art," (b) "O, my beloved" (Clarence Lucas.) This young lady also proved to be a mezzo-soprano of fine rich tone and cultured expression, the audience again shewing their great approval of the efforts of the artiste. The lady violinist again appeared to the audience in a solo, and was seen to even still greater advantage in her individual capacity. The rendition of "Romanse" (Max Bruch) was one that will not be easily effaced from the minds of Consett music-lovers, and violinists in particular. This artiste was undoubtedly the "star" of the evening. Miss Sylva was advertised as one whose phenomenally successful appearances at important orchestral and other concerts at the Crystal Palace, Queen's and St. James's Halls, in the English provinces and important Continental cities, have placed her in the foremost position among lady violinists. The "Violin Times," London, says:—"Miss Nadia Sylva electrified the audience by her magnificent violin playing. Her poetical and intelligent rendering of the introduction was sufficient to show that she possessed those qualities which stamp the born musician, viz., thorough artistic feeling and the gift to fully grasp the composer's meaning. Her brilliant rendering displayed to full advantage the neatness of execution, and that graceful facile bowing so characteristic of all good exponents of the 'French school.'" Further comment than testimony like this from an eminent professional journal is unnecessary, and almost impossible. Miss Edith Rema, who came next, and was described in the programme as "a young soprano who has taken a prominent position in the ranks of the leading vocalists during the last season, and pronounced by the press as one of the most charming and graceful sopranos before the public." Her rendition of "Se Saran Rose" (Rosebuds) (by Arditi) was a splendid sample of the naive Italian style of song, with a beautiful clear soprano voice in addition. The "Cuckoo" song which ensued in response to an enrapturous encore delighted the audience still further, the mimicry of this bird being the maximum of perfection for a human voice. Another outburst of applause greeted its conclusion. Madame Van der Veer-Green was next introduced to the audience in the recitative and air, "Lascia ch'io Pianga" (Handel.) This lady is described as one of the finest contraltos of the day, "who has appeared with all the greatest choral and instrumental societies in America, and has lately returned from her tour round the world with Madame Albani, Signor Foli, and other celebrated artistes." With such credentials at her disposal great things were expected. Nor could it be said that the audience were in any sense disappointed, for perhaps this item was not so generally appreciated as subsequent and more popular pieces like "Loch Lomond" and "The Sands o' Dee." The strength of the singer's voice and purity of tone were more amply demonstrated in the initial rendition, and served to bear out her acknowledged claim, alredy quoted above, "as one of the finest contraltos of the day." Mr Douglas Powell further treated his audience to another sample of his fine baritone voice in "Toreador's song" (Carmen.) Miss Clara Asher, the celebrated solo pianist, of "The London Philharmonic, Crystal Palace, and other leading concerts in England and the Continent," followed on with a brilliant performance on that instrument, the conclusion being greeted with vociferous applause. An encore was demanded, and responded to, the result again being marked signs of approval from the audience. The part-song, "The sea hath its pearls," by the chorus, was a pleasing change in the programme, and, like most of the preceding items, suffered the penalty of an encore as a reward for its excellence. Mr. Stephenson bowed his acknowledgments to the audience in response to their applause, and conducted the chorus through the piece once again. "Love and summer," another part-song by the chorus, was also most descriptively portrayed. Mr. Cunningham's songs, "The sailor's grave," "Bianca," and "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" (Gondoliers), were all triumphs of art and song, and much as anyone may have regretted the absence of Mr. Sims Reeves, the latter gentleman certainly did the next best possible thing in sending as his substitute a tenor of such magnificent calibre as Mr. Cunningham. His "finishes," to use a non-technical expression, were unique in brilliance and vigour. Other items by the same foregoing artistes all came in for their due share of commendation at the disposal of an attentive audience. By common consent the concert was acknowledged to be one of the finest ever held in the Town Hall, and the committee of the Philharmonic are to be congratulated on the high order of things musically, and also in respect to the large attendance, which their efforts commanded. The programme and the standard of the artistes was largely in advance of similar choral and philharmonic societies in much larger towns and cities. We hope the musical populace of the neighbourhood will continue to support the assiduous efforts of the committee and officers generally to raise the musical standard of the district by supplying such enjoyable and educational facilities as that afforded by Tuesday evening's concert.

BURNOPFIELD AND DISTRICT NOTES.

THE LATE MRS. WEEDY.

The death of Mrs Weedy has removed a well-known and highly-respected inhabitant from our midst. Ever ready to do good to those around her, her name was almost a household word in Byer Moor, where she resided the greater part of her life, and even in her short residence at Burnopfield she had made hosts of friends, as was evidenced by the large number who followed her remains to their last resting place. In her younger days she was a leading Primitive Methodist, and was one of the founders of the Primitive Methodist Society at Burnopfield Colliery.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

The members of the Tanfield School Board evidently do not believe in marionette exhibitions. Quite right too. Such exhibitions do no good, and, as was expressed at the meeting, cause a lot of disappointment to some children.

A CHANGE.

What a change has come over Busty Bank. It is now quite the leading thoroughfare in Burnopfield. It is almost as thronged, especially at the week-ends, as Front Street, Stanley, and everyone who has been at Stanley on a Friday or Saturday night know what that means. The new shops erected by Mrs Wilson (confectioner) and Mr Biggins (saddler) are elegant blocks of property, and quite an adornment to the street.

BAD LANGUAGE.

What a pity football matches in this locality cannot be fought out without the use of so much bad language. I do not think the players themselves are so much to blame, but the way the spectators urge on their respective favourites in language not really fit for anyone to hear, is very objectionable. There are some individuals who seem to take a delight in the use of such language, and I think the committees of some of our local clubs would do well to take some stringent measures for its suppression.

LANCHESTER COMMON ACT.

MR. OLIVER'S CLAIM.

Hearing at Quarter Sessions.

At Durham Quarter Sessions on Wednesday, His Honour Judge Greenwell and other magistrates had before them an application on behalf of James Oliver, Delves Terrace, Consett, for the making of a special rate on the owners and occupiers of Lanchester Common. A notice had been issued by Messrs J. G. Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, 42, Westgate Road, Newcastle, solicitors, stating their intention to apply on behalf of Mr. Oliver, retired superintendent of police, the owner of the surface of all those allotments, closes or fields, numbered 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22, upon the ordnance map of the township of Medomsley (detached No. 11), and being a portion of the farm known as "Carribees," to the justices for and order or direction that the damages and charges settled, ascertained, and determined at £800 and £33 8s 10d respectively on the 26th of June, as the loss and damage sustained by him by the searching for, winning, and working of the mines and quarries therein, be paid and borne (the rents, profits, and moneys in the hands of the Receiver under the Act being insufficient to satisfy and pay the damages and charges), by the owners and occupiers of the several allotments of the moors or commons within the parish or manor of Lanchester, as and in such shares and manner to such person or persons and within such time as was set forth in the Lanchester Common Enclosure Act, and the Justices should direct or appoint.

Mr. Mundahl (instructed by Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley,) appeared for Mr. Oliver, and, addressing the Court, he said his client was awarded in that Court the sum of £800 damages, and £33 8s 10d as costs of his application. It was found on that order being made the sum in the hands of the treasurer who received the income from the allotments was insufficient to meet his claim, and he now resorted to the procedure mentioned on page 48 of the Act, "whereas it may happen in some years that some allotments may not be sufficient to satisfy all the damage and charges that may be sustained, be it enacted that in every such case so happening the deficiency shall be paid and borne by the owners and occupiers of the several allotments of the said Moors and Commons according respectively to the yearly rents or values of the same as they shall be rated or charged for or towards the relief of the poor of the several parishes, townships, or places in such shares as the Justices shall direct or appoint." Then there were further provisions for the enforcement of the order.

The Chairman asked if it was ex-parte application?

Mr. Mundahl said it was, but all the parties interested had been served with notices of the application. The claim was one for damages for subsidence, and they were there to ask the Court to put into operation provisions of the Act, which, as far as he was aware, had never been applied for 120 years during which the Act had been in operation. The Act was passed to allot and divide up the Common, and reserved certain rights of working the manor for the Bishop of Durham. For damage caused by such workings there were provisions made as to compensation. Certain lands were set apart to the Justices.

The Chairman said they knew all about that part.

Mr. Mundahl said then this additional procedure for making a rate had to be resorted to. The order he had mentioned had been given, and he might briefly state to the Court the steps that had been taken to give an opportunity to the persons interested of appearing and making any representations to the Court; and the mode in which these persons were ascertained. A tracing was taken from the original plan or copy of the Common, and from the tracing the Surveyor copied on to the ordnance map the boundary as obtained in order to show which parts of the district were within the Common and which were not. On that ordnance plan having been obtained with the owners marked upon it, the rate-books were taken and the various plots identified. These were enumerated in books which would be produced to prove that the applicant had been able to obtain a list of the owners or occupiers of the various allotments on the Moor or Common. The rate-books would be produced, and the persons who made the original tracing would come before the Court, and give them information as to the way in which they had marked out what was Common land and what was not. The list of owners and occupiers made with their ratings would be produced, and it was upon that he asked the Court to accept it as being in compliance with the Act, and to adjudge the payment accordingly. The rateable valuation of the plots came, he was told, to £70,627 0s 3d, and a rate of 3d in the pound would bring in £882 15s. He was instructed that nothing had been included in that assessment except the surface. The first assessment made included some matters included by inadvertence, such as telegraphs and telephones, but these had been struck out.

The Chairman asked if surface included buildings?

Mr. Mundahl said that was so, but did not include telegraphs and telephones. Of course the Justices, before adopting this procedure, would require to be abundantly satisfied that matters were all in order. There was no provision in the Act requiring any particular mode of service on the owners or occupiers, but as a matter of fact they had put up the notice on the Church doors and they had posted to the owners and occupiers their intention of making this application. But even if they had not done that, the case was covered by a Clause on page 55, which gave a right of appeal to Quarter Sessions.

The Chairman said there was six months appeal from any order they might make that day.

Mr. Mundahl said that was so, therefore the decision that day would not be final for six months in the event of anyone aggrieved wishing to come before the Court. Therefore it was perhaps not necessary for the Court to scrutinise rigorously the application before them. The order that day would be what he might term tentative, and the opportunity of anyone appearing against it was abundantly provided for. He believed the owners and occupiers regarded the application favourably, and as being likely to be beneficial rather than otherwise.

The Chairman suggested that those who were liable to be let down might regard it favourably, but others would not.

Mr. Mundahl said as regarded the owners of the land if it was known henceforward that the land was in a measure insured against subsidence, and that those who had their buildings let down would get compensation, therefore there would be a beneficial effect on the value.

The Chairman said there was a good deal of the Common outside the area of mining operations.

Mr. Mundahl agreed, and went on to say that he had a letter from Messrs Cooper and Goodger, stating that they might take it on behalf of the Consett Iron Company, and the South Moor Colliery Company, that they were in favour of the application, and considered if it were made and levied it would be a considerable advantage in the future to all parties interested, assuming of course that the order was properly made. It was requested that the time of payment should be postponed for three months.

The Chairman asked if they should not follow the Act?

The Clerk (Mr. Simey) said the Act required them to name a time.

The Chairman said he knew, but ought they not to follow the Act?

Mr. Mundahl said the Justices had to make the order on a certain person and within a certain time, as they might direct or appoint. What he suggested was that the time for payment was not until after the next Quarter Sessions, so that in the event of any application for distress or sale the two applications might come on together at the Sessions following.

The Chairman: Then you have to come back here if someone objects to pay?

Mr. Mundahl: Yes.

The Clerk said that was not so. They would have to go to a magistrate and get an order to distrain. He read a clause showing this to be the case.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that the proper order to make would be one of six months.

Mr. Mundahl said he had now to mention that the assessment had been examined by representatives of the Consett Iron Company, South Moor Colliery Company, and Bowes and Partners, and they had expressed their satisfaction with the assessment, and had taken no objection; neither were they taking any objection that day. Every opportunity had been given to them, and instead of objecting they actually approved. Therefore he respectfully submitted that the Justices that day would not be called upon to discover any small defects.

The Chairman said there was one point upon which Mr. Mundahl had not touched. How much of the £800 was due to Mr. Oliver as having been occasioned in the last twelve months?

Mr. Mundahl said the land, he was told, was still subsiding, and the whole of the land covered by the £800 had subsided within the last twelve months. The original claim was for £1,200, and Mr. Oliver was put into the box and asked to give an estimate of the proportion of that during the past twelve months. It was after hearing that evidence that the Bench decided to make the award £800. Mr. Mundahl added it might be important to get their ruling as to whether the damage must be sustained as well as ascertained within the same year.

The Chairman said the Act said both. There appeared to be two conditions—first, sustained; and secondly, settled and ascertained.

Mr. Mundahl said it depended on the way in which they read it. It might mean that it was not to apply unless it was ascertained; that damage was not to account for any time running until it was ascertained.

The Chairman: The damage does not matter until it is ascertained by Quarter Sessions?

Mr. Mundahl: No.

The Chairman said they did not become damages payable this year until sustained and ascertained. If done five years before they did not become sustained and ascertained until they were brought before the Court. With regard to the settled and determined test, "settled as aforesaid," there was no limit of time stated.

The Chairman asked what Mr. Mundahl meant by "the aforesaid?"

Mr. Mundahl said it referred to a previous clause in the Act (middle of page 47), providing for the way in which Justices were to ascertain and settle. What he submitted was that if the damages were ascertained and settled by the Justices "as aforesaid" then they were sufficient to come within the clause, and the place where they would expect the time limit to be mentioned would be on page 47—providing for the assessment and ascertainment. That, he submitted, was the method, and the only limitation provided on their right to come before the Court and have the damages assessed. The next clause, on page 48, contained the words, "whereas it may happen some years that the said rents may not be sufficient to satisfy and pay all the damages which may be so sustained, and so settled and ascertained by the said Justices as aforesaid," he thought their claim did not come within that clause. He contended that it was both sustained and ascertained as aforesaid. If it was ascertained "as aforesaid" that was sufficient. There might have been damage sustained five years ago, but until it came before the Justices and was ascertained it was no good.

The Chairman said the damages of the year must be ascertained and paid out of the yearly income.

Mr. Mundahl said it was not a question of justice in the sense that it was wrong doing on the part of those who had to pay, and that being so it was equally just for the Act to impose the liability when the thing was ascertained as it would be when it was sustained. It was an arbitrary liability imposed for somebody's good.

The Chairman said there was no question of justice or injustice in the wide sense.

Mr. Mundahl said if the Act involved one construction rather than another it was not to be said that one was more just than another, and what he submitted was that the construction was the one he had suggested, that the damages must be both sustained and ascertained before they came within the clause. The mere sustaining of the damages gave no claim on the rents and profits. It was not until they had ascertained them and got the order that the rents and profits were affected, and it might happen in some points the rents and profits were insufficient. He had, however, evidence in this case that the damage was caused within twelve months.

The Chairman asked if that appeared on the order. It did not appear on Mr. Wharton's notes. He (the chairman) was not present at the previous hearing when the order was made.

Mr. Mundahl said his recollection was that the statement was given in evidence to the effect that the bulk of the damage had taken place within two months preceding the application.

Mr. J. M. Aynsley, solicitor, Consett, was then called, and proved the posting of notices at Medomsley and Ebchester.

Mr. James Oliver said he posted notices at Lanchester and Satley. On the 26th of June he obtained an order in that Court. The subsidences for which he claimed took place three or four months before he made his application in June, and they were continuing to this day. The greater portion took place in May last, adjoining the road. As the coal was being extracted from beneath, the surface fell down. There was a very thin surface. He had other orders running. He had one in 1881, which was satisfied. He had another in 1895 which, he was sorry to say, was not settled.

Mr. Mundahl then called upon Mr. Simey to put in the Treasurer's Bank Book, which showed a credit balance of £3 1s 5d.

Mr. Geo. Hetherington, Clerk in the Hall Mote, produced the original survey of the Lanchester Common.

Mr. Geo. T. Wilson, architect, Blackhill, said he had lived in the neighbourhood of Lanchester all his life, and was well acquainted with the whole of the district. He produced tracings of the original survey of the Common. He had very carefully verified them with the original, and could say it was an exact copy. He had referred to the rate-books for Satley, Iveston, Medomsley, and Langley.

The Chairman asked if that covered the whole?

Mr. Mundahl said it did not, but there were others present to prove them. He had 14 overseers present and was prepared to call them.

The Chairman said Mr. Mundahl must exercise his own discretion.

Mr. Joseph Eltringham was then called, and said he was assistant-overseer for Benfieldside, and he produced his rate-books.

The Chairman asked the witness what was the ordinary practice in making rates and giving notice to persons expected to pay.

Witness said in the first place the assessment was advertised, and afterwards the rate was made and signed. As to the people who were expected to pay they made a demand upon them for the amount of rate they were liable to.

The Chairman asked Mr. Mundahl if that had been done there? He understood the Chairman was very strongly of opinion, and he was advised it was a very proper course to take in this case, that to get a proper order notice to pay there should be an assessment as to the actual amount, and then those who had to pay would know what was being asked of them. All Mr. Mundahl had done was to give a general notice that they wanted £800 out of an indefinite number of persons, none of whom were mentioned, and the Court was asked to make a demand for a sum from each of them, of which neither the person to pay nor the Court knew the amount.

Mr. Mundahl said until the matter was settled they could not say with certainty the amount due from each one.

The Chairman asked if they knew the amount now?

Mr. Mundahl said they did not, and could not until the Bench that day had given their decision.

The Chairman asked how they were to give their decision if they did not know the amount?

Mr. Mundahl said they knew what certain figures would produce.

The Chairman said that was no use. What proportion had A to B to pay?

Mr. Mundahl said any such proportion as the Bench might order.

The Chairman: Surely, to get the order, you must tell us what each man is rated to pay?

Mr. Mundahl said no doubt the Bench would make their award on those grounds, but the applicant could not anticipate the Bench. What they asked for was the sums to be borne by the owners and occupiers according to the Act.

The Chairman: What you mean is that until you have got this order you are not in a position to issue a demand note?

Mr. Mundahl said that was so, and the notice they had given they submitted to be a reasonable notice and intimation. It was not prescribed in the Act that they should give any such notice, but they were anxious to afford every opportunity to those who were affected to come forward and oppose. To have gone further, and have fixed any sum, would have been arrogating a right they did not possess.

The Chairman asked if Mr. Mundahl could show them that the sums being asked for had been arrived at from the rate-books, that was the rate of threepence in the pound?

Mr. Mundahl said he could show the valuations on each holding on the Common, together with the total. There were ten thousand holders altogether.

Thomas Henry Murray, architect's assistant, deposed as to having marked the common off from an ordnance plan as regarded Satley, Iveston, Medomsley, and Langley.

The Chairman asked what the balance was?

Mr. Mundahl said it was Benfieldside, Knitsley, Annfield Plain, South Moor, Craghead, Ebchester, Greencroft, and Greencroft Within, Healeyfield, Lanchester, Stanley, Oxhill, and Consett.

The Chairman: That exhausts the common?

Mr. Mundahl: I understand so.

Mr. Simey: The Common?

Mr. Mundahl: Yes.

Mr. Simey: Have all these places to contribute?

Mr. Mundahl: Yes.

Mr. Simey: Half of Craghead was until recently in the parish of Edmondsley, therefore that half must be excluded. There could not be any part of that on Lanchester Common.

Witness, in reply to Mr. Mundahl, said he had not put in any hereditament which had not been ascertained as being part of the common. He had not assessed anything which was not within the Common.

Further evidence of a formal nature having been given, a lengthy discussion took place respecting the costs of that day's action and also of the collecting of the rate.

The Magistrates retired, and on returning into Court said their decision was that a rate of threepence in the pound should be levied, that it should be collected on or before the 30th March next, that it should be paid over to Mr. Oliver, and should cover the claim and costs.

Whickham

JUVENILE C.M.S. UNION.—In connection with the above a meeting was held on Monday evening in the Parochial School, Whickham, when an address was given by Miss Glass, who will shortly leave the district for Uganda, as a missionary. A collection was taken in aid of the Society's funds.

A SUNDERLAND CASE.

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VISIT OF REV. EGERTON YOUNG TO CONSETT

THE NOTED AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

On Wednesday week, the Rev. Egerton R. Young paid a visit to Consett, and discoursed in the afternoon to a fairly large congregation, the service being followed by a tea in the Lecture Hall, to which a large company remained, two sittings being necessary. In the evening, the Rev. Egerton R. Young gave a lecture entitled, "In the land of the Red Men, as they were and are." Mr Young is well-known as a lecturer of graphic power. His former visits to Consett and his now widely read books on the life and character of the North-West American Indians have already earned for him the repute of a thrilling story-teller, consequently there was a large attndance. Mr James Scott, Highfield, presided.

