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October, 1900. 186j

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CONTRACTORS wishful to TENDER in the PULLING DOWN and REMOVAL of the existing Buildings to the extent of 68 feet frontage, should send in their names on or before the 31st inst., to T. Ernest Crossling, Architect, Stanley, R.S.O., when particulars will be given.
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LOST, at Chester-le-Street, on Monday Afternoon, Black and Tan CUR DOG, answers to name of "Spring."—Finder rewarded on returning to HARPER, Sniperley Farm, Durham. 228j

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WANTED, a strong, respectable GIRL.—Apply *Guardian* Office, Consett. 198j

WANTED, a good GENERAL SERVANT.—Apply Post Office, Tantobie. 217j

WANTED, COOK and HOUSEMAID.—Apply Summerdale, Shotley Bridge.

WANTED, a respectable GIRL, age about 20, for House Work.—Apply T. PESCOD, 12, Shakespeare Street, Consett. 206j

WANTED, a middle aged MAN, or strong LAD, to attend to Cattle and other work.—Apply Pontop Hall. 207j

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WANTED, a good GENERAL SERVANT, able to wash and bake.—Apply 13, Palmerston Street, Consett. 115j

BOY WANTED, immediately, willing to be taught Billiards, to live in.—Apply Crown Hotel, Shotley Bridge. 173j

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Guardians will at their next Meeting, to be held on November 1st, proceed to the APPOINTMENT of a Public VACCINATOR for the District of Benfieldside (comprising the Parishes of Benfieldside, Healeyfield, and Muggleswick).—Applications to be sent to the undersigned.
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FOOTBALL MATCHES.

WHITE-LE-HEAD SWIFTS v. LINTZ.

Played on the ground of the latter and resulted in a draw, neither side being able to score.

WHITE-LE-HEAD SWIFTS' RESERVE v. TANTOBIE RED STARS' RESERVE.

Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the home team by three goals to none.

SOUTH PONTOP ALBION v. EAST CASTLE WANDERERS.

Played on the ground of the former on Saturday, the game ending in a win for the home team by six goals to one.

TANTOBIE RED STARS v. SOUTH MOOR SWIFTS.

Played at South Moor and ended in a win for the visitors by two goals to none. The following did duty for Tantobie:—Goal, J. McGowan; backs, J. Hardy and J. G. Richardson; half-backs, P. Pletts, S. Stanton and A. Gladders; forwards, J. Atthey, M. Hall, S. Atthey, W. Harrison, and Keeler.

CONSETT SWIFTS v. ANNFIELD PLAIN.

These teams met on the Vicarage ground Consett, on Saturday in the Joicey Cup tournament. The weather was fine, but there was only a meagre attendance. Play was of a fairly even character in the early stages and it was not until the interval had nearly approached that T. Bell opened the account for the visitors. In the second portion of the game Dempsey proved a perfect thorn in the sides of the Plainers. The equalising point came from a somewhat soft goal registered by Boyle and soon after the homesters put on a second point, and thereafter held their opponents in safety, the game ending:—

Consett Swifts ....Two goals.
Annfield Plain ....One goal.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

LEADGATE PARK JUNIORS v. CEMENT ROVERS.

This game will be played on the Park ground, when the following will do duty for the Park:—

Goal, R. Johnson; backs, J. Thompson and D. Overall; half-backs, J. Johns, E. Birtley (capt.), and W. Graham; forwards, C. Walton, T. Walker, L. Davison, J. Kelly, and J. Grant.

Referee, Mr. J. Lock.

DERWENT VALLEY LEAGUE.

HAMSTERLEY v. TANTOBIE CO-OPS.

This match was played at Blackhall Mill before a large attendance of spectators. When Mr. Gray, of Marley Hill, called the teams together the following players toed the line:—

Hamsterley.—Goal, J. Scott; backs, W. Carniffan, and T. Ferry; half-backs, G. Dodds, T. Walton, A. Anderson; forwards, G. Richardson, F. Johnson, J. Swinburn, J. Fenwick, and D. Seath.

Tantobie.—Goal, Lishman; backs, S. Evans and J. McKevor; half-backs, Walton, Carr, and Gladders; forwards, Gardiner, Mcmann, Burns, Atkinson, and Burns.

Fenwick won the toss and set his men to defend the entrance goal. The Co-ops broke away from the kick off, but Ferry put well up the field. From the throw-in Fenwick shot past, and Tantobie broke away, but Burns spoiled a good chance by being pulled up for offside when well placed. From the free kick Richardson caused Lishman to throw away, and once more play ruled in midfield. For a short time a series of throws-in resulted, and the visitors forced Scott to give a corner which was put past from the resulting goal kick. T. Walton showed some splendid defensive work, holding the visiting forwards in check, and placed the home citadel out of danger. Then the homesters gave the Co-ops defence a lot of trouble. Swinburn gave Lishman a hot shot but he was all there, and Evans relieved the pressure. The visiting forwards took the ball down. Carniffan missed, and Atkinson scored for Tantobie. After this the homesters rushed away, and Swinburn tested Lishman again but he threw away. when the ball found touch. From the throw-in Seath forced a corner, which was nicely placed. Lishman saved at the expense of another corner, and a goal kick resulted. Play ruled in midfield, but not for long, for the homesters were gradually forcing the visitors into their own territory, but from a throw-in Richardson was given offside, and they had to retire again. Play was of a give and take character, the homesters having slightly the best of matters, but could not score, and half-time arrived with the score:—

Tantobie .... One goal.
Hamsterley .... Nil.

On resuming the second half the homesters put more life into their work, and came away with a rush, but Evans proved a stumbling block to them. Nevertheless the forwards were well backed by the half-backs and Johnson and Swinburn gave the Co-ops plenty of work. Evans kicked well up the field, but Ferry and Carniffan frustrated all attempts by the visitors to get away. At this point the homesters were playing splendidly, and it took the Co-ops defence all their time to keep them out, but the chance came and Swinburn neatly tipped over Lishman's head and equalised for Hamsterley. From the kick-off Tantobie passed well up the field where a free kick against them stopped their progress. Ferry kicked well down only to see Dodds shoot past. From the goal kick Hamsterley assailed the visitors citadel, Seath sending in a beauty for which Lishman gave a corner. Richardson played well and Walton headed in and Fenwick missed by inches. A foul against Hamsterley let the visitors in, but Scott picked up and threw away, and again the homesters worked towards the visitors goal. Dodd and Walton were keeping the visiting forwards well in check, but a free kick placed the homesters on the defensive, and Carr kicked over from the goal kick. Seath and Fenwick tried to break away, but the ball found touch and play ruled in midfield for a short time. Gardiner received and forced a corner which Walton cleared, and play was transferred to the Co-ops ground where Lishman saved from Johnson, but McKevor kicked away in time and the ball went out. Play slackened down considerably as the time was drawing to a close and as neither side could score again the game ended:—

Hamsterley .... One goal.
Tantobie .... One goal.

equalising that no harm can accrue to the game standing as a win for Consett.

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GOOD GAME AT HAMSTERLEY.

Hamsterley entertained Tantobie at Blackhall Mill and when the game finished the honours were equal. The homesters were without the services of their two backs, Carr and Short and, therefore, the team had to be rearranged, Ferry taking his place on the defence with Carniffan as his partner Swinburn turning out after a long absence, while Thompson Walton filled the centre half position. Anderson again assisted the homesters. The Co-ops were also short of Lown and McCue of the Hobson, but placed a very creditable team on the field. On the day's play the homesters should have won, but the luck which has dogged them for a considerable time again proved too much. However, without this the home forwards shone above those of the visitors.

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Speaking of the players, Scott in goal was never much troubled, but it was a mistake that gave the Co-ops their goal, the home back just touching out of his reach. At back Ferry and Carniffan played well considering the position they were asked to fill. At half-back Walton was the pick, although he was well partnered by Anderson and Dodds with whom no fault could be found. Of the forwards Richardson is improving and will prove an acquisition to the forward line. Johnson played his usual game, and Swinburn played well considering his long absence from the field. Fenwick and Leath on the left make a speedy wing. Of the visitors, Lishman in goal had plenty of work and he was lucky at times, but he had no chance with the goal scored against him. Evans and McKevor played well, especially the former of whom Tantobie may be proud. The halves were not as strong as the home ones, but Carr was the pick of the forwards. Atkinson and Gardiner were conspicuous, but Burns was too inclined to lie offside, which lost him many a chance.

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A SURPRISE FOR BLACKHILL

Blackhill on their own ground on Saturday received somewhat of a surprise when Byer Moor defeated them in easy fashion by two to nil. The first game at Byer ended in a draw of one goal each and the Saints were confident of putting "paid" to the Moor account, but in this they reckoned without their host. From the outset the play was fast, the Moorites quickly adopting the right style of play in the long grass their long passing standing out in striking contrast to the individual tactics of Blackhill. Taylor, of whom so much has been heard, in no way relished the manner in which Welch dodged him, and often came off second best, while to fill his cup to the brim Mr. Gray was compelled to penalise him for his foul work and it must be said the latter performed his duties in a fair and straightforward manner. Aitken kicked well and in fact all the Blackhill men did their best but met a team superior in every point to themselves. If the Moor keep their improved form and can command a full team the rest of the League clubs will find them foemen worthy of the palmiest days of the club.

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BLACKHILL SECRETARY SPEAKS.

Dear Offside.—I was quite surprised when I opened last week's "Guardian" to see two epistles in, answering J.W.K.'s letter, and relating to Blackhill. Now in the first place let me inform all and sundry that J.W.K. does not belong to Blackhill, and the people at this place were as much surprised at the letter's appearance as at other places. We had no intention of publishing letters over the League's decision, and what we are going to do is to appeal at the next meeting against what I still maintain was an unfair verdict. They say that the chief reason why we lost the points was because we played two unregistered players. I said that they were registered but I was not believed but it will be proved that I was in the right more than they were. As "Justice for all" says they broke the rules on numerous occasions last year. I admit that and that if other clubs had had the struggle for existence that we had they would have had to do the same. But as for being treated with the utmost leniency, I don't know so much about that, but I do know that the League and some clubs would not have had such a substantial balance had it not been for us. He also says that Blackhill have caused more trouble than all the other clubs put together. Now that's a bit far fetched, but even if it were true, they have not caused half so much humbug as some representatives are fond of doing. The last part of his letter, I think, he had better have left out, about being capable of carrying on the work, as he knows very well that we can't even decide last year's champions, and that's nothing to boast about. As for Mr. Dawson, I think he is up the wrong street, so to speak, on some of the things he says. Our captain denies that he wanted to bet. I made the list out, and when he came to me with it as he should have done at first, I gave him the explanation. He says their committee decided to report the facts. Now, I have it on good authority that it was on his own initiative that he brought the case up, and if it had not been for him, there would not have been the least difference between Byer Moor and Blackhill. And allow me to inform him that one of the principal rules of the League was not deliberately broken, and what he knows about the matter ends at Byer Moor, as he was not at the meeting, and it is just hearsay that he knows what transpired there. Let me say in conclusion that I am not defending J.W.K. in any way, I am just looking at the case from our standpoint. Hoping I have not taken up too much of your space,

I remain, yours respectfully,
ED. T. KELSEY,
Secretary Blackhill St. Cuthbert's A.F.C.

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Junior Football.

A respected correspondent writes as follows on the subject of Blackhill St. Cuthbert's and the Derwent Valley and the Stanley and District Junior Leagues:—When "the decay of minor football" question, so excellently and yet unavailingly propounded by Messrs Bell and Middleton was being discussed, several reasons were assigned for such a state of affairs. Since the present season opened two of the leagues in North-West Durham have been so sadly managed—or rather mismanaged—that the wonder is that the majority of the clubs do not disband. I refer to the Derwent Valley League—once an excellent organisation—and the newly-formed Stanley and District League. This latter league was supposed to take the place of the Consett and District Junior League, and in very truth it has. In the latter tournament there was good reason for a lot of heart-burning, and on several occasions there was a miscarriage of justice. So with the two Leagues just mentioned. I should very much like to know where their ideas of justice and fair-play come in. As you are aware, sir, I spent a year in the Blackhill and Consett district, and have often visited the place since. I generally hear of the most of the cases of this mismanaged football legislation and so glaring at times has the offence and the punishment been, that neither has fitted each other. A trivial case is punished by having two points deducted or a fine imposed: a bare-faced impudent case has "been swept off the board." The dealings of these league committees are calculated to bring vexation and ruin to the minor clubs, to which the larger organisations have, in a large measure, to depend upon for players. Before going any further it will be as well to say that I am not connected with the Blackhill club as a player, member, vice-president, or in any other way.

Firstly, I shall criticise the Derwent Valley League. This gradually degenerating body held its monthly meeting on Saturday night, so a paragraph in a Newcastle contemporary informs me. Two clubs resigned—no wonder—and Leadgate Exiles—recently resusciated—were admitted. The Exiles will probably regret their action before long. The next business was that with Blackhill. Result: Fined 5/- for registering a player under a wrong name. I admit that this is not right, and when I ask how many other clubs do it, and many players are properly registered, that is no argument, or does not defend Blackhill. But under the circumstances the affair could easily, without showing any favouritism, have been passed over. There is favouritism in that League, but none of it for St. Cuthbert's, who are struggling for the welfare of the game, and yet every little pick is taken to trample upon them. Is is right? I know the spirit of the St. Cuthbert's players, or at any rate of most of them, and they do not want any favouritism or special kindness shown them. What they want and what they are entitled to is fairplay, but such a commodity is apparently not known or unheeded in such a football hot-bed as North-West Durham. Some clubs are fairly pushed home for all the honours, others can go to the wall. I do not know the reason, but there is antipathy against Blackhill. Is it that the other clubs are afraid of the Saints, and cannot take a beating? I ask, is it not a fact that Blackhill were mulcted of two points for the same player? Such was the case, and I should like to know why that player was again brought on to the carpet after the punishment had once been inflicted. If this is a sample of the Derwent Valley League rules and rulings the sooner they go through the same ordeal as the Northern Alliance recently went, the better it will be for the game.

Secondly, and lastly, the action of the Stanley and District League must be discussed. A match under the auspices of this League was played somewhere—away from home, I believe. Blackhill St. Cuthbert's played in two different coloured shirts and won. A protest was entered, discussed (?) and upheld, two points being deducted "I wonder why" as the song says. Did the losing team protest before the match, and if not, why not? If they did not protest before the game started they protested afterwards, not because Blackhill played in red and white and blue and white shirts, but because the protesting team lost the match. The movement is as clear as daylight, and the pity is that the Blackhill representative could not convince the committee, but perhaps they are not open to conviction. A prejudiced view, it was nothing else, meant a severe and an entirely uncalled for punishment. Sir, at the bottom of this letter I ask you to give your opinion. I have seen Alliance matches played where the shirts of players on the same side have been different, and there has been no protest. The same thing has occurred in the Northern Combination, the Northern Wednesday League, and other organisations in the district, and the losing side had the good sense not to protest and the good grace to take a fair beating. What has the shirts to do with the result; a man might have played in long trousers, collar and waistcoat on, and that would have made no difference. It is a case of Blackhill walking away with the league, the same as they did at one time in the Consett and District League, and though the Shamrocks (now defunct) Medomsley White Stars (also non est, I believe) and others combined in the making of protests, the Saints eventually conquered and won what they had fairly played for, and what they certainly deserved. I think they will win the Stanley League in a canter, that is if they get fair play, but I have heard from three or four reliable sources that the league championship is a "squared thing," and indeed after the ridiculous protest and the ignorant verdict such seems to be the case. Protests have been a curse to the game, and to the narrow-minded, bigoted, unsportsmanlike footballers, they have been a boon. The sooner they are done away with the better it will be, and probably then we shall have no more excessive and double-barrelled decisions, and no more ridiculous school-boy legislation.—I am, yours, etc., JOCK.

Newcastle, October 21st., 1900.

[I agree with much of Jock's letter, but for the present I am not inclined to enter into a discussion on the points raised. The letter is one which deserves the most careful consideration, and I trust it will receive it on all hands.—Offside.]

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LEADGATE RESERVES WELL BEATEN.

The Park reserve team came a cropper at Lintz in an attempt to gain points in the Derwent Valley League. The home team won by the somewhat unusual margin of six to one. For the homesters Gibbons played a safe game in goal. R. Davison was off colour, but his partner J. Adamson played a splendid game kicking and tackling first class. The halves were an even trio. The forwards all did well, Cullen feeding his wings to perfection. On the Park side they were let down by their backs, who played poorly. The halves bar J. Birtley were not up to form, but the forwards played a clinking, passing game and it was only due to the Lintz good defence that they did not score oftener.

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A REPLY TO WEST PELTON ROVERS.

To the Sporting Editor.

Dear Offside,—Would you allow me a space in your valuable paper, as I saw in last week's "Guardian" a letter to the Hobson, and at the end of it, West Pelton said they did South Moor a favour that no other club would do them, and hoping that South Moor would take the hint. Now I would like to know what favour they did? They did us a favour by protesting after giving them a good beating by seven goals to one. I admit they allowed us to play the same colour of shirts by keeping our waistcoats on, but if they had not protested against C. Parnell for not having been signed on long enough, they would have protested against the shirts, and if that's favouring, I don't know what favouring is but if the hint is the same as the Hobson, South Moor will play them for a set of gold medals, or five pounds, providing they play with league team, and the committee of the League will grant permission. —I remain, yours truly,—J. JOBSON, 61, Poplar Street, South Moor.

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MR. GRAY'S DEFENCE.

Dear Sir,—In looking through the football notes in last week's "Guardian" I notice what I consider a most cowardly and unwarranted attack by a member of the Stanley Rangers on the decisions given by me in the game between his club and Lintz Rovers. I have no desire to indulge in a newspaper controversy with a man of the stamp of my Stanley friend and bigot, who has not got enough courage to append his name or initials to his communications whether they be an attack on an opponent or otherwise, but I shall surely try to defend my character and reputation, be they good or bad, from the vile and venomous attacks of a man who would stoop so low as to make such statements about any person or persons behind the too much abused nom-de-plume. To begin with he complains about having to wait half-an-hour in the wet and cold for the home team coming on the field. In common fairness to the Lintz Rovers I might state that I arrived on the field a few minutes before the time appointed by the League Committee for the kick-off, viz., 3.30. The game started at 3.40 which you will agree is a reasonable time to wait for players to commence a game, and as far as I can see it is a very small matter to grumble about. In respect to the blunder that my critic accuses me of I might say that I was standing near the 6 yards line, and could scarcely be mistaken about the shot that he complains about. My opponent admits being beaten by 12 goals, therefore I take it to mean that the goal was legally scored. He also accuses me of giving a penalty kick for an unintentional foul. How on earth did he know whether it was intentional or not. I was the man to decide that point and not him. Hoping I have not trespassed too much on your valuable space, I beg leave to remain,—Yours sincerely,—JOHN GRAY, Tantobie.

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On the same subject I have received the following letter dated Lintz Colliery, October 23rd, 1900.

Dear sir,—I am very sorry for having to trouble you with these few remarks in answer to your Stanley correspondent. Lintz are charged with some very serious complaints, first with regard to their ground. Certainly it is highly situated, but it is one of the best in North-West Durham and not nearly as high as Hobson or Tantobie. He goes on to say they had to wait of the home team coming on to the field, this again is incorrect, because it was the referee both teams waited for. Now, sir, Stanley say that Lintz dressing room is in a byre. Well, I have not seen the byre in question used as a dressing room, but I can say that Stanley dressed beside a roasting fire in a room at the Traveller's Rest, Leases. I am also quite surprised to find Stanley complaining of the referee, Mr. Gray, as I was strongly under the impression that Mr. Gray discharged his duties honestly. Mr. Editor, the aim and substance of Stanley Rangers is that they cannot play football or do not even try to play. We generally look for better behaviour from old players like most of Stanley. Thanking you in anticipation,—I remain, yours etc.—T. MIDDLETON, Sec. Lintz Rovers.

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VACANT DATES.

Marley Hill would like to arrange matches with junior teams; average age, 17. Apply, O. Grant, 76, Marley Hill, R.S.O.

South Medomsley Drivers have all dates vacant after Nov. 10th, and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages, 13 to 15. Apply, J. Mitchell, 22, South Medomsley Cottages, Dipton, R.S.O.

Annfield Plain Juniors have all dates vacant; ages, 9 to 13. Apply, G. Parkin, Clavering Place, Annfield Plain.

Hamsterley Young Swifts are in want of games; ages 10 to 12. Apply, T. Robson, Fern Lea House, Ebchester.

White-le-Head Swifts have a few vacant dates and would like to have them filled up; ages 14 to 16.—Apply George Innes, White-le-Head, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tanfield Lea Young Cæsars have all dates vacant and would like them filled up as soon as possible; ages 12 to 15.—Apply E. Weightman, 15, Allan Square, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Tantobie Athletic have all dates vacant and would like them filled up as soon as possible; average age 14.—Apply J. C. Ramshaw, Ash Terrace, Tantobie, R.S.O.

Marley Hill Young St. Cuthbert's are in want of dates; ages 9 to 12 years.—Apply, J. Harland, 21, Chapel Row, Marley Hill, Swalwell, R.S.O.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

"PETER HAY" CHARITY CUP.

A meeting of the sub-committee of the above League was held in the Dun Cow Hotel on Friday night to elect the clubs and make the draw for the above and appoint referees. There were present Mr. W. Marshall (chairman), Messrs. J. Dryden, G. Petrie, J. T. Shepherd, and the secretary Mr. R. Brand. The entries totalled 12, including Gateshead, Whitehall, and Springwell, who are not members of the League. The draw is as follows with referees to be played on Saturday, Nov. 3rd; kick-off not later than 3 p.m.

Waldridge v. Tribley Star—Mr. J. W. Elliott.

Springwell v. Gateshead Friends—Mr. C. Laws.

Chester-le-Street v. Gateshead Whitehall—Mr. Jos. Minns.

Pelton Fell v. South Moor—Mr. W. Hodgson.

Byes—Ouston, Kimblesworth, Chester-le-Street A, and Birtley A.

Referees unable to accept appointments to notify League secretary at once.

Games played on the ground of first named club.

HOCKEY.

On Saturday the Derwent Valley Hockey Club played the Old Rossalians at Jesmond, and defeated them by three goals to none. On Saturday next they play Darlington on the Cricket Ground, Blackfine, the following being the team selected:—J. Hamilton, T. D. Dales, and J. E. Thorpe, backs; A. C. Blunt, J. M. Nicholson, and N. Clive, half-backs; H. H. Wattsford, H. Worden, J. O. Todd, E. Roe, and R. S. Renton, forwards. Bully-off at 3.30 prompt.

CRICKET

CHESTER-LE-STREET CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES.

Matches played, 18; won 7; lost 8, drawn 3.

FIRST ELEVEN.

BATTING.

	No. Ins	Tms not out	Highest sc're	Total	Av'rage
S. Richardson	4	1	44	211	57
J. K. Bewick	17	1	135	517	32.3
F. Coyle	18	1	85	454	26.7
J. Bewick	15	1	32	185	13
J. Clifford	3	0	11	26	8.6
T. L. Gray	12	1	33	84	7.6
R. Bowery	8	2	27	45	7.5
G. Robson	11	0	28	115	10.4
J. Hand	8	0	13	45	5.6
G. Halliday	11	1	12	48	4.8
W. Legg	4	1	10	14	4.6
R. Maxwell	5	0	10	21	4.2
F. Taylor	14	4	19	40	4

BOWLING.

	Wkts	Runs	Avge
J. K. Bewick	48	503	10.4
J. Clifford	6	63	10.5
Coyle	49	578	11.7
G. Robson	25	331	13.2
J. Bewick	19	313	16.4
T. L. Gray	13	160	16

SECOND ELEVEN.

Matches played, 15; won 5, lost 10.

BATTING.

	No. Ins	Tms not out	Highest sc're	Total	Av'rage
R. Maxwell	6	2	45	106	26.7
C. Nicholson	9	0	58	172	19.1
W. Legg	3	0	25	55	18.3
R. Bowery	5	0	24	81	16.2
W. Bell	7	0	28	81	11.5
T. Moffatt	7	0	23	66	9.4
J. W. Hand	13	0	30	122	9.3
T. Lodge	14	4	33	78	7.8
R. Grievson	8	1	21	48	6.8
R. Robinson	7	0	12	33	4.7
W. Cowing	11	0	17	49	4.4
G. Grievson	8	2	25	39	5.5

BOWLING.

	Wkts	Runs	Avge
H. Gray	15	125	8.3
W. Cowings	38	367	9.6
G. Grievison	29	352	12.1

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN.

Played, 14; won 10, lost 4.

BATTING.

	No. Ins	Tms not out	Highest score	Total	Av'rage
Coyle	12	2	51	258	25.8
T. R. Hall	12	0	44	154	12.8
J. Cowings	10	0	44	125	12.5
A. Tate	12	1	40	133	12.9
G. Donnison	7	0	22	60	8.5
W. Cowings	6	1	18	38	7.5
A. Haddon	12	3	16	65	7.2
G. Robson	5	0	31	55	11
W. Speed	10	0	39	64	6.4
H. Dennis	8	0	12	38	4.7

BOWLING.

	Wkts	Runs	Avge
A. Tate	11	25	2.2
W. Cowings	5	30	6.0
F. Coyle	60	294	4.9
J. Grievson	14	87	6.2
G. Robson	14	166	12.0
J. Cowings	13	193	14.8

LANCHESTER.

Unpleasant Experience of a Cyclist.—Whilst cycling home the other Sunday evening from the west country, where he had been attending church, Mr. Geo. Wall, of Earl's House, Sniperley, met with a rather unpleasant, not to say painful experience. Proceeding up the slope out of Lanchester, at a pace more conducive to a funeral than a whole skin, the unlucky scorcher descried in the distance the burly forms of two pit-men, whose devotions during the hours of divine service had evidently been more Bacchanalian than sacred. A warning tinkle of the little mischief-maker on the handle-bar led to the usual result, and the inevitable crash came. The hardy wielders of the pick, unsteady in their gait, and undecided as to which direction to flee, made a dash to the wrong side at the psychological moment, and the one on the off-side, together with the knight of the wheel came down in a confused and muttering heap in the roadway. Geordie scrambled to his feet as lively as his vinous condition would permit, but the unlucky cyclist lingered for a few minutes on the broad of his back on the Queen's highway, wondering whence came all the dazzling lights which flashed before his astonished eyes. At the same time the unwelcome presence of a pain at the back of his headpiece testified to a well executed somersault and an undignified acquaintance with mother earth. A few questions, expressive if nothing else, as to the clumsiness of the respective parties, having been asked and answered in terms of scarcely Court politeness they severally wended their ways homewards, the one to nurse a sore pate, the other to test the alleviating properties of Elliman's on various parts of his bruised anatomy, and the third to apply the balm of consolation to his damaged companion.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

By "OFF-SIDE."

ON THE VICARAGE GROUND.

There was really nothing attractive about the match which was played and won by Consett Swifts against Annfield Plain on the Vicarage ground and the sparse attendance of spectators did not make the surroundings any more cheerful. The game was won by the odd goal in three and one of the two scored by the home side was of the soft order. The old complaint of a late start was again strong in evidence and as a matter of fact the game was not absolutely finished when a conference took place followed by a somewhat unceremonious exit. Probably there will be some discussion on the point, but so near were they to the end and on the form shown so little chance had the visitors of

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SCIENCE NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

IODINE IN ARTICLES OF DIET.

Iodine has not hitherto been presumed to be present in any important quantity in alimentary materials, but, according to recent researches which have opened up a very delicate process for the detection and estimation of iodine, this element occurs certainly in the flesh of fish and shell-fish in not a negligible quantity. It is true that traces of iodine have been found in cod-liver oil, which with other elements, such as bromine and phosphorus, probably exert a slight specific action, and possibly a favourable influence on the absorption of the oil, thus contributing in some measure to its tonic effects. The flesh of fish is peculiarly nutritive, though less satisfying and perhaps less stimulating than ordinary kinds of meat. It is able to be digested more easily and rapidly than is animal flesh, and on these considerations affords a useful food for invalids. But, says the *Lancet*, most fishes contain iodine, and thus the occurrence of this element may be a factor of importance in the suitability of a fish diet for invalids.

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS.

Municipal authorities are contemplating the adoption, in connection with their fire brigades, of an ingenious automatic fire alarm. It is known as the "Pearson thermostat"—after the name of the inventor. The system is to place these thermostats in various parts of the building, and connect them by electric wires to a transmitter code box at the entrance, which in turn communicates with the fire stations. In the event of an outbreak of fire arising the heated atmosphere at once affects the sensitive thermostat, which is a kind of specially-constructed thermometer; an alarm bell is rung, and the number of the room recorded on an indicator placed in a prominent part of the building. At the same time the fire brigade is informed where the fire has occurred. The Post Office licensed the system some time ago, and it is now being considered by municipal authorities.

GRADUATING THERMOMETERS.

According to the usual practice the graduations on the thermometer scales and levels are marked by scratching the surface of the glass in some way, at each point where there is to be a graduation. But the glass is weakened in each of these points, and is apt to break, which is dangerous in the case of boiler levels. It is evident that this could be avoided by softening slightly the surface of the glass at the desired points and mixing some colouring matter with it. An American firm asserts that it has obtained this result under the best conditions by passing over the tube, where a graduation is to be marked, an iron disc turning at the rate of 2,500 revolutions a minute. The friction causes a rise of temperature sufficient partially to melt the glass, and at the same time small particles of iron are detached from the wheel and become incorporated in the softened glass.

SEMI-LUMINOUS PHOTOGRAPHS.

Apply to a sheet of cardboard a thin coat of starch paste, and spread over this, while yet in a sticky condition, some powdered sulphate of baryta, or sulphate of lime. Brush a little paste over this before it is dry, to make the powder adhere better. The photographic picture, which must be unmounted, should now be made transparent. This is done, says the *English Mechanic*, by soaking the back with castor-oil, and wiping off the superfluous oil with a clean rag. The transparent print is then pasted upon the prepared side of the cardboard, and dried near a stove. If this picture is exposed to light, the rays will penetrate through the transparent paper to the powder, which absorbs, and later on will emit them again, being a so-called phosphorescent body. Its appearance remains generally the same, the lighting taking place in proportion to the various intensities and depths of the tones forming the picture.

WOOD FLOUR.

Wood flour is being used in Germany in the manufacture of dynamite as a cheap substitute for infusorial earth, which is the standard material for that purpose. It is also somewhat extensively used in the manufacture of linoleum, a kind of cloth made by laying a coating of hardened linseed oil mixed with ground cork on a canvas net or backing; but for both it is considered inferior to the other substances used for these purposes. The most important use of wood flour in Germany is for the manufacture of papyrolite or xyolite, a kind of artificial flooring. It is extensively used as flooring for kitchens, halls, corridors, and for public rooms, such as cafés and restaurants. It is described as a substance between wood and stone, practically fire-proof, impervious to water, and being a conductor of heat is warm in winter. It is also used as flooring on German war vessels, because it is said to have the advantages of wood, but does not splinter from shot, nor take fire.

THE ATOM.

Several years ago, writes Sir William Crookes, I pondered on the constitution of matter in what I ventured to call the fourth state. I endeavoured to probe the tormenting mystery of the atom. What is the atom? Is a single atom in space solid, liquid, or gaseous? Each of these states involves ideas which can only pertain to vast collections of atoms. Whether, like Newton, we try to visualise an atom as a hard, spherical body, or, with Boscovitch and Faraday, to regard it as a centre of force, or accept the vortex atom theory of Lord Kelvin, an isolated atom is an unknown entity difficult to conceive. The properties of matter—solid, liquid, gaseous—are due to molecules in a state of motion. Therefore, matter as we know it involves essentially a mode of motion; and the atom itself—intangible, invisible, and inconceivable—is its material basis, and may, indeed, be styled the only true matter. The space involved in the motions of atoms has no more pretension to be called matter than the sphere of influence of a body of riflemen—the sphere filled with flying leaden missiles—has to be called lead. Since what we call matter essentially involves a mode of motion, and since at the temperature of absolute zero all atomic motions would stop, it follows that matter as we know it would at that paralysing temperature probably entirely change its properties.

THEORY OF THE INCANDESCENT MANTLE.

Nearly all mantles in use have practically the same composition—88 to 89 per cent. oxide of thorium, 20 per cent. oxide of cerium, and traces of other matter which only play a quite secondary part. The lighting power of mantles is not due to any special emissive power, as is proved by observing the emissivity of oxides of thorium, cerium, and magnesium, and of retort carbon heated in an electric furnace to a temperature of about 2,000deg. The lighting power results simply from the high temperature to which the mantle is raised, and which is due (1) to the catalytic properties of oxide of cerium and (2) to the fine sub-division of the latter. The presence of oxide of cerium lowers the temperature of combustion of a mixture of oxygen and hydrogen from 650deg. to 350deg.; the combustion is consequently strongly active in the neighbourhood of the mantle, and a large quantity of heat is disengaged. The oxide of thorium forms a porous mass consisting of a large number of very fine filaments, which are coated with oxide of cerium. On account of the bad conductivity of these fine filaments, the heat, instead of being rapidly dissipated in the mass, is concentrated on the filaments, and the mantle is raised to a very high temperature. It is certain that the two oxides are both necessary to obtain a good result, for mantles of pure oxides of thorium or cerium give ten to twenty times less light.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY MAGIC.

