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The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.
A Form of Tender will be supplied by the Board on application, and no Tender will be considered unless sent in on the prescribed Form.
Tenders will be received by the Consett Local Board until Tuesday, 31st October.
By order of the Board,
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Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

SUNDAY BURIALS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Your last issue contained some very appropriate remarks from the pen of "Incedo," relative to the objection of the Vicar of Leadgate to bury people on the Sunday. To put it mildly the vicar makes a mistake, public feeling being against him on this point. It is a fact which cannot be gainsayed, the days of bowing and scraping are past. Supposing the Duke of York was to die, and the Prince of Wales wired to the Vicar of Leadgate that he desired to have his son buried on the Sunday, would an objection be raised? Decidedly not. Then are we not, as working people deserving of as much consideration as any of our brothers or sisters who are filling higher positions? We don't say more. We say as much. Are we not human just the same, and possess feelings equally as fine; Is this a suitable time for a spiritual guide and counsellor keeping in remembrance the new commandment, that you "love one another," to raise such a flimsy objection, and adding to our grief on so delicate an occasion? We claim it to be a reasonable and just desire, and it is a pity the vicar cannot see that it would be far the wiser way for him to fall cheerfully in with it, remembering the fact that by trying to keep anything back, which is reasonable, is one of the most effectual ways of pushing it forward. A man, whatever position he holds, ought to be guided by principle and justice, and must adapt himself and keep up with the times we live in. We are surrounded by able and respected clergymen who are most sincerely interested in their parishioners, so far as reason goes they work with love as their guide. These clergymen perceive the earnest wish of their people to bury their dead on the Sunday, and it has always appeared to be a pleasure to comply. You can scarcely pick up a periodical but you find all over the country the clergy of the Church of England adapting themselves to the intelligence and progressive spirit of the times and the people. I trust the Vicar will reconsider, and work with us in relation to this important matter. The best of us make mistakes, one writer says "Show me the man that has never made a mistake, and I will show you the man that has never accomplished anything." Thanking you in anticipation insertion.—Yours, &c.,

CALVARY.

October 23rd, 1893.

MR ATHERLEY JONES'S TALKING CROW.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—The perusal of your journal this week shows to my mind that we live in an age of improvement. Seeing now that the world's fair is on to expose to view the ingenuity of man, and the recent poultry shows all over England, we have never seen in their classification anything like rooks or crows educated to combat the opponents of professional lawyers and M.P.'s. Happy must be the representative for North West Durham, seeing he can go about his ordinary calling and leave the answering of his critics to a well trained crow, whose office or observatory is a steeple. Surely this beats all the magpies, jackdaws, and all other species of talking birds, etc. Surely this bird has an eye to business; but good templars either keep their lodge room blinds down, or their windows are not placed in a position for this wonderful bird to perceive their actions. So well educated is the Consett Crow that he can enter the minds of Stanley Good Templars, in his flight of observation, and carry on the singularly difficult profession of thought-reading, before his epistle or reply note of October 20th. Surely when he called either by himself or colleagues, Rambler or Law, on the "Mover" and "Seconder" to give a reason for the hope that was, and still remains in them he did it systematically; but in his reply he turns soldier-ways, right about face, and replies to the "Seconder" first, instead of the "Mover." The "Mover" is assuredly the one who proposes the thing and must put it into ship-shape form to expound or read to the meeting for approval or rejection, whilst the seconder's duty is to say very little, just to say I second that, so that it may be discussed for approval or rejection from the meeting. Now, why didn't your "Old Crow" face the Mover first, instead of the Seconder? Well, perhaps, he is not perfect as yet in his studies of thought-reading, or he may have got hold of the waste paper basket and perused that note of mine which went there, and gleaned that part of my information which said the Mover was able with a fair field and no favour to withstand Mr Atherley-Jones face to face in a controversy, on duties, votes, etc., as member and representative of North-West Durham, and it is evident that our M.P. does not want to differ with the Stanley Good Templars, seeing that a dissolution may at any time fling him at the mercy of the electors, as he will have to fight a more prominent opponent this time than Mr Dunville, and when he does he will find more than Stanley Lodge of Good Templars, much less the Mover and Seconder. But be that as it may, didn't South Durham District Council vote a similar vote? Those included Wingate, Trimdon, Castle Eden, Boyne, Durham City, Stanley, Craghead, Bearpark, Chester-le-Street, as well as Wardley, South Shields, Sunderland, Gateshead, Hetton Downs, Rainton, Leamside, Sherburn Hill, Carville, etc., so that the indignation is not confined to the narrow limits that none of the trio of Mr Jones's supporters would make it out to be. But why don't they disprove the Good Templars' motion at once if they can? The Crow says it's a blessing they are by no means the representatives of the general body of temperance reformers. He means for the cause itself. Why, could anyone talk more absurd, seeing he says, if their arguments are weak, their zeal is unquestionably genuine. Well, now, is Mr Jones's zeal as unquestionable, if he cannot support measures, by presence and votes, that we want. I think it is time Mr Jones did make up his mind to let us have a representative who votes as he vows at the poll, or else tell us in plain language we must give him our votes to do as he pleases after election. Let me remind this trio of advocates that Stanley Good Templars are not the only ones who have cried discontent with Mr Jones's politics of late, and it would be a treat to have Mr Jones and his advocates at Stanley, to openly denounce his opponents, and to confront them in fair play on some public platform at their earliest time of convenience, seeing that the Mover and Seconder are zealous in their endeavours for prohibition. No paper controversy can tame them, and what is worse they don't always get their turn equally at the hands of the printer. Would you kindly advocate a public meeting at Stanley of voters to judge better Good Templars and Mr Jones on this head, as it is purely a Stanley and district affair.—Yours etc.

A PAST SUPT. JUVENILE TEMPLAR, and V.D.G.O. TEMPLAR.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In your last week's issue a slight mistake was made in the nomination list for the above election. The name William Dunn was inadvertently inserted instead of William Down. This correction is necessary in order that all may receive a fair field irrespective of favour. You will perhaps pardon this allusion to the fact that the polling day is nigh at hand, and it is to be hoped that we as voters, will be found to duty firm, and to conscience true, and secure the election of those men, who, by their conduct and actions in the past, have merited the respect of their fellows, and who, at the same time, are in touch with the wants and requirements of the hour.—In anticipation, I am yours, &c.,

Catchgate, Oct. 24th. A VOTER.

A MOTHER'S EXPERIENCE OF VACCINATION.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Cruelty, injustice, disease, and death, are the oft recurring results of enforcing the Vaccination Acts, and it is upon the poor that these evils fall with crushing severity. Who that has a spark of humanity in his composition can read the following heart-breaking experience of a poor mother without a feeling of pity and compassion for her and her innocent babes, and a sense of shame and indignation that laws which permit such murderous cruelty to children, and such tyrannical treatment of honest and conscientious parents, should disgrace the statute book of this so called free and enlightened country?—"Since the inquest held by the coroner, Dr. Danford Thomas, on my two children killed by vaccination, I have been asked for particulars of my terrible experience, which I will state briefly. Adela, aged 2½ years, and Ethel, aged 15 months, were each vaccinated in three or four places by the doctor at St. Pancras' Workhouse, where owing to painful circumstances, I was obliged to take them. They were lovely children, and in perfect health, but in a few days their arms became inflamed, the punctures in Ethel's arm running into one large ulcer, and presenting a truly shocking appearance. Their eyes became very sore; their faces, particularly the youngest, were much disfigured with an eruption; and after suffering too painful to describe, they both died. My earnest request that I might take my darling little Ethel with me, or that I might be allowed to stay and nurse my dying child, was unfeelingly refused. "The children were vaccinated without my consent, and I am told that this is the law, and that there is no redress. (Signed EMMA PACKER)"—The foregoing is by no means an unique experience. Thousands of children have been sacrificed in England to the Jennerian fetish, and multitudes of others have been ruined for life by the inoculation of disgusting and incurable diseases. In ordinary calamities medical men are not without sympathy, but in regard to the tragedies in family life due to vaccination, they appear utterly heartless. At the coroner's inquest on these fatalities, neither the workhouse vaccinating doctor, nor the medical witnesses expressed the slightest regret at their cruel handiwork. How much longer will the patient public submit to such outrageous treatment?—Yours faithfully,

JAS. R. WILLIAMSON.

21, George Street,
Euston Square, London, N.W.,
23rd Oct., 1893.

THE CHOPWELL SCHOOL BOARD, AND THEIR EVENING CLASSES.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Kindly permit me to put a few questions to the members of the Chopwell School Board, as the people are wondering whether there is a School Board in this district. The term of their office will expire in June next. I am afraid that the people wont vote for any of the present members, unless they begin to do something for the better education of the masses.

1—Is it true that the Chopwell School Board intend to have evening classes under their control and management?

2—Is it true that at one of the general meetings of the Board, one of the members brought this subject before his fellow members for discussion?

3—Is it true that some opposed his motion, stating that it was not necessary to have evening classes at the Spen, and Victoria Garesfield villages, as they thought there was not the average amount of talent in these two places to make evening classes a success?

4—Is it true that the Board formed itself into a committee, a meeting of which was to be held on the following Friday, to make arrangements for the said classes?

5—Is it true that only one of them turned up, the others prefering to remain at home?

6—Is it true that this is not the first time some of our School Board members have treated subjects of interest and for the public good, in the same way?

7—Has the Board decided to have a night school for this winter? If not, I hope it will.—I am yours, &c.

High Spen, Oct. 23rd. PAUL PRY.

ALLEGED BURIAL SCANDAL AT GARESFIELD.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—In justice to myself, I am compelled to say a few words in reply to the reports which appeared in your issue of last week. The facts of the case are these: The caretaker of the Chopwell Hospital called at my house, between twelve and one mid-day, and informed my daughter, a girl of 11 years (who was the only member of the family at home), that he wished the corpse to be buried at six o'clock that evening. My daughter replied that I was at the pit, and would not be home until five o'clock, and that my wife was at the church, where she could be seen with regard to the burial. The first message I received about it was when I arrived home at five o'clock—when I started immediately for the church. Arriving there about half-past five, the corpse came almost at once, and the friends and relatives were surprised that the grave was not dug. Does not the blame lie with the caretaker? Should he not either have come to the pit to acquaint me, or have gone to the church and delivered his message to my wife? At any rate, it must be clearly understood that so soon as I knew of the burial I at once did my duty. At a quarter-to-six I began to dig the grave, Mr Young, the Inspector of Nuisances, kindly helping me. Mr Laybourn, who is alleged to have dug the *whole* grave, came at about seven o'clock, when the grave was three feet down—and then, in order to save time, Laybourn was left to dig the rest of the grave, the friends of the dead man standing by. I went at once for the rector of the parish (no strange clergyman was called in, as your correspondent seems to imply.) The rector came immediately he was informed, and arrived at the church at the time appointed by me—viz., twelve o'clock midnight. When I returned from Winlaton, the grave was not finished to its depth of five feet, therefore it is plain that Laybourn did not dig *two* feet—and this is but a small portion of the whole. But what I particularly wish to show is this, that I did my duty immediately I was informed of the burial, and that the priest came immediately he received the intimation. This surely is sufficient explanation for our friend, "Paul Pry."—Yours, &c.,

RALPH LEIGHTON,
Sexton of S. Patrick's Church,
Victoria Garesfield.

Barlow, Oct. 23rd, 1893.

THOSE AWFUL BOYS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Pardon any intrusion on my part to encroach on your space, but I think it is time something was done to stop the way in which boys of 15 to 16 years of age conduct themselves in the streets at West Stanley. It was my duty to be at this place last week end, and I can safely say there were a dozen of these boys pushing each other, so as to come in violent contact with foot passengers, much to their annoyance and discomfort. I think if tradesmen wish to increase their trade by the frequent visits of people from other districts, they should at once see to this public grievance, as no one would wish to go to Stanley under the present circumstances. Hoping that some one else will endorse my statements, and that in the near future a different state of things will be seen. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

A VISITOR.

SUNDAY SHAVING.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Might I ask the favour of a small space in your valuable paper, to draw attention to the revival of a bad old custom in the hair-dressing business? Some of the barbers' shops are opening on Sunday mornings, and I am afraid the custom will spread, therefore I appeal to my fellow working-men to stamp out the practice. They can do it if they will, for the bulk of the Sunday morning customers are men who cease work on Saturdays at twelve or one o'clock, and who, possibly through thoughtlessness, put off seeing the "knight of the razor" till the Sunday forenoon. Inconsistently enough, these men are moving for eight hours a day, and yet lengthening the working hours of the barbers without any necessity. In the hope that abler pens than mine will take up this grievance, and that our fellow-workers will, by abstaining from the Sunday's visit to the barber's shop, help to get the barbers their well-earned Sunday rest.—I remain, yours, &c.,

Consett, Oct. 25th. J. MERRITT.

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THE WEEK.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

The revival of evening schools in connection with the new Code continues, we are glad to see. The supplementary work done by these schools is extremely valuable, and we want yet more of them. It is of little use to spend seven or eight millions a year on elementary teaching if the children are allowed to forget in a year or two what they have learned in the Board Schools, and, of course, it is a mere foundation of knowledge, and a very slender one, that can be laid there. To carry this forward is the business of the Evening Continuation Schools. Some four hundred and fifty thousand children leave our elementary day schools every year, and about one hundred thousand of these, or rather fewer, are now enrolled in the evening schools. This is but a small proportion, but the number is four times larger than was found in these schools eight years ago—a sufficient evidence of their increasing popularity. It is to the policy introduced by the Recreative Evening Schools Association, formed about seven years ago, that this increase of popularity is principally owing. Under the auspices of this excellent society classes have been carried on largely by means of voluntary teachers in connection with both board and voluntary schools, youths' clubs, and evening homes for working girls. "To promote the continuous and healthful education of the children who have left our elementary schools," was the general scheme of the association, and a very short time sufficed to shew that it had struck the right note. A thorough revision of the old evening school system was brought about, and classes which had been drily practical became highly attractive. Such subjects as lantern lectures on geography, travel, and simple science, needlework and dress-cutting, drawing, carving, musical drill, and gymnastics drew out the interests of young scholars. Responsible teachers have not been slow to shew how greatly they valued this help; and in time the charter of the association became incorporated in the new Code for Evening Continuation Schools. At the present day increased facilities for these schools are needed, in respect both of the subjects of teaching and of the grants available. We ought not to lose sight of the fact that the artisans of neighbouring countries, our "rivals and competitors in the markets of the world," receive at the public expense the best possible general and technical training; and our own artisans may fairly demand that general facilities should be afforded to them from the same source. Setting aside the important commercial aspect of the question, it is only in this way that we can permanently improve the condition of the great bulk of the population.

M. GOUNOD.

The world loses a great musician in Charles François Gounod, a portion of whose work posterity may pronounce to be of the very highest order of merit. Paralysis of the brain has carried him off at the ripe age of seventy-three. For the greater part of half a century he was a busy and continuous worker, and many in number and various in kind are the compositions that bear his name. If Gounod is destined to immortality, it is "Faust" that will immortalise him, and the musical tastes of civilised mankind must be revolutionised ere that noble work can cease to charm. Something of its history is known already to our readers—how coldly it was at first received in Paris; how vehemently it was attacked by the critics; with what difficulty it was produced in London; how triumphant was its later success there; and how from London the fame of the opera spread gradually throughout the world. Gounod was forty-one years of age when "Faust" first saw the light in Paris. He had already brought out "Sappho," "La Nonne Sanglante," and the light, genial "Médecin malgré lui," of which the last-named alone had had any genuine success. Perhaps "Roméo et Juliette," which was first performed in the spring of 1867, may share the honours with "Faust" for many years to come, but it is difficult to believe that it has the permanent qualities of the masterpiece which preceded it. But Gounod leaves other claims to remembrance. Most of his religious work is extraordinarily beautiful; and the "Redemption," "Mors et Vita," and one at least of the "Solemn Masses" will thrill the world for generations. In all of these is discovered, in strains of melody almost unsurpassed, that passion for ecclesiasticism which at one period of the composer's life seemed likely to carry him into the church. He gave up his idea of taking holy orders, but for many years his leisure was devoted to theological studies, and he was one of the best read and most learned theologians of his day. A quiet country church, where he could pace the chancel undisturbed, was always his favourite spot for composing. The range of his intellectual attainments was very wide, and the last quarter of a century has known few finer, more erudite, or more charming conversationalists. It is a distinctive and a winning personality, no less than a genius in music, that Charles Gounod's death has lost to Europe.

DULL PULPIT DISCOURSES.

While the clergy have been discussing persons and things in general in their genial way, other people have been discussing the clergy in respect of their abilities and shortcomings in the pulpit. Long sermons are the principal grievance. What a change is here from the days when, as Mr. James Payn reminds his readers, the popular preacher could without fear of rebuke turn upside down again the hour-glass before him and invite his hearers to "another glass"! In spite of recent complaints, it is certain that the tendency of modern preachers is to shorten the sermon more and more. And if the sermon grows shorter, why is it? A great preacher still draws a numerous and attentive audience, and holds them for an hour. But that preaching in general has declined is a fact that must reluctantly be admitted; and congregations of these days are impatient of long discourses from dull orators. Professor Mahaffy, whose sermons are perhaps only inferior in quality to his conversation, discussed the whole question some years ago in a very able little treatise, and suggested, amongst other remedies, the establishment of an Order of itinerant preachers whose sole duty should be to travel from place to place for the purpose of speaking from the pulpit. Such an Order would consist of men specially selected for their speaking powers, and as they would seldom remain long in one spot they might give their best energies to the preparation of a limited number of discourses. It is too much to expect of one preacher that he should have something really fresh to say to the same congregation twice a week the whole year round; and it is certain that the preacher of small imagination, not much eloquence, and no particular erudition, soon exhausts both himself and his hearers by his continuous weekly efforts. It is not only upon the inferior, but upon the ablest preachers, that the strain tells. Our pulpits are conditioned by many traditional prejudices which are a hindrance to men of the first order of ability. They are very rarely permitted to be amusing, and extreme originality, whether of matter or of manner, is rather coldly received. In this point of view there are plainly two sides to the question. We are quite in sympathy with the church-goers who would like to shorten the sermons of inefficient preachers; but not quite so much in sympathy with those who, while complaining of the dearth of first-rate men, continue to enforce conditions which render the pulpit unattractive to the highest order of ability.

THE AFFAIRS OF A CORNSAY TAILOR.

At the Durham Bankruptcy Court last week—before Mr Marshall, Registrar—Thomas Gillespie, the younger, tailor, of Old Cornsay, came up for his first public examination. The receiving order in this case was made on a creditor's petition, the act of bankruptcy alleged therein being that the debtor had failed to comply with the requirements of a bankruptcy notice issued against him, and duly served on the 15th August. His statement of affairs showed that he was a journeyman tailor, and had never been in business on his own account, nor had he kept any books of account. The petitioning creditor, Mr James Chambers, solicitor, Durham, had got judgment against him for £101 and costs. The whole of the furniture in his house belonged to his wife, having been partly acquired by her on the death of her father, and partly by purchase out of money belonging to her separate estate. Debtor made payments on account of his debts up to the date of the receiving order. He first became aware that he had not sufficient property to pay all his debts in full on the 23rd March last, when he was served with a writ at the instance of the petitioning creditor. He had contracted several small debts since then, which he expected to be able to pay out of his earnings. His income for the last three years had been as follows:—For the first year about £30, and for the second and third years about £46 each. His household and personal expenditure for the first year was about £30, and for the second and third years about £35 each. He did not intend to make any offer to his creditors, and had been adjudged a bankrupt.

The Official Receiver, in his remarks on the statement, said according to debtor's statement of affairs, out of a total of £365 6s 5d owing to unsecured creditors, £123 was for money lent, £116 of this money being owing to debtor's wife. £136 0s 1d was for law costs in connection with an action against the owners of Cornsay Colliery, £14 16s for medical attendance, £35 0s 6d for services rendered by witnesses in connection with the above law suit, and the rest appeared to be ordinary household debts. The cause of insolvency alleged by the debtor would probably be to a great extent true, but he had also, according to his own statements, been living beyond his income for the last three years.

In reply to the Official Receiver, debtor said his income had never been more than 22s a week. He did not work on piece.

The Official Receiver: You have furnished a deficiency account, but have not allowed for the cost of keeping your house. What do you reckon you spent in keeping your house every week?—I should say about £1 or a guinea a week.

How have you managed to buy a house if you have had 22s a week, and it cost you 20s or 21s to live?—Money I had from my wife, and money I borrowed.

What did you pay for the land?—£43 10s for the land and deeds. The house had been damaged to the extent of about £75 by mining operations.

You instructed Mr Chambers to bring an action, but for some reason or other it was stopped. In preparing for the action you had certain witnesses to examine the property?—Yes.

And these surveyors made a valuation of the damage done?—Yes.

And you tell me they considered that the property was deterioriated to the extent of about £75 at that time?—Yes.

Did they make their valuation a year, or about a year, before the case had to come on for trial?—Yes.

Were any of the valuations made close upon the time of trial?—No, I think not.

Have other people in your neighbourhood close to you made similar claims against the company?—Yes.

What is the name of the company?—Ferens and Love.

What is the name of the colliery?—Cornsay.

Have these other people got damages?—Yes.

Is that for property close to yours?—Yes.

Are you still of opinion you have a good claim against Ferens and Love for damages to your house?—Yes.

Further questioned, the debtor said the furniture his wife claimed was left to her by her father and other people, and bought by her out of her own estate. He never bought any furniture. He had lost much time through his wife's and his own ill-health, and also in consequence of the action referred to. Mr Hares' was the only morgage on the house. The amount was £176. Mr Chambers was the only person who had got judgment against him. He never dreamt for a moment that his solicitor's bill would be one-quarter of what it was.

The Official Receiver drew debtor's attention to the fact that if he had not owed Mr Chambers a penny he could not have paid everybody off under £350. Therefore, it could not be Mr Chambers's bill which had made him insolvent. Mr Chambers's bill was for £121, and other people wanted £350 more.

The further examination was adjourned for a week.

THE WATER SUPPLY OF WEST DURHAM.

CONFERENCE OF SANITARY AUTHORITIES.

A meeting of the representatives of the various sanitary authorities in the district served by the Consett Waterworks Company was held in the Consett Local Board Room on Friday evening, for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to improve the existing supply, both as regards quantity and quality. Mr George Ainsworth (Consett) presided, and the following public bodies were represented:—Consett, Benfieldside, Leadgate, and West Stanley Local Boards, and the Lanchester and Chester-le-Street Rural Sanitary Authorities. It was agreed to appoint Mr T. W. Welford, solicitor, as clerk of the committee. In the course of a long discussion it was urged that the Water Company should be called upon to filter the water, and it was decided to watch the new bill the company intended to promote in Parliament, asking for extended powers, and ascertain that provision was made therein for the filtration of the water at the storage reservoirs.

It was further resolved, on the motion of Mr William Logan, J.P., Lanchester, and seconded by Mr Joshua Lax, Shotley Bridge, "That this meeting is of opinion that the Water supplied by the Consett Water Company is not at the present time 'a pure and wholesome water,' and they appended an analysis of Mr W. F. K. Stock, of Darlington, certifying that the water is not fit and proper for domestic purposes unless it is filtered; also that a deputation consisting of two members from each local authority be appointed to wait upon the Directors of the Consett Water Company, and endeavour to elicit from them an expression of opinion as to what they propose to do to render the water wholesome, and improve the quantity, and report back to another meeting."

A long amendment proposed by Mr Mitchell (Chester-le-Street) was not seconded.

The under-mentioned gentlemen were appointed a committee to wait upon the Water Company:—Messrs G. Ainsworth and G. T. Hyden, Consett Local Board; J. Lax and R. G. Barclay, J.P., Benfieldside Board; R. Kay and George Forster, Stanley Board; W. Logan, J.P., and the Rev. P. C. Fortin, Lanchester Sanitary Authority; and George Ridley and J. Mitchell, Chester-le-Street Sanitary Authority.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

The officials of the Consett Waterworks Company estimate that the quantity of rain which fell in their district for three months—between July 21 and October 21—amounts to 6·21 inches only.

The subject of the water famine in West Durham was referred to in many of the places of worship in the district on Sunday last. At Christ Church, Consett, in the evening the Vicar (Rev. F. Steggall) devoted a large part of his sermon to the matter, averring that the quantity of water was the Almighty's judgment visited to the people for their pride, sinfulness and wickedness.

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THE WALLSEND MINES.

EXTRAORDINARY ENTERPRISE.