The rev. gentleman, in his opening remarks, said he was much obliged for the very cordial welcome that had been extended to him. He had had all sorts of receptions in his wanderings, some very hostile, some where even his life had been in danger. He had had also some very interesting and unique ones. He didn't know whether many had recognised it or not, but he had preached from the same text as he did on his last visit to Consett, but an entirely different sermon; but that only showed as he had stated, what a wonderful book the Bible was. They could not exhaust even a single passage in it. In his lecture he wanted to take the subject before them through the eye as well as the ear, and to show them the homes of those Indians (many of them at any rate), as they were, and then how they looked to-day. He wanted to take them with him on his journeys with the dogs through the wilderness, and again by canoe, and show them the beautiful mountains and lakes, the magnificent auroras (or Northern Lights) of that land. The government had given them the northern part of Manitoba, a splendid reservation. The government gave to every newly-married man eighty acres of land, and to others one hundred and sixty acres, and this brought down the Indians by swarms like bees hiving; families of twenty, twenty-five, thirty-five, and even fifty, came together on to that reservation where the Red Indian Mission now was, with most excellent results, as the speaker detailed how at Georgian Bay six hundred Indians came and camped out in the primeval forest, dragging great logs of wood, carrying them to the saw-mills, made seats and fixed up a preacher's pulpit, and there had services three times a day in the woods. Scores of those Indians gave themselves to Christ. One great chief, who for twenty years resisted all the efforts of the missionaries, at last surrendered. By the aid of the limelight, and a splendid series of some hundred slides, the lecturer narrated in interesting and racy style his life amongst these Indians. The stirring scenes depicted on the canvas roused the feelings of the audience from time to time. The Indians were not essentially and naturally bad. They were eager and willing to hear the gospel. He never heard an Indian swear in his own native dialect. If an Indian wanted to swear "he had to learn English," or at any rate it generally was some native who had learnt to drink and swear in English. The drink was the most deadly thing the missionaries had to combat, and the Indians cursed them for sending it—the fire-eater as they called the rum and whiskey and other vile concoctions which had never been through a distillery at all. Turning from the habits and customs of the people to the more adventurous and thrilling scenes of the various journeys by dog-train and canoe, the lecturer treated his audience to some most interesting experiences of hair-breadth escapes and romantic incidents. The dogs themselves were of the same kind as used by Dr. Nansen on his journey to the North Pole—splendid dogs, but unmanageable thieves. The dogs, however, were more reliable than horses, and would never turn their backs to the severest storm or blizzard. They would press forward to the very death, and to one dog especially did he owe his life on more than one occasion. A horse would only face the storm to a certain point, and then turn round and go with it, not matter how near home; but a dog would never turn, thus it was that the dogs were vastly superior for travelling. A team of dogs (four in number) would travel seventy or eighty miles a day on good firm ice, but when amongst the snow, where the path had to be trodden out for them by the guides, considerably less. An Indian guide ran on foot at the head of the dogs all the way, except in the case of a storm, when the occupant of the sledge had to lie down covered up, in which case the guide had to take up his position at the back of the sledge and guide it, so as to prevent overturning. Speaking of these guides, the lecturer described them as wonderful men who appeared to be gifted with a special "sense." How they knew and found their way at times he couldn't understand. The extent of the rev. gentleman's field of labour was some hundreds of miles, representing in fact about the size of England. The physical features of the country were ably described by the rev. gentleman in the course of the journeys; the fisheries of Hudson's Bay—Baffin's Land—Newfoundland, etc.; also the meetings with the Hudson's Bay fur-traders, etc., from time to time. It was always an interesting and enjoyable time to fall in with the traders and exchange the news, as they only got their mails twice a year, and their "daily" newspapers every six months. (Laughter.) Little meetings with "Bruin" here and there also formed interesting and exciting moments of adventure, particularly the hunting of the "grisly" species, which the lecturer described as the most ferocious class of bear. The claws of this animal were looked upon by the natives as "trophies" of war, and the possession of them as indicative of great valour and bravery. In respect of the canoe trips in summer, whilst these were of a less exciting and romantic character, the artistic scenes were of a finer character, representing that wonderful and charming country in all its pastoral grandeur. The Canada-Pacific railroad was described as one of the best in the world, representing many thousands of the best British steel manufactured in this country. The cannt-lever bridges were of gigantic and magnificent proportions, the speaker here paying another tribute to British engineering attainments, the bridges throughout being of home manufacture, constructed and erected by British engineers. The Canadian Government helped them in every possible way, and were indeed the friends of the missionaries. They helped them by grants of land and money both to the Indians themselves, and also to the missionaries in the way of assisting them in the establishment of schools, chapels, etc. This was in great contradistinction to the Americans. Whilst the latter had spent millions of money in fighting the Indians, it was to the credit of the British Government that never a penny had been spent in fighting the Indians. The country had been opened up in every direction, the land had been cultivated, and now millions of bushels of wheat were sent to this country every year, and they computed that eventually and before long they would be able to supply the whole of their needs (here at home) without any difficulty, so that there need be no fear of other sources failing. (Applause.) The Government had also put an end to the horrid fiendish war-dances and scalp-dances which were so prevalent.

The Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer and the Chairman, which was passed with acclamation.

The lecturer in replying said he had received their thanks in the patient way they had listened to him for two hours and a half.

The meeting then concluded with the Doxology and Benediction.

Annfield Plain Socialist Society

The members of this society have made arrangements with the Fabian Society for a course of lectures on social topics. The first of the four lectures on "Problemsof Labour" was delivered on Wednesday evening of last week on the subject of "Co-operation" by Mr. S. D. Shollard, of London, lecturer to the Fabian Society. On Wednesday evening the second lecture was delivered in the Annfield Plain Board Schools from the subject "Drink and Poverty" by Mr. Shollard, who has been engaged by the North-Eastern Socialist Federation to give lectures in the County of Durham.

Mr. John Orr, of Annfield Plain, occupied the chair and introduced the lecturer. The subject of the lecture was one which they would have heard tackled from several standpoints. But he was certain they would have a discourse which would be both scientific and lucid. He had great pleasure in calling upon Mr. Shollard to give his lecture.

Mr. Shollard, on rising, said however they differed on certain points that night, they would all agree with him in this country as in Norway, and Sweden, and Denmark, they were shockingly intemperate in the use of alcohol which was a degrading thing both mentally and physically, and in every way in which it was common. They had all known of men amongst their acquaintances, some of the brightest minds addicted to the bad habit, and however clever a man might be when he was sober, he was a fool when he was drunk. How was it to be coped with? The first way had been an appeal to the drunkard to reform. That appeal had been going on, and had become systematised by the great Temperance organisations, and however they might differ with some of the more active Temperance workers, they must all recognise the splendid and devoted work that had been done by the Temperance organisations and that the one special good piece of work done was the raising of public opinion on the question. They now felt that drink was a serious matter. Attempts had been made to stop drunkenness for 300 years; the Statute Book was full of Acts of Parliament dealing with the question. He disagreed with many of his tee-total friends on a certain line of argument they adopted. They often heard Temperance speakers holding up the value of temperance because it enabled a man to get on in life. That was not the highest but the lowest lines on which they could appeal to any man. What they wanted to do was to raise the moral tone of the people. A good deal of poverty was caused by what they called bad trade. If they could get everybody made sober they would produce more. Supposing sobriety were going on to bring about bad trade so much sooner, he would rather have a country sober and poor than a country drunken and rich. It was an argument against people mixing up two questions which should be kept distinct and studied separately. Poverty was caused by man not having sufficiently the means of life, which might be brought about in various ways. The working-man had almost everything taken away from him what he produced. The whole question was one which had to be dealt with very separately from the question of drink or moral conduct generally. He would be glad to see them sober. If that was done they would have men and women with clearer brains and able to think and then men would find men beginning to solve the problem of drink. The liquor traffic was a pernicious traffic especially under the hateful system by which a brewer got the whole house and forced upon people any kind of drink they liked. Through the evil position of depending upon it for revenue that it had been thrown into the hands of rich monopolist companies, and to all intents and purposes it was a monopoly. Through the huge profits made by those who carried on the business they had been able to buy seats in the House of Commons and when they got there, managed to buy the people of the House of Commons. There were many proposals for dealing with the question. The three principal proposals were prohibition of the Local Veto, adoption of the Gothenburg system, and by direct municipalisation. A general Act of prohibition would be to prohibit the traffic of it right through the country. The lecturer then explained the Gothenberg system of prohibition in the latter place of which it had been very successful. In Bergen they spent the profits of liquor for neglected children, free swimming baths, free lectures in the winter, and in other ways. The sum of £64,000 was spent in those ways and similar ways to attract those who frequented public houses and so draw them away from those places. He was convinced that they should get the liquor traffic into their own hands, and reduce it. It was immensely profitable. The present drink seller had an interest in selling all the drink he could foist upon the population. The best way to bring about temperance reform was to wean away the people from spending their time and leisure hours in the public houses by opening lecture halls, recreation grounds, public libraries, and other healthful and beneficial places.

After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the lecturer, the meeting terminated.

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The Conciliation Board

The question of re-forming the Conciliation Board has been under consideration for some time by the employers and miners officials of the Northumberland and Durham Counties. A meeting was held on the subject in the Wood Memorial Hall, at Newcastle, on Wednesday last on the subject, when Sir Lindsay Wood, Bart., presided. There were also present on behalf of the owners, Sir David Dale, Bart., Ald. T. Hugh Bell, Mr. W. F. Hall Mr. Cuthbert Birtley, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. Hollis, and Mr. Guthrie (secretary.) The Workmen's Association were represented by Mr. John Wilson, M.P., and representatives from the mechanics, miners, cokemen, and enginemen. The rules of the old Conciliation Board were considered and virtually accepted, but the owners felt that they must meet their Association before they could come to a definite decision. The meeting accordingly stood adjourned.

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AGED MINERS' HOMES.

MEETING AT MARLEY HILL.

On Wednesday evening week, a good audience assembled in the Marley Hill P.M. Chapel, to listen to addresses upon the Aged Miners' Home question, by Ald. John Wilson, M.P.; Mr. Henry Wallace, J.P., Trench Hall; Mr. Joseph Hopper, Secretary of Aged Miners' Homes, and others.—The chair was occupied by Coun. R. W. Berkley, Marley Hill, who in the course of a few remarks, said the meeting had been called by the miners of the Marley Hill Lodge, on the subject of these aged miners' homes, to which, he believed, they had not yet contributed—at least not as a body at any rate. When they came to consider the matter, they must admit that these homes for aged miners were very good. He believed that the original conception of the scheme was due to Mr. Wallace. (Mr. Wallace: To everybody—the whole committee.) The speaker (continuing) said perhaps he might have made a mistake. The scheme had been very well supported by the men of the collieries in the county, and they should be glad to hear a few words from the gentlemen present in regard to the scheme. There was not a very large audience present, but he hoped they would the be the eleven that would leaven the lump. (Laughter and applause.) He concluded by caling upon Ald. John Wilson M.P., to address the gathering.

Mr. Wilson, who had a cordial reception, said he was glad to have the privilege of being present. Now there was just one item in the Chairman's address which he wanted to correct, because it was what he would call the primary element in the situation, so far as they were concerned. The chairman had remarked that some of them had taken upon themselves a very large amount of work, and had got nothing in return; that they had given time and labour was correct, but he believed that every man that tried to do good, and tried to benefit his fellow-men in any way, got a return the moment he did the action. (Hear, hear.) The person felt in his own heart the consciousness that he had pleased somebody else, which otherwise would not have been so had he not put forth his little effort. The origination of the scheme, he said, lay with Mr. Wallace, at least if it did not lie with him in the first, it lay with him in a sharp second with Mr. Hopper, and then there was himself included. The real object of the meeting was to get the Marley Hill men to contribute towards the movement; what was 1/- towards a movement like the one under notice? The scheme had been fully stated in the papers, so that it needed no re-statement from him. It was to provide homes for the aged mines workers; they did not confine it to miners alone—(hear, hear.)—originally it was confined to miners, but it had been considered that there were other trades connected with the mines. It was confined to old men, who along perhaps with their wives found the paying of house rent a heavy taxation; if it was only 2/- or 2/6, it was a severe taxation upon their income. If they could by the small contribution of 1/- or 2/-, together with help from the outside public, meet that sum and supply their need, they they would be doing a great deal of good. They were not dependent upon compulsary subscriptions, because the question would not admit of compulsion—(hear, hear)—but must depend upon voluntary contributions. They now had 113 houses at Haswell Moor, a Primitive Methodist Chapel—in fact they had bought the whole of the village right out. The Primitive Methodist Chapel belonged to them, and they were going to put it upon the plan. He appealed to the miners of Durham for help towards the scheme, but added that he did not believe in a help which pauperised. (Applause.)

Mr. Hy. Wallace, J.P., next addressed the gathering. The houses, he said, at Haswell Moor had been bought for about £7 per house; they were extremely nice houses, in fact the iron work and the fire places would have almost realised that price, but nevertheless they succeeded in getting them. They received an estimate for the cost of putting them into repair, but the price was large; a happy thought struck them, and they sent Mr. Hopper there to act as clerk of the work, and that they would do the work themselves; Mr. Hopper had done his work exceedingly well. (Applause.) The matter had been brought before the various deputations and lodges, whom they had asked to join them in the scheme; this had been exceedingly well received, and he was glad to say that the result had been, that at the present time they had received the total sum of £2,337 5s 10d. (Applause.) He thought that spoke volumes for the men of Durham. In addition to the houses at Haswell Moor, they had procured the "White House" near Heworth; he was also in negotiation for other houses at Shotton colliery. They did not intend to stop at Haswell Moor, that was simply an experiment, and they found that as it had been so well received, it would go on and spread. In conclusion he asked those who were present to explain the scheme to their fellow-men, and to urge upon them for their contributions.

Mr. Joseph Hopper, Secretary to the Aged Miners' Homes, addressed the meeting. He was glad to have the opportunity of saying a few words upon this most important subject. He must confess that the subject had exercised his mind for a good number of years. It was nearly twelve years since he first urged forward the scheme, but he then had little hope of seeing the scheme inaugurated with such success as had been done. It had been suggested that he might give them some particulars in regard to the scheme. In regard to White House, Heworth, he had had considerable correspondence upon the matter. White House was an old country mansion standing about 300 yards from Heworth colliery. Correspondence was struck up between themselves and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and afterwards the building was purchased. In regard to Haswell Moor his friends had left him little to add. The most gratifying feature to him was to see the old people as they came there. They had now allotted about 51 of these houses to old people. Some people had got the idea that because the place was associated with the word "moor," that it must be some barren wilderness, which might have been in the backwoods of America—(laughter)—or upon some desert plain. There was no such thing, but at Haswell Moor they would find all the elements necessary to the making up of a little comfortable village. One old couple who had gone to Haswell Moor had to pay 3/6 for rent, and the old lady had declared that many a time when the landlord left with the rent, that they had about 1/- left to meet all the necessities of life. The speaker went into one of the houses occupied by an old miner, who told him a long story. The man said that the only thing that had vexed him for 30 years, was the treatment by the manager in turning him off "the colliery"—he was 79 years of age. (Laughter.) The man was full of enthusiasm to go on working. He said to the man "don't you think that when you get to 79 years of age, that you are entitled to a rest in life," when he replied, "no, mun, ah wes es klivor es cud be"—(laughter)—"ah cud hev worked uther two or three yors mo're," and added "that it was all through somebody telling a lie." (Loud laughter.) The man now felt more comfortable than ever he had been before in his life. Another old man when shewn his house, remarked "why man its far ower big, hev ye nen wi a single room?" As regards the spiritual wants of the people this had also been attended to, and worship was strictly free; there were no collections taken or taxation of any kind. (Applause.)

Mr. James Bell, of Sunniside, in moving a vote of thanks to the speakers and chairman, said he hoped that they would all give the matter their careful consideration and that the men of that place would be second to none in charitable purposes like the one under notice. The chairman, by presiding at that meeting had shewn them that he had the movement at heart—(hear, hear)—and he thought he was worthy of all the praise that a manager could have bestowed upon him. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Geo. Cooper seconded the motion, which was caried with acclamation.

The speaker and the chairman briefly returned thanks and the meeting terminated.

A WOMAN WAS TO BLAME

It is surprising how eager men are to saddle women with blame. So frequently is this done that "a woman was at the bottom of it" has passed into a phrase of everyday usage. Miss May Graham, of 99, York-street West, Melbourne, was, however, not to blame when, by taking Bile Beans for Biliousness, she cured herself of a most acute attack of dyspepsia. Here is what she told a reporter of the "Melbourne Record:" "For three years I suffered greatly from dyspepsia. I had frequent and fearful attacks of neuralgia in the face, which caused me agony for weeks at a time. All food disagreed with me. I grew listless and melancholy. I spent six months in South Gippsland for a change, but I got no benefit from it. I returned to Melbourne, and became pale and sallow. I gave up hope of recovery. One day my brother brought me a box of Bile Beans. I commenced to take them, and in a short time felt decidedly better. Continuing with the Beans, I was restored to perfect health. I cannot too strongly express my gratitude for the good done me." The cost of Bile Beans is only thirteen pence halfpenny per box, and as all chemists sell them, no one should be without a box. In the face of Miss Graham's story, it cannot be said that this lady was to blame for having acted so wisely as her narrative describes.

BENFIELDSIDE SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting was held at the Benfieldside Schools on Friday afternoon, under the presidency of the Rev. A. Baillie (chairman). Also present—Mr. W. Ramsay (vice-chairman), Rev. E. W. Jenkins, Mr J. Dowson, and the Clerk (Mr. R. G. Barclay, J.P.)

THE ATTENDANCE.

The Attendance Officer (Mr. Hall) reported that the average atttndance for the month was 91. He had served eight official notices and summoned six parents before the magistrates.

The Chairman thought they ought to express their satisfaction at the attendance, which was five per cent. above that of last month. It was gratifying that the attendance had gone up, and he hoped very earnestly that it would keep up. Even if they kept it at 90 it would be good. No doubt their officer would do his best in this direction.

CARETAKER'S REPORT.

As caretaker Mr. Hall reported that during the month more rails had been broken in the school yard during the days of wind and rain. The rain had come in through several places, but the matter was having attention.

THE ESTIMATE.

The Finance Committee stated that the estimated expenditure for the ensuing half-year was £1,461, the principal items being £874 10s for teachers' salaries, £155 8s 6d loan and principal, £140 interest, and £60 administration. The anticipated income included £839 Government grant, £230 10s, fee grants, &c., making a total of £1,076 8s 3d. This left a deficiency of £384 11s 9d.

Mr. Jenkins moved that precepts be issued on the overseers for £400.

Mr. Dowson seconded, and the motion was carried.

In reply to Mr. Ramsay, the Clerk said the same sum (£400) was required for the corresponding half-year.

SHOTLEY GROVE SCHOOL.

A communication was read from the Education Department notifying that the above school was placed on the Parliamentary list of schools, and that the first of the grants would be conditionally due for the 11 months ending with the last day of September last. The school was recognised as providing accommodation for 120 children.

THE COTTAGE HOMES.

The Clerk read the following letter:—

Gateshead, 4th Oct., 1899.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Guardians of this Union to request the Benfieldside School Board to state, for the information of the Guardians, what steps have been taken to provide the required school accommodation for the children from this Union, who will soon be sent to the Cottage Homes at Shotley Bridge, and about whom Mr. Lambert on the 2nd March last requested the School Board to make memorandum for the purpose of seeing that the children would be duly accommodated.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. CRAIGHILL, Union Clerk.

The Chairman thought that an extraordinary letter. The Gateshead people evidently thought that the obligation rested upon them to provide accommodation.

Mr Ramsay thought their answer to the Gateshead Guardians would be when the children presented themselves at the schools.

Mr. Dowson said it looked like an ultimatum. (Laughter.)

The Clerk said the opinion in the district was that the whole thing was a desperate piece of cheek on the part of the Gateshead Guardians bringing the children into the district without making any inquiries.

The Chairman: There are other schools in the district as near as ours.

Mr Jenkins: Much nearer.

The Chairman: I do not see any reason why we should take any steps. He thought it very cool for the Guardians to write in that fashion—that they were under the obligation to provide for all children that came that way. He thought they had accommodation for them.

The Clerk then read the correspondence with the Education Department relative to charging a fee.

Mr. Ramsay asked if the Clerk had formally acknowledged the letter from Gateshead?

The Clerk said he had not, as he received it so near the day of meeting.

Mr. Ramsay: I would acknowledge no obligation.

The Chairman said they had accommodation for the children that might come.

Mr. Dowson asked if they could charge any fee?

Mr. Ramsay: Not without the consent of the Education Department.

It was decided to take no action in the mally acknowledge the receipt of the letter.

Mr. Oliver's claim.

A notice re the above was received from Messrs Murray, Richmond, and Aynsley, solicitors.

It was explained that if the Board wished to do so, they could go to Quarter Sessions and object to the proposed rate being levied.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

This was all the business; and the Board rose.

SALE OF WORK AT SPEN.

On Wednesday afternoon week, a successful sale of work promoted by the Wesleyan Methodists of the Spen, was opened in the Assembly Rooms, Spen, by Mrs. J. Green, of Stanley, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen. Amongst the large company present were Councillor and Mrs. Jonathan Green, (Stanley), Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Jackson (Ryton), Mr. J. Lee (Greenwood), Mr. Dickinson (Crawcrook), Mr. Luke Hall (Crawcrook), Mrs. Armitage (Crawcrook), Mrs. Hume (Berwick), Mr. and Mrs. Allison (Stanley), Mr. and Mrs. Trotter (South Moor), and others. After the singing of a hymn and prayer, Mr. Cooper introduced Mrs. Green, and in doing so, said that it gave him great pleasure to have to perform that ceremony, and to introduce the lady whom he had. (Hear, hear.) He was sure if they had searched the whole of the county of Durham they could not have found one more worthy for the occasion than Mrs. Green, both as a giver to the cause of Methodism, and a worker for the cause of Methodism—they only need go to Stanley to find that out. He had known Mrs. Green now for a number of years, and had always found her ready to give, and to do anything which she had been called upon to perform. It fell to his lot to ask that lady to perform the opening ceremony, and he could assure them that he had no misgivings about her coming to the Spen. (Applause.) Mrs. Green was one of those ladies who could not say no. He was glad to see her present that afternoon, and he had no doubt but that they would give her a hearty reception. (Loud applause.)