A magic photograph is a photograph which, *Hobbies* says, can be made to appear on an apparently blank piece of paper. The process of making it is as follows: Make a photographic print on a piece of albumen paper, printing it the exact tone desired in the finished print. Wash for two or three minutes and place, without toning, in the fixing bath, composed of 1oz. of hypo and 8oz. of water. Leave the print in the fixing bath for five minutes, wash thoroughly, then place it in a saturated solution of bichloride of mercury until the picture has entirely disappeared. Leave it in this solution just long enough to bleach out the print, then wash and dry as for other prints. The paper now appears perfectly white, but it contains a latent or invisible image. The magic by which the picture is made to appear is the action of hyposulphite of soda. Soak a piece of clean blotting-paper in a saturated solution of hyposulphite of soda, and dry. When it is desired to make the picture appear, moisten the blotting-paper slightly, and place the picture on it face down, rubbing it to ensure perfect contact. In a minute or two the picture will begin to appear, and will soon be as bright and clear as when first printed. When one wishes to shew this magic photograph, it is more surprising to the uninitiated if the blotting-paper has been moistened and placed in a book. Shew the apparently blank piece of paper, shut it in the book, and in a minute or two take it out, and what was to all appearances a piece of plain white paper will be found to have a picture printed on it. The picture will disappear after being exposed to the light for some time, but it can be made to reappear indefinitely. It will be found that much interest is taken in the process, and the production will afford much astonishment.

RIBBONS and silks should be put away in blue and not in white paper, as the chloride of lime used in manufacturing the latter produces discolouration.

WHEN damping clothes for ironing use water as hot as the hand can bear; it will then not be necessary to use as much as if cold water were used.

A BOWL of hot milk taken immediately before retiring is said by those who have suffered from insomnia to be a better soporific than any opiate known to medical science.

FEATHERS for pillows are prepared by being exposed to the sunshine or the heat of a stove until perfectly dry. If they have been carelessly collected and are dirty, they may be cleansed with lime water, or, better still, with a weak solution of carbonate of soda, or with water containing a little of solution of chloride of lime; after which they are rinsed in pure water and dried as above. Old feathers may be cleansed and purified in the same way.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Ministers of the Interior.—Cooks.

He (proudly): "I'm a cadet, you know." She: "What's that? A little cad?"

"Sparks and his wife are a good match, don't you think?" "Yes, she's rather fiery, and he's a stick."

She: "It's all in the cause of charity, but I'm afraid you'll think it rather dear." He: "Yes, it is 'dear.'"

"Do you see that blind man over there? But you aren't looking." "What's the good? Isn't he out of sight?"

Woman: "These fish don't seem very fresh." Fish hawker (growlingly): "Wot you wants is fish caught to-morrow, and 'ave 'em to-day!"

"Don't trouble yourself to stretch your mouth any wider," said a dentist to his patient; "I intend to stand outside to draw your tooth."

Sheridan threatened to cut his son off with a shilling. "You don't happen to have that shilling about you?" said the hopeful.

A man refused to take an emetic, saying that it was of no use, as he had tried one, and it wouldn't stay on his stomach.

Mamma: "What kind of a dolly do you want, Mildred?" Little Mildred: "I want one that will cry when I whip her."

Wiggle: "I've heard of people spending Bank Holiday in bed." Giggle: "It's the next day that most people spend there!"

Mrs. Manks: "My husband always comes home to his tea—does yours?" Mrs. Stayout: "No, but he generally comes home to his breakfast."

Bill: "I don't see any reason for that fellow carrying his head so high in the air." Jill: "Can it be possible that you have overlooked his collar?"

He (art lover): "Did you go to see the Turners when you were in town?" She (Philistine): "The Turners? Er—no. I don't think we visit them."

"I meant to have told you of that hole," said an Irishman to a friend, who had fallen into a pit in the Irishman's garden. "No matter," said Pat, "I've found it."

A squire, worsted by Sydney Smith in argument, said: "If I had a son who was an idiot, I'd make him a parson." Smith said: "Your father was of a different mind."

Lady Vere de Vere (to distinguished foreigner): "You must excuse me. I know it's awfully silly of me. I know your name so well, but I can't remember your face!"

Algy: "So you've been taking Miss Haughtie out boating on the river. Rather stylish girl, but too reserved for me." Reggie: "Yes, I expect she is; I've just reserved her for life."

Mr. Hornbill: "Do you know, darling, I could pick you out of a crowd of women just by your style?" Mrs. Hornbill: "I don't wonder, and me with this same old dress for the last two years."

Uncle Jim: "Well, Tommy, which is your favourite animal?" Master Tommy: "Oh, the yellypump was so large, and the hittipipop-timus had on an ugly mackintosh. I fink I like the guinea-pig best."

Young wife: "I don't like that cooking-school teacher at all. She has neither patience nor consideration. She's actually cruel." Husband: "Great snakes! She doesn't really make you eat the things, does she?"

The argument conclusive.—Slippery Sam: "Why don't yer smoke instead of allus chewin', Every?" "Well, yer see, hif yer smoke a pipe it 'as to be filled, an' if it's a cigar the end 'as ter be cut, an' I ain't used ter hard work."

Kerrigan: "Do you believe in dhrames, Riley?" Riley: "Oi do." Kerrigan: "Hwat's it a soign of when a married man dhrames he's a bachelor?" Riley: "It's a soign that he's going to meet with a grate disappointment—when he wakes."

Explained.—Overheard on the top of an Edinburgh workmen's car. "I say, Jim, what dae ye ca' it the blank spaces in the evenin' papers for?" "Dear me, Tam, I thocht ye'd kent that much; they're for the poor folks wha canna read, of coorse."

"Listen, Jack. I've put down 'kitchen and scullery maids kept; only two in family; beer allowed; no dairy; extra help when required.' Now, can you suggest any other inducement I can offer?" "Well—you might add 'charming scenery.'"

A large order.—"Please, mother wants sending a 'aporth o' lemon-peel, a 'aporth o' nutmeg, a 'aporth o' candy sugar, two farden dips, and a fardens worth o' cloves; and, please, will yer tell yer vanman to drive up with a gallop, 'cos we wants the neighbours to see."

Oh, you little——!—Willie: "Where did the hen bite you, Mr. Jones? I don't see any of the marks." Mr. Jones: "Why, Willie, I haven't been bitten by any hen." Willie: "Mamma, didn't you tell papa Mr. Jones was dreadfully henpecked? Why, mamma, how funny you look. Your face is all red."

Nellie, aged three, was out walking with her father one evening, but she soon became tired and he was obliged to carry her. "Is I vewy heavy, papa?" she asked, as he set her down a moment to rest. "Indeed, you are," he replied. "Say, papa," continued the little miss, "isn't you dest awful glad zat I ain't twins?"

A well-known dean got somewhat out of his bearings amidst a maze of lanes which are adjacent to Exeter Cathedral, so he inquired of a street lad how far it was to the station. The lad, eyeing the inquirer's knee-breeches and short coat, replied: "About a moile, mister. Wot's up? Yer ain't lost yur bicycle, a've 'ee?"

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And the other things we teach 'em
Make a mountain so immense
That we have no moment left
To teach them common sense.—*Times.*

Couldn't be helped.—The editor of a small paper in a remote part of South California found himself on one occasion unable to insert his usual column of "Births, Marriages, and Deaths." Thinking that some apology was needed for such an untoward circumstance, he inserted the following in clear type: "We regret that owing to pressure upon our space several deaths have been inevitably postponed."

Out of the window.—Counsel: "Now, Mr. O'Grady, when you told the defendant you wanted your bill paid, did he not throw out a suggestion that you were rude and threatening, and did it not open the door to the scuffle which you describe as an assault?" O'Grady: "No, sorr; all that the defendant throwed out was meself, sorr. And there was no dure opened at all at all, for, bedad, I wint out by the windy."

An ugly excuse.—A juror's name was called by the clerk. The man advanced to the judge's desk and said: "Judge, I should like to be excused." "It is impossible," said the judge decidedly. "But, judge, if you knew my reasons?" "Well, sir, what are they?" "Why, the act is——" and the man paused. "Well, sir, proceed," continued the judge. "Well, judge, if I must say it—I have the itch." The judge, who is a very sober man, solemnly and impressively exclaimed: "Clerk, scratch that man out."

One thing forgotten.—They were talking of figures of speech. "Have you ever noticed," said one, "how fond people are of vegetable metaphors when they are dealing with a woman? Her cheeks are 'roses,' her lips are 'cherry,' her hands are always 'lily white,' her mouth is a 'rosebud,' her complexion is like a 'peach,' and her breath is fragrant as 'honey-suckle.'" "You've forgotten one," said the cynic. "What's that?" "Her tongue—it is a 'scarlet runner.'"

"Beware of farmers."—An old farmer, having been elected a member of the School Board, paid a visit to one of the schools under his care. On being asked by one of the teachers to put a question or two to the pupils, he drew himself together and bawled out the following: "Can ony o' ye tell me what naething is?" It was some little time before anyone answered, but at last a ruddy-faced boy at the foot of the class ejaculated: "It's what an auld farmer gi'es ye for haudin' his horse."

A beginner.—She was newly married, and did not know a little bit about either housekeeping or shopping, and she was giving her very first order. It was a crusher; but the grocer was a clever man, and was used to all kinds of orders, and could interpret them easily. "I want 10lb. of paralysed sugar," she began, with a business-like air. "Yes'm. Anything else?" "Two tins of condemned milk." "Yes'm." He set down pulverised sugar and condensed milk. "Anything more, ma'am?" "A bag of fresh salt. Be sure it is fresh." "Yes'm; what next?" "A pound of desecrated cod-fish." He wrote glibly "desiccated cod." "Nothing more, ma'am? We have some nice horseradish just in." "No," she said, "it would be of no use to us; we don't keep a horse." Then the grocer sat down and fanned himself with a patent washboard, although the temperature was nearly freezing.

TO CLEAN DARK CURTAINS.

Curtains of really good material can generally be washed satisfactorily, provided they are put into a soapy lather and no soap is rubbed actually on them. In the case of green ones, add ox-gall to the water instead of soap. For dark silk-lined curtains grate a pound of potatoes to a pulp, add to them a pint of water, well stir, and sieve through a coarse sieve. Let stand till the liquor on top is clear, pour it off gently so as not to disturb the sediment, and sponge the curtains, first with this, and afterwards with a cloth wrung out of cold water, and iron through a damp cloth. It is best to try this sponging mixture on a small corner before doing the whole curtain.

A GOOD COMPLEXION.

If you want to have a good complexion don't be persuaded under any circumstances to forego your daily walk. Staying indoors and sitting over the fire are two of the worst things you can do. The hot air dries up the natural oil of the skin, and makes it wrinkle.

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RALLY OF WESLEY GUILDS AT CONSETT.

On Wednesday night, the 17th inst., the first Convention or Rally of the Wesley Guilds in the Shotley Bridge and Consett Circuit was held in the Wesleyan Methodist Schools, Middle Street, Consett, being attended by comrades from Stanley, South Moor, Lanchester, and Shotley Bridge, and was a very great success every item in the proceedings passing off with eclat, being interesting and enjoyable in every detail. The afternoon meeting under the presidency of the Rev. Geo. Polkinghorne, the genial and courteous president of the Consett Guild, timed to start at 3 p.m., was given up to the reading and discussion of papers.

Mr. John Nixon, of Shotley Bridge, was the first essayist, and the subject he had selected was one of the first importance to the young people who are such a large proportion of the constitution of this movement in Wesleyan Methodism, "Reading and Mental Culture" was the title of his paper, and Mr. Nixon treated his subject in a masterly manner touching and indicating the salient points with a nice discrimination although many criticisms and different opinions existed, and many of those opinions were enunciated in the discussion which followed the reading. Mr. Nixon was enabled to maintain the position he had taken with credit to himself and profit to the assembled comrades.

The next item was a paper on "Recreation," by Mr. G. T. Broadbent. Discussion at the close of this essay discovered the importance that is attached to this, one of the social questions of present day life, especially so in present day Christian life, and we believe that in the very near future the churches who wish to retain the young adherents of their several congregations will be compelled to legislate in one form or another for the solution of this pressing problem.

At 4.30, an adjournment was made to the adjoining hall, where the comrades of the Consett Guild had provided a substantial welcome in the shape of an excellent tea, of which between 70 and 80 partook. The tables were presided over by Mesdames Whittaker, Bailey, Cook, and Misses Hobdan, Davison, Parsons, and Armstrong.

For the public meeting commencing at 6.30, the Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald, of Leeds, the organising Secretary of the Central Guild, and Mr. W. Carr, of Darlington, had been secured for advocating the purposes and aims of this branch of church work.

Mr. Carr, in a brief but excellent speech, gave a summary of the object to be striven for in institutions of this character, and dwelling with particular emphasis on the spiritual needs of young people and the urgent necessity of Christian Churches for agressive propaganda to supply and direct them into proper channels.

The Rev. W. B. Fitzgerald next addressed the meeting and gave details of the aims and desires of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for the young life amongst them. Conference, he said, had freed him from all circuit duty after the end of the present year so that the whole of his time and whatever ability he possessed might be devoted to the furtherance of this great scheme. In confirmation of the remarks made by the previous speaker, he urged upon all officials connected with the Church and Guild, all leaders and members, to give a hearty and consistent support to carry on this important and very necessary work; the devotional meeting was to occupy the premier place in all programmes and the most careful preparation was to be observed so that this department would be the most interesting and enjoyable of the series.

The evening was an enthusiastic one, and after the usual votes of thanks, the evening's meeting closed, everyone feeling that the movement had gained a distinct and decided impetus, and with many expressions that the function that night become an annual one.

On Monday night last, the regular work of the winter session was continued by a meeting arranged and carried out by the Musical and Social Vice-President, Mr. John H. Swainston. Selections of music were given by the Chamber Music Society, comprising, Mr. John Davison (organist Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Church), Mr. J. P. Walton (Benfieldside), Mr. T. Borthwick, Mr. A. H. Heslop, and the Vice-President, while vocal contributions by such well-known and appreciated singers as Miss Ethel Swainston and Mr. J. T. Symington added very greatly to the enjoyment of those privileged to be present. Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, and Schuman were the masters chosen by the Society for interpretation, and right well did they accomplish the task they had undertaken and it is our belief that it would be a difficult matter to find more able exponents of the musical faculty within a wide radius of Consett, than the party who so ably acquitted themselves on Monday night. Miss Ethel Swainston was in fine voice, and the rich mezzo-soprano tones thereof found happy expression in Needham's "Husheen" and the romance from "Rosamunde" by Schubert.

Mr. Symington is now easily in the front as a singer, and on this occasion, added yet another success to his already long series of fresh, vigorous, yet withal sweet and truthful songs. "The Two Grenadiers" (Schuman) and "How Deep the Slumber of the Floods" (Carl Lowe) were highly and deservedly appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least we are constrained to congratulate Coun. G. T. Hyden on the able way in which he discoursed on "The Beautiful in Music," an unique speech, bristling with information full of wit and humour, and he brought out the many points of his subject, Many of the Bible musicians being noted and applied; both to the pleasure and profit of the assembled Guild. It was an intellectual treat, and was certainly the piece of the evening.

It is a very encouraging sign of the times when the young life and thought of the various churches in our town congregate together for mutual benefit and enjoyment, and the Wesley Guild is certain to do a great measure of good if its Executive can maintain the all-round excellence of the last few weeks.

THE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

A meeting was held on Monday in the Brunswick Hall, Newcastle, to make arrangements for the visit of the Wesleyan Conference to the city next July. There were present members of the District Synod, which sent an invitation to the Burslem Conference. The Rev. J. T. F. Halligey, F.R.G.S., presided. The Rev. Marshall Hartley (secretary of the conference) was present. The following officers were appointed:—The Rev. W. D. L. Slack and the Rev. D. W. Barr, general secretaries; Mr. U. A. Ritson and Sir William Stephenson, treasurers. The following conference secretaries were appointed:—Chapel, the Rev. W. H. Fuller and the Rev. W. D. Barr (12, Osborne Road); dining, etc., the Rev. J. C. Brewer (12, Crescent, Gateshead), the Rev. J. Cartwright and Mr. C. Irwin; public services and meetings, the Rev. J. M. Pairbourne (14, Jesmond Vale Terrace), Mr. A. Hann, and Mr. A. L. Fillingham; homes, the Rev. G. C. Clark (Low Fell), the Rev. J. D. Brash, and L. Railton; post office, the Rev. H. Hines (Whitley Bay) and the Rev. G. H. Bainbridge; printing, Mr. A. Reeve (3, Richmond Terrace, Gateshead), the Rev. D. L. Pawson, and Mr Holdsworth; stationary, the Rev. J. U. Hellwell (87, Park Road), the Rev. T. E. Thompson, Mr. L. B. Dalby (Gosforth), Mr P. Watchurst, Mr. Gomery, and Mr. Tomlinson. The Olympia will be taken for the week. Meetings will be held for young people, foreign missions, world-wide Methodism, temperance, army and navy, children's home, working men, etc. The usual conference services will be held to recognise returned missionaries and candidates for ordination. Suitable arrangements were made for guaranteeing the financial outlay and hospitality that will be required.

FIRE IN CONSETT.

On Friday night last a fire of a somewhat alarming character broke out on premises used as a hay store and owned by Mr. Cant, fruiterer, Front Street, Consett. The premises are situated behind the Theatre and in close proximity to other valuable buildings. When the fire was discovered the gravest danger was apprehended, but fortunately the atmosphere was calm and the members of the Fire Brigade were able to make the best use of very inadequate appliances. The fire appeared to have originated among the hay by means of spontaneous combustion and possibly had been smouldering for some time before the actual discovery was made. In all probability the conflagration would have been a serious one but for the smartness and presence of mind of Mr. Lloyd Clarance and the Theatre staff. Within ten minutes of the alarm being given the theatre appliances were in operation and played upon the building for fully a quarter of an hour before the arrival of the official firemen. When, however they did arrive no time was lost by the brigademen whose pluck and resource were in great contrast to the miserable means provided for them for the purpose of coping with a big blaze. There were three jets of water applicable at the outset, one of which shortly became useless. As soon as Captain Shell and Deputy Captain Egglestone found it would be impossible to save the building they very properly directed their efforts to the gables and so prevented the flames from spreading to adjoining property. The methods adopted by the firemen were admirable and to their untiring energy is due the fact that the whole of the damage sustained was under £300 covered, we understand, by insurance. The fire very naturally caused a great crowd to assemble but excellent order was maintained by Inspector Best, Sergt. Dryden, and other police officials.

MEDOMSLEY.

Wesleyan Church: Opening of a New Organ.—In connection with the opening of a new organ in the Medomsley Wesleyan Church, a public meeting was held on Saturday night, Mr. W. Fenwick in the chair. The speakers were Messrs T. C. Elliott and T. Fairless. A supper followed, and was well attended.—On Sunday the Rev. George E. Polkinghorne, of Consett, preached in the afternoon and evening.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year, more than £350,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country to the great injury of our own working people, so true is that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches that firm would be enabled to pay £1,000 a week more in wages, and large numbers of the unemployed in East London would thus be provided with work, instead of swelling the ranks of pauperism.

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CHAPTER I.

The time of the year was May, and the weather fine. There was a cheerful buzz of conversation at Colonel Nugent's breakfast table in Grosvenor Crescent. The windows were open, and from the bright flowers which filled the boxes outside a pleasant smell was wafted into the room. Lady O'Brien, the Colonel's pretty sister, was presiding at the tea-tray; her daughter Wilmot, had just flitted into the room, had given the Colonel a light kiss on his cheek, had nodded affectionately to her mother, and dropped into her seat.

Frank Norreys, Wilmot's favourite cousin and one of the best-looking men in the Coldstream Guards, was idly opening a sheaf of letters which lay by his plate. The atmosphere of the room indicated both the extreme of comfort and the acme of good taste. There was nothing flurried about its graceful, well-bred inmates. Lady O'Brien, as she glanced round her, gave a sigh of content out of the fulness of her heart.

"There is no time like May," she said in her cheerful voice, "and May in London is perfection."

"May in London is little short of heaven," cried Wilmot. "The only drawback is that the perfect weather and the joys of the season come to an end. I shudder when I look forward to the middle of July."

"And I shudder at the thought of the daily grind of so-called pleasure which is before me," said Norreys, looking up from the perusal of his fifth letter. "I am sick to death of four balls a night—yes, Wilmot, it is true."

Wilmot O'Brien raised her dark eyes and looked full into the wide-open grey ones of her handsome cousin.

"You are too young to be so incorrigibly lazy," she said. "What are four balls a night, or even five, when one is scarcely out of one's teens?"

"Oh, nonsense, Wilmot; it is all very fine for you," interrupted Norreys, "but I am far on in the twenties, remember."

"Don't let us talk dismals now," she said. "If you are nearly thirty, you don't look it, and as I am scarcely twenty yet, I mean to enjoy life. Mother, what are we to do this morning? I must see my dressmaker, of course; but afterwards, I mean."

Lady O'Brien did not immediately reply, for at that instant her attention was fixed upon Colonel Nugent. The Colonel was her half-brother and was nearly double her age. He was a silent man, very handsome, with a somewhat fierce outline of face, and the kindest, most genial heart in the world. While the others were chatting he had been going steadily through his correspondence. Now he dropped a letter which he had read not only once but twice, then stooped to pick it up. As he did so, his hitherto placid face became suffused with crimson. He thrust the letter into his breast-pocket, and a moment afterwards made an excuse to leave the room.

"What can be the matter?" said Wilmot, turning first to her mother and then to her cousin.

"Nothing whatever," said Norreys. "Why do you ask? Who are you talking about?"

"Uncle George, of course; did you notice how red he got when he dropped that letter?"

"It was the exertion of stooping—the colour flamed into his face when he bent down to pick it up."

"Oh, it was not only that," said Wilmot, "I noticed him when he read it; he read it once, twice, if not thrice; he left the room simply as an excuse because he wanted to read it a fourth time."

"Don't worry about him," said Lady O'Brien. "There is nothing in your uncle having a letter which is troublesome; he is the best-natured man in the world, and in all probability that epistle was a more terrible begging letter than usual. Anyone can trespass on your uncle's good-nature, my dear Wilmot."

"I don't think that was a begging letter," said Wilmot, in a thoughtful tone. As she spoke she glanced full at her mother, and her pretty dimpled, decidedly worldly face assumed a passing shade of uneasiness.

"What do you mean to do this morning, Wilmot?" asked her cousin.

Wilmot stood up and shook out the flounces of her fashionable dress.

"First of all I must go to my dressmaker," she said.

"I knew as much," said the young man. "How women can devote so much time to their dress passes my comprehension."

"But, Frank! you would not have me go out unfit to be seen."

"You never do that—and you know it, Wilmot."

"That is because I visit my dressmaker at decent intervals. I admit that she is the trial of my life, but I cannot do without her. When did you say you had ordered the carriage, mother?"

"At ten o'clock, dear, and I told Simpson to be sharp. You had better go and get ready."

"Are you coming with me?"

"Not this morning; I have several things to say to your uncle."

"I am at your disposal, Wilmot, if you want me," said Frank, with a shrug of his broad shoulders.

"Do you mean it?" she asked, a flush of delight dimpling her pretty face; "why you're fifty times better than mother as a judge of what a dress ought really to be like. When you say, 'Wilmot, you look all right,' I know that every man who meets me will feel the same, and of course I don't care a pin for any woman's opinion. You can stay downstairs, you know, while Madame Castelette is adorning me, and then I will sail into your presence in my pretty new gown."

"Off with you now," said the mother, "go and get ready. As Frank is going to look after you, Wilmot, I shall have an easy morning as far as you are concerned; but fly, my dear, for your uncle does not like his horses to be kept waiting."

The pretty girl left the room, and Norreys, who was standing near one of the window boxes, idly picked a marguerite and a piece of mignonette, and began twirling them in his fingers.

"Do you really suppose there is anything serious the matter with my uncle?" he asked, turning presently to Lady O'Brien.

"I don't know," she said. "It is impossible to say; he certainly did look queer. Sometimes, Frank, it comes over me that he is not at all strong—I believe his heart is affected—we have weak hearts in our family—his father died from a heart affection, and rather suddenly. But he never will allow me to talk about his affairs, and certainly not on the subject of his health. Well, I am going to him now. If there is anything in that letter I shall soon ferret out the truth."

"There can't be," said Norreys; "if there ever was a man in the world whose affairs are straight as a die, and who has no concealment of any sort, Uncle George is the person."

"I hope you are right, Frank. Well, take care of Wilmot and don't encourage her in too much extravagance."

"She is so pretty she deserves the best dress in the world," answered the young man.

"She pays for dress, certainly," replied the mother, a pleased expression flitting across her face. "I suppose she must have her way, but don't let her buy more than two new hats this morning, and request her when she is ordering dresses to keep within bounds. Last week I let her go to Madame Castelette by herself and she told me when she returned that she had ordered no less than six frocks, and two of them were so alike that you would not know one from the other. One should never be so mad as to spend money on dress without a due eye to the possible effect. Now Wilmot, in the hands of Madame Castelette, is like wax in the moulder's; so understand what I expect of you, my dear boy."

The young man nodded, and as at that moment Wilmot, in the most irreproachible and highly fashionable costume, entered the room, they both nodded to Lady O'Brien and departed on their shopping expedition.

"That's settled for the time being," said the widow to herself. "I wonder when Frank will come to the point. I must bring him to the scratch, and soon, too. I cannot have a pretty girl like Wilmot wearing out her charms for one who does not appreciate them—but he does, of course he does; he is the best fellow in the world and will make her as happy as the day is long. I am determined that he shall be her husband and the engagement must be announced before the end of this season. But now for the tug of war. George hates my interfering with him, but I didn't like that pallor round his lips as he read his letter—it had a foreign post mark by the way; and then his hurrying out of the room before he had half-finished his breakfast looked queer. I mean to know what is the matter before I am many hours older."

Lady O'Brien was the wife of an Irish baron who had left her at his death little except her title, one child, and a number of debts. Lady O'Brien was a clever, worldly-minded little woman. She quickly discarded the debts, shuffling them on to the shoulders of her solicitor, who managed at last to convince the creditors that there was nothing whatever to pay them with, and took her child, herself, and her title to her brother's house in Grosvenor Crescent.

Here she received a hearty welcome from Colonel Nugent, who was a rich old bachelor. He told his sister that as long as she did not interfere with his own personal comforts she might act as mistress of his establishment. Lady O'Brien had a certain amount of tact, and she and Wilmot settled themselves comfortably in the Colonel's luxurious mansion. Here they lived in peace and plenty for over ten years. From this house morning after morning pretty Wilmot had trudged to school—from here also as she grew older she went to various classes, acquiring a certain smattering of learning, but never doing the thing seriously. She was gay, with a pretty manner, a beautiful face, and a kindly heart. At the right age she was duly presented and made her début into society with all imaginable good taste and a certain amount of success. She was beautiful enough to attract the attention of her cousin Frank Norreys, who had a private fortune of his own. She also had other lovers. Frank, however, was first and foremost, and Wilmot really did feel some thrills running pleasantly through her being, and was conscious of the fact that her eyes were bright and her cheeks had a crimson rose bloom when she was in Frank's presence. She liked him, very soon she learned to love him—she flattered him, and he took her pretty ways and engaging manners with a certain amount of seriousness, by no means making up his mind to marry her, but thinking about it now and then in his lazy moments.

Yes, Wilmot would certainly make a nice, ladylike wife, and by and by Colonel Nugent would leave her his money. With their united fortunes the pair would be rich. As to the fact of their being first cousins Norreys was not the sort of man to trouble himself about heredity—all he felt was that there was no hurry. He did not want to lose his freedom yet. Meanwhile it was pleasant to flirt with Wilmot, to excite her jealousy, to raise hopes within her which were all too apparent in her sparkling eyes and smiling lips. Whenever he asked her she was certain to say "Yes," but he did not feel that he was in any special haste to put the question.

The two sallied forth now into the bright May sunshine as gay and unconcerned a pair as that sun had ever shone upon.

Since she was ten years old Wilmot had never known a care. Before that time there had been plenty of sorrows, for in the sort of Castle Rackrent in which they lived in Ireland creditors were numerous and unpleasant. Lady O'Brien in those days had often been seen with eyes red from weeping, for Wilmot's father was a sporting squire of the old school, rather too fond of the bottle and given to many good round oaths—he was feared by his dependents, loved and feared about equally by his wife, and decidedly dreaded by his pretty little daughter. It had been Wilmot's habit to keep as much as possible out of her father's way, but the breezes which blew straight from the broad Atlantic were pleasant all the same, and the tenants were good-natured to the little girl, and although Lady O'Brien had a bad time of it, Wilmot did not mind things very much.

But she was not by nature a country girl—there was nothing large or wide at that time about Wilmot. By and by the strength of passion would produce a change in her, but that had not awakened in those early days. When her father died she did what duty demanded, shed a few tears over his dead face, and wept also when she and her mother, standing at the castle gates, saw the funeral cortege leaving the old house. But immediately afterwards Lady O'Brien and the little girl went to England—Colonel Nugent was fatherly to Wilmot and brotherly to his sister, the comforts of his luxurious home were thrown open to the pair, and Wilmot finding that the sun now shone steadily on her, began to think life intensely agreeable. She was a favourite at school, for she was good-natured and not the least ambitious. Her uncle supplied her with abundance of pocket money so she could regale her schoolfellows with unlimited chocolates and other delights. Her masters, who quickly perceived that she had no talents in any one direction, did not worry her over her music, painting or recitations, and consequently she found her lessons delightful. Then there came the happy, the all-important day, when she reached young womanhood and the dress for her presentation to Her Gracious Majesty had to be selected. The dress came home, was fitted on, approved, and then arrived that giddy moment when she stood in her Court train and plumes and was petted and caressed by both uncle and mother, while Frank Norreys helped her to strawberries and cream. As he did so he whispered in her willing years that she must have been quite the prettiest debutante at that special Drawing room, and from that moment there came a keener delight and a swifter motion into her young life.

Wilmot was now twenty years of age, happy, young, full of hope, not engaged yet, although she had received several proposals. But her heart belonged to Frank; day by day and hour by hour her passion for him strengthened until it became the ruling motive of every action. It but needed a waft of ill-fortune, a touch of any contrary wind, to fan it into flame which might rouse the hitherto gentle girl to desperate deeds. But all this was problematical.

"Either Frank is off or on immediately," muttered Lady O'Brien to herself on that special morning. "I have made up my mind, and I shall speak to George; he must ask Frank what his intentions are. Yes, George can do this without compromising either Wilmot or myself. I will not have her beautiful youth spoiled, waiting for any man."

As these thoughts flitted through Lady O'Brien's active brain she turned in the direction of her brother's study.

She reached the doors, which were double, green-baize outside, heavy oak within. Unfastening the outer enclosure she applied her knuckles vigorously.

"Who is there?" said a voice within.

"Only me, George—Nellie. I want to ask you one or two questions."

"I will see you presently, Helen. I am particularly engaged now."

"Provoking! What a fool I was not to open the door and walk in," thought the widow to herself.

There was nothing for it now, however, but to retire with as much dignity as she could.

Colonel Nugent was as kind, as generous, as affectionate and good to his half-sister and her daughter as man could be. Lady O'Brien had a delightful time in his house, being mistress of his servants, entitled to order his dinners, to use his carriage and to help herself to a considerable amount of his property; but, all the same, as far as his innermost thoughts were concerned, as far as his real life went, she lived outside his existence. She did not know this, and he was too full of tact to allow her ever to perceive it. She was fond of telling her friends that she alone in all the world understood her somewhat eccentric brother.

"He is the dearest old fellow," she would say, "the most perfect gentleman—he quite spoils Wilmot and myself—but then we are such friends, have been so, he and I, all our lives; heart to heart we are as one. It is delightful the confidences he gives me. Dear, dear George—his love is warmly returned. I believe I could die for him, and so could my dear little Wilmot."

As the friends to whom Lady O'Brien made this confidence knew only too well that there was that in the speaker which would make it impossible for her to die for anyone, they were apt on such occasions to smile and turn their faces aside. For it needed but half a glance to be all but certain that Colonel Nugent was scarcely likely to open his heart to anyone; but if ever he did so it would not be to his frivolous sister, Lady O'Brien.

Now when her footsteps were heard retreating, the Colonel crossed his room and turned the key in the lock.

"I must have this morning to myself," he muttered. Then he sank down into his favourite chair, and taking the letter, the contents of which had worried him so considerably at breakfast, out of his pocket, read it slowly over again. Its contents were brief, and ran as follows:—

"Hotel de l'Europe,
"Moscow.

"My dear Nugent,

"I have something to say which will startle you considerably. I have just come across your long-lost [illegible], one has been brought up, I am sorry to say, in a perfect nest of Nihilists, and from what I am given to understand, has imbibed all sorts of extraordinary socialistic tendencies. All the same she is a strikingly handsome girl, with much individuality and character. She has a certain look of that old portrait of your mother, too, which you remember you showed me the last time I was in London. I had a long interview with her yesterday, and enclose herewith a paper containing evidence of her birth—there is not the least doubt that she is poor Katarine's daughter, as the enclosed chain of evidence will show you. It might be well for you, Nugent, to come straight out here, and if you will wire me to that effect, I will wait at this hotel till you join me—we might then consider what is best to be done. Your prognostications, my dear old friend, have turned out strangely correct. How often have I laughed at you when you assured me that you were certain Katarine's child lived, and that some day you would find her. I was equally persuaded that the infant must have died at birth, but behold you are right and I am wrong. A fine, handsome girl, above the average in every sense of the word, waits to be claimed by her affectionate father.