"Best Wallsend!" What a name to conjure with in the market. How many thousands of tons of "Best Wallsend" are there sold in London every year that never saw the place? Of the real "Wallsend"—the quality of coal that won the original and seemingly undying fame—not a ton has been raised for fully forty years. Yet all that time the Cockney has paid his big price and rejoiced in his Wallsend fire—in happy ignorance. Now there is a prospect in the near future of the famed coal once more appearing in the market. What will they do? Well, the best thing will be for them "to see that they get it." The fact that efforts were being made to recoup the famed mine was foreshadowed a little while ago. The work is being pushed on with much vigour, directed by consummate engineering skill. We are now able to give facts connected with the progress made, but, before doing so, some outline of the history of Wallsend Pit should be acceptable.

These noted mines at Wallsend, which for so many years have been submerged in water, are situated on the north bank of the Tyne, on the North-Eastern line from Newcastle to Tynemouth. The main shaft is close by the side of the railway, and about a mile to the east of Wallsend Station. It was from these shafts that the famous High Main coal seam was worked, the principle shafts being the "A" and "B" pits at Wallsend, and the "C" pit at Wallsend Green. They have for many years been dismantled, and little remains to be seen of past mining engagements so familiar locally, and they have past into history which dates far back into the last century.

From their earliest times these mines have been noted as being attended with much danger—both from the frequent and voluminous outbursts of coal gas and feeders of water. It is related that in sinking the "A" pit shaft much difficulty was encountered by the interception of a bed of quicksand, which was penetrated by a "tub," or cast iron segment, the invention of the father of the late Mr John Buddle. The tub was allowed to sink by its own weight, and as it penetrated the quicksand, the sand and water were taken out of the interior of the tub. It ultimately proved quite successful, and was the first, we believe, that was introduced in the North of England.

Mining operations were naturally at first directed to the principal seams—viz., the High Main and the Bensham. The High Main seam, under the Wallsend Royalties, has a remarkable section of over 6ft of clean coal, covered by a thick, strong pannel of what is in mining termed "post stone," with the exception of a small area to the east, where a free layer of stone occurs in the seam. As a household coal, this coal for many years held the highest position in the market, and on reference to a paper read before the British Association at its sectional meetings in Newcastle in the year, 1863, prepared under the auspices of a committee of local industry, we find the following:—"The best household fire coal was for a long period of years produced from the High Main coal of the Tyne, the immediate colliery from which it was produced being Wallsend-on-Tyne, and hence the origin of the designation "Wallsend" to distinguish the best household fire coal." Further on in the same report we find that "no coal in the whole Northern coalfield bore such an excellent character or sold at such high prices as the "Wallsends" of the Tyne.

For many years these mines were most productive, being so situated that ready communication could be obtained with the river for the shipment of the coal; but, as we have stated, the working of the mine was much retarded by the vast quantities of coal gas met with, and we have on the record of the long list of disastrous mine explosions in the North of England many which occurred at Wallsend. Not only was the work impeded by the frequent outbursts of gas, but large "feeders" of water were encountered, which ultimately proved too much for the pumping machinery.

About the year 1854 an unexpected inrush of water occurred in the east workings of the colliery, which proved to be too much for the pumps, as the water soon drowned the whole of the worked areas in the High Main and Bensham Seams, and all mining operations had to be abandoned. Since that period the whole of the mines have remained submerged in water, but the seams underlying the drowned High Main and Bensham are now being extensively worked from the Hebburn collieries on the south of the river. Much skill has to be exercised in the method of working these lower seams, and strong barriers of coal have to be left round the neighbourhood of the old shafts, so as to shut off any communication with the vast lake above. Only 25 per cent. of the coal is worked, the remaining 75 per cent. being left as a support to the roof, for if any fissure occurred in the strata between the seams the vast body of water might penetrate into the works below.

The undertaking of unwatering the drowned seams has frequently been contemplated so that work could again be resumed at the large tract of flooded coal. About a quarter of a century ago a comprehensive scheme of this sort was carefully considered by a special committee, formed of some of the leading mining engineers of that time. It was ultimately decided by them to sink a large shaft at Wallsend near the old church or "G pit," and there erect pumping machinery which should be of sufficient power to deal with and overcome the large feeders of water. This work, was for many years proceeded with at an enormous cost. An engine of the Cornish type was erected. The steam cylinder of this engine is 100in in diameter, and has a stroke of 11ft. It works a beam which is 36ft long and 7ft 6in deep, weighing 48 tons. This engine is the largest of its kind at work in the North of England, and has been worked continuously up to the present time keeping the water at a certain level.

For many years and with many people an idea has prevailed that the Wallsend pit was a kind of a sump hole for Father Tyne—that the water rose and fell in the shaft with every tide, and that to try and pump the place clear of water would be tantamount to trying to empty the river itself. Of course the proximity of the river would give rise to such a notion; but there is no truth in this ingenious popular theory. The position is really this. In draining Wallsend Pit the proprietors are draining all the mines in an area extending for miles round. To put the case in a simple way, there is a kind of basin formed in the district with a stratum very prone to collecting water and holding it in large volumes. To pierce this with shafts at any point was simply to tap the supply and let gravitation have its way. Wallsend Pit unfortunately is situated at the lowest point of the basin, and hence the the flooding fought against in the old days until fighting was no further use—the water beating the old fashioned pumping appliances. Now 4,000 gallons of water per minute are being brought up, and our readers will therefore appreciate the hopes that are held out for ultimate success. This wholesale drainage of a large district was seen by Mr T. J. Taylor many years ago, when he moved for a short Act of Parliament to establish a Drainage Commission—like the one established years ago in South Staffordshire. The idea was to establish a pumping station, to give the water-feeders facilities to empty themselves by the pumps, and each colliery pay its proportionate share. The idea was defeated, however, and what has happened apparently is that the Wallsend Pit, with its vast treasure of unworked coal, became a sump for the neighbourhood. The pumps described above practically keep the weight of the water down at one time.

Some two or three years ago an influential company named the Wallsend and Hebburn Coal Company, took over the whole of these mines, and decided to push on with the original scheme of unwatering the pits, and, of course, the district round. The Cornish engine mentioned has been duplicated, and the quantity of water lifted is now 4,000 gallons per minute, or 5,760,000 gallons per day. This has been going on for about twelve months, with the result that the water in the old shaft has been reduced from 50 fathoms from the surface to 113 fathoms. In other words the celebrated High Main Seam has been reached. The pumps are still at work, and, happy to relate, the water is steadily going down. Now had the water been running in from the Tyne this result could not possibly have been secured. On the other hand, an idea of the vast subterranean lake which has been attacked is easily realised. Soundings in neighbouring shafts have also shown a fall in the water.

The old shaft as the water recedes presents an extraordinary sight. It has been found literally choked with timber, rubbish, and debris, all of which has had to be removed bit by bit. There is a large staff of picked men at work—fellows of iron nerve. Many a time, to get the old timbers cleared away, they have had to plunge overhead into the water. The walls of the old shaft are of stone, solid rock, and frequently timbering, and the action of the water for so many years has played havoc, as may be imagined. The stone has been eaten away, and water-feeders have worn away the solid rock, and altogether the task has been one of great difficulty and danger. In time it is hoped the exploration of the celebrated High Main Seam will be possible. A number of curious relics of the old mining world have

The water in the pit, it may be stated, is brackish showing the presence of the salt deposits. Does the Tees salt bed spread out as far as the Tyne? The work of the engineering staff is being pushed with a careful yet determined hand. Obviously a detailed account of the machinery and plans employed would be impossible in the space of this record, but it may be said that everything displays a decided genius and, perfect grasp of the gigantic task and its swarm of difficulties. The further sinking of the "H" pit parallel with the old "G" shaft will proceed as the difficulties are overcome. There is a splendidly-contrived series of "dams" arranged to protect the operation from any sudden inrush of water. The arranging of the pumping sets to follow the lowering of the water from time to time is also a piece of clever engineering. In the "G" shaft there are four twenty-one inch sets. The water discharged all finds its way into the Tyne by a delivery drift about nine fathom below the surface. If the water were only drinkable what a revenue the company might secure in these times of drought. When the new shaft is completed it will eventually supply Hebburn with a much-needed additional supply of ventilation.

The coal which is to be recovered by this vast enterprise is worth many millions of pounds. Mr Norman C. Cookson is chairman of the company, with Mr G. B. Forster is director and consulting engineer, and Mr R. T. Swallow is mining engineer. After what has already been accomplished, there is little reason to doubt that under the skilful and matured management of Mr Swallow this undertaking will prove quite successful, and that Wallsend will again hold her place in Northumberland mining enterprise.—"Newcastle Daily Leader."

been come across. One, an old pick, has part of the shaft remaining, but that has rotted almost to dust. Two-thirds of the iron has been eaten away, showing the strong fibres of once excellent material. Obviously the man's head will not now ache who once plied that pick. When one realises the nature of the work which is being pursued, it is marvellous that it has gone so far without accident of any kind.

Cycling Notes.

VICTORIA GARESFIELD W.R.A.C.C.—The members and friends of this flourishing club, held their first annual supper and smoking concert on Saturday night, in the Miners' Hall, Victoria Garesfield. Upwards of 30 sat down to a sumptuous repast. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, a smoker was held. Mr W. Archer, a manager, was unanimously voted to the chair, and after a few well-chosen and pithy remarks, read the annual reports, as follows:—Total income amounting to £6 8s 8½d; expenditure being £2 16s 2d; leaving a balance of £3 12s 6½d. The total number of runs for the season was 23. The following members gained the medals presented by the club for best attendance at runs.—1st. S. Smith, 22 runs; 2nd, E. Burton, 20 runs, W. Musgrove 14 runs. The following afterwards contributed songs:—Messrs W. Tompkins, J. Smith, I. Musgrove, S. Smith, T. Tweddle, J. Bessford, W. Foole, and E. Stonehouse. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Archer for presiding, and also the ladies who attended to the tables. The National Anthem brought a pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

Trade Notes.

DURHAM COAL TRADE.

THE BALLOT OF DURHAM MINERS.

THE OWNERS' OFFER ACCEPTED.

Much interest was centred in the action the miners of the county would take in regard to the offer of the colliery owners of a temporary advance of wages of 5 per cent, and there was a good meeting of the Council of the Durham Mining Federation Board at the Miners' Hall, Durham, on Saturday, to receive the ballot and to declare the result of the voting in the lodges. Mr John Orr, of Annfield Plain, occupied the chair. The result of the ballot was laid before the meeting and, we understand, accepted with very keen satisfaction. The figures were not given to the representatives of the press in waiting, but they were informed that the majority had gone in favour of the acceptance of the coalowners' offer. The meeting, having received the figures, instructed the general secretary of the Union, Mr W. H. Patterson, to wire to the secretary of the Owners' Association (Mr Guthrie) as to the result of the ballot, and a telegram was despatched in the following terms:—"Guthrie, Newcastle—Wages: our men accept owners' offer. Patterson." To this the following reply was received—"Telegram received. As arranged, said advance will take effect with pays commencing 16th and 23rd inst. Guthrie." The result of the meeting, it is needless to add, places the miners of the county in a much more assured position than they have recently held.

THE FIGURES IN THE BALLOT.

On Monday, the different lodges throughout the county of Durham received the official result of the ballot which was declared on Saturday. The figures showed that the ballot had been heavy, and that all sections of workmen were in favour of the acceptance of the masters' offer of a special advance of five per cent. for three months, as opposed to a strike. Of the miners 23,148 voted for the owners' offer, and 18,469 against. The vote of the mechanics showed 1,229 for the owners' offer and 224 against. There were 1,730 cokemen for and 350 against the owners' terms. The proportion of enginemen in favour of the owners' terms was 1,063 against 242. There were, therefore, 27,161 for the acceptance of the owners' terms and 19,345 against, showing a majority of 7,816 for accepting the special advance.

Sporting Items.

FEWER MATCH AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.—This popular Court was occupied by J Brown and R Walker, Cornsay, who played against J Laverick and J Wright, Pelton Fell, for £10 a-side; the Cornsay couple winning by six points after a hard and exciting game. J Bessford was stakeholder and referee.

FOOTRACING AT PELTON FELL.—On Saturday, an off-handed match for £10 was run over 100 yards, between G Cornsay and J Smiles, the latter receiving two yards start, and suffering defeat by a yard after a good race. B Everett fired the pistol, and J Panshon held the stakes and referee.

CAUSEY GROUNDS.—On Saturday afternoon, a good company assembled to witness the greyhound sweep, promoted by Mr T Anderson, who gave £1 to an entrance of 9s each, the best of three courses, near the house of Mrs Carr, Causey Arch Inn. Results:—Clara beat Catch 'em Alive by 2 to 0; Going Home beat Molly Morgan by 2 to 0; Win for Beer beat Lass of the Fell by 2 to 0; Sailor beat Grace Darling by 2 to 1; Molly Morgan beat Fall of the Leaf by 2 to 0; Lindsay beat Friar's Balsam by 2 to 1; Untruth beat Cuttlestone by 2 to 0. Second round—Going Home beat Clara by 2 to 1; Win for Beer beat Sailor by 2 to 0; Lindsay beat Molly Morgan by 2 to 1; Untruth a bye. Third round—Going Home beat Untruth by 2 to 0; Win for Beer beat Lindsay by 2 to 0. Fourth round—Win for Beer beat Going Home by 2 to 0 and won.

RABBIT COURSING AT TANTOBIE.—On Saturday afternoon, in a field adjoining the house of Matthew Snowdon, Commercial Hotel, Tantobie, a rabbit sweep, organised by Mr E Gaffney, who added £3 to an entrance of 3s 6d per lot, was commenced. Results:—First round—Clayton's Lucky beat Chamber's Lily of the West, Mumford's Snap and Rattle beat Clayton's Wild Mary, Snowdon's Tommy Riley beat Foster's Pennyless, Foster's Maggie Murphy beat Birch's Small Gin, Stephenson's Catch 'Em beat Lass of the Lennon, Palmer's Pop beat Bell's Never at Home, Little's Go-as-you-Please beat Foster's Pipe Clay, Parkin's Young Puffer beat Thompson's Gyp, Pennyless (2nd lot) beat Tommy Riley (2nd lot), Robinson's Hi-Tiddley-Hi-Ti beat Go-as-you-Please (2nd lot). Snowdon's Derwent Lad beat Priestman's South Moor Lad, South Moor Lad (2nd lot) beat Small Gin (2nd lot), Green's Molly Morgan beat Maggie Murphy (2nd lot). Mumford's Red and Rough beat Wild Mary (2nd lot), Lass of the Lonnon (2nd lot) beat Hi-Tiddley-Hi-Ti (2nd lot), Snap and Rattle (2nd lot) beat Pipe Clay (2nd lot), Holmes' China Eyes beat Thompson's Bad Temper, Catch 'Em (2nd lot) beat Wild Mary (3rd lot), Faldon's Catch 'Em Alive beat Nelson's Humpty Dumpty, Lister's Honest Bob beat Catch 'Em Alive (3rd lot), Stephenson's Chairman beat Red & Rough (2nd lot), Hardy's Steady Up beat Never at Home (2nd lot), Derwent Lad (2nd lot) beat Bad Temper (2nd lot), Honest Bob (2nd lot) beat Chairman (2nd lot), Chamber's Pat beat Middlemass's Sword Dance, Young Puffer (2nd lot) beat Pearson's Little John, Lever's Bad Bargain beat Flood's Lop the Heather, China Eyes (2nd lot beat Catch 'Em Alive (2nd lot). Darkness setting in, it was agreed to postpone the finish till Monday. E Gaffney acted as referee, H Scott pistol-firer, and J Bell book-keeper.

PIGEON FLYING.—Mr J. Robson, of Blackhill, gave ten shillings towards a pigeon flying sweep for 12 birds at 2s 6d each, on Saturday last, from Ebchester station. Results:—1, E. Broadbent's Cottage Boy, 4min. 5sec, £1; 2, A. Taggat's Shot-over, 4min. 18sec., 10s; 3, Slipper's Hard Times, 4min. 58sec., 5s; 4, Wiggam's Red Eyes, and Newbolt's Not Sure, 2s 6d each.

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Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

THURSDAY, October 19th.—Before Lieut.-Col. E. LEADBITTER-SMITH (presiding), W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, Esq., Rev. F. W. GLYN, WILLIAM LOGAN, Esq., and R. G. BARCLAY, Esq.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

Richard Piper, Thomas Morton, John Bulterworth, Wm. Brown, John Hendrick, and *Henry Wilson,* miners, were summoned for being drunk on the licensed premises of Mrs Heslop, Bird Inn, Shield Row, on the 7th. Mr Thomas Lambert (Gateshead) defended, and the allegation was denied.—P.C. Vickers deposed that about 9 o'clock on the evening named, he visited Mrs Heslop's house, and found all the defendants drunk. Wilson, who had a glass of beer in front of him, was so intoxicated that he was lying across the table. Witness called the attention of the landlady to the circumstance, and said that all these men should be got out of the house. Mrs Heslop promised to do so; but some time after, the men had not gone out.—Sergt. Liddell gave evidence of seeing some of the defendants intoxicated earlier on in the night.—The defence of Mr Lambert was that there had been a leek show held at Mrs Heslop's house that day. Of course, the men in the bar were perhaps not so quiet and orderly as they would expect to find people in a gentleman's drawing room; but he denied that any of the men were the worse for liquor, Mrs Heslop had conducted the house for many years without any charge being brought against her. He proposed to call Mrs Heslop but P.C. Vickers pointed out that although the magistrates had requested all witnesses concerned in this case to leave the court Mrs Heslop had remained.—Mr Lambert thought that Mrs Heslop had gone out of court, and he was sorry that she had not obeyed the injunction of the Bench. —The Chairman commented very strongly upon the fact that Mrs Heslop had persisted in stopping in court, although expressly ordered to leave.—Mrs Heslop said she did not know that she was going to be called as a witness, and after hearing the opinion of the court, she declined to give evidence.—Mrs Heslop's son-in-law was, however, called, and flatly repudiated the statement that any of the men were tipsy. They were not in company with each other, nor were in the same part of the house. When the policeman came in and said that the men were drunk the officer was requested to point out who was under the influence of liquor, and eject them himself. Vickers, however, declined to do so. Witness added that the officer bore some animus against him because he refused to divulge the names of certain people who were fighting a few Sundays ago. Vickers denied harbouring any feeling against the landlady or her son-in-law, and stated that some men were playing at pitch and toss in a field close by, and he complained that they had allowed them to carry drink away from the house prior to the beginning of the school.—The secretary of the leek show and other persons testified that the men were not intoxicated.—Mr Lambert said he could call each defendant to attest to their sobriety, but the justices intimated that they believed the men were drunk and imposed a penalty of 10s and costs.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Catherine Mack was proceeded against by Alice Mahar for committing an assault upon her at Lanchester, on October 9th.—The case was dismissed.

SECOND COURT.

VAGRANCY.

Peter McKenzie was brought up by Inspector Daley for begging at Lanchester, on the 18th inst., and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Margaret Hume was charged with assaulting Matt. Rutter at Hedleyhope, on the 8th inst.—The case was dismissed.

GAME TRESPASS.

John and *Moses Stephenson,* boys, were summoned at the instigation of Wm. Braker, gamekeeper, for trespassing in search of game near Esh, on the 27th of September.—John was acquitted, but his brother was fined 2s 6d and costs.

HIGHWAY ACT.

George Hudson, for allowing stock to stray on the highway near South Moor, on the 4th October, was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Frank Keenan, charged with a like offence near Esh Colliery, was mulcted in a fine of 1s and expenses.

EDUCATION ACT.

John Cassidy, of West Stanley, who was accused by Mr Wm. Ward, on behalf of the Lanchester School Attendance Committee, for not causing his child to attend school, was fined 2s 6d, including costs.

Gibson Teasdale, of the same place, who was similarly charged by Mr John Gibson, was also fined 2s 6d.

In the case of *John Halliday,* who was prosecuted by Seymour Meddick, acting for the Tanfield School Board, an attendance order was made.

DRUNKENNESS.

There were 17 cases of drunkenness dealt with, the usual fines being imposed in every instance.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST COURT.

MONDAY, Oct. 23rd.—Before Coun. JAS. ANNANDALE (chairman), J. W. WALTON-WILSON, W. B. VAN HAANSBERGEN, F. PRIESTMAN, J. T. POTTS, and E. W. E. BALLENY, Esqs.

ASSAULTING A MILK-BOY.

Peter Boyle, ironworker, of Consett, was summoned for assaulting John Stainsby, a milk buggy in the service of Mr E. W. E. Balleny, J.P., of Little Greencroft, Consett, on October 9th.—Complainant, it appears, was driving up Delves Lane to Consett on the date in question with the milk cart, when Boyle tried to jump on behind the vehicle. Stainsby tried to push defendant off the cart with his foot. He did not succeed, however, and Boyle struck the complainant, giving him a black eye.—Corroborative evidence was tendered by Michael Dodds and others.—Defendant averred that complainant kicked him upon the chest, and threw him upon the road. He was drunk at the time.—Mr Van Haansbergen: That is no excuse. It makes the case worse. Are you summoned for being drunk?—Supt. Benzies: No; it is a brother.—The Chairman (to Supt. Benzies): Do you know anything about defendant?—Supt. Benzies: Yes; he is a very bad lad. We have a lot of trouble with him.—The Chairman said the Bench had given the case their serious consideration. They found that Boyle had been brought up before for committing an assault, and it had been a question with the Magistrates whether they should not send him to prison for the present offence. However, they had decided to give him one more chance. He would be fined 20s and 18s 6d costs, in default one month's hard labour. —Accused elected to go to prison.

ANOTHER WHITE-LE-HEAD FRACAS.

MORE CANTANKEROUS NEIGHBOURS.

WHEN SHALL WE LIVE IN PEACE?

For the third time in succession, the Magistrates time has been occupied in investigating a White-le Head fracas. On this occasion, *Elizabeth Ferguson,* married woman, was summoned for committing an assault upon Sarah Watson, also married, on the 9th inst., at White-le-Head. Mr T. W. Welford (Consett) prosecuted, whilst Mr J. McCartan (Consett) defended.

Complainant attested that about 6.45 o'clock on the evening in question, she was returning from Tantobie Co-operative Stores and had to come past the defendant's door; whilst passing defendant came round the corner, and dealt her a blow on the back of the head with a rolling-pin. On turning round to see who it was, Mrs Ferguson struck her again on the forehead, disfiguring her face. The hat (produced) was the one she was wearing, and it was damaged. The same cost her 12s 6d in the summer, and she assessed the damages at 6s.

Cross-examined by Mr McCartan: Complainant said she was a very peaceable woman when other people left her alone. (Laughter.) She had been in the Court before as a complainant. She heard defendant using threats towards her on going to Tantobie. On the return journey, she did not hit Mrs Ferguson with a plush bag she was carrying. The second blow she received caused her to stagger, and she nearly fell. After delivering the last blow defendant ran round the corner. She never challenged defendant to fight, nor did she throw her hat and shawl off on to the ground. She never sent her children that way to school so as to call the defendant names. Mrs Ferguson did shout after her, "You ——, I have missed you this time," and then said what she would do when she returned.

Mary Watson (daughter) and Robert Smailes (complainant's father) corroborated, and declared that the assault was committed with a rolling-pin.

P.C. Atkinson spoke to the complainant having received a bruise on the forehead, and her left eye was slightly blackened.

Mr McCartan stated that defendant was a very respectable woman, and, unlike Mrs Watson, she had never been in a Police Court before. On this particular night, she was standing near her own door, when complainant came past and challenged defendant to fight, and said that her husband had married her "off the streets." Nothing transpired till complainant returned from Tantobie, when she struck the defendant in the face with a plush bag. The parties then got into a scrimmage, and finally Mrs Watson threw defendant to the ground, and they had to be separated. He would be able to prove that the hat was damaged by complainant, and that the latter throughout was the aggressor.

The cross-summons was next proceeded with, accusing *Mrs Watson* with assaulting Elizabeth Ferguson at the same time and place. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said that she and defendant lived neighbours. On this particular night, she saw Mrs Watson going to Tantobie, and spoke to her about sending her little girl to school, and making false statements about her. Defendant asked her to come down the road and she would give her what she wanted; but she refused. On Mrs Watson returning from Tantobie she jumped at her at the corner, and struck her with the plush bag. They got hold of one another, and Mrs Watson forced her to the ground. Complainant's husband came to her rescue, and took her into the house. She never used the rolling-pin, and never had such a weapon in her hands, nor did she damage the hat.

Cross-questioned by Mr Welford: Complainant did not strike defendant when coming from Tantobie. She could not tell how complainant got the marks on her forehead and face. She came in contact with defendant at the corner-end.