Mrs. Green, who was applauded on rising to perform the opening ceremony, said she had to thank them for the very kind and hearty reception given to her. She was sure that Mr. Cooper had flattered her very much in asking her to come to Spen, but she was always willing to help in God's cause. (Applause.) She did not think that a place could be perfect without a nice Wesleyan Chapel, coupled with a lot of good workers. There was nothing like working in Societies, which they found to be the best thing. Mrs. Green touched upon the good resulting from the holding of sewing meetings. It was not only the making of garments they did but they were getting together a sweet fellowship one with the other, and she hoped that the would all work peacefully and harmoniously together in the work of the Lord. (Applause.) She concluded by declaring the bazaar open.

Mr. Robertson moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Green for her kind services, which was seconded by Mr. Hamilton, supported by Mr. Lee, and carried by acclamation.

Coun. J. Green, J.P., responded on behalf of Mrs. Green.

A brisk sale then followed. The stalls were packed to repletion with a host of useful and valuable articles, and were presided over by Mrs. Maddison, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Cooper, Miss Maddison, Mr. Cooper, and Mrs. Cooper. A public tea was afterwards held, the same being kindly given by Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. In the evening a programme of songs, part-songs, duets, and humourous sketches was gone through. The performers were Miss Purvis, Miss A. Davison, Miss M. Stark, Mrs. Weedy (soprano), Miss Robinson, Mrs. Haughan (contralto), Miss B. Davidson (alto), Miss Geen (elocutionist), Master J. Pyle (alto), Mr. T. Boast (tenor), Mr. J. Davidson (bass), Mr. H. Weedy (tenor), Mr. D. Patterson (elocutionist), Mr. Appleby and Mr. Johnston (humorists). The duties of accompanist were ably discharged by Mr. Joseph Pyle. The proceeds were in aid of a new chapel. The sale of work was continued on Saturday night, when a programme of music was rendered by the Claravale Wesleyan Choir, the same to be followed by a supper.

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A SICKLY AUTUMN?

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The official reports of the Medical Officers of Health do not indicate a particularly healthy outlook for the time of the year: but at the same time there is no cause for panic. Measures of precaution may ward off a good deal of danger—especially the simple plan of attending to the condition of the blood. Weak, thin blood invites disease; it fails to carry off nourishment from the food taken, and (as the official reports show) lays open the system to disease. In this connection comes up an interesting item of news in a Norfolk paper, whose special correspondent having studied the local health returns, became interested in the case of a Mrs. Larter, of Flordon, Norfolk who had recently recovered in a really surprising manner from prolonged ill-health. In the course of an interview with Mrs Larter, he elicited that she was taken seriously ill August, 1891, just after giving birth to twins. The extreme poverty of her blood let to an enfeebled and emaciated condition. So great were her sufferings that she was unable to attend to her household work, and remained practically helpless for many months. Later came the birth of another child, succeeded by even a worse state of health than previously. Mrs Larter suffered from severe palpitation of the heart, and her legs became swollen and ached so terribly that, to use her own expressive words, she "hardly knew what to do." She lost colour and flesh, and was altogether a pitiable object. At about this time she read in a local newspaper of the cure of a case similar to her own, by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people. "I took" (said Mrs Larter) "the contents of two boxes, and soon began to feel very much better. I lost the palpitation of the heart, my colour returned, and the severe aching of my legs left me. I can get about my housework without assistance, and attend to the wants of my husband, my three young children, and my father."

Here is a typical case of impoverished blood leading to actual disease. In this autumn weather, women especially will do well to guard against anæmia, and fortify themselves against the coming winter. Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people (to avoid substitutes see the full name on the package) actually make new blood and enrich the blood already in the system. They enable us to derive benefit from food taken, thus curing indigestion, wasting diseases and debility; they have cured in many thousands of cases paralysis, rheumatism, neuralgia, and St. Vitus' dance; not being a purgative they strengthen the system directly and permanently; the best tonic ever discovered.

CHESTER-LE-STREET DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of this Council was held in the Board Room on Thursday last. Mr. P. Oswald occupied the chair, and there were also present—Messrs J. Mitchell, J. Smith, R. Bolam, F. Harle, W. S. Harris, G. Middlemass, T. Richardson, C. Green, W. C. Blackett, T. C. Renwick, R. H. Lonsdale, R. E. Purvis, R. B. Clark, M. H. Douglas, J. H. R. Garson, T. Arnell, J. Tully, J. Sharp, the Clerk (Mr. R. Dickinson), and the Assistant-Clerk (Mr. R. V. Dickinson.)

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Taylor) reported that during the month 187 births had been registered, giving a birth rate of 40.9 per thousand, and 95 deaths had been registered, giving a death-rate of 20.7 per thousand. During the same period 39 deaths from zymotic disease had occurred, namely 33 from diarrhœa, and two each from measles, scarlet fever, and enteric fever. During the month 42 children had died under one year of age, giving an infantile death-rate of 224.0 per thousand born. During the third quarter he had received 109 notifications of infectious disease, as compared with 23 cases last month, and 24 during the corresponding period last year. The diseases notified were twenty-three cases of scarlet fever, three of enteric fever, two of puerperal fever, and seven of erysipelas. At Middle Farm, Lumley, there was a serious case of lead poisoning, where a family of six were suffering, more or less, and one so much as to give doubts of recovery. The cause was the water, which came through about 45 yards of lead piping, the property of the owner of the farm. He suggested that the owner should be required to supply his house with a proper supply of wholesome water for domestic purposes, under the provisions of Section 3 of the Public Health Act, 1878. During the month 10 patients suffering from scarlet fever, and one suffering from enteric fever had been admitted to the hospital, while 15 recovered from scarlet fever and one from pleuro-pneumonia had been discharged. The number under treatment was 15, and the average number daily resident during the month was 20.5.

The report was adopted.

SANITARY REPORT.

Mr. J. H. Mole, Sanitary Inspector, reported that the Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society had remedied the ashpit nuisance on their property as requested. He had asked the County Highway Board to replace the cast iron 6-inch pipe from the road channel to the burn at the north end of Front Street, by a 9-inch pipe, but had not yet received any reply. In consequence of complaints he had ascertained that the pipe which conveyed the sewage from Mr. Kerrich-Walker's laundry and cottages to the west side of the Railway Station was leaking, and the sewage getting into the road side and causing a nuisance. At Bell's Place, Lumley, there was a gable on a disused house owned by Mr. Turnbull, which was in danger of falling. The owner of the houses at Lumley, who had had legal notices served upon him to have taps fixed in the houses had promised to attend to the matter. He had had a one-inch water meter fixed at Lumley, and a much better water supply had been obtained. The sewer extension at Tan Hills was nearly completed, but owing to more complaints, it would have to be still further extended. The sewers in construction at Black Horse Terrace, Pelton, was making satisfactory progress. He had received a complaint about a stand pipe at Tanglar's Row, Usworth Colliery, where the water was running over the back lane. It could be remedied by fixing a trap and making a connection with the sewer. He had also received a similar complaint from New Washington, but the exact place where it took place had not yet been ascertained.

The report having been discussed was adopted.

HOUSING OF WORKING CLASSES.

A deputation from the Washington Miners' Lodge and Washington Parish Council attended the meeting, with the object of asking the Council to adopt part 3 of the Housing of Working Classes Act, 1890.

The Chairman addressing the deputation said that they felt it was very necessary that some steps should be taken for the housing of the working classes, but in regard to spending the ratepayers money in such a venture, they thought it was more a matter for a private investor.

A member of the deputation said that they had people in their district who could not get a house at all, while there was also a great deal of overcrowding, caused by the insufficient quantity of houses. Another member said that the Council would not be out of pocket in building at Washington.

When the deputation had retired, it was agreed to adjourn the question until the next meeting, when Coun. Richardson will move a motion on the subject.

CLERK'S ESTIMATES.

The Clerk's estimates for the next half year were as follows.—Amounts required:—For the Union, £1,412 12s 2d, for the Rural District Council, £752 5s 11d, for the Hospital, £132 [illegible] 1d. Total amount required £2,297 3s 2d. He estimated that the general expenses would make a rate of 1d in the £, which would yield £1,017; Highway Expenses (19 townships) would make a rate of 5d in the £, yielding £4,303; highway expenses for Chester-le-Street township would amount to £920, making a rate of 6d in the £. Special expenses for all the townships under the jurisdiction of the Council would amount to £4,005.

The estimates were adopted.

THE INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board requesting the Council to reconsider their proposals in regard to the appointments of Mr. J. H. Mole as Chief Inspector of Nuisances, and Surveyor for the whole district, and Mr. G. B. Brown as Assistant Inspector of Nuisances.

Mr. Blackett moved that a letter be written stating that the Council were satisfied with the present arrangement, and that the work was being carried out quite satisfactorily.

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

MORE HOUSING.

Letters from the secretaries of the West Pelton and Springwell Miners' Lodge, and from the Edmondsley Parish Council, petitioning the Council to take the necessary steps for the adoption of Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, of 1890, were taken as read, and were left on the table, excepting the one from West Pelton Miners' Lodge, to which the Clerk was instructed to reply, stating that 180 houses were going to be built at that place.

A PUBLIC INQUIRY.

A letter from the Local Government Board stated that a public inquiry would be held at Eighton Banks, on the 16th inst., with reference to the proposed loan of £4,000.

NEW SEWERS AT SUNNISIDE.

The examination of tenders for the new sewers at Sunniside resulted in the work being given to Mr. J. Nevin, of Lintz Colliery, who offered to do the work for the sum of £227 7s 10d.

This concluded the business, and the meeting terminated.

TOW LAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

The ordinary meeting of this authority was held on Wednesday, Oct. 11th, in the Council Chamber. Present—Councillor Atkinson, J.P., in the chair; Councillors Blenkiron, Brewer, Graham, Hall, Hildreth, Robson and Sproats.

THE LEVEL CROSSING.

The County Council Surveyor sent word that he would meet the Surveyor and deputation from the Council, with Mr. Vickers, at an early date respecting the level crossing and encroachment of N.E.R.

A PROSECUTION.

The Clerk reported the result of Lahdreth's prosecution, which was that the magistrates had given the 21 days' order to abate the nuisance according to notice, and to pay the costs.

THE NUISANCE IN HIGH STREET.

Continued complaints having been received from residents in High Street, as to the nuisance caused by refuse from Mr. Boal's shop being allowed to accumulate till the effluvia was unbearable, the Clerk was instructed to order the pit to be emptied weekly, and in case Mr. Boal interfered with the scavengers in the discharge of their duty, or refused to carry out the order of the Council, immediate proceedings were to be taken.

A GAS MAN WANTED.

The Gas Committee reported that a competent gas-man was required for night work, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise at once.

Mr. Sproates: Is it true that the gas-man has defied the Gas Committee?

Mr. Robson: Yes. Kemp said that if Lawson were sent to the gas-works he wouldn't work with him.

The Gas Committee pointed out that Lawson's services were required on the roads.

MR. LAVERICK'S RESIGNATION.

A letter from Coun. Laverick was read, regretting that as he was shortly removing to take charge of the eastern Collieries of the Weardale Company, he was compelled to resign his position.

On the motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Sproates, the resignation was accepted.

It was unanimously resolved to place on record the high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Council by Mr. Laverick, and that, while he was to be congratulated on the appointment, the Council regretted that his acceptance of the management of the Thornley, Wheatley Hill, and Ludworth Collieries necessitated his removal from Tow Law.

AN OVERFLOW.

A letter from Mr. Phillip Elliott was read, giving the Council 14 days' notice of legal proceedings to recover £8 damages, alleged to have been suffered by him through neglect of the Council to provide for overflow of surface water and the consequent flooding of his cellar, causing him recent illness, medical expenses, &c.

The Council adhered to its decision of last month, viz., that it was not liable, as the overflow was occasioned by excessive flooding of proper channel.

THE NUMBERING OF HOUSES.

Mr. J. Davidson addressed a letter to the Council asking for he numbering of houses in each street.

Mr. Robson: Quite time when folk's letters have to be opened to find out the owners.

Mr. Sproates: When are we to have a post office in Tow Law? It is nothing but a warehouse at present.

The Chairman: I think that our agenda is so overcrowded that we had better postpone this discussion and any recommendations to the authorities till our next meeting.—Agreed to.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The Medical Officer reported 40 births and 18 deaths, giving a birth-rate of 34.8, and a death-rate of 15.7 per 1,000. This he deemed very satisfactory considering the widespread epidemic of measles. Considering the fact that measles had now spread over the whole area, and that no street was exempt, he recommended that the whole of the schools in the district be closed for one month. Three cases of typhoid were reported in North Street.

On the motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Hildreth, the Council decided to order the closing of the whole of the schools for four weeks, dating from Monday, 9th inst.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that some thirty owners had put in the sanitary gully trap as ordered by the Council, and that many owners had requested the Inspector to put them in at their expense. Several owners, including Messrs Mawson, Elliott, Anderson, Fleming, Reed, and Scott, were ordered to comply with former notice under threat of legal proceedings. Both Inspector and Medical Officer again drew attention to the nuisance caused by placing cattle, sheep, and pigs in a covered shed into which a pantry window opened, in Station Street. Mr. Spedding had been previously ordered to discontinue the practice.

Formal notice was directed to be served, that if the bye-law were again violated, legal proceedings would be taken.

It was resolved that notice be served on Mr. Wheatley requesting the discontinuance of the practice of making a manure heap at the back of his premises in High Street.

INSANITARY PITS.

On the report of the Medical Officer condemning the insanitary condition of pits at the back of Messrs Moses and Pattison's residences, it was resolved that the owners be requested to raise the bottom of pit to the ground level, and cement same; and, further, that seeing that refuse of byre, &c., was thrown into the pit, the scavengers be instructed to clear the pit every week.

EARTH CLOSETS.

Mr. Graham moved, and Mr. Brewer seconded, that the owners of property in Grove Road and St. Alban's Street be ordered to place earth-closets to each house.

TRAPS IN THE COMPANY'S PROPERTY.

Mr. Sproats moved, and Mr. Graham seconded, that in face of the three cases of typhoid in North Street, the Company be urged to put these traps in at once, and the others as soon as possible, as an impression was gaining ground that there was one law for the Company and another for the private individual.—Carried.

ROAD METAL SHORT.

The Surveyor reported that the Weardale firms were unable to supply them with extra road metal immediately; and that 400 tons were on the roads, and that 50 tons more were absolutely needed.

The Clerk was instructed to order 50 tons of annealed slag.

A DOCTOR'S CLAIM.

Mr. Brewer on behalf of the Finance Committee, pointed out that the claim sheet sent in by Dr. Miller for notifying cases of infectious diseases referred to cases of illness which had occurred in 1898; and further that the claim-sheet had not been counter-signed by the Medical Officer of Health. As this practice of sending in claims for notification of which the Sanitary Authority should have been cognisant at the time of occurrence had been previously condemned, it was agreed that this bill be not paid until further investigation had been made.

NEW RATE.

As the Council was not able to meet its liabilities without withdrawing account at the bank, it was resolved that the rate for the ensuing half-year be one shilling. It was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Hall, that the demand note should differentiate between rate for general purposes and rate for scavenging.

PLANS.

A plan was presented for the erection of new wash-house on the premises of Mr. J. Watson in Bridge Street. It being in accordance with the bye-laws, received the seal of the Council, and was signed by the Chairman.

The Council then adjourned.

Alleged Assault at Winlaton.

At the Gateshead County Police Court on Thursday, George Studholm (Ryton) was charged with assaulting John Haigh, at Winlaton, on September 30th. Mr. Fred Harle, Chester-le-Street, appeared on behalf of the defendant.

The prosecutor stated that on the 30th ult. he asked the defendant for 30/-, alleged to be due to him. The defendant told prosecutor to wait, and the former then went into a public-house, and shortly afterwards came out, when he struck prosecutor with a poker upon the back of his head.

A witness named Greenwell said the prosecutor went and asked the defendant for some money said to be due to him, when the latter requested the prosecutor to wait outside of the public-house, and that he would afterwards give him his money. The defendant subsequently came out of the public-house with a poker behind his back, and thereupon "gave him the poker for his money." (Laughter.)

Mr. Harle, for the defence, alleged that the prosecutor began to throw bricks at the defendant, and that his client had to use the poker in self-defence.

The defendant, in reply to a question from the Bench, said he was a bookmaker.

Supt. Rutherford: You mean you are a betting man; a bookmaker is a man who makes books. (Laughter.)

The prosecutor said the dispute occurred about a shilling he had put upon a horse, which had won, and the defendant refused to pay the bet.

The accused was fined 10/- and costs—£1 2s 6d in all.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. AGAR, OF TANFIELD.

After having served as schoolmaster for 44 years in the parish of Tanfield, Mr. Robert Agar recently retired on a well-deserved pension. Born at Whitby 65 years ago Mr. Agar was quite a young man when he took up his residence and scholastic duties at Tanfield, but from the outset he gained the confidence of his pupils and retained it from one generation to another, and has now retired full of years and honours. Shortly after his retirement Mr. John Henderson, of Gateshead, head of the well-known firm of Henderson and Birkett, and an old pupil of Mr. Agar, initiated, through the columns of the "Consett Guardian," a movement for the presentation of a testimonial to Mr. Agar. Mr. T. Curry, of East Tanfield, backed up the proposal, and kindly undertaking the secretarial duties, soon found sufficient support to call a preliminary meeting, the outcome of which was a substantial subscription, which it was decided to hand over in the shape of a cheque. For this purpose a dinner was held at the Pack Horse Inn (Mrs. Irwin's,) Tanfield, on Thursday night, when a large company was presided over by Mr. Wm. Holmes, J.P., of Tantobie; the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. J. Robinson, of Tanfield Hall. Among others present were Mr. John Henderson, Gateshead; Mr. J. W. Anderson, East Tanfield; Mr. C. Scott, Mr. F. Lowe, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. R. Arkless, Mr. W. Wallace, Mr. W. A. Whale, Mr. F. Hunter, Mr. T. H. Smith, and Mr. Curry. A capital dinner was providtd by the hostess and was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by the company. On the cloths being removed the Chairman said the following letter had been received from the Vicar of Tanfield (the Rev. T. H. Archdall). "I much regret that an unexpected engagement will prevent me from being present to-night to do honour to Mr. Agar. I can honestly say that during the 22 years I have been in Tanfield, I never subscribed to a testimonial with greater pleasure, or united in doing honour to a gentleman more worthy of it in every way than Mr. Agar. I shall feel obliged if you will ask the chairman to kindly explain my absence and express my regret." (Applause.)

The Chairman said in being asked to preside over the gathering, he had been taken by surprise. He came with the intention of being one of the guests, but the gentleman who ought to have been present as chairman (Mr. Atkinson) that night was ill, and therefore unable to attend. Mr. Atkinson's heart, he believed, was with them, and he would, if possible, have been present amongst them. They were met to do honour to a man who was worthy of all the honour they could bestow upon him. He (the chairman) could not say he was one of the scholars under Mr. Agar, but he was proud to say tha the had eight of his children under Mr. Agar's tuition, and he could say that they had been well cared for. One thing he could say of Mr. Agar was that in the course of educating the children he had not forgotten the religious part of their instruction. Mr. Agar had always paid special attention to that part of the education of the rising generation, and, without fear of contradiction, he said that they were as nothing in the face of the world without some form of religious education. Mr. Agar had educated the children in that parish unto the third generation, and during the years he had lived amongst them he gained hosts of friends. Having made these prefatory remarks the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen, which was duly honoured, the company singing the National Anthem.

The Vice-Chairman, in the course of a few remarks, said he did not like to say how long it was since he first knew Tanfield. He did not think they would believe the number of years that had elapsed since he first knew it. (Laughter and applause.) He was born there, and went to Chester-le-Street, and came back. During nearly the whole of that time he, his father, and his family had been very much associated with Mr. Agar. They looked upon Mr. Agar as a father amongst them, and he had reason to look upon the Agar family for many things he was now proud of. In his earliest days Mr. Agar's brother, "Joe Agar," was his patron. Joe Agar had the courage of a man, and kept him (Mr. Robinson) right. His father, he knew, looked up to Mr. Agar as one to be trusted. Mr. Agar was ever ready to help them in any trouble by giving them advice; but, he was pleased to say, Mr. Agar never had the chance of giving him a good hiding. (Laughter.) He then proposed the Army and Navy, and made appropriate allusion to the present need of a fully equipped army and navy. No one believed in peace more than he did, but there were times when they had other things than peace to think about. They had to think of the honour of their country, and with their army and navy he did not think they need be frightened. They also had reason to be proud of their volunteers, whom they must remember had a stake in the country. They would not merely fight for bread and butter, but for the pride they had in their country. The Volunteers should have all the support they could receive, and he for one was always pleased to give prizes to the local corps in connection with their shooting matches. He had pleasure in submitting the toast. (Applause.)

The toast was duly honoured.

The Chairman said they had now arrived at the object of their gathering that night, and that was to make a presentation to their worthy friend Mr. Agar. It was not, he might say, for his past services entirely, but to show him that he retained the good will of his friends in the Parish of Tanfield. He was sure he was speaking the sentiments of all who were present and many who were not there, when he expressed the hope that Mr. Agar would be long spared to live in their midst. Mr. Agar had been a friend to many, and would, he was sure, continue to be so. He had pleasure in calling upon a very old friend of Mr. Agar's to make the presentation. He referred to Mr. Henderson, of Gateshead, who, as an old pupil, would he was sure, show the love and respect which had been extended to Mr. Agar in the past. (Hear, hear).