"This will reach you on the tenth, and if you start at once you can be here on the thirteenth or fourteenth. We can then consider our plans.

"Yours, my dear fellow,
"Sincerely,
"Edward Scarsdale."

"Good God!" muttered the Colonel to himself after all these years. Am I glad or am I sorry? It is impossible to say at this moment. Of one thing I am resolved: neither Nellie nor Wilmot must learn anything of this at present. I must see that child and soon. To think that I have a grown-up daughter whom I have never yet laid eyes on is quite enough to stagger even the sanest of men. I cannot rest until the whole thing has been made plain to me. This evidence is certainly conclusive—the date of birth, followed immediately by poor Katarine's death. Ah! that miserable time, how the ghost of it rises up before me now! My God, what a fool I was, and yet how madly, how madly I loved her. If her child is like her I shall love her also; and yet God help me, I trust she may be different in some ways. Brought up as a Nihilist did he say? With the strongest Socialistic tendencies. I perceive that in my old age I am about to be plunged into water hot enough to scald me. Well, I must not shirk the inevitable, and I shall start for Moscow to-night."

As this last thought came to the Colonel he got up, thrust the letter into his breast pocket, and having the study crossed the hall preparatory to going out. He intended to send a telegram immediately to the Hotel de l'Europe, Moscow.

As he was putting on his hat Lady O'Brien, who heard his step on the oak floor of the hall, tripped out of her little boudoir.

"I was so sorry you could not see me, dear George, when I came to your door that time," she said.

"I was particularly engaged, Nellie, or I should of course have attended to you," was his reply.

"But I came on business."

"I can see you when I come in; I must go out now."

"You look worried, my dear old man; is there anything the matter?"

"Nothing. Why do you ask?"

"I cannot quite tell you, only at breakfast you had a letter."

"Helen, you know what I have told you already with regard to my letters. You are welcome to this house and to all that it contains, but my letters are my own; I hope you understand."

"Good gracious! Of course I do, George, particularly when you look at me with such an awfully stern face. Did I not know that you were quite the most good-natured, good-humoured old fellow in the world I should be quite alarmed. But I would be the very last to trouble you. I understand you, George, few better; you are good, very good; you have not a bit of real fierceness in you. Yes, of course, you must go out, and I won't say another word about that naughty letter, not another word. Wilmot would scold me if I did. Why, Wilmot, dear child, looks upon you just as if you were her real father."

"Quite right, she is a good girl," said the Colonel. "Now don't keep me any longer, for I am in a hurry."

"But you'll be in to lunch?"

"I cannot say, I may be. By the way, Helen, I shall be leaving town to-night for two or three days."

"Indeed? Are you going to the Paddock?"

"No."

"And you won't tell me?" As Lady O'Brien spoke she cocked her head a little to one side, putting on the airs of a very vivacious robin.

The Colonel looked steadily at her and was silent.

"Shall you be long away, you dear, mysterious old creature?"

"I cannot say."

"To-night you say you are going?"

"To-night, and I have much to do, so don't keep me any longer. Good-bye for the present."

The Colonel took up his walking-stick and left the house.

CHAPTER II.

After all, Colonel Nugent reached home in time for lunch. Neither Wilmot nor Norreys had yet put in an appearance, and Lady O'Brien having her step-brother to herself was not slow to avail herself of such a valuable opportunity.

"George, I want to talk to you on a matter of grave importance," she said. Her voice had assumed a plaintive tone—as she spoke she twirled a handsome diamond ring nervously round and round her finger.

Colonel Nugent glanced at her under his shaggy brows, he gave a very impatient shrug of his shoulders, then prepared himself to listen.

"Well, Helen, have it out. I have always observed that when a woman cannot have her own way she is restless and unreasonable. You have been anxious to see me for the entire morning, I can now give you a short time of absolute attention."

"Dear me, George, how unkind you are when you talk of women. I don't think you have any right to speak to me in that tone; I am sure my worst enemy would not consider me unreasonable. I worry my male relations! I know better—I've had too much, too sad experience. I am sure, George, I do my utmost to keep your house as nice as possible, and to manage your servants, and to, to—"

"Pray don't go on, Helen; you are a capital woman, capital—the best sister a man could possess. But now, for goodness sake, tell me what is up. You are in trouble, or it seems like it. Can I help you in any way?"

"What would comfort me more than anything else in the wide world would be your full and entire confidence."

The Colonel put on his most ferocious frown.

"I am not going to say another word," continued the widow, lifting up her hand in a deprecatory manner. "I know—yes, I know well that I cannot have your confidence, and I am about to speak on another matter. It is about our dear, pretty, little Wilmot."

"Is there anything wrong with our dear, pretty, little Wilmot?" asked the Colonel, relief apparent both in his tone and manner. "I observed her at breakfast and noticed that the child never looked better, brighter, nor handsomer."

"Yes, she is very pretty, is she not?" said the gratified mother.

"I think so, but perhaps I am not a judge. The fashion of beauty changes as much as anything else. When I was young it was your slender women with sloping shoulders, no waist to speak of, and tiny hands and feet, who were all the go. Now the creature whom men adore has to be buxom, full-blooded, largely developed, with a touch of the masculine."

"You don't mean to say you consider Wilmot masculine."

"Not at all; she is a decidedly pretty, feminine little creature. I was only wondering if she is the fashion."

"She is very much admired, I assure you."

"Then that is all right; but what is the matter with her? You look terribly worried, Nellie—that frown between your brows does not improve you. It makes you look your age. Oh, pray don't jump down my throat."

Lady O'Brien kept her seat with some difficulty. She also kept her composure by a violent effort. After a time she said slowly:

"When you consider that Wilmot looks the personification of happiness, it shows how little you can see below the surface."

"But is there anything wrong with her?"

"I hope not; and yet sometimes I think she does look a little worn for her age."

"Worn!" said the Colonel. "She is a bonny young creature in the bloom of youth. What do you mean, Nellie, Nellie? Come, don't take up fads."

"It is not a fad, I assure you. Wilmot looks to me at times both worn and anxious; and the fact is this, George, there is a reason for it. I had better come to the point at once. It is high time that you asked Frank Norreys what his intentions are!"

Colonel Nugent now indeed did raise his brows, and a look of anger crossed his face.

"Are you serious, Helen?" he asked. "You have been having a bad night, and do not quite know what you are saying. You want me to ask Frank what his intentions are!—Do you mean with a view to matrimony?"

"Of course, I do. How dense you are! And why will you put it in that coarse, vulgar way—is not a hint enough?"

"But I don't know what I am to say to Frank. Has he proposed to Wilmot? But they are first cousins, almost brother and sister. My dear Helen, I must be misunderstanding you."

"You do not misunderstand me at all, George. You take my remarks in a very unpleasant spirit, but they are plain enough. I repeat what I have already said: I want you to ask Frank Norreys what his intentions are—yes, with a view to matrimony. I should like Wilmot to marry him, even [illegible] she loves h[im] [illegible] given him [illegible]

"I am [illegible] indeed," s[aid] [illegible] from his s[eat] [illegible] in front o[f] [illegible] dreadful i[illegible] most suitab[le] [illegible] has been [illegible] attentions, [illegible] coming forward, injuring the child's prospects, destroying the first freshness of her youth, and yet he has never put the vital question."

"And you really want him to? Remember once again, they are first cousins."

"As if that mattered! I never was so silly as to believe in any nonsense of that kind."

"But most people do believe in it. You had better go and ask your family doctor."

"I should like Wilmot to marry Frank," repeated Lady O'Brien, in her most obstinate voice. "He will have plenty of money, that is one reason; another is that the child loves him; a third, that he is an excellent and good-hearted fellow himself, though, in my opinion, he is scarcely behaving straight now."

"He is a good fellow, as such young men go," answered the Colonel. "He has a nice place in the country and a few thousands a year, but he is by no means a great catch. I wonder at you, Helen—I must say I do."

"I want him for Wilmot because—because Wilmot loves him," said the mother; and now her voice trembled with real feeling.

"Are you sure of this? Remember, you are saying a very grave thing."

"I am certain—positive."

"Has the child told you so?"

"No, but I can read it in her eyes."

"Nevertheless, you may be mistaken. I never noticed anything at all between them."

"George, please try to remember that you are a man."

"When talking to you I never for a moment forget that fact. Well, and what do you really want me to do?"

"To speak to Frank—oh, George, if you would!"

"In my day, when a man was fond of a woman he told her so," said the Colonel. "I suppose things are changed now. You surely don't want Frank to marry Wilmot if he is not fond of her."

"Oh, he is; of course he is."

"Well, perhaps so. It must be a queer sort of affection which does not declare itself. By the way, have you consulted Wilmot herself on this important subject?"

"I? I am not quite so mad—I would not tell her for the world, nor must you. George, yours will be a delicate task, but you are the man to do it, and the man to do it properly. It is your duty. Of course, dear little Wilmot will never know. Frank is just thoughtless but I can guess where his heart is. As soon as he has been given a hint in the right direction he will see his duty, and his pleasure as well, and all will come right. As to Wilmot, there is not the least doubt that she is in love, very much in love."

"Strange," said the Colonel, "when I was young a mother would not have said that about any girl. Now when poor O'Brien proposed for you—"

"Don't, George; those memories are too affecting."

Lady O'Brien pulled a handkerchief out of her pocket and the Colonel edged in the direction of the door.

"Don't cry," he said, "you know perfectly well you have got over it long ago. Well, I am leaving England to-night. When I return—"

"But that's exactly it. Why wait until you return? Speak to him before you go, George, or write him a letter."

"What am I to say?"

"I cannot dictate to you. One man always knows what to say to another man on an occasion of this sort. Remember, you are in the position of Wilmot's father. If Frank does not intend to become her husband he must not follow her about as he does."

"Do you think it is as grave as all that?"

"I do—I certainly do."

"Then I will write something, and at once; but all the same I believe you are mistaken. If Wilmot were really my child I should only allow her to be wooed and won in the ordinary way. If the man has not spunk enough to ask her himself without any prodding from her male relations she is much better off without him in my opinion. Really, Helen, I wish you would consider this. Wilmot is much too pretty to be offered to any man."

"I know what I am doing," said the mother, in a steady voice. "Wilmot has had the misfortune to fall in love with Frank, and on account of that she discourages other eligible men. With Frank she is happy, when he is away she is miserable. George, it must be; you will write to him, will you not?"

"I will write something, but, by Jove, I don't know what to say. Now, I have a good deal to do, and if you're going out all once I may not see you again."

"This departure of yours sounds terribly mysterious."

"Think anything you like about it, but I have no more time to waste. Good-bye—good-bye."

The Colonel hurriedly left the room; once more he returned to his study, drew a sheet of paper towards him, dipped his pen in ink and prepared to write. He thought for a bit, the frown deepening between his brows.

"This is all deuced unpleasant," he said to himself, "but after all, as things are turning out, it might be as well to get Wilmot out of the way. That there will be complications I can see well, and Helen is the sort of woman to make herself intensely unpleasant. If I really possess a daughter she ought to be mistress of this house, and Helen and Wilmot will have to leave. On one point I am firmly resolved, the house shall not have two mistresses. If Wilmot marries, her mother might live with her. Yes, that would be a capital arrangement and save me from a good deal of anxiety. Not that I mean, God knows, to be selfish, but my own child, the child whom I have never laid eyes on, must have my first care and consideration. Yes, I will say something to Frank—doubtless the mother is right, but I am sorry for Wilmot—I don't even respect the child quite as much as I did."

Here the Colonel dipped his pen in ink and wrote on the blank sheet of paper before him "My Dear Frank."

The words were scarcely written before the study door was flung open and the young man in question strolled in.

"My dear Frank, you're the very man I want," said the Colonel. "After all," he said to himself, "it is easier to speak than to write."

"What's up, Uncle George?" said Norreys, sinking as he spoke into the nearest chair. "By the way," he added, "Aunt Nellie tells me that you are leaving town. Have you forgotten that you are to preside at the Club dinner to-night?"

The Colonel threw up his hands.

"What a mercy you reminded me," he cried. "I must send a note to the secretary immediately; he must find another chairman. I am very sorry, but my business is important, very important."

The Colonel rumpled up his hair and stared straight at his nephew.

"You look worried; is there anything I can do for you, sir?" asked the young man.

"I wish you could, Frank; but there—this is the sort of thing that I cannot confide to anyone. I am hurrying out of England, and I cannot exactly say when I shall be back."

"Does Aunt Nellie know about your business?"

"She does not, nor do I wish her to. Frank, you must keep your own counsel. It is quite possible that I may have to write to you from abroad. If so, I shall address my letter to the Club. See, this will be my address in case you have anything to say to me. Now, not a word to your aunt and cousin; mind, I trust you."

"You may, sir. I shall not breath a syllable of what you have said."

"That's right."

"Were you about to send me a letter on the subject?" asked Norreys, who could not help seeing the "My Dear Frank" staring at him on the white sheet of paper.

"I was just going to write to you, but not on this subject." The Colonel coloured and looked hard at the young man. Norreys gazed back at him in a most nonchalant and yet affectionate style. He was very fond of his uncle, he understood him far better than either Wilmot or Lady O'Brien did.

"What did you want to say to me?" he asked, after a pause.

"I don't exactly know how to word it, my boy, but the fact is——"

"What is the difficulty?" asked Norreys.

"It is about Wilmot. Your aunt thinks——"

Norreys's face became all alive now. He sprang up, the colour mounting to his temples.

"Aunt Nellie thinks——" he began.

"She says people talk about you and Wilmot, and—Do you mean anything by it, my lad? Is she—that pretty girl, I mean—is she the sort of woman you want to take to yourself as a wife. Is she the sort you would like, the one who would suit you best?"

"I don't know," answered Norreys. He sank down again into his chair. "Is it possible," he said, with a laugh, "that Aunt Helen has commissioned you to sound me on the subject of my proposing for Wilmot?"

"I am afraid that's about it," said the Colonel.

"But Wilmot knows nothing about this?"

"Nothing, I assure you—not a syllable."

"If I thought she did——" began Norreys.

"But she does not, Frank; and if you run away with such a preposterous idea you will be doing your cousin a gross injustice to the longest day of her life."

"Your word is enough, sir. And so Aunt Helen thinks I am compromising the dear little girl?"

"She said as much."

"What nonsense some women do talk! May not a man and a girl go about together, particularly if they happen to be first cousins, without having to go the whole length? It is preposterous!"

"I always regarded your friendship for Wilmot as just that pleasant, delightful intercourse which exists between brother and sister," said the Colonel; "but your aunt has a different idea. She believes that you would be a very desirable husband for Wilmot."

"But Wilmot may have different ideas herself on the matter."

The Colonel was silent. After a time he said.

"If you love her you can soon find out what her opinions are."

"Yes, that's it; but I don't know that I do love her. Oh, of course, I'm awfully fond of her, but love! that is a different matter. I should not be exactly unhappy as her husband, and I don't believe honestly she would be so happy as my wife—but love! Men are not quite so cool where they really love."

"Were you ever in love, Frank?"

"Once or twice, but nothing serious. On the whole I like Wilmot better than any other girl, but that is not love."

"It is not, my boy. For goodness' sake, Frank, if those are your feelings tell your aunt the simple truth, get her to see that the affair is hopeless, and then she will think of some other husband for your cousin."

Norreys was silent; he was thinking deeply. Colonel Nugent stood up.

"You understand the position now," he said after a pause, "and I have delivered my soul. It is a relief to me to speak, for I am a bad hand at the pen. Your aunt evidently wishes Wilmot to marry early, and so, for the matter of that, do I."

"I never thought you were a man for early marriages, Uncle George."

"Nor am I; but circumstances alter matters."

"Sir, you are troubled about something."

"I am, Frank; I am."

"Why don't you give me your confidence? I should keep your counsel, as I have already said."

"I know that, but I cannot tell you anything now, I may later on. You will do what is right about Wilmot?"

"I don't know what I shall do," answered the young man. "The fact is I have sometimes thought of Wilmot for my wife, but never seriously. It would be convenient, would it not, to unite the properties? I am very fond of her, very fond indeed; it is only that——"

"I quite understand, you are not in love. Don't think of her again, Frank."

"It may not be my nature to fall in love; I like her better than most people, then the uniting of the properties——"

"It is the second time you have said that. What do you mean?"

"Uncle George, as you are frank with me I'll be frank with you. When you die—may the day be far distant—you will doubtless leave the Paddock and this house to Wilmot."

"Don't imagine anything of the kind, for I won't," said the Colonel.

"You won't? I always understood that she was your heiress."

"You made a mistake. I shall leave her something, a few thousands, nothing more. You have, how much a year?"

"Between four and five thousand a year."

"Then, surely if you want to marry you can keep a wife in comfort."

"I am in debt; not heavily, but a good deal of my property is mortgaged. I am not cut out for the rôle of a poor man. I believe my marriage with Wilmot is out of the question."

"Very well, Frank. I have put it to you, and as I said just now, delivered my soul. You must make the best terms you can with your aunt. Leave me now, my boy, I have much to do, and several letters to write."

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QUEBEC.

Harvest Festival.—The harvest thanksgiving services at St. John's Church, Quebec, commenced on Thursday night. The edifice was adorned with fruit, flowers and grain. The Rev. J. Haworth, principal of St. Hilda's College, Durham, preached. The Revs. F. G. Wesley (vicar), and John Dent (curate), assisted in the service.

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WORTHIES OF THE DERWENT VALLEY.

3. CHRISTOPHER HUNTER, M.B., F.S.A.

Eminent Antiquary and Physician.

Christopher Hunter, was the only son of Thomas Hunter, of Medomsley, gentleman, by his second wife Margaret Redshaw, and was born at the family residence at Medomsley in July, 1674, being baptised in the parish church on the 8th of July of the following year.

He was left an orphan at an early age. His mother died when he was scarcely seven months old, and was buried in Esh Church, and his father died in December, 1685, when Christopher was a little over eleven years of age, and was buried at Medomsley.

He received his early education at the Free Grammar School at Kepyer, Houghton-le-Spring, founded in 1574 by the famous Bernard Gilpin, "the Apostle of the North," and John Heath, Esqs.

Christopher removed to Cambridge University in his eighteenth year, and was admitted a pensioner of St. John's College there in 1692. He was placed under the tuition of Thomas Brown, Esq., and also under that eminent antiquary and scholar, Thomas Baker, Esq., of Crook Hall, near Leadgate, in this county, whose sister Margaret afterwards became the wife of John Hunter, Christopher's elder half-brother. Distinguished by regularity of conduct, and a severe attention to his academical studies, he soon became a favourite with his tutors, especially of Mr. Baker, and it is probable that from this eminent antiquary Hunter either confirmed or imbibed that genuine taste for antiquarian pursuits, which marked his future career, and which, if it did not open the path to worldly profit or distinction, afforded, at least, an innocent and rational source of amusement during the leisure of a long and tranquil life.

In the year 1698 he obtained his degree of B.M., and shortly afterwards returned to his native county, and commenced a medical practice in Stockton-on-Tees, receiving a license, dated 7th October, 1701, from Dr. John Brookbank, the Spiritual Chancellor of the Diocese of Durham, to practice physic throughout the whole diocese of Durham.

On August 1st., 1702, Dr. Hunter married, at Durham Cathedral, Elizabeth, one of the two daughters and co-heiresses of John Elrington, Esq., of Espershields and Unthank, in the Parish of Bywell, Northumberland. With this lady he received a considerable landed estate at Unthank. He had also received, according to the will of his father, a very handsome provision. Added to these resources were the emoluments of a respectable practice—but as is common to generous and studious men, Dr. Hunter was destined never to become rich. "Like poor Anthony a Wood," says Turlin, our county historian, "heraldry (music and painting) did so much crowd upon him, that he could not avoid them; and could never give a reason why he should delight in these studies, more than in others, so prevalent was nature, mixed with a generosity of mind, and a hatred to all that is servile, sneakin, or advantageous for lucre's sake."

A few years after his marriage, Dr. Hunter removed from Stockton to Durham, a city better adapted for his social and studious habits. Here his tastes for antiquarian and historical knowledge were made more congenial and better developed. He had the privilege of the use of the fine library of the Dean and Chapter, and he took advantage of it, and became a regular frequentor, obtaining much sound history and topography from MSS that are scarce, and from expensive works of reference. There is a story or tradition that Dr. Hunter was afterwards excluded from, or eventually refused access to, the library, for spilling a bottle of ink over a valuable copy of Magna Charta. Surtees one of our Durham historians, in referring to this incident says—"I sincerely hope, for the honour of all parties concerned, this story is apocryphal. Whether it was true or not Dr. Hunter from that period abandoned various literary projects which he had intended compiling."

Dr. Hunter employed his license in assisting the labours of several eminent antiquarians and local historians, in which his valuable local knowledge was of the highest use. Amongst these may be named John Horsley, whom he provided with valuable local knowledge of the Romans in Durham for his work "Britannia Romana," issued in 1732, and also Alexander Gordon, whom he furnished with similar information for his "Iter Septentrionale," issued in 1726. He also rendered considerable assistance to Dr. Wilkins, in compiling his "Concilia," published in 17—, and he contributed many materials to Henry Bourne's "History of the Earth," published in 1734. He also rendered assistance to Dr. Lister, a celebrated London naturalist and anatomist, and three of Lister's letters to Dr. Hunter are printed in Nichol's Literary Anecdotes (vol. IX., p. 690-1). Both Mr Gordon and Mr. Horsley acknowledged Dr. Hunter to be very exact and masterly in the knowledge of antiquities, and Dr. Lister, in his work, acknowledges his obligations to him. Surtees, the historian, also pays a high tribute to Dr. Hunter's labours.

In the year 1724, Dr. Hunter placed an inscription commemorating the founders of Kepyer Grammar School—Gilpin and Heath—over the porch door of the school, and on the 15th of December, 1725, he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Dr. Hunter at one time seriously conceived the idea of compiling a History of the Diocese of Durham, and in April, 1743, he circulated proposals for printing, by subscription, in two volumes, quarto,—"Antiquates Parochiales Dioces Dunelm Incusque uneditae." [The Antiquities of the Parishes in the Diocese of Durham hitherto unedited] collected from the archives of the Church of Durham, the Chancery Rolls there, and the Records in the Consistory Court. With the view, propably to the completion of the work, Dr. Hunter was entrusted by Thomas Bowes, Esq., of Streatlam Castle, with a valuable collection of MSS, since called the Bowes Papers, containing the correspondence of Sir Robert Bowes, Ambassador of Queen Elizabeth to Scotland, and his brother Sir George Bowes, Knight Marshall. Somehow or another Dr. Hunter's intended history never saw the light. The Bowes Papers however, were afterwards published by Sir Cuthbert Sharp.

Dr. Hunter's actual publications were few in number. They were confined to a re-issue, with considerable additions of "Davies' Rites and Monuments of the Church of Durham," which was issued anonymously in 1733, 12 mo., "An Illustration of Mr. Daniel Neale's History of the Puritans in the article of Peter Smart, A.M., from Original Papers, with Remarks," 1736, Octavo, also without his name, both of which were printed in Durham, by Isaac Ross, and of four papers in the Philosophical Transaction.

In the spring of 1757, Dr. Hunter retired from the City of Durham to his wife's estate at Unthank, near Shotley, Northumberland, where he died in the night between the 12th and 13th of the following July, in the 83rd year of his age, and was buried in St. Andrew's Church, Shotley, where a tombstone in the nave is erected to his memory, bearing the following inscription:—

Here lye the remains of
CHRISTOPHER HUNTER, M.B.,
A learned and judicious Antiquary and Physician.
He was the only child of THOMAS HUNTER, of MEADOMSLEY,
Gentleman, by MARGARET, his second wife.
He married ELIZABETH, one of the Daughters and Co-heiresses of JOHN ELLERINGTON, of Aspershields, Esqr.,
by whom he had two sons and a daughter.
He died 13th of July, An. Dom., 1757, in the 83rd year of his age.

"In his person," writes Surtees, "Dr. Hunter was slender and well formed; somewhat above the middle size; extremely neat and plain in his dress, and of mild and conciliatory manners. His life was a pattern of simple and inflexible integrity, and his remarkable moderation in respect of his professional fees, and his extreme disinterestedness in matters of worldly economy kept and left him poor. In his diet, Dr. Hunter observed the strictest temperance. After his first settling in the country he had occasionally indulged in conviviality; a severe fall from his horse after an excess of this sort produced an entire reform; he determined on his recovery, never to taste anything stronger than water, and to the end of his life he persevered most religiously in his resolution. Therefore, his age was a lusty winter—'frosty but kindly.' To supply the want of fermented liquors he had recourse to the somewhat immoderate use of coffee, drinking frequently twenty-four cups a day. To this practice were probably owing the slight epileptic fits to which he was subject, which left him in a few minutes as well as before. With this exception, Dr. Hunter preserved his health and faculties unimpaired to extreme age, and seems to have completed the full stadium which nature had appointed for him. Within a few years of his death he experienced no extraordinary fatigue, even after a walk of eight or ten miles."

Dr. Hunter's manuscript collections for his intended topographical work were extremely numerous, and after his death, 21 closely written volumes in folio, were offered for sale by his executors. Two volumes of transcripts from the Chartularies of the Church of Durham, written in an extremely neat hand, and a bundle of loose papers were purchased by the Dean and Chapter for £40; but Thomas Randall, one of the executors, perceiving that the Dean and Chapter were likely to become purchasers of the whole, for some reason, which is now hard to understand, stopped the sale of the remaining volumes. The MSS purchased by the Dean and Chapter are now in the Cathedral Library. The other volume of manuscripts became the property of his relatives at Medomsley, and was in their possession in 1820. Several of his valuable manuscripts are now, however, supposed to have been lost. The greater part of his large and valuable library were purchased by Mr. John Richardson, bookseller, of Durham, for about £350, and dispersed by sale. His industry as an antiquary, and his success in making researches amongst the Roman stations and roads in the County of Durham, was shown by the numerous altars, carved stones, coins, etc. which he managed to gather together, the most of which were found chiefly at either Ebchester or Lanchester. Some of the Roman altars found at these stations, and others found in Northumberland, Dr. Hunter obtained from Warburton, author of the "Vallum Romanum." These all passed, on Hunter's death, to his widow, who sold them to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and they are now deposited in the Cathedral Library.

Dr. Hunter was survived by his wife, to whom he had been married over fifty-four years. By her he had a family of three children—two sons and one daughter. Thomas, his eldest son, married, at Shotley, Grace Clementson, and died in 1770, leaving two children. John, Dr. Hunter's younger son, and Annie, his only daughter, both died in their father's lifetime.

A KING AT AN HOSTELRY.

An incident of more than passing interest has just come to the notice of a reporter on the "Newark Herald," which provides another telling proof of the wonderful efficacy of Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness in removing ailments to which women—especially at this trying season—are subject. In Southwell, that ancient cathedral town, where Cardinal Wolsey once resided, and wherein is the ancient hostelry at which Charles the First was wont to stay in the troublous times of the Civil War, the old gaol of the place has now been turned into a lace factory, and Mrs Sarah Jane Kettle, the wife of the engineman there, told the following experience to the reporter:—"For a great many years—indeed, ever since my first boy was born—I never felt well. The doctor said I was suffering from chronic bronchitis and general weakness. I was languid when I went to bed, and when I got up I felt just the same. I could not sleep or get any real rest. Each month and year I got worse and became so unwell that it really made my husband miserable to see me. Well, one day my husband read about Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness, and looking up from his paper, said, 'This sounds like what we have been looking for so long.' We got some of the beans, and very soon they relieved the pain in my chest. Our delight was great, and of course I kept on taking the beans. The result you now see. I am free from my ailment after all these years! We spent pounds in doctors' medicine, but never got anything to do the good which these little beans have done. I am pleased to be able to make this little statement, and those who suffer as I did will no doubt be equally pleased to hear of something which will cure them." Of all the wonderful events which Southwell has seen in the course of history the knowledge of few is calculated to do more good to mankind than the knowledge of the event just narrated. Women everywhere who suffer from weakness, debility, chest troubles—and at this season bronchitis is prevalent—liver and kidney ailments, colds chill, rheumatism, influenza, and the numerous disorders to which the female frame is subject, have in Charles Forde's Bile Beans for Biliousness the most effective remedy of the age. Bile Beans are stored by all chemists, or will be sent by the Bile Bean Manufacturing Co., 119, London Wall, E.C., upon receipt of one and three halfpence or two and nine per box. Not only in historic Southwell, but in every important town and city throughout the land, instances equally interesting as the one stated above may be met with.

FUNERAL OF MR GEO. RITCHIE.

The remains of Mr. George Ritchie of Langley Park, were interred on Thursday last amid many manifestations of public sympathy. As briefly stated in last week's "Guardian," Mr. Ritchie's death occurred after only a week's illness. He had been engaged in his garden and on returning to the house he complained of not feeling well and he was at once treated for a chill. Pneumonia, however set in and death occurred on Monday week. Mr. Ritchie was a prominent Primitive Methodist and it was a fitting tribute to his memory that the last rites should be conducted by the Rev. A. Hind, of York, the Rev. T. Barnes, and the Rev. E. Leuty. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Langley Park (daughter and son-in-law,) Mr. Mitchell and son, Mr. John Ritchie, Dipton, and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, White-le-Head; Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. Wm. Armstrong, Stanley; Mr. Walton Armstrong and family; Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Spen; Mr. and Mrs. John Harkness, Prudhoe; Mr. Coward, Durham; Mr. J. Oliver, Durham; Mr. Gibson, Newcastle, (representing Messrs Wilkinson, Simpson, and Co.,) Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Annfield Plain; Mr. Hayton, Durham; Mr. G. Gardner, Bearpark; Mr. J. Gates, Haswell; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ingleby, Quebec; Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Quebec; and Mr. Oates. The Lanchester Rural District Council and Board of Guardians, with which Mr. Ritchie was associated were represented by Mr. W. Logan, J.P., (Chairman,) Mr. T. J. Muse, (vice-chairman,) Mr. J. Oliver, Mr. W. H. Ritson, Mr. W. W. Thompson, Mr. R. Walton, Mr. W. Ward, Mr. W. Brotherhood, Mr. J. R. Lupton, Mr. W. Cumming, and Mr. G. W. Westgarth. Wreathes were sent by Mr. J. W. Lucock, Chester-le-Street, Mr. A. Oates, Newcastle; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Langley House; Mr. F. O. Kirkup, the trustees of the P.M. Chapel, Mrs. and Miss Peacock, Bearpark Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Savoy, Sacriston; and others.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE HOUSE RENT QUESTION.

At the Council meeting of the Durham Miners' Association on Saturday next the question of house rents will again come up for consideration. For some time past there has been considerable agitation among the miners on this subject, and recently it has been brought more prominently to the front. Many of the miners are already provided with houses, and there is no cause for complaint, but at some of the collieries the men have to provide their own houses, and the payment of rent presses somewhat heavily upon them. The opinion of the men at the collieries interested has been taken on the matter, and delegates have been instructed as to the course to take at next Saturday's Council meeting.

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A Consett Man to Speak out.

Consett people do not as a rule make statements like the following and allow them to be published in the Consett papers without good reason. Mr George Williamson of 25, Trafalgar Street, is no exception, and it is only out of gratitude for the benefits he has received, and that other people may profit by his experience, that he consented to allow his testimony to appear in the Consett papers.

Mr. Williamson says:—"For two or three years I suffered a good deal with my kidneys and back. I am employed at the Steel and Iron Works here, and the constant changes of temperature from heat to cold seemed to have affected me.

"When stooping or lifting anything there was always a sharp pain in the small of my back, just over the kidneys. This pain was very severe, and at times would work round to my stomach.

"The pain seemed to be worst in the morning, and I have often had to undress myself and go back to bed for I had not strength to do my day's work.

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FATALITY IN THE MINE

Inquest at Consett.

On Friday last Mr. Coroner Graham held an inquest at the Police Station, Consett, on the body of John E. Walters, alias John Parker, who died from injuries received at the Consett Iron Company's Derwent Pit, On August 7th.

Ann Jepson said the deceased was her brother, and was a coal hewer. He lived latterly at Allendale Cottages, and was 35 years of age. Her brother died at the Infirmary on the previous morning, but did not say anything as to how he got injured.

Mr. A. Hedley put in a plan and explained it to the Jury. The accident occurred in the Busty seam, which was worked as one thick seam. In reply to the Coroner he said it was usual to put in props and deceased had props. He had been ordered to put a prop in by the deputy.

Mrs. Jepson here expained that she was not aware her brother was known as Parker until she came to the district.

The Coroner: Did he acknowledge to you that he had neglected to follow the deputy's instruction.

Witness: Not to me.

Mr. Hedley said he saw the man when he was brought to bank, and asked him how he had been injured. He replied that it was a fall of a bend. Deceased seemed to be in rather a bad way and he (Mr. Hedley) did not trouble him further. Dr. Downes saw him soon after, and on his advice Walters was removed to the Consett Infirmary.

James Taylor and Thomas Whitfield, men's inspectors, reported that they had inspected the place after the fall of stone, and helped to get the deceased out. The deputy said to deceased "What have you been thinking about?" and Walters replied "Well it is my own neglect. I was asked to put a prop and plank up as soon as I got the coal out."

George Moon, deputy, said he examined the place at a quarter to four and again at five minutes to six. He told deceased when he got the piece of coal squared off to put a pair of gears in. Witness did not go in again until after the accident, and he then found the place had not been timbered. If his orders had been obeyed he believed the stone would have stood up.