By Mr Potts: Complainant said she was not standing waiting for defendant.

In answer to the Chairman, Mrs Watson declared that she did not make use of the language complained of.

Mrs Armstrong alleged that Mrs Watson was the aggressor, because she struck complainant first with the plush bag on the face. Mrs Ferguson never used a rolling pin or a stick.

Mary Watson re-called, averred that she went to meet her mother, and saw the assault committed. There were marks on her mother's face caused by the rolling-pin.

After a short consultation, the Chairman said the Bench had come to the conclusion that Elizabeth Ferguson was the defaulter. In the first case defendant would be fined 1s and 16s 6d costs. The cross-summons would be dismissed, and complainant would have to pay 10s 6d costs. For the charge of wilful damage Elizabeth Ferguson would be mulcted in a penalty of 1s, and ordered to pay 2s 6d damages, and 5s 6d expenses. The total amounted to about £1 17s.

THE DISTRESS AT BLACKHILL.

ASSAULT UPON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RELIEF FUND.

Joseph Armstrong, one of the men out of employment in consequence of the stoppage of the Consett Iron Company's Tinmill works, pleaded guilty to assaulting Henry Lodge, the men's representative and chairman of the Distress Fund Committee, on the 14th inst.

Complainant said that they had been soliciting subscriptions for relieving the persons now out of work by reason of the stoppage of the Consett Tinmill Works, and had collected over £60 for distribution amongst the workmen. On Saturday, 14th inst., defendant came in a drunken state and demanded his share, which was refused, in consequence of his inebriated state. They were accustomed to give orders on the various tradesmen in Consett and Blackhill for goods required. Defendant struck witness with his fist, blackening his eyes and discolouring his face.

The Bench: What are you?

Mr Lodge: I am chairman of the committee. As defendant has expressed his sorrow I hope you will deal as leniently as possible with him.

The Bench: Is the defendant out of work?

Prosecutor: He is.

The magistrates let defendant off on payment of the costs, 5s 6d.

BREACH OF THE FACTORIES' ACT.

Nathan Eledon, proprietor of the Delves Lane Aerated Waters Manufactory, was summoned for a breach of the Factories' Act, by having two boys under the age of 14 at work without first having them certified as being fitter such by the certifying surgeon (Dr Geo. Renton, Consett). Defendant pleaded guilty.—Mr Richard Johnson, Government Inspector of Factories, prosecuted, and stated that he visited the defendant's factory on September 21st, and found two boys, named Patrick Cassidy and John Macdonald, under the age of 14 years at work, not having been certified by the certifying surgeon. The two boys had been employed something like four months. Defendant had the Act hanging up in his factory, and the certificate-book in his possession, but the boys' names were not entered in the same, and this should have been complied with within a certain period after the boys entered defendant's service.—Patrick Cassidy deposed that he was working in defendant's factory on the day in question, when the Inspector called. He had been employed four months. He would be 14 years of age next February, and had never been examined by the medical surgeon.—Mr Johnson explained to the Magistrates that he had examined the register, but found no entry.—John Macdonald said that he was 13 years of age, and had been employed at the factory 3½ months.—Defendant said Macdonald was employed to go with the waggon. —Mr Johnson: But the boy was working in the factory on this date.—Defendant: Quite true. I have the certificates that the boys have passed the required standards. All the names of the boys that I have employed are entered in the register, with the exception of these two.—Mr Johnson: I must say that Mr Eledon has been very negligent in this respect.—Defendant was fined 10s and 8s costs in each case.

EDUCATION ACT.

Matthew Thompson, Shotley Bridge, was summoned by Mr A. McKean, at the instance of the Benfieldside School Board, for not sending his child regularly to school.—An attendance order was made for the child to attend St. Mary's School, Blackhill.

REFUSING TO MAINTAIN HIS WIFE.

Arthur O'Neil, labourer, now residing at Consett, but formerly of Jarrow, was summoned at the instance of Mr John Moon, relieving officer, Blackhill, to show cause why he should not contribute towards the maintenance of his wife, who had become chargeable to the Lanchester Board of Guardians. Mr McCartan defended.

Mr Moon said he applied for an order to be made upon defendant, owing to his wife having gone into the Lanchester Workhouse. The woman had been away from the House during the past fortnight procuring evidence to rebut the charge that was about to be made against her that day, but she had an order in her possession to go back to the House again.

In answer to Mr McCartan, Mr Moon said that the woman had not received any relief during the past week.

Sarah Ann O'Neil said she was married to defendant on the 9th of November, 1881. Since her husband left her, three years ago, she had resided in South Shields and Middlesbrough Union Workhouses. Defendant was now residing with a woman, named Kate O'Neil, in Medomsley Road, Consett. They were last living together at Jarrow, and she was not put out of the house owing to her bad conduct. She took drink as far as decency was concerned. Defendant treated her badly, and that was the reason he was expelled. She did not go into bars and drink with other men. The night she came to Consett she was not with another man, and were not seen together about mid-night in Medomsley Road.

Mr McCartan said that defendant was married to complainant about 14 years ago, but at the time stated (three years ago) he was obliged to abandon her on account of her drunken and other bad habits. She was turned out of a house at Jarrow owing to her bad conduct, and then had travelled to Middlesbrough and other places. The very night she came to Consett she was in company with a stranger and was drunk, and the pair of them were seen to go off the highway known as Medomsley Road in the direction of some old piggeries. There was not the least doubt but the woman has misconducted herself.

George Bowey, bricklayer, deposed that he saw the woman on this particular night in Medomsley Road, and she was joined by a man. The woman was intoxicated, and they left the highway, but after an absence of half-an-hour returned. The woman asked witness to get her into the lodging-house, but he replied, that he could not do so, and afterwards directed her to Blackhill. The woman had her boots off, and was carrying them in her hand.

Defendant said he was a labourer, and was employed by the Consett Iron Company.

Mr Moon said he applied for an order for 5s per week.

The Magistrates disbelieved the evidence against the woman, and made an order for 3s per week.

SECOND COURT.

Before J. W. WALTON-WILSON (presiding), and E. W. E. BALLENY, Esq.

"JOINED TEETOTAL."

John O'Niel, an old offender, was summoned for being drunk at Leadgate on the 7th inst.—Sergt. Nicholson adduced the facts of the case.—Defendant declared that he had joined teetotal.—Inspector Mabon: Have you been drunk since.—Defendant: No.—The magistrates took defendant at his word and dismissed the case.

REFUSING TO QUIT AND WILFUL DAMAGE.

Joseph Orton, miner, was summoned for refusing to quit the Royal Oak Hotel, Medomsley, and also with doing wilful damage to the extent of 7s 6d, on the 10th inst. Robert Rutherford, landlord, proved the case.—Defendant was fined 5s and 19s costs for refusing to quit, and for the wilful damage was ordered to pay a further fine of 5s, the costs 5s 6d, and the expense of the damage.

ASSAULT.

Ann Turner was summoned for assaulting Mary Ann Dixon, at Allendale Cottages, on the 12th inst. —The case was accordingly compromised, and complainant was ordered to pay the 14s costs.

ASSAULT AND WILFUL DAMAGE AT CONSETT.

Ann Bailey, married woman, was summoned for committing an assault upon Sarah Monkhouse, widow, at Consett, on the 9th inst.—Defendant was further charged with doing wilful damage to crockery at the same time and place. From the evidence it appeared that defendant went to Monkhouse's residence, and made a complaint to the latter about her husband. They eventually got to words, and Mrs Bailey then committed an assault upon the complainant by striking her. In the affray, a table containing a quantity of crockery was upset, and the articles broken.—The magistrates said there was no doubt provocation had been given, and seeing Mrs Bailey had admitted her guilt, they would only fine her 1s and £1 2s 0d costs for the assault. Defendant would also have to defray the damage, and pay 5s 6d costs.

STANHOPE PETTY SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, Oct. 24th.—Before C. J. BACKHOUSE, Esq. (chairman), V. A. RIPPON, Esq., and Ald. LIVINGSTONE.

ASSAULTS.

George Featherstone and *Isabella Featherstone* (man and wife), of St. John's Chapel, were charged with assaulting P.C. Pryde while in the performance of his duty, on August 28th, at St. John's Chapel.—It was stated in evidence that the male defendant kicked the policeman three times on the leg, and also struck him on the chest twice and knocked him down. His wife assisted. He was drunk at the time.—Defendant was fined £1 and costs for assaulting the officer, and 12s 6d for being drunk. Isabella Featherstone was fined 6d and costs.

MAINTENANCE OF GRANDCHILDREN.

George Woodhall, Tow Law, was summoned by Mr J. G. Bainbridge, relieving officer to the Weardale Union, for the maintenance of grandchildren now chargeable to the above Union.—He was ordered to pay 1s 6d per week.

NON-MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS.

William Sutherland, Belmont, Durham, was summoned by Mr Bainbridge for the non-maintenance of his father, now chargeable to the Weardale Union.—A statement of Sutherland's average wages was put into court.—Defendant pleaded being out of work for 22 weeks, and had poor rates and other rates to pay. —He was also summoned for arrears of £12 17s 6d.—The Bench made an order for 1s 6d per week for the arrears, and 1s 6d per week for the maintenance of his father.

Walter Sutherland, of New Brancepeth, was also summoned by Mr Bainbridge for a similar offence.—Arrears due, £9 10s 6d.—The Bench made an order for 3s per week to clear off arrears, and 1s 6d per week for the maintenance of his father.

Thompson Robinson, Darlington, was charged by Mr Bainbridge with a similar offence. His arrears due were £3 1s 6d.—A statement of his average wages was put into court, which showed that he was earning £1 9s 6d per week, and his son 11s per week.—The Bench made an order for 10s per week on the arrears due.

GREAT FIRE AT LANGLEY PARK.

THE CO-OPERATIVE STORES PARTLY DESTROYED.

Early on the morning of Friday last a destructive fire occurred on the premises of the Langley Park branch of the Annfield Plain Co-operative Society. The fire was first discovered about four a.m., when the fore-shift men were going to work. A member of the committee observed smoke rising from some place near the stores, and on proceeding thither, found a fire had broken out in the upper storey of the flour warehouse. He immediately gave the alarm, and a party of men headed by Mr W. Eccleston, soon aroused the villagers, who set to work with a will to subdue the flames. Fortunately, a capital supply of water was available from the mains of the Weardale and Shildon Water Co., to which the hose pipes belonging the premises were attached, and water poured on to the burning building with such success, that when the fire brigade (which had been summoned from Durham) arrived, all danger was past. The whole of the vast warehouses, which were stored with provision, were completely gutted; but by the efforts of the band of willing workers—to whom too much praise cannot be given—the frontshops with their contents were saved. The damage, which is roughly calculated at between £2,000 and £3,000, is fully covered by insurance. The conflagration was confined to this part of the buildings, the new portion of the premises being entirely saved. Members were supplied from the central stores, at Annfield Plain; but this week end it is expected they will be enabled to carry on business at the local branch as usual.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB.

TURNIP COMPETITION.

The annual turnip competition in connection with this club, reached its final stage last week, when the judges made their inspections and awards. The quality of the crops exhibited were said by those most competent to judge to be much better than usual. Throughout the various classes the competition was keen and close, the judges in most instances having great difficulty in deciding as to the superiority of one over another. A large gathering of members assembled at the Lambton Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, to hear the awards of the judges, Messrs Neilson, Windlestone; W. R. Mento, Coal Bank; R. Snowdon, Wellfield; John Stothard, Frankland; W. Dodd, Willington-on-Tyne; John C. Potts, Barmston; Thos. Jamieson, Penshaw; and H. R. McLaren, Flinton Hill; their decisions being as under:—

Class 1.—Landlords and tenants.—Best six acres of swedes—1, Mr W W Coxon (the Earl of Durham), Picktree, Chester-le-Street; 2, Mr W Redpath (the Earl of Durham), Over the Hill, Houghton-le-Spring; h.c., Mr E. H. Wilkinson (Birtley Iron Company) Ousten.

Class 2.—Landlords and Tenants.—Six acres of any sort except Swedes.—1, Mr W. Redpath; 2, Mr James Bradford, Vigo House, Chester-le-Street; h.c., Mr Coxon; c., Mrs Oswald, Herrington, Sunderland.

Class 3.—Tenants.—Best 4 acres of swedes—1, Mr Jas. Bradford; 2, Mrs Oswald; h.c., Mr Jos. Thornton, Tribley Hall, Chester-le-Street.

Class 4.—Tenants.—Best four acres of any sort except swedes—1, Mr James Bradford; 2, Mr Jas. Brewis, Waldridge Hall, Chester-le-Street; h.c., Mr John Dryden, Washington; c., Mr J. Dickinson, Washington.

Class 5.—Open: Special prizes by Messrs Dixon, Brown, and Tait, Manchester, for the best five acres of swedes (any sort) from seed supplied by them—1, Mr W. W. Coxon; 2, Mr W. Redpath; h.c., Mr J. Dickinson; c., Mr Brewis.

Class 6.—Open: Special prizes by Messrs Finney and Co., Newcastle, for the best 6 acres of their mammoth swede, grown from seed supplied by them—1, Mr W. W. Coxon; 2, Mr E. H. Wilkinson; h.c., Mr H. Potts, Harbour House, Chester-le-Street.

Tenant farmers' sweepstakes, for the best general crop on any farm; to compete with not less that 15 acres, the whole crop to be shown—1, Mr J. Dryden; 2, Mr Jas. Bradford.

The members afterwards dined together at the Lambton Arms, Mr H. Potts presiding.

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

SKINNY MEN.—"Wells' Health Renewer."—Greatest remedy on earth for dyspepsia, nervous weakness, [illegible]

THE UPPER WEARDALE RAILWAY EXTENSION.

CUTTING THE FIRST SOD BY SIR JOSEPH PEASE.

VISIT OF RAILWAY DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS.

GREAT REJOICINGS AT ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

Saturday was a "red letter day" in Upper Weardale. The valley is not a very populous one, but the dwellers gathered together at St. John's Chapel in great force to rejoice over the cutting of the first sod of the new railway which is to carry "civilisation up to date" as far as the head of the river Wear. The dales people evinced in various ways their gratification at the near approach of the realisation of their desire to have the iron road passing through the delightful valley in which their lot is cast. All the way from Eastgate up to St. John's Chapel—the scene of the ceremony which marked the commencement of an undertaking which is looked upon as one which will bring prosperity to the vale—flags fluttered bravely in the bright autumnal sunshine, and though winter was not far off, even the trees seemed to have donned their holiday attire. True, the beauties of their foliage were evidences of the stretching forth of the icy hand of winter; but one was tempted to forget this while admiring the charming contrasts of delicate browns and yellows, which were so admirably in keeping with the joyous spirit animating the inhabitants on the auspicious occasion.

Mr J. DENT-DENT chairman of the North-Eastern Railway Company, who have undertaken the construction of the new line which is to open up a readier means of communication between the people of Upper Weardale with the outer world, Sir Joseph Pease and the Hon. Cecil Duncombe, directors of the North-Eastern Railway; Mr G. S. Gibb, general manager; Mr Harper, passenger superintendent for the Darlington district, and Mr J. G. Swan, of Upsall; Mr H. F. Pease, M.P., Mr J. A. Pease, M.P., and Mrs Pease; Mr Havelock-Allan, Mr W. J. Cudworth, engineer for the Darlington section of the North-Eastern Railway; and some other gentlemen, including the representatives of the press, travelled from Darlington to Stanhope by special train, and were conveyed from the latter place to St. John's Chapel in carriages of various kinds.

THE SCENE IN WEARDALE.

They found Stanhope in a state of pleasurable excitement, although the new venture will not very greatly affect that town, but it was not until they reached Eastgate that they began to fully realise the intense interest taken in the day's proceedings by those who were with good reason looking forward to the making of the railway as something to be greatly desired. At this village an unpretentious triumphal arch of evergreens, &c., had been erected, bearing on the side by which the party approached, the word "welcome." Flags of various kinds were hung out from the windows or fastened to the housetops, and the inhabitants loudly cheered the occupants of the carriages as they passed rapidly on their way up the valley. The road up to St. John's follows pretty much the direction that will be taken by the railway, but a few hundred yards farther from the banks of the Wear than the new line will run. The visitors were therefore able to form a pretty fair appreciation of the position of the railway, and to gather that the difficulties to be overcome were comparatively trifling. Mr Lyall, of Darlington, the engineer to the promoters of the scheme, having wisely followed the course which Nature itself had marked out in forming the bed of the Wear, and so avoided the necessity of making cuttings or constructing lengthy viaducts. The people dwelling in the houses dotted here and there in isolated positions on the hill-sides showed by their display of flags that they were as desirous as their neighbours on the lower levels of taking a share in the great event. Moreover, those of them who were unable to leave their homes to be present at the ceremony at St. John's looked forth from door or window and saluted the occupants of the vehicles with cheers or the waving of handkerchiefs.

Westgate was all in a bustle and a flutter, the street being lined with people, and gay-coloured flags dancing in the sunlight in every direction. An admirable arch of evergreens spanned the main street. This bore on the one side the legend, "Success to the Railway," and on the other side the sentiment, "Long Life to Sir Joseph," while the piers supported shields on one of which were inscribed the words, "Ready to start," and on the other the words "We're off." Here they were firing small cannons throughout the morning.

The roadway presented a more animated appearance from this point, the groups of people in holiday dress hurrying to the central point of attraction being more numerous as the nearer St. John's was approached, and near Daddry Shield, on the other side of the river, the stream of holiday makers was almost continuous. The folk at Daddry Shield had evidently determined that their decorations should not be eclipsed by those of any place in the dale, and they had good reason to be proud of the handsome triumphal arch which they had constructed across the roadway. It would have been a credit to a very much larger place than Daddry Shield, and was in every way worthy of the occasion. It was composed of yews. The piers were carried several feet above the summit of the arch, and a large flag was affixed to the top of each. On the summit of the arch, which bore a resemblance to a railway viaduct, was a model of an engine. Below the engine on the one side were the words "Welcome to the Directors N.E.R.," and on the other the word "Prosperity."

At St. John's itself there was a bewildering display of bunting. In many cases the fronts of the houses seemed to be fairly ablaze with red and white flags, streamers of flags being suspended from venetian masts on either side of the streets, and ensigns, Union Jacks, &c., were flaunting in the strong breeze at higher elevations. There were no less than three triumphal arches here, one at each entrance to the town, that near the church being the best. It was made of yew, relieved by branches of beech, &c., covered with reddish-brown and yellow leaves. At the entrance to the Town Hall a covered way of evergreens had been constructed so skilfully as to resemble a natural bower. The streets of St. John's were thronged by the people of the dale, all decked out in their most attractive attire, and the school children wearing on their breasts blue and white rosettes and the commemorative medals, which bore on the obverse a bust of Sir Joseph Pease, and on the reverse the inscription, "Wear Valley Extension Railway. First sod cut at St. John's, October 21st, 1893." The Stanhope and Allendale Volunteers were drawn up in the main street, under the command of Captain Bell, 1st V.B.N.F., the other officers present being Lieutenants Moore and Walton, of Allendale, and Lieutenant Downie, of Stanhope, and the non-commissioned officers, Acting Sergeant-Major Carr, and Sergeant-Instructors J Challons and T Chamberlin. The Weardale Brass Band and the Stanhope Saxhorn Band played various selections of inspiriting music, the cannons of the Lead Company, at New House, on a slope of the opposite hill, were booming forth, conversation was in progress among the many friends from different parts of the dale who were foregathering in the streets, happy bursts and ripples of laughter were heard on every hand, and altogether St. John's presented such a scene of animation and joyousness as is very seldom witnessed in that portion of the dale. The 1st V.B.N.F. marched from Cowshill (where there is a section of the corps), headed by the Weardale Band. Cowshill and the whole of the route were profusely decorated. At Wearhead was a beautiful arch with the inscription "Success to the Railway," and at Ireshope burn there were also arches.

THE HISTORY OF THE SCHEME.

From the present railway terminus at Stanhope right away westwards along the dale the whole country side was *en fete.* Every house and every cottage, whether clustered in little groups or standing in lonely isolation far up the slope of the hills, had done something in the shape of bunting. From Stanhope along the bottom of the valley there is a splendid road, the drive along it to St. John's being a little over eight miles. At nearly every village the road was covered by a triumphal arch, bearing a motto appropriate to the occasion, this display being augmented by flags hanging from trees and poles in front gardens, and by exceedingly pretty home-made bannerets, which must have cost an immense amount of trouble, as well as various other signs of festivity. So great seemed the desire of everybody to do the day justice that those who had not secured flags or banners had requisitioned such things as hearthrugs and gay pieces of carpeting. One effort in the latter direction was a huge woollen rug upon which there was portrayed a lion, in tremendously attractive hue, in the attitude known as "rampant."

The new line which is to be made will be about nine-and-a-half miles long single track, and will be an extension of the existing line which runs up the Wear Valley from Witton-le-Wear, through Wolsingham to Stanhope. Like this line, it will follow the river all the way, and it will terminate at Wearhead. There are no engineering difficulties in the way, the broad slices of meadow land on either side of the river forming a comparatively level track. The most costly work will be the bridge over the water, and those conveying public roads. The line in leaving Stanhope will go through Eastgate, Westgate, Daddry Shield, St. John's Chapel, and on to Wearhead. All these places, it will be understood, stand practically by the water side.

The story of the agitation over this line, the forming of a public committee, and afterwards the company to promote the Bill, are matters of recent history, and are well-known. The North-Eastern Railway Company subscribed liberally to the undertaking, and now take the enterprise under their big wings, and will make the line. There have been many previous attempts to tap the mineral and agricultural wealth of Upper Weardale by the superior means of a railway in the past, but they all failed. It is to be hoped that now no time will be lost in pushing on with the work, for it is much needed. Upper Weardale has suffered long and grievously for the want of such a link with the rest of the world as only a railway can give. The realisation of its treasures of lead, ironstone, and other minerals has always been hampered by the isolation of the place; indeed, if the present state of things had been prolonged many years ago, trade would have seemed in a fair way of dying out entirely. The joy at the prospect of increased trade of all kinds, not only on the part of the mineral owners and miners, but also of the agriculturalists, can be easily appreciated.

In looking round for someone to perform the inaugural ceremony of cutting the first sod, the choice of the local committee naturally fell on Sir Joseph Pease, Bart, M.P., member for the Barnard Castle Division, who has done great service in the matter of railway extension in Weardale. Besides befriending the scheme by defraying the cost of the initial survey, which was very ably carried out by Mr Lyall, of Darlington, he lent his valuable influence in the railway world to the scheme.

CUTTING THE SOD.

About half-past one o'clock, a procession was formed in Hood Street, in the following order, being marshalled by Police-Sergeant Clay:—The Weardale Band, the Volunteers, the Committee, Sir Joseph Pease and party, the Stanhope Band, the Oddfellows, and the general public, and a move was made towards the platform, which had been erected in a field between the church and the river, at the spot where the St. John's railway station is to be erected. The platform was decorated with flags, and a line of flags marked the direction in which the railway will run.

The following were invited to be present, and most of them witnessed the cutting of the sod:—Sir Joseph Pease, Bart., M.P., Mr John Dent-Dent, chairman of the North-Eastern Railway Company; Sir James Kitson, Mr J. A. Pease, M.P., Mrs Pease; Mrs John Thompson, Mr H. F. Pease, M.P., Mr A. de Bock Porter, Mr David Dale, Mr Lindsay Wood, Mr J. G. Swan, Alderman Livingstone, Mr C. Bainbridge, Mr J. W. Roddam, Mr T. H. Bainbridge, Mr J. A. Hildyard, Horsley Hall; Mr E. P. Hindyard, Mr G. S. Gibb, Mr W. Winter, Ecclesiastical Commissioners' agent; Mr W. Bell, Mr W. Smith, Mr J. B. Harper, Mr C. Jesper, Mr A. K. Butterworth, Mr J. Welburn, Mr W. J. Cudworth, Mr C. N. Wilkinson, Mr G. Hopkins, Weardale Lead Company; Mr E. R. Lyall, engineer; Mr E. E. Meek, solicitor, Wear Valley Extension Railway; Mr E. Hopkins; Mr J. Sanderson, superintendent permanent way, North Eastern Railway Company; Mr J. Walton, Saltburn; Mr J. M. Walton, Witton-le-Wear; Mr F. E. Fenwick, Mr T. H. Thompson, Mr W. Shaw, Mr W. Lyall, Mr H. P. Beever; Captain J. E. Rogerson, Croxdale; Mr J. Thompson, Weardale Lead Company; Mr J. Turner, Weardale Iron and Coal Company; Mr J. Allison; Mr F. Nattrass, Stockton; Mr A. Bolton, Nenthead Lead Mills; Mr T. Lowes, Mr R. Dalkin, Mr T. Coulthard, Mr J. Patterson; Mr G. Walton, Stockton; Mr F. Walton, Hartlepool; Mr J. Nattrass, Mr A. C. Graverley, Mr J. Teasdale, Mr J. B. Lowes, Mr T. Gibson, Mr J. Watson, Mr J. Robinson, Mr J. T. Carr, Mr T. Coulthard, Mr G. Coulthard, Mr J. Featherstone, Mr G. C. Lee, Mr Maxfield, Mr M. Joplin, and the Directing Committee, namely:—Dr Hewison, St. John's Chapel; Mr Josh. Harrison, Wearhead; Mr W. H. Featherstone, Ireshopeburn; Mr S. Watson, St. John's Chapel; Mr J. Watson, Daddry Shield; Mr Geo. Race, Westgate; Mr J. S. Freeman, Westgate; Mr W. M. Egglestone, Stanhope; Mr J. Thompson (secretary), Stanhope. In front of the platform there were gathered between two and three thousand people.