Mr. John Henderson sai dthe request by the Chairman that he should make the presentation had come upon him as a surprise. He had come as a simple guest, intending to enjoy himself in seeing honour done to their old and worthy schoolmaster. It seemed, however, that he had to fill a more important duty. Although they might very easily find a man more able than himself to express their feelings and desires on such an interesting, and, to many of them, memorable occasion as that, he was very well sure they could not find one to whom it would give greater pleasure. (Hear, hear.) It had its sad side, no doubt, for it threw some of them back four or five and forty years, no small span out of the life of any man, for it placed them in the sere and yellow leaf. He recollected the coming of Mr. Agar into the Tanfield Parish. There had been nothing like it before. The Government had thought fit to spend between £30,000 and £40,000 a year for the spread of education among the poorer children in the land, and they were to have a Government school, a college trained teacher and one of Her Majesty's Inspectors to visit and report upon their school. They had their doubts as to the man who was to come, but when he did come their fears seemed to vanish, for when they saw him they found he was not a very big man after all. (Laughter.) He could tell them there were some queer scenes which took place in those early days. Of course it was not right to tell tales out of school, but he would make bold to tell them one, not for the purpose of telling tales but for the purpose of telling them what kind of a man they had got for a schoolmaster. For a long time, Mr. Agar endeavoured to educate them without the aid of that instrument of corporal punishment which was so well known in most schools. He need not tell them that lads in those days were not brought up in glass cases. After a fair trial, that kind of discipline had to go by the board. The "stick" had to be introduced, and he was afraid it had been the instrument of punishment ever since. It was, however, not a favourite instrument of punishment with their new master. More than any other master he was gentle. He (Mr. Henderson) had the benefit of Mr. Agar's tuition, and he knew his nature, and had been in his confidence ever since. To him it was no wonder that Mr. Agar had gained the reverential respect of the generations of children who had been committed to his care. His experience of Mr. Agar was that as a teacher he was kind perhaps, wherever possible, to a fault. He was patient, enduring, industrious, and labouriously worked for the intellectual advancement of his scholars. His mind was ever on the alert to inculcate virtues of higher importance and stamp on their plastic minds, moral truths, and kindle in them kindly feelings. He had pleasure in handing to Mr. Agar a cheque, which had been subscribed to by his friends and old pupils. Intrinsically it was of little value, but it represented the feelings of the subscribers. It was an outward and visible token of the respect and esteem which a lifetime of devotion to duty had engendered in them. He only voiced the feelings of the old scholars when he expressed a hope that Mr. Agar's declining years might be extended and happy ones, and that he might have a feeling of gratification and pleasant reflection that he had left some "footprints on the sands of time." (Loud applause.)

Mr. Agar, who was received with applause, said words could not express his feelings of gratitude towards them. They knew he was not a man of many words. He had never been given to making speeches excepting to little lads and lasses. Their reception and presentation to him that night had come as a great, but a very pleasant, surprise. Mr. Henderson—he ought really to say John—(laughter and applause)—had told them that this was the outward and visible sign of their goodwill towards him. As such he accepted it. (Applause.) It was not the amount he liked so much, as the expression of their esteem towards him and his. (Hear, hear.) It had not been money that he had laboured for altogether in his lifetime. From his earliest years he was taught that money was exceedingly useful, and that he should never despise it. He was also told that money was the root of evil. He proceeded to say that above all things a teacher should be a good Christian. Christian virtues were far ahead of learning. A man might be possessed of the highest intellectual powers, and yet they might not be able to trust him. Moral rectitude came first. If it be true that Lord Bacon accepted bribes there they had high intellect coupled with moral degradation. He always impressed upon his pupils that they should be Christians. He did not mean men who were constantly quoting Scripture—(hear, hear, and "Old Kruger")—but he meant the impression of a true Christian character, and if he had succeeded in inculcating that he was satisfied. (Applause.) He thanked them sincerely for their gift that night. (Applause.)

The Chairman proposed the toast of the press, to which the "Consett Guardian" representative responded, and other toasts included the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, and hostess, the latter bringing to a close an enjoyable evening.

Ebchester Parish Council

Mr. Irving presided over the quarterly meeting of this authority, held on Wednesday evening week, in the school-room, Ebchester. There were also present—Mr. Brown, Mr. Charlton, and the Clerk (Mr. J. Middleton.)

CONDITION OF A FOOTPATH.

Mr. Charlton asked if anything had been done with reference to their complaint re the condition of the footpath, situated near Ebchester House?

The Clerk replied that he had sent a communication to the Lanchester Rural District Council upon the subject, and added that no reply had been received.

Mr. Brown expressed an opinion that there was much improvement in the footpath since the last meeting.

Mr. Charlton thought that the matter might be allowed to drop.

The Clerk: They have done what was wanted.

Mr. Brown informed the Council that his reason for bringing the subject forward was dre to the number of large stones which were left lying across the road at night.

The matter was allowed to drop.

AN OBJECTIONABLE BUILDING.

Mr. Brown drew attention to a building adjoining the chapel at the road-ends, and stated that the Council should institute enquiries regarding the said building, and have the same removed, as it was a disgrace to the village.

The Chairman thought the chapel authorities would move in the matter.

Mr. Brown expressed an opinion that if the Council took some steps, it would perhaps assist the chapel authorities.

After further discussion the matter was allowed to drop without anything definite having been arrived at.

The Council then adjourned.

Smart Capture at Esh Winning

Early on Tuesday morning P.C. Robinson, of Esh Winning, made a smart capture of a man named John Henry Mohun, who has recently stolen about £200 worth of jewellery at Skinningrove, near Guisborough. The officer, having got wind of his whereabouts, captured the thief in a bed at Esh Winning, and transferred him to the Guisbrough Police.

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...ng presided over the quarterly ... this authority, held on Wednes... ng week, in the school-room. ... There were also present—Mr. ... Charlton, and the Clerk (Mr. ... on.)

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... OBJECTIONABLE BUILDING.

...wn drew attention to a building ... the chapel at the road-ends, and ... t the Council should institute en... garding the said building, and ... me removed, as it was a disgrace ... age. ... rman thought the chapel authori... move in the matter. ... wn expressed an opinion that if ... l took some steps, it would per... the chapel authorities. ... rther discussion the matter was ... drop without anything definite ... arrived at. ... ncil then adjourned.

... Capture at Esh Winning

... Tuesday morning P.C. Robinson, ... ing, made a smart capture of a ... d John Henry Mohun, who has ... olen about £200 worth of jewellery ... grove, near Guisborough. The ... ng got wind of his whereabouts, ... in a bed at Esh Winning, ... erred him to the Guisborough ...

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GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD

The monthly meeting of this Board was held in the Greencroft Board Schools on Thursday evening under the presidency of Mr. H. Greener, (chairman). There were also present Messrs J. Mason, R. Hall, T. U. Ord; Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk). Mr. R. Jackson, (Deputy Clerk) and Mr. R. Tindall, (Attendance Officer).

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. R. Tindall, reported that the attendance in the district had been fairly good during the past month. He had taken a census of the children in the district, which he enclosed.

The report was adopted.

THE CENTRE CLASS.

Mr. Mackay wrote disclaiming any responsibility for sending Miss Hetherington to the Centre Class against the order of the Board.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. W. I. Mackay reported that a water meter had been fixed in the school yard. A square of glass had been deliberately broken by one of the several boys passing along the road.

Miss C. Knifton reported that Her Majesty's Inspector had visited the school during the month and expressed himself highly pleased with the attainments of the children.

The reports were adopted.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADVANCE.

Miss C. Knifton applied for an advance of salary on the ground that she had obtained as good results in the school as any of the town schools.

Mr. Mason in moving that Miss Knifton's salary be increased £5 per annum said she had done well for them and had got them grand results.

The Chairman, in seconding the motion concurred with Mr. Mason's remarks.

The motion was carried.

Mr. W. Herdman also applied for an advance of salary on the ground of his being underpaid.

Mr. Mason moved, and Mr. Greener seconded the motion, that Mr. Herdman's salary be advanced £5 per annum.

The motion was carried.

USE OF SCHOOLS.

An application on behalf of the Catchgate Free Church, was made by Mr. Wm. Horswill for the use of one room of the schools, for a tea towards the end of the month.

The application was granted.

PRECEPTS.

A precept of 6d in the £ was signed by the chairman and vice-chairman.

A VACANCY.

Miss Lee, of Blackhill, wrote declining the vacancy in the mixed school, as she had obtained a place at Morpeth.

The Clerk advertised the vacancy according to instructions, and it was decided to hold a special meeting to consider the applications.

After cheques had been signed the Board rose.

WHEN OTHER LIPS

When other lips begin to talk and tell what Bile Beans do in the cases of headache, biliousness, and a number of other ailments—well, you can conceive that there must be some merit to them. Read this case—it comes from Newcastle, Australia—Mrs Jane Colman, of Beauford Street, Hamilton, Newcastle, said to a reporter:—"For thirteen years I was in a delicate state of health, my earliest symptoms being violent retching and pains in the head. These were shortly followed by a complete loss of appetite and restless nights. I had several doctors in Newcastle in attendance on me from time to time, and tried all kinds of patent medicines, but I could get no real relief. It seemed, too, that what little I could eat I could not digest. Dreadful pains would now and again come in my back and kidneys, and especially under the shoulder blade. The pain in the shoulder seemed to stab me like a knife. To walk merely about the house was hard work for me, and I nearly always felt sick. My sight grew dull, everything had a blurred look, and I really felt like a 'log of wood.' The least exertion prostrated me; I could not stand ten minutes without becoming fatigued, my feet getting numb, as if pins and needles were being stuck in them. Bile Beans for Biliousness were brought under my notice, and just as an experiment I took some. After a few doses I found an improvement in my condition, so I continued taking them, and I have steadily improved ever since, and now I must say I never felt better for 20 years. My friends are astounded at my cure, and all say I look remarkably well. As for my appetite—well, my daughters are sometimes astonished at what I can eat." "Yes," concluded Mrs. Colman, "I firmly believe that it was Bile Beans alone that cured me. I have taken nothing in the meanwhile and they have done me a wonderful amount of good in every conceivable way; in fact, I'm quite a new woman."

The reader should bear in mind that what Bile Beans will do for one they will do for others. They have proved themselves an undoubted specific for biliousness, indigestion, constipation, rheumatism, influenza, headache, insomnia, liver complaints, and piles. Sold at 1s 1½d per box. Bile Beans are to be obtained at all chemists or direct from the Bile Bean Manufacturing Company, London Wall, London. Please mention this paper when writing. Never before was so good a medicine placed on the market at so reasonable a price.

Alarming Accident at Annfield Plain

Fall of Houses

At an early hour on Friday morning, two single houses in Pontop Rows, leased by the owners of Pontop Colliery, Messrs John Bowes and Partners, were destroyed by colliery subsidence. It appears that a quantity of water has accumulated and stood for many years in the old pit workings of the South Derwent Colliery, underneath the foundations of these dwellings. Recently attempts, which have eventually proved successful, have been made to drain the water away in order to make it possible to work out the remaining coal. The water has evidently supported the foundations of the houses up to the present time, and having been released, the weight of the houses have caused the undermined foundations to subside, with the result that two of the single houses, which stand back to back have been deprived of their gable ends. Fortunately one of the houses was empty at the time of the subsidence, while the tenant of the other, a miner named Hansom, was obliged to remove his furniture to safer apartments at Greencroft Cottages. No damage to life or furniture has been sustained, however, as the gables seem to have fallen outwards. Several of the houses adjoining are said to be somewhat unsafe, as large openings may be seen in the walls. It seems "hard lines," to use a familiar sporting phrase, that owners of property have to run the risk of having their property destroyed with impunity and without compensation by colliery owners, whose sole object is to have the coal out regardless of any consequences. Some time ago a warning was given to the property-owners of Annfield Plain that it was the intention of the South Derwent Colliery Company to work the coal from underneath those valuable blocks of property in Front Street. If this is the beginning of the work, the village will wear a distressed appearance when the lamentable end arrives, for it is obvious that should the coal be withdrawn from beneath the foundations, a large portion of the most valuable property in Annfield Plain will be completely wrecked unless some other arrangements can be made.

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New Primitive Methodist Church at Birtley

On Saturday afternoon, the New Primitive Methodist Church at Birtley was formally opened in the presence of a crowded congregation. The description given in the "Consett Guardian" at the time of the foundation stone laying ceremony was a true reflex of what the congregation saw on being permitted to enter the building. All were pleased with the interior and the proceedings inside, following the formal opening, clearly demonstrated excellent acoustic properties. A procession was formed in Orchard Street, headed by the Rev. A. J. Campbell, circuit superintendent, and singing the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," marched to the new church. Arrived there Mr Campbell addressed a few words from the steps leading into the schoolroom, and Mr Joseph English, Sunday school superintendant, said he had great pleasure in asking Mrs D. E. Storey, of Chester-le-Street, to accept a silver key on the occasion of her being called upon to formally unlock the school door. He said they had 250 scholars, and a goodly number of young men so that the inaugural ceremony that day was by no means unjustified. Mrs Storey, having accepted the key, made a few appropriate remarks, after which she opened the door, and the school and class rooms were inspected by those present. A move was then made to the entrance of the church, where, after the singing of a hymn, Mr Campbell called upon County Councillor Allison to present a silver key to Mr John Hall, of Urpeth, with which to unlock the church door. He said it gave him great pleasure to think that the trustees had called upon him to give Mr Hall a momento. He had long been connected with Christian work, and at the building of the church at Ouston Mr Hall was secretary and he (Mr Allison) was treasurer, and he could safely say he had never stood by the side of a more agreeable man than Mr John Hall. In the twelve or thirteen years during which they were associated they never had a cross word to exchange. With such splendid memories, therefore, they could understand how much pleasure it gave him to present to Mr Hall the key of their new church.

Mr Hall said they had made a very good start and had got the school opened. He fully intended being present that day, but he had not expected that so important a duty would be cast upon his shoulders. He remembered when their old chapel was built it was thought a great deal, but through time it was built around. To avoid that sort of thing now they they ought to buy a field and keep themselves safe. He was very glad to see they had now a very much improved place. He thought the trustees had made a very good choice in the site they had selected, and they had built what he hoped was not only a beautiful but a useful place. He hoped it would be a meeting place for both old and young, and also a birth place of the saving of many souls. He then opened the door and the church was soon filled. The ministers present were the Rev A. J. Campbell, Rev Geo. Fawcett, Birtley; Rev S. Horton, Edinburgh; Rev R. Crookhall, Chester-le-Street (Congregationalist); Rev Jos. Burrows, Chester-le-Street (Wesleyan superintendant); and the Rev J. Lord, Chester-le-Street (Wesleyan.) After devotional exercise the Rev S. Horton preached from the 17th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, part of the sixth verse, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." From this text the rev. gentleman delivered an interesting discourse. During the course of his remarks he stated that in all his experience in London and Manchester he never saw so much drunkenness as he had since seen in Canongate in Edinburgh. He was glad to be present at the opening of that Church, because it spoke of progress, vitality, faith, and sacrifice.—After the service a public tea was held in the Co-operative Hall, and in the evening there was a public meeting in the new church, presided over by Mr W. Paxton, C.C., Blaydon. Addresses were delivered by the Revs S. Horton, J. Burrows, and R. H'nd, and musical contributions were given by Messrs T. Fawcett and Atkinson, and by the choir.—On Sunday afternoon, a special musical service was rendered by Mr Lowther's orchestra and the choir, Miss Forster, Birtley, being the soloist, and Mr T. Telford, of Chester-le-Street presiding. The Rev R. Hind preached at the morning and evening services.

Sunday School Conference at Blaydon

Upon the members of the Blaydon Primitive Methodist circuit has been conferred the highly enviable privilege of accommodating this year the delegates to the Annual Conference in connection with the Sunday School of the Sunderland and Newcastle District. The great and important event, watched very assiduously and with intense interest incident to a gathering of this character by the people of Blaydon and neighbourhood, took place in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Monday, Oct. 10th, when, not unexpectedly, a good round number of representatives from the various circuits in the district put in an appearance to transact the momentous business associated with this department of the work of the church. Mr Pickering, Newcastle, was formally elected as president of the assembly, and, under his discriminative leadership, assisted by the Rev G. F. Johnson, Gateshead, who officiated in the responsible capacity of secretary, the proceedings were operated with perfect satisfaction. The reports revealed the pleasing fact that the results of the past year's labours on behalf of this significant branch of the church was exceedingly gratifying and very encouraging. The morning session having wisely concluded shortly after 12 o'clock, the various delegates repaired to their pre-arranged respective hosts for lunch.

In the afternoon, at two o'clock, an open conference was held, the Rev Danzy Sheen, Connexional S.S. secretary, presiding. After a few appropriate and helpful remarks upon Sunday school work, Miss Perett, of London, Connexional Missioner to Children, read a paper on the subject, "Missions to young people," which was eloquent evidence of satisfactory choice made by the General Conference a year ago. The paper, being chaste, suggestive, illustrative, and withal practical, was very much enjoyed. A profitable discussion, in which several ministers and laymen took part, followed in due course.

A large public meeting was held in the chapel in the evening at 6.30 o'clock, when, the weather presenting a continuation of its precious favour upon the day, a good audience was the spectacle. The Rev T. Sellers, resident minister, undertook the items connected with the preliminary stage of the meeting. Mr J. F. Gowland, Gateshead, was chairman; the Revs M. Johnson, Blyth, and Danzy Sheen, Leeds, taking respectively as their topics, "Religious childhood" and "Subsidiary aids to S.S. work," were the keenly appreciated speakers.

On the morning of Sunday last, the Sunday school secretary preached an able and scholarly sermon on "The Comforter," to a large congregation. The epoch meeting of the day, however, was witnessed in the scholars and teachers of the different Sunday schools in the vicinity uniting at two o'clock in the new Co-operative Hall, Blaydon, to listen to a powerfully effective address from Mr Sheen. It was estimated that the children present would number at least 1,200, many of whom, during the service, in response to the deeply earnest and most hearty exhortations of the speaker, decided for Christ.—Coun. Wm. Paxton, with characteristic adaptation, presided.—Mr Sheen again preached to a large congregation at six o'clock.—The meetings of the Conference were on the whole an unprecedented success, and therefore evoke much-deserved credit and praise for the most satisfactory arrangements made by the Blaydon people.

ITCHINESS OF THE SKIN AND ECZEMA

The only remedy in the world that will at once stop Itchiness of the Skin on any part of the body, and one that is absolutely safe and never failing, is Doan's Ointment. Free Samples at chemist shop of Thomas Milner, 15, Shakespeare Street, on October 20th.

THE TRANSVAAL.

In connection with the meeting held at Stanley on the 28th September, on the Transvaal question, the following letters have been received:—

Foreign Office,
October 6th, 1899.

Sir,—I am directed by Lord Salisbury to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 30th ultimo, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed at a meeting held at Stanley on the 28th ultimo.

In reply I have to express to you His Lordship's cordial thanks for the welcome terms of approval in the policy of Her Majesty's Government contained in the resolution.—Believe me yours faithfully,

SCHOMBURG K. McDONNELL.

A letter in similar terms has been received from Mr. Chamberlain from Highbury.

At a meeting of the Council of the North-West Durham Conservative and Unionist Association, held recently, a resolution of confidence in the policy of Her Majesty's Government in the Transvaal was unanimously passed, and copies forwarded to several prominent politicians. Mr Cruddas (the Unionist Agent) has received the following replies:—

Foreign Office,
October 14th, 1899.

Dear Sir,—I am desired by Lord Salisbury to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 11th October, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the North-West Durham Conservative Association. In reply I have to express to you His Lordships cordial thanks for the welcome terms of approval in the policy of Her Majesty's Government contained in the resolution.—Believe me, dear sir, yours faithfully,

SCHOMBERG K. McDONNELL.

To W. H. Cruddas, Esq., Consett.

LOCAL LEEK SHOWS.

FELLSIDE.

The annual leek show promoted by the members of the Fellside Leek Club, was held on Saturday, at the Woodman's Arms, Fellside. In addition to the leeks there was a well-filled section of celery, for which £1 was added to 1s per stand for the best two heads of celery, open to all comers. The leeks placed upon the table constituted some of the finest samples that have ever graced the tables of the Woodman's Arms, and the work of adjudication was no light task. Mr Thomas Battensby gave every satisfaction as adjudicator. The prize winners were:—

Best three leeks—1, Thomas Brown; 2, R. Morton; 3, A. Cawthorn; 4, G. Morton; 5, John Young; 6, Wm. Parkin; 7, S. Nicholson; 8, John Clark; 9, Peter Sharp; 10, James Robson; 11, Wm. Wailes.

Best two heads of celery—1, J. Crawford, Lints Green; 2, G. Ledger; 3, William Wilson; 4, Thomas Brown; 5, John Parkin; 6, Joseph Morton.

BEAMISH.

This annual leek show was held at the Shepherd and Shepherdess Inn, Beamish, on Saturday last. Beside the leeks great interest was centred in the collection of vegetables class, for which the prize was £2 10s. The judges were Mr L. Johnson, Bracken Dene, Low Fell, and Mr W. Hall, West Pelton. During the afternoon, selections of music were rendered by the Beamish Silver Model Band. The following is the list of awards:—

Leeks—1, G. Corker; 2, J. Bird; 3, G. Bennett; 4, G. Young; 5, Hall; 6, H. Wood; 7, A. Thompson; 8, T. Scott; 9, W. Smith; 10, G. Wilkinson; 11, J. Riddle; 12, J. Gowland; 13, R. Cockburn; 14, J. Rodham; 15, T. Carr; 16, H. Dodd; 17, C. Blake; 18, J. Little; 19, H. Dodd; 20, W. Davison; 21, W. Young; 22, G. Crawford; 23, J. Little.