Joseph Setrey said he went into Walter's place a little after eight o'clock in the morning. He asked him "John, what did you do not to have a plank in?" Deceased replied "Well, it was my own fault, I was told by the deputy to put it in."

Wm. Taylor, putter, said he put four tubs for deceased before the accident happened. The last time he was in Walters was sitting on his cracket hewing. Whilst witness was taking a full tub out the stone fell suddenly upon Walters. There was no warning. Witness at once went for assistance.

Dr. Bratton said deceased was admitted to the Infirmary on August 7th. He found the patient had lost the power and movement of both legs. There was a lacerated wound on the back communicating with the spinal canal, and there was a fracture of the spinal column. The patient was attended to surgically and continued in a state of paralysis until the 14th of October when he developed bladder symptoms, which spread very rapidly. He died from exhaustion on the 18th of October.

The Coroner said it all seemed to lead to one thing—the poor man brought it upon himself by not attending to the deputy's instructions. When a deputy ordered a man to timber a place it was incumbent on the part of that man to obey the orders. He hoped when the facts of that case came to be published, men would see that it was to their own interest to take advantage of warnings given to them by their officials.

A verdict of accidental death was then returned.

THE MARQUIS OF BUTE'S WILL.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.

The Marquis of Bute's will has been lodged in the Register House, Edinburgh. His trustees are Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, Baron Herries, and Mr. Frederick Pitman, writer to the "Signet," Edinburgh. His Lordship bequeathed £20,000 to the Marchioness of Bute, his widow, and £1,000 annually for life, together with the use of pictures and jewellery in life rent. He gives £10,000 for Roman Catholic Cathedral services at Oban; £40,000 for transference of Blair's College to St. Andrew's; £20,000 for the Oban Cathedral; £20,000 for a Roman Catholic Church or Monastery at Whithorn on the site he recently purchased from the Earl of Galloway; £5,000 to the Roman Catholic College at St. Andrew's; annuities of £3,000 to the Marchioness of Bute; and smaller sums to several persons, including £100 to the Bishop of Argyle; and £100 to the Bishop of Galloway. His heirs are directed to keep up the hospitals at Aberdare and Cumnock established by him, and the institutions for children at Rothesay and Oban. £20,000 are left for the completion of Cardiff Hospital, which takes the place of the Cardiff hospital ship Hamadryad. Lord Vivian Stuart receives the life rent of the Falkland and Durham Estates; Lord Colum Stuart receives the Cambrae and the estates in Glamorganshire. His daughter Lady Margaret, receives estates in Palestine, Assyria, Egypt, and Turkey, while the eldest son, the Earl of Dumfries, inherits the Bute estates for life. The estates in Ayrshire, Wigtownshire, and Dumfriesshire are made over to heir of entail of Dumfries House, who would be entitled to the Crichton Stuart peerage of Sanquhar. The residue of the estate is reserved for the Earl of Dumfries, the eldest son. In a codicil the Marquis bequeaths £1,000 each to the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. Andrew's and the Jewish Rabbi in Scotland, the proceeds in each case being for students at St. Andrew's University.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET FARMERS' CLUB.

TURNIP COMPETITION.

In connection with the above club the annual turnip competition was held on Wednesday week. The following were the results:—

Class 1 (open to landlords and tenants): Six acres of Swedes—1, W. W. Coxon, Pictree, 3 guineas; 2, J. Dixon, Littletown, 1g.; h.c., A. S. Gray, Pensher Farm.

Class 2 (open to landlords and tenants): Six acres of any sort not Swedes—1, J. Robson, Bowes House, 2gs.; 2, W. W. Coxon, Pictree, 1g.

Class 3 (open to tenant farmers): Four acres of Swedes—1, James Brewis, Waldridge Hall Farm, 3gs.; 2, W. Maclaren, Usworth East House, 1g.; h.c., C. U. Hulton, Harlow Green.

Class 4 (open to tenant farmers): Four acres any sort not Swedes—1, T. D. Weightman, Stoney Gate, Houghton-le-Spring, 2gs.; 2, Jos. Thornton, Tribley, 1g.; h.c., W. Dryden, Hill House, Washington.

Class 5 (open): Special prizes given by Messrs Dickson and Co., Manchester, for five acres of Swedes—1, W. W. Coxon, Pictree, 2gs.; 2, A. J. Gray, Over-the-Hill Farm, 1g.; h.c., T. D. Weightman, Stoney Gate.

Class 6 (open): Special prizes given by Messrs Finney and Co., Newcastle, for six acres of mammoth Swedes—1, W. W. Coxon, 2gs.; 2, T. Young, Broomyholme, 1g.; h.c., J. M. Snowdon, White House Farm, Washington.

Class 7 (open): Special prizes given by Messrs Kent and Bryden, Darlington, for five acres of special kinds—1st, J. Dixon, Littletown, £2; 2, W. W. Coxon, £1.

Class 8 (open): Special prize (marble timepiece) given by Messrs G. Hadfield and Co., Liverpool, for four acres of Swedes grown with their manure—1, W. W. Coxon; 2, J. Dixon.

Class 9 (open to tenant farmers in the district): Special prize given by Messrs G. Hadfield and Co. for four acres of Swedes grown with their manure—1, (silvered tea service), Thos. Young, Broomyholme; h.c., J. Lawson, Low Cocken.

Class 10: Special prize given by Messrs G. Hadfield and Co. for two acres of mangold—1, (cake basket), H. Potts, Harbour House; h.c., Jos. Thornton, Tribley.

Class 11—Tenant Farmers' Sweepstakes: For the best general crop of not less than 15 acres—1, W. Maclaren, Usworth East House; 2, W. Dryden, Hill House, Washington; h.c., T. D. Weightman, Stoney Gate.

Class 12 (open): Twelve heaviest turnips—1, J. Robson, Bowes House, £1; 2, W. W. Coxon, 10s.

Class 13 (open): Twelve best potatoes—1, W. W. Coxon, £1; 2, E. J. Weightman, Middle Herrington, 10s.

Class 14 (open): Special prize for 12 best turnips—W. W. Coxon, 10s 6d.

Class 15—Tenant Farmers' Special Prize for 12 best turnips—T. Beveridge, Mains Farm, Chester-le-Street, 10s 6d.

Class 16—Special prizes given by Messrs W. F. Ramshaw and Co., Sunderland, for the best collection of turnips and potatoes—1, W. W. Coxon, £1; 2, T. D. Weightman, 10s. The judges were Messrs W. L. Walker, Sunderland; G. R. Huntley, Choppington; R. Owen, Backworth; and C. Thurlow, Holywell, Durham.

REMARKABLE AFFAIR AT AN HOTEL

The "Birmingham Times" prints an interesting and in part painful statement by the wife of an hotel-keeper, Mrs. Halford, of the Barley Mow Hotel, Studley, said to a reporter:—

"My name is Ellen Halford. I am the wife of the proprietor of this hotel, and am thirty-six years of age. For nearly twelve years I have been in very indifferent health off and on, and within the last two or three years my illness has developed to such an extent that life became a misery to me. I suffered with pains in my back and chest, and the circulation in my extremities was very bad. I was unable to lie on my back, and so spent many a weary and restless night. In the daytime I suffered badly from palpitation of the heart, and my appetite failed altogether, so that I could neither eat nor drink. I got into such a low state that I frequently fainted in my chair."

"Well, but did you not seek medical advice?"

"Oh, yes; and took all kinds of medicine. My doctor told me the place did not suit me, but although I went away, I did not get any better. I subsequently went to the Birmingham General Hospital, where I was treated for chronic gastritis, and I remained there for three months, but despite all the kindness and medical skill I experienced, I continued to go from bad to worse. I was then sent to the Malvern 'Home of Rest,' with the intention of staying there a fortnight, but I felt so ill that I thought I was going to die, so I came home after being in the institution eight days. I did not know what to do to secure relief, but a friend of ours said she had heard a good deal about the cures effected in difficult cases by Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, and she advised me to try them. I did so, almost as a forlorn hope, for I had tried so many remedies of one kind and another that I lost all faith in medicines."

"When did you commence taking them?"

"During the Christmas week. I began to feel better on the third day, and when I had finished the first box, I found myself able to sleep much better, and was able to take a little nourishment. The pains in my back were considerably abated. I have used my fifth box of the pills. I am thankful to say that my appetite is restored, I feel much stronger, and am able to attend to my ordinary household duties. I am able also to drive out in the pony chaise myself. Two months ago I could not hold the reins."

The good lady's husband, who was present during the interview, corroborated his wife's statements, and added:—"Between last June and Christmas my wife lost nearly a stone and a half. She has now gained all but about 2lbs. back."

The loss of weight mentioned by Mr. Halford is a frequent symptom where a patient suffers from ailments which prevent the absorption of nourishment from food, and while Dr. Williams' pink pills do not, in other instances, necessarily increase the weight, the new blood and consequent new digestive powers which they give will have that effect where weight has been lost through impaired nutrition. Not only in anæmia and indigestion have they cured however, but also in cases of rheumatism and sciatica, in St. Vitus' dance, fits, and other nervous ailments, and even in the extreme case of paralysis. They may be obtained of all chemists, and respectable tradesmen will not offer substitutes. Where this is done, however, it is best to send direct to Dr. Williams' Medicine Company Holborn Viaduct, London, enclosing the price, two shillings and ninepence for one box, or five for thirteen and ninepence.

CORNSAY.

Parish Council.—At the usual monthly meeting of the above Council, held in the British School-room, Cornsay Colliery, under the presidency of Councillor R. Barron, and a full attendance of members, on the minutes being passed and signed, tenders were received from Mr. J. Richards and Mr. W. Minto for the supply of oil, the former being accepted at 7½d per gallon.—The monthly accounts, amounting to £18 14s 10d, were passed for payment.—On a motion by Mr. Johnson, Mr. R. Suddes was duly appointed to fill the vacancy for the North Ward owing to the retirement of Councillor Walbourn.—The meeting then adjourned.

ESH WINNING.

Federation of Free Churches: Public Convention.—On Saturday a Convention of Churches was held in the Primitive Church at Esh Winning Colliery. The Rev. E. S. Harland presided over the afternoon session. A paper was read by the Rev. Thomas Barren of Crook, on the subject of the "Development of Sunday School Work," which was freely discussed. Solos were interspersed by Misses Brabban, Maddison, and Love, of Cornsay. A public tea was provided in the schoolroom, and partaken of by a large number of friends. This was followed by a public meeting, at which addresses were delivered on the Free Churches and their work by the Rev. John Shaw, Durham; Mr. M. H. Hudson, Jarrow; and Mr. C. Todd, Cornsay. The Rev. G. W. Moore occupied the chair. Suitable solos were again interspersed by Misses Robson and Raw, Waterhouses; and Misses Brabban and Love, of Cornsay.

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All Members who have Land and wish to offer for Competition are requested to attend.

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COLONEL ARMSTRONG and other Officers of the Battalion will be present. 230j

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B. W. T. A.

A GOSPEL TEMPERANCE

MEETING

will be held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Consett, on Sunday evening, Oct. 28th, to commence at 8 o'clock. An Address will be delivered by Miss SANDS, (Temperance Missioner, Northumberland and Durham Union) Solos, etc.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31st, a Public Meeting will be held in Castleside Wesleyan Methodist Schoolroom, when Miss Sands will give an Address. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock, by Miss Routledge, of Consett.

On Thursday, Nov. 1st, a Public Meeting will be held in Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Consett, to be addressed by Miss Sands. Chair to be taken at 7·30 p.m., by Mr. Venice Dunn, of Consett. 23j

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Excursions.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY. EXCURSION TRAIN from BLACKHILL Sunday, Nov. 4th, at 8·13 p.m. for LONDON G.N., 2, 5, or 8 days. For further particulars see bills.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th, 1900.

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11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. Preacher: REV. CANON ROSS-LEWIN, Vicar of Benfieldside.

6 o'clock.—Evensong. Preacher: The REV. J. GEORGE GIBSON, Rector.

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Subjects:—(1) "The Duties of the Town Churches to the Country Churches."—Speaker, J. J. GURNEY, Esq. (2) "The Services of the Country Churches to the Town Churches."—Speaker, J. J. WARDEN, Esq.

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Saturday, Oct. 27th, 1900, at One o'clock prompt.

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MR. T. D. Dryden, honoured with instructions from George Wilkinson Esq., who is leaving the district, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, all the VALUABLE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, at Alpine House, Ritson's Road, Blackhill, on Monday, October 29th, 1900, at one o'clock, prompt.

Inventory.

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(Signed), WILLIAM COULSON. 226j

Sales by Public Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

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Business Announcement.

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

THE CONSETT GUARDIAN.

Friday, October 26th, 1900

EDITORIAL CHAT.

Germany & Co., Limited. Diplomacy is deep—very deep. The whole world has been startled by the publication of an agreement between Germany and England in reference to China and the world is wondering. England has interests all the world over, Germany a few, and yet we find Count Hadsfeldt gaining a full quid pro quo from Lord Salisbury with a good deal more of the quid than the quo. Has England, the erstwhile most powerful Government in relation to foreign affairs become so weak that it has to join the firm of Germany and Co., Limited. Has it to seek a one-sided condescension in order to gain a right? The publication of the agreement came as a great surprise and the pleasure it conveyed was equally great—for the time being. A little reflection, however, led us to think that Germany was getting a ninety per cent. interest which is all very well for Germany but not much advantage to England. Germany has nothing to lose. They are a weak maritime nation. England on the other hand has a lot to lose and they have joined the firm in the hope of saving what they can. Is this a milksop? Here we are under the ægis of Germany saying bold words and allowing Russia to steal yard by yard and mile by mile through Manchuria and ultimately to our Indian possessions. Diplomacy is more than deep—it is sometimes treacherous and false, and only the real patriotism of a nation will prove to be the saving clause. Where is it?

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Our Volunteers. Mr. Parker, Mr Cowen, and others have been hard at work in taking names and particulars of the youths of the district who will make up the 250 required for the formation of the new corps for the locality. Altogether 270 names were given in so that there is a good margin to meet the cases of those who may not be fully qualified at present. We understand that the swearing-in and enrolment will take place from two o'clock on the afternoon of the 3rd of November when it is expected Col. Armstrong, commanding officer, and other officers from Bishop Auckland will be present to conduct the ceremony. Those who have joined are desired to take note of the date and time.

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A Deserving Association. There are few associations more unostentatious or more valuable than the Consett and District Nursing Association, the second annual meeting of which has just been held. Lady Dale journeyed specially from Darlington to attend the meeting, and as president, she must have felt a pleasure in seeing so numerous a company, and hearing so favourable a report. It was not only a large meeting, but it was one of the most representative that could have been held in the district. Although the finances are on the right side Mr. Ainsworth, who presided in the absence of Sir David Dale, very wisely threw out a hint with respect to the subscriptions. One can hardly see why there should be any necessity for urging the claims of so deserving and so beneficial a Society, yet the fact remains that the subscriptions are not quite what they ought to be. As the calls upon the Association increase, the expenditure cannot diminish, and the subscriptions, instead of showing a falling off ought to be more numerous and more substantial year by year. We trust that this may be the experience of those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly give their time and their money on behalf of the Association.

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Michael Burns. One of the most remarkable men in West Stanley has just gone over to the majority. For nearly fifteen years Michael Burns kept faithful vigil over the graves of those who had in former days shared his hearth and home. It was a remarkable fad the old man had, but neither weather nor anything else could prevent him from pacing sentry manner over a limited piece of ground in St. Andrew's Churchyard, and now he has himself been laid below, and so has ended his self-imposed duty. Michael was perhaps eccentric, but he was an acceptable "crack" to many who passed and repassed the well-known spot, and there will be many to regret the old man's removaal.

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Mr. F. W. Brodie. The numerous friends of Mr. Fred. W. Brodie, of Blackhill, will hear with pleasure of an important upward step he is shortly about to take in his scholastic career. From the position he at present holds—that of second master at Benfieldside Board Schools, he goes to the more exalted and more responsible one of headmaster at Tow Law National Schools. A meeting of the managers was held on Saturday, when they had upwards of a hundred applications to consider, and these they reduced to three, one being from North Northumberland, another from Sheffield, and the third, Mr. Brodie. The final selection fell to Mr. Brodie, whose merits were recognised and appreciated by the managers. The new headmaster will, we understand, enter upon his new duties in January next, and in the meantime he will be the recipient of many hearty congratulations, although his departure from a place where he is so well known will be regretted. Mr. Brodie found time away from school to make himself useful in many of the social functions of the district, and the share he took was always acceptable to the community. He was among other things an entertainer, as those who saw him in the Consett Town Hall with his brother Ethiopians know full well. That concert was in aid of the Cricket Club, of which Mr. Brodie was also an active supporter. On occasions like those of the Pretoria rejoicings he was always to the fore, and we have no doubt that should occasion require it he will spare an hour or two from the attractions of Tow Law.

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A Vacant Office. At the next meeting of the Lanchester Board of Guardians, on Thursday first, that body, we believe, will proceed to appoint a Vaccination Officer for the Benfieldside District—a post that is now vacant. From public reports there are so far only two candidates in the field—Drs. Moore and Reid (both Blackhill gentlemen), whom, during their short residence amongst us, have won the good feeling of all classes. We are quite sure either of these candidates is equally efficient to carry out the necessary duties pertaining to the post, and it will be a truly difficult task to select between the two gentlemen. Both Drs. Reid and Moore have held similar positions before, Dr. Reid as deputy to Dr. Whamond at Jarrow, and Dr. Moore as deputy to the late Dr. Geo. Renton at Benfieldside. Dr. Moore is perhaps the better known, owing to his pronounced literary tastes—the small book of poems and a parody on Kipling's "Absent-mined Beggar" ("The narrow-minded beggar") being very favourably received by the London and other critics. Public medical appointments do not often fall vacant, but when they do, it is, we think, most important that they should be filled by gentlemen whom we both know and can trust.

FUNERAL OF MR. THOS. FORKIN.

On Thursday last, the mortal remains of Mr Thos. Forkin—whose sad death at the early age of 26 years called forth widespread expressions of regret—were laid to rest in Benfieldside Cemetery. Some time before the hour fixed for the "cortege" to leave the residence of deceased's parents in Stephen Street, a large crowd assembled, and when the mournful procession moved on its way to Blackhill there was a large muster of those anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased. The blinds at nearly all the houses "en route" were drawn, and signs of mourning could be seen on every hand. Arrived at Blackhill a short service was conducted at St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. Canon Gillow (pastor) and the Rev. Father Donohue (curate), the organist (Dr. Sloane) playing the "Dead March" in "Saul" as the congregation filed out of the church. The procession was then reformed and proceeded to Benfieldside Cemetery, where the last sad rites were performed by the Rev. Canon Gillow. The under-bearers were Coun. J. Kempson, Blackhill; Mr. J. W. Harker, Blackhill; Mr. D. Rafferty, Consett; and Mr. Murphy. The relatives present included—Mrs. Margaret Forkin (widow of deceased); Mr. James Forkin, (father); Miss Mary Forkin (sister); Mr. Austin Forkin (brother); Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Forkin (brother and sister-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Tummilty (brother-in-law and sister); Mr. Michael Forkin (brother); Mrs. Nestney, Blyth; Mrs. Young, Mrs. Bowes, Mrs. Hobday, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. Wilkinson, Blackhill; Mr. T. Lynskey, sen., Mr. T. Lynskey, jun., Consett; Coun. E. Sloane, Blackhill; Dr. Sloane, Blackhill; Mr. John Sloane, Consett; Miss Sloane, Blackhill; Mrs. Munro, Mrs. O'Neil, Miss W. Lynskey, Mrs. Cosgrove, Mr. and Mrs. McIvor, Consett. Amongst the general public present we noticed:—Mr. G. J. Murray, Shotley Bridge (representing the North-Eastern Breweries, Ltd.); Mr. and Mrs. Workman, Stanley; Coun. and Mrs. W. Young, Dipton; Mrs. J. Patterson, Whickham; Mrs. Brankston, Dipton; Mr. C. A. Marshall, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. R. Brodie, Blackhill; Mr. J. Rennison, Blackhall Mill; Coun. and Mrs. Daly, Consett; Dr. Murray, Blackhill; Mr. R. M. Rutherford, Dipton; Mr. J. Peers, Catchgate; Mr. J. O'Connor, Consett; Mr. Jas. Kelly, Leadgate; Mr. J. Carrick, Kyo; Mr. E. Turnbull, Consett; Mr. G. Harrison, Blackhill; Mr. M. Murphy, Consett; Mr. Geo. Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. James Eltringham, Blackhill; Mr. J. Coyle, Consett; Mr. B. Mullen, Consett; Mr. and Mrs. T. Traynor, Medomsley; Mr. J. Ryan, Consett; Mr. J. O'Hanlon, Wallsend; Mr. J. Brown, Leadgate; Mr. F. McCurley, Leadgate; Mr. D. Durward, Blackhill; Mr. J. Earnshaw, Sunderland; Mr. J. Fallon, Sunderland; Mr. J. Collins, Burnopfield; Mr. W. A. Walker, Blackhill; Mr. G. J. Christopher, Blackhill; Mr. Donnelly, Consett; Mr. T. Whinney, Blackhill; Coun. R. Eccles, Blackhill; Mrs. Ruddy, Consett; Mrs. Kempson, Blackhill; Mrs. Mawson, Blackhill; Mr. J. Fagan, Blackhill; Mrs. Robson, Blackhill; Mr. T. Sample, Consett; Mr. J. O'Kane, Gateshead (representing Coun. F. J. Finn); Mr. P. O'Brien, Consett; Mr. J. Casey, Consett; Mr. J. Telford, Consett; Mr. Welch, Burnopfield; Coun. T. Dunne, Consett; Mr. McIlcahy, Blackhill; Mrs. Rafferty, Consett; Mr. J. McKie, Consett; Mr. J. Ross, Leadgate; Mr. J. Prescod, Consett; Mr. P. O'Neil, Consett; Mr. G. Freek, Consett; Mr. J. McCann, Consett; Mr. J. McPhillips, Consett; Mr. J. Boyle, Consett; Mr. T. Burns, Consett, and others. Wreaths were forwarded by Mrs. T. Forkin, Mr. and Mrs. James Forkin, sen., Mr. and Mrs. James Forkin, jun., Miss Forkin, Mrs. Tumilty, Mrs. Westney, Coun. and Mrs. E. Sloane, Mrs. McCann, Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty, Coun. and Mrs. Kempson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marshall, Mrs. Ruddy, Mrs. Blake, employes of the Blackhill Branch of the North-Eastern Breweries, Mr. and Mrs. Welch (Burnopfield), Mr. and Mrs. Cosgrove, Mr. and Mrs. McIvor, Coun. and Mrs. Daly, Miss Sloane, Mr. and Mrs. Traynor, and others. The coffin (a very beautiful one) was supplied by Mr. W. Suddes, Consett, whilst the hearse and mourning coaches were from the establishment of Mr. Christopher.

DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

ELECTION OF AN AGENT.

Owing to the recent lamented death of Mr. John Foreman, who was president, a vacancy has occurred in the Durham Miners' Association agency. Mr. H. House is now the president, and Mr. Frank McKay, checkweighman, Chopwell Colliery, is nominated for the position Mr. House has vacated, that of Joint Committee Secretaryship.

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Local and District News.

Consett.

The New Theatre.—The attraction at the New Theatre, Consett, during the present week is the new but popular drama entitled "Saturday night in London." The story is cleverly told by Mr. Matt. Wilkinson, whose company is also producing the drama. Each of the four acts is full of incidents of London life, and the interest is never allowed to flag from start to finish. The caste is a large one, but the whole of the ladies and gentlemen engaged give an excellent account of their respective parts. The drama is well worth a visit.—Next week "The Geisha" will be the attraction.

The Geisha at the New Theatre.—An exceptional treat is provided next week in the first visit to the New Theatre, Consett, of that most popular musical play "The Geisha" and this opportunity of witnessing this charming production should not be missed. Full justice will be done to the opera by the very able company of artistes under the direction of Messrs. Morell and Mouillot. No line of the original book has been altered, and no new numbers added. The various items will, therefore appeal with all their old freshness and charm. No expense has been spared in mounting and dressing, and the piece will in every respect be found most acceptable. Visitors to the theatre can look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

A Good Story.—To those of our readers who appreciate a good story we would refer them to page 3 of this issue, where will be found "The Siren," a very interesting tale from the pen of the justly celebrated writer, Mrs. L. T. Meade. Her previous works are sufficient testimonial of the authoress' literary ability.

Association of Baptist Churches.—On Monday next, the first district meeting of the Northern Association of Baptist Churches will be held in the Baptist Church, Consett. A conference will be held in the afternoon, and will be followed by a public tea, and a public meeting in the evening, at which Mr. W. D. Potts will preside, and subjects will be dealt with by the Rev. E. Hopkins, Mr. W. Goode Davies, and the Rev. W. R. Chesterton.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.—The harvest thanksgiving services in connection with Consett Parish Church were held on Sunday last. The church was very prettily decorated and there were crowded congregations at both morning and evening services. Amid so much that was beautiful we cannot particularise. The plants placed in the chancel and kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Ainsworth made this part of the building very effective and beautiful. The gifts in kind, fruits, vegetables, and bread, sent by thankful and thoughtful donors, were very numerous. Everything in good taste and harmony went to emphasise the occasion as one of joy and thanksgiving. In the morning, the Vicar, speaking from Psalm CIV, drew to the fact that the writer of the Psalm looking over all creation, shewed life to be God given, exuberant, varied, and dependent.—In the afternoon the Church was well filled with children. They seemed to enjoy and value the opportunity given them of expressing their thankfulness, and were taught simple lessons as to how bread, material and divine, satisfies, strengthens, and sustains.—In the evening the Rev., the Rural Dean, (Canon Ross-Lewin) in the presence of a full congregation, very large numbers having had to go away without obtaining accommodation, taught helpful and valuable lessons on the duty of thanksgiving, drawing effective illustrations from the Liturgy of the Church and from the lives of Christian men.—The service was rendered by the choir in a manner and spirit worthy of such an occasion.—The offertories amounting to £12 18s 0d were devoted to the work done in Home Mission centres.

Benfieldside

Book by Canon Ross-Lewin.—The Rev. Canon G. H. Ross-Lewin, M.A., Vicar of Benfieldside and Rural Dean of Lanchester has just issued a booklet of twenty-four pages on the subject of "Lord Scudamore, a Loyal Churchman and Faithful Steward of God's Bounty, 1601-1671," the narrative being the substance of a paper read by him at a meeting of the South Shields Clerical Society and also at a gathering of the Darlington clergy. This brief historical and biographical sketch is of special interest to all Church people. The first part deals with the great work achieved by Lord Scudamore in promoting the well-being of the Church of England on his extensive estates at Abbey Dore, and Holme Lacey, in Herefordshire, and at Llantony, in Gloucestershire, during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth and Kings James and Charles. Part II, is devoted to a recital of similar efforts of Lord Scudamore while acting as British Ambassador in Paris during the period of Louis XIII. There is also brief reference to the riot at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1686. The pamphlet is written in a concise and attractive style; it is excellently printed and is published by the St. Giles' Printing Company, Edinburgh. The price is 3d.

Chester-le-Street

Visit of Mr. David Clegg.—Mr. David Clegg, the Paderewski of the organ, gave an organ recital in the Chester-le-Street Congregational Church to a packed audience. The Rev. R. Crookhall, pastor of the church, presided. The proceeds were in aid of the church funds.

Catchgate

Sale of Farm Stock.—Mr. J. S. Murray, Auctioneer, conducted a sale on Wednesday of the stock on Mr. Wm. Robinson's, Fondley Set Farm, near Catchgate, on his retirement from the business. There was a large company present and fair prices were realised. Cows were up to £13, Store Cattle £5 15s, and heifers to £8 7s 6d. There was a good field of implements, carts realising £8 10s, hay rack £7, and winnowing machine £2 12s 6d. A stack of hay was withdrawn at £35.

Castleside

St. John's Church.—The harvest festival services were held in this church on Thursday evening, Oct. 18th, and on Sunday the 21st. The Rev. W. R. Oldroyd, Vicar of Haswell, preached an effective and appropriate sermon on the Thursday evening to an attentive congregation, the Vicar (the Rev. John Wallis) reading the prayers.—On Sunday, the 21st, the sermons, morning and evening, were preached by the Vicar to large and appreciative congregations. The church was beautifully decorated with corn, plants, and flowers, being gifts from several of the parishioners and friends. The decorations were carried out by Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Pearson, Miss Nicholson, Miss Yates, Miss G. Milner, and the younger members of the choir and school. We may remark that the new screen lately erected added greatly to the effect and beauty of the church. The altar cloth has been entirely re-modelled with much taste and is the handy work of Mrs. Wallis, and also the pulpit and reading desk fitted with cloth and mon-gram. The services were fully choral. An anthem was sung on Sunday evening—"The Lord is my Shepherd"—with credit to the organist and choir.

Field Society's Concert.—A very excellent concert was given in the Board Schools, Castleside on Saturday evening, by the Blackhill and District Naturalists' Field Society. A capital programme was arranged and artistically performed, consisting of pianoforte solos by Miss Cornforth, humorous songs by Mr. Joseph Robinson, songs by Mr. J. T. Symington, Miss Maggie Matthews, Miss Davison, and duets by Miss Davison and Mr. Symington. County Councillor T. J. Muse, of Castleside, in his opening remarks gave the Society a true west-country welcome on their first visit to this elevated little town. Miss Cornforth, of Consett, in her pianoforte solo gave an exhibition of true artistic merit. The duets sung by Miss Davison and Mr. J. T. Symington were pleasingly rendered, their voices blending harmoniously. Miss Maggie Matthews, of Consett, rendered "The Swallows" and "The Children's Home" in her most captivating style, and was received by the audience with rousing well-earned applause, to which she responded by singing "Home, Sweet Home," and "Killarney." Mr. J. T. Symington, of Consett, in his rendition of "The Milkmaid," was perfectly at home with his subject, and was the recipient of a hearty applause to which he responded. During an interval Mr. Wilson Clayton, Chairman of the Council of the Field Society gave an address on "Something about the Field Society." The concert was an unqualified success, and highly appreciated by the people of the village.

Bradley Cottages

Methodist Bazaar.—On Wednesday next, Mrs. S. Brodie, of Consett, will open a three days' bazaar in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Bradley Cottages, the object of the bazaar being to raise funds towards the new Sunday School.

Dipton

Wesleyan Harvest Festival.—The trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel held their harvest festival services in the above place of worship. The services were conducted by Mr. W. Handyside, of Bill Quay, who preached two thoughtful sermons to large congregations. In the afternoon a musical service was rendered by the choir, assisted by a few friends. The soloists were Miss Green, Annfield Plain, Miss E. Browell, Miss M. Hunter, Master Wilson Gibson, and Mr. J. J. Phillipson, while Messrs Heslop and Swainston, of Consett, favoured with instrumental solos on the 'cello and violin respectively. During the morning and evening services the choir sang special anthems. Mr. R. Aitken presided at the organ at the afternoon service, while Mr. J. J. Phillipson wielded the baton. The chapel was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the young people of the society, and the services were highly successful. On Monday evening the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, of Consett, delivered his interesting lecture on "Morrocco and the Moors." Mr. G. J. Robinson, of Blackhill, presided over a good audience, while Messrs Surtees and Parsons, Consett, manipulated the lantern slides with which the lecture was illustrated, in an efficient manner. The lecturer, in the course of his lecture, appeared in Moorish costume, and explained the manner of dress, habits, and life of the Moors, and prophesied that the time would come when England would have to wage war with France for the country whose inhabitants were decidedly in favour of English rule. Mr. S. Swalwell moved, and Mr. A. Phillipson seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, lecturer, and lanternists which was demonstrated in the orthodox fashion after which a pleasant gathering was brought to a close. The proceeds were in aid of the trust funds.

Medomsley.

Wesleyan Chapel.—In connection with this place of worship the services of the opening out of the instrument took place on Saturday evening last, when a public meeting was held and two powerful addresses given by Mr. C. Elliott, of Castleside, and Mr. T. Fairless, of Summerhill, the chair being filled by Mr. Wm. Fenwick of Low Bradley. A duet was rendered by the Misses Robinson of Bradley Cottages. Pieces were also given by the choir, the accompanist being Mr. Jos. Harker, of Heaton. Afterwards a public supper was provided when over 100 partook of the dainties provided by the young people, the management being in the hands of Miss M. Simpson, Miss M. Robinson, Miss A. Thompson, Miss M. Hornsby, Miss J. Wilson, Miss J. Golightly, Miss Curry, and Miss E. Little.—On Sunday, two sermons were preached by the Rev. G. E. Polkinghorne, of Consett, with powerful effect, everyone being more than repaid for listening to the services. Mr. Polkinghorne having thanked the young people for their generous gift of the new instrument, and having handed it over to the Trustees free of debt, also thanked all the friends who had been so obedient to their requests in raising funds for the completion of their scheme. Mr. Surtees Armstrong officiated as secretary to the fund, and Miss Martha Simpson as treasurer.

Pelton Fell

Flower Show Concert.—A grand concert was held in the Literary Institute Hall, on Wednesday night week, by Mr. R. Winter's Concert Party, of Crook, when the following artistes appeared:—Mr. R. Winter, humorist, who in his original style kept the audience in a state of mirth the whole of the time he was on the platform and having to re-appear after each song; had it been possible the audience would have listened to him all night; Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. Richards, Mr. Anton, elocutionist; Mr. Walton, accompanist; and selections upon the gramaphone. There was a fair audience and the concert was very much appreciated by those present. The proceeds were in aid of the Flower Show Funds.