Dr HEWISON, chairman of the committee, in a few suitable remarks, presented the honourable baronet with a handsome and valuable silver spade, manufactured by Messrs Elkington and Co., Manchester, and inscribed:—"Wear Valley Extension Railway. Presented to Sir Joseph Whitwell Pease, Bart., M.P., by the directing committee, on behalf of the inhabitants of Weardale, on the occasion of his cutting the first sod at St. John's Chapel, Oct. 21, 1893."

SIR JOSEPH PEASE then cut the first sod, placed it in a barrow, wheeled it along a plank, topped it over, and brought the barrow back again in the orthodox fashion. A volley was now fired by the volunteers, and the news that the sod was cut re-echoed through the dale. Sir Joseph then addressed the mass of people, who cheered his remarks to the echo. He said he was pleased to perform such a ceremony as cutting the first sod with a spade which he would value, and hand down to his family as a record of an event which would ever be remembered by those present. He reviewed the position and extent of the North-Eastern Railway Company, and gave various statistics showing the value of the stock and plant, capital and return, and hoped that the railway, when made through the dale, which would become part of the North Eastern system, would prove a great boon to the dale. (Cheers.)

A vote of thanks having been accorded Sir Joseph, Mr Geo. Race in an appropriate speech on behalf of himself and his co-directors, presented to Mr J. Dent-Dent an address, illuminated by Messrs Mawson, Swan, and Co., Newcastle. The address, which was read by Mr J. Thompson, secretary to the committee, thanked the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company for the courtesy shown to the deputation sent from Weardale from time to time, and for the assistance given to the local committee in obtaining the Act of Parliament. The committee also thanked the North-Eastern Company for having undertaken the making and future working of the new railway.

Mr J. Dent-Dent replied in most suitable terms.

THE LUNCHEON.

Afterwards the party sat down to a luncheon, served up by Mr Bright, in the Town Hall, and presided over by Sir Joseph Pease, who was supported by Mr Dent, Sir James Kitson, Mr A. De Bock Porter, Mr H. Fell Pease, Mr A. E. Pease, Mr S. Hildyard, and other gentlemen who had accompanied the party.

The loyal toasts having been drunk, Mr C. A. Hildyard proposed "The Chairman and directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company," to which Mr Dent and Sir James Kitson replied. The latter gentleman said he had come to the dale with some misgivings as to the venture, but from what he had seen he should be able to assure his colleagues that there was a reasonable prospect of the development of the mineral wealth and agricultural interests of the dale. (Applause.)—The Chairman proposed "Success to the Weardale Valley Extension Railway," three cheers being given for the same.—Mr Porter proposed "The General Manager of the North-Eastern Railway Company and Engineers and other officers," to which Mr Gibb responded, and Mr J. A. Pease, M.P., proposed "The Lead and Iron Trades."—Mr George Hopkins, of the Weardale Lead Company, responded, and, in doing so, referred to the many difficulties their company had worked under, the principal being the low price of lead; but he was glad to state that several of the mines were now looking considerably more hopeful, which was good news, as they employed between seven and eight hundred men and boys. (Applause.) They had a large amount of carriage in and out, and whilst the proposed railway would be a benefit, they, on the other hand, would be good customers.—Mr J. W. Roddam proposed "The Ecclesiastical Commissioners," to which Mr Porter responded; and Mr G. Race proposed the chairman's health, which was given with cheers.

SIR JOSEPH, in a brief reply, announced that he had received a telegram from Mr David Dale expressing great regret that he was unable to be present.

The visitors then returned in conveyances to Stanhope, whence they proceeded home by special train. General festivities were indulged in during the evening at St. John's Chapel, the amusements provided including Punch and Judy shows, balloon ascents, and a grand display of fireworks.

In the morning, about 700 school children from the four schools between Westgate and Lanehead were entertained to a free tea, and each was presented with a medal, suspended from a blue ribbon, and bearing on the obverse a well-executed bust of Sir Joseph Pease, and on the reverse the inscription: "Wear Valley Extension Railway. First sod cut at St. John's Chapel, by Sir Joseph W. Pease, Bart., M.P., 21st October, 1893."

LETTER FROM SIR JOSEPH PEASE.

The following letter has just been received by Mr John Thompson, local committee secretary, and who has forwarded a copy to each member of the committee. No doubt many Weardale friends who journeyed from distant parts of the county to witness the sod-cutting will be glad to read the letter:—

Hutton Hall, Guisbrough, Yorks, Oct. 23, 1893.

MY DEAR SIR,—Would you oblige me by conveying to your local committee and to my other friends in Weardale how much I appreciate the kind reception given to my colleagues of the North Eastern Railway and to myself, on Saturday, and will you also assure them that I will treasure the beautiful spade, which now adorns my house, as a lasting momento of a very interesting day—a day which I trust is the beginning of better times for the good people of Weardale.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. PEASE.

John Thompson, Esq.

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THE MEDOMSLEY MYSTERY.

BODY OF THE MISSING HORSE-KEEPER FOUND.

SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY.

Mr Theodore Hoyle, city coroner, opened an inquest on Saturday, at the Dead House, St. Peter's, Newcastle, on the body of an unknown man who was found in the Tyne, near the Quayside, the same morning. The body was dressed in a dark-check tweed suit, laced boots, white flannel under-shirt, striped cotton shirt, and grey worsted stockings.

John Jordan, a Quayside labourer, living in Easten's lodging-house, Sandhill, said at seven o'clock that morning he was just above the Quayside passenger boat-landing, when he saw the body of deceased floating in the river. Witness and another man, named Joseph Stewart, got a boat and took the body to the Dead House. Deceased was apparently about 55 years of age. His face was disfigured, and he looked as though he had been from four to six weeks in the water. Witness could not give an opinion as to whether the disfiguration had taken place before or after death. He did not notice any marks of violence beyond that. Witness was present when the body was searched, and there was no valuables or money on him. The watch pocket was turned inside out, and one of the trouser pockets was torn.

The inquest was adjourned till next Saturday afternoon.

The body found was, on Sunday, identified as that of James Cant (55), horsekeeper at the Consett Iron Company's Derwent Pit, Medomsley, and who resided at Medomsley. It appears that on Saturday, 7th inst., Cant left home for Newcastle to go to Dr Gibb's surgery to procure medicine for his wife. He was last seen in the city between two and three o'clock, having left some friends who accompanied him at the Central Station, promising to meet them later on in the afternoon. After visiting Dr Gibb, however, the man's movements were enshrouded in mystery, and although for many days diligent search and inquiries were made, no trace could be found of his whereabouts. Mr Cant was well known in the Consett district, where many of his relatives and friends reside.

The body of Mr Cant was conveyed by road from Newcastle to Medomsley on Monday, and was interred in the village churchyard during the afternoon in the presence of a very large concourse of people. There is a growing suspicion amongst the friends and relatives that the deceased has been a victim of foulplay. He was a quiet and inoffensive person, and one not in the least likely to destroy himself.

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT CONSETT.

Our first words are of congratulation to Mr W. S. Davies (secretary), and the local committee of the North-Eastern Counties Friendly Societies' Convalescent Home, at Grange-over-Sands, for the success of the concert on Tuesday evening, in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the funds for the carrying on of this noble institution, which is situated in one of the most charming and picturesque spots of the lake district. It is superfluous to advocate the merits of such a home. Everyone knows the object the promoters have in view and we are not in the least surprised of the name of the institution becoming a household word. Who can tell of the joy that throbs within the heart of many a breast to-day throughout the North of England, when they think of their visit to Grange-over-Sands, and the benefit derived through their sojourn at the Home? What with the kind attention bestowed on them by the master and matron and the sweet balmy breezes, they were very soon speedily returned to their usual health, and are able to bear testimony to the good work carried on by Mr Jos. C. Lacey (president) and his energetic committee. In spite of the stoppage of the wheels of industry in the district, through the scarcity of the water supply, there was a large and appreciative audience present.

The programme for the evening's enjoyment was provided by the popular entertainer, Mr Lindon Travers, Sunderland, who was assisted by the following local *artistes:*—Miss Weaver, (soprano); Miss Harwood, (contralto), Consett; Mr J. Mathieson, (bass), and Mr C. Stelling, Blackhill.

The chair was occupied by Mr J. Lacey, president of the institution, who, in a short speech, explained the object of the concert, and also pointed out the benefits and advantages to be derived from the institution, and referred to the work he had voluntarily done in connection with the formation and management of the same. He stated that the home was worthy of support, and was pleased to see that the people of Consett appreciated the same. Their entertainer, Mr Travers, was a good friend to the institution, and the various medical characters in the Sunderland district. This year Mr Travers had once more proffered his assistance in giving a number of concerts so that the proceeds might be devoted to the home. (Cheers.) They required a certain sum of money every year, and a number of them had put their heads together, and were determined that such should be forthcoming, so that the rent of the Home might be defrayed voluntarily, and the working of the institution carried on satisfactorily. If members of Friendly Societies would only do their duty there would be no necessity to do this. It had been a fight to bring the institution to its present condition, and they were not going to abandon it now. (Applause.) In the past they had been able to defray all expenses, with the exception of the rent, and it was the latter they were concerned about, and they desired to have the same raised this year for the remainder of the period of the lease. (Applause.)

The concert commenced with a song "Rock'd in the cradle of the deep," by Mr Travers, and his singing was marked by all the grace and tenderness for which he is so much admired, with a superadded vigour that lent it an additional charm. Miss Weaver followed with "Darby and Joan," which was contributed in her usual style, to the satisfaction of all present. Miss Harwood's song "Auld Robin Gray" was magnificently given, and certainly shared the honours of the evening. Mr Mathieson's two songs "The Skipper" and "True till death," were given in grand form, and his singing of the same was such that nothing but the highest praise can be awarded to him. Miss Weaver also favoured with another song "Rippling Waves," and earned for herself loud applause. There was a feeling of enjoyment over the whole programme that could be better felt than defined. Mr Travers himself had also caught the prevailing honours, and although it was his first visit to Consett, there is no doubt he created a favourable impression. The first set of limelight views that were thrown upon the screen, and described by Mr Travers, were those of the Home and its work at Grange-over-Sands, glimpses of the surrounding scenery of the lake district, &c. The trip to the Cape, on board R.M.S. "Dunottar Castle," was really interesting, so were the sights of the World's Fair, Chicago. Mr Travers kept his audience in roars of laughter with his amusing stories, and ready wit. The six scenes depicting the loss of the warship "Victoria," gave those present a faint idea of the sad disaster, and many no doubt were glad when the same were removed from their sight. The treat of the evening was, however, whilst listening to the illustrated songs "The Village Blacksmith," and "The Little Hero," rendered by Mr Travers. In fact, there has been nothing like it before in this district. Mr Travers on each occasion was loudly applauded. The concert was concluded by the National Anthem. Mr C. Stelling officiated as accompanist.

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490m W. RAMSAY, Secretary.

DIPTON HARVEST FESTIVAL,

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, AT 10·30 A.M., 2·15 P.M., AND 6 P.M. (NOT 6·30.)

THE CONSETT SCIENCE AND ART COMMITTEE beg to announce that a FRENCH CLASS will be commenced on Monday, October 30th, at 6·30 p.m., in the Co-operative Society's Committee Room. TEACHER—MONS. TH. DEMANT, Newcastle. An ARITHMETIC and ALGEBRA CLASS will commence on the same date and time in the British Schools, and also EUCLID and MENSURATION on Thursday first. TEACHER—Mr S. RAYNER. 452m

BAPTIST CHAPEL, CONSETT.—SUNDAY First, HARVEST SERVICES. Monday Evening, FRUIT BANQUET. Revs W. H. Gorham, E. W. Jenkins, T. Durant. Vocal and Instrumental Music. Chairman, S. B. Burton, Esq. See Bills. 468m

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NOTICE.—THE FIRST SHOTLEY BRIDGE & DISTRICT 370TH STARR-BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY'S MEMBERS will hold an APPROPRIATION MEETING in the Sons of Temperance Hall, Blackhill, at 7·30 p.m., on the 29th November, 1893. All Members clear on the Books on the 14th November, 1893, will participate in the Ballot up to £600.
By Order,
D. ORMEROD, Chairman.
476m J. GIBRINSON, Secretary.

To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Lanchester, in the County of Durham, and to the Superintendent of Police of the West Division of Chester Ward, in the said County, and to all whom it may concern.

I, SAMUEL LEIGHTON, of Low Ousterley, in the said County, Innkeeper, Do HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the Special Sessions held for licensing purposes for the said West Division of Chester Ward, to be holden at the Justice Room, Lanchester, in the said County, on the 16th day of November next, for an Order of the Licensing Justices assembled at the said Special Sessions, declaring the Provisional Grant of Removal and Order of Confirmation to be final, in respect of the removal of a license, now in force and held by me at Low Ousterley, in the Division and County aforesaid, for the sale of all intoxicating liquors to be consumed on the premises, situate at Low Ousterley aforesaid, and known by the sign of the "Board", from the said licensed premises to premises recently contructed at Craghead, in the said Division and County, in accordance with the plans of which said Premises the provisional grant and order of confirmation were made for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of all intoxicating liquors by retail, to be consumed on the Premises. I will be the holder of the license of the recently constructed Premises. The Owners of the Premises, in respect of which the application is made, are:—George John Fenwick, of Craghead, Bournemouth, in the County of Hants, Esquire, and Henry Thomas Fenwick, a Captain in Her Majesty's Royal Horse Guards Blue.
Given under my hand this 24th day of October, 1893.
473m SAMUEL LEIGHTON.

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A MEETING OF RATEPAYERS will be held in Tanfield Church Vestry, on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1893, at Six p.m., to sanction the Payment to the Collector of a Burial Board Rate; to consider the expediency of having a Footway made from Mountsett to Lintz Green, and a New Highway from near the Black Horse Inn, Burnopfield, to the road near Busty Bank Mill.
451m JOSEPH WATSON, GEO. RIDLEY, } Overseers.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH PHRENOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION,

MR MORGAN.

Will continue his LECTURES NIGHTLY in the CO-OPERATIVE HALL, LOW WESTWOOD, up to Friday, November 3rd inclusive. Note—Each ADDRESS will be ILLUSTRATED by CHARACTER READINGS. Doors open at 7, to begin at 7·30 p.m. CONSULTATIONS at 21, Low Westwood, from 10 to 12 a.m., and 3 to 6·30 every day. 458m

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ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
SERVICES will be conducted in the Morning by MR. W. THWAITES, of Durham,
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A Solo will be Sung by Mrs. CATHERINE BELLAS-DRYDEN, entitled, "Calvary," (Rodney), and an Anthem by Choir and Band, entitled, "Behold I bring Him forth" (Brotherton).

Services to Commence at 10·30 a.m., and 6 p.m.

ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST,
THE

REV. W. G. BEARDMORE

OF LONDON.
Will PREACH at 3 p.m., and in the Evening will deliver his

POPULAR LECTURE:

"NOBLEMEN WITHOUT TITLES."

Chair to be taken at 7 by Mr JAMES PALLISER, of Blackhill.

At the close of the Lecture, a Silver Collection will be taken.

Proceeds in behalf of the Building Fund.

Sales by Auction.

By Mr J Vickers.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

MONDAY, Oct. 30th, 1893.—50 to 70 Dairy Cows; 20 Fat Cattle; 220 Fat Sheep and Lambs; 10 Store Cattle; 12 Calves.
Entries to day of Sale. Sale at 10·30 a.m.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

TOW LAW AUCTION MART.

NEXT SPECIAL SALE for STORE CATTLE and SHEEP, Thursday, November 9th, 1893. Early entries invited.
482m J. VICKERS, Auctioneer.

By Mr. William Raw.

Derwent Cote House, near Ebchester.

MR WILLIAM RAW, having been instructed by Mrs E. HEDLEY, who is removing from Derwent Cote House, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at her residence, on Wednesday, Nov. 8th, 1893, her valuable Household FURNITURE, comprising an Excellent Walnut Drawing-room Suite, in Silk Tapestry and Plush, of one Settee; 2 Easy Chairs; 3 Small Chairs, nearly new, with Loose Covers; 2 Draped Basket Chairs; 1 Basket Table, with Silk-worked Frill; Basket Flower Stand; 2 Small Work Tables; a very good Piano, from Collard and Collard, in beautiful Walnut Case; Music Stool.

DINING ROOM.—Brussels Carpet, with Border, 17ft. x 14ft. 6in., nearly new; Hearthrug to match; Steel-topped Fender; Ash-pan and Steel Fireirons; very good and handsome Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, 8ft. by 4ft., nearly new; Tapestry Tablecloth, 8ft. by 6ft., new; 1 Small Table, with Tapestry Cover; Velvet-covered Mantel Shelf, with worked front; 2 Beaded Footstools; Good Feather Bed.

BEDROOM.—Washstand and Dressing Table, with Marble Top; 3 Cane Chairs; Towel Rail; Folding Chair; Iron Tester Bedstead; Iron Bedstead; Iron Child's Bedstead, with Bed and Bedding; Washstand; Foot Bath; Water Can and Slop Pail; Kidderminster Carpet, 15ft. x 15ft; other Carpets and Oilcloth; 62 years of Unbound Cornhill Magazines; 13 years of Good Words, unbound; and a Quantity of valuable Books.

Large Kitchen Cupboard, 8ft. x 6ft.; good Kitchen Table, 6ft. x 3ft.; 3 Kitchen Chairs; 1 Arm Chair; Kitchen Fender and Fireirons; Clothes Horse; Short Steps; a number of Pictures; and a Lot of Fine Ornaments; a Steam Bath; Box, and Oilcloth; Tennis Set: Poles, Net, Marker, 1 Racquet, and 5 new Balls.

Derwent Cote House is on the main road, midway between Lintz Green and Ebchester Stations.
Sale to commence at 1·30 prompt.
Sale Office, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 464m

By Mr. George R. Hobson.

Front Street, Dipton.—Monday, November 6th, 1893

MR G. R. HOBSON is instructed by Mr JAMES SMITH, Photographer and General Dealer, who is removing, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place and date, a QUANTITY of Splendid Household FURNITURE and other GOODS.
Particulars in Posters.
Sale to commence at One p.m.
Sale Office, Catchgate, Lintz Green. 475m

By Messrs Green and Dowson.

Lanchester Auction Mart.

USUAL SALE of Cows, Fat Cattle, Sheep, and Store Cattle, on Monday, November 6th, 1893. Entries to
J. GREEN, Satley, Tow Law, R.S.O.

WILLIAM RAW, AUCTIONEER AND VALUER, Land, House, and Commission Agent. Auction Sales conducted with experience, ability, and care. Prompt Payments. Appointed by His Honour, Judge Meynell, to levy Distress for Rent under the New Law of Distress Amendment Act, 1888. Also, Architect and Surveyor. Plans for Houses Designed, and Building carried out for Convenience, Ease, and Comfort. Sale Office, Durham Road, Blackhill. 465m

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr John S. Murray.

ROYAL AUCTION MART, BENFIELDSIDE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 1893.
10 to 15 Fat Cattle.
150 Fat Sheep.
Veal and Keeping Calves.
Pork and Store Pigs.
A number of Dairy Cows and Heifers, including some very prime Ayrshire Heifers.
9 Stirks.
10 Fat Turkeys.
New Coup Cart, suitable for 15 h.h. Cob.
Ladders, Set Coup Cart Harness.
Poultry, and Sundries.
Sale at One o'clock prompt.
471m J. S. MURRAY, Auctioneer.

17, Park Road, Consett.—Freehold Dwelling-House.—Monday, October 30th, 1893.

MR J. S. MURRAY, favoured with a commission, will SELL BY AUCTION, at the Royal Hotel, Blackhill, on Monday, October 30th, 1893, at 7·30 p.m., the DWELLING-HOUSE, containing Seven Rooms, Scullery, Large Pantry, Self-contained Yard, and necessary Out-offices, Pleasantly and Conveniently Situated, 17, Park Road, containing on the Ground Floor, Commodious Kitchen, Sitting-room, and Entrance Hall, 3 Bed-rooms on the First Floor, and 2 Excellent Attic Bed-rooms, fit up regardless of expense, with Cupboards, &c., making a most comfortable Family Residence, and very convenient for respectable Boarders.
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Royal Auction Mart Sale Office, Benfieldside.

A SPECIAL SALE will be held on Saturday, November 11th, for STORE CATTLE and SCOTCH DAIRY COWS.
Entries solicited.
481m J. S. MURRAY.

JOHN SWINBURN MURRAY,
THE
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ROYAL AUCTION MART SALE OFFICE, BENFIELDSIDE.
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By Mr. John Crawford.

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

MR JOHN CRAWFORD is instructed to SELL at the above Rooms, on Monday, Nov. 6th, 1893, a large and Valuable Consignment of NEW and SECOND-HAND FURNITURE.
Sale to commence at One o'clock.
Anyone disposing of their Furniture can have it sold in the above Sale, or at any time, on application to the Auctioneer. 478m

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By Mr. John Lowes.

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

JOHN LOWES, instructed by Mrs. GEORGE TURNBULL, who is leaving the above Hotel, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the above place on Wednesday, November 8th, 1893, a large portion of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BAR UTENSILS, &c., Comprising:—Beautiful Walnut Sideboard, with Plate Glass Back; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; Mahogany Washstand and Dressing Tables; Painted Do.; Mahogany Chamber Pedestal; Mahogany Night Commode; Mahogany Desk Bed; Mahogany Cornice Poles; 2 Walnut What-nots, inlaid; Walnut Coal Box; Couch, in Leather; Dozen Birch Chairs; 16 Half-smoke Chairs; Mahogany Centre Table; Mahogany Side Table; Deal Tables; Mahogany Butler's Tray and Stand; about 22 Yards of Linoleum; Two Brussels Carpets; Two Hearthrugs to match; other Hearthrugs; large Assortment of Pictures; Sets of White and Gilt China; Decanters; Jugs; Ornaments; Large Mantel Mirror, in Gilt Frame, 4ft. 6in. high by 3ft. 6in. wide; Large Mantel Mirror, Black and Gold Frame, with Gold Panels, Hand Painted, and Bevelled Edges, 6ft. high by 4ft. wide; Swing Looking Glass; Basket Cradle; 2 Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses; Corner Cupboard; 2 Mantel Borders; 8 Zinc Blinds, with Brass Rods; a Large Assortment of Knives and Forks; 3 Cruet Stands; Large Bath; Shelving; Brackets; Stair Oilcloth; Door Mats, &c; 4 Spirit Jars; Bronze Inkstand; Shades and Blinds; a Set of 4 Beer Pumps; 40 Yards Lead Piping; Taps, &c; Two Step Ladders; Corn Bin; Pig Troughs; 80 Feet of Hose Piping; 2 Carriage Lamps; Saddle and Bridle; Harness; Sow, in Pig; Pony and Trap, &c.
Sale to commence at 12·30 prompt.
Sale Office, Rose Villa, Stanley. 464m

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Business Announcements.

THE CONSETT AND DISTRICT PERMANENT
BENEFIT BUILDING SOCIETY
W. Aynsley, Esq.
James Oliver, Esq. } Trustees.
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The next MEETING for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 6th November, and every Fortnight afterwards at the same time and place.
Loans received at 4 Per Cent. Interest, Repayable on 14 Days' Notice.

MOST MONEY LENT
On Silver Plate, Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, and other Precious Stones, Plated Goods Cutlery, Gems &c., &c., at
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Jack and Gill.—We cannot insert your communication, as you have not confirmed to our rule.