Collection of vegetables—1, T. Carr; 2, G. Wilkinson; 3, G. Young; 4, J. Corker; 5, T. Hall; 6, T. Scott; 7, A. Thompson; 8, R. Cockburn; 9, W. Smith; 10, J. Bird; 11, G. Bennett; 12, G. Crawford; 13, H. Dodd; 14, J. Gowland; 15, C. Blake; 16, J. Riddle; 17, W. Davison; 18, J. Rodham; 19, H. Wood; 20, H. Dodd.

PELTON.

On Saturday last, a leek show was held at High Hold, West Pelton, when over £20 was offered in prizes, for competition. There was a very good set out of leeks and the competition was particularly keen. Mr R. Shield, of Swalwell, was judge, and the following are his awards:—

Leeks—1, J. Bird; 2, T. Hall; 3, G. Young; 4, R. Owers; 5, J. Riddle; 6, J. Kirkup; 7, R. Kennedy; 8, G. Wilkinson; 9, J. Bird; 10, J. Murray; 11, J. Wilson; 12, J. Theobald; 13, W. Smith; 14, J. Wilson; 15, P.C. Lawson; 16, J. Trotter; 17, J. Grundy; 18, A. Taylor; 19, J. Kirkup; 20, A. Corker; 21, J. W. Hall; 22, J. Emmerson; 23, T. Henderson; 24, W. Bewick; 25, J. Corker; 26, W. Hall; 27, R. Armstrong; 28, W. Urwin; 29, T. Armstrong; 30, T. Corker; 31, W. Watson; 32, R. Wylam; 33, J. Taylor; 34, J. Corker; 35, J. Carr; 36, J. Kennedy; 37, A. Brown; 38, R. Armstrong; 39, T. Haswell; 40, H. Brown; 41, J. Kennedy.

SPORTSMAN'S ARMS, LEADGATE.

On Saturday and Monday, a successful leek show was held at Mr Jas. Teasdale's Sportsman's Arms, Leadgate. There was a good display of leeks, etc., and during the time the show was open it was visited by a large number of people. The first prize went to Mr Geo. Ripley, of Bradley Cottages, who also took the special prize for the best leek in the show with one measuring 9¼ inches by 6 inches. That well-known exhibitor, Mr George Walton, of Leadgate, acted as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Mr Jos. Wilkinson, Leadgate, carried out the secretarial duties in able fashion. Appended are the awards:—

Three leeks—1, G. Ripley, Bradley Cottages, set of china; 2, W. Pearson, Leadgate, pair of blankets; 3, R. Nattrass, Bradley Cottages, half dinner set; 4, T. Miller, Leadgate, rug and silk handkerchief; 5, A. Thompson, Consett, pair of boots; 6, T. Brown, East Castle, half-dozen knives and forks; 7, E. Maughan, Leadgate, half-dozen knives and forks; 8, R. Graham, Leadgate, shawl; 9, J. Walton, Consett, sheets and foot-rug; 10, F. Jackson, Leadgate, jug, teapot, and cruet; 11, J. Hornsby, Bradley Cottages, chamber set; 12, Mrs Graham, Leadgate, sheet and silk handkerchief; 13, Mrs Teasdale, Leadgate, teapot; 14, E. Henderson, Leadgate, dozen spoons; 15, T. Johnson, Bradley Cottages, blankets and pants; 16, W. Walton, Leadgate, teapot; 17, Mrs Walton, Leadgate, pan; 18, J. Slater, Leadgate, shirt and shawl; 19, W. Hall, Leadgate, shirt and pants; 20, Mrs Campbell, Leadgate, cheese dish and half-dozen cups and saucers; 21, Mrs Mason, Leadgate, shawl and pants; 22, J. Murray, Leadgate, shirt and shawl; 23, W. Murray, Leadgate, half-dozen knives and forks; 24, E. Haggerston, Leadgate, spade and grape; 25, J. Wilkinson, Leadgate, pipe and tobacco.

Special prize for best leek in the show (a bakeboard)—G. Ripley.

Hand bouquet—1, 2s 6d, W. Walton; 2, 1s, T. Miller.

Beet root—1, tongue, R. Jackson; 2, 1s, E. Maughan.

Pickle cabbage—1, tongue, J. Wilkinson; 2, bottle of whiskey, W. Pearson.

LOCAL PATENT APPLICATIONS.

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

19,879.—October 4th, 1899. H. G. Fenwick, Birtley. Improvements in billiard tables.

19,880.—October 4th, 1899. J. Wilkinson and J. Stockdale, Gateshead. Improvements in boxes and cases.

20,054.—October 6th, 1899. C. Thompson, Newcastle-on-Tyne. An improved foot rest for cycles and the like.

20,142.—October 7th, 1899. F. Dawson and J. Kuhr, Middlesbrough. Automatic hoisting and travelling gear for blast-furnace charging system.

Ebchester Rowing Club

The annual ball in connection with the above club was held in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, on Friday night, and was voted one of the most successful gatherings ever held by the club. Over 40 couples tripped the "light fantastic" to excellent music supplied by Messrs R. Dawson (pianist), J. Vasey (violinist), and W. Brown (concertina.) The refreshments were catered for by Messrs Armstrong and Fairlamb, and, as usual, were of a high-class order. Several songs were sung by Messrs A. Burns, F. Marron, and others. "Auld Robin Gray" was excellently rendered by Mr J. Vasey on the violin. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr J. Charlton, and left nothing to be desired. Dancing was kept up with great vigour until four o'clock the next morning by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mr A. Milburn, Ebchester; Miss Emmerson, Byker; Mr R. Maughan, Miss Curry, Ebchester; Mr W. McKinny, Miss McKinny, Westwood; Mr J. Simpson, Ebchester; Miss Cant, Medomsley; Mr R. Tiffin, Miss Dodds, Allendale; Mr W. Minks, Allendale; Miss Caffery, Consett; Mr E. Brown, Miss A. Beck, Medomsley; Mr A. Burns, Miss Burns, Allendale; Mr J. Oxley, Miss Dixon, Westwood; Mr G. Brown, Miss Brown, Westwood; Mr T. Parker, Westwood; Miss Surtees, Derwent Cottages; Mr J. Bell, Miss Lamb, Consett; Mr J. Brown, Miss S. Clegg, Allendale; Mr and Mrs Fairlamb, Allendale; Mr and Mrs Milligan, Medomsley; Mr T. Murray, Mr W. Waggott, Mr E. Irving, Mr T. Waggott, Mr T. Glendinning, Mr A. Johnstone, Mr J. Ward, Ebchester; Mr Small, Shotley Bridge; Mr Brown, Ebchester; Miss Cant, Miss M. Longstaff, Medomsley; Mr Sanderson, Miss C. Emmerson, Westwood; Mr A. Charlton, Allendale; Miss Thompson, Newlands; and others.

Funeral of Mr Wm. Cheeseman, of Whickham

On Saturday afternoon, the remains of the late Mr William Cheeseman, of Whickham, were laid to rest in Whickham Churchyard. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, was one of the most respected residents in the district, and his demise, which took place after a long illness, was the occasion of wide-spread sorrow. Mr Cheeseman fulfilled the duties of clerk to Messrs Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company, Ltd., for a considerable number of years, having joined that firm when quite a youth. He was held in the highest regard by his employers and fellow colleagues alike. The deceased gentleman was a devotee of our summer pastime, and ably wielded the willow for a number of years. Several of his sons are members of the Whickham Cricket Club, in which the deceased took a warm interest, and by his death the club has lost a warm supporter. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Allwork. The chief mourners were Mr Thomas Cheeseman (brother of the deceased), Mr James J. Cheeseman, Mr George Cheeseman, Mr William Cheeseman, and Master Albert Cheeseman (sons of the deceased), Miss Elizabeth Cheeseman, Miss Henrietta Cheeseman, Miss Jane Cheeseman, Miss Alice Cheeseman, and Miss Lily Cheeseman (daughters of the deceased.) Amongst those assembled at the graveside were Dr. A. W. Attwater, Coun. R. T. Swinburn, Mr Joseph Gardner, Coun. R. Taylor, Mr E. Liddell, Mr T. Liddell, Mr Nicholson, Mr M. Burn, Mr R. Batey, Mr Atkinson, Mr Turnbull, Mr R. Mordue, Mr T. B. Mowbray, Mr J. Mowbray, Mr W. Mowbray, Mr W. Glass, Mr Joseph Harbottle, Mr T. Hall, Mr W. B. Collin, Mr John Arkless, Mr T. Steel, Mr J. G. Elliott, Mr Mann, Mr Stark, Mr T. A. Smith, Mr Spoor, Mr W. H. Jobling, Mr Thomas Collin, Mr Edward Charlton, Mr John Blair, Mr and Mrs T. Taylor, Mr Matthew Scott, Mr Heighton, Mr John Bruce, Mr R. Coates, Mr D. Main, Mr R. Hedley, Mr J. Shepherd, Mr James Collin, Mr Matthew Collin, Mr Thomas Wedderburn, Mr Wain, sen., Mr H. Bell, Mr J. Clark, and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

LETTERS for insertion should reach us not later than TUESDAY morning.

THE BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Replying to your Leadgate correspondent "T.C.," I have to state that the Billiard Tournament Committee has no power to deal with the question of admitting visitors other than those who are members of Institutes forming the Tournament. I would therefore refer him to the management of such places as he may desire to visit.—Believe me, yours truly,

JOS. ASKEW.

Blackhill, October 9th, 1899.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM REVISION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—I fail to notice in your report, re the above, any mention of the new lodger claims made by the Liberal Agent, Mr. Winter, the same being objected to on the grounds that the form used did not comply with that prescribed by the Act of Parliament the Barrister deciding in favour of the Conservative Party, and the decision affecting from fifty to sixty Liberal lodger claims. As I have heard this question raised by several of your readers, and the position of affairs entirely reversed, I think, in justice to the Conservative Agent, Mr. Cruddas, this ought to be inserted in your next issue. Thanking you in anticipation, —Yours truly,

UNIONIST.

THE VALE OF DERWENT NATURALISTS FIELD CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In the leaderette column of your paper of last week you refer to the fact that the Vale of Derwent Naturalists' Field Club intend issuing their transactions in instalments. I am very pleased to hear this, for I think it is quite time they did do so. No transactions have been issued since the year 1892, and as the Club has been in a flourishing state for some years—in fact, almost since its foundation—there must be a goodly sum lying in the hands of the treasurer. But why not issue the transactions in a volume form? Seeing that there ought to be seven years subscriptions of the members in hand, surely this sum of money would be sufficient to do so. Such a long lapse of time without a volume of transactions having been issued is not creditable to the management of the club. I am glad, however, that they intend to make amends for past errors.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

J. W. F.

AGED MINE-WORKERS' HOMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—The bold and provident experiment at Haswell Moor of providing free dwellings for aged mine-workers promises great success. It was urged by some that our aged people would not leave their old localities and associations. That is only true in a limited degree. Two things are true with reference to Haswell Moor —(1st) that more than 75 per cent of our old friends who have had the chance to come are accepting the opportunity; (2nd) they who have come are delighted with their new homes. Permit me to appeal to the mine workers of Durham to make the opening a gigantic success. Cheap excursion trains will be run on the occasion, viz., the 28th inst. and they will have an opportunity of seeing Haswell Moor for themselves, and forming their own estimates of the utility and wisdom of such dwellings as we are establishing for the aged toilers who know how to appreciate them.—Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH HOPPER.

Haswell Moor, near Sunderland,
October 16th, 1899.

SCARCITY OF WATER AT MEDOMSLEY EDGE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dere Mr. Editor,—A've just cum in fra the pit, and ah canna git a drop o' watter; noo am in a bonny sweat ah can tell you. My wife say's its on account of the war, but ah don't know; war or no war ah didn't like to wesh amang churned milk and soda-watter. What makes things worse, ny wife started to wesh this week, and she's making things hot for me, cause she canna get finished, she says if ah had out of a man in me, ah wad gan alang and see the Parish Scoundrils. Ah telt her they had nought to do wid the watter, but she hes to have her awn way. Noo, Mr. Editer, ah think the Consett Watter Works folks should give us a bit warning, so that we might git our poss-tubs full, mind it makes it bonny and hard for a man that cums in black, and canna git no watter (as am riting there's a little lass been at oor door, asking the len of a can of watter till theres cums in). Ah can tell you we are in a bonny swatter round about here.—Yours truly,

ONE OF YOUR READERS.

Medomsley Edge,
October 12th, 1899.

CUI BONO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—According to the medical press, the Pasteur Institute is being overwhelmed with requests from every country in Europe for plague serum. It is reported that the institute will be able without difficulty to supply the demands of Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Turkey without touching on a stock which is reserved for France in case of any invasion by the plague. Yet, assuming the serum is preventive, to make it available it would be necessary to inoculate the entire population of every country, repeating the process at relatively short intervals, as even its advocates admit that the immunity they claim it to confer is impermanent. But experience has proved its inefficiency. Dr Chevreau, who employed the anti-plague serum in Madagascar, by order of the French Government, to prevent the spreading the epidemic, wrote:—"The serum has been perfectly useless, and in most of the cases it has produced serious accidents." Referring to the failure of the many serums introduced, a correspondent writes:—"One disease after another is tried with serum. The treatment fails to cure. In each instance an apology is offered for the disappointed hopes. Serum treatment has never been a success in any disease, not even in diphtheria. The attempts at serum for cholera, either as a preventive or cure, are a complete failure. The same is true of yellow fever and the bubonic plague. Few physicians outside of the enthusiasts who give their time to laboratory experiments put faith in serum treatment. Physicians and the public are misled into high hopes based on the statements sent out by the experimenters. There is not a single disease that is not better off by some other method of treatment than the serum plan. Serum treatment is a passing fad in medical history. Many thousands of public money are wasted on laboratory experiments with serums upon dumb animals. These experiments have no practical application. The human experiments with serum cost lives, and obscure for the moment better treatment. Public money could be better used than on serums." The civilised countries seem to follow French fashions in medicine as well as in dress.—I am, sir, yours truly,

MAURICE L. JOHNSON.

Marlborough Villa, Kingsdown Parade,
Bristol.

WHICKHAM SCHOOL BOARD.

A REMARKABLE CASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Your report of the above "case" illustrates the "remarkable" readiness of a member to make out a case without first grasping the details. The boy Gilchrist is not 11 but 13 years, an age at which many parents, scholars, and others consider a boy "exempt." The enquiry notes mentioned have been used for years, yet our member has discovered them in Gateshead. Hundreds of parents and scholars know of them, and the excuses we receive are at times "remarkable cases" too. This particular lad Gilchrist has been enquired for—playing truant is no new thing—and the School Board officer was put on his case. The officer called upon the mother, who informed him that the lad was sent to the neighbouring Church School. There the officer called to find his information misleading, so he immediately penned a letter to the mother saying what he had discovered. His next call upon her secured the new information that the lad had gone to the Victoria Road School.

Our members never got wind of these points, yet being dead set on these "printed slips" and so raised a "remarkable case" of "serious" aspect "to the Board," all against that delinquent schoolmaster. As I have been treated to several "reported" affairs which circulated over the district may cause many people to think the schoolmaster is a person to keep an eye upon, I trust you will give me an opportunity to refute the statements suggested in the discussion. Were it not for this, I would not trouble myself about the absolutely frivilous though "remarkable case" brought before the Whickham School Board.—I am, sir, yours very truly,

C. McINTYRE.

Board School, Dunston,
Oct. 17th, 1899.

HYDROPHOBIA STATISTICS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In the annual report of hydrophobia cases treated at the Pasteur Institute, Dr. Pottvin makes the following statement:—"In the twelve years that the Pasteur Institute has been in existence, 21,631 persons bitten by animals came to the Institute for anti-rabic treatment. Only 99 of these died; therefore 21,532 human lives have been saved by Pasteur and his pupils." In reference to this passage, Dr. Lutaud says in "Le Journal de Medicine," September 15th, 1899:—"This is more than audacity, it is a veritable lie! According to the statistics revealed by the Council of Hygiene, and published by M. Brouardel, from 1850 to 1882 the average deaths from hydrophobia (in France) was 27. Who will believe that the number has attained the tremendous amount of 1,800 per annum since the foundation of the Pasteur Institute?" Dr. Lutaud then gives examples of the misleading methods by which these incredible returns are obtained; such as the inclusion of a number of people whose only claim to hydrophobia was that they had eaten the cooked flesh of a jackal; and the careful exclusion from the death-list of all who succumb while under treatment; those who die within fifteen days after the last inoculation; or the many who do so after returning to their homes. Mr. W. G. Cox, M.R.C.V.S., writing on the preposterousness of the Pasteur cure claims, mentions forty people in one commune, who received preventive treatment on the assumption that two persons who had died at Tarville owed their deaths to the bite of a rabid dog. After careful investigation it was discovered: (1) that the dog was not mad, (2) that one of the persons died of cancer and the other of delirium tremens, (3) that no one had been bitten. These facts show what an incalculable concensus of collateral circumstances contribute to enable the promoters of Pasteurism to present the results of the treatment in a most exaggerated and deceiving aspect to the public.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

F. L. BAKER.

33, Pembroke Road, Clifton, Bristol.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—As the Kyo School Board Election approaches near I think a retrospect of its proceedings for the past three years may be of some interest both to the ratepayers and the members constituting the present Board, although there is not much information allowed to appear in the public press. Whether it be the fault of your reporters, or the gradual toning down of the voices of the members constituting that august assembly I cannot say; but when we read of the ears of your reporters being strained to their utmost capacity in trying to catch the strains of their voices, and even then they could only make it into a buz-buz, excites my curiosity and suspicion, so much as to inquire what can be their reason for such Quaker-like proceedings? I have always had the greatest respect for the gentlemen constituting that Board, and refuse to believe that any mean or unworthy motive prompted such an action; but I also think that in these democratic days when doing public business there ought to be no turning down of the gas, or party ends served. We cannot shut our eyes from the fact that much of the Board's business would have been more successful had little prejudices been curbed, and instead of building the new schools on the present site, which was unsafe, they had bought land adjoining the old schools at a little dearer rate. Twenty years' experience has proved it safe, and it would have been more economic, and to the interest of the ratepayers in the end; but they chose to spend the money they saved and the price of land on levelling up the schools to level line, which may give way at any time and thus cause endless expense. I do not think there is any reason to complain about the other schools under the Board's control. The improvement at Kyo must be a decided advantage to the children. Here they have, in Mr. Dixon, a model head teacher, who does not attempt to cram the children with figures or rod, but who knows that all children are not made from one model, have their various tendencies, and can only receive as much as their intellects will allow, and to this the head teacher pays strict attention; and for his kind treatment to the children he has gained a universal reputation in the district. I am sorry to hear that this is the only school in the district having a savings bank connected therewith and, if report be true, this has been done through the influence and practical assistance of one of the members of the Board, and that member not a man of substance, but who realises the hardships of the pick points, speaks volumes for his sincerity and interest in the children's welfare, which no Englishman would attempt to deny. These are things in which we as the electorate ought to exercise a great amount of caution and be sure that no ulterior motives are at the root of men's actions; for we have all read or heard of stories where a generous disposition was only a species of Tammany, or a bribe to catch the unwary, who never reflect or ask themselves, "Why do these men treat me so kind at election times?" and this is why generosity is ofttimes taken as ability. Now, Sir, on the day of the poll every voter should think for himself seriously, of how he could best assist, not the vain glory of some, but the interests of the children who have a just right to receive all the benefits of our educational system; and this can only be done by choosing men with the best intellectual capacity. Do not mistake a man's position as a capacity, or his generosity for his ability.

RATEPAYER.

KYO AND DIPTON SCHOOL BOARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

SIR,—The heather is on fire! The welkin will soon resound with the clash of arms and the din of strife. The progressives have taken to the field led on by the redoubtable people's candidate, who intends to carry all before him, and storm the citadel of indolence and monopoly. By-and-bye the Kyo river shall run red with the blood of the innocents, unless an amicable arrangement is come to, and the sun shall sink upon a scene of dreadful carnage! Years after those who are now in the hey-day of youth and strength, when old age shall have bent the back and dimmed the eye, over the roaring fire when the wind howls over the pit-heaps, they shall draw their children and children's children round their knee, and tell them of the days of long ago, and the scenes of strife and dreadful conflict that once took place on the banks of the clear winding waters of the Styx of Annfield Plain! How privilege, and monopoly, and indolence was crushed beneath the heel of the triumphant tread of the new blood, and the old order perished in ignominious deaths! These acts shall be recounted with breathless interest, and the names of the vanquished shall no doubt be held in veneration and respect.

"How Tom and Bill and Jack and Gill,
The men who fought 'gainst Storey!
Came to their end,
Good God forefend,
That they shouldn't all meet in glory!"

The conflict is only now in its preliminary stage, the field batteries are being put into position, and centres of attack are being arranged, and the Martini-Henrys are given out in abundant quantities, with a plentiful supply of plantinotypted paper bullets, as being the most deadly instruments of destruction now in use! It is being mooted that very shortly the invading force intends to hold a public meeting in the Annfield Plain Co-operative Hall some evening, in order to give their reasons to the public, who are somewhat interested spectators, why this extermination is determined upon—to expose to public view the crimes that have been committed in the name of education by the renegade delinquents of the Kyo School Board—those traitors to their country and the coming pillars of our state—the children! This, I consider, is only fair and just, and what ought to be, that this meeting should be held. It is taking the people into the confidence by the able generals who have come to the front as the saviours of India—I mean Annfield Plain—and this will certainly strengthen their own position in the day of trial, which will come too soon for some. It must be rather hard treatment, however, to those unfortunate gentlemen who now occupy the unenviable position of members of the Board, that they should be so summarily court-martialled and treated in such a fashion as if they lived in "la belle France," without a fair chance of explaining their position; and I would humbly suggest to those whom it may concern that at this meeting to be held, and which "must" be held before open hostilities take place, friend and foe should come together, and before the public give an account of their respective claims to the position they now occupy, and to which the belligerents are so very anxious of occupying. The public should thus form their own opinion as to the heinousness of the crimes committed by the old Board, that would warrant the contemplated operations of extermination directed against them. Men of Annfield Plain, insist upon this public meeting—you are entitled to have your say before war is declared. Face the music, gentlemen, please.—Yours etc.,

FIRE-EATER.