Shotley Bridge

The annual meeting of the members of the Shotley Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society will be held at 8 o'clock on Saturday night in the Temperance Hall.

Lecture.—On Wednesday next, a lecture will be delivered in the Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge, by Mr. W. R. Rae, of Sunderland, on "What Co-operation has Done and What Remains to be Done." The lecture, which will be under the auspices of the Co-operative Society, will be illustrated by lantern views.

Stanley.

Charity Begins at Home.—The miners of the West Shield Row Colliery, instead of subscribing their 2d per week per man to the Indian Famine Fund, have decided to give that amount to their own old aged miners. Their example is a good one, and should commend itself to the attention of neighbouring collieries.

Sixpence or Ninepence.—The miners of the West Shield Row Colliery have decided to subscribe ninepence instead of sixpence per fortnight to their colliery doctors on condition that when the percentage on their wages is reduced to 40 per cent, the amount of subscription be sixpence.

Death of Mr. Michael Burns.—The familiar figure of poor old Michael Burns will no more be seen at Stanley Churchyard, for he passed to rest on Monday. The deceased, who used to spend the most of his time beside the grave of a dear friend was 72 years of age. His remains were laid next to those of his departed friend on Wednesday afternoon.

Wesleyan Sunday School.—Sunday being recognised throughout the Wesleyan Connexion as "Children's Sunday," special services were conducted by the Rev. R. Nicholson, of Annfield Plain, who preached at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon a children's service in the School-room was conducted by Messrs. J. Brown and W. Wadge, supers. Addresses were given by Mr Robt. Lindow, Stanley; Mr. Overall, Consett; Mr Barraclough, of London; and the Rev. R. Nicholson, of Annfield Plain. The singing was augmented with an orchestral band, the violinists being Mr. J. Humble, Mr. G. Farrer, Mr. G. Barras and Mr. A. Lowery, the cello, by Mr. Phillip Fletcher; the cornet by Mr. H. Curry; the euphonium by Mr. J. Collins; whilst Miss Graham presided at the organ.

Swalwell.

Temperance Work.—There was again a fairly good attendance on Monday evening at the usual weekly entertainment held under the auspices of the Swalwell Band of Hope in the old Presbyterian Church. The programme, which was an interesting one, was much appreciated.

Whickham

Sequel to a Trap Accident.—At the Newcastle County Court on Tuesday, before His Honour Judge Greenwell, an action was heard in which Stephen Kirkup, farmer, sued Mr. Mather for damages in respect to injuries to himself and a horse and trap caused, it was alleged, by defendant's dog. Mr. Meynell (instructed by Messrs. Keenleyside and Forster) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Thomas Lambert for the defendant. The evidence was to the effect that on the 31st, when plaintiff was driving through Whickham, defendant's dog jumped up and bit the horse's nose, with the result that the animal reared, that the shaft of the trap was broken, that plaintiff sustained a fractured rib, and that the horse was also injured.—Judgment was for plaintiff, with £23 7s 5d damages and costs.

Death of Mrs. Catherine Blair.—A highly respected and much esteemed Whickham resident passed away on Thursday last in the person of Mrs. Catherine Blair, whose sad demise took place at the age of 59 years, at her residence, Oak Cottage, Whickham. The deceased enjoyed the goodwill and deepest respect of all who claimed her acquaintance, and her death at a comparatively early age, will be a source of sorrow to a large circle of friends. Her memory will ever be revered with the highest respect and regard. The measure of respect in which the deceased was held was amply evidenced on Sunday by the very large number of people who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

We do not undertake to return any letters or communications whatsoever.

STANLEY AND DISTRICT NOTES

By "ROSICRUCIAN."

WAGES OF HEAD MISTRESSES.

The manner in which the members of the Kyo School Board treated the application of Mrs. Green, the head-mistress of the Annfield Plain Infants School, at their last meeting, was hardly creditable to them as a body. Notwithstanding the fact that the Board for the most part admitted the reasonableness of the request, the efficiency of the teacher, the increase in her duties, and the faithfulness of her service under the Board, they came to the strange conclusion that a salary of £85 per annum was quite up to the average paid for that class of teacher. It would appear that the members are not careful readers of their local papers, or they would have known that a neighbouring Board had been obliged to raise the salary to £90 when advertising for an infant mistress before they received a single application for the post. Surely the members know better how to show their appreciation of a tried and trusted servant than to treat her application with the scant courtesy it met with on Monday evening; at least, I hope so.

THE BASE WAGE QUESTION.

The miners in the Stanley district are seeking to bring about an improvement in the terms of their employment by agitating for the raising of all base wages of workmen employed in and about the mine. Judging from the information supplied to the mass meeting held in the Albert Hall, Stanley, on Saturday afternoon week, they seem to have a strong case; but it is to be hoped that the improvement desired may be secured without having recourse to extreme measures. It appears that the doctors round about are again seeking a similar advance. They consider sixpence a fortnight too little, and are appealing to their customers, the various miners lodges, to give their case immediate consideration. Already circulars have been addressed to the miners lodges, and in addition it is understood that a circular setting forth the urgency of their case will be distributed to every household in the district. What will be the result remains yet to be seen. The milk-sellers, I hear, are also anxious for increased rate of payment, and I don't blame them if they can get it.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[BY "CASTLESIDEITE."]

During the past week or two the public mind has been strung to its highest pitch with the election excitement, and has not been in time for things of a social nature. Even the wars in China and Africa have taken a minor place. On this account your many readers will pardon me calling up events which to many may seem somewhat late in the day for passing note. Those who have scanned your obituary column will have marked that some of our old standards have recently passed away. In the person of Mrs. Iley, of Rowley Cottages, widow of the late William Iley, there has passed away the last link that binds the past with the present generation, and the old-time customs and mode of travelling, when travellers to Newcastle and Durham had to go on "Shank's Nag," or by stage coach; or those passing to and from Berry Edge, via Carr House, had to pass through the Hogen's Gill, by descending and ascending a mighty flight of steps, the car being passed up and down by rope. This was prior to the construction of the majestic bridge which now spans the Gill. The late Mr. and Mrs. Iley lived in the house at the bottom of the Gill, the former managing the transit of train and goods over this curious piece of railway. Now there scarcely remains a stone to mark the old-time mode of travel. Our departed neighbour and friend was a woman of quiet and unassuming disposition, of a kindly turn, ready to help in time of need. She was for many years connected with the Wesleyan Church, and has passed on to a higher service. We wish to pay a word of tribute to the memory of another old neighbour who recently passed on to the unexplored region beyond, in the person of Mr. Joseph Ashman, after a long and painful illness, borne with much patience. He was one of those quiet men who are seldom heard amongst men, yet a man firm, staunch, and true to those he had pledged himself to, or to the principles he believed to be true. Sickness overtook him in the prime of life, and he fell a prey to the grim monster in middle life. To those who mourn the loss of friends we offer our sympathy.

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On October 2nd, two young people found their way to Shotley Bridge, and at the altar of the Primitive Methodist Church, and in the presence of the Rev. J. Taylor and a number of friends, pledged their troth, after which the contracting parties drove to the home of the bride at Mosswood, where they were met by a number of friends and well-wishers. After the reception the happy pair drove to Blackhill, "en route" for Whitley Bay, where they spent their honeymoon. Both the bride and bridegroom are members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Castleside, being ardent workers in cause, and much loved by the church and respected by a wide circuit of friends. The bridegroom was Mr. J. Hutchinson, and the bride was equally well-known in the district.

NURSERY NOTES.

An excellent dinner for the nursery is made in the following manner: Place in boiling water for five minutes half a turnip, half a carrot, and a large onion. Cut up half a pound of neck of mutton, brown it slightly in a frying pan, and add half a pint of warm water and the vegetables. Simmer for an hour, and serve in a vegetable dish with all the gravy.

Scalds and burns are more fatal in children than in adults; the blisters arising from them should never be cut.

Every part of a child's body should be warmly clad except the head; to keep the head too warm increases the tendency to brain disease, so very common among children nowadays.

Next after warmth, children need freedom—freedom for movement in all limbs. They want to exercise the muscles even more than their brains, and they never will be quiet or staid unless they are ill.

Do not startle a child; many nervous diseases can be traced to a sudden noise or alarming object frightening and startling the infant.—*Home Notes.*

CONSETT.

Gospel Temperance Meeting.—Under the auspices of the British Women's Temperance Association, a Gospel Temperance Meeting will be held in the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Sunday evening, when an Address will be delivered by Miss Sands, Temperance Missioner. On Wednesday night, a Public Meeting will be held at Castleside; and on Thursday, another Meeting will be held in the Consett P.M. Schoolroom.

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCHES.

The usual autumnal session of the United Methodist Free Churches, Newcastle-on-Tyne District, was held last Wednesday in the United Methodist Free Church, Park Road, Blackhill, in the Consett circuit. There was a large attendance of ministers and lay representatives. After devotional exercises, the Rev. W. R. Sunman, (chairman of the district) presided and the minutes of the May district meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Rev. H. Chapman, Connexional Missionary secretary, urging the claims of various present needs, and pressing for increased enthusiasm in the work and larger contributions.—A District Committee, consisting of the Revs. Howe, Soothill, J. B. Stoneman, Tungate, and Mr. J. Benson, was appointed to further the cause, with the officers of the district as ex-officio members, and the Rev. Bruce Rose as missionary district secretary.

The Secretary (Rev. A. Bromley) gave some information with reference to the Newcastle District Convention, to be held on November 12th and 13th, for the consideration of the spiritual state of the churches. He also furnished a report of the Twentieth Century Fund, mentioning that a total of 15,300 guineas had been promised from the Newcastle District. The funds were coming in satisfactorily, and Mr. Bromley urged the hearty co-operation of the district to bring the scheme to a successful completion.

The reports as to the spiritual condition of the different circuits were received, and considered to be satisfactory.—A resolution was passed expressing thankfulness to God for the work that was being done, and strongly urging the formation of Christian Endeavour Societies and Christian Bands in all the churches in the district, and further, suggesting that the Christian workers in their churches and Sunday school teachers should meet periodically for counsel, guidance, and encouragement.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that it is not desirable that there should be any circuit divisions unless, first of all, the district meeting recommends the same. A copy of the resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the Connexional Committee and Annual Assembly. The May district meeting was fixed to be held in the Prudhoe Street circuit, Newcastle.

The Rev. W. R. Sunman subsequently gave a splendid address on "The Twentieth Century and How to Meet It," and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

A large number of delegates and friends partook of a substantial tea in the schoolroom, which was prepared and served by ladies, representing each church in the circuit.

A hearty vote of thanks to the friends of the Consett Circuit was submitted by Rev. F. Raine, and carried unanimously.

Rev. A. Crago and Mr. D. Mole replied.

At night, a public meeting was held, and the Church was filled with an attentive and enthusiastic audience. Andrew Dickson, Esq., of Newcastle, presided. Thoughtful and eloquent addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. Ninnis, A. Bramley, and W. R. Sunman.

Rev. A. Crago expressed the thanks of the meeting for the splendid service rendered by the Chairman and speakers.

The singing of the Doxology brought to a close the first district meeting held in the Consett Circuit which was throughout, a very great success.

LIBERAL MEETING AT STANLEY.

Under the auspices of the Stanley Urban District Liberal Association a public meeting was held in the Albert Hall, Stanley, to hear an address from Mr. Samuel Lloyd, late of London. Mr. T. W. W. Ritson, of Stanley presided over a large attendance, and introduced the speaker in appropriate terms. Mr. Lloyd, who on rising was well received, delivered an eloquent address in the course of which he kept his hearers spell-bound for over an hour, from the subject "Lessons of the Election." Votes of thanks to the chairman and speaker concluded a very successful meeting.

TANFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

On Tuesday evening the monthly meeting of the Tanfield School Board was held in the Tanfield Council Chamber, Mr. H. C. Wood, Chairman, presiding. There were also present Messrs W. Bulmer, W. A. Swallow, B. Mason, J. Green, M. G. Armstrong, the Rev. Father Thompson, the Rev. T. H. Archdale, M.A., Mr. S. Meddick, Attendance Officer, Mr. W. H. Ritson (Clerk), and Mr. R. Jackson, (Deputy Clerk.)

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Mr. S. Meddick reported that since his last report he had made 64 visits to schools, 688 absentee visits, served 8 bye-law notices, 1 official warning, and reported 50 children to other officers. The attendance had been fairly good during the past month, although a large number of children were absent from school in the Stanley and Tantobie districts through the scarlatina fever epidemic. Arrangements should be made with H.M. Inspector for an exemption certificate examination to be held shortly, as there were some children who wanted their certificates.

The report was adopted.

HEADMASTER FOR CENTRAL CLASS.

In response to the request of the Board the following three candidates attended to interview the Board with respect to the vacancy of head master for the Tanfield Pupil Teachers' Central Class: Mr. G. C. Miller, M.A., Blyth; Mr. F. Temperley, B.A., Stoke-on-Trent; and Mr. E. A. Phillips, of Newark.

After consultation the chairman put the names of Mr. G. C. Miller and Mr. E. A. Phillips to the meeting, when there voted for Mr. Miller, five, for Mr. Phillips, three. Mr. Miller was declared appointed, and on being informed of his appointment Mr. Miller thanked the Board for the appointment, and hoped he would be able to give them cause to think they had made a wise choice.

PLANS.

A plan was passed for a water closet for the West Stanley Board Schools for the use of the female teacher.

Mr. Davis was ordered to erect a coke shed at Pickering Nook.

Mr. Bendle, architect, reported that Messrs Waldie and Co. had completed their contract, which was satisfactory according to specification.

AN APPLICATION.

Mr. James Wilson, assistant master at East Stanley Board School, made application to be recognised as a certified teacher.

The application was granted.

RESIGNATION OF A TEACHER.

Miss H. B. Potts, assistant mistress of Causey School, tendered her resignation in that school.

The resignation was accepted, and the situation was ordered to be advertised.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCE.

Miss S. Charlton, Leazes School, applied for an advance of salary on the ground that she had served the Board since its formation, during which time she had given entire satisfaction, both to the head teachers and the inspectors.

Eventually, Father Thompson moved that Miss Charlton, Leazes, and Miss West, of Stanley, each receive an advance of £5, by increments of £2 10s.

Rev. T. H. Archdale seconded the motion which was carried.

ANOTHER APPLICATION.

The Kyo School Board applied for permission for Miss A. Pigg, a pupil teacher, to attend the Pupil Teachers' Central Class at Tanfield Lea.

The applicaton was granted.

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SWALWELL CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Queen's Head Inn, Swalwell, on Wednesday evening week, the members of the Swalwell United Cricket Club held their annual meeting and dinner. Upwards of fifty members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, which reflected credit upon the cuisine department of that hostelry. After the removal of the cloth, Coun. Wm. Blackbird was voted to the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Shield) submitted the eight annual report. The season just closed, he remarked, had, like its predecessors, been a most successful one, as regards the playing and winning of matches. (Cheers.) He was pleased to announce that the pavilion had been completed with the exception of the wash-basins; and he had no doubt ere another season commenced these necessary acquisitions would be added. They had been able, with the help of some of the members' wives, to get a set of china, etc., of their own, and thus save them from having to borrow such. He would like to say that Mrs. Drinkald kindly came forward and offered to give one dozen cups and saucers to the club—an offer which the committee accepted with pleasure. He would also like to allude to the appreciated services rendered by Mrs. Brownless, their worthy captain's wife, and who had worked unremittingly for the club. (Cheers.) Proceeding, he said they had now got a good supply of "gear" in hand; and he was pleased to say that the committee had worked exceedingly hard during the season to bring this to accomplishment. (Cheers.) He was sorry to have to report that the club had lost two of its most valued members. He referred to Mr. T. Berdy and Mr. E. Slater, both of whom had removed from the district. These two players had been of great assistance to the club in the past, and he was sure their services would be greatly missed. (Hear, hear.) He felt certain that the committee and the whole of the members would join with him in wishing them every success in their new duties. (Cheers.) There was another item he would just like to allude to, and that was in reference to the manner in which Mr. W. Lambert had come forward to assist the club. (Cheers.) Mr. Lambert had always been a keen supporter of the club, and had acted as umpire for them for a number of years. This season Mr. Lambert had come forward in another light, and that was, as a hard worker for the club. At the commencement of the season, when Mr. Lambert saw that they were in need of assistance, he voluntarily came forward and offered his services. Mr. Lambert has been of great assistance in keeping the pitch in order, and also in assisting with the erection of the pavilion. He thought that Mr. Lambert deserved the very best thanks of the club for what he had done for them during the past season. (Cheers.) As regards the performances of the various teams, he might mention that the first team had played fifteen matches, won eleven, lost two, and drawn two. (Cheers.) Such, he thought, was a most creditable performance. The batting and bowling of this season had also been splendid, as the averages would show. The bowling department had more especially been good, and he would recommend the members to look at the averages of Messrs Robson, Ryding, and Bruce, which were worthy of notice. The second team had played fifteen matches, won six, and lost nine. This, too, was fairly satisfactory when they considered that most of their second team players had never played cricket before; and that the matches in which they engaged were with teams—for the most part—that had been established for years. Towards the close of the season the second string played well, and won nearly every match. He felt confident that if the second team could be kept together for another season they would give a good account of themselves. The Wednesday team had played fifteen matches, lost seven, won seven, and drawn one. This, he thought, was a slight falling off from last season; but at the same time they considered it fairly satisfactory; for it was a well-known fact that mid-week cricket was of a much better class than it used to be, and the teams they had played had made improvement as well as themselves. The Wednesday team had greatly felt the loss of Mr. Slater, for he was one of their strongest batsmen. The junior team had played eighteen matches, won twelve, lost four, and drawn two. He would like to ask that every encouragement be given to this team, as he thought out of this team would grow one of the strongest teams that had ever been in Swalwell. (Cheers.) It was decided, he said, at the commencement of the season that the club should give a cricket bat for the best batting average in the first, second, and Wednesday teams, qualifications to be ten innings. It was also agreed to give prizes for the best bowling averages in these three teams; and he made an offer to the club to supply these prizes. He might say that he had given three silver medals; qualifications to be twenty wickets. The winners of the batting averages were—First team, A. A. Fletcher, average 14.20 runs per innings; second team, F. Barron, average, 5.72 runs per innings; Wednesday team, A. Pattinson, average, 6.16 runs per innings. The winners of the bowling averages were—First team, J. Robson, average, 2.65 runs per wicket; second team, J. Lee, average 6.15 runs per wicket; Wednesday team, J. W. Walton, average, 4.20 runs per wicket. (Cheers.)

The report was considered highly satisfactory and adopted.

The financial statement, as submitted by Mr. J. R. Curry, showed that the income had been £35 5s 6d, while the expenditure was £30 9s 2d, leaving a credit balance in hand of £4 16s 4d.

The election of officers resulted in Mr. A. A. Fletcher being appointed hon. secretary; Mr. R Rutherford treasurer; and Mr. J. R. Curry financial secretary.

During the evening presentations were made to Mr. J. Shield and Mr. Ed. Slater for services rendered to the club; whilst songs etc were rendered by several persons present.

The usual votes of thanks, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

EBCHESTER.

Parish Church.—On Sunday last, special services on behalf of the Church Defence Institution were held and collections taken The Rector (the Rev. J. George Gibson) preached in the morning on "The Church's Duty," and in the evening on "The Uses of Suffering."

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GRATEFUL—COMFORTING.

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BREAKFAST—SUPPER.

NORTH-WEST DURHAM CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this society was held recently.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer (Mr. A. Russell) in submitting his annual report, pointed out the steady growth of the society, which showed an encouraging increase in membership. The session just closed had been a very successful one financially, so much so that the members had been in a position to disburse £18 13s 3d in donations to charitable objects, leaving a very satisfactory balance to be carried forward to session just entered upon. (Applause.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. J. Mathieson submitted the following report:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen.—The report I have the privilege to present to-night will doubtless meet with hearty approval, inasmuch as it has for its keynote "progress." It is not my intention to blow the trumpet of congratulation unduly, although there is, I think, warrantable cause for elation; but, taking into consideration the earlier records and present position of the Society, it is reasonable to expect the tune to be pitched in a somewhat high key. Let me at the outset refer to the very satisfactory report of the treasurer. It is, I am sure, highly encouraging to learn that, notwithstanding the various amounts allocated to needy objects, both in and out of the district, the Society is still in a very flourishing condition, and this should serve to stimulate the members and strengthen and augment the membership. (Applause.) During the season there has been distributed from the funds the following sums:—Two guineas to the Royal Scottish Corporation; one guinea to the Nottman Fund on behalf of a poor widow at Hebburn; £5 to the Consett and District Cricket Club; £3 to the Duchess of Sutherland's Fund for the widows of the men of the Highland Brigade who have fallen in South Africa; £2 to Quarrier's Homes for waifs and orphans; two guineas to Consett and District Nursing Association; and one guinea to Shotley Bridge and Blackhill Nursing Association; and as a contribution to the Reservists' Fund—collected at a smoker—the sum of £2 7s 3d. (Applause.) Perhaps it may not be considered out of place to mention here that the "London Scotsman," the "Oban Times," and the "Newcastle Evening Leader" have thought well to refer in eulogistic terms to the liberality displayed by the Society. May the future always find us able and willing to prove that "It is better to give than to receive." Well, gentlemen, if we have done good work in respect to the money at our disposal, I think it will also be admitted that we have utilised our time to advantage, notwithstanding the fact that the session was opened and ended in "smoke." (Laughter.) As you are no doubt aware, last October found us enjoying our first pipe of harmony together, and with music and song an auspicious commencement was made with the winter's entertainment. By the end of the following month the atmosphere was sufficiently clear to permit of a St. Andrew's dinner being held in the Commercial Hotel, Consett, at which over 60 members and their friends were present. I think it is ancient history to state taht the function was an unqualified success. In December there was to be a lecture, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable lecturer it was deemed advisable to allow the old year to take its flight before setting the heather on fire with the—shall I say—annual Scotch Concert? Everybody seemed delighted, and no wonder. First there was Miss Jessie Maclachlan, whose interpretation of "Angus Macdonald" and "A Hundred Pipers" will long be remembered Then there was Miss Lizzie Hunter, who delighted the audience with her sweetly sympathetic singing; and I think full justice was done to the tenor and bass parts by Mr. J. M. Hamilton and Mr. Andrew Brown. And it is quite unnecessary for me to dilate upon Harry Lauder and his excellent rendering of humorous songs. Suffice it to say that without exception all who heard him fervently hope he will "call again." (Applause.) In February a very successful "Musical Evening" took place, and the hall was taxed to its utmost capacity. Of all the ordinary meetings I may say that there was none so well attended as this, and the programme arranged gave universal satisfaction. In March there was a lecture on "Lord Macaulay" by the Rev. Alexander Baillie, of Blackhill (who is always ready to render whatever assistance he can to the Society), and I need hardly say that the subject was well handled and much appreciated by the members; and in April we had the inevitable "smoker." which brought to a close a very successful session. I do not yet know how much this year's syllabus will differ from the last, but I think it will be policy to follow on the same lines as much as possible. I am glad to be able to state that for the concert on January 29th an entirely new company of first-class artistes has been engaged, and another great success is anticipated. There is also a talk of trying to engage at some future date the well-known society entertainers, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson Moffat, for the Tyneside Societies, and if this can be arranged I am assured that there is a treat in store for the members and their friends. Now, gentlemen, with such bright prospects for the future, and the knowledge of what has been accomplished in the past, is it too much to expect that the membership this winter will be materially increased? I hope not, and sincerely trust that harmony will prevail, and that the Society will go on prospering and to prosper. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the season 1900—1901 resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Jas. K. Annandale; vice-presidents, Dr. Morison, Dr. Moore, Dr. Macintyre, Mr. R. Park, Mr. John Orr, Mr. J. Geddess, Mr. G. Petrie, and Mr J. P. Walton; committee, Mr. R. Lumsden, Mr. A. Robertson, Mr. Wallace, Mr. F. McDonald, Mr. J. McNair, Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Mackay; hon. treasurer, Mr. Alex. Russell, 11, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; joint hon. secretaries, Mr. John Mathieson, Drumcruachan, Blackhill, and Mr. Wm. Henderson, Sherburn Terrace, Consett; auditor, Mr. A. Robertson.

WEARDALE.

Election Mem.—A story hugely enjoyed and located by rumour to the St. John's Chapel neighbourhood, where the butcher, who is a pronounced Liberal, was asked by a Tory wag for a "sheep's head." On producing the gory appendage, the customer jokingly queried "Was it a Liberal or a Tory yan?" "A Liberal to be sure," answered the knight of the cleaver. "Ah, then, but I must have a Tory yan." "All right, sir, ye can soon hev' that," as he split the head open and took out the brains, "there thoo is—that's a Tory yan."

BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT INSTITUTES' BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

(By "Ivory.")

OPENING WEEK'S PLAY.

LEADGATE LEAGUE v. LEADGATE GUILD.

Leadgate League.		Leadgate Guild.	
J. Matthews	100	L. Kelly	97
R. Cheesmond	100	J. S. Jopling	51
P. Matthews	83	H. Makepeace	100
J. Monaghan	77	C. V. Todd	100
J. McGee	38	F. Lockey	100
P. Daly	100	J. E. Kinleside	62
	498		510

It fell to the lot of James Matthews and Louis Kelly to play the first Tournament game of the season, and a very interesting tussle was witnessed though neither appeared at his best, which is "understandable" so early in the season. Play was perfectly even up to the forties when Kelly broke away with an innings of 20, containing some very fine strokes, but, on the other hand, one or two slices of luck. He maintained this lead until 15 from home, but then fell away for Matthews to gradually creep up and win meritoriously by three, amidst enthusiasm.

J. S. Jopling evidently did not find the board and ivories to his liking, as he was very much at sea in his futile endeavours to keep pace with the vigorous onrush of R. Cheesmond. The latter claimed all the luck (except bad) but at the same time gave evidence of a good knowledge of the game; only, we should prefer to see a little less stick used, but then all do not play alike.

It was left to Harry Makepeace to register the Guild's first win, which he did by 17 points at the expense of P. Matthews. The pair were fairly well matched, only Matthews had least share of any good luck afloat, hence the result. I may be pardoned in offering an opinion that Makepeace could improve his game by taking a little more aim.

C. V. Todd has started the season well by defeating no less a tried warrior than James Monaghan.

James McGee's re-appearance was not attended with satisfactory results except to the other side, but there are extenuating circumstances—he met Fred Lockey, and Fred was in form. This is sufficient to account for a 62 point difference, which sundry other players who have fallen foul of him in the past can corroborate.

Secretary Daly wound up the nights play by presenting his side with the only win, same as Makepeace had done a day previous for the guild. Daly simply outplayed J. E. Kinleside, who has become stale, either through too much practice or not enough of it.

DERWENT COTTAGES v. CONSETT TOWN HALL.

Derwent Cottages.		Consett Town Hall.	
J. W. Sanderson	56	F. McNally	100
A. Whiteley	72	W. Elliott	100
G. Campbell	66	J. Brown	100
T. Leatherd	72	W. Smurthwaite	100
J. Pattison	89	J. T. Pescod	100
A. Kay	99	J. Merritt	100
	454		600

With one exception Consett sent down their best team to Derwent Cottages and fulfilled expectations by annexing the whole 600 points. However, the Cottagers cannot be said to have done badly considering that they were not at full strength—their second night's play realised 260 points in spite of defeat each game.

Frank McNally administered the most crushing defeat and J. W. Sanderson never had a chance although at one time for a stretch of 30 points the rate of scoring was perfectly equal, but a fine unfinished break of 16 left McNally victor by 44. He played in just about his best style, and in the middle of the game treated the onlookers to a masterly 22 break.

Despite an early lead of 20 made in two innings Wm. Elliott could not prevent A. Whiteley reaching 50 first, but after that he scored over 30 against 0, and finally won somewhat easily. Whiteley's debut can be termed creditable, and he should prove useful to his side.

Joe Brown was in the same boat as his friend Elliott up to half-way, but a dashing 26 break (the week's highest) spoiled G. Campbell's rosy prospects. The latter showed excellent form until the aforementioned break came, and then he only added 10 to Brown's 55.

In the absence of E. L. Williams, W. Smurthwaite was requisitioned, and accounted for T. Leatherd after a commendable display. Up to the thirties the scoring was quiet and even, but a 20 break to Smurthwaite elicited no similar response from Leatherd, who, however, held his own in subsequent scoring and was practically only beaten by the said break.

Great things were expected from the renowned J. T. Pescod, but the surroundings—especially light, or rather scarcity of it—prevented anything in the way of a brilliant show, for he only beat J. Pattison by 11 after running up a 22 break. This is Pattison's first attempt and must be considered highly satisfactory.

J. Merritt fell against his business apprentice and Jack was as good as his master, but then, the game calls for no comment, save that Kay had a conviction that he would reach 99, and he did.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE v. STANLEY.

Shotley Bridge.		Stanley.	
W. T. Spence	100	T. Hodgson	99
F. Cole	75	C. Pringle	100
J. Bell	100	J. Makkinson	99
W. Egglestone	100	W. Clarke	62
J. Henry	100	W. Long	81
J. W. Forster	70	J. Smith	100
	545		541

A more enjoyable evening's billiards has not been put before us since the tournament's inception than on the first meeting of the above teams at Shotley Bridge on the Tuesday of last week. The three games occupied barely one and a half hours, which perhaps is not remarkable time until we learn that 191 points per game were averaged. The play was bright indeed. The draw appropriately decreed that two new introductions—W. T. Spence and T. Hodgson—should try conclusions by way of invitation, and the result would certainly justify each Institute's selection. Hodgson opened in very confident style and gave a first impression of being the better man but Spence had his innings, and the whole game may be summed up as evenness itself, a most exciting struggle ending in favour of the homester by one solitary point. The quality of the play easily came up to Tournament standard. Spence was credited with the largest break—17.

Remembering the artistically effective play of Charles Pringle on two previous visits, the Shotley Bridge folk had small hopes of his downfall on this occasion, and a good fight was all that was expected of Frank Cole. This he made, being only 10 behind when 75, but Pringle then ran out with 15 unfinished. Neither of the players were in tip-top form, though both brought off some exceedingly pretty strokes, and altogether the game was pleasant to look upon. In addition to the above-mentioned 15, Pringle made a 17 break and occasionally seemed on the way for something much larger, but more than once found the pockets rather tight. Cole struck one as being out of practice.

EXIT UNBEATABLES.

After a year of unbroken success, James Makkinson failed in his very first essay this season, precisely the same fate as befel Frank McNally hitherto unbeaten just 12 months ago. In the present instance, however, Makkinson has the mortification of losing by the smallest possible margin—1. There is thus no one now left with a clean sheet, and to J. Bell goes the credit of cracking the hardest nut in the whole Tournament's history, and by no fluke either, as Makkinson played well if we except that he was slow in settling down, which Bell took full advantage of, running up a clever 19 break with the result that a difference of 40 separated the scores early on. Realizing that he had no mean opponent the Stanley youth brought all his skill to bear on favourable leavings and gradually drew up, principally through a couple of 17 breaks. Bell, however, held his own and although overtaken at 89 managed to score a most sensational and popular victory. My previous remarks re Bell's capabilities were evidently well grounded.

W. Egglestone preluded his first effort for the "Brig." by a 53 break in a practice game, and although nothing approaching this appeared in the "game proper" he always had the measure of W. Clarke and was the prime factor in pulling down Stanley's average. Clarke displayed admirable pluck but was compelled to give way to the irresistible movements of Egglestone who seems to have called back his palmiest days.

Next to Makkinson's failure that of W. Long came as a big surprise, even though he had for an opponent no less an artist than J. Henry. The latter had his reward for recent assiduous practice, which raised him to form just a shade too good for Long who was beaten on his merits, albeit he played a fine game. Few men could have done so well, which will give our readers some idea of Henry's trim.

The game between J. Smith and J. W. Forster was closer than appears on paper, as a 20 break to Smith when in the seventies accounts for the difference in the totals, still, without detracting from the Stanley man's performance I think he met the weak spot in Shotley team.

TABLE.

INSTITUTE.	Games Played.	Won.	Lost.	Scores. For	Agst	Av.
Consett	6	6	0	600	454	100·
Shotley Bridge	6	4	2	545	541	90·83
Stanley	6	2	4	541	545	90·16
Leadgate Guild	6	3	3	510	498	85·
Leadgate League	6	3	3	498	510	83·
Derwent Cott.	6	0	6	454	600	75·66
Blackhill	0	0	0	0	0	0·

Derwent Cottages met one of the strongest combinations on the card, hence their lowly position and Consett's elevation in the above table.

Thanks to a good all-round exhibition Shotley Bridge and Stanley are practically off a mark, only decimal points separating them. Identically the same remarks fit the Leadgate teams, who this season should prove a rare tight match. Blackhill will by this time have tried conclusions with Stanley, and I fancy the result will not place them very far up the table, while on the other hand Stanley may emerge at the head after Consett and Shotley Bridge have done with each other this week, but for the present at any rate, the odds are in favour of Consett retaining first place.

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REFLECTIONS.

Messrs Ashby and Walton might be utilised by Derwent Cottages with advantage, also J. Barron, and perhaps the Rev. A. C. Blunt.