N. R. G.—The letter of Ralph Leighton renders the insertion of your letter unnecessary.

The Consett Guardian

FRIDAY, October 27th, 1893.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Incedo."]

THE DEATH OF MR NOBLE.

The death is announced this week of Mr James Noble, formerly of the official staff of the Consett Iron Company, and lately of Messrs Dorman, Long, and Co., Middlesbro'. The deceased gentleman was in the prime of life, having only reached the age of fifty-three. Mr Noble settled at Consett about the year 1882, and superintended the erection of the steel plant manufacture department of the works, when the Company decided to adapt their plant to meet the demand for the more ductile material. Since Mr Noble joined the staff of Messrs Dorman, Long, and Co., I have met him frequently on the occasion of my periodical visits to the Cleveland district, and judging from external appearances, he appeared to be as healthy and active as ever. The deceased gentleman was an expert in the line of life in which his lot was cast, and his early death will be much regretted by all who knew him.

IN ERROR.

Father Fortin errs in concluding that the adoption of the Notification Act by the local authorities implies that the Medical Officer of Health must himself stand sentinel at the door of every dwelling in which an infectious disease has found a billet. Such is not the scope nor rendering of the Act, the range of which is pretty clearly set forth in the term "notification." One of the salient advantages to be derived by the adoption of the Act is what might be termed centralisation in districts in which the act is adopted. Doctors are bound by statute to report to the Medical Officer of Health all cases coming under their notice, and hence the possibilities of the situation can at once be grasped. It is not the business of any physician to turn people out of an affected dwelling, the furthest they are expected to go being to counsel and expostulate—a line of procedure which the majority of them follow to the letter.

A PLAGUE OF RABBITS.

Extremes are sure to meet, and the state of affairs in the North-Western Durham district at present forms an apt illustration of the axiom. I refer to the dearth of water on the one hand, and the inroad, through excess of numbers, on the other of the rabbits within the jurisdiction of the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority. The proposed wire netting spoken of would form a very inefficient barrier to rabbits, when their skill in the art of excavating is taken into account. If the tenant of the land has the right to kill ground game it is rather remarkable that the rabbits should wax so great in number as to become a pest, considering their value in the market. However, that may be, the grievance is one that could be remedied without money and without price. Let the working men now going idle in the Consett district owing to the want of water for manufacturing purposes, be allowed the run of the rabbit preserves for a day or two, and depend upon it, it will be some time before the authority named will have cause to again deliberate as to how to get rid of the rabbits.

HOW THE AUSTRALIANS COPED WITH THE EVIL.

Apropos of the above note, many of my readers will remember that years ago large numbers of rabbits were shipped from this country to Australia, in which land they multiplied to such an alarming extent that they turned whole tracks of country into a veritable desert. Steps were at length taken by the Government to reduce their number, if not to extirpate them. How far the scheme adopted for the destruction of the rabbits succeeded, I am not at present in a position to say, the last I heard or read on the matter being that between 400 and 500 weasels had been caught in this country and conveyed abroad, to be let loose on the land infested with the rabbits. Personally, I should not have fancied sailing with the ship in which the weasels were on board. The stench arising from their bodies is enough to spread an epidemic, apart from the danger of any of them getting loose and finding their way to the throats of the passengers in the night. Weasels play great havoc in rabbit warrens. The lithe little creatures know by instinct where the vital parts are, and very soon drain the veins of their victims. A hare once dashed close past me with a weasel hanging from its throat; and I remember strolling in the country one day when my attention was attracted by a noise on the other side of a stone wall, and on looking over I saw a big rabbit struggling fearfully to shake off a weasel. The twain were rolling about in a death struggle, the rabbit squeaking and rolling over and over its enemy. I scrambled over the wall and ended the fatal attack, but not before the rabbit lay gasping its last gasp on the ground.

Local and District News.

CONSETT

Next month, the 8·45 p.m. from Crook to Tow Law on Saturdays will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The 8·15 p.m. from Durham to Newcastle (*via* Consett) will leave at 8·20.

Baptist Chapel.—The annual fruit banquet will be held on Monday first, for which, as usual, a good programme has been provided we trust there will be a good company present.

On Sunday, two sermons were preached—morning and evening—in the Consett Wesleyan Church, by Mr J. Robinson, of Coningsby. Large congregations were present.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of Conside and Knitsley, held in the New Town Hall, Consett, on Thursday sen'night, Mrs Elliott, assistant-overseer for Consett, was appointed collector of rates for the outlying portion of the township at a salary of £5

We understand that at the evening service in the Wesleyan Church, on Sunday next, which will be conducted by T. H. Bainbridge, Esq., J.P., of Newcastle, Mrs Catharine Bellas-Dryden will sing the solo, "Calvary," (Rodney), and the choir and band will also render the anthem, "Behold, I bring Him forth" (Brotherton).

Our readers will observe from an advertisement in this week's issue that the Consett Science and Art Committee have secured the services of Mons. Th. Demant, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to conduct a class in the French language. Our young friends, especially teachers in the various schools in our district, will undoubtedly appreciate this opportunity of learning the language from a Frenchman. The Committee are also commencing classes in arithmetic (commercial) algebra, euclid, and mensuration; these continuation classes will, we have no doubt, be well attended. Mr Samuel Rayner, is the teacher.

We understand that the pipes from the Shildon Reservoir are now laid to within 300 yards from the railway at Meeting Slack. These pipes are metal, but on reaching Meeting Slack they will be joined by 12in. fire-clay pipes which will be laid on to Smiddy Shaw Reservoir, and the water will be conveyed there by means of a pumping engine to be placed at Shildon Reservoir. There was only about 10 feet of water in the Consett Water Company's reservoir when visited yesterday. Some eight or ten men were busily engaged cleaning the peat moss out of the bottom of it, but there wants a good fence erected, and blockers put all the way round. Some gentlemen were busy surveying yesterday for a new reservoir to the west of Smiddy Shaw.

Theatre Royal.—*Muldoon's Pic-nic* is again with us this week, this time by Mr J. Cassidy's Company. They opened to a splendid house on Monday night, every available seat being occupied. Every member of this company is an artiste, and where all are so clever, it would be invidious to particularise, sufficient to say that all play well to each other, and the audience is kept in roars of laughter from start to finish. Those who enjoy a good laugh should not miss seeing the company at the Theatre this week. The attraction announced for next week is Miss Louise Brioli and her company in an historical drama by Brandon Ellis, entitled *Fair Rosamond*.

BLACKHILL.

Harvest festival services were held on Sunday, in the United Methodist Free Church, Park Road, Blackhill, and were conducted by Rev J. Pitchford, pastor.

It has been suggested that, in order to provide temporary employment for the men now out of work at Blackhill, the proper parties should commence making the road leading from the Billy Goat Farm, Blackfine, to the proposed new entrance of the Park.

Our readers will see by our advertising columns that the annual general meeting of the Shotley Bridge Floral and Horticultural Society is announced to be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th 1893.

St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers.—On Wednesday evening week, six members of the above society, rang on the bells 720 changes of College Single Minor, in 31 minutes. P. Reddington, 1; J. McPhillips, 2; P. Walls, 3; J. T. Dobson, 4; J. Walls, 5; A. Nichols, 6. Composed by Mr J. Fisher, of Ducklington, and conducted by Mr A. Nichols, and only appeared in the *Bell News* of Sept. 23rd, 1893.

Baptist Sunday-school.—The second of the winter series of band of hope meetings, in connection with the above school, was held in the school-room on Monday night, and the way in which the school was filled speaks well for the good work and interest taken in the cause. The chair was ably filled by Mr Hall, and the choir, under the leadership of Mr Sanderson, gave two pieces with great ability. Miss J. Stokoe and Miss E. Vince each rendered their solos well, and the dialogue, entitled, "Masters and Men" given in character, by Misses E. Robson and E. Wilson and Messrs H. Peacock R. Mason and W. Lamb, was also well appreciated, also Miss J. Hope's recitation. A most enjoyable evening was spent. Four pledges were taken.

Wesleyan Chapel.—The sewing meeting, in connection with this chapel, held a social supper and entertainment in the school-room, on Monday night last, the supper being provided by the bachelors of the society, who very gracefully attended to the wants of the numerous company who partook of the good things provided. A good programme of music was provided by Mr J. Bell; vocal music being rendered by Misses M. Davison, and Williams, and Mr W. Davison. Two violin solos were beautifully performed by Miss A. C. Harker, while Miss Harker accompanied on the piano. The choir and orchestral band rendered several pieces to the approval of the audience. Rev J. V. Sutton very ably presided, and Mr J. Davison acted as accompanist. The proceeds of the evening amounted to £7.

A committee meeting of the Blackhill Soup Kitchen, 1887, was held on Friday evening last, when it was decided that the balance—£7 18s 4d—lying in the Post Office Savings Bank in the names of George Reid and J. Dowson, and the balance the Jubilee Fund, per Mr John Dixon, £5 16s 5d, total £13 14s 9d, be handed over to the Workmen's Committee, on condition that the amount be spent in the Benfieldside district. The about amount was handed over to Messrs Smith and Lodge on Wednesday, and appears in their weekly list.

LANCHESTER.

At the Lanchester Police Court yesterday (Thursday)—before Mr E. W. E. Balleny—*Elizabeth Lewis*, a vagrant, was brought up by P.C. Robinson with begging at Malton Colliery, on the preceding day.—She was committed to 14 days' hard labour.

Death of Mr Thomas Rukin.—With deep regret we record the death of Mr Thomas Rukin, at Lanchester, on Saturday last. Mr Rukin came into this district near 50 years ago and was first employed as a grocer by Mr Baker, of Blackhill, who afterwards gave up business and entered the service of the Consett Iron Company, his assistant, Mr Rukin also going to that firm. For many years he resided at The Library, Blackhill, during which time his wife and himself were connected with the Wesleyan Church and Sunday-school, where they were both zealous workers. On retiring from his employment at the ironworks, they removed to Fen Hall, Lanchester, where his wife died between two and three years ago. Since the death of Mrs Rukin his health, never very robust, gradually declined. Nevertheless, by the exercise of great care and temperance, his life was prolonged to rather more than the alloted space—three score years and ten. His interment took place on Wednesday afternoon at Lanchester, where his remains were followed to the grave by many friends. The Rev F. W. Glyn read the service and officiated in a most efficient manner.

BIRTLEY.

Co-operative Conference.—On Saturday afternoon, a conference of delegates from the various co-operative societies in the North of England, took place at Birtley. A paper by Mr William Maxwell, on "The Relation of Employees to the Co-operative Movement: the mode to adopt to create a greater interest by the employees of the movement in its work and its advancement," was read by Mr Joseph English, of Birtley. A discussion followed. Tea was afterwards served in the hall, after which a magic-lantern entertainment was given by Mr English.

BURNOPFIELD.

On Saturday night, Oct. 14th, Mr James Troup, the organising secretary of the Newcastle and Gateshead Band of Hope Union, visited the Wesleyan band of hope at Burnopfield, and gave a very interesting and instructive address to the young folks. This band of hope, along with others in the district, is affiliated with the above-named Union, and Mr Troup being one of the "planned" speakers of the Union, kept his appointment, and illustrated his address by the analysis of the various kinds of flesh-forming foods in contrast with the analysis of alcoholic drinks, plainly demonstrating to his hearers the fallacy there is in the remark that beer and spirits are strengthening and good for food. Mr Isaac Richardson took the chair, and besides the illustrated address by Mr J. Troup, the programme was composed of songs and recitations by the band of hope members.—On Saturday night last, another of the Newcastle speakers, Mr George Whitfield, visited the Free Methodist band of hope meeting held in the school-room. A large and respectable audience congregated, and listened with keen interest while Mr Whitfield, by diagrams and experiments, showed that water is the only thing that quenches thirst, and that beer-drinkers really are the greatest of all water drinkers, inasmuch as beer contains 86 per cent. of water. But while the beer-drinker pays a high price for his water, the teetotallers of Burnopfield could go to the well in the village and get their's purer and without paying for it, as well as steering clear of all the bad effects of beer. A very enjoyable hour was spent, and the meeting was presided over by Mr James Purdy, of Byer Moor.

Ball.—On Friday evening, a ball was held in the National School, Burnopfield, and was largely attended. The music was provided by Mr F. Gregory. Sergt. Ramsey, T. A. V., officiated as M.C., while Mesdames Hope, Smith, and Hall, attended to the wants of the inner man.

DIPTON.

Wesleyan Chapel.—The young ladies of the above society at Dipton, are determined to have the preachers made comfortable. They have not exactly said so, but actions speak louder than words. They have just had a maiden's supper, (given by members and friends), presided over by the teachers and senior scholars of the Sunday-school, which, after a thorough enjoyable evening, was announced to have realised the handsome sum of £5, which is to purchase a new pulpit Bible, hymnbook, Bible cloth, carpet, and hassocks, to be presented to the trustees when the chapel alterations are completed.

WEARDALE.

Mushrooms are still plentiful in many parts of Weardale.

Primitive Methodist Missionary Services.—Special services were held at Rookhope, Stanhope, and Frosterley, on Sunday, under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist Missionary Society. The deputation was the Rev P. McPhail, of the Crook circuit, who preached at Stanhope on Sunday afternoon; and at Frosterley on Sunday night. The circuit ministers, Revs R. Walton and Geo. Chun, also took part in the services. Missionary meetings were held at Frosterley on Monday evening, and Stanhope on Tuesday evening, and were well attended.

STANHOPE.

Honey has been selling at 1s per lb at Stanhope.

The angling season in Weardale has been one of the worst known for years. The water for months has been extremely low and fine.

The influx of visitors into Weardale on Saturday, to the sod-cutting of the projected railway, was the greatest on record.

The Weather.—Delightful spring-like weather prevails in Weardale. Primroses, wallflowers, daisies, stocks, dahlias, roses, woodbine, and even whins are all in bloom, although the latter part of October.

Science Lecture.—A lecture was delivered in the Bank-room, Stanhope, on Tuesday evening, on "Health and Home", by F. C. Garrett, M.Sc., F.C.S., under the auspices of the Durham County Council Technical Education Scheme.

Two Cows Poisoned with Eating Paint.—Last week, some painters working at Park Head, Stanhope, left their paint pots, white lead and putty, standing by the railway side while at dinner. During their absence at the dinner-hour, two cows, belonging to Mr Joseph Littlefair, and Mr Wm. Liddle, came across the lead, putty, and paint, and eat a quantity of it. They both died in great agony. On being opened a quantity of paint was found in their stomachs. Mr Littlefair's cow was valued at £17, and Mr Liddle's at £8 or thereabouts. The cows were grazing on the moor close by, and as there was no fence, they easily got to the paint cans.

Death of a Well-Known Stanhope Builder.—Richardson Robinson, master builder, Stanhope, died on Sunday evening soon after 11 o'clock. Deceased was well-known in Weardale as a master builder, and was looked upon as a very intelligent and well informed man, considerably over the average of men, intellectually speaking. He was the father of Dr Wm. Robinson, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., and was in his 75th year.

Presentation.—The Rev G. Jepson, curate at Stanhope and Crawleyside, was presented on Monday evening with souvenirs and mementos of his sojourn among the people, by the Crawleyside Church Choir and his Stanhope Bible Class. Mr F. Batute made the presentations, which spoke not so much of their intrinsic value, but in regard to the esteem and respect in which he was held at Stanhope and Crawleyside as their curate. He is leaving for Lanchester. A very suitable and enjoyable evening was spent. He leaves Stanhope with the good wishes of many of his parishioners. Mr Jepson suitably replied, and spoke in felicitous terms of the kindly feeling existing between the people and him both at Crawleyside and Stanhope.

A class on Agriculture was opened at Stanhope this week. Mr I. Squire, of Frosterley, is the tutor. Another on Geology is taught by Mr Barker, of Frosterley. Classes on physiography are also taught by Mr T. D. Collingwood. There is now a splendid chance for the young.

BLACKHALL MILL.

Leek Show.—A leek show was held at Mr W. H. Stonehouse's Ship Inn, Blackhall Mill, on Saturday. There was a superb collection of vegetables, and the exhibition was highly patronised. Prizes:—1, pair of blankets, T Charlton; 2, pair of blankets, H Stewart; 3, pair of blankets, S Rudd; 4, dinner ware, T Jamieson. There were other 21 prizes. Special prizes:—1, set of dinner ware, T Charlton; 2, arm chair, W Laidler; 3, stand lamp, R Mason; 4, stand lamp, S Rudd. There were other 21 prizes.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Monday, at the Consett Police Court, Wm. Latimer, of Winlaton, was granted a theatrical license for the performance of stage plays at the Palace of Varieties, Annfield Plain.

Kyo School Board Election.—Since the publication of the nominations, Mr George Bullerwell has withdrawn his candidature. The polling takes place on Monday next.

CASTLESIDE.

Wesleyan Chapel.—On Wednesday afternoon, Rev. R. W. Bullerworth, superintendent minister, Consett, preached in the above chapel at Castleside, the special service being followed by a public tea, which was provided in the school-room. The edibles were given by leading members of the congregation. At night, Rev. Richard Roberts, D.D., of London, preached a most eloquent sermon from the words: "We shall see him as He is," (from St. John's Gospel.) There were large congregations on each occasion, the day's proceeds being in aid of the chapel trust funds.

PRUDHOE.

Under the auspices of the Prudhoe Liberal Association, Mr F. I. Crilly, of the Financial Reform Association, Liverpool, delivered an address in the National Schools, Prudhoe, on Tuesday night, no "The Labour Question." Mr Charles Spence presided, and there was a good attendance.

LOW WESTWOOD.

Phrenology.—At the Co-operative Hall, a large company assembled on Tuesday night, and listened with fixed attention to Mr N. Morgan's first lecture of a series of nine, on phrenology, which he is announced to give. After fulfilling this engagement, he will deliver a course of addresses in the Methodist Free Church School-room, Dipton, his object being to disseminate the principles of phrenology; and to describe its value and use to individuals, and the inhabitants of the country in general. He is imbued with the true missionary spirit, viz., to spread knowledge abroad and do good. He observes with sorrow that phrenology has not yet taken its true and very important position which it is destined to do; hence the exertion that he is now, as president of the British Phrenological Association, putting forth. His addresses are usually followed by character reading, in which art he is unrivalled for accuracy of description.

LANGLEY PARK.

Mr W. Short, manager of Langley Park branch of Annfield Plain Co-operative Store, thanks most heartily those who assisted in saving goods, and extinguishing fire.

SWALWELL.

Band of Hope.—The usual meeting of the above band of hope was held in the school-room, at Swalwell, on Monday night, when an address was delivered by the Rev Mr Tweddell, Primitive Methodist minister, of Blaydon. Songs, dialogues, and recitations were given in good style by a party from Scotswood. Mr M. Shield, of Scotswood, and formerly of Swalwell, presided.

HEDLEY HILL TERRACE.

Sons of Temperance.—On Saturday evening last, in connection with the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society of this place, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, presided over by Mr John Barron. The meeting was addressed by Mr Thos. Clough (general secretary) Bishop Auckland on "The principles and policy of the Order", and was delivered in a clear and pointed manner. Mr W. Smith, of Sunniside, sang two solos, which were well received. A ham and tongue supper followed immediately after the meeting, which was well patronized. The tables were attended to by Mrs J. G. Hughes and J. Johnson; Misses Elizabeth Thompson, M. Wilkinson, E. A. Hutchinson, and M. Westgarth.

WINLATON.

Primitive Methodist Band of Hope.—The opening meeting of the session of the above was held on Saturday night, in the Primative Methodist Chapel, when there was a large attendance. After a vigorous address by the chairman, Mr Wm. Maughan, Stargate, a pleasing porgramme of songs, recitations, &c., was given by Misses Munro and Sommerville, and Messrs Lawson, Riches, and Nicholson, with anthems by Strickland Street (Newcastle) Primitive Methodist choir. The entertainment, which is the first of a series to be held fortnightly, was appreciated.

RYTON-ON-TYNE.

Concert.—On Monday evening, in the Congregational Hall, Ryton, a concert was held under the auspices of the Tyneside Temperance Demonstration Society. There was a very large attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr Cocks, Ryton. An excellent programme was rendered by Miss Charlton (soprano), Mr Cook (baritone), Mr Johnson (tenor), Mr Pearson (violinist), Mr Brown (bass), Mr Fred Eerry (humourist). A musical sketch was rendered by Messrs Cocks, Middleton, and Jarvis. Miss Forrest, of South Shields, and Mrs Maughan, of Ryton, accompained on the piano.

Conservative Association.—The annual general meeting of this association was held on Thursday se'nnight in the Joiners' Arms Hotel, Ryton. Mr John Richardson occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance. The hon. secretary's report stated that the work of the association had been carried on satisfactorily during the past year. Also that 50 calendars, containing sketches of the village green and the president and chairman, had been distributed. The report was adopted. The treasurer's statement (which showed a small balance in favour of the association) was read and passed. The secretary then read a letter from the president (Hon C. A. Parsons) resigning, but after discussion it was agreed to ask him to reconsider his decision. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—Vice-presidents, Messrs A. M. Dunn, J. Hindmarsh, J. M. Baily, J. E. Joel, W. R. Lamb, T. Spencer, J. B. Simpson, R. M. Weeks, J. G. Weeks, and T. Atkison; chairman, Mr J. Bell, Simpson, J.P., C.C.; committee, Messrs J. Bailey, J. Buglass, J. Cummings, J. P. Dalton, W. Farr, E. Holmes, T. Moore, H. Quicke, J. Robinson, J. Richardson, G. Rochester, W. Rochester, S. Pedelty, C. Raisbeck, and J. Tweedy; hon. secretary, Mr Cecil Smith; hon. treasurer, Mr Joseph Maughan.

NOTES FROM STANLEY DISTRICT.

[By "Observer."]

SPIRITUALISM AND SPIRIT MEDIUMS EXPOSED.

The Rev T. Ashcroft delivered three lectures in the Co-operative Hall, West Pelton, recently on this subject.

INFIDELITY EXPOSED.

Mr George Wise, the anti-infidel lecturer, commenced a crusade at West Stanley, on Wednesday se'nnight, and continued his lectures each evening. On Sunday last, in the afternoon, a public discussion took place, subject: "Has man a soul?"—affirmative, Mr Wise; negative, Mr H. Nicholson, White-le-Head. Mr Wise is an efficient speaker, his language is plain and forcible, his arguments are adduced from facts, and he is well adopted for the sphere in which he is at present engaged. Many Christians will profit by his precise and interesting manner in replying to the most knotty problems which are put to him. I wish Mr Wise every success.

KIP HILL WESLEYAN METHODIST SOCIETY

Held their chapel anniversary on Saturday last, when Mr T. Campbell, of Sunderland, delivered his popular and interesting lecture, entitled, "J. B. Gough, the temperance orator." After the lecture a ham supper was provided. Mr Campbell preached twice on Sunday to very fair audiences. The whole of the services were calculated to prove very instructive to all classes. As a lecturer and preacher, Mr Campbell is a good specimen of the men so much needed to-day. He is an earnest, energetic, practical worker, and his services are very impressive throughout.

BAZAAR AT MEDOMSLEY.

On Saturday afternoon, a bazaar, which extended over two days, was opened in the Temperance Hall, Medomsley, in aid of the funds of the Bradley Cottages Primitive Methodist Chapel. The opening ceremony on the first day was performed by Mr Robert Brown, of Consett, and on Monday Mr G. T. Egglestone, also of Consett, opened the bazaar. Much interest was shown in the natural curiosities, lent by Mr Joseph Brown, of Consett, who has lately returned from Australia. They included snakes, snakes' eggs, lizards, guanas, tigar cats, flying fox, flying fish, emus' eggs, beetles, butterflies, shells, coral, and specimens of native work from Ceylon and Suez. Tea was provided in the afternoon, and each evening a concert was given: On Saturday, by Allendale Cottages Primitive Methodist choir, and on Monday, by Shotley Bridge Primitive Methodist choir. The bazaar was well patronised on Saturday. On Monday, Rev R. B. Hanley, after singing and prayer, briefly introduced Mr Eggestone to open the bazaar. He was accorded a hearty reception. He wished to congratulate his friends and the members of the Bradley Cottages Society for the courage and zeal they had shown in determining to have a more beautiful and commodious place wherein to worship. He thought that the places to worship God ought to be made as beautiful and attractive as possible. Were not the public-houses and such-like places in their towns beautiful to the highest degree to attract and allure the unwary, and was it not more essential that they should make their churches as beautiful and attractive as possible. Why they had to ask him to perform the opening ceremony he could not tell, he being practically a stranger to them. However, he might say that if a stranger to them he was not altogether a stranger to this class of work for the society that he was first associated with for many years, namely, Wolsingham (in the Crook district), and on leaving for Consett, the members and friends presented him with a life-sized photo of himself, by Messrs. Taylor on building their new chapel at Wolsingham, of which he was a trustee. On Wednesday, their first bazaar for the reduction of the debt, on December 31st, 1887, he was unanimously invited to open that bazaar, which was a success beyond anticipation. On New Year's day of 1890, he was placed in a similar position at Castleside, opening their sale of work there, which was equally successful. He trusted that this effort on the part of the Bradley friends might be crowned with abundant success, and that it would stimulate them to greater zeal and energy, that ere long the new chapel at Bradley Cottages would be an accomplished fact. In order that the ladies at the stalls, and the purchasers might get into actual business, he would pronounce the bazaar duly opened. The sales then began, provisions being supplied in the adjoining room. Votes of thanks were accorded, with acclamation, to the Chairman, choir leader, and Mr Brown for kindly exhibiting his curiosities, &c. The sales were continued till a late hour.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Annfieldite."]