October 18th, 1899.

IS BRITISH SPORT DYING OUT? has often been a question for discussion, and it is very satisfactory to know that a negative answer can be given. The physical condition of Englishmen has improved during the past half century, and the cause of this satisfactory change is attributed to the better style of living which has been adopted by all classes. Men are more temperate, both in eating and drinking, and, above all, the system is kept in tone and the blood purified by medicines of sterling worth, such as Holloway's Pills and Ointment. The taste for sport will never die while people use these remedies, which will cure or relieve any complaint, and give strength in place of weakness.

SPEN.

P. M. CHAPEL.—On Tuesday week through the kindness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Emmerson, Spen, a successful supper was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Spen, the proceeds being in aid of a new organ. The tables were presided over by Miss Hood, Miss Emmerson, Miss Richardson, and Miss Carr. The proceeds realised £5.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—On Sunday and Monday evening week, missionary services were held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel Spen, the same being conducted by Mr. T. Armstrong on Sunday, and by the Rev. Mr. Morse, Waterhouses; Mr. T. Brabban, Marley Hill; Mr. Oates, Causey; and Mr. McColvin, Chopwell on Monday evening. The services were most successful.

ALLENDALE COTTAGES.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The services in connection with the 25th anniversary were brought to a close on Wednesday, October 4th, when a splendid sermon was preached in the afternoon by the Rev. J. Herryman Taylor, M.A., of Newcastle. At the close of the service a splendid tea was provided in the school-room. In the evening the Rev. J. H. Taylor delivered a most interesting lecture entitled, "The story of the English Bible," to a good and very attentive audience. Mr. W. Richardson presided, in the absence of Mr. S. Brodie, of Consett. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Taylor for his very instructive lecture. At the close of the lecture a ham-and-coffee supper was provided in the school-room. The tea and supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robson. The following ladies presided at the tables:—Misses Hardy, Liddle, Halliday, Berryman, Holland, J. Turner, while Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Wigham attended to the cutting of the bread, etc. The total proceeds of these services amount to the handsome sum of £18 18s, and with promises yet to come it is hoped to realise over £20.

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ANNFIELD PLAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Tuesday evening, the monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Burial Board Office, Hare Law, under the presidency of Coun. J. W. Taylor, J.P. There were also present—Couns. T. Storey, R. Hall, W. Down, J. Mason, T. Clark, W. Young, J. G. Taylor, W. Eltringham, and W. Johnson; the Surveyor (Mr T. J. Trowsdale), and the Clerk (Mr T. L. Watchman.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee examined, approved, and recommended for payment, accounts amounting to £672 17s 9d. In addition the committee recommended that £38 16s 10d be paid to contractors for removing house refuse, making the total pay-bill for the month £741 14s 7d. The application of Mr Robert Bates for an increase of salary in the offices of collector and assistant-overseer, adjourned from last month, was considered, and it was resolved that the Council be recommended to increase the salary of Mr Robert Bates in the office of assistant overseer by the sum of £10 per annum, and in the office of collector by the sum of £5 per annum. The committee considered the estimates for the half-year ending the 31st March, 1900, and prepared a statement of the money required, and it was resolved that the same be approved and submitted to the Council, and that the Council be recommended to levy a General District Rate at the rate of 1s 3d in the £; that the Surveyor and Mr Councillor Storey be authorised to purchase a suitable writing table or desk for the use of the Surveyor.

Coun. J. G. Taylor moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded and carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee considered the plans, and it was resolved that the plan of proposed farm house at Harperley, for Messrs James Joicey and Co., be approved; that the plan of stable and cart-shed at Victoria Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr J. Scott, be approved; that the plan of stable and cart-shed at Catchgate, for Mr T. Daglish, be approved; that the plan of proposed alterations to Mr J. T. Lazenby's property at Front Street, Annfield Plain, be adjourned till that night, pending the receipt of further information, when it was passed; that the plan of proposed erection of tenement house in Annfield Terrace, Catchgate, for Mr Robert Humphrey, Hare Law, be adjourned till that night for further particulars, when it was approved; that the plan submitted by Mr G. T. Wilson, of proposed erection of two tenement houses in Croft Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr J. Harrison, be adjourned till that night, pending further information, when it was rejected; that the plan of proposed erection of twelve houses at Hawthorn Terrace, Annfield Plain, for Mr J. Harrison, be approved, subject to ash-closets being substituted in lieu of ashpits and privies; that the plan submitted by Mr Hartley, of proposed erection of three houses at Dudley Terrace, Annfield Plain, be approved; that the plan of proposed erection of stable at Wesley Terrace, Dipton, for Mr Wilson Gibson, be approved, subject to the drainage arrangements being satisfactory; that the plan of proposed conversion into tenements of house at Flint Hill for Mr Alexander Hendry, be approved, subject to the out-offices being re-arranged; that the plan of proposed additions to Mr J. Harrison's property at Croft Terrace, Annfield Plain, be rejected, because it is not in accordance with the bye-laws; that the plan of proposed erection of pantry at Dipton, for Mr George Murray, be approved; that the roadmen be paid at the rate of 6d per day extra when employed on sewerage work. A letter was read from Mr Wm. Dawson, declining to pay half of the amount of his apportionment for the cost of street works, when it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr Dawson, informing him that the Council have no discretionary power after the provisional apportionments have been approved.

Coun. Storey moved, and Coun. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee resolved that the Surveyor be instructed to write to the lamp-lighter, drawing his attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the lamps on Hare Law and Flint Hill road, and inform him that some improvement must be effected; that the question of obtaining a "Rotary" sweeper be not entertained at present. The committee considered the applications of two firms for the consent of the Council to their applications to the Board of Trade for a Provisional Order under the Electric Lighting Acts, authorising them to supply electricity in this district; and it was resolved that the Northern Counties Electricity Supply Co., and the Durham Lighting and Carbide Co., be requested to furnish the Council with complete details of their respective schemes, together with a draft copy of their proposed Order as early as possible.

Coun. Down moved and Coun. Clark seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

A GOOD THING.

A circular letter which was read from the Durham County Council relating to the feeding of children, was relegated to the Finance Committee.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

A long circular letter was read from the Local Government Board relating to the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act of 1899, which empowered the Council to lend money to those who wished to build houses.

The Chairman moved its relegation to the Finance Committee.

Coun. Down seconded the motion.

The Chairman: It would be a good thing, but we cannot do much with it.

The motion was carried.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Inspector, Mr Trowsdale, drew the attention of the Council to several delapidated wooden hutches and sheds situated in some instances on the highway and in others abutting them, at the north-side of the East Castle Road at Annfield Plain. The premises were unsightly, and were used principally as receptacles for rubbish, and were more or less causative of nuisances. He recommended that the owners be requested to remove them. The infectious cases had been visited as they occurred. In the case of typhoid fever notified there was no apparent cause for the outbreak at or near the premises.

WOODEN HUTS.

Coun. Down moved that notices be served on the owners to remove the wooden hutches.

Coun. J. G. Taylor seconded the motion, which was carried.

A LICENSE GRANTED.

Coun. Storey moved, and Coun. Down seconded, that a license be granted to Mr T. S. Parker for his slaughter-house at Annfield Plain.

The motion was carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr R. Bates, collector, reported that during the month he had collected £208 17s 0d for private streets works; £3 10s 10d for sanitary pipes sold; making a total of £212 7s 10d. The balance to the credit of the Council at the bank was £943 13s 0d.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. T. Benson, Medical Officer, reported that during the past month there were notified to him the following cases of infectious diseases, viz., seven of scarletina and one of enteric fever. The latter occurred in Annfield Plain from some unknown cause, at least nothing was discovered likely to account for its origin. The former resided in Kyo, Hill Top, and Annfield Plain respectively, and all could have originated from the outbreak already reported. The mortality for the four weeks was considerably below the average; twelve deaths were returned, giving a death-rate equal to slightly less than 12 per 1,000 per annum. Not one death resulted from preventible disease.

A MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.

In pursuance with his notice of motion, Coun. Clark made the following proposition:—"That the road leading into Hill Top, Dipton, be widened sufficiently to allow for two vehicles to pass, and a footpath to be formed; also that the entrance from the main road be made more easy of access, and that negotiations be entered into with the owners of the land for carrying out the above scheme." In speaking to his motion Coun. Clark said most of the members of the Council would be acquainted with the particular road, especially the Dipton Councillors, and they would doubtless all agree with him that it was a very necessary and much-needed improvement. There were barely ten feet at the entrance, which was a sharp curve and sloped, that indeed being the average width of the road right along. There were some 100 houses in the village, and in addition a large lodging-house capable of accommodating 68 lodgers. It was very necessary that the road should be improved. He had been asked by one or two of the property-owners to bring the matter before the Council, as they thought something should be done as soon as was convenient. Another great drawback was that the people were obliged to make their exit from the village by the same way as they made their entrance. If the owners of the land were approached, and the reason explained to them, they might come to some reasonable terms with them. He was quite aware that the Council's hands were full of work at present, but his idea was to bring the matter forward with the view of having the way paved for its completion in the future.

Coun. Mason seconded the motion.

Coun. Hall asked if there had been any encroachment made upon the road to account for its being so narrow?

The Chairman replied that he could not say anything on that point.

Coun. Mason: That will be to seek out.

The Chairman suggested the addition to the motion that the Surveyor be empowered to collect information in respect to the possibility of extending the road through the Hill Top to meet the main road somewhere near Mountsett.

Coun. Clark expressed his willingness to allow the addition to be made to his motion, which Coun. Hall seconded, and it was carried.

BURIAL BOARD MATTERS.

It was deemed advisable at this time of the year to issue precepts on the overseers of the parishes of Kyo, Collierley, Pontop, and Greencroft Within, for the expenses of the Burial Board during the ensuing year, ending March, 1901. The amount to be provided for by rate for the year will amount to £138 8s 2d. The proportion of the contributions at the rate of 1½d in the £ on Kyo would be £95 9s 7d; on Greencroft Within, £35 4s 9d; on Collierley and Pontop, £19 5s, producing a total of £149 19s 4d.

The Chairman moved, and it was resolved, that a rate of 1½d in the £ be made.

QUESTION OF REMUNERATION.

The question of fixing the amount of remuneration to be paid by the overseers of the parishes of Kyo and Pontop and Collierley to the persons employed in making and collecting the Burial rate was considered.

Coun. Down moved that the person collecting the rate in the Collierley and Pontop parish be paid £2 2s.

Coun. Young seconded the motion, which was carried.

Coun. Storey moved, Coun. J. G. Taylor seconded, and Coun. Young supported the motion that £10 10s be paid to the person who collected the rate in the Kyo parish.

An amendment moved by Coun. Down that the sum paid be £12 12s did not receive a seconder, and the motion was carried, after which the Council rose.

Collierley School Board Election Gossip.

[By an Onlooker.]

On Monday first the residents in the Collierley School Board area who enjoy the privileges of enfranchisement will be called upon to perform a duty which devolves upon them triennially, of electing representatives to the Collierley School Board. In view of the keen competition for these local honours, the serious-minded elector should calmly consider first, whether the actions of the old Board warrant them in making any very radical changes in its constitution; and, secondly, if so, which of the new candidates offering their services possess the best sympathies and highest abilities for discharging those duties which from time to time they will be called upon to fulfil? A short review of some of the work of the retiring Board might be appropriately made here, in order to clear the air, which in certain quarters has been polluted by the unwise, injudicious, and indiscriminate action of the happily few opponents of the Board who have endeavoured to belittle the actions of some members of the Board through petty jealousy and spite. In many things the Board are justly entitled to the unfeigned gratitude and appreciation of the electors for the very able way in which their arduous duties have been discharged. Perhaps one of the most important parts of the Board's work has been found in the selection of efficient head teachers for the three departments, and any unbiased thinker will readily admit the great success which has attended their labours in this respect. The question of salaries, another very important item, is one which it has been found necessary to deal with seriously and effectually, and although in a few instances their action has called forth a small amount of adverse criticism, yet taking into account the good results produced by the so-called additional expense, their action has been quite justifiable. But if some of the ratepaying community are inclined to think that the question of the finances has been dealt with in a fast-and-loose way, they should not forget that the salaries of the head teachers are no higher, if as high, as those which were paid shortly after the formation of the Board, and at a time when the state and efficiency of the schools was very much below the distinguished position they now hold. Considering the improved status of the present-day teacher with that of those twenty years ago, and the salaries paid in other parts of the county for work which cannot excell that accomplished by the teaching staff of the Collierley Schools, it is only fair that the improvement in the conditions of the schools should be recognised in a reasonable and suitable way. The majority of the old members have, judging from the discussions at their monthly meetings, evidently striven to make themselves acquainted with the Education Codes, although in one or two instances the public eye has had a rude awakening to the utter ignorance displayed, happily by the minority of that body, with the most elementary details both of the Education Codes and school management, a matter which the electors would do well to remedy at the approaching election. It is a most deplorable thing that men who have neither sympathy with, nor average ability for managing, or at least attempting to manage the educational affairs of this important area, should be entrusted with such a great responsibility. But better things are expected of the electors on Monday, who it is to be hoped, will display at least an average amount of intelligence by returning to office the best of the nine candidates, irrespective of party or creed. What is wanted on the Board are men of broad-mindedness and catholicity of spirit, men who have sufficient backbone to act in an independent, fearless, and honourable manner, and are prepared to discharge the duties of a Board in a frank, open-minded, and unbiassed spirit.

Tanfield District Council

An adjourned meeting of this authority was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board Offices, Tanfield, Coun. W. Holmes, J.P., presiding. The other members present were Councillors A. Davies, B. Mason, J. Rodham, W. Bulmer, T. Pringle, W. Harrison, Rev. T. H. Archdall; Mr. T. Armstrong (Clerk), and Mr. R. Heslop (Surveyor.)

THE RATE.

The Chairman said the amount to meet was £1,930.

It was resolved, on the motion of Coun. Bulmer, seconded by Coun. Davis, that a rate of 1s 3d in the £ should be levied to meet this amount.

DR. HILL'S REPORT.

The report from Dr. Hill, County Medical Officer, was received and considered. The report drew attention to several alleged nuisances in the district.

It was resolved, after discussion, to send notices under the Housing of the Working Classes' Act to the owners of property at Madgen's Row and the Fold.

It was also decided to request the Surveyor to report re the alleged defective privies at White-le-Head.

The report stated that several of the backyards at Lintz were in an unsatisfactory condition, and should be repaired.

It was resolved that notices should be served upon the owners compelling them to put these yards into repair.

Attention was drawn to certain houses at Low Friarside and Tanfield Lea, which were said to be without proper spouting, and it was agreed that notices should be served upon the owners compelling them to have the necessary spouting erected.

The report also stated that Edmondson's house property at Busty Bank, Burnopfield, were defective as regards the roofs and back walls, the latter being damp.

It was decided that notices should be served, ordering these to be repaired.

At Tanfield Lea and many other villages, the out-offices were reported to be very large and of faulty construction.

Nothing was done as regards this matter.

Other minor matter detailed in the report was dealt with, shortly after which the meeting terminated.

Organ Recital at Stanley.

On Friday night last Mr David Clegg, the well-known and talented organist, who has recently been engaged at Tynemouth Palace, and is to give recitals at the Paris Exhibition, testified to the beauties of the new organ recently erected in the West Stanley Wesleyan Church. Mr Clegg's programme was a severe one, and was a test for both player and instrument. The programme was a remarked proof of the ability of the former and the excellence of the latter. Opening, in the presence of a large audience, with Widor's Symphonique Concertante, the performance was at once an example of artistic combination. The three movements—allegro, allegretto, and presto—were beautifully illustrated, and prepared the audience for more difficult themes to follow. Dr Arne's organ concerto was rendered in a masterly manner, as also was an intricate introduction and fugue by Piutti. Eight short pieces in different styles were a delightful treat, but the grand selection of the evening was Wilmer's descriptive fantasia. "A summer day in Norway," introducing a representation of a thunderstorm. The official description of this composition is worth quoting:—"Open with a flowing melody which suggests the dawn of day and is of pastoral character; the movement is interrupted by the mutterings of an approaching storm. In returning to the tempo primo we hear the gay carolling of the feathered tribe represented in florid variations for piccolo and clarionette; the familiar song of the cuckoo greets us, previous to which, however, is played in very solemn tones the good old chorale, 'Jesus Christ, my sure defence.' Soon comes a brilliant polonaise which asserts its striking individuality and prepares the way for the Salterello, and, by no means an ungrateful relief, the simple melody in faint accents of a Norrwegian Volkslied, or song of the people, is given out on the softer instruments, which grows with an impressible crescendo and forms a finale to the fantasia of great brilliancy and grand sonority." This word description is graphic, but the performance was more so. With dexterous skill every point was illustrated so clearly that the audience could not only read the theme, but felt impelled at the close to burst into a loud roar of applause. It was a triumph for both organ and organist and is not likely to be forgotten by those who heard it. The last item on the programme was Rheinberger's finale from an organ sonata, but at intervals the audience were treated to several solos rendered by Miss Lily Dunn, of Gateshead, and Mr Tom Holland, of Catchgate. The soprano sang sweetly and effectively, and the tenor needs no further recommendation than to say that he sang in his usual style. The proceeds of the recital were in aid of the new church.

ITCHING PILES.

Any one who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, or from Eczema, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that comes through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails. Free Samples at chemist shop of Thomas Milner, 7, Shakespeare Street, on October 20th.

STANLEY POLICE COURT

WEDNESDAY, October 18th.—Before Mr J. Green (presiding) and Mr W. Holmes.

DRUNKENNESS.

The following persons were called upon to answer summonses charging them with this offence, and were dealt with as under:—John Thornton, 5s and costs; Wm. Rafferty, 1s and costs; Arthur Daley, 2s 6d and costs; John Gardner, 5s and costs; Robert George, 5s and costs; John Coyle, 5s and costs; Henry Winn, 2s 6d and costs; Charles Southern, 2s 6d and costs; John Harris, 2s 6d and costs; Matthew Stephenson, 2s 6d and costs; Bernard Campbell, 2s 6d and costs; William Vickers, 2s 6d and costs; Arthur Winn, 2s 6d and costs; James Heslop, 2s 6d and costs; Richard Smith, 2s 6d and costs; William Joyce, 2s 6d and costs; John Souter, 2s 6d and costs; Thomas Cockburn, 2s 6d and costs; Charles Routledge, 5s and costs; and Thomas Harris, 2s 6d and costs.

VAGRANCY.

Henry Hall, Patrick Meegan, and John Allen were charged under the Vagrancy Act, with sleeping out at Stanley, on the 13th inst.—Evidence was tendered to show that the defendants were caught by a constable on the date named, sleeping out at West Stanley Colliery.—The defendants were sent to prison for seven days.

CHANGE OF LICENSED PREMISES AT LEADGATE.

James Kelly applied for a temporary transfer of the Queen's Head Inn, occupied by Frederick Collingwood.—The application was granted.

EXPENSIVE BLACKBERRIES.

John Mitchell and Mark Dawson (young men) were charged with doing wilful damage to a fence at Craghead, the property of Messrs Thomas Hedley and Bros., to the amount of 1d each.—P.C. Crisp said on the 6th inst., he saw the defendants near West House Farm gathering blackberries. The fence was all damaged in consequence.—The defendants were each fined 1s, 1d damage and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Samuel Waggot was charged with a contravention of the Highways' Act, by allowing two cows to stray upon the highway.—P.C. Stubbs said on the 30th ult., he was on duty at Old South Moor, where he saw two cows belonging to the defendant, straying on the highway, without anyone in charge of them.—A fine of 1s and costs was imposed.

OBSCENE LANGUAGE.

John Shield was charged by P.C. Stubbs with using obscene language at South Moor on the 27th ult.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Robert Pattinson and Patrick Lavell were charged with having been found drunk on licensed premises at Stanley.—Sergt. Leadbitter attested that on the 30th ult., about 8.20 p.m., he visited the Commercial Hotel, Front Street, Stanley, and there found the two defendants, who were drunk, sitting upon a form in the bar.—Pattinson, who failed to appear, was fined 5s and costs, whilst Lavell was fined 1s and costs.

Bernard Cunningham was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Richard Rawes, Smith's Arms Inn, South Moor.—Richard Rawes said that on the 23rd ult., the defendant who had been running a foot race, came into the bar, and took hold of a man, whom, he alleged, had stolen his top-coat, and began to use filthy language. Witness, together with a waiter, got hold of the accused and he was ejected, and when in the street he began to use filthy language.—The Clerk (to witness): Did you ask him to go out before you got hold of him?—Witness: "I said "now Barney go out quietly," but he refused to do so. Witness (continuing) said that the defendant when outside paraded the doors, and had done so ever since. (Laughter.) The accused had also threatened to put a knife through prosecutor. Defendant to prosecutor: When did I say I would put a knife into you? Prosecutor: Outside the door. Defendant: I never did. Prosecutor: Well I have a witness to say so. Defendant: You never ordered me out of the house; I have a witness to prove that.

Edward Brown gave evidence for the prosecution. He said he was engaged by Mr Rawes as "waiter on" at the time of the occurrence. The defendant refused to leave the premises when requested to do so, and also used bad language.