Three defeated players reached—in whist parlance—the "nine hole"

Alf. Kay was one of these, in fulfilment of a prophecy. Evidently he has a wonderfully correct idea of J. Merritt's capabilities.

New men who cannot now be overlooked—W. T. Spence, J. Bell, T. Hodgson, A. Whiteley, A. Kay, J. Brown, and J. F. Pescod.

Old players who have promised not to do it again—J. Makkinson, J. W. Forster, F. Cole, W. Long, A. Kay, L. Kelly, J. S. Jopling, J. McGee, J. E. Kinleside.

Query—Will Consett Town Hall have the benefit of E. L. Williams' great ability with any marked degree of regularity? Other aspirants to cup honours will hope not!

Shotley Bridge Institute is a picture, thanks to thoughtful and generous patrons. Also the board is perfection.

Derwent Cottages only needs steadier light and more of it.

It is said that Stanley have a player named Maines who will improve the team later on.

Also, we hear with regard to professionalism that a man is not one of the fraternity unless he has played for a stake; having your "modest bob on" is no crime.

The Tournament seems not to go into the professional question very closely, although I understand discussion has been invited, but shelved.

The rub according to fixture card simply states that no paid marker may play and I think that is quite sufficient, as the selection of players is justly left to the discretion of each Institute, and if they stoop to enrol members for billiard purposes only, then that is their own business and quite legitimate, whether it may be satisfactory to staunch "regulars" or not or whether it may be the "ticket."

Competition games are in these fast days essential to all sport, but may the saints preserve us from drifting into football routine—transfer, protest, and intrigue.

The Billiard Tournament should not be ball routine—transfer protest, and intrigue, work but simply a factor adding interest to the concern. Let the interest be genuine.

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Next week gets a miss; the following week's games are:—

Nov. 5.—Shotley Bridge v. Leadgate Guild
" 6.—Shotley Bridge v. Leadgate Guild
" 5.—Stanley v. Leadgate League.
" 7.—Stanley v. Leadgate League.
" 6.—Blackhill v. Consett.
" 8.—Blackhill v. Consett.
Derwent Cottages not engaged.

BRIEF ANNALS OF SOUTH AFRICA

1881. Within a week of the disaster at Bronker's Spruit the news had spread throughout the territory, and the beginning of 1881 saw the whole Dutch population of the Transvaal under arms. Their skill as riflemen rendered them a foe far more formidable than might have been expected from their number. The detachments of British troops at the forts at Pretoria, Potchefstroom, Standerton, and Wakkerstroom, were beleagured by the insurgents, but the little garrisons nobly held out and repulsed the determined assaults of the enemy.

1881. On January 3rd General Joubert, the Commandant of the Boer forces, at the head of a large force of Boers, invaded Natal, and occupied the strong strategic position of Laing's Nek.

1881. Mr. Gladstone's first responses to the act of rebellion wore a stern and uncompromising aspect. He summoned Parliament to meet on January 6th, and the Queen's speech contained the following decisive paragraph:—"A rising in the Transvaal has recently imposed upon me the duty of taking military measures with a view to the prompt vindication of my authority, and has of a necessity for the time set aside any plan for the securing to the European settlers that full control over their own local affairs, without prejudice to the interests of the natives, which I had been desirous to confer."

1881. On the 10th and 11th January, the British Government despatched a cablegram in reply to President Brand and Sir George Strachan, in which they stated that if the Boers would desist from armed opposition to the Queen's Government, the latter did not despair of being able to effect a satisfactory settlement.

1881. On January 21st Mr. Peter Rylands moved a resolution in the British House of Commons condemning the annexation of the Transvaal, and deprecating the measures taken by the Government to enforce British supremacy. Mr. Gladstone, still full of military ardour, stoutly resisted the motion, and declared that they were bound by the speech from the Throne and that the Government were precluded from entertaining the ideas of any grant of a free legislature to the Transvaal until the Boers had submitted. Mr. Grant Duff, the Under-Colonial Secretary, stated that Government was at an end if armed men openly defied the law and attacked our troops with impunity. The House of Commons was so convinced of the necessity of vindicating British authority that it rejected Mr. Rylands' resolution by a two-thirds' majority.

1881. Sir George Colley left Newcastle on the 24th January with a column officially stated at 1,000 men, comprising parts of the 58th Regiment, the 60th Rifles, and the Naval Brigade, with six guns and two gatlings. Crossing the Ingogo River on the following day he encamped between three and four miles from Laing's Nek. At 6.30 a.m. on January 28th, Colley advanced to attack the Boers, supposed to be from 2,000 to 3,000 strong. On the right were the 58th, with Major-General Colley and the Rifles in the centre, and on the left the Naval Brigade. After three hours' hard fighting the British were repulsed with heavy loss, seven, officers, and eighty men being killed, and one hundred wounded. Colley then returned to his camp, where he remained for a fortnight.

1881. The Boers having cut off Colley's line of communication with Newcastle, he was compelled, instead of holding his ground, or going forward to fight his way back to headquarters. On February 7th he again crossed the Ingogo River, where he was attacked by a larger force of Boers, and was again repulsed with serious loss, six officers and sixty-two men being killed, and sixty-four wounded.

1881. The communications between President Brand, of the Orange Free State, Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, and the British Government for a peaceful settlement were continued, and on January 27th, Sir Hercules telegraphed to Brand, saying:—"I am directed to inform your Honour that if avowed opposition cease forthwith Her Majesty's Government shall thereupon endeavour to furnish such a scheme as they believe would satisfy all enlightened friends of the Transvaal."

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

SAINT EBBA.

(J.W.F.)

Ebba, or as her name is sometimes spelt Aobbe, was the daughter of Aethelfrith or Ethelford, who was King of Northumbria from 593 to 617, by Acha, sister of Edwine, King of Northumbria (617 to 633), and daughter of Ælla, first King of Deira (560—589). Ebba was also sister of Oswald and Oswin, who were Kings of Northumbria from 634 to 642, and from 642 to 651, respectively, and aunt of Ecgfrith or Egfrid, who was also King of Northumbria from 670 to 685.

On the defeat and death of her father—Ethelfrith—in a battle fought in Northamptonshire in 617, she, together with her brothers were obliged to flee from their home and seek refuge elsewhere. She shared their exile, and is said to have been sheltered by Donald Besk, a Scottish King, and also to have been inmates for some time of the monastery at Hi, or Iona, where they became converted to the Christian religion. Soon after the return of her brothers to Northumbria and the coronation of her brother Oswald as King in 634, Ebba, who had decided to lead the life of a religious recluse, received the veil from Finan, who was Bishop of Lindisfarne from 651 to 661, sometime between those dates. She is also said to have been granted the site for a monastery on the banks of the Derwent by her brother Oswin. The story of her career is so full of errors and myths; that it is almost impossible to give any definite account of her life history. If the account of her taking the veil from Bishop Finan, and of her brother granting her the site of a monastery be authentic, then these events must have taken place in the year 651, for Finan was consecrated, and Oswin died that same year. The site of her monastery is said to have been called after herself Ebcestre. She is stated to have been driven from this place by an invasion of the Danes, under Hubba and Inguar, and to have removed to a monastery at Coldingham in Berwickshire, where she became abbess over the congregation both of men and women. Here she received Æthelthryth, the wife of her nephew Ecgfrith on her retirement from the world, and to have been visited by Cuthbert, who was afterwards Bishop of Lindisfarne (from 685 to 686).

During her career as Abbess of Coldingham various anecdotes are assigned to her. It is recorded that during a visit, which her nephew and his second wife Eormenburh, paid to Coldingham, the queen was seized with a malady which was held to be the effect of demoniacal possessions, and Ebba explained that this affliction was a divine judgment sent in consequence of the persecution of Wilfrid or Wilfrith Bishop of York, in which the King and Queen had joined. At her request Ecgfrid released the bishop, and the queen recovered. This occurred about the year 680, and can scarcely be authentic for Ebba is generally understood to have died in (or before) 679.

According to old records Æbba was not a successful abbess for one of the monks named Adamnan (not the famous abbot of that name), had it revealed to him in a dream that the house of Coldingham would be destroyed by fire, because its inmates led idle, dissipated lives, the brethren spending their nights either in revelry or sleep, and the sisters in weaving rich garments to attract strangers of the sterner sex. Adamnan afterwards told his vision to Ebba, adding that the evil should not happen in her day. During the brief remainder of Ebba's life the inhabitant's of Coldingham repented their wickedness and lived better and more religious lives, but, we are told, that after her death, they fell back into their old evil ways and Adamnan's prophecy was fulfilled.

According to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle the Abbey of Coldingham was destroyed by fire in the year 679, and, if Adamnan's prophecy be correct, she must have died either in that year or immediately before the destruction of the abbey.

Some writers, however state that she was living after this date; and one of her monkish biographers states that she died in the year 683. The statements, however are contrary to the express words of the Venerable Bede, the compiler of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, whose authority is final.

Ebba was afterwards placed on the Calendar of Saints, her day (sometimes stated as Aug. 29th), is correctly, Aug. 20th.

Ebba was buried in her monastery, but in later days, probably after the destruction of Coldingham by the Danes in the 9th century her grave is said to have been discovered by some shepherds and her body was translated and laid in the Church on the south side of the altar. There it remained until the eleventh century when a priest of Durham, named Alfred, opened her tomb and stole her bones, or at least some part of them,—and placed them, along with other relics of the same kind in the tomb of St. Cuthbert in the church at Durham.

As there were other saints of the same name it is probable that the belief, expressed by some writers, that Ebba lived to some date after 679, may have risen from a confusion between her and another Abbess of the same name. Eddi, an old chronicler, tells us that an abbess named Ebba often used to relate a certain miracle which Wilfrid, Bishop of Hexham, performed. Ebba, Abbess of Coldingham, certainly died some years before Eddi wrote. Another Ebba is said in the compilation of Roger of Wendover and by Matthew Paris to have been abbess of Coldingham when the house was destroyed by the Danes about 870. The compiler records that this Ebba and her nuns cut off their noses and upper lips in order to preserve their chastity. As an early writer mentions this story (which has also been told as belonging to the career of the Ebba of whom I am writing, as taking place at Ebchester and also at Coldingham) it cannot therefore be accepted as historical.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR RALLY AT TANFIELD LEA.

On Saturday afternoon a great Christian Endeavour Rally was held in the Tanfield Lea Primitive Methodist Chapel. The afternoon session was presided over by the Rev. J. A. West of Stanley. There was a good attendance, and the meeting was both bright and instructive. After prayer Miss Williams, of Blackhill, sang "Channels only." Then the Rev J. A. West delivered a short interesting address, in the course of which he expressed pleasure to see so many present, as it betokened great interest in the work of the church, which would be brought before them in Mr. Stephen's paper. How well the solo fit in with the paper they were about to have on evangelical endeavour. If there was one thing more than another which the Endeavour existed for it was for evangelisation. The members had to be the carriers of the messages of God. There was an idea contained in the Thessalonians where the Apostle spoke of the terms in which every Endeavour Society should take to themselves. "Ye are the trumpet of God," the mouthpiece of God through which God blew the blast so loud, so clear, that everybody knew of it. If every Church could feel that its members were sending out the Words of the Lord, the preachers would have no need to speak at all. The one great purpose of the Christian Endeavour Societies was to send out the Word. The Endeavour Society was trying to find out the work of the church in the ages past. It was incumbent upon them as members to endeavour to save somebody. It was their individual duty to seek to carry out the word of the Lord just in proportion as they were filled with it. They wanted not simply the gift of speech, but to tell what they had experienced. He hoped the paper which Mr. Stephens was going to read was only the prophecy of what they might expect from him in the future.

Mr. J. Stephens, Tanfield Lea, then read a paper to show the work of the Endeavour Society.

Miss Brason, of Jarrow, next addressed the meeting, and after a collection was taken up the meeting terminated.

Tea was then provided, after which an open-air meeting was held at the Institute, being conducted by Mr. J. Huggings. Returning to the Chapel the evening session was presided over by Miss Bulmer, of Tanfield Lea, at which the Rev. W. Duffield delivered an address. Solos and duetts were also rendered by Miss Williams and Mr. T. Holland, Stanley. Later on a consecration service was conducted by Mr. J. Coe, of Tanfield Lea, which brought the day's proceedings to a successful close.

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LANCHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A monthly meeting of the members of the Lanchester Rural District Council was held on Thursday last in the Board-room at the Workhouse. Mr. W. Logan, J.P. (chairman), presided, and there were also present—Messrs J. W. Jamieson, J. Oliver, T. J. Muse, W. Robinson, W. H. Telford, W. Gray, E. J. Wardle, U. A. Ritson, jun., J. Pumphrey, and the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Ritson.)

THE LATE MR. RITCHIE.

The Chairman said that since their last meeting, indeed since the last Guardian meeting, they had sustained a loss by the death of Mr. George Ritchie, of Langley Park. The announcement of his death had come upon them suddenly, and he was sure they all regretted the sad occurrence. He moved that a vote of condolence be passed.

The motion was agreed to.

BUNKER HILL SEWERAGE.

An agreement was submitted between the Council and the Railway Company, respecting the sewer under the railway at Bunker Hill, by which a payment of 10s a year was to be paid.

The agreement was approved of.

THE PLAGUE.

The Clerk said he had received a circular letter from the Local Government Board respecting notification of cases of plague. The letter was taken as read.

HOLLINGSIDE COTTAGES.

A communication was read respecting alterations at Hollingside Cottages, but the Council resolved that they were in an insanitary condition, and ordered that notices be served.

MEDICAL REPORTS.

Dr. Wilson reported that the following were the fresh cases of catching diseases in the district:—Two cases of scarlet fever at Walnook, and one at Hill Top, near Esh; two cases of diarrhœa at Ushaw Moor, and five at Esh Winning; one case of scarlet fever at Albert Street, Esh Winning, and six at Quebec; three cases of typhoid fever at Cornsay Colliery; one case of typhoid, 38 of whooping cough, 15 of diarrhœa and seven of influenza at Craghead; three cases of whooping cough and ten of diarrhœa at Burnhope; two cases of diarrhœa at Downard's Cottages, and one of erysipelas at Lanchester. All the typhoid cases and scarlet fever cases were admitted into Langley Park Hospital.

Dr. Bolton reported that the following cases of infectious disease had come under his notice during the month:—One case of typhoid fever and one of scarlatina at High Westwood; one case of typhoid fever at Dean Bank; one of typhoid fever and one of scarlatina at Low Westwood; two cases of typhoid at Milkwell Burn; ten cases of scarlatina at Hamsterley Colliery, and one of scarlatina at Blackhall Mill. The Ebchester district continued free from infectious disease.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Mr. G. W. Westgarth reported that after inspection he found the privies and ashpits at the Cement Houses, Hamsterley Colliery, in a dilapidated condition. Some of the privies were so defective as to be almost useless. He recommended that notice be served upon the owners. On Friday October 12th, he visited the farm house on the Carribees estate, belonging to Mr. J. Oliver, and occupied by Mr. Farnsworth. He found that one end of the house had almost completely collapsed, and other parts were falling owing to subsidence. He wrote to Mr. Oliver to have the tenants removed as early as possible, and to close the house. The house had now been closed.

In reference to the houses at Hamsterley, the Medical Officer and Inspector were instructed to make an inspection, and the report was adopted.

Mr. J. R. Lupton reported that some of the houses in the Middles Estate would be completed in a short time, and it would be necessary to provide an outfall for the sewers. He suggested that the Committee should visit the site with a view to securing a suitable outfall over the estate. There were three houses in Front Street, Lanchester the sewage from which passed under the passage of one house. The drain was defective, and he would suggest that the main sewer be continued at the rear of the premises for a distance of 25 yards, and the house drains could then be connected into the main sewer. Notices had been sent to the butchers in the district calling their attention to the new bye-laws, and notifying that their applications for registration would be received in a few days. There was a room in Front Street, Quebec which had been detached from a dwelling-house. There was only one room which served as day-room, sleeping room, and for all domestic purposes. There were no separate sanitary conveniences for the room. It was a back to back tenement, and without any through ventilation. Other cases were mentioned, and orders were issued.

The reports and recommendations were adopted.

HIGHWAYS.

Mr. Cumming, highways surveyor, reported upon an inquiry made as to the working of white whinstone for use on the roads in the Butsfield neighbourhood. The Consett Iron Company had the whole of the Royalty for working stone in the Butsfield quarry, and two or three places were pointed where the Royalty owners would permit working, but the stone was of such an inferior quality as to be quite unsuitable. He could not recommend the Council to work it.

The report was adopted.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Building Committee the following plans were approved:—Amended, plan of ten houses at Hamsterley Colliery for Mr. A. F. Watson; cottage at White House Farm for the owners of Burnhope Colliery; six houses at Middles Estate, near Craghead, for Mr. James Fairley; addition to warehouse at Quebec Co-operative Stores; a stable, cowshed, and washhouse at Ushaw Moor for Mr. J. Parker; and outbuildings at Craghead for Messrs Hedley Bros.

The precepts having been sealed and other unimportant business having been transacted, the meeting terminated.

WATERHOUSES.

Presentation to Mr. J. G. Thompson.—For 31 years Mr. John G. Thompson has had the superintendence of the coke establishment at Hamsteels Colliery. On his retirement from these duties the coke workmen deemed the occasion a suitable one to express in some tangible form their appreciation of him as a master. On Saturday they and a number of friends assembled in the Stag's Head Hotel, Waterhouses, for this purpose. Mr. James Ogg, secretary of the Durham Cokeman's Association, presided, and in opening the proceedings stated that he had great pleasure in being present on the occasion, and thanked them for the honour conferred on him. The object was to present to their old and revered friend a handsome present—a marble timepiece. He was glad to think they had counted Mr. Thompson worthy of such an acknowledgment. Hamsteels, he considered one of the most important coke yards in the county, and he counted Mr. Thompson an authority on coke production. He had great peasure in calling upon Mr Jas. Morris to make the presentation.—After this gentleman had completed this duty, Mr. Thompson, in responding, said he could hardly express his gratitude for this handsome present, but took it as a token of their goodwill. He had ever endeavoured to do his duty inasmuch as he combined the interest of masters and men. Separate interests sometimes clashed in the discharge of such duties, as they all knew, but he had in his capacity tried to act fair. Many were the changes which had taken place since he came in 1869. Several well-known connections had been severed. He hoped the coke industry at Hamsteels would continue to be as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past. He had never anticipated such a display of friendly feeling as was shown by the workmen that night in making him the recipient of such a handsome present. He assured them that it would be handed down as an heirloom in his family circle—regarded as a token of esteem from the workmen of Hamsteels Colliery.—Subsequently the company joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."—Afterwards Mr. William Thompson was made the recipient of a meerschaum pipe and pouch, to which he appropriately replied.—Dr. Kirkland, of Quebec, and Mr. Geo. French, of Waterhouses, each spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr J. G. and Mr W. Thompson.—The proceedings were interspersed with music. Songs were given by Messrs. the Brothers McDermott, Warburton Johnson, Coates, Wingfield, and Parkinson, Messrs. Stout and Hardy, of Cornsay, accompanist.

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DURHAM MINERS' ASSOCIATION.

In his monthly circular, Mr. John Wilson says:—The most prominent subject of this month is the Trades Union Congress. It was the thirty-third of the series, and was held in Huddersfield on September 3rd and five following days. There were 140 organisations with a membership amounting to 1,225,133, and represented by 386 delegates. The number of organisations were seven less than 1899. There was an increase of one in the delegates, and nearly 200,000 in the number of members. There were two of the large trades unions not represented, viz., the Amalgamated Engineers and ourselves. The absence of such large organisations would materially lessen the weight of the Congress in giving effect to its decisions, as well as its numerical strength.

There were some very important questions dealt with, such as Old Age Pensions, Amendment of the Mines Regulation Act, the raising of the age of children in the factories, the housing question, and cheap trains for the working classes. The refusal of the railway companies to grant leave of absence to the delegates of the Railway Servants' Union, the fair wage clause in Government contracts, the certificates of competency for persons in charge of boilers and steam engines, and the Miners' Eight Hours' Bill. There were other two questions dealt with, which deserve more than a passing reference, viz.:—Compulsory arbitration in trade disputes, and the condemnation of the war policy. The resolution in favour of compulsory arbitration was moved by Mr. B. Tillet, and "urged upon the Government to pass a Compulsory Conciliation Arbitration Act, and to appoint a judge and court with authority to enforce awards by fines, and imprisonment of persons refusing to accept the award." The Congress, by a vote of 939,000 to 246,000, decided against the resolution, there are few but would say the decision was a right one. The working classes were asked by it to seek for compulsory arbitration, a legal court with a judge with powers to enforce an award, and penalties of fines and imprisonment if any person refused to accept the award.

THE CONGRESS AND THE WAR.

One of the most prominent features of the Congress was its spontaneous and emphatic condemnation of the South African War. However much the country, outside the trades unionists, may have been deceived as to the war, it is quite clear that the large majority of the leaders of trades' organisations are not. In their opinion, the war has been brought about by the influence and for the sole benefit of a number of capitalists, whose desire is to obtain cheap native or Chinese labour, as a means whereby they can reduce the wages which the white workmen were receiving. Many of the leaders of the Chartered Co. and the Rhodes' Party have not attempted to cloak their intention in that direction, and have plainly declared that wages cannot be allowed to remain at the level they were before the war commenced. Among the many results of the fearful year's work, this will not be the least prolific of disappointment to wage-earners. The dreadful loss of life, wounds, and destroyed health, will be the common lot of all ranks. The burden of taxation will fall upon the working portion of the population in proportion to their ability to bear; but the reduction in wages and the wholesale displacement of white labour by the employment of the Kaffir, the Chinese, and other inferior races, will affect alone the Uitlander, about whose grievances we have heard so much. From a point of injustice, their state, subsequent to the war will be worse than that which obtained prior to it.

MEN IN ARREARS.

I have received a letter, which (without mentioning the colliery whence it came) I will give you in full, as it will set before you clearly the subject I desire to mention. It is as follows:—"I have to draw your attention to the question of men leaving collieries in arrears. When asked at the colliery they go to for their clearance card, they say they have not been in the Union before, and enter as new members. There are some men who leave a colliery with arrears amounting to 5/- and upwards standing against them. The Secretary could send his name and amount, and it could be put on the minutes, and every Secretary could see it, and then the colliery he started at, they would know what to do, instead of taking him as a new member. Hoping you will give this every consideration, as the Association loses many a pound through men of this stamp." I would not say that we could adopt the suggestion made, as it would involve a large amount of work, to say the least, but there are other considerations which will have to be taken into account before we adopt it. The same purpose could be affected by the local Secretary writing to the colliery the man comes from, whether he is in the Union or not. There are very few men but will have come from some of our Durham (or perhaps, Northumberland) collieries. If he says he was not a member, he can still say which colliery he left. A note to the Secretary of that colliery will bring an explanation as to whether he was a member or in arrears.

I am much obliged to the writer of the letter, because of his desire to put a stop to the meanness which some of these men practice. I would have noticed it before, but there has been a press of questions. I hope it will be the means of compelling these men to, at least, be truthful. If they are acting honourably in refusing to pay their contributions, why should they seek to hide themselves behind an untruth, as they do when they leave a colliery in arrears, and when asked for their clearance card by the Secretary at the colliery they remove to, assert they were not in the Union? To not be in the Union, and share in its good or to be so half-hearted as to get into arrears (especially at these times), is playing the game of life very low down; but to try and cover up the wrong by a lie, is a depth to which no man should descend. No man need be out of the Union, nor in arrears now, for there is a Lodge at every man's door, and times are prosperous enough to admit of every man paying his contributions.

DEPUTIES AND OUR SICK FUND.

During the month we have received two letters bearing on matters pertaining to the deputies and our Association. They are not both dealing with the same question, but both are of importance. I will deal with them rather more as general than as local matters. The first deals with the transfer of men who are in the Deputies' Association to ours, or vice versa. That is understood, but only as far as it relates to the Labour, not the Sick Department. The letter to which I am referring speaks of a deputy leaving the Deputies' Society, and transferring to ours, both in the Sick and Labour, and says that practice "is being done regularly at other collieries, and no objection has been made;" and adds "I expect they (the men who leave the Deputies' Association) will be either allowed here or stopped at other places." That is fair; but my object in drawing your attention to the matter, is to stop it. The writer asks the following question:—"If he be allowed to be transferred to one, why not to both departments?" The difference is obvious. There are many reasons why men should not transfer to the Sick Fund. Take one. Men start deputy work when they are young, and work at it (with exceptions) until they are beyond the point when they could enter our Sick Fund as per rule, and when the constitution of a miner (on the average) is beginning to give way, and he is liable to fall on the funds of a sick benefit society. This question meets you. Is it right, or is it safe, that our Sick Department should run the risk which the transfer involves? That danger does not arise in the Labour Department. The resolution of Council which legalised the transfer, only had in view that department. If, therefore, the writer of the letter be correct in saying that sick clearance cards have been received let it be understood that such is not legitimate, and the person transferring may, if he be found out, find he can receive no benefit for either sickness or accident when he makes a claim for it.

ARREARS WHEN TRANSFERRING.

In close connection with the above, but on another question, we have received a letter from Mr. Clark the General Secretary of the Deputies' Association. I think it will make the matter clearer if the letter be given in extenso:—"I am instructed to ask if it is within the knowledge of your Committee that certain deputies have joined the Durham Miners' Association, leaving large amounts of arrears standing against them in the Deputies' Association; whilst the Deputies' Association will not admit any deputy until he has paid up all arrears and demands against him in the Durham Miners' Association?" On the receipt of the above, Mr. Johnson was instructed to ask for specific cases; and, in reply, was informed that there were two men at one colliery (the names omitted) who had left, one of them being £2 17s 1d and the other £1 17s 9d in arrears; and there were other three, but these had promised to pay up the money owing. Now, all of us must agree, that the state of things to which reference is made, ought not to exist. We accept clearance cards from Deputies as they do from us; but that mutual arrangement must not be abused for the purpose of evading our associative liabilities and obligations.

DURHAM MINERS AND THE BASE WAGE.

MEETING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

On Saturday afternoon, in the long room of the Lambton Arms Hotel, Chester-le-Street, a mass meeting of the miners employed under Sir James Joicey and Co. and the Lambton Collieries Co. was held under the presidency of Mr. John Armstrong, of Grange Villa. The Chairman said the federation of Joicey and Co.'s collieries had arranged for district mass meetings to be held, of which that was one, and others were to follow at Houghton and Sherburn. They wished it to be clearly understood that though they were meeting without the recognition of the Durham Miners' Association or the Conciliation Board, they were not in antagonism to either of these bodies, but merely sought to impress upon them the justice of their contention that the base rate of wages for all classes of workmen should be raised. Mr. William Kelly, Oxhill, moved the following resolution:—"That we condemn the present low base rate of wages prevailing in the country and we pledge ourselves to do our utmost to obtain a substantial increase in all base wages." Mr. Matthew Moore briefly second, and Mr. Richardson, Sherburn, supported the resolution. The latter said if the owners would not agree to their request they must take a firm stand. There were men 53 years of age working on a putters base wage of 2/7. ("Shame.") Only by united and persistent action could they hope to influence the owners. For the past 21 years they had been suffering from a great injustice in this matter of base wage, and it was time that injustice was remedied.—The resolution was carried unanimously.

AUCTION MARTS

Sale of Store Cattle at Tow Law.—A special sale was held on Thursday, when 920 cattle were presented for sale, comprising 75 geld cows, 5 bulls, 170 blue grey steeds and heifers, 530 shorthorns, and 140 Highland kyloes. The cattle were a grand lot, mostly 2 to 3 years old, consigned from Weardale, Allendale, Teasdale, and the Derwent Valley, and the sound and luxurious pasturage of the districts named was prominently manifested in the forward and advanced condition of the various lots of well-bred cattle for which these dales are famed. There was a very large assembly of buyers from various parts and while a uniform and good demand prevailed, improving as the sale proceeded, still the extreme prices realised here a fortnight ago were not maintained, and 10s to 20s less per head was realised, with the exception of kyloes, which were in great demand at advanced prices. A good all round clearance was effected at prices probably a little in favour of buyers. Geld cows made £10 to £14; SH heifers, £11 10s to £15 10s; SH steers, £11 to £16 12s 6d; SH stirks, £4 7s 6d to £9; blue-grey heifers, £10 to £17 10s; blue-grey steers, £9 10s to £15 12s 6d; kyloes, £4 10s to £9 7s 6d; bull stirks to £11.

Tow Law.—Mr. Vickers had forward on Monday 53 dairy cows and heifers, 12 fat cattle, and 120 fat sheep and lambs. Calved heifers, £12 to £16 10s; calved cows, £14 to £22; incalving heifers, £13 to £18 7s 6d; incalving cows, £13 10s to £21 17s 6d; fat cattle to £16 10s each; calves, 20s to 46s each. Fat sheep to 31s, from Mr. G. Hodgson, Hamsterley; 22s, from Mr. C. Thompson, Viewley Hill; 21s 6d, from Mr. Reed, Newlandside; 17s, from Mr. J. T. Morton, Tow Law; 17s, from Mr. Marquis, Hamsterley. Fat lambs to 26s, from Mr. W. Bainbridge, Park House; 24s, from Mr. Stephenson, Flass, 21s 6d, from Mr Cruddace, Esh; 22s, from Mr. J. T. Morton, Tow Law; 20s, from Mr. Reed, Newlandside, 22s, from Mr. J. Kidd Westgate, 20s 6d, from Mr. G. Hodgson, Hamsterley. Cows a good trade. Beef 7s to 8s per stone; mutton, 6d to 8d per lb.

Blackhill Farmers' Mart.—On Monday Mr. Jackson Green had forward 365 fat sheep and lambs, 45 keeping sheep and lambs, 26 fat cattle, 7 calves, 2 stirks, 23 keeping pigs, 1 horse, 2 traps, and a large quantity of poultry. There was a large company, and everything was cleared at late rates, trade being brisk throughout. Prices:—Fat heifers, £18 12s 6d, from Kipper Lynn; £16 17s 6d, from Whittonstall Hall; £15 from Eddis Bridge; £11 17s 6d, from Mr. T. Surtees, Blackhill; £12 12s 6d, Mr. Hunter, Medomsley; £14, from Mr. Potts, Aireyholme; bullocks to £15 17s 6d, top Mr. Potts, Shotley Field. Young sheep to 37s, top Mr. Stoker, Hedley Wood Head; lambs to 29s, top Mr. Pescod, Catchgate; blackfaced ewes, to 26s, top Mr. Angus, Healeyfield; blackfaced wethers to 34s 6d, top Mr. Angus; lambs to 41s; keeping sheep to 38s; and lambs to 25s each. Calves to £3 7s 6d. Pigs from 19s 6d to 50s. Poultry realised satisfactory figures.

A BUDGET OF INFORMATION.

The "Windsor Magazine" always makes a speciality of reliable, up-to-date articles on subjects of national interest, but the October number eclipses its predecessors in this respect, containing an unusually strong array of brightly-written, instructive articles on subjects that, at the present moment, loom large in the public eye. Perhaps the most striking is "Africa of the Future," from the pen of that able writer, Ernest E. Williams, in which he gives a concise survey of the possibilities of the vast continent, even including the Great Desert itself; "The India Office" is dealt with by Robert Machray; an interesting article on "The Baltic" will appeal to all City men who have dealings with that centre of commercial London; "The Telephone of the Future" is a revelation as to the possibilities of the further development of Edison's invention; "Art and Letters in Guildford" gives many personal details of the celebrities who have foregathered in the pretty Surrey town, while an article on "Archery" will find many readers. Added to all this, the fiction in this number is as vivid and brilliant as ever; Max Pemberton, Ian Maclaren, Francis Gribble, Wilfrid Klickmann, G. E. Mitton, and Philip Treherne contributing some excellent stories.

AUTOMATIC PARLIAMENTARY REPORTING.

A most instructive article appears in the October number of the "Windsor Magazine," on the new telephone that is working such a revolution in the matter of loud speaking and long distance. The possibilities of this development seem practically inexhaustible. "One of the most striking applications of the German telephone is in connection with the phonograph and the cinematograph or biograph. As everyone knows, the phonograph cannot register sounds not produced in close proximity to the receiver, and specially directed into it. If we desire to record the actual stage delivery of a famous actor, for instance, the phonograph gives us no help. The loud-speaking telephone here steps in and supplies the missing link. A large metal frame containing a considerable number of microphones—thirty-six are required for the Paris Opera—is suspended near the stage. In an adjoining room is the receiver, placed immediately above the phonograph, to which the telephone conveys every sound from the auditorium. By a combination of the three instruments it is thus practicable to record and reproduce a scene, with the actor's every word and gesture. Sir Henry Irving and other public favourites will live and move and have their being long after they themselves have gone the way of all flesh. Before long a biograph theatre, with the best actors and vocalists of the day at its command, will form an indispensable part of every well-regulated ocean liner. In combination with the phonograph, the loud-speaking telephone is destined to be of great service in recording the debates of public assemblies. These two instruments will turn out a verbatim report, the accuracy of which cannot be disputed; and if we go a step further and cause the phonograph to dictate to an expert operator on a typesetting machine, we shall produce a verbatim report without writing a line! Obviously, however, this feat would be of the nature of a "tour de force." The gentlemen of the Press in the gallery of the House of Commons have nothing to fear. They can "condense" which the telephone and phonograph cannot do. It is, nevertheless, by no means improbable that the two instruments may some day provide Hansard with a model stenographer who never tires and never makes a mistake. Automatic Parliamentary reporting! Shade of Dr. Johnson!"