ANNFIELD PLAIN PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.

Last Sunday afternoon and evening this church was favoured with a visit from Mr T. Swailes, of Newcastle, who preached two able and impressive sermons to good congregations. Collections were taken at each service on behalf of the Sunday-School fund.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FOUNDATION STONES.

The foundation stones for a new Primitive Methodist Sunday-school were laid by Mrs Fairley, Shafto House, Craghead, on behalf of the South Moor Colliery owners; Mr C. Graham, an old veteran in Primitive Methodism, laid another stone on behalf of the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Society, for which they had liberally subscribed. Other stones were laid by several friends of the cause. A public tea was held in the Colliery School-room, which was well attended. Addresses were given by Rev J. Hallam, Mr T. Pickering, and Mr H. C. Wood. The chair was occupied by Mr J. Green, of Stanley. The proceeds amounted to about £20.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Were held in the Collierley Church, on Thursday se'nnight. The vicar of Stanley preached an excellent sermon. There was a large company present, and the decorations were splendid. The services were continued on Sunday, when the South Derwent Prize Band attended the morning service, and processioned on their way to the church, discoursing sweet music. The sermons were conducted by the respected vicar (Rev J. Gornall), and his painstaking curate (Rev A. Dunn). The church was crowded to excess at the evening service.

KYO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

There is great commotion as the time draws near for the election. There are good candidates in the field to choose from and support.

PRESENTATIONS TO REV F. W. GLYN; OF LANCHESTER.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS.

On Friday last, the members of the Church Choir presented the vicar (Rev F. W. Glyn), with a stole on the occasion of his leaving the parish. The presentation was made by Mr Wm. Cumming, who, in a few appropriate words spoke of the kindly way in which Mr Glyn had always worked with the choir, and expressed the great regret felt by them at parting with so true a friend. The vicar responded in a most feeling speech, thanking the choir most heartily for their very good wishes and assuring them that he would always value their gift, not only as a remembrance of Lanchester, but also as a reminder of duty, (the stole being an emblem of servitude.) The proceedings then terminated. The stole which is a very handsome one, was purchased from the East Grimstead school of embroidery, St. Katherine's, 32, Queen Square, London, W.C.

On Sunday, Rev. F. W. Glyn, M.A.I.P., who for the past eight years has been vicar of Lanchester, preached his farewell sermons to large congregations, the church in the evening being crowded. At the outset, he said it was not his intention to preach a sentimental sermon, for the simple reason that he could not trust himself to do so. He very feelingly alluded to the eight years he had been amongst them, which had been very happy ones, and trusted that they would be as kind and forbearing to his successor as they had been to him. He said a great many improvements had taken place in their grand old church during the time he had been their Vicar, and he was happy to say all was free from debt. In concluding, he very feelingly bid them all a kind and affectionate farewell as their Vicar.

On Tuesday evening, a large company assembled in the school room for the purpose of presenting Mr and Mrs Glyn with a testimonial. Mr Edward Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr W. B. Van Haansbergen, J.P., Woodlands Hall, Consett; Mr E. W. E. Balleny, J.P., Littlegreencraft; Mr Thomas Taylor Smith, Broadwood Park; Mr J. R. Ritson, and Mr T. J. Forster, Burnhope; Mr George Wm. Hedley, Burnhopeside Hall; Mr Thomas Armstrong, and Mr Charles Armstrong, Newcastle; Mr Ralph Walton and Mr W. Brotherhood, churchwardens; Mr H. Oliver and Mr W. W. Thompson, sidesmen. Amongst the company present were noticed Mrs Edward Hedley, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Luke Armstrong, and Miss Maud Armstrong, Burnhopeside; Mr W. Dixon, The Lodge; Miss Balleny, Little Greencroft; Inspector and Mrs Daley, Mr and Mrs W. Cummings, Mrs Henry Oliver, Mrs Brotherhood, Mrs Brown, Mrs Parker, Mrs Towns, Mrs Isaac Waugh, Mrs Leybourne, and the Miss Wheldons, Miss Thompson, &c.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said doubtless they were all aware that they had met together that evening for the purpose of presenting Mr and Mrs Glyn with a suitable testimonial as they were about to leave the neighbourhood for the South of England, and to show to them the esteem they were held in by the people of Lanchester and district. For himself, he felt the parting very much indeed, as also did Mrs Hedley. During the time he had known Mr Glyn he had always found him a gentleman in every sense of the word, and Mrs Glyn a very sensible lady. Although it was only a fortnight since the four-and-twenty met in the vestry and formed themselves into a committee with Mrs Dixon, Burhopeside; Mrs Reed and Mrs Parker, Lanchester; for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, and did him the honour in electing him president of the committee, the money had come in so freely that they were able to purchase the beautiful presents they now saw before them, which consisted of a complete solid silver dinner set, each piece having the Glyn crest impressed upon thereon, and a gold and diamond bracelet for Mrs Glyn, supplied by the Goldsmith Company, Regent Street, London. He (the chairman) trusted that they would be long spared to use them, and he had no doubt, when they did so, they would remember them of the many kind friends they had left behind them at Lanchester. (Applause.)

Messrs. Van Haansbergen, Taylor-Smith, T. J. Forster, R. Walton, and W. Brotherhood each made a few appropriate remarks, after which

The Chairman said: In the name, and on behalf of the subscribers, he had very great pleasure in asking Mr and Mrs Glyn their acceptance of the same. (Loud applause.)

Miss Balleny then, on behalf of the members and associates of the Girls' Friendly Society, presented Mrs Glyn with a beautiful silver card tray, purchased from the establishment of Messrs Lister and Son, Newcastle, on which was engraved "Presented to Mrs Glyn, by the associates and members of the Girls' Friendly Society, Lanchester, as a token of their esteem, October, 1893."

Mr Glyn, who spoke with emotion, said that certainly was the most trying ordeal it had been his lot to go through, he was quite unable to express himself as he would wish, but when he said thank you, he meant it from the very bottom of his heart. Some people said that a clergyman's life was a very easy one, but he could assure them it was not so, but on the contrary, it was a very arduous and responsible office. He could himself say during the time he had been their vicar, he had tried to do his duty to the best of his heart, and if he had left undone anything he should have done, or done anything he should not have done, he asked God to forgive him. He felt it very much parting with so many kind friends, and kindly promised that if any of them would pay them a visit at their new home they should have a hearty welcome. (Applause.)

Mrs Glyn also returned thanks for the presents they had given her.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

We may add that the cost of the testimonial presents amounted to upwards of £100, and were on view in Mr Reid's shop window during Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Glyn leave for their new home in the South to-morrow (Saturday.)

The grouse season on the Weardale moors has been one of the best for years. Grouse has been numerous, healthy, and strong on the wing, and there has been excellent sport.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Fixtures (Saturday), Oct. 28th.

Dipton Wanderers v Willington Athletic, at Willington.
Blackhill Rovers v Tudhoe 2nd, at Blackhill.
Leadgate Park v Gateshead, at Leadgate.
Leadgate and District v Sunderland and District, at Dipton.
Consett Town v Langley Park Rovers, at Langley Park.
Consett Town Reserve v Hamsterley United, at Hamsterley.
Blackhill Park v Waterhouses Wanderers, at Blackhill.
Lintzford v Godfrey, at Heaton.
Burnopfield Temperance v Shotley Bridge Rovers, at Burnopfield.
Stanley St. Joseph's v South Moor Rovers, at Stanley.
East Castle Rovers v Allendale Park, at East Castle.
Oakey's Lilywhites v Byer Moor, at Stanley.
Oakey's Lilywhites 2nd v Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's 2nd, at Stanley.
Lintzford 2nd v Heaton 2nd, at Lintzford.
Lintzford Juniors v Leadgate Boys' Brigade, at Lintzford.
Waldridge White Star v Burnmoor, at Waldridge.
Lizzie Celtics v Consett Y.M.C.A., at Consett.
Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Leadgate Exiles Reserve, at Leadgate.
Esh True Blues v Shildon Y.M.F.S., at Shildon.
Consett Shamrocks v Leadgate United, at Leadgate.

LEADGATE PARK v. GATESHEAD.

This match will be played at Leadgate to-morrow. The Park team will be as follows:—Goal, A. Burnhope; backs, F. Foreman and W. Bell; half-backs, R. Wilson, J. Wilson (capt.), and T. Snowdon; forwards, R. Graham and C. Foreman, right wing; Jos. Wilson, centre; G. Wattsford and H. Wattsford, left wng. Kick-off at 3-30.

NOTES FROM CASTLESIDE.

[By "Castlesideite."]

The long-continued drought has at length come to an end. On Wednesday, a windstorm raged with great fury for some hours, and ended in a heavy downpour of rain, which would be welcomed by all—at least, by all the unemployed at the Consett Iron Works. At present things have a serious outlook.

The Technical Education and Continuation Schools' Committee meeting was held in the Board-room, on Friday night—Councillor T. J. Muse presiding. It was finally decided to commence night classes. Subjects: Arithmetic and writing; Mr T. Duckworth, teacher. Other subjects were left over for further consideration. It would be well for those who wish other subjects for study to give their names to the hon. secretary, Mr Jos. Proud.

The Baptist Church at Rowley held their annual fruit banquet on Saturday night. Addresses were given by Rev J. Charter, Messrs F. B. Raine and J. Peadon, the chair being occupied by Mr A. E. Turner. On Sunday, Rev J. Charter preached morning and evening. A collection in aid of the church funds was taken at each service.

There are special days in the lives of individual men and women, and also in churches. Wednesday was a special day at Castleside. The great London preacher, Rev Richard Roberts, paid a visit to our village, and preached at night in the Wesleyan Chapel to a large and spell-bound audience. The venerable divine took his text from the 1st Epistle of John, 3rd chapter, and 2nd verse—"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be," &c. In the afternoon, the Rev R. B. Butterworth, superintendent minister, preached. There was a supper at night, and a tea in the afternoon, which were well patronised.

Wednesday was a big day in the Primitive Methodist churches in the two northern districts—viz., Newcastle and Sunderland, and Stockton and Darlington, each district holding their choral festival, the former in the Town Hall, Newcastle, and the latter in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough. A great many left the village for the Middlesbro' festival, there being a cheap trip to the latter from Consett, via Rowley.

Saturday was a "red-letter day" in Weardale. I refer to the sod-cutting at St. John's Chapel for the Wear Valley railway extension. It was termed a royal day by some, which it undoubtedly was to many. It might justly be called "a gathering of the clans," for dalesmen and daleswomen were assembled there from all parts of England, and some from "far abroad." Families and friends met who had not met for years. There were many greetings, handshakings, and kisses, and also tears shed, when old friends met who had not exchanged words for years. The decorations were all that could be desired. One was reminded of passing along Grainger Street, Newcastle, when the Prince and Princess of Wales were in the northern metropolis, as we passed through Westgate, Daddryshields, and St. John's Chapel, the bunting was so complete in its arrangement. It was estimated that no less than 6,000 people assembled to witness Sir Joseph cut the first sod. Many villagers found their way to St. John's on Saturday

GREENCROFT SCHOOL BOARD.

The ordinary meeting of the above Board was held on Wednesday se'nnight, in the school-room, Catchgate. Members present—Messrs R. Mitchinson, H. Greener, A. Brown, P. Reay, W. Rutherford, and the clerk (Mr W. H. Ritson.)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

This being the first meeting after the election, the members proceeded to elect a chairman and vice-chairman. Mr R. Mitchinson was re-elected chairman, and Mr H. Greener vice-chairman.

THE MINUTES

were read and signed.

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

was good.

THE ATTENDANCE.

The head teacher reported the number of children on the books as 498; average attendance, 440. The school, as a whole, is in a good healthy condition, and the teachers are attending regularly to their work.

INCREASE OF SALARY WANTED.

An application was received from the treasurer to the Board, asking for an advance of salary. The matter was left over for further consideration.

SALARIES ADVANCED.

It was decided to advance the salaries of the certificated mistresses £5 each, this making up what it was agreed should be the standard wage for this class of teachers under the Board.

A SCALE OF WAGES.

A committee, consisting of Messrs H. Greener, W. Rutherford, and A. Brown, was appointed to draw up a scale of wages to be paid by the Board, and submit the same to the next meeting.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Consett Water Company relative to the water supplied to the schools and master's house.

THE NEW RATE.

The precept for the next half-year was signed for the sum of £270, being at the rate of 6d in the £, to be paid in two quarterly payments.

CONTINUATION CLASSES.

Arrangements were made for carrying on the evening continuation school. Classes are being held for reading, writing, arithmetic, mensuration, algebra, shorthand, needlework, scientific dress-making and dress-cutting; also a technical class for mine surveying. An effort is also being made to commence a tonic-sol-fa class, besides arrangements for a course of lectures to commence early in the new year. The lectures are expected to be on "Health and the home," by an able lecturer. The evening continuation classes are all free, books are found, and they are being fairly well attended. The dress-cutting, survey, and technical classes cannot be made free, but only a nominal sum is charged.

More desks are required for the Infant Department, and it was decided to purchase some with the latest improvements.

Cheques were signed for £80, leaving a balance at the bank of £170.

CHURCH BAZAAR AT BIRTLEY.

On Tuesday afternoon, a bazaar in aid of the building fund of a Parish Room and Church Institute for the village of Birtley, was opened in the Co-operative Hall, at that place. The hall was beautifully decorated in a variety of ways, the chief of which was the floral display made by Messrs O. Lamb, gardener to Mr Chas. Perkins, Gallow Hill, and J. Thompson, gardener to Mr F. S. Newall, Birtley Hall. The vicar of the parish (Rev R. C. Yeld) briefly introduced the proceedings by stating that they stood in much need of such a building as they proposed to erect. Their schools were only available in the evenings, but if they had their own place it would be available at all times. He was sorry to say that their architect had told him that the building, according to the plans now before the committee, would cost as least £800. Lady Rookwood has subscribed £5, and Mrs Sheppee had given a like sum. He hoped that the bazaar about to be opened by the Countess of Scarborough would be successful enough to warrant them in going with a good grace to the diocesan fund and kindred societies for aid; but until the parishioners had shown their willingness to aid, and their desire for such an institute they could not seek for outside aid. (Applause.)—The Countess of Scarborough then briefly declared the bazaar open.—On the motion of Mr F. S. Newall, J.P., seconded by Mr Hedley, a vote of thanks was accorded the Countess of Scarborough for her attendance.—During the afternoon a good sale was effected by the stall-holders. The bazaar was opened on Wednesday by the Countess of Ravensworth.

STOCK AUCTION MARTS.

Tow Law.—Mr J. Vickers had forward on Monday, 40 dairy cows and heifers, 30 fat cattle, 14 store cattle, 6 calves, and 280 fat sheep and lambs. Cows made up to £21 10s; fat cattle to £16 10s; store cattle to £5 10s; calves to 52s 6d. Fat half-bred ewes to 40s 6d, top—Colonel Blenkinsopp, Hoppyland Park; fat mule lambs to 28s, top—Colonel Blenkinsopp; fat black-faced wethers to 25s 6d, top—Mr J. Reid, Intake, Frosterley.

Benfieldside.—Mr Murray had forward at this mart on Monday, 16 fat cattle, which sold up to £16; 160 fat sheep and lambs; sheep to 41s, lambs to 29s. Calves to 13s. 19 store cattle, s. h. stirks to £4 7s 6d, black polled stirks to £4 10s. 5 pork pigs to £4 11s 6d, 15 small pigs from 15s to 31s. Geld cows to £6 15s. A large number of poultry, ladders, coup cart, and other miscellaneous lots were also disposed of. A number of cows and Ayrshire calving heifers were also forward; cows to £11, heifers to £10 each. There was only a small number of customers at the commencement of business, but they quickly increased, and the sale on the whole was fairly good, everything getting pretty well sold up; but the greater portion of the Consett Iron Works being idle, through the want of water, causes a certain amount of depression in the district.

CHESTER-LE-STREET AND DISTRICT NOTES.

[By "Wearsider."]

Gretna Green is not fashionable now, neither is the blacksmith and his besom; but marriage "a'yont the Tweed" has still it charms for some folk—at least, that is what the gossips hereabout say.

Mr Matthew Ironsides, son of the Kibblesworth centenarian, says he does not stand in need of a cow-byre this winter. His turnips are of such brobdinagian proportions that any one of them hollowed out will hold his sow.

Messrs Thompson and Son are making rapid progress with widening and straightening of Gray's Arch over the Cone. It is open to question whether the County Council Authorities have adopted the best possible plan for improving this bridge. Some very competent men say the existing structure should have been removed entirely, and replaced by a girder bridge.

Volunteer Intelligence.

5th V. B. D. L. I.—On Saturday afternoon, there was a good muster of first-class shots from the headquarters and western companies of the above corps at Bass Hill, Blaydon, to shoot for the marksmen's badges. Hythe first-class target and scoring. In the next stage—which is called the Defence Practice—the competitors fire two rounds, prone at 300 and 250 yards, two rounds kneeling at 200 and 150 yards, and two rounds standing at 100 yards. Lieut. A. Henderson was in command of the range, and the scores were kept by Sergt. Instructors E Urry and Nimmo. The following were successful:—

	700yds	800yds	D	Tot.
Corp. W March, Blaydon	17	15	16	48
Sergt. W V Shotton, Winlaton	16	14	16	46
Priv. E Adams, Blaydon	14	12	18	44
Corp. R Dick, Gateshead	12	15	16	43
Sergt. T Vallance, Blaydon	17	9	16	42

PRIZE SHOOTING AT CHESTER-LE-STREET.

The annual prize shooting of the E (Chester-le-Street) Company of the V. B. D. L. I. was held on Saturday, when upwards of £30, contributed by the gentry and tradesfolk of the district, was competed for by over 70 members of the company. The conditions regulating the competition were Hythe targets and scoring; ranges, 200 and 300 yards, H.P.S., 40. A strong right wind swept the range, and the scores were low. Sergeant-Instructor Clark and Sergeant R Finlay were in charge of the range and registers. Besides the prize-money Mr George Beveridge offered a special prize for the highest score, and for this Priv. R Armstrong and Priv. Jos. Walker tied three times before the former won with a bull's eye against his opponent's centre. Appended are the best scores:—Priv. R Armstrong, 34; Priv. Jos. Walker, 34; Corp. R Aiken, 33; Priv. R Walker, 33; Priv. T Henderson, 32; Priv. W Walker, 32; Sergt. W Lowther, 31; Sergt. R Finlay, 31; Sergt-Instructor Clark, 31; Priv. G Fish, 31; Corp. J Bousan, 30; Priv. D Proctor, 29; Priv. Jos. Thompson, 29; Corp. W Harle, 29; Priv. G Windmill, 28; Priv. A Wilson, 28; Priv. T Gleghorn, 27; Priv. P Waggott, 26; Priv. T Huntley, 26; Priv. T Birtley, 26; Priv. J W Brown, 26; Priv. Studham, 26; Priv. T Dawson, 25; Priv. A Lewis, 25; Priv J Witherspoon, 25; Priv. Edward Laverick, 25; Priv. Thomas Brownless, 24; Priv. T Wake, 24.

News from Epsom on Derby Day not only causes a thrill of intense interest among sporting men, but it causes a flutter of excitement throughout England, as many people take an interest in it who, on other occasions, have no sympathy with racing events. So it is in cases of illness; when strangers are the victims, we feel no anxiety, but when a friend or relative is stricken down, we await news of their progress with impatient suspense. Many letters of thanks are written daily by grateful friends, or the sufferers themselves, for the benefit received through Holloway's marvellous medicines. They have been a source of relief in almost every known complaint. The Pills give tone to the stomach, increase the appetite, and aid the digestion, whilst the Ointment, when absorbed into the pores, prevents disease from having a fatal influence upon the system.

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LEEK AND VEGETABLE SHOWS.

SWALWELL.

The first annual show in connection with the North of England Leek and Vegetable Society was held at the Crowley Hotel, Swalwell on Saturday afternoon. A good prize-list was issued, and in response a numerous entry was received, including many of the best growers in the district. The judges were Messrs William Spoor and Thomas Battensby, of Swalwell, and their awards were as follows:—

Best three leeks—Messrs W Gladstone, Robert Gardner, John Gladders, S Robson, and L Johnson.

Curled greens—Messrs J Brown, A Leybourne, and Wm Gladstone.

Red cabbage—Messrs J Battensby and A Thompson.

Savoy—Messrs J Lamb, H Cornish, and J Smith.

Three garden turnips—Messrs J Oxley, T Maughan, and W Gray.

Six kidney potatoes—Messrs Blackbird, J Shield, and G Harrison.

Six round potatoes—Messrs J Turner, J Gladders, and J Shield.

Three carrots—Messrs J Oxley, W Milburn, and C Mitchison.

Scotch cabbage—Messrs. James Johnson, J Cornish and James Wiley.

Beet-root—Messrs William Gray, W Gladstone and J Lamb.

Three parsnips—Messrs J Brown, Gladstone, "Billy the Painter."

Early cabbage—Messrs J Oxley, W Milburn, and R Allen.

Basket of vegetables—Messrs A Milburn, J Brown, T Maughan, and C Mitchison.

Three heads of celery—Messrs M Oxley, J Murray, J Turner, and J Shield.

Best loaf of home-made bread—Mrs Moorhouse, 1; Mrs Smith, 2; and Mrs Walker, 3.

The show, which was largely patronised during the evening, and was in every respect a success, closed on Monday night.

CONSETT.

One of the best leek shows seen in this locality was opened on Saturday, at Mrs E. Redshaw's, Commercial Hotel, Consett. There were no less than 27 entries, and a finer display could not have been wished for. The spacious room was beautifully decorated, and what with the display of vegetables, and the magnificent cases of stuffed birds and animals shown by Mr Edward Summerbell, Consett, it was really worth anyone's trouble to have inspected them. Those that did visit the exhibition were highly satisfied. There were 12 potatoes shown which weighed 17 lbs, and a Scotch cabbage, 19 lbs. For the admirable manner in which everything was arranged, the greatest credit is due to the landlady (Mrs Redshaw). The secretarial duties were discharged by Mr Geo. Lovett, Delves Lane. The judge was Mr Brewis, Tanfield Lea, and his decisions gave every satisfaction. Appended is the prize list:—1, Chas Surtees, Leadgate, blankets, 18s 6d; 2, R Surtees, Leadgate, blankets, 17s 6d; 3, Geo Lovett, Delves Lane, clock, 13s 6d; 4, T Milner, Leadgate, armchair, 12s 6d; 5, J Bell, Leadgate, blankets, 10s 6d; 6, J Atkinson, Delves Lane, teapot, 9s; 7, J Butcher, Leadgate, blankets, 8s 6d; 8, A Butcher, Leadgate, looking-glass, 8s 6d; 9, J Hutchinson, Allendale Cottages, table cloth, 8s 6d; 10, A Humble, Leadgate, hearthrug, 8s 6d; 11, Miss J Atkinson, Delves Lane, chamber set, 7s 6d; 12, A Charlton, Bradley Cottages, knives and forks, 7s 6d; 13, W Lovett, Delves Lane, pair of trousers, 7s 6d; 14, O Kimmers, Blackhill, tea service, 7s 6d; 15, C Lumley, Consett, table cloth, 7s; 16, J Marley, Leadgate, sheets and shirting, 7s; 17, Mrs Redshaw, Consett, timepiece and shirt, 7s; 18, S Humble, Leadgate, tablecloth, 7s; 19, J Patterson, Consett, quilt, 6s 11d; 20, T. Brown, Medomsley, lamp, 6s; 21, E Charlton, Leadgate, pan and steamer, 6s; 22, W Temperley, Broom Hill, shirt, 6s; 23, N Elsdon, Consett, sheets and shirt, 6s; 24, G Diamond, Templetown, shirting, 6s; 25, A Parker, Consett, silk handkerchief, 5s 6d; 26, D Martin, Consett Fell, shirt, 5s; 27, W Brown, Medomsley, gripe and spade, 5s.