Defendant: I would like to know where he was when I had hold of Ned Hall?—Witness: In the passage.

Defendant: Funny! (Laughter.)

P. C. Stubbs said the prosecutor's son came to his house and told him of a disturbance, but when he got there the defendant had left and witness did not see him.

George Smith, a witness for the defence, said he was in the public house at the time, and the defendant was never ordered out. The Chairman (to witness): Did Mr Rawes not order him out? Witness: No. The Clerk (to witness): Did you see him parading on the doorstep? Witness: Never; I saw him go off the doorstep.

The defendant in his defence said he only asked Edward Hall where he had left his coat, and he replied that he had given it to a man upon the road. Accused got hold of Hall and said, "Came Ned, show me the man that you gave the coat to." Defendant had only got the loan of the coat, and he had lent the same to this man Hall, and Hall told him that he had lost the coat. Accused said, "This will not do for me, you'll have to pay for your carry on."

The accused was fined 1s and costs.

LICENSING PROSECUTION FROM BLACKHALL MILL.

Thomas Armstrong, of Blackhall Mill, was charged with having sold beer at an unlicensed place, and Thomas Bellerby was at the same time charged with having sold beer without a license.—Mr T. W. Welford, Consett, defended.

P.C. Thomas stated that on Thursday, the 21st ult., about 1 p.m., he was on duty at Far West Street, East Stanley, when he saw the defendant, Thomas Bellerby, call at nearly every house in the street. At No. 5 witness saw Bellerby deliver a box containing something. Witness went towards him and asked him what he had and he replied that he had 1 dozen half-p'nt bottles of beer, and 1 dozen half-pint bottles of porter. Witness asked Bellerby to accompany him to the house, and there saw Mrs Kilgallon. Witness carefully examined the box containing the stuff, but failed to find any label. Witness called Bellerby's attention to the fact, and he replied, "Nay, here is no label upon this box." Witness made a search, but failed to find any label.

Mr Welford (to witness): Did Mrs Kilgallon shortly afterwards say that she had found the label—Witness: She did.

Mr Welford: Did she show you the label?—No; she told me she had burnt it.

Did you ask her to go to the police court?—I asked her to go to the police station.

And you told her it would not be necessary to come to the court?—I told her that it would be necessary.

She did tell you that she found the label?—Yes.

Did she tell you what the label was like—No.

Did you examine the cart?—Yes—at the tail end of the cart.

What did you find?—A lot of boxes.

Were they full or empty?—Full.

Were there any labels upon them?—Yes.

I suppose you believed that the woman found the label?—It's a matter of opinion.

I'll take your opinion; did you believe the woman when she told you that she had found the label?—I object to answering that question.

How long have you been in this neighbourhood?—Above two years.

This man during that time has travelled this district?—I don't know him.

Have you never seen Armstrong's cart?—I don't remember.

Did you say that the man Bellerby told you that there was no label on?—Yes he did distinctly say so.

Mrs Kilgallon, in answer to Mr Welford, said she remembered Bellerby coming to her house on the date in question. Witness afterwards found the label from the beer lying under the corner of the mat.

The Chairman (to witness): Did you burn that label?

Witness: Yes, when I swept up the house.

The Clerk: How did you know that it was the label off the box?

Witness: Because there was none in the house like it.

Mr Welford submitted to the Bench that the ticket (produced) was given when the order was given, and this ticket, or rather the same ticket that was given with the order was upon the box when it was delivered to Mrs Kilgallon. What he suggested was that the ticket being found in the house showed that the ticket had been upon the box, but how it had got displaced he could not tell them. He would call the cartman, who would tell them that Mrs Kilgallon gave an order and that the ticket was filled in, and taken to Blackhall Mill, and the order was made out from that ticket, therefore, clearly the sale took place there, and he was not liable.

Thomas Bellerby, the cartman, in reply to Mr Welford, said he took the order from Mrs Kilgallon, for 1 dozen stout and 1 dozen ale (gills.) When he received the order he marked the same down upon a ticket and gave it to Mr John Armstrong at Blackhall Mill. Witness went out on the 21st September from Blackhall Mill with a cart containing several boxes of beer and stout; everyone of these boxes was labelled before he left that place. The ticket that he filled in on September 15th, was fastened to a box at Mr Armstrong's and brought out by witness. Everyone of the boxes were labelled and appropriated to each party, upon whom he had to call. He had no stuff upon his cart that was not ordered.

P.C. Thomas (to witness): How far was the cart from the house?—It might be about ten yards.

It might be five?—It would be a long five.

How long was I in coming to you after you delivered the box?—Ten minutes.

What sort of a day was it?—It was on a Friday. (Laughter.)

How are these labels fastened on?—They were put on with a tack and a cork.

How can you account for them coming off; it was a fine day, and how can you account for the labels coming off between the cart and the house?—It was on when I went to the place with the box.

How do you account for it falling off, if it was found on the mat?—At each side of the box it opens.

How long have you been in the business?—Eight or nine weeks.

Do you know that it is highly important to have a label upon the box?—Yes.

Don't you think it was your reasonable duty to look for the label?—Yes sir.

Did you look for the label?—No sir, I did not.

John Armstrong, son of the defendant, said his father carried on a beer business at Blackhall Mill. On September 15th Bellerby brought him a ticket upon which was wrote 1 dozen ginger beer, and 1 dozen bottles of stout for Mrs Kilgallon. Witness saw the ticket nailed upon the box, and it was addressed to Mrs Kilgallon, 5, West Street. There was no beer sent out unless they got a ticket at Blackhall Mill.

The defendant, Thomas Armstrong, was now sworn. He said he had given instructions that no beer or stout had to be put upon the cart unless it was "appropriated" at Blackhall Mill, and a ticket had been received for the same.

Mr Welford drew the attention of the Bench to the case of Pletts and Campbell, in which the judges held that if the stuff was labelled and sent away from the licensed premises that was sufficient, and he submitted on this ticket being produced at Blackhall Mill the order was made out, and the same ticket was sent back with the order.

The Chairman said the Bench had decided to dismiss the case, but they considered that the policeman was justified under the circumstances in bringing the case before the court.

REFUSING TO QUIT.

James Watson was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of Henry Lawson, Craghead, on the 14th inst.—A fine of 1s and costs was imposed.

AMONGST THE TURNIPS.

John Hands was charged with doing wilful damage to turnips, the property of Edward Wylam, on the 1st inst.—The accused was fined 5s, 1s damage, and costs.

A CARTMAN IN TROUBLE.

Samuel Davison, of Bensham, was charged with a contravention of the Highway Act.—P.C. Ferguson stated that on the 28th ult., he was on duty near Causey Schools, where he saw two horses attached to a rolley coming along the road. The accused was lying down upon the vehicle in a sound sleep. The rolley nearly collided with another vehicle, and witness had great difficulty in wakening up the defendant, who seemed to have had a quantity of drink, as he was in a dazed condition.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

Ralph Williamson was charged with doing wilful damage to grass the property of Alexandra Atkinson.—A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed—8s in all.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

The annual harvest festival services were celebrated in the above church on Sunday last, when special sermons were preached morning and evening by the Rev. Geo. E. Polkinghorne, the newly-appointed Superintendent minister to the circuit. The evening service was crowded. A special solo was sung by Miss F. Watson (Blackhill), in sweet fashion. The Orchestra Band, under the able leadership of Mr. I. Nixon, played a special selection (by request), which was well rendered and much appreciated. The services were continued on Monday evening, when a grand entertainment was given, presided over by Mr. Andersen. Miss English (Consett), and Miss Spence (Shotley Bridge) rendered solos in capital style, whilst Mr. Nixon (Shotley Bridge) again delighted his audience by his masterly expositions on the violin. The Orchestral Band was also again much in evidence. After the entertainment the fruits and vegetables were disposed of, after which came the coffee supper, to which a large number sat down, the tables being presided over by Meedames W. Brown and Bishop, and the Misses Redshaw and M. Brown, the supper being all given by several members of the Society. The services in the aggregate have proved a great success, both in point of attendance and financially, the receipts being largely in excess of any previous year. The whole of the proceeds will go to the Chapel Trust Funds. Mr. Thomas presided at the organ, in his customary painstaking and efficient manner. A deviation in the ordinary manner of conducting the services was made on this occasion. Hitherto it has been the custom to hold the three services all on the Sunday, but the afternoon service was omitted this year, and substituted by the Monday evening meeting with the addition of the coffee supper. The results have fully justified the trial of the experiment in the successful results achieved, especially in the substantial increase in the finances. Mr. T. Pinchen conducted the choir, and carried out the managements generally, in excellent fashion.

BAPTIST CHURCH, CONSETT.

The harvest thanksgiving services in connection with this place of worship were held on Sunday last, when the special preacher for the occasion was the Rev. E. Mason, of South Shields. In the morning the rev. gentleman preached on "The land laws of Moses." The land, he said, belonged to God, or, more literally, to the "people of God." No man had a right to annex and enclose vast portions of land for his own private and pecuniary benefit. It was to the people to be held in trust for their use and advantage. The land of the county of Durham belonged properly to the people of Durham, etc., and no one in Wales, Scotland, or India, or any other place had any right to derive moneys from lands in this country. The preacher also treated upon the restoration of lands in the year of Jubilee—the land being allowed to lie fallow every seventh year, and treated as common property during that year, the slave having equal rights with the masters. One of the effects of this was that it taught the landowners economy, inasmuch as when they knew that they would have no income from the land that year, it necessitated them making previous provision, or "putting by for a rainy day" as the saying was. He advised young men nowadays to do the same thing. They should work and save, giving what was right and just. The wedding day could wait. He advised them not to be in a hurry to marry, but to make themselves possessed of a fair share of the comforts and gifts that God had put here for their use and benefit. They were put there to be used, and no man had a right to accumulate and hold them for his own especial benefit. That was one of the things which made him (the speaker) a bit sceptical and of the duplicity of President Kruger's boasted professions of religion, viz., his great riches. The preacher also dwelt on the subject with regard to its application to house property. He advised every young man to go in for a house of his own. Speaking generally the rev. gentleman said that he didn't advocate the literal application of the land laws of Moses to everyday life, but rather the spirit of them. If that spirit was carried into their national politics and national affairs, it would do a great deal towards helping them to live the natural and happy life that God intended them to live. There was no virtue in poverty. The present harvest thanksgiving and tokens they had all round and about them reminded them of all the great things that God had prepared for their use and sustenance. He hoped that the few remarks he had made that morning would have the effect of inspiring those there to endeavour to put into actual practice some of the principles he had enunciated for the good of their fellow-men, who were the owners of the land as the people and tenants of God. In the evening the rev. gentleman gave a thoughtful discourse on incidents pertaining to the Crucifixion. The services were continued on Monday evening, when a fruit banquet was held, and addresses given by the Rev. A. Curwood (West Hartlepool), F. Gorham (South Shields), and the Pastor, the Rev. T. Durant. Mr. John Petherick, The Terrace, Consett, presided. Mr. J. Cockburn conducted the singing, whilst Mr. Isiah Sheldon presided at the organ.

NEW THEATRE, CONSETT.

The ever-popular farcical absurdity, "Muldoon's Pic-Nic," forms the attraction at the New Theatre this week, and, needless to add, the play has been received with every demonstration of delight. New "business" has been introduced into the play, which goes with a swing and smoothness that has been much appreciated. As our readers will probably be aware, "Muldoon's Pic-nic" deals with scenes of Irish life in New York, and the fun rules fast and furious. Mr John Cassidy has got together a most capable company, and their efforts have caused endless amusement. As "Michael Mulcahy," Mr Tom Lisbourne has a part that suits him down to the ground, whilst nothing but praise can be awarded to Mr J. P. Marsden, Mr W. Gardiner, Mr J. F. Hayward, and the remainder of the gentleman of the company. Miss Grace Woodleigh, Miss Madge Cassidy, and little May also sustain their parts to perfection. We strongly advise all who enjoy a hearty laugh, and can appreciate rollicking yet harmless fun, to pay a visit to the New Theatre. Several songs are introduced with good effect, and altogether local play-goers should not miss "Muldoon's Pic-nic" as placed on the boards by Mr Cassidy's most excellent combination of artistes.

Hallo, old man, walking without your stick! I thought you were crippled with rheumatic pains! So I was until I went to Patrick, Chemist, Front Street, Consett, who gave me some Liniment and Medicine, and soon sent me to work again. 370a.

LOCAL WEDDINGS

Mr Joseph G. Wake and Miss E. Nixon

On Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Shotley Bridge and Benfieldside witnessed one of the prettiest weddings that has occurred in the neighbourhood recently. The contracting couple were Mr. Joseph Gibson Wake, Electrician, of Cornsay Colliery, and Miss Eliza Nixon, the popular violinist of Benfieldside Edge Road. The ceremony took place at the Wesleyan Church, Shotley Bridge, and seldom has the congregation presented a more pleasing effect than the varied colours of the ladies attire, who were there to witness and take part in the wedding. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. J. V. Sutton, of North Road, Darlington, assisted by Rev. J. Bishop, of Shotley Bridge. Mr. Wake was attended by Mr. Harry Nixon, cousin, and Mr. Thomas Nixon, brother of the bride, whilst Miss Nixon, who was dressed in dove grey cloth dress trimmed with white silk, and white hat trimmed with chiffon and tips, was followed to the altar by Miss Hannah Nixon, sister of the bride, and Miss Maggie Wake, sister of the groom. The bridesmaids were dressed in dresses of a slate coloured material adorned with pearl grey silk trimmings, also Miss Hilda Agnes Nixon, youngest sister of the bride, and Miss Amy Agnes McTaggart, niece. The children were prettily arrayed in cream, French Merino, and wore white Leghorn hats. The flowers deserve special mention, and were the gift of the bridegroom. The bouquet of the bride was an artistic arrangement of liliums, white chrysanthemums and roses with long streamers of smilax and beautified with maiden hair fern. Miss Hannah Nixon and Miss Wake wore beautiful sprays, whilst the children had each a handsome basket of flowers. The bridesmaids wore gold brooches, also the gift of the bridegroom. The wedding party looked attractive and pleasing. The bride being given away by her father, Mr. Thomas Nixon. The Wesleyan orchestra was present, and rendered the "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn, and during the afternoon performed a programme of music at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon received numerous friends to luncheon. At Shotley Bridge Station numerous friends witnessed the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wake by the 3.30 train, "en route" for Edinburgh and Perth for their honeymoon. Mrs. Wake's travelling dress was grey cloth with hat in harmony. A young people's party held at night was also numerously attended and an enjoyable time was spent with games, singing, etc. The presents were too numerous to mention, and consisted of valuable, ornamental, and useful articles. Mr and Mrs. Wake will reside at Cornsay, and have the good wishes of all their friends for a bright future.

Mr John W. Kellett and Miss Edith Cooke

On Wednesday the village of Annfield Plain was "en fete," the occasion being the marriage of Miss Edith Swallow Cooke, the second daughter of that popular tradesman, Mr. C. F. Cooke, to Mr. John Walton Kellett, second son of Mr. T. W. Kellett, of South Moor. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a very large and aristocratic assembly, was celebrated in the Consett Wesleyan Church, the Rev. J. W. Denham, resident Wesleyan Minister, of Annfield Plain conducting the service in an impressive manner. The bridal party travelled from Annfield Plain to Consett in carriages, and after the ceremony drove to the bride's house, where a reception was held, to which a very large company of guests sat down. Shortly after the arrival of the bridegroom, the bride, leaning upon the arm of her father who afterwards gave her away, entered the church, and took her place in front of the Communion rail, being attended by the bridesmaids, Miss Louisa Williamson, of Amble; Miss Emma Cooke, sister of the bride; and Miss Jane Kellett, sister of the bridegroom. The "best man" was Mr. M. H. Kellett, of West Auckland, brother of the bridegroom, while Mr. C. F. Cooke, jun., and Mr. Robinson, of Middlesbrough, officiated as groomsmen. The service commenced by singing the hymn, "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," after which the Rev. J. W. Denham offered prayer and proceeded with the ceremony proper, assisted by the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, of Consett. Mr. John Russell, jun., organist of Stanley Wesleyan Church, officiated at the organ, and rendered "The Wedding March" and other suitable voluntaries as the bride and bridegroom passed up the aisle after having signed the register. The bride was adorned in a white alapaca dress, trimmed with silk and passementrie, wore a white picture hat, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom, while the bridesmaids were attired in dresses of grey poplin, trimmed with passementrie and chiffon, and wore hats to match. They also wore brooches and bangles, the gift of the bridegroom. The list of presents included many useful and costly articles. We tender Mr. and Mrs. Kellett our heartiest congratulations, and sincerely trust they will be spared to enjoy a long and happy wedded life.

Mr C. Hall and Miss M. A. Pattersen

On Wednesday morning, the marriage of Mr Chas. Hall, son of Mr Thos. Hall, contractor, Barton Burn, Blackhill, to Miss M. A. Patterson, eldest daughter of Mrs Ann Patterson, 2, Beattie Terrace, Blackhill, and the late Mr Thos. Patterson, late of Stanhope, was celebrated in the Blackhill Primitive Methodist Church, the Rev. J. S. Nightingale, of Consett, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Wm. Patterson, was adorned in a light blue silk dress, trimmed with white silk, and wore a felt hat trimmed with white tips and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, sister of the bride, wore a grey dress trimmed with passementerie, and wore a grey felt hat trimmed with grey velvet and white tips. Miss Kate Hall, another bridesmaid and sister of the bridegroom, was dressed in blue trimmed with white silk and white trimming, and wore a grey felt hat trimmed with grey velvet and white tips. The bride and bridesmaids also wore handsome brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, and the bride carried a shower bouquet. Mr Benjamin Hall, brother of the bridegroom, was "best man," while Mr Robert Patterson, brother of the bride, acted as groomsman. The presents were both numerous and costly.

Mr G. B. Robinson and Miss A. Harvey

On Wednesday, a wedding that created some interest was solemnised between Mr George Bulman Robinson, of Durham, and Miss Annie Harvey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thompson, of Taylor Street, Consett. The ceremony took place at the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Chapel, the officiating minister being the Rev. J. Bishop. Miss Thompson (sister of the bride) acted as bridesmaid, whilst Mr John Hickford, of Consett, was the "best man." At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party returned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a recherche luncheon was partaken of. In the evening, some 40 guests assembled in response to the invitations issued by Mr and Mrs Thompson, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Mr and Mrs Robinson were the recipients of a large number of handsome and costly presents, and many good wishes were expressed for their future welfare and happiness.

Funeral of Mrs Ann Maria Walker, of Consett

The funeral of the late Mrs Walker, Constance Street, Consett, aged sixty-nine, took place last Sunday afternoon, when a large company of relatives and friends paid their last respects to her memory in following the remains to their last resting-place. The deceased lady was the wife of Mr James Walker, and came to the district some fifty-three years ago, and was afterwards married to Mr Walker from the house in Albert Row (then known as Brickfiats Row), at St. John's Church, Newcastle, in 1849. They celebrated their golden wedding on the 29th May last, when a large company of relatives and friends met on the occasion to congratulate them on the auspicious event. Amongst those present at the funeral were:—Mr James Walker (husband of the deceased), Mr and Mrs Farnsworth (daughter and son-in-law), Miss Farnsworth, Mr and Mrs Enoch Walker (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (son and daughter-in-law, Newcastle), Mr and Mrs Henry Walker son and daughter-in-law), Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. Walker (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Roberts (sister) and Miss Roberts (Leeds), Mr and Mrs Grainger, Mr and Mrs Hobday, Mr Joseph Allison, Mr and Mrs Cummings, Mr Thomas Jones, Mrs Venice Dunn, Mr and Mrs Robt. Peacock, Mr Thomas Robson, Mr Wm. Robson (Newcastle), Mrs Miller, Mrs Martin, Mrs Inglis, Mr Jesse Hall, Mr and Mrs J. J. Farnsworth (West Hartlepool), Mr Jacob Urwin, Mrs Gentles, Mrs. Foster, Mr G. Graham, and others. The underbearers were Messrs Robt. Burns, Stephen Judge, Wm. Johnson, and Ralph Walton, and the coffin was of pitch pine with brass mountings. Mr. Wm. Grainger conducted a short service at the house previous to proceeding to Blackhill Cemetery. The deceased lady's eldest son is the minister of a large Methodist Church at Scranton, Pennsylvania, in the United States, and has recently been visiting this district, preaching at most of the local chapels in the neighbourhood whilst here. He re-sailed for the States on the twelfth July last, and has since been joined by a grandson of Mrs. Walker, viz., Mr. Geo. Farnsworth, of Albert Row, Consett, who has also gone out to study for the ministry at one of the colleges there.

FOOTBALL.

DERWENT VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The usual monthly meeting of this body was held at Tantobie on Tuesday night, Mr W. Hodgson (chairman) presided, and representatives were present from South Tanfield, Consett Swifts, Lints Rovers, Leadgate Park, Byer Moor, Marley Hill, Tantobie, Blackhill St. Cuthbert's, Tanfield Lea, Hamsterley, and Burnhope.

LEAGUE PLAYERS.

Mr Bennett asked a question referred to in the minutes with regard to certain players, that if they played in more than two games they would not be considered Derwent Valley League players.—The Secretary (Mr Payne) said this only applied to Consett Swifts. At the last meeting Leadgate Park and Annfield Plain revised their teams. Consett was not represented and they took the team submitted at the beginning of the season.—Mr Hogarth said the players referred to were Charlton and Wake.—Mr Taylor said that Charlton had passed his examination as referee, and did not want to be stopped from refereeing.—The Secretary said there was nothing in the rules to stop Charlton from playing and also acting as referee.—Mr Bennett said that Leadgate were playing Birtley in the first team.—Mr Graham explained that they were going to submit another team, including Birtley.—The Consett representative submitted Joe Finnigan in place of Wake, Charlton having already played.—Mr Graham gave in the names of Birtley and Thompson in place of Houston and Grant.—Mr Grey said that Cox's name was not submitted as a first team player for Annfield Plain.—Mr Taylor thought it ought to be.—It was decided that Cox and Muse should be considered as first team players for Annfield Plain.