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17,877—Oct. 9th, 1900. A. E. Gilbert, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A new power machine.

17,892—Oct. 9th, 1900. W. Richardson, Stockton-on-Tees. An improved internal system of heating bakers' ovens.

17,989—Oct. 10th, 1900. J. Allan, South Shields. An improvement in metallic packing for stuffing boxes of steam engines and pumps.

17,994—Oct. 10th, 1900. R. W. Goldsbrough, Middlesbro'. An improved separator for sand and water. (Complete specification.)

18,083—Oct. 11th, 1900. J. W. Sheraton, Sunderland. An improved method for the loading and unloading of ships and of steamers or of other conveyances of goods over land and sea.

18,125—Oct. 11th, 1900. D. B. Morison, Hartlepool. Improvements in stamping and other apparatus in which a piston is located in a cylinder containing liquid.

18,142—Oct. 12th, 1900. C. Blenkinsop, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Improvements in extinguishing devices for oil lamps and the like.

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STANHOPE.

Illegal Fishing.—On Friday, John Joseph Collin was charged by Thomas Egglestone with fishing in the Wear at Stanhope with salmon roe on the 27th ult., and was fined 20/- and costs.

Assault on a Quarry Manager.—At Stanhope on Friday, Frances Vipond, of Newlandside Hall, Stanhope, was charged with assaulting James Smurthwaite, quarry manager, Newlandside Quarries, Stanhope, on September 6th.—Mr. J. J. Devey defended.—Under provocation, defendant struck the complainant twice with a broom, but, according to the latter's statement, he parried the blows, or it would have been worse for him, as she threatened to knock out his brains.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace for three months, in her own recognisances of £5, and pay the costs.

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DUNSTON.

Conservatism.—At a well-attended meeting held in the Dunston Board Schools, under the presidency of Dr. Dougall, it was decided to form a Conservative and Unionist Association for the village. Dr. Dougall was elected president, Mr. S. T. R. Poad secretary, and Mr M. C. Hopper treasurer. A good number of vice-presidents were elected, and a strong committee.

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WEARDALE.

The Rev. G. K. Wilkinson, assistant clergyman at St. Cuthbert's Church, Hebburn, has been offered, and has accepted the living of St. John's, Hebburn New Town. Mr. Wilkinson succeeds the Rev. E. Johnston, who has been preferred to the living at Westgate, in Weardale.

District Council.—Mr. Snowdon presided over the fortnightly meeting on Friday.—A circular letter was read from the Barton Regis Rural District Council asking Weardale authority to support a resolution in favour of the accounts of Rural Councils being balanced yearly instead of half-yearly as is now the case. The Weardale Council decided to support the resolution.—A communication was received from Mr. Fenwick making a complaint to the effect that he received no benefit from the highway rates and reviving the question of the Wolsingham Park Road, hinting that legal proceedings might accrue. Mr. Muschamp and Mr. Reed moved and seconded that the letter lie on the table, but an amendment by Messrs. Mainprize and Featherstone directed the Clerk to simply acknowledge the receipt of the same.—Estimates were resolved to be obtained for a drain for Lanehead water question.—A petition was received from Dr. Easton and 22 other inhabitants of St. John's Chapel asking for an extended water supply. The Inspector was directed to report on the same.—A local bridge question at Stanhope was the subject of some discussion, but was referred to the Stanhope Urban Council.—The Surveyor reported extensive damage from the recent storm, especially on the Alston Road, and certain repairs were decided upon.

LIFE IN INDIA.

CURIOUS SIGHTS.

A NATIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

Writing home to his parents at Leadgate, from Jamalpur, Bengal, Mr. C. T. Foreman gives an interesting account of life in India. He says:—"Since writing my last letter with the account of my bicycle experiences, two other strange sights have presented themselves. On Saturday, H—— and I received an invitation to a performance by natives in the Institute. After dinner we decided to go. On arriving they showed us to seats, and I never saw in all my life such an extraordinary scene and entertainment. The place was crammed with black faces. In the front was an orchestra giving a most hideous rendering of so-called music. Three or four violins, with the players sawing at them as hard as they could: three or four brass instruments with the players blowing their very life out to see who could make the greatest row; and the other individual, who apparently was also conductor, played a tom-tom in the most excited fashion. The whole tune consisted of three notes, and made a most weird noise. The funny part was when they stopped—it was so abruppt, and seemed to be in the middle of a bar. At last the play commenced. It was all in Hindustani of course. The dresses were simply gorgeous, and in all the colours customary to oriental ideas. There were two dancers of the most extraordinary style, with bells on their ankles, and every now and then they would sing a song. We stayed until midnight, and it did not finish until after two in the morning. They had a description printed in English, which I enclose. One of the characters appears blasphemous, and an awful sight he looked; but in keeping I suppose, with the Hindoo idea of the Deity. I never was at or heard of such a performance before. The other sight was on Sunday. Once every year the Hindoos have a day set apart for the worship of the machinery, etc., in the works. I think the the idea has the same meaning as our harvest festival. At any rate we went down to the works and saw the various performances in the different departments. They had all the machinery decked with garlands and other decorations. Round these they prayed and placed pieces of fruit for the time. Some played their curious instruments and girls danced in their more curious way, singing and shouting as they twisted their forms and faces in the most hideous way. Every set had a tom-tom, which made an awful noise—almost deafening—and what with the yells from thousands of throats, you may imagine the scene was strange, especially as they occasionally commenced jumping about and yelling in a most fanatical way. They called all this performance the worship of the god Birhshkana, or the god of machinery, plants, etc." The description of the play referred to by Mr. Foreman will be found below:—

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Females.—Ichra, wife of Salibahana (King)—Loona, daughter of Jomboo (cobbler)—Soondara, daughter of a King in disguise—Shari, Soondara's Attendant.

SYNOPSIS OF THE DRAMA.

Salibahana, King of Sealkote, in the Punjab, was aged and childless; Siva (one of the Hindu Trinity) showed his mercy on the royal pair and blessed them with a son for their having performed a religious vow. There was some failing, however, in the completion of the vow, for which the King was forbidden to see the child before he was twelve years of age. It so transpired that during the time when the Queen was living in a state of alienation from the royal household with her lovely son, the King took fancy to a cobbler girl of great beauty and was in deep love with her. The bitter twelve years had passed and Salibahana confessed the love incident to his consort before the Queen, who was too good-natured to be jealous; on the other hand she accepted the cobbler woman as her sister and sent Purna Chandra, who was now a model of beauty and piety, to accost her as mother. During the interview the brute spirit of the low-born maiden ran high, and strangely enough, instead of receiving the young prince as a son addressed him as a lover. Purna Chandra, who was richly gifted with all that is holy and sublime, was overwhelmed at this indecent behaviour, and acquired a deep abhorrence for wealth and women. The cobbler woman, fearing a disclosure presented a reverse account of the affair, and insisted on the King, who was quite at her mercy, to put an end to the life of the young scoundrel by throwing him into a well. This was done and the unfortunate old Queen was kept in confinement. Gorokshanath, who was God Siva incarnate, rescued Purna Chandra and took him into custody, and made him pass through many a crucial trial, from which he came out successful. Meanwhile the old King was slowly dying from the effects of the poison which was administered to him by his designing lover. Gorokshanath sent Purna Chandra in disguise to save his father, which he did by some effective antidote. The old King soon came to be convinced of the malignant motive of his lover and sent her into exile. A happy reconciliation took place. The old chief unfortunately begged his son to rule, which was humbly refused. Ultimately God Siva appeared in his divine personality and comforted the unhappy aged pair with promise of eternal bless to them, with the assurance that their noble issue was destined to fulfil a divine mission of preaching occultism with the erring humanity.

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DEATH OF MR JOHN CRAWFORD

Of Lumley Moor.

The death occurred on Saturday morning, at his residence, Lumley Park House, of Mr. John Crawford, well-known in farming circles in the north of England for the last half-century, and one of the most esteemed of the tenants of the Earl of Scarbrough on the Lumley estate. The deceased gentleman, who had attained a ripe old age, has for several months been prostrate with an affection of the heart. His stately form was for many years one of the best known on the Chester-le-Street Board of Guardians, where he was also an indefatigable member of the old Highways Board, where he was able to bring a very extended experience to bear on the problems that arose. He was overseer for the parish of Little Lumley, and churchwarden at Lumley Church for a great number of years. His diligence and care, and his sound judgment in all matters that occupied his attention, were almost proverbial. When the District Council came into being, Mr. Crawford was, in conjunction with Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker, elected as ex-officio member of the Chester-le-Street Guardians, which position he held up to his death, though during the last few years his growing infirmities prevented his attending the meetings with his accustomed regularity.

TOW LAW.

The recent bazaar promoted by the Tow Law Wesleyans raised from the one day's effort slightly over £30.

On Thursday night, the Rev. Geo. Samuel, M.A., the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, lectured upon a visit to Spain and France, in connection with the Tow Law Wesley Guild.

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BRITISH MANUFACTURE.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT OXHILL.

A Brave Pony Putter.

An inquest was held at the Oxhill Inn, on Thursday afternoon, to inquire into the death of Hutchinson Walker, who died from injuries received at Oxhill Colliery on Wednesday morning. Mr. J. Humble was appointed foreman of the jury. Mr. R. Kay, manager, Oxhill, attended and explained the plan. The first witness called was

Samuel Walker, East Kyo, miner, father of the deceased, who said his son was 17 years of age. He was a pony putter employed at South Tanfield Colliery. He was severely crushed, had his back broken, and died on Wednesday. Deceased told him before he died that he was going out-bye with his pony and caught Pogue. He helped Pogue up, got entangled himself between the tubs and the coal wall, and was hurt.

Robert Pogue, pony driver, 16 years of age, working at South Tanfield Colliery, said he was taking a set of full tubs out-bye with his pony in the Bottom Busty Seam on Tuesday, along the rolley-way. When abreast of the manhole just below the crossing his tubs were standing, he (witness) being on his "hunkers" putting drags in the wheels of the second tub. While sitting Walker tried to pass him riding his pony without any tubs. In passing, Walker's pony knocked witness between the tubs. Walker got off his pony, which went on. Deceased pulled witness out frm between the tubs, and just at that moment witness's pony moved on when he had just got clear of the tubs. Walker's foot slipped on the way as he was pulling witness back, and he fell in between the two tubs and was dragged about 20 yards. Witness followed behind the tubs, but afterwards got in front and stopped the pony, when the tub went off the way. Witness then fell down between the limbers, and when he got out his light went out. When James Tweddle went with a light he saw Walker lying under the tub injured.

The Coroner remarked that the witness had given his evidence in a very straightforward way. It was a most extraordinary thing that the deceased had lost his life in trying to save the life of witness.

James Tweddle, coal-hewer, said he was driving on Tuesday because there was a scarcity of lads. He was following out with a set of tubs behind the last witness. His pony stopped against witness's tubs when he heard Pogue crying. He went forward with his light, and found that the middle tub was off the way. He lifted it up and got Walker out, and had him conveyed to bank as soon as possible.

Miles Handy and Michael Flynn, men's inspectors, having examined the place where Walker was hurt, had found it to be in a safe working order.

A juryman: Is it a custom, Mr. Kay, for the lads to ride on the limbers in working hours?

Mr. Kay: No, it is against the law. We put it down as much as possible.

The Jury returned a verdict to the effect that Walker had died from injuries accidentally received.



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MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The last meeting of the old Board was held on Thursday night under the presidency of Mr. H. Palmer, J.P. (chairman.) There were also present—the Rev. W. Cockin, Mr. W. R. Cooke, Mr. R. Moffitt, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, Mr. W. Hogg; and the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Coupland.)

EXTRAORDINARY!

The Chairman said that he had to make a startling statement. The plan for the out-offices at Westwood had come back from the Education Department without any alteration whatever, so that it must be considered satisfactory. It was rather extraordinary. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cooke said that was a compliment to the architect.

The Chairman stated that two tenders had been received for carrying out the work, viz., Messrs Taylor and Son, £32 7s 9d; Messrs J. F. Thompson and Son, £32.

Mr. Hogg moved that the tender of Messrs Thompson and Son be accepted.

This was seconded by Mr. Jamieson and carried.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Th Attendance Officer (Mr. M. T. Milburn) reported that the number on the book was 1,231; average attendance, 1035.5; percentage, 84.

Mr. Moffitt: Very good.

The Chairman: It is excellent.

The officer said that the percentage of attendance of children over five years of age was 86.8.

The Chairman remarked that there was no report from the Catholic School.

Mr. Milburn said it had not come to hand.

The Chairman moved that the Clerk write Father Magill, saying that they had made repeated applications for these figures, but that they they could not get them.

Mr. Cooke seconded the motion, which was adopted.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

Mr. J. W. Daniels (headmaster) reported:—No. on books, 365; admitted, 3; left, 4; average attendance, 323; average percentage, 88. As the selection of candidates was impossible on Tuesday, Oct. 10th I have held over the names as requested at the last meeting so that the Board may interview the children at school.

Miss M. J. Watson reported:—No. on books, 182; admitted, 5; average attendance, 129.8; average percentage, 71.3.

HALF-YEARLY ESTIMATES.

The Clerk submitted the following estimate of probable expenditure and income for the half-year ending 28th March, 1901:—Salaries of officers, £35; legal and other expenses, £10; salaries of teachers £500; books, etc., £25; fuel, light, and cleaning, £45; other expenses of maintenance, £5; contribution to Industrial School, £5; loans and interest, £110; new water-costes, £31; total, £814. Probable resources:—Present balance, £127 15s 10d; annual grants, £420; fee grants, £200; Agricultural Rates grant, £10 10s 10d; total, £755 13s 4d. Two precepts of £150 each, payable on the 13th day of December and the 14th day of February will be required.

The Chairman said that their balance was nearly double that of last time.

Mr. Moffitt moved that two precepts of £150 each be issued on the overseers, payable on the dates mentioned.

Mr. Jamieson seconded the motion, which was carried.

The School Board rate for last year was sixpence in the pound. The present precepts for the half-year mean a rate of about 2½d in the pound.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A letter was read from Mr. G. T. Hyden, asking the Board to appoint a representative on the Board of Governors of the Consett Technical Institute.

The Chairman was appointed to represent the Board, on the motion of Mr. Jamieson.

Mr. Palmer returned thanks for the honour done him.

FINANCE.

It was agreed that chepues should be signed for sums amounting to £139 10s.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. Moffitt said that as that was the last meeting of the Board he had pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. He thought that they had always got through their business expeditiously, which was due in a great measure to the manner in which the chairman had conducted the business. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Hogg seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman, in returning thanks, said it had always been a pleasure to come there and preside over their meetings, because everything always passed off most harmoniously. They got through the business smoothly, and, he hoped, to the satisfaction of the ratepayers. (Hear, hear.)

This concluded the business.

TOW LAW.

A falling off in the demand for coke has resulted in about 16 to 20 men receiving their notices in the Black Prince Cokeyard. The falling off, however, seems to be pretty general, and a similar effect is reported at Crook.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT AT BLAYDON.

Three Boys suffocated by a fall of Sand.

One of the most serious accidents that has occurred in the Blaydon district for some time took place on Friday afternoon when three youths lost their lives under most distressing circumstances, the victims being William Stuart, aged 17 years, son of Mr. William Stuart, 8, Albert Terrace, Blaydon; Thomas Bell, aged 13 years, son of Mr. James Bell, 8, Middle Court, Blaydon; Robert William Higgins, aged 10 years, step-son of Mr. Ralph Septimus Watson, 4, Bank Foot, Blaydon. The scene of this triple fatality was the Sand Depot, situated by the side of Pathhead Bank, Blaydon. It would appear that shortly after 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, whilst Stuart, who was in the employment of Mr. Thomas Robinson, was filling a cart with sand at this depot, a heavy fall of sand took place which covered him up to the breast. Almost immediately afterwards another fall took place, and completely hid Stuart from view. Accompanying him were the lads Bell and Higgins both of whom were also covered, whilst the cart which Stuart had been filling with sand was also covered, as well as the hind legs of the horse. An alarm was quickly given, and in a remarkably short space of time a number of men were on the spot. The work of rescue was pushed forward with all possible speed, and after an elapse of about an hour the body of Higgins was recovered, life being extinct. The unfortunate lad's mother appeared on the scene and on identifying her boy was seized with hysterics and had to be taken to a neighbouring house. It was indeed a heartrending spectacle for there were others who could not look upon the scene, and these moved silently away from the awful sight. The next body to be brought up was that of Bell, who was also quite dead. Shortly afterwards the lifeless body of Stuart was recovered. The news of the calamity quickly spread and created a painful sensation in the village and neighbourhood.

OPENING OF THE INQUEST.

On Saturday afternoon, at Blaydon Police-station, Mr. Coroner John Graham opened an inquest into the circumstances attending the death of the victims, Stuart, Bell, and Higgins.

Evidence of identification was given by William Stuart, labourer, 8, Albert Terrace, Blaydon; Ralph Septimus Watson, bottle maker, 4, Bank Foot, Blaydon; and James Bell, miner, 8, Middle Court, Blaydon.

Mary Dobby, single-woman, residing at Summerhill, Blaydon, said that at about 3:15 p.m., on the 19th inst, she was standing at the door of her house, which was situated near to the quarry, when she saw the youth Stuart place a cart against the embankment, which he commenced to fill with sand. He had only got about two shovelfuls of sand thrown into the cart when a heavy fall of sand took place which covered him. At the time of the occurrence there was another lad with Stuart whom witness did not know, and who was also caught by the fall. Witness went for assistance, and several men came in response. They at once commenced to clear away the sand, and witness saw the body of one youth recovered, and believed it was that of Higgins.

Thomas Stuart, a cartman in the employment of Mr. Thomas Robinson, and brother of the deceased Stuart, residing at 62, Robinson Street, Blaydon, said that on the day of the accident he was engaged in carting sand from the sand depot for Mr. Robinson. Whilst witness was talking to another man a heavy fall of sand took place, which buried his brother up to the breast. The deceased William Bell was also completely buried. Witness did not see the youth Higgins until he was got out from the sand, and deceased was then dead.

Thomas Reay, who has been in the employment of Mr. Robinson for a fortnight, said he was engaged in carting sand on the day of the mishap. Witness saw the fall of sand take place. Witness along with other men at once set to work to clear away the debris; and the first body to be recovered was that of Higgins, which was found at 4.10 p.m. Witness was then overcome and could not stay any longer.

P.C. Howard, stationed at Blaydon, deposed that from what he was told he proceeded to the scene of the accident. When witness arrived the bodies of Higgins and Bell had been recovered; and subsequently the dead body of Stuart was found amongst the sand.

Thomas Donnelly, watchman, in the employ of Mr. Thomas Robinson, said it was his duty to see that the place was safe for working. Witness examined the place about 7 o'clock on the morning of the accident, and he considered everything was safe. About 3.30 p.m. witness was told that a fall of sand had taken place. Witness saw the dead body of Higgins recovered from the sand, but he could not stay longer as he was overcome.

At this juncture it was decided to adjourn the inquest till the following Tuesday.

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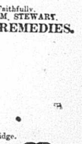
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The Rev. Ernest Lacey, of Newcastle, in addressing the meeting, said he was pleased to find a chairman who so thoroughly understood his business. It gave to the meeting a cheeriness that was welcome on a cold damp evening like that. After having feelingly alluded to the sad death of the Rev. D. Kyles, the speaker went on to say that he had been in great doubt of a subject for the evening. He had made a discovery, which, instead of adding glory to his life was a shame. In the Primitive Methodist Church he had discovered there were people who drank. Of all the institutions they should be proud of it was that of temperance. There was a time when the total abstainer was regarded as a curiosity. The very influence of temperance in society opened doors to-day which in former days were closed to them. Only a short time ago he saw an advertisement in a Newcastle paper for a brewers' traveller, a total abstainer preferred. Why? Because he could be trusted. In other ways they saw a revolution of public sentiment. Quite recently men had discovered that temperance principles were fashionable even in the army. Too long had "Tommy Atkins" been regarded as a drunken sot. It had come a surprise to many to learn that total abstinence was fashionable with the high and low in the army. At a great meeting of the Army Reform Association, Sir George White in the chair, that gentleman was questioned as to his opinion of the total abstinence of the soldier. General White replied that it was a matter of congratulation to him that the men had to be sober, for never was such heroism shown before in the history of military work, and he attributed largely the endurance and dash of the men, to the total abstinence principles they were practising at the time. They were learning to-day that fighting, and working, and thinking qualities were impaired if men were addicted to the practice of strong drink, but if a man had to retain his physical and moral dignity he must do it at the expense of the cup, and anything that deteriorated his physical and moral fibre. The temperance party had a good sprinkling in the House of Commons. Men who to some degree were pledged to support all matter of temperance reform. There was a time when the House of Commons was infested with brewers, but they now had teetotal men, who could speak with a silvery eloquence proceeding from throats which had never been polluted by alcoholic drinks. They had only one fault to find with the position of their party, and that was that they had been so feeble in their demands, they might have done more. They might have asked for more. He did not believe with men of the day that they ought to insist upon the special interests of the section of the party that they ought to draw a line, and insist upon Liberalism toeing their line. If the Liberal Party would not do anything for the temperance cause there was not a party in existence that would. (Applause.) They were hampered enough with their own supporters, but if they moved further they would fare worse, and standing to Liberalism was the only sound and consistent policy of the temperance party. Their fathers had had to take what they could get but they, to-day, could insist to some degree upon having the gifts the parties were prepared to give. The temperance party would have to awaken itself, and look out for better things than the show advancements which had been made in the past. They wanted some real reforms. There had latterly been a revival on the part of those responsible for the advance of temperance reform. They had had one or two questions before the late Parliament that had been discussed, and nothing more. They all knew that that revival had been occasioned by philanthropists, who had felt very deeply about the interests of young life, and the Children's Bill had been introduced with the view to bringing about some reform to prevent parents sending children, below a certain age, to public-houses to fetch the daily drink. Such a humane, reasonable measure, a Parliament claiming to be philanthropic, and enthusiastic in the interests of humanity, should not have refused to give. No man who had any decent regard for his family, would invest his money in a public-house, and live there. He would keep his wife, sons, and daughters away from the scenes of a bar-room, wherever he could. Were the women who frequented such places the purest women? Did the men who regularly attended them give them the impression that they were the backbone of the English democracy? No. They saw there the worst specimens of the working-classes. A Parliamentary Party which dissolved in a great hurry to meet again quickly because they wanted an urgent mandate from the country, and left the matter of meeting again till February was not much good to them. They should try, and do something for themselves. It was a shameful thing that that matter was not dealt with in the last Parliament, but they were afraid to offend the humanitarian instincts of the English people. If they refused to allow the passing of a bill like that it was equivalent to proving themselves uninterested in the future welfare of young England, and if they had decided even on the eve of an election it meant offending a section of the party which formed the principal backbone of the whole concern. The licensed victuallers said there were two objections to the bill. In the first place it would interfere with parental rights, and would be injurious to the trade. If it were not for the laws of England some people would send their children of tender years down the coal mines. They would bind future England for 2/6 a week, cripple the form, minimise the vigour of the children, and bring a cloud over the future manhood of the land they loved so well. But the State interfered, and it had the right to interfere in the matter he had mentioned in the former part of his speech. With regard to the fairness of the trade, the State gave monopolies to the liquor trade. If the State had the right to allow that monopoly it had the right to state the terms of the monopoly. It was not right for those people to have a privilege which other people had not. Wherever the State was charitably disposed it claimed the right of government, and of insisting upon conditions. Let them never say it was unfair again. Was it unfair that a man in making over to another, privileges like that to stipulate the conditions of the gift. There were certain signs of the times they exulted in. A glorious future, the future of redeemed humanity, in which the temperance principles would play an important part. Science, humanitarianism, religion, and better sentiment were paving the way for the advancement of truth and righteousness, and they would see a great revival of the higher ideals of the nation, and free the mind and the physical life of the nation from the trammels that seemed to clog her way. They could not lose, they were hoping for the future that should bring them a newer and lighter life.

Mr. George Bainbridge then read the official report, which showed that the total income for the year had been £438 19s 3½d, and the expenditure, £400 10s 7d, including the payment of some £231 for the new organ.

The Rev. J. A. West then addressed the audience on the subject of "Ritualism," and warned his hearers to be true to their Protestant faith.

Mr. J. Bainbridge moved, and Mr. C. Graham seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman and speakers, and the officers of the church, after which a ham and coffee supper was provided in the school-room by Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dunn. On Sunday morning and evening the Rev. E. Lacey preached two sermons, while in the afternoon a service of praise was rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Herdman; the organist being Mr. J. Robinson. Collections were taken at each service in aid of the trust funds.

THE BLAYDON DISASTER.

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At the Blaydon Police Station, on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. John Graham resumed his enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the three youths.

Thomas Donnelly, employed as watchman by Mr. Thomas Robinson, the lessee of the depot, was recalled. Examined by Mr. A. L. Hedley, Inspector of Mines and Quarries, he said he had been employed at the same work work since July 1, 1899. His duties were to examine the outside of the quarry. He did this every morning. He walked along the top of the quarry. He went over the ground on the morning of October 19th. Witness thought it was safe then.

Mr. William Paxton, foreman of the jury, said that the jury had visited the quarry, and they were of opinion that it was not worked with as much safety to the men employed as it might be. It had been the habit of the cartmen to shovel away too much sand from the lacing, so that falls were liable. They were of opinion that there ought to be an extra precaution taken to prevent that happening again. The jury would recommend that the baring of the whole of the soil be carried back 15 or 20 ft., and, after that had been done, that the sand-bank be slanted to an angle, so that if the sand did give way it would have a tendency to shove the men out of the way instead of coming down suddenly, and burying them straight away.

The Coroner was very glad to have heard what the foreman had said.

Mr Hedley thought that the suggestion of the jury that certain things should be done was a mistake. It would be far better if it were left in his hands, as he knew exactly what ought to be done. If the jury put down any special line to be followed, they took upon themselves the responsibility if another accident happened. The condition of a quarry varied from time to time, and the Inspector was supposed to look after that, and he took the responsibility instead of the jury. The suggestion that had been made should have his full attention.

The Coroner said that the jury would doubtless agree to the matter being left in the hands of Mr. Hedley, who would give his instructions to the owner of the quarry. They would also have noticed that the fencing-posts at the top of the quarry were driven into the soil, and that some were hanging over. They appeared to him to act as wedges; and he thought it would be better if they were set further back into the field. They had suggested that the baring should go back several yards, and he thought the fencing ought to go beyond the baring.

The Foreman of the jury said they quite agreed to this, and a verdict was returned to the effect that William Stuart was accidentally killed whilst following his employment as cartman, by a fall of sand; and that Thomas Bell and William Higgins lost their lives under similar circumstances, though they were not employed as workmen.

The jury commended P.C. James Turley and P.C. James Howard for the kindly and sympathetic manner in which they did everything that was possible for the boys and their grief-stricken friends.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOHN CRAWFORD.

The funeral took place in the old Churchyard, Chester-le-Street, on Monday afternoon. On the arrival of the mourners at the Bridge End they were met by a deputation of members of the Earl of Durham Lodge of Freemasons, of which the deceased was the oldest member. The Rev. Arthur Blunt, son of the late rector of Chester-le-Street, intoned the service in the church and at the graveside. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Wm. Norman, undertaker, Chester-le-Street. Among many others present were Mr. D. Garner, Lumley Castle, agent for the Earl of Scarbrough; Mr. T. Gilchrist, Mr. G. Crichton, Mr. T. C. Renwick, Lumley Thicks; Mr. R. Nelson, Lumley; Mr. G. Laybourn, Lumley; Mr. T. Langton, New Lambton; Mr. T. Appleby, Brecon Hill (who carried a beautiful wreath sent by the members of the Lumley Bicycle Club); Mr. P. Oswald, Harraton Hall; Mr. Robert Dickinson (clerk to Guardians, Chester-le-Street); Mr. W. Clarke, Rev. Rd. Crookall (chaplain to the Earl of Durham Lodge of Freemasons), Mr. Edward Watson, Mr. James Curry, Lumley Ferry; Mr. Thos. Burn, Mr. T. R. Hall, Mr. F. Harle, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Usher, Mr. J. Dalkin, Mr. D. Crichton, Dr. Brown, Mr. W. Parkin, and Mr. R. J. Coxon.

THE HOME-PRODUCE OF THE CAPE.

One of the most striking articles in the magazines this month is that contributed to the "Windsor Magazine," by Ernest E. Williams, on the possibilities of Africa after the war. Cape Colony should have a promising future, judging by the following statistics:—"In the year ended May, 1898, 2,000,000 bushels of wheat were produced, and about 3,000,000 bushels of oats, barley, mealies, Kaffir corn, and rye; 6,000,000 lbs. of tobacco, over 43,000,000 lbs. of wool, over 250,000 lbs. of ostrich feathers, and over 3,000,000 lbs. of butter. The colony's vine stocks yielded 4,250,000 gallons of wine, 1,400,000 gallons of brandy, and 2,000,000 lbs. of raisins. It held 2,250,000 head of cattle. Moreover, that test of advancing development, the establishment of manufactures, may likewise be called in evidence. The 1891 census is the latest available. In that year nine and a quarter million pounds' worth of manufactures were produced in Cape Colony. These sample statistics not only show the progress made, but are an earnest of the greater things to come, when British rule and British railways and British development shall have extended northwards till they join hands with those coming steadily down from Egypt. Already the home-produce exports of the Colony are worth some seventeen millions a year."

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 24th, 1900.—Before Mr. H. W. Kerrich-Walker, Col. Humble, Mr. C. F. Foster, and Mr. C. R. Barrett.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Sam. Bruse was summoned for committing a breach of the peace by fighting at Chester-le-Street on the 15th inst. Defendant was bound over to keep the peace and pay the costs.

PITCH AND TOSS.

Jos. Beddell, Anthony Wilkinson, Thos. Dodds, Wm. Mills, John Coulson, Simon Wharton, Geo. Pine, John Johnson, Wm. Embleton, Robt. Anderson, Matt. Ferry, Jos. Emmerson, and Ralph Marwood, were summoned for playing at pitch and toss at Grange Villa on the 14th inst.—Wilkinson, Coulson, Pine, Anderson, Ferry, Emmerson, and Marwood were fined 2/6 and Beddell, Johnson, and Embleton, 5/- and costs.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

John Anderson and Jos. Anderson were summoned for damaging a shaft top, the property of Lord Dunsany and Partners, at Pelton.—Defendants were fined 2/6 and costs each.

Wm. Thompson, Hugh Thompson and John Hornsby were summoned for damaging a fence, the property of Jane Churcher at Pelton Fell, on the 14th inst.—Defendants were each fined 1/- and costs, and the damage 1d.

Thos. Kelly was summoned for damaging a window the property of Robt. W. Little at Birtley on the 10th inst.—Mr. Little proved the damage at 1s. The committee had had to offer a reward of £1 to any person giving information to lead to the conviction of lads who had broken the school windows on previous occasions.—Defendant was fined 5/-, 1/- damage, and the costs.

ASSAULT CASE.

Fenwick Hodgson was summoned for assaulting Robt. W. Little, at the same time and place.—Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. F. Harle defended. Complainant said defendant kicked him. Defendant had no right on the ground where he was.—The case was dismissed as complainant had taken the law into his own hands.

HOOLIGANISM NORTHWARD.

John Watson was summoned for assaulting Jos. Holt at Birtley, on the 14th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, appeared for the complainant, and said on the date in question his client was going down the turnpike road from Plawsworth along with a friend who stopped behind a few minutes. While waiting for his friend defendant and another man in company with a female tramp were seated on the other side of the road. Defendant thought complainant was looking at him and walked up and asked what he was doing there and struck him a heavy blow in the face and knocked him down. When complainant endeavoured to get away defendant felled him to the ground. It was only with the assistance of his friend that he got away. He had to ride to Chester-le-Street to get a policeman who went to the spot and took the man's name.

Joseph Holt, son of Mr. Holt, manager of Chester Moor Colliery, said he was returning from Plawsworth to Chester Moor, when he saw the defendant and another man and woman. He was taking no notice of them. Defendant struck him and knocked him down. He got into the middle of the road. Defendant followed him and struck him two or three times, his friend had to pull defendant off. He had not given the slightest provocation for the assault.

Thos. Wilson, brakesman, of Lumley, was going down the road on the date in question with Holt. He left Holt for a minute and when he got on the road again he saw Holt waiting for him. He saw defendant strike Holt. He never stirred off the footpath. When witness got up defendant put his coat off and went to Holt. He had to pull defendant off Holt. The woman looked a bad character. He met the woman going up the turnpike crying.

John Holt, father of complainant, said in consequence of what his son said he went to Chester Moor and saw the defendant and the other man standing, and asked him what they meant by insulting his son, when defendant replied, "You b—— I will insult you too." His son's mouth was bleeding, and his face swollen.

Defendant, sworn, said he was never with the woman. Her husband was with her all the time. She stopped back and asked for a drink of beer, when her husband struck her. He never interfered with the woman. Complainant hit him in the mouth and he struck back in self-defence. He was never in the hedge side or on the right hand side of the road.

The Bench considered it a serious case, and ordered defendant to go to gaol for one month with hard labour. Supt. Rutherford applied for additional time to cover the costs and defendant instead of paying the costs, which were £1, elected to do other 14 days.