Celery—J Atkinson, Delves Lane, sheets, 4s 6d.

Red cabbage—Geo. Lovett, 2s 6d.

LEADGATE.

On Saturday, an open leek show was held at the house of Mrs Jackson, Coach and Horses Inn, Leadgate. There were eleven stands set up for competition, and better leeks were never shown. The judge was Mr Wm. Hodgson, West Wylam. The prize leeks measured 33 by 17½, whilst the second and third came very near, being 30 by 17, and 29 by 16½ respectively. The room was prettily decorated. The duties of secretary were discharged by Mr G. Ledger, Dipton. Music was supplied by Messrs Fenwick and Ledger. The following are the awards:—1, G. Dixon, Prudhoe, 18s; 2, J. Pringle, Prudhoe, 15s; 3, J. Hall, West Pelton, 10s; 4, G. Dixon, Westwood, pair blankets; 5, W. Hall, West Pelton, quilt; 6, E. J. Wood, Consett, shirt; 7, H. Stewart, Westwood, sheet; 8, H. Bates, Kyo, lamp; 9, J. Smith, Leadgate, teapot and antimacassar; 10 J. Flemison, Dipton, shirting; 11, Mrs Jackson, Leadgate, shirt.

ANNFIELD PLAIN LEEK SHOW.

A successful exhibition of leeks was held at the house of Mr Wm. Taylor on Saturday week. The exhibits were a grand lot especially the three first stand. The honour of being first fell to the lot of the old veteran, Mr M. Bates, West Kyo. The task of judging was filled by Mr T. Battensby, Axwell, whose decisions gave every satisfaction. At the close of the show on Monday evening, a most harmonious night was spent, enlivened by songs and recitations from the members and visitors. Awards for 3 Leeks—1, M Bates, blankets and sheets, 25s; 2, J Brews, blankets, 20s; 3, S Smith, blankets, 14s 6d; 4, J Scott, chair, 12s 6d; 5, T Brewis, 9s; 6, John Robinson, Greencroft, shawl, 10s 3d; 7, W Ledger, shawl, 7s 11d; 8, J Hudson, dress, 7s 6d; 9, W Richardson, rug, 7s 11d; 10, F Armour, rug, 6s 9d; 11, H Bates, sheets, 5s 9d; 12, W Fawcett, shirt piece, 6s 9d; 13, R Holling, rug, 6s 6d; 14, J Scott, shirtpiece, 6s; 15, J Ward, shirtpiece, 5s 7½d; 16, J Milburn, shirtpiece, 5s 7½d; 17, J Wilson, pan and steamer, 5s; 18, John Wilson, Lanchester, tobacco, 6s; 19, Joseph Robinson, umbrella, 4s 11d; 20, G R Hobson, flannel, 5s; 21, T Pringle, sheets, 4s 8d; 22, Jocker Wilson, sheets, 4s 6d; 23, W Hunter, sheets, 4s 6d; 24, R Johnson, lamp, 6s 2d; 25, T Jewitt, shirtpiece, 4s 6d; 26, W Taylor, shawl 4s 4d; 27, G Ledger, calico, 3s 6d; 28, W Porter, spade and shovel, 5s; 29, J Stobart, shirt, 3s 7d; 30, R Robson, table cover, 3s 6d; 31, J F Robinson, saw, 3s 6d; 32, J Champney, umbrella, 3s 8d; 33, J Henderson, calico, 3s 6d; 34, T Porter, brass roller, 3s 6d; 35, M Snowdon, candlestick, 3s 6d; 36, F Thompson, brushes, 3s 6d; 37, G Bullerwell, calico, 3s 6d.

Hand bouquet—1, R Johnson; 2, J Robinson.

Vegetables, red cabbage, 1, J Scott; 2, T Jewitt. Savoy cabbage, 1, J Robinson; 2, J Scott. Scotch cabbage, 1, S Smith; 2, J Robinson. Cauliflower, 1, J Wilson; 2 W Ledger. Three Carrots, 1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward. Three Parsnips, 1, J Scott; 2, M Bates. Three Turnips, 1, J Robinson; 2, J Ward. Three Beet, 1, J Wilson; 2, W Hunter. Two Celery, 1, J Ward; 2, J Wilson.

WEST PELTON.

A successful leek show was held at Mr Edward Kennedy's Bird Inn, West Pelton. The quality of the thirty stands shown was first rate, and the competition close and keen throughout. Mr John Burke, Beamish, was judge, and his awards were as follows in the order named:—John Taylor, T Liddle, T Forster, T Young, J Hall, Wm. Hall, G Wilkinson, J Wilson, W Fletcher, T Robson, J Barker, T Alderson, E Elwood, W Hewison, W Hall, T Graham, G Trotter, J Simpson, J Elwood, G Scarr, A Corker, J Corker, J Kirkup, W Kirkup, J Fairley, T Scarr, J Scott, R Hewison, George Fairley.

NEWFIELD.

The annual leek show was held at Mr Harry Robson's Newfield Inn, near Chester le Street, when a prime lot of leeks were exhibited. Mr Mark Summers, Chester-le-Street, was judge, and his awards were in the order named:—Thomas Robson, John Everitt, George Birkett, George Bennett, Wm. Sillett, John Sillett, James Wilcox, Thomas Spedding, Dan Clasper, George Pinkney, G Walker, Thomas Bell, John Bell, Phillip Allen, John Welsh, Wm Miller, Michael Curry, Robert Owens, John Fairley, "Callistrate," Tom Henderson, Thomas Rule, Wm Weddell, Henry Tiplady, Harry Robson.

Cricket.

LANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB.

MARRIED v. SINGLE.

The above club wound up the season last Saturday with a most exciting match between the married and single members of the club, the result being a tie. Score:—

MARRIED.		SINGLE.	
J Kirtley b Smith	9	J Smith c Ross	5
J Ross c Brown	11	T Snaith c Wilson	0
M Brabban b Smith	13	G Hedley c Brabban	4
J Sinton b Jackson	5	H Parker c Hooper	0
J McHatton lbw b Snaith	4	C Armstrong c Hooper	29
E Hedley b Snaith	1	Capt Brown b Ross	16
J Thompson b Jackson	1	W Jackson b Ross	0
F Hooper c Parker	5	J Lowrey lbw b Ross	0
G W Wilson b Jackson	1	H Nicholson run out	0
J Massey b Jackson	2	R Hall b Kirtley	0
H Laidler not out	1	McHatton not out	0
Extras	9	Extras	8
Total	62	Total	62

BURNOPFIELD CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL SUPPER.

The members and friends of the above club held their annual supper, on Saturday night last, at the house of Mr J. Turnbull, Black Horse Inn, Burnopfield, when about 40 partook of the good things provided. The supper was of the most *recherche* description, and after the removal of the cloth, the chair was taken by Mr Wm. Braidford, jun., while Mr Abbott occupied the vice-chair.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "The trade of the district," to which Mr Adamson responded.

"Success to the Burnopfield Cricket Club" was next given by the Chairman, and responded to by Mr W. Charlton, who gave a short history of the club's doings during the past season. They had played 13 matches, of which six were won, four lost, and three drawn. The highest average scorer was George Robson, with an average of 18 runs per innings.

"The neighbouring clubs" was proposed by Mr R. Armstrong; "The patrons of the club" by Mr Adamson; "The ladies" by Mr Dawson; and "The host and hostess," to which the genial and worthy host appropriately made reply.

"Our next merry meeting" brought a most enjoyable gathering to a close. During the evening, songs were sung by Messrs Abbott, Hogarth, Lamb, Dawson, Pringle, Armstrong, G. Cooper, and Jefferson.

TO-MORROW'S FOOTBALL.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. TUDHOE 2nd.

This match will be played at Blackfine, when a good game should result. The following will represent the Rovers:—Full back, Thos. Elliott; three-quarter backs, E. Robson, J. Aitken, A. Dickinson, and J. Askew; half-backs, G. Smailes (capt.) and J. Brown; forwards, G. Sayers, J. Anderson, W. Brown, Geo. Aitken, A. Taylor, G. Hewitson, R. Stobbs, and A. McGhee. Reserve, J. Grant. Kick-off at 3 30 p.m. Referee, Mr Jos. Askew.

DURHAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT v. SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT.

This trial game will be played at Dipton. The local team will appear in the colours of the Hobson Wanderers. Up to the time of going to press we have heard of only two changes in the teams, Rafferty and Minns being unable to play, and their places will be taken by Dixon and Gilliard. The kick-off will take place at 2 30 prompt, and the following eleven will represent

Leadgate and District.—Goal, J. Crowther (Leadgate Park); backs, Newton (Axwell Rovers) and Wm. Mansell (Leadgate Park); half-backs, J. Robson (Leadgate Park), T. McGrachan (Leadgate Exiles), and J. McNeil (Hobson Wanderers); forwards, J. Dixon (Axwell Rovers) and J. T. Bell (Hobson Wanderers), right wing; I. Gilliard (Dipton Wanderers), centre; J. M. Maddison (Hobson Wanderers) and G. Simpson (Cornsay Rovers), left wing.

Referee, Mr C. L. Glover (Darlington).

MEDOMSLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday se'nnight, when there were present—Messrs John H. Morris (chairman), Rev Wm. Cockin, W. R. Cooke, R. Fenwick, J. W. Jamieson, W. Robinson; M. T. Milburn (attendance officer), and J. H. Coupland (deputy clerk.)

THE MINUTES

were read and confirmed, and afterwards signed by the chairman.

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

was read, and instructions were given.

The Clerk was ordered to write to the clerk to the Chopwell School Board, calling his attention to the attendance at Hamsterley Colliery School of children residing in their district.

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

The above were read and adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to order the requirements of the North of England School Furnishing Company.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement was examined and found correct, and ordered to be signed by the chairman.

FINANCE.

It was agreed that cheques be signed for the following amounts:—

	£	s	d
Salaries and wages	90	0	0
Porteus and Co.—books	2	15	0
Consett Water Co.—water	1	5	8
Reid, Sons, and Co.—stationery	1	17	10
Consett Iron Co.—coke	0	9	0
	£96	7	6

This was all the business of importance, and the Board adjourned.

FOUNDATION-STONE LAYING AT SOUTH MOOR.

The foundation-stones of a new Primitive Methodist school and chapel at South Moor (Stanley Circuit) were laid on Saturday last by Mrs Fairley, of Shafto House, on behalf of the South Moor Colliery Company (who generously gave the land for this place of worship), and also by Mr C. Graham, on behalf of the Annfield Plain Primitive Methodist Society. There was a good company present, including representatives from every place in the circuit. The following ministers were also in attendance, and took part in the service:—Revs J. Hallam, of Newcastle; R. B. Hanley, Consett; and T. Archer, circuit minister. The stone-laying ceremony having been concluded, the company made their way to the infants' school-room, where an excellent tea was provided. In the evening, a public meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, West Stanley, presided over by Mr J. Green, and addressed by Revs J. Hallam, M. T. Pickering, and T. Archer, and Mr C. Wood. The company was not large, but the speeches were excellent. The income for the day was as follows:—

	£	s	d
Mrs Fairley	5	0	0
Mr Graham (for the Annfield Plain Society)	5	0	0
Messrs Davidson and Bendle (architects)	2	2	0
Mr Davis (builder)	0	10	6
Mr J. Long	0	10	6
Miss McKay	0	10	0
Mr C. Wood	0	10	0
Collected at the stone-laying	4	3	3
Collected in the hall	2	6	3
Profit of tea	10	0	0
Promised by company	20	0	0
Total	£50	12	6

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

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THE ADVENTURES OF PERCY ADAMS.

A TALE FOR YOUNG MEN.

BY

TEMPEST BLANCH,

Author of "Our Hands have Met," &c.

CHAPTER XIV.

The Duel and the Souvenir.

Amongst other places, I visited during my few hours stay the Jardin des Tuileries, the Champs Elysees, and the Trocadero, but I had rather a long night, for, be it known, the gay people of Paris do not retire to rest at Sundown. They live very much for pleasures sake and, on Sundays especially do they appear to enjoy themselves, with their music and dancing, and horse racing.

I did return to my hotel, however, some time in the early part of the small hours but all the time I was haunted by the face of Ursula. Ever and anon I fancied I could hear her voice, "I'll miss you when you're gone." The cord between us, invisible though it is, is yet unbroken and to night it seems stronger than ever. I can see as it were through space those deep blue eyes, and feel the touch of that hand which thrills my blood and teaches me to forget that I have a separate will. Amidst all the perturbations of my soul there is a mysterious affinity which rides high upon the wings of the dreadful dawn, and it whispers with warm unctuous breath, "I am with thee unto the end."

Hark! I hear the clatter of many feet; the sound of voices; the ringing of bells and the shouts of the street hawker, and the sun is breaking forth upon the horizon and these signs of stirring life tell me that the morn has come!

A duel in France is a common occurrence, and when we are in Rome we must do as Rome does. Nevertheless, duelling is a species of cold-blooded manslaughter, but it is the modus operandi chosen by the impetuous scions of "Mirabeau of the Sansculottes," of Bailly and Lafayette. But when Lord Silverdon contemplates the approaching end be may, like Braddon's "Gerald," turn ingeniously at the eleventh hour from his mad resolve. Be that, however, as the gods decree: Percy Adams will not fail and for the honour of England and America he is now on his way to the battle field.

O, Adams "thou art obdurate, hard as steel" made of the stuff which we call English, tempered with the independence of America.

It is just five minutes to eleven and I am at Brudges with the man whom I have chosen and paid to be my second. I am unrelenting because I am going to fight for "Ursula's" sake. Two men are approaching—one is Silverdon, the other I assume his second; for, it is customary to have witnesses at such times—"direful" you will say if you are English, but "commonplace" if you are French.

"Now, Squire Silverdon," said I as he approached, "have you relented and chosen the better part?"

"Certainly not, sir, an Englishman never shows the white feather. I said I would fight a duel and I mean what I say.

Load the pistols gentlemen and fix our respective positions."

"Preesent genteelmens" muttered one of the Frenchmen, and then came the Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Silverdon falls back with a groan.

On my left side, just over my heart, I felt a sharp thud as if the bullet from my opponents pistol had caught against my ribs. I examined my vest and found a round small hole just over my watch pocket; then I pressed my finger into the hole and I felt something hard and warm. I dived my fingers into the pocket; and, then I remembered the old English penny which was placed there by Ursula's own hands. I drew it forth and found it grazed towards the outer edge. Sometimes it happens that we do not feel a severe cut or blemish for several seconds after we have received it—not until the blood rushes to the injured spot. I opened my vest and examined my side, and I saw that I had escaped without even a scar. The fact is the souvenir had turned the current of the bullet and I afterwards found it on the ground only about two yards distant from where I stood!!

Yes, the whispered words of Ursula "I will be with thee" are now realised. Ursula's penny undoubtedly saved my life.

But of Silverdon there is no such good report. I remembered that he was a noted "dead shot" amongst the party who came down to the Kremlyn Estates in September of each year, and whenever a covey of partridge rose under the nose of Silverdon's pointers, the young Squire could stand by with a grin broad enough to eclipse a full moon and let his London friends futilely bang away, and then, just as the covey made its final rise to get over a hedge, he would shoulder his gun and discharge a couple of barrels and bring down a brace. Still, a pistol is rather different: you cannot be so sure of your game at a distance. Nevertheless, the aim was a skilful one, as was evidenced by the mark upon the old coin.

However, incongruous a sportsman may be in his private modus vivendi: if he be the embodiment of moral darkness, or in other words, a scion of Brigham Young, he will be held up as a kind of phoenix by his followers in whatsoever sport he excels. Dundreary says birds of a feather fly all on one side. This is rather ridiculing the trite adage, so I will put it (less euphonistically perhaps but more incapable of misconstruction), I say "birds of one ilk flock together."

"Ah! sare, muttered my second; you haf bring ye blood—a really fine John Bull shot sare—very good.

I rushed to Squire Silverdon. I knew exactly where the ball would be found, and I therefore examined the fleshy part of the right shoulder where I aimed for knowing that the ball would be easily extracted here, and I found that it had entered the very spot I intended. "Now, Squire Silverdon," I said, "it was you who threw down the gauntlet, will you now tell me where I may find Ursula? If you will tell me I will have the bullet extracted, and you will be on the way to convalescence in an hour from now."

"Yes, Mr Adams, I will tell you. You're a thorough Englishman—you never even winced when I stood before you with that loaded pistol, and I really don't understand how I came to miss you, but I'm glad of it, for I aimed steadily for your heart. You, my good friend, shot at my shoulder the least dangerous place. Yes, I know you did, but I didn't deserve it. Well, now we are friends, and well Ursula is in London, probably at the Haymarket; I don't know exactly where, but you will easily find her if you communicate with Madame Zucoli.

What in London alone and going on the stage! Let us go back at once to the hotel and get a surgeon there; I am off by the next train for London.

Chapter XV.

Madame Zucoli.

The bullet was extracted and the wound dressed before I left Paris. I left for Calais by a fast train, thence by steamer to Dover, and on by rail to London.

I proceeded to the Haymarket and got the address of Madame Zucoli who, by the way, kept a kind of theatrical agency. I wired to her for the address of Ursula and received the following reply, which rather annoyed me; for it meant that I must wait until the following afternoon before I could see her. It ran thus:

"She will appear at rehearsal to-morrow afternoon at ——— Theatre, as the leading fairy."—Zucoli.

It was evident that Madame Zucoli was not to be caught with chaff. In the meantime, she might take steps to remove Ursula; that would depend upon what interest she had in her engagement, if any. At any rate there would be ample time to write to Ursula. I was the object of disconsolation. Another day lost and Uncle Adams at death's door. I spent the rest of the evening trotting about the Haymarket looking for Ursula and then, after rushing from one theatre to another (in a hansom cab) including Sullivan's and the Lyceum, I thought I'd just pop into Toole's and see John L. in Paul Pry. We had a most enjoyable time, but I felt that people were saying, "What an uneasy, restless, dispositioned man that is—seems to have lost something." "Perhaps he has come to watch his sweetheart, or his wife come in with someone else."

Not so, I am eagerly looking for Ursula, but I see her not.

I am disgusted with everything in London to-night, just because I have not found Ursula; so I repair to my hotel in the Strand, because to-morrow at three o'clock I hope to find her. Oh! Ursula, thine eyes are like doves' eyes, thy lips are like rubies. To-morrow, I shall know all!

CHAPTER XVI.

In Filmy Lace.

Next morning I rose with the lark, and breakfasted upon chops and tomatoes, with "cafe a la mode d' Hote." I then crossed over from the Strand to Piccadilly and down to Hyde Park corner. Here is the entrance to the famous Rotten Row—the place de rigueur in the London season, where ladies, rich and ugly; and beautiful but bankrupt debutantees, ride and drive, or lounge and gossip in barouches and broughams, with their armorial bearings, attended by powdered factotums in gorgeous livery. Sometimes the poor wayfarer—the envious creature of circumstances peeps in at the gateway and asks, "Why so much here and so little of the necessaries of life in our back street." Yes, there is enough and to spare in Hyde Park oft-times, but we seldom hear of the diffusion of the amount to spare." Oh, selfish vanity, thou hast devoured our desire to do good, and we have become wine-bibbers and harlots, whilst our own flesh and blood,—but one remove from kith and kin,—sons and daughters of Englishmen, are perishing by the wayside.

But wealth is not always the entrance gate to Paradise. What said Alexander the Great to the poor Greek philosopher, Diogenes, whose wit surpassed understanding? He said, "If I were not Alexander, I would be Diogenes. To be rich is good—only, if good comes of being rich. There is a fine sentiment in the appreciation of genius, but this sentiment did not touch the pocket of Alexander. Theoretical sympathy is a wonderful healer, but practical sympathy—that which touches the kernel of our pockets is more than a healer; it is the great sustainer so essential to the cold ship-wrecked voyager on life's rough sea.

It is not the professional beggar who fares worst it is the humble poor, the proud poor, whom we must find and feed.

After I had seen something of the gaiety and squalor; something of aestheticism and something of almost ubiquitous poverty, I remembered an invitation to dine with a friend at the Carlton Club, whither I drove post haste.

After luncheon, we adjourned to the smoke room; when, during a momentary lull of conversation, in which my friend Colonel Vivian scrutinised very closely a picture of a review of English soldiers, in the "Illustrated London News," I unintentionally muttered in my abstraction, "confound that Madame Zucoli," the which innovation brought an echo from my friend's lips, accompanied by a mischevious grin—"Madame Zucoli, eh? my dear boy, what has she been doing now?—an old hand at the game—ha, ha, ha!"

"My dear fellow, if you know anything about her speak!—out with it!"

"What's the matter, Adams, you seem excited all at once! Has some little canary friend of yours been entrapped?"

"Entrapped! what do you mean? I understand she prepares ladies for the stage. Of course I don't know for which branch of the profession—whether for variety, drama, opera, or merely as danseuses. The fact is, a country cousin of mine is supposed to be under her surveillance, and if you know anything about Madame Zucoli please to tell me without demur. I must be off in a few minutes—I see its two o'clock."

"Yes, my friend, she has had under probation some very handsome girls. Of course I must speak plainly if I am to be brief. She retains a considerable interest in these girls, and they eventually bring her high returns. They live perfectly sober and sometimes, virtuous lives for a time, then there are temptations; many admirers if the girl be pretty, amongst whom are young lords anxious to perpetuate the sowing of wild oats. In a word, my friend, you will be exceedingly fortunate if you find your [illegible] maiden, and lucky if you get her away without a scene."

"Well, Colonel, you seem to know something of the wiles of this wicked world, but I really thought the slave trade had been abolished. I have always had a suspicion of these agencies. An advertisement in a newspaper offering a berth on the stage at a high salary is very tempting bait to women; for, after all their love of gold is far greater than ours. I am glad, however, that you have put me on my guard—I must bid you adieu for the present—you will hear from me soon."

"Bonjour," my friend, and in the words of the rejected lover to Louisa in "My Sweetheart"—if you ever require a friend"—

"Ah, but strange to say, Colonel, I never do," said I.

"Never want a friend?"

No! the reason is, old fellow, "I am my uncle's heir."

"Ah, by jove, awfully lucky chap;" and he gave my hand a much heartier shake than he had intended. In another moment I was gone!

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Now, some theatre proprietor may be conjuring up in his own mind a tall, bony, Yankee-like individual, stealthily approaching his property near the haymarket with a pocket full of stones, ready to throw at his glass windows. To such a one, I say, be not afraid—I shall not divulge anything—not a word in this connection for which I may be sorry hereafter.

I found the theatre, and as it has recently been converted into a "A home for destitutes," my reader is not likely to find it in the vicinity of the haymarket "Big Ben" was just striking three when I confronted one of the attendants at the stage door. He was exceedingly courteous, as all men in such positions ought to be. I asked him to show me to a seat so that I could watch the rehearsal, as I had a friend appearing, and I wished to note progress. He rather hesitated as I expected, and talked of asking the manager, whereupon I placed something in the palm of his hand (which seemed to open automatically), and then all was easy.

If any warning had been received from Madame Zucoli, it was evident that he had not been apprised of the fact. So I took my seat and waited.

I had not long to wait, for the curtain was rung up almost immediately, and the opera, which reminded me of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe," although by no means up to this standard, was preceded by a laughable farce, called "The happy pair," in which the "Bear" took the place of the "forbear;" the young couple each desiring to be "both master and mistress."

There was nothing very farcical in this prelude, except that the egregiously silly, was heightened by absurd absurdities to the zenith of ridiculousness.

The bride's mother was a lecturer upon "Woman's rights," the principles of which she had inculcated upon her daughter from childhood with unswerving energy, and instilled it into her mind on the nuptial eve in a most exemplary manner by administering to her little husband," a summary thrashing, just to illustrate to her the practical enforcement of "Woman's rights."

These facts came out in the argumentative and querulous dialogue, but thank heaven the bride was not Ursula.

"The happy pair," made their exit; the orchestra struck up a catchy operatic air and three fairies "In flimsy white lace," almost immediately appeared before the footlights, bearing each in her right hand a magic wand, singing about an unknown land, "Where fairy forms do softly glide."

I sat breathlessly and eagerly watching my eyes strained to the uttermost; and then, I saw the eyes of the one in the centre turned towards me. A flash like that of lightning danced before my eyes, and all the powers of vision left me!—I was blind and senseless!!