THE NEW RULE.

Mr Weedy referred to the new rule passed at the previous meeting respecting importing players for special games.—The Chairman said it was on the agenda.—Mr Weedy contended that as it was not passed at the annual meeting it was out of order.—The Chairman said at the annual meeting no rules were gone into.—Mr Bennett thought otherwise.—The Secretary said he was at the annual meeting, and had a distinct remembrance that no rules were gone into at that meeting.—On referring to the minute-book this was found to be the case.—The Secretary said there was no hardship to any club in the new rule. Was it right that clubs should travel into other counties for players? He considered it was not honourable.—It was here explained to the Byer Moor representatives that the new rule only applied to importing players for special games, and that they were at liberty to play the men they had mentioned provided they played them regularly.—Messrs Bennett and Weedy expressed themselves as satisfied with this explanation.

SOUTH TANFIELD V. BYER MOOR.

A letter was read from South Tanfield with respect to their postponed game with Byer Moor, the latter cancelling the game owing to the death of Mr Pickering. South Tanfield said that having ordered the brake they had to pay for it, although they did not go.—It was decided to adjourn the matter for a month, the two clubs in the meantime to endeavour to come to an amicable arrangement.

BURNHOPE V. BLACKHILL.

Burnhope protested against Blackhill for playing ineligible men in their game at Shotley Bridge, on September 30th. They claimed that Aitkin, Robinson, and Smith were not eligible to play.—It was decided that the game be replayed on cup-tie terms, and that Blackhill be fined 5s.

REFEREES FOR NOVEMBER.

The following referees were appointed:—

NOVEMBER 4TH.

Blackhill v. Lints—G. F. Grey.
Burnhope v. Consett—W. Hodgson.
Hamsterley v. Tanfield Lea—R. Milligan.

NOVEMBER 11TH.

Blackhill v. Leadgate—W. Hodgson.
Tanfield Lea v. Burnhope—H. Cruddas.
Annfield Plain v. Hamsterley—J. Gray.
Consett v. South Tanfield—G. F. Grey.

NOVEMBER 18TH.

Consett v. Lints—T. Amos.
Annfield Plain v. Tanfield Lea—G. F. Grey.
Blackhill v. Byer Moor—J. Hudspith.
Leadgate v. Harley Hill—A. A. Fletcher.

NOVEMBER 25TH.

Lints v. South Tanfield—W. Hogarth.
Tantobie v. Blackhill—H. Cruddas.
Annfield Plain v. Burnhope—W. Hodgson.

LEADGATE YOUNG PARK v. LEADGATE RISING STAR.

This game was played on the Rising Star ground, and resulted in a win for the Young Park by 2 goals to 1. The following did duty for the Young Park:—Goal, C. Birtley; backs, J. T. McGee and J. T. Lee; half-backs, T. Coombe, E. Hedley, and G. Sibley; forwards, R. Toward, A. Birtley, A. Lane, W. Lane, and E. Calvert.

Fixtures for Saturday, Oct. 21st.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

LEADGATE PARK v. SUNDERLAND A.

This game comes off at Roker Park on Saturday when the following will represent

LEADGATE PARK—Goal, A. N. Other; backs, G. Temple and Joe Wilson; half-backs, T. Cartmell, R. Wilson, and J. Bowes; forwards, R. Cook, W. Crowther, S. Thompson, G. Forster, and J. Birtley.

Leave Leadgate Station at 12.15.

STANLEY v. HEBBURN ARGYLE.

At Stanley. Kick-off 3-15.

STANLEY—Goal, Robbins; backs, Saunders and Bell; half-backs, Coates, Allison, and Redpath; forwards, Ellis, Robson, P. O'Connor, Douglass, and Masterman.

TYNESIDE LEAGUE.

CONSETT TOWN SWIFTS v. WALBOTTLE.

To be played at Walbottle on Saturday.

CONSETT—Goal, Wm. Graham; backs, Jos. Finnigan and J. Laidler; half-backs, B. McKie, W. Harrison, and J. Dempsey; forwards, B. Rafferty, J. Little, Jas. Finnigan, M. Eustace, and J. Morgan.

Referee, Mr S. Hutchinson, Gateshead. Kick-off at 3.30.

Brake leaves headquarters at 1 p.m.

ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC v. MICKLEY.

To be played at Annfield Plain. Team:—

CELTIC—Goal, J. Gallagher; backs, R. Pearson and W. Beckitt; half-backs A. Coyle, J. Coyle, and R. Gillender; forwards, R. Forster, J. Hewison, J. Muse, E. Storey, and W. Parker.

Referee, Mr G. W. Greener. Kick-off at 3.30.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK RESERVE v. LINTZ ROVERS

This game will be played on the Park ground on Saturday, and there should be a stiff tussle for the points. Teams:—

LEADGATE PARK—Goal, J. Calvert; backs, M. Willis and P. Clark; half-backs, D. Cart-?, McAloon, and R. Dawson; forwards, J. Harper, W. G. Robson, P. Hughes, T. Cook, C. Todd. Reserves, Gleadow, W. Calvert, and Kelly.

LINTZ (chosen from)—Dews, Turpin, Wood, Barns, Hughes, Sinclair, Hanrattie, W. and J. Humble, Pyle, Watson, Dews, McAneny, Sables, Weedy, and Gannon.

Referee, Mr R. Milligan, Medomsley. Kick-off at 3.

CONSETT SWIFTS RESERVE v. BYER MOOR.

CONSETT—Goal, J. Sheeky; backs, J. Wilson and G. Wood; half-backs, P. McNally, R. ?idley, and T. Coleman; forwards, W. Walton, W. Little, J. Hull, E. Pratt, and W. Atkinson.

BYER MOOR—Goal, R. Hodgson; backs, G. Bennett and H. Lowe; half-backs, T. Young, T. Spoor, and M. Bell; forwards, G. E. Weedy, J. Smith, G. Nicholls, E. Leighton, and R. Hall.

Brake to leave Pack Horse Inn at 1.15.

Referee, Mr T. Reed, Leadgate. Kick-off at 3.

HAMSTERLEY v. ANNFIELD PLAIN CELTIC RESERVE.

At Blackhall Mill.

HAMSTERLEY (chosen from)—Rudd, Carr, Little, Dodds, Richardson, Anderson, Parker, Johnson, Swinburn, Fenwick, D. Seath, and G. Richardson.

CELTIC—Goal, Sellaway; backs, Forster and Pendleton; half-backs, Reay, Cochrane, and Watchman; forwards, Bell, Hill, Rutherford, Bell, and Smith.

Meet at headquarters at 2.

TANTOBIE CO-OPERATORS v. SOUTH TANFIELD.

At South Tanfield.

TANTOBIE—Goal, J. Lishman; backs, W. Adamson and J. Gladders; half-backs, T. Middleton, J. McKever, and F. Bell; forwards, T. Burns, R. Weightman, W. Fletcher, T. Seath, and R. Atkinson.

MARLEY HILL LITERARY INSTITUTE v. BURNHOPE.

To be played at Burnhope.

MARLEY HILL—Goal, T. Grant; backs, P. Cullen and B. Davison; half-backs, I. Gilbert, R. McDermott, and E. Boulter; forwards, R. Lyall, J. Warnaby, Ringer, W. Douglass, and F. Barker.

Referee, Mr Hodgson, Tantobie.

CONSETT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

CONSETT UNITED RESERVE v. SOUTH MOOR.

To be played at Consett.

UNITED RESERVE—Goal, J. Donnelly; backs, T. Jones and T. Wilkinson; half-backs, A. Overall, R. Johnson, and J. Connor; forwards, J. McCone, J. Grant, J. Emmerson, J. Bridgewater, and J. Curry. Reserves, C. Redshaw and E. Murphy.

SOUTH MOOR (chosen from)—Perryman, Parnell, Smalles, Bogran, Mitchieson, Nicholson, Mason, Lambert, Armin, Briggs, and Purvis.

Brake leaves Oxhill Hotel at 2.30.

Referee, Mr W. Oliver, Benfieldside. Kick-off at 3.45.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. STANLEY.

At Stanley.

LEADGATE—Goal, J. Johns; backs, J. Thompson and A. Overall; half-backs, W. Calvert, A. Winter, and W. Graham; forwards, L. Davison, S. O. Else, H. Hedley, E. Birtley, and J. Kelly.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S JUNIORS v. CONSETT BAPTISTS.

To be played at Consett.

BLACKHILL—Goal, D. Davies; backs, A. Simpson and W. Ayton; half-backs, G. Turnbull, T. Dempsey, and R. Richards; forwards, J. Proud, J. Lamb, G. Greener, R. Watson, and M. Oliver.

Kick-off at 3.

ALLENDALE PARK v. KAFFIRS.

At Medomsley.

ALLENDALE PARK—Goal, Jno. Scott; backs, W. and M. Walton; halves, Brown, R. Longstaff, and Gillender; forwards (from), Craig, J. Lotton, J. Robinson, T. Hanley, J. Lynop, Trueman, and J. Wright.

KAFFIRS—Goal, Dorp; backs, Steyn and Susi; half-backs, Loben, Fonstein, and Majwara; forwards, Wilfrid, Tokio, Gjers, Tavelli, and Gjen.

Kick-off at 3 prompt.

BLACKHILL ST. CUTHBERT'S v. CONSETT UNITED.

To be played at Shotley Spa grounds.

BLACKHILL—Goal, I. Richards; backs, J. Taylor and J. G. Robinson; half-backs, J. Johnson, A. Mathieson, and P. Cain; forwards, G. Smith, D. Routledge, C. Lumley, M. Robinson, and A. Aitken.

UNITED—Goal, T. Dodds; backs, S. Dimmick and J. Longhorn; half-backs, W. Peacock, T. Dimmick, and J. Henderson; forwards, G. Lewis, G. Kellett, D. Robinson, J. Keenan, and J. Lee. Reserves, R. McIntosh, R. Bowen, and A. Smith.

Kick-off at 3.15.

Marley Hill Literary Institute Reserve have the following dates vacant, and would like them filled with good juniors or reserve teams:—Home, Nov. 25th, Jan. 1st, Feb. 3rd or 24th, March 10th, April 14th or 28th; away, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd or 16th, Feb. 10th, March 24th, April 7th or 21st.—Apply, Mr G. F. Grey, 50, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

South Moor Starwell Rovers have all dates vacant, and would like them filled up as soon as possible, with teams average age 13 years.—Apply, A. Waites, 41, Elm Street South Moor, via Chester-le-Street.

HOCKEY.

DERWENT VALLEY v. STOCKTON.

At Shotley Bridge on Saturday, when the following elevens will oppose each other:—

DERWENT VALLEY—Backs, T. D. Dales (capt.), J. E. Thorpe, and T. W. Hanson; half-backs, A. C. Blunt, J. M. Nicholson, and J. Hamilton; forwards, H. H. Wattsford, W. S. Douglass, R. S. Renton, W. H. Croudace, and C. T. Foreman.

STOCKTON—Backs, A. R. Dolphin, G. Stephenson, and F. Sanderson; half-backs, C. F. Baker, A. W. Warner, and G. H. Wattsford; forwards, S. Swan, H. Martin, C. S. Dudleyfield, W. Burn, and M. S. Ware.

Bully-off at 3.30.

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SALE OF WORK AT SOUTH MOOR.

In aid of the trust funds of the new Primitive Methodist Church at South Moor, a sale of work was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Miner's Hall. There were several large and heavily laden stalls, all arranged in an artistic and attractive manner. They were presided over as follows:—Society's stall: Mrs J. Wilkinson, Mrs W. Atkinson, Mrs Wales, Mrs J. Anderson, Mrs G. Jarvis, and Mrs R. Wilkinson. Fancy stall: Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Martha Laverick, Miss Polly Laverick, and Miss Bentley. Miscellaneous stall: Mrs W. Davison and Mrs T. Davison (South Moor.) Toy stall: Mr David Bentley and Mr Thomas Davison (South Moor.) Music and toy stall: Mrs Geo. Halliday, Mr G. Garnett, and Mr Geo. Sanderson. Bran tub: Mr John Elliott. Fruit stall: Mrs Bentley, Mrs Willis, and Mrs Cooper. Cashiers: Miss Garnett and Miss Robinson.

Mr W. Davison (Louisa Terrace) presided at the opening proceedings, and after devotional exercises he said he had pleasure in introducing a young lady, Miss I. Gray, to open the sale. Miss Gray was one of their own. The object of the sale was to raise funds towards the rearing of the place wherein they proposed to worship. The time was fast approaching when they would have a good place, and he trusted before that bazaar closed they would have obtained a good round sum towards the fund.

Miss Gray expressed the pleasure it gave her in being present, and the efforts she saw before her made her believe more and more that the things they did should be well done. She had been referred to as a young lady, but she could remember the time when there was no place of worship in South Moor. Now, however, they had their Wesleyan Chapel, and she hoped before the end of the year the Primitives would have their new building opened, for it was greatly needed. She had great pleasure in declaring the sale of work open. (Applause.)

Mr W. Davison (South Moor) moved a vote of thanks to Miss Gray, who had befriended them on more than one occasion. She had come forward that day to show her delight and interest in work of that kind. It was gratifying to find that the teaching of Jesus Christ was becoming more and more effective, and that they regarding giving in matters like the present rather as a privilege than as a favour. He hoped Miss Gray would be able to look back upon that day with pleasant memories. (Hear, hear.)

Mr Atkinson seconded the vote of thanks, and referred to unostentatious acts of kindness on the part of Miss Gray, which, he said, were known only to a few.

The vote was carried, after which the sale was proceeded with, and during the afternoon tea was provided by Mrs Tucker, Mrs Mylan, and Mrs G. Bruce.

On Wednesday afternoon, the opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Bruce, of South Moor, in the presence of a large gathering. Mrs Grey, of Burnhope, was due to open the sale of work, but she found she was unable to attend, so the duty fell upon Mrs Bruce. Mrs Bruce made a short speech, and at the end of it she gave a donation to the sale. A vote of thanks to Mrs Bruce was moved by Mr Davison, seconded by Mr Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

The trustees desire to express their gratitude to the following, who have all contributed to the sale of work:—Mr Appleby, Mr Ridley, Mr Appleton, Mr S. Ridley, Mr J. D. Wood, Mr Baitey, Mr T. Bell (Newcastle), Wilson and Co., Carr and Co., Hayton and Co., E. and F. Turnbull, Mrs Collins, Mrs Henderson, Messrs T. Reed, J. Robinson, Dodds, Slater, Sanderson, Robson, Wright, Clough, Punbow, M. Armstrong, Ramshaw, Barker, Gardner, Kellett, Buxton, Grix, Richardson, Garnett, Johnson, Nattrass, and Miss Watson.

Licensing Cases at Durham Quarter Sessions.

Mr Higginbottom's License not Confirmed.

At Durham Quarter Sessions, on Wednesday, Mr Robert Cranston, of No Place, Stanley, on the application of Mr Meynell, had his license confirmed without opposition.

Mr Higginbottom, who was granted a license for a house to be built in Front Street, Stanley, by the Lanchester Justices, asked through Mr Meynell for confirmation.

Mr Higginbottom and Mr T. E. Crossling each gave evidence in favour of the application.

The Chairman (Canon Greenwell) said certain stipulations had been exacted from previous applicants at Stanley, and he did not see why Mr Higginbottom should be exempted from them. They required the licensed holder to live on the premises. As Mr Higginbottom did not comply with that request his application would be refused.

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CRICKETERS' BALL AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Wednesday evening, the members of the Medomsley Cricket Club held their annual ball in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley. The building had been nicely decorated by the members of the committee, who were assisted by Mrs W. T. Hunter and Miss Hetherington. The stewards were:—Mr A. M. Hedley, Mr M. Hedley, Mr M. T. Milburn, Dr. Downs, Mr G. E. Milburn, Mr W. Cant, Mr W. Robinson, jun., Mr J. Pattison, and Mr G. F. Scott. Admirable music was supplied by Mr W. Veitch, Medomsley, whilst the refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs R. Moffitt, of Medomsley. Mr T. W. Vasey acted as secretary, and carried out the arrangements most efficiently. There was a capital company present, amongst whom we noticed the following:—

Mr R. Clark, Shotley Bridge.
Mr B. Sanderson, Medomsley.
Mr W. Lovat, Medomsley.
Mr J. Pattison, Medomsley.
Mr J. and Miss Walker, Medomsley.
Mr and Mrs W. T. Hunter, Medomsley.
Mr T. Clark, Shotley Bridge.
Mrs Elsom, East Law.
Mr R. Death, Leadgate, and Miss Hadwin, Westwood.
Mr English, Low Westwood, and Miss Cant, Medomsley.
Mr A. T. A. Whiteley, Medomsley.
Mr H. Walton, Medomsley.
Mr J. Thompson and Miss May Pattison, Waskerley.
Mr T. W. Vasey, Medomsley.
Mr J. R. Pattison and Miss Lowes, Waskerley.
Mr G. Morris, Medomsley.
Mrs and Miss Morris, Medomsley.
Mr E. Morris, Medomsley.
Mr T. Hunter, Town Farm.
Mr Jas. and Miss Hunter, Grange Farm.
Mr W. Pattison, Waskerley.
Mr W. Wheatley, Medomsley.
Mr R. Shipley, Malton Colliery.
Mr Jos. Walton, Medomsley.
Mr Geo. Hamilton, Consett.
Mr W. Leybourne, Blackhill.
Mr Phillips, Holland's Farm, and Miss A. Hunter, Grange Farm.
Mr J. Dixon, Broad Oak, and Miss Dodds, Medomsley Edge.
Mr E. Dixon, Broad Oak, and Miss E. Hunter, Grange Farm.
Miss Hetherington, Medomsley.
Miss Simpson, Westwood.
Miss S. Calvert, Medomsley.
Miss Moffitt, Medomsley.
Miss Gibson, Medomsley.
Mr R. Veitch, Medomsley.
Mr E. Wilson and Miss Wilson, Medomsley.
Mr and Mrs T. Bramley, Medomsley.
Miss Mews, Medomsley.
Mr L. Kelly and Miss Short, Leadgate.

Death of Mr. John H. B. Robson.—Many of our readers will be grieved to learn of the death of Mr John H. B. Robson, of 22, Norham Terrace, Gateshead. Deceased was in the employ of Mrs Bone, wholesale confectioner, of Gateshead, and had been confined to his house but a short time when unfavourable symptoms set in which terminated in his death on Wednesday. He was widely known and highly respected, and a consistent member of the Primitive Methodist Church.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births.

BYERS.—Castleside, on the 10th inst., the wife of F. Byers, of a daughter.

HARRISON.—At Vina, Valparaiso, Chili, South America, on Sept. 2nd, the wife of Charles E. Harrison, late of Consett, of a son.

LEE.—Castleside, on the 8th inst., the wife of T. Lee, of a daughter.

PEARSON.—Consett Park Terrace, on the 19th inst., the wife of G. Pearson, of a daughter.

WALKER.—Castleside, on the 1st inst., the wife of J. Walker, of a daughter.

Marriages.

HARBOTTLE — CLAPPERTON. — At Christ Church, Shieldfield, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. H. Lunn and Rev. T. Ison, Joseph P., youngest son of Joseph Harbottle, of Swalwell, to Carrie, youngest daughter of John T. Clapperton, of Carlisle.

Deaths.

BUMPHREY.—Shotley Bridge, Snows Green, on the 19th inst., Elizabeth Bumphrey.

BELL.—Blackhill, 11, Roger Street, on the 15th inst., aged 41 years, Elizabeth, beloved wife of William Bell.

BURTON.—Union Lane, Chester Moor, on the 16th inst., aged 38 years, Mary Jane, the dearly beloved wife of John Slater Burton, coke burner, late of Dipton. Interment at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 3.30.

ELLIOTT.—Low Prudhoe, on the 11th inst., aged 6 years and 2 months, Jane Turnbull Elliott.

GRAHAM.—Avondale House, Stockfield-on-Tyne, on the 13th inst., aged 37, James Graham.

HOPE.—Birtley, 7, Jones Street, Frederick Charles Hope, joiner.

HESLOP.—Burnhope Colliery, on the 10th inst., aged 21, Robert Heslop.

KING.—Lamesley, on the 9th inst., Ann King.

KAY.—Engine Row, Pit Hill, on the 17th inst., aged 62, Thomas Kay, engineman.

KNOX.—Birtley, Warwick Square, on the 14th inst., aged 70, Elizabeth Knox.

PURVIS.—Blaydon, 44, Mary Street, on the 11th inst., John Purvis.

MARTINDALE.—Gateshead, 20, Havelock Terrace, on the 14th inst., aged 76, Whitfield Martindale, late of Weardale.

ROBSON.—Gateshead, 22, Norham Terrace, on the 18th inst., aged 43, John H. B. Robson.

STOREY.—Fell House, Birtley, on the 14th inst., at the residence of his brother-in-law, Geo. Muncaster, aged 44, Robert Storey.

TEMPLE.—Dipton, South Medomsley Cottages, on the 16th inst., aged 54, Archibald Temple.

In loving memory of Frances Watson, who died on Oct. 17th, 1898, aged 32 years; also, our dear father, Joseph Watson, of Dipton, who died on November 14th, 1892, aged 54 years.

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