UNLICENSED DOGS.

Ephraim Raven, Richard Cummings, Fred Lawton, Wm. Tyson, and Wm. Weatherspoon, all of Birtley, were summoned for keeping dogs without a license.—Defendants were fined 5/- and costs.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Mary Jane Laidlaw, was charged with stealing one pair of boots valued at 2s 11d the property of Phillip H. Kirkup, at Pelton, on Oct. 6th.—John Geo. Eltringham, manager of Mr. Kirkup's shop at Pelton, said on the day in question defendant went to the shop between the hours of 7 and 8 and purchased some groceries. At the same time another customer went in and he showed her some boots. He put four pairs on the counter and left them. When defendant had got her groceries she went to the counter where the boots were lying, and he followed her. When he began to serve the other customer, he found there was a pair missing. He asked her if she wanted anything of that kind and she replied "No," and walked out. He gave information to the police on the Monday morning. He identified the boots, and valued them at 2s 11d.—P.C. Parkinson said he recovered the boots at defendant's house.—Defendant said she hardly knew what she was doing. She had traded with Mr. Kirkup for 30 years, and had not made a mistake before.—Defendant was fined 10/- and costs.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A POLICEMAN.

Andrew Nunn was summoned by P.C. Parkinson for being drunk at Beamish on October 1st. There was a cross-summons in which Nunn charged the officer with assault. Mr. Koch, from the office of Mr. E. Clarke, Newcastle, appeared for Nunn, and Mr. F. Harle, Chester-le-Street, for the officer.

P.C. Parkinson said that on the 1st October, he was on duty at Beamish, when he saw the defendant, who was drunk and wanting to fight. He ordered him home and he went in that direction, but returned. He had not been struck, and was able to walk.

P.C.'s Flegg and Hammond corroborated.

Mr. Koch said his client denied absolutely that he was in a drunken state. He had been in a public-house that night where he had had three gills of beer, which he (Mr. Koch) did not think would make men in that part of the district drunk. He contended that the summons would not have been issued if it had not become known that his client had intended to apply for a summons against the policeman.

Mr. Kerrich-Walker: The summons was applied for at the same Court at which Nunn applied for a summons against the policeman.

Defendant Nunn, sworn, said he lived at Eden Terrace, West Pelton. On the evening in question he had three gills of beer, but was quite sober.

The charge against P.C. Parkinson was then dealt with.

Mr. Koch on behalf of Nunn, said Nunn was going home when P.C. Parkinson went behind him and struck him a violent blow in the back causing him to fall. The policeman had persisted in striking him. It was seldom policemen exceeded their duty, but when they had heard the evidence in that case they would agree that the officer in question had exceeded his.

P.C. Parkinson, who entered the dock, pleaded not guilty.

Complainant Nunn said the officer struck him four or five times in the back. He became unconscious and was taken home. Parkinson never told him to go home, but told P.C. Flegg to take him home.

In answer to Mr. Harle, Nunn said he had lived in America all his life. He left Eden Terrace about 6.30 p.m. and went for a walk. He had no idea how far he walked but he went into a public-house about 7 p.m. and remained there until 10.45 p.m., during which time he had three gills of beer. There had been a dog match on, but he was "in his solid sober senses." He left the public-house in company with Michael Docherty and Pearie. When he got to Nicholson's shop he got knocked down by a blow with the fist. He was knocked off the footpath. He went back on to the footpath and walked straight on about his business. He never bothered to see who had struck him. When he got past Nicholson's shop he was kicked unconscious. He was by himself then. The effect of the kick put his shoulder out. He got up and was making away when he was kicked again. There were two policemen present, but no young woman. P.C. Flegg picked him up. He was "knocked cold." (Laughter.) He did not go two yards further till he got another kick. He was kicked five times. He was not insensible but he was unconscious. (Laughter.) Parkinson was not man enough to pick him up after what he did to him, but told Flegg to pick him up. He was going down a "consecrated footpath"—(laughter)—when he was kicked.

Geo. Nunn, uncle of complainant, said the doctor put his nephew's shoulder in. He was quite sober when he returned home and told him he had nearly been kicked to death. Witness did not examine his clothes as he was in a hurry to get them off to examine his "carcish."

Michael Docherty said he and Nunn and another man were going down the road, when P.C. Parkinson struck Nunn to the ground. After knocking Nunn on to the turnpike he rushed at him again, when he (witness) said "Be canny with the poor little man, Kit." To the best of his knowledge the other officer was P.C. Flegg. He saw complainant struck more than once. He went straight home after that and left Nunn.

A man called Peary corroborated.

Dr. Greear, Pelton, said when the complainant came to his surgery on Oct. 1st, he was suffering from a dislocated shoulder and was also bruised in the back, which was discoloured. In answer to Mr. Harle witness said if Nunn had been going home drunk and had landed himself against a pig cree that would be sufficient to cause the injuries he had received.

Mr. Harle, for the defence, said his client gave an absolute denial to the charge that any such violence had been used as the man had attempted to show. The gentleman from America had a desire to bring his American mode of living over with him and the facts of what had happened that night were that he had been sitting in a public-house from 6.30 till 11 o'clock amongst men who had won a dog match, and he need not refer any further to that point as the Bench knew what were the habits of men of that class. After leaving the public-house P.C. Parkinson in company with P.C. Hammond saw the man on the road, and would describe what he was saying and doing towards another man on the road beside them. He was told to go home. He had his coat off partly but put it on and went in the direction of his home when requested to do so by P.C. Parkinson. His client and the other officer went up the road in the direction in which the man had gone, and found Nunn coming back evidently in such a drunken condition that he did not know where he was going. When he met the officers again he had an extraordinary story that some men had kicked him and broken his leg although he was walking at the time. He was told that he would have to go home and stop that disturbance, and as he did not seem disposed to go the officer took his name and address. He then went on and left a third officer by himself, P.C. Flegg, who would describe the condition Nunn was in when he passed him and went out of sight. The other officers joined Flegg and walked along the road, when they found Nunn lying on the footpath near some pig crees and where some tree stumps were standing up. Flegg got him on to his feet, and seeing who he was said he would take him home. The officers would tell them what Nunn said when at Nicholson's shop. They asked him who had kicked him when he said he didn't know. He was taken home by P.C. Flegg. When he got home he wanted to fight the man who had kicked him and afterwards said a policeman had done it, whom he did not know. He wished the Bench to notice that Nunn and all his witnesses had said the same thing, that the blows were all in the back. According to complainant's evidence he had been kicked like a football. He said he was kicked five times; he was "cold" and unconscious and always in the back. He supposed that was because the doctor had discovered a bruise in the back. If he had been kicked in the manner he alleged his back would have been one mass of bruises. There were no such signs of violence, and all the doctor saw was a small mark on the shoulder. As a matter of fact, the man in going home had fallen down on the footpath and put his shoulder out against the pig crees.

P.C. Parkinson, sworn, said he was stationed at West Pelton. On Oct. 1st, he was on duty at Pit Hill in company with P.C. Hammond. He saw the complainant on the road about twenty yards from Nicholson's shop corner, and he was drunk and wanted to fight Docherty. He went up to Nunn and told him to keep his coat on and get away home. Nunn went away in the direction of West Pelton towards Eden Terrace. He sent the other man home in the opposite direction. They went so far up the direction Nunn was going when he met him coming back swearing. He took his name and address. After telling him he would summon him Nunn complained of a man having broken his leg. There were two stumps of trees sticking up close to the place where Nunn was found lying. When Flegg asked Nunn what he was doing there he replied that a man had kicked him and broken his leg. Witness then left them and went to West Pelton Colliery. When Flegg asked what public-house he had been in he (Nunn) did not know as he said he had been in two or three, but did not know their names nor the names of the men in whose company he had been. Witness never laid a hand on him at all.

In answer to Mr. Koch, witness said he never told Flegg to take Nunn home. He would swear that Docherty and Peary's evidence was untrue.

Mr. Koch: Have you ever been prosecuted before by Mr. Clarke for a similar offence?

Witness: No.

Mr. Kerrich-Walker (to Mr. Koch): Have you any reason for preferring that charge against the policeman?

Supt. Rutherford: If he is not able to prove the charge I think he has no right to make it.

Mr. Koch: I cannot examine the records, and can only bring it out by cross-examination.

Mr. Barrett: You should be sure before you make it. It is a disgraceful thing.

P.C. Hammond, Ouston, said he was in company with P.C. Parkinson when the defendant Nunn was addressing Docherty in the following manner:—"No you can't do it to-night, you b—— I am your man." Nunn was drunk and the others under the influence of drink. When Parkinson told Nunn to go home he complained of having been kicked by some person whom he said had broken his leg, though he (Nunn) was walking about when he made that statement. Flegg got him up and said he would take him to his lodgings. He walked home with his broken leg and dislocated shoulder.

Maria Davy, of Pit Hill, said she was standing at Nicholson's shop waiting of her brother. Complainant Docherty and Peary were also there. She heard complainant say he would fight Docherty, and say "Come on Mick, I'm your man to-night." Docherty and Peary never said anything about Nunn's having been struck further up the road.

P.C. Robert Flegg, West Pelton, said while on duty near the West Pelton Church he saw Nunn go staggering past him on the footpath. Shortly after Parkinson and Hammond met him they walked down the road and found Nunn lying near a pig cree. Witness got him on to his feet and asked him what he was doing there, when he said a man had kicked him and broke his leg. On asking who had done it he replied that he didn't know. When he got him home he asked him who had done it, when he said the policeman had done it, and again that he didn't know.

The Chairman said there was not the slightest doubt Nunn was drunk and he would be fined 2/6 and costs; and as to the charge against P.C. Parkinson there was no justification for it, and the case would be dismissed.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Sudden Death of Mr. Geo. Armstrong.—On Thursday evening, Mr. Geo. Armstrong, brakesman, employed at the South Derwent Colliery died from a stroke which he took early on in the afternoon while at his employment. The deceased gentleman, who was 64 years of age, was interred in the Hare Law Cemetery on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large company.

MR. JOICEY REPLIES TO MR. ATHERLEY-JONES.

October 23rd, 1900.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—Referring to Mr. Atherley-Jones' letter of the 10th inst., which appeared in your issue of last week, herewith I enclose you a copy of my reply, and I would esteem it a favour if you will kindly publish it in this week's paper. Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me,
Yours Faithfully,
JAMES JOICEY.

Poulton Priory,
Fairford, Glos.
October 19th, 1900.

Dear Sir,—My delay in replying to your letter of the 10th inst., was caused by my desire to look again carefully into the facts and see whether there is any mis-statement or even exaggeration on the polling card issued on my behalf at the recent election in North-West Durham, which could give you a plausible pretext for the placard in which you charge me with publishing "deliberate lies."

It is strange that one who employs language of this kind (not usual among gentlemen) should be so thin skinned with regard to observations upon his own political actions.

In language as emphatic, but more polite, I contradict your statement that I excused the polling card or posters of which you complained as being "merely electioneering tricks." What I said to you was that I had not answered your "courteous" letter which spoke of my abominable lies because I regarded it (your letter) as mere electioneering bluff.

As, without waiting for my reply, you have rushed into print both in the "Westminster Gazette" and the "Newcastle Daily Leader" I will now take up each point in order, and request you to forward this letter for publication to the same papers.

In the polling card the following statements were made about you:—

(a) That on the 17th of October, 1899 you voted to stop the war.

(b) That Mr. Redmond and Mr. Davitt voted in the same lobby with you.

(c) That Mr. O'Brien did the same and the inference was drawn that a man must be judged by the company he keeps.

(d) That at Halsteads you condemned the Government for spending money on defensive armaments.

(e) That you voted against granting the Government the supplies necessary for these armaments.

(f) That you opposed the annexation of the Transvaal.

(g) That you did all that lay in your power (not much I admit) to strengthen Boer resistance and to weaken the hands of the British Government.

I now reiterate those statements, and am prepared to prove them all.

But I just challenge you as you have called them all lies to point out which of them is untrue or even inaccurate, and in what particular.

May I recommend you before replying to read again the whole of your speech made in Parliament on the 25th of October and to study the division lists on the 21st of April, 21st of June, and the 17th and 19th of October, 1899, and also the 19th of February, 1900.

You should also look at the other division lists of last session, and you will learn that you were conspicuous by your absence at about three out of every four and on no occasion did you assist the Government as the more noble of your party leaders did by voting for granting supplies necessary for the prosecution of the war.

Let me further advise you before charging an opponent with deliberate lying to quote accurately what he said.

You were charged with voting against "granting the Government the supplies necessary for defensive armaments."

You did so on the 21st of June, 1899.

But you now pretend that you were charged with "voting against the supply for our soldiers in the field," and contradict that charge which was never made.

This is an easy and common forensic trick, with which you are doubtless familiar.

So much for the polling card. Now for the poster referred to in your letter.

I on consideration of your speeches and votes and abstentions from voting, stated my opinion that you sided with the Boers—you put a different interpretation on your own conduct.

In the second Session of 1899, in an important division on the war you associated yourself as I have shown with the avowed enemies of England. In last Session you showed your sympathy sufficiently by speech, but ran away from giving effect to it by vote.

When the election became imminent you may have become what is called a "Liberal Imperialist"—in other words you ran with the hare as long as you thought it safe, and then hunted with the hounds.

Surely you, as the winner by 21 votes on a poll of 10,295, would now be laughing at my description of your conduct if you were not conscious in your secret soul that there was a good deal of truth in it.

Oh! wad the gift some fairy gi'e you,
To see yoursel' as others see you.

Yours Truly,
JAMES JOICEY.

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MR. ATHERLEY-JONES' REPLY.

Shortly before completing preparations to go to press we received Mr. Atherley-Jones' reply to Mr. Joicey's letter. We are therefore compelled to hold it over until our next publication.

HEALEYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Healeyfield and Rowley School Board was held in the Board Schools, Castleside. The Chairman (Mr. T. J. Muse) presided, and there were also present—Messrs J. W. Golightly, Wm. Pattinson, A. Lowdon, R. Jewitt, and the Clerk (Mr. J. Proud.)

THE BAND.

Mr. Pattinson asked if the band had accepted the Board's terms, for the use of the schools.

The Clerk said he had not had any reply.

Mr. Pattinson said he had been informed that they were dissatisfied with the terms.

Mr. Golightly said he understood that the members of the band did not agree to paying 2/- per week during summer as well as in the winter.

The Chairman said the Board did not wish to make money out of the band. They merely wished to charge for light and heat.

Mr. Pattinson thought that the motion ought to be altered, so that they should charge only as long as the band required light and heat.

This met with the approval of the other members of the Board, and was agreed to.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

The Head Master (Mr. T. Duckworth) reported that the number on the rolls was:—Boys, 113; girls, 111; total 224; average attendance, 197; percentage, 88.5; infants percentage, 50.8. He wished to draw the Board's attention to the case of William Brown, who had been a most regular attender since being admitted to the school, and, who during the past year had never been absent. He suggested that the Board should award a special medal to the boy.

It was agreed to award a book to Brown it being more suitable than a medal, and the report was adopted.

TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hyden, asking the Board to appoint a member on the Board of Governors of the Consett Technical Institute.

On the motion of Mr. Pattinson, seconded by Mr. Golightly, the Chairman was unanimously elected.

The meeting then terminated.

BRAKE ACCIDENT NEAR CROOK.

FOOTBALL PLAYER KILLED.

On Saturday night a football party, thirteen in number were returning in a brake from Shildon to Rowden Close, near Crook, and on going down Rumby Hill the waggonette capsized, the occupants being thrown out. The driver, named Fowler, and a football player, named Dickenson, were severely hurt. Another player, named Cole, was rendered unconscious, and in his case concussion of the brain resulted. He never regained consciousness, and died shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning. Deceased worked at the Bowden Close Pit (Messrs. Pease and Partners), and was 19 years of age.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

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

MR. ATHERLEY-JONES AND HIS VOTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Dear Sir,—Mr. Atherley-Jones in his letter to the "Consett Guardian" has omitted to state the fact of his having voted for the Amendment to the Queen's Speech. He wished success to our arms (vide Hansard) and then voted that the war was an unjust one! Where is the consistency?

AN ELECTOR.

Consett, 17th Oct., 1900.

GIVE A GERM A BAD NAME, ETC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CONSETT GUARDIAN."

Sir,—In view of the presence of plague in Glasgow, and of the fact that the treatment so long but ineffectively employed by the British Government to arrest its ravages in India, consists of injections of serum, and is based on bacteriological theories, the following from the "Journal of Zoophily," of July 1900, may interest the public. "Dr. R. N. Tooker, of Chicago, took a germ culture from the throat of a young woman who was in excellent health, and from the throat of a bull-terrier in the same house, who was also perfectly well, and submitted them to the city bacteriologists. The doctor gave the dog's name as John Donald." In due time he received a report saying that "John Donald" had a bad case of diphtheria contamination, growth abundant, and that the girl had a large supply of bacilli. To further satisfy his curiosity, Dr. Tooker took a culture from the throat of his wife and another from a different member of his family, and sent them to the City Hall. Both the subjects were in apparently perfect health. In a few days reports were returned saying that one of the parties was suffering from "staphylococcus; growth abundant, and indicating influenza," while the other also had "staphylococcus indicating tonsilitis." Both reports were signed with the same formality, and by the same experts as in the case of "John Donald," the bull-terrier, and the young woman before mentioned. It is evident that the professed knowledge of bacteria and the conditions they indicate, is purely conjectural.

I am, sir, yours truly,
MAURICE L. JOHNSON.

47, Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol.

CONCERT AT STANLEY.

On the invitation of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Barraclough, of Stanley, Mr. James Davis, of Newburn, gave at his own expense, a grand concert in the Stanley Wesleyan Church on Wednesday evening in aid of the church debt fund. The concert was of a vocal and instrumental nature and was thoroughly appreciated by the company which frequently expressed its approval with the artistes in an unmistakable manner. The Chairman of the evening was Mr. Wm. Kirton, of Walbottle, who introduced the artistes in appropriate terms. Miss Cheesman made an excellent pianist. Miss Janet Reed, the well-known soprano professional of North Shields, pleased the audience immensely, while Mr. Fred Mace, tenor, of the Newcastle Cathedral, favourably impressed his audience with his several songs. The Misses May Davis, solo 'cello, Miss F. Davis, I.S.M., solo violin, of Northumberland orchestra, proved themselves to be thoroughly acquainted with their respective instruments which they handled in an accomplished manner. The piano was kindly lent by Mr. Thos. Holland, of Stanley, agent for Mr. W. E. Wardill, Gateshead.

DEATH OF THE REV. C. GARRETT.

The Rev. Charles Garrett, for many years superintendent of the Liverpool Wesleyan Mission, died at Liverpool on Sunday.

The deceased minister was born at Shaftesbury on November 22, 1823. The deceased gentleman by his ability as a preacher and by the way in which he threw himself into philanthropic movements and into temperance work was very popular. He entered upon his ministerial career at Mildenhall in Suffolk, which was his first circuit. It is not too much to say that he became one of the most popular preachers of the day. He had travelled during his time some of the most important circuits in the country; but it was in Manchester and Liverpool that the best days of Mr. Garrett's life were spent. This was notably the case in Liverpool, where he resided for over 25 years. His work in that city will ever be remembered, especially in connection with the Wesleyan Mission. By his enterprise he was instrumental in promoting and developing mission work, and was no less successful in his efforts to alleviate the distress and suffering caused by intemperance not only in Liverpool, but in other parts of the country. At the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance he was frequently one of the principal speakers. At Manchester he was made the recipient of £1,000 as a testimonial in recognition of the services he had rendered to the cause. In 1871 Mr. Garrett was elected one of the "Legal Hundred," and in 1882 he was president of the Wesleyan Conference. In 1853 he married Miss Selina Lovel, of Nafferton Grange, Driffield. During 1899 Mr. Garrett had the misfortune to lose his wife, who had proved a valuable helpmeet in his work. Mr. Garrett was a frequent visitor to the Wesleyan Churches in Newcastle and just a year ago he preached in Dilston Road Wesleyan Church. He was very much esteemed as a preacher in Newcastle, and wherever he spoke large congregations were assured.

LOCAL YOEMANRY IN ACTION.

CORPORAL DODD BADLY WOUNDED.

The following telegram from Capt. Bates, commanding the 14th Company (Northumberland and Durham) of the Imperial Yeomanry, handed in at Capetown, was received by Col. Cookson, on Tuesday:—

"Ottoshoop, Oct. 21.—In action yesterday. Much regret 3,161 (?3164) Corporal Dodd very dangerously wounded while doing his duty gallantly. There have been several other skirmishes. Expect to be in Standing Camp some days.—Bates."

Corporal Dodd, who is reported to have been wounded, is a married man, and his family resides at Delves Terrace, Consett.

WELDON'S PRACTICAL NEEDLEWORK (2d).—No. 179 of this useful publication is devoted to instructions how to crochet some fourteen of the most charming D'Oyleys imaginable, for plates, dishes, cake-stands, etc.

WELDON'S CHRISTMAS NUMBERS will be published on November 15th. The four chromo plates to be presented are entitled "The Wee Nurse," by Edward Petry; "A Vanishing Tail," by Fannie Moody; "A Future C.I.V.," and "His First Pockets," both by Edith Scannell. The two former plates will be given away with Weldon's Ladies' Journal, and the others with Weldon's Dressmaker and Bazaar.

WELDON'S LADIES' JOURNAL (3d).—The November number of this intensely popular ladies' magazine is brimful with novelties for the autumn and winter season. Two useful paper patterns of a winter blouse and a French nightdress, together with a large coloured fashion plate of the newest creations, and a special boudoir supplement are given away. If feminine raiments go on increasing in beauty and in price, one wonders what the world will come to! The days of sweet simplicity are over, and the reign of extravagance has begun. This publication gives practical instructions how to cut out and make every article of clothing for ladies and children that they may dress with taste combined with economy. There are two interesting stories by F. M. Kettenus and Laura G. Ackroyd, chats with lovers, horary astrology, character from the face, etiquette, what moles denote, and all those delicate hints and up-to-date ideas regarding the home that women cherish and wish to know, which makes an even more than interesting number.

Immense bargains at THE CASTLE WATCH WORKS during the Removal Sale.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday night the second annual meeting was held of the members and supporters of the Consett and District Nursing Association, which is affiliated with the Queens Jubilee Institute of Nurses, and includes the district of Consett, Leadgate, and Medomsley. Sir David Dale was to have presided, but Lady Dale, who was present, explained that her husband had caught a chill, and was unable to leave home. The chair was in consequence taken by Mr. Geo. Ainsworth J.P. and there was a large company present.

The Chairman said he was sure they would all regret that Sir David Dale was not with them that evening and all the more so because it was due to illness—an illness contracted by exertions which for some years he had been engaged in, in the settlement of disputes between employer and employed. Although Sir David was not with them, Lady Dale was present, and they all felt much indebted to her for coming so far away from home. They had arrived at their second anniversary and he ventured to say that the work which had been done proved the Association to be one of the most useful in the district. The more experience people had had of it the more they appreciated it. The first business that evening was to receive the reports.

Mr. J. M. Nicholson, hon. secretary, submitted the report as follows:—In presenting the second annual report of the Consett and District Nursing Association, the Committee have pleasure in recording a year of steady progress and useful work. The testimony of patients and the acknowledgement of the general public recognise the substantial utility of the Association. The past year has witnessed losses in staff and executive. Miss Holland's untimely death removed one very much valued and an energetic, untiring worker. Mr. Luke Nicholson's painstaking attention and unfailing attendance at the Executive Committee will be much missed. On reference to the Income and Expenditure Account, it will be seen that, on the past year's working, there remains a balance in favour of the Association of £31 12s 3d. The Committee note with pleasure a substantial increase in the workmen's contributions, evidencing appreciation on their part of the work of the Association. The Committee tender sincere thanks to all those who have so kindly assisted in the work of collection of funds, and to all who have very kindly assisted by gifts of food, clothing, &c. Appendices to the report showed that the total number of cases were 574 as follows:—Convalescent, 441; removed to hospital, 4; died, 75; removed from books, 17; still on books, 37; and that the cases were divided as follows:—Consett 222, visits paid 6,322; Leadgate 200, 4,416; Medomsley 152, 3,810; total 574, 14,548.

The financial statement showed the expenditure to have been £456 8s 2d. The income included subscriptions and donations amounting to £157 14s 8d, Consett Iron Co. £200, workmen £79 17s 8d, Hamsterley Colliery owners and workmen £13 11s 6d, and half proceeds of bicycle parade £5 4s 4d. The cash in the treasurer's hands in July, 1899 was £100 12s 4d, the excess of income over expenditure £31 12s 3d, leaving a balance in July last of £132 4s 7d.

The Chairman said the amount expended for Nurses Lodgings was higher than last, but all their nurses had not then arrived. The subscriptions he was sorry to say showed a falling off, but perhaps they might reasonably look for that because some people gave them money to help them at the start and did not intend their subscription to be an annual one. At the same time he expressed a hope that their friends would continue to subscribe or they might find themselves in Queer Street. He mentioned that by an oversight Lady Dale's subscription had not been included in the balance sheet, and there were other items to be added which made their position much better than it appeared. He proposed that the report and balance sheet be adopted.

Mr. H. Palmer, J.P., seconded the motion, and Mr. Berkeley, Hamsterley, said there was £27 from Hamsterley more than was shown on the balance sheet.

The motion was agreed to.

Election of Officers.

The Rev. W. D. Croudace, Vicar of Consett, moved that Lady Dale be re-elected president. He said the workmen's subscriptions had greatly increased during the past year, and that was the most valuable evidence they could have of the work done in the district.

Mr. T. L. Gledstone seconded the motion which was carried amid applause.

Lady Dale said she was very much obliged to the meeting. She was afraid she was very seldom in Consett, and would only be a figure head, but as they had asked her to take the office she accepted it willingly. She would be most happy to render any help in her power. The subscriptions had been fairly kept up and that showed that the work of the Association was appreciated and it showed what a blessing nurses were in their midst. It would be a very distressing thing if the subscriptions were to fall away, but she did not think that was likely to be so. They seemed to be on the right side, and she hoped they would continue to be so. (Applause.)

The other officials were then elected as follows:—Vice-presidents, Miss Surtees, and Mrs. Gledstone. Local District Committees—Consett, Mrs. Petherick, Mrs. Hobday, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Holiday, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Ainsworth, Mrs. R. C. Foster, Mrs. Croudace, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. S. Brodie, Mrs. Potts; hon. secretary, Mrs. S. Brodie. Medomsley—Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. W. Bell, Mrs. W. R. Cooke, Mrs. Neilson, Mrs. F. Berkley, Mrs. Cockin; hon. sec., Mr. H. Palmer. Leadgate—Mrs. Varley, Miss Foreman, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Lamonby, Mrs. Coulthard, Mrs. Clegg; hon. sec., Mrs. Murrie. Hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Nicholson; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. L. Gledstone; hon. auditor, Mr. S. Brodie. Nurses:—Consett—Miss Jeffreys, Miss Mohun; Medomsley—Miss Bridgman; Leadgate—Miss Rymer.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the officers for their past services, and on the motion of the Rev. Father Gillow, Blackhill, seconded by the Rev. T. Durant, Consett, the chairman was thanked, and the meeting terminated.

LANGLEY PARK CRICKET CLUB.

LIST OF BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1900.

The above club (1st eleven) played 15 matches, won 9, lost 5, and drew 1. The total number runs for the season was—1,402 for 160 wickets; average, 8.7. Opponents—1,048 for 155 wickets; average 6.7.

BATTING.

	In.	Tms not out	Mt in Ins.	Tl. Rns.	Av.
M. Crawford	13	0	49	204	15.6
T. Morland	7	0	26	87	12.4
R. Peel	16	0	29	161	10.
J. Lowes	15	0	26	140	9.3
E. Eccleston	16	1	27*	139	9.2
H. Ardley	16	1	18	130	8.6
R. Rutter	12	0	32	87	7.2
G. Lowes	10	3	22	47	6.7
E. Rutter	16	1	17	95	6.3
G. Peel	10	4	8	35	5.8
T. Eccleston	13	0	26	57	4.3
J. Rutter	13	0	13	47	3.6
J. M. Hunter	13	4	13*	33	3.6

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	W.	M.O.	R.	W.	AV.
H. Ardley	179	55	307	58	5.1
R. Peel	29	7	92	15	6.1
J. Lowes	145	37	373	50	7.4
E. Eccleston	18	2	67	8	8.3
T. Eccleston	15	5	46	3	15.3
J. M. Hunter	23	2	102	4	25.5
G. Lowes	4	1	26	1	26.

EDMONDBYERS.

Death of Mr. Henry Bell.—We regret to have to record the sudden death of Mr. Henry Bell, of Edmondbyers, which occurred on Tuesday night after only a day's illness. Mr. Bell, who was a grocer and farmer, and 62 years of age, went into the stack yard on Monday evening, where he was seized with a paralytic stroke and had to be carried into the house. Dr. Allen, of Shotley Bridge, was sent for, but was unable to render aid and Mr. Bell died as stated. The deceased gentleman was a native of Kilnpit Hill but had been upwards of 30 years at Edmondbyers, where he was most highly respected and esteemed. He was a member of the local School Board, and was an active supporter of the Wesleyan Church at Edmondbyers. He was a staunch Liberal and a teetotaler, and in every respect was a valued member of the community. Mrs. Bell pre-deceased him about four years ago and a grown-up family is left to bereave their loss.

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EBCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the Derwent Valley Ploughing Association will be held at the Chelmsford Hotel, Ebchester, on Saturday night at six o'clock.

Harvest Thanksgiving.—This (Thursday) afternoon, the harvest home tea in connection with Ebchester Parish Church will be held in the School-room, and will be followed by evensong, the Rev. R. C. Hodgson being the preacher.—On Sunday next the collection will be for the Church and Churchyard wall.

Death of an Old Engineer.—On Wednesday, Oct. 10th, the death of Mr. John Makepeace Lee, engineer, took place at his residence in London, after a short illness. The deceased, who was born at Ebchester, had been engineer upon the Midland Railway for over 35 years, and 17 years on the Great Northern Railway. He was the father of Mr. Thos. Bowes' first wife, of Annfield Plain. The deceased, who acted as engineman up to the time of his death, was 78 years of age. He served his apprenticeship on one of the Tyneside engineering firms and after his apprenticeship had expired, he went to London. His sons Mr. Wm. Lee, of Newcastle, and Mr. Thos. and Mr. Geo. Lee, and Miss Alice Lee were present when he expired. He was interred in Finchley Cemetery. He was well-known at Ebchester and Newlands.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births

FORSTER.—Shotley Bridge, on the 22nd inst., the wife of John Wilkinson Forster, of a son.

MILLIGAN.—Templetown, on the 22nd inst., the wife of George Milligan, of a son.

Marriages.

GARBUTT — McBEAN.—Newcastle, St. Peter's Church, on the 1[illegible]th inst., Richard H. O. Garbutt, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Ed., second son of the late Wm. Garbutt, of Whickham, to Margaret McLellan, third daughter of Dr. McBean, Newcastle.

Deaths.

ANDERSON.—Winlaton, 6, North Street, 22nd inst., Mary eldest daughter of Ann and the late Michael Anderson, late of Constantinople.

ARMSTRONG.—Annfield Plain, 18th inst., George, husband of Margaret Armstrong.

ATTHEY.—Tantobie, on the 20th inst., aged 76 years, William, husband of Margaret Atthey.

BELL.—Edmondbyers, Oct. 23rd., aged 62 years, Henry Bell. To be interred at Edmondbyers, on Friday, at 2 p.m.

BLAIR.—Oak Cottage, Whickham, 18th inst., aged 59 years, Catherine, widow of the late R. T. Blair, of Newcastle.

BURNS.—West Stanley, 22nd inst., aged [illegible] years, Michael Burns.

CHRISTOPHER.—Consett, 21st inst., aged [illegible], George Edward Christopher.

CRANSTON.—19, Victoria Terrace, Annfield Plain, on the 20th inst., aged 9 months, Catharine Elizabeth (Bessie), beloved daughter of Henry and Mary Cranston.

DIXON.—St. Stephen's Street, Consett, on the 20th inst., aged 47 years, Frances, the dearly beloved wife of Henry Dixon, and eldest daughter of the late Anthony and Jane Harbottle, of 12, Derwent Cottages.

EDWARDS.—Dipton, on the 20th inst., aged 45 years, Mary, wife of Thomas Edwards.

HIGGINS.—Blaydon, Church Terrace, on the 19th inst., aged 11 years, Robert William Higgins.

SANDERSON.—Snow's Green, on the 19th inst., aged 2 years, Elizabeth, daughter of William John and Phoebe Sanderson.

WILKINSON.—Blaydon, 9, Mary Street, on the 21st, in his 40th year, Robert Wilkinson.

In loving memory of my dear mother, Eliza Inglis, the beloved wife of Joseph Inglis, who died at 17, Edith Street, Consett, Oct. 26th, 1898.

How sudden was her death to us,
A great surprise to all;
But when the Lord his summons sent,
Could we refuse His call.

Ever remembered by her daughter, Lizzie.

In loving memory of James, beloved husband of Mary Ann Shepherd, who died at 8, Cutlers' Hall Road, Blackhill, R.S.O., on the 23rd October, 1898, aged 56 years.

We miss him from our own dear home,
We miss him from his place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast;
We miss the sunshine of his face.
We miss his kind and willing hands,
His fond and constant care;
Our home is dark without him,—
We miss him everywhere.

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