(To be continued.)

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Football.

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

ASSOCIATION.

Spen Albion Juniors beat Wallsend Hope Villa by two goals to nil, after a pleasant game.

Stanley Athletic beat Chirton Star by five goals to one, on the latter's ground.

Frosterley Bible Class 2nd beat Bollihope Reserve by four goals to two, at Frosterley.

Annfield Plain Wanderers beat Burnhope Rovers 2nd by four goals to two, on the former's ground.

Blackhill St. Bede's defeated Westwood Red Stars, on the latter's ground, by two goals to one.

Burnopfield National School and Busty Bank Rising Stars played a draw of one goal each, on the former's ground.

Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers Reserve easily beat Esh Stars, on the former's ground, by eight goals to one.

Consett Fell Rangers 2nd beat Blackhill Park Juniors, on the ground of the former, by six goals to one.

Lanchester Rising Stars and Blackhill Swifts met at Lanchester, and after a quiet game the result was a draw, no goals being scored.

Cornsay Rising Rovers beat Langley Park Rising Stars by three goals to two, on the ground of the latter.

Hamsterley White Stars and Milkwell Burn Red Stars met on the former's ground, a rough game ending in a draw of one goal each.

Blackhill Royal Oaks 2nd v Consett Church Y.M.C.A.—Played on the former's ground, and ended in a draw of two goals each.

Tanfield Lea Cæsars v Tantobie Wanderers.—Played at Tantobie, and resulted in a victory for the Cæsars by six goals to one.

Lintzford Juniors v. Consett Shamrocks.—Played at Lintzford, a rather noisy game resulting in a draw of three goals each.

Consett Young Heroes v Blackfine Ramblers.—Played at Consett, and ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

Joicey's Square Rovers 2nd v Stanley Board School.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a very quarrelsome game resulted in a victory for the Rovers by three goals to nil.

Cornsay Rovers Reserve v Hedley Hill Terrace Rangers.—Played on the former's ground, and after a good game resulted in a win for the Rangers by two goals to nil.

Oakey's Lilywhites v Byer Moor.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a very pleasant game resulted in a victory for the Lilywhites by seven goals to nil.

Medomsley White Stars v Crookhall Wanderers.—Played on the former's ground. The Stars scored twice in the first half, and the Wanderers once in each half, a very fair game ending in a draw of two goals each.

Blackhill Park v Tow Law Wanderers.—Played on the latter's ground, and after a rather one-sided game resulted in a win for the Park by three goals to nil. The goals were scored by Lindsay, Smith, and Dempsey.

Collierley Board School v Leadgate National School.—Played on the latter's ground, and resulted in a win for the visitors by six goals to one. The Collierley team was:—Goal, Settrey; backs, Freek and Thornton; half-backs, Kelly, John Hodge, and Harrison; forwards, Hogg, J. Bowes, A. Platten, H. Robinson, and Coulthard.

Lanchester Harriers v Lizzie Celtics.—Played at Lanchester before a fair number of spectators. The home team faced the wind in the first half, and after some good play and sharp passing on both sides, the visitors scored. J. Hardy secured from a scrimmage, and cleverly equalised, the score being unaltered at half-time. On resuming, the Harriers pressed, but were repulsed, and some rough play was indulged in the visitors, but to no avail, as G. Rowe took the ball nearly the whole length of the field and shot a capital goal. Hardy and Rowe, after clever passing, were responsible for a third point, and the home team won their third successive match as under—

Harriers	Three goals
Celtics	One goal

Lintzford 2nd v High Heworth 2nd.—Played at Lintzford. The visitors won the toss, and played with a strong breeze at their backs. Play was very even for a few minutes, and then Heworth pressed and gained several corners, none of which were improved upon. Lintzford made several attempts, but were unable to break through the visitors' defence, and at the interval nothing had been scored. On resuming, the homesters completely bombarded the visitors' citadel, and scored in five minutes, and shortly after added their second point. Heworth rallied somewhat, and made a good run, but were easily repulsed by Taylor. The home team put on severe pressure, and scored twice, the result being—

Lintzford	Four goals
Heworth	Nil

Leadgate West End v Flint Hill Albion.—Played on the latter's ground. The visitors showed some neat passing in the first half, and came near scoring on several occasions. The Albion were awarded a free kick for hands, and scored their first goal soon after putting No. 2 through from a corner. With the wind at their backs in the second half, the visitors soon swarmed round the Albion goal, but the home team kept them at bay for close on 15 minutes. From a goal kick, West End scored, and quickly equalised from a scrimmage. The visitors continued to press, but could not manage to put on the winning point, Richardson (the home goalkeeper) stopping numerous warm shots. Result—

Albion	Two goals
West End	Two goals

Esh True Blues v Shildon Y.M.F.S.—Played at Esh before a good number of spectators. The home team won the toss, and played with the wind in their favour. The Blues at once attacked the Shildon goal, which was well defended for a long time, the home team only scoring once in the first half. On changing ends, the visitors expected to win very easily with the breeze at their backs, but the Blues had as much of the play as their opponents, and won a good game as under—

Esh	Three goals
Shildon	Two goals

The Esh team was as follows:—Goal, R Dunlop; backs, R Clark and J Short; half-backs, T Allsopp, J Trotter, and F Stephenson; forwards, C Jackson and W Rippon, right wing; E Cherrington, centre; R Nichol and Wm Pearce, left wing. Linesman, R Davey. Referee, Mr J Renwicks.

Waterhouses Wanderers v Tow Law Reserve.—Played on the former's ground. The Wanderers had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and scored two goals very quickly. This was the scoring before the interval, when the home team led by two goals to none. Tow Law took up the running on resuming, but found the Waterhouses backs in grand trim, and were a long time in scoring their first point. The home forwards pulled themselves together, and passing low managed to reach the visitor's goal, only to throw away an easy chance. Not to be denied, they soon returned, and the Wanderers' captain (Potts) notched No. 3. The visitors quickly followed with a second point, and the game finally resulted as under—

Wanderers	Three goals
Tow Law	Two goals

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's v Heaton Rovers Reserve.—Played on the former's ground. Heaton won the toss, and had the benefit of the strong wind. After some even play, the "Saints" forwards broke away, and from a piece of fine play P. McDermott scored with a splendid shot. The visitors now put on pressure, but were unable to pierce the good defence of the homesters, whose forwards made another splendid run, and Cullen shot a beautiful goal after some clever passing by Douglas, McDermott, and Grey. Half-time score—

Marley Hill	Two goals
Heaton	Nil

After a short rest, the game was resumed, and the home team ran the leather straight up, McDermott heading just past the post. The "Saints" had much the best of the game, time after time grazing the bar and uprights with good shots, but try as they would they could not break down the Rovers' defence, the backs and custodian playing a grand game. Heaton, who up to last Saturday had an unbeaten record, were unable to get through, and the result was—

Marley Hill	Two goals
Heaton	Nil

Lintzford v Gateshead St. Cuthbert's.—These teams met at Lintzford in a gale of wind, and before a good muster of spectators. Abbott (the home captain) lost the toss, and the "Saints" kicked off with the wind at their backs. A shot from Hunt was very cleverly stopped by Abbott. The homesters made a combined rush, and Swinburne sent out. From the goal kick, Richardson received and placed right in the goal-mouth, Ellerton clearing grandly. The visitors were awarded a corner, which proved fruitless; but they were not to be denied, and Sharp scored with a capital shot. The "Saints" tried hard to increase their total, but met a stubborn defence, and at half-time the score read—

Gateshead	One goal
Lintzford	One goal

Andrews re-started for the homesters, and the visitors' defence was taxed to the utmost, but they managed to keep their charge intact. A good run by Haswell and Hunt resulted in the latter sending past. Quinn and Swinburne made a capital run, but shot past, and shortly after a grand centre by Quinn enabled Walton to make the scores equal. Each team now pressed in turn, the homesters having slightly the best of the exchanges. In saving Laws conceded a corner, which was grandly placed by Quinn, but Ellerton cleared in good style. Final result—

Gateshead	One goal
Lintzford	One goal

The Lintzford team was—Goal, T. Smith; backs, R. Abbott (capt.) and T. Colledge; half-backs, W. Nixon, J. Weightman, and W. Richardson; forwards, M. Swinburn and Quinn, right wing; Jos. Andrews, centre; T. Walton and Jas. Andrews, left wing.

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

SECOND ROUND.

LEADGATE PARK v. TANFIELD LEA.

This tie should have been played at Leadgate, but as the visitors had not turned up three-quarters-of-an-hour after the time fixed for the kick-off (2·30), the referee (Mr A. Tuson, Dipton) ordered the home team to kick a goal, and awarded them the match. Tanfield Lea arrived afterwards, and a friendly game was played. The Park had matters all their own way, and scored 13 goals, but 11 of these were disallowed for off-side. Final result—

Park	Two goals
Tanfield Lea	Nil

LEADGATE EXILES v. OUSTON INSTITUTE.

The above teams met on the Exiles' ground. The homesters made rings round their opponents, and appeared able to score when they liked. A very one-sided game ended as under—

Exiles	Twelve goals
Ouston	Nil

The following team represented the Exiles:—Goal, J. O'Neil; backs, J. Haggan and Wm. McGee; half-backs, B. Rogers, T. McGrachan, and J. Monaghan (capt.); forwards, Wm. McKie and Jas. McGee, right wing; J. Hill, centre; H. Callaghan and T. Conroy, left wing.

HOBSON WANDERERS v. AXWELL ROVERS (SWALWELL.)

The above teams met on the former's ground to play off their tie. There was a large number of spectators present, about 200 travelling from Swalwell to witness the game. The home team won the toss, and elected to defend the south goal, thus having the slope and wind in their favour. Minns kicked off, and put to Hackett, who ran up, only to be dispossessed by Smith, who returned well down the field, and the Wanderers sent in shot after shot, but Newton and Briggs were in grand form, and defended well. At length McNeil scored No. 1 for the Hobson from a corner, 15 minutes from the start. The Rovers rushed up, but the wind drove the ball back, and the home team added two more goals before half-time, when the score stood as under—

Wanderers	Three goals
Rovers	Nil

On resuming, the Rovers were soon bombarding the home goal. Minns headed No. 1 from a corner, and this was soon followed by another from Dixon. At this time McNeil, Smith, and the brothers Henderson were playing a grand defensive game, but the Rovers were not to be denied. R. Bruce beat Keith, while soon after Hepple sent in, but the ball bounced over the bar. The visitors got a free kick for a foul off Henderson, but Newton sent through without the ball touching anyone. Then Hepple sent in a beauty quite out of the reach of Keith, this being the winning goal. Mr J. Ross, jun., acted as referee, and gave his decisions in a fair and honest manner. The final result was—

Rovers	Four goals
Wanderers	Three goals

The Wanderers' team was:—Goal, W. Keith; backs, E. Henderson and W. Henderson; half-backs, J. McNeil (capt.), W. Liddle, and M. Smith; forwards, W. Hindhaugh and J. T. Leadbitter, right wing; J. T. Bell, centre; A. Lown and J. M. Maddison, left wing. Linesman, Thos. Amos. The Rovers' team was:—Goal, J. Snaith; backs, J. Newton and M. Burn; half-backs, R. Hepple, R. Bruce, and J. Bruce; forwards, J. Dixon (capt.), J. Briggs, T. Minns, P. Hackett, and T. Shield.

CONSETT v. CORNSAY ROVERS.

This tie was played at Consett before a good gate. A very strong wind was blowing towards the entrance goal, and as Cornsay won the toss, Consett were soon placed on the defensive. The home team commenced with ten men, and the Rovers very quickly scored. Rafferty then arrived, and Consett played up better, but the visitors again scored. M. Eustace then made two splendid runs half the length of the field, but failed to score. Cornsay came again, and from a run up the left they added No. 3. Nothing further was done up to half-time, when the record stood—

Cornsay	Three goals
Consett	Nil

In the second half, both teams pressed alternately, and it was not until about 20 minutes had passed that A. Eustace placed the leather past McDermott. This success encouraged the homesters, and urged on by their supporters they again scored, A. Eustace doing the trick. Another goal soon came, the centre forward once more doing the needful. The monotony was relieved by a few runs on the part of the Cornsay left wing, Kidd being most prominent. When time was called the result was—

Consett	Three goals
Cornsay	Three goals

An extra ten minutes each way was ordered to be played, but the visitors failed to score in the initial period. With the wind at their backs, Rafferty got through for the home team in the first minute, and McKie followed with another two minutes afterwards. This concluded the scoring, and an exceedingly hard game ended as under—

Consett	Five goals
Cornsay	Three goals

The following team did duty for Consett:—Goal, J. Winter; backs, T. Skelton and R. Harkness (capt.); half-backs, R. Wake, Geo. Eustace, and J. Allison; forwards, P. Rafferty and B McKie, right wing; A. Eustace, centre; M. Eustace and J. Adams, left wing. Cornsay team—Goal, J. McDermott; backs, E. Clark and G. Simpson (capt.); half-backs, G. Sargent, M. Boddiner, and E. Hendy; forwards, R. Walker and J. W. Sargent, right wing; J. Aston, centre; J. Kidd and Hardy, left wing. Referee, Mr A. Little, Leadgate.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE.

DIPTON WANDERERS v. RENDEL.

The above teams met at Dipton to play off their fixture in the Northern Alliance. The weather was not favourable for football, a strong breeze blowing. Notwithstanding, a large company assembled to witness the game, fully 1,200 spectators lining the ropes. The visitors made two changes in their advertised team, Jackman going outside right and McGinn outside left. Dipton played the same team as advertised, which was a fairly strong one. Rendel, fresh from their victory over Shankhouse by five goals to one, were confident of lowering the colours of the home team. The spin of the coin having favoured Rendel, Campbell elected to play with the wind in his favour, and punctually to time Evans kicked off for Dipton, and the forwards combining splendidly soon made tracks for the Rendel goal. Campbell relieved, play being transferred to the other end, and Freek was called on to save his charge, which he did in good style. The visitors were now having the best of matters, which was not to be wondered at considering the wind, and after seven minutes' play Rendel succeeded in scoring their first goal, Wood beating Freek with a good shot. From the centre kick, the Wanderers got well up the field, and Campbell once more relieved. Rowell, Turpin, and Freek had a warm time of it, but the defence was excellent, and it was not till the game was 25 minutes in progress that they could again defeat Freek, Jackman heading through No. 2. The home team now began to play in their old style, and Evans, Walker, and Hunter took the leather to the top end, Walker just missing scoring with a good shot, the ball grazing the cross-bar. Immediately afterwards Evans raced away up the field, and eluding the backs was most unfortunate in not scoring, as when he had the goal at his mercy, Bell (Rendel) deliberately tripped him. From now till half-time the visitors pressed, but could not again break through the defence of the Wanderers, which was excellent, and the interval arrived with the score—

Rendel	Two goals
Dipton	Nil

On re-commencing, the visitors went away with a rush, but were pulled up by Turpin, and aided by the wind the homesters were soon swarming round the Rendel goal, and from a splendid centre by Harle, Evans scored the first point for Dipton. From the centre kick, the Wanderers once more came down in a body, and the defence of the Newcastle men was taxed to the utmost. After a few warm scrimmages in front of goal, Evans rushed both ball and custodian into the net, making the scores equal. Not to be denied, Rendel once more went up the field, and Rowell conceded a corner, which proved fruitless. Again the Dipton forwards came down, and Bell conceded a corner, which was nicely placed, but Rendel cleared, only for the globe to be returned, and Hunter getting possession registered the third goal for the Wanderers with a swift low shot. The visitors were not yet done with, and once more they got into the home quarters, Freek having to save a hot shot from Jackman. Gilliard and Harle now got possession and raced away down the field, Gilliard cadging the goalkeeper to handle. The Wanderers were now pressing severely, and after Forster had saved one from Hunter, Buck scored with a good shot. The game was now practically over, as the home team, who were playing admirably, had the issue in safe keeping. Rendel did all they knew to reduce the balance against them, but they could not succeed, and the Wanderers once more began to trouble the visitors' goalkeeper, and about seven minutes from time they succeeded in bringing about the downfall of the Rendel citadel for the fifth time, Evans breasting the ball through. During the tussle in front of goal the custodian was injured, and the game was stopped for a short time. Afterwards, the home team were continually shooting at goal, but could not add to their score, and the result of a most interesting game was—

Dipton	Five goals
Rendel	Two goals

The Wanderers were represented by the following team:—Goal, R. Freek; backs, T. Turpin and T. Rowell (capt.); half-backs, J. Bell, E. Buck, and R. Coates; forwards, F. Harle and I. Gilliard, right wing; W. Evans, centre; T. Walker and J. Hunter, left wing. Linesman, T. Swinback. Referee, Mr Cunningham, Southwick.

RUGBY.

BLACKHILL ROVERS v. HOUGHTON.

Played at Houghton-le-Spring before a large assemblage of spectators. The home team won the toss, and Anderson kicked off for the Rovers against the wind, Houghell returning well, and the first "scrum" took place in the visitors' "25." The Rovers carried the scrummage and broke away to midfield. From a throw out the visitors' backs got possession, and took play to the home line, Askew having hard lines in not scoring, Clark pulling him up in the nick of time, and a minor only resulted. From the drop out, play ruled in midfield for a while, the backs on both sides trying hard to get away, and eventually Bell kicked well into touch near the visitors' line. The Rovers broke away and again reached the other end, Clark relieving with a good punt. Aitken received, but was collared, and the Blackhill forwards got in some strong rushes. The home team at last reached the other end, and Aitken being grassed close on the line, Johnson picked up and got over, Clark landing a goal. Fast play followed, and Wheatley getting away brushed aside the full back and scored, Clark again converting. The Rovers now pressed, and after some good passing by the forwards, Taylor got in under the posts, Robson failing to convert. Even play ensued till half-time, when the record was—

Houghton	Two goals
Rovers	One try

On resuming, the home team put well into touch in the visitors' "25." From the throw out, the Rovers' backs cleared, and the forwards racing away were soon attacking, Houghton having to touch down on three occasions to save. The Rovers screwed a scrummage, and with a good rush Smailes got over, the try being disallowed. The home team, by good kicking, managed to reach the visitors' "25," where Thompson kicked over the dead ball line, but owing to a collision between Elliot and Gilliard, the referee allowed a try for obstruction, the place kick failing. The Rovers soon after carried a scrummage, and went away with a strong rush, Stobbs dribbling over, but was fouled when in the act of grounding the ball. The visitors still maintained the pressure, and Smailes got over, Robson landing a goal. Result—

Houghton	Two goals, one try (13 points)
Rovers	One goal, one try (seven points)

Referee, Mr R. Parnaby.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

[By "Off-side."]

GOOD OLD DIPTON!

The Wanderers are noted for bringing off surprises and on Saturday last they added another to the list. They have accomplished many grand performances in their time, but it is doubtful if they have ever been responsible for a more meritorious achievement than in the match under notice, for it was indeed a remarkable and altogether unexpected sight to their supporters to see the plucky Wanderers thrashing the much-vaunted Rendel team in such handsome fashion. Even the most sanguine of the Dipton supporters had their doubts as to the ultimate result, and the score at the finish came as an extremely agreeable surprise. Rendel have been carrying all before them of late, and they were thoroughly taken aback at their decisive reverse.

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As may be imagined, the Wanderers were in grand form, and to single any out for special mention savours somewhat of injustice. However, I must say that Freek kept goal admirably, while Rowell was the best of a pair of sterling backs, his headwork being perfect. Buck played one of his best games, and Coates was little, if any, behind the county man. Great improvement was noticeable among the forwards. Harle and Gilliard combined splendidly on the right, while Walker and Hunter were continually dangerous on the left, the old Leadgate Park man being in grand trim. It would have been difficult to improve upon Evans' display in the centre, which was first-class. The Rendel backs were not as good as Rowell and Turpin, albeit Campbell played a very useful game. The halves were a capital trio, especially the right wing man, while of the forwards I liked McGinn, Jackman, and Sam Wood best.

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KEEN RIVALS AT THE HOBSON.

I visited the Hobson ground for the first time last Saturday, in anticipation of witnessing a close game between the Wanderers and Axwell Rovers in the Durham Cup ties. Unfortunately, a very high wind prevailed, and as the Hobson ground is situated in an exposed position, we got the full benefit of the blast. This caused play to be all at one end, and consequently spoiled the game to a considerable extent. The visitors brought a large following in their train, and for pure unadulterated shouting and yelling, they easily "took the biscuit." They are an enthusiastic lot, and no mistake, and when at the finish the Rovers had just managed to pull through on the right side, their delight knew no bounds. The teams were very evenly matched, and the least slice of luck is sufficient to turn the scale whenever they meet.

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The Swalwell men were minus their regular custodian (Waggott), but it is doubtful if he could have done better than his substitute. The backs and halves played admirably, and Dixon, Hepple, and Hackett were conspicuous in the front rank. For the Wanderers, Keith scarcely did as well between the uprights as I have sometimes seen him do, and should have saved one or two of the points registered against him. The brothers Henderson did a lot of useful work at back, while McNeil and Smith were very prominent among the halves. The forwards lacked combination, Maddison and Lown being the pick. The home men, although disappointed, took their defeat like true sportsmen. Win or lose, the Wanderers always treat strangers most kindly; and I have to thank Mr and Mrs Maddison, Joe Maddison, and the Hobson secretary (Mr T. Amos) for their hospitality towards your humble servant.

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A DRAW AT LINTZFORD.

Gateshead St. Cuthbert's, who have an unbeaten record for the season, visited Lintzford last Saturday. The "Saints" are a fine, quiet lot of young fellows, and the result was a really pleasant and well-contested game. Smith displayed good form in the home goal, but had little to do, owing to the superb defence of Abbott and Colledger at back, the former especially playing a magnificent game all through. The halves were only moderate, Richardson being a long way the best. The forwards did very fairly, but their shooting was rather wild.

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The Gateshead custodian was in excellent form, and often saved when a goal seemed inevitable. The backs played a sterling game, Elleston being particularly prominent. The halves were a real good trio, Anderson and Blenkinsopp continually pulling up the home attack. The forwards put in some effective passing, and showed u well against the stubborn defence opposed to them. As usual, the visitors were entertained to tea after the match.

THE EXILES HAVE SOME SHOOTING PRACTICE.

Whatever chance Ouston Institute thought they possessed of throwing the Exiles out of the Durham Cup must have been quickly dispelled, as right from the commencement the "greens" had the measure of their antagonists. The game offered the home team some capital practice at goal shooting, and also gave them an opportunity of considerably improving their goal average. Twelve goals to one is a pretty warm beating in all conscience, and would, I fancy, knock some of the conceit out of the Ouston men. Under the circumstances, it would be quite superfluous to criticise the players individually.

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A WELCOME VICTORY FOR THE TRUE BLUES.

The Esh True Blues have not been favoured too lavishly by Dame Fortune this season, and therefore their success over Shildon Y.M.C.A. on Saturday would be very welcome. The home team were well represented, and pleased their supporters with a glimpse of their last year's form. Nichol and Rippon were in capital trim amongst the forwards, the former causing much amusement by his tricky play. Jim Trotter, who has only appeared once this season, put in some nice work at centre half, and was ably backed up by Stephenson (late of Cornsay Rovers), who worked very hard throughout. Clark and Short left nothing to be desired at back. The former is a huge kicker, and tackles splendidly. The goalkeeper only performed moderately. He had only about four shots to stop, and let two of them through.

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A HARD GAME AT HOUGHTON.

The Blackhill Rovers came out of their engagement against Houghton with every credit. Considering that the latter is one of the best clubs in the county, and that they were also playing at home, the Rovers are to be congratulated on the excellent game they gave the home club. Both sides were represented by their strongest fifteens, and from the start the visitors, although playing against the breeze, had none the worst of the game. The Rovers' forwards were in champion form, and easily accounted for the Houghton pack, who were by far the heaviest set, and included the well-known county forward, Joe Wheatley, who was in grand trim throughout, and was responsible for one of the tries. The visitors were unlucky in crossing the line twice, and having both tries disallowed. Aitken came near dropping a goal on one occasion, the oval going a trifle low; while an element of luck attached to the point which won the home men the game.

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The match all through was a very keenly contested one, the Rovers having quite as much of the play as their opponents. Clark played a grand game at full back for Houghton, but the wind greatly interfered with the back play on both sides. Dickinson and Robson were off colour, but Aitken and Askew gave a capital display. Houghell was the pick of the home three-quarters. Brown and Smailes easily accounted for the opposing halves, while the Houghton pack were completely beaten by the Blackhill forwards, who have never played better, and it would be invidious to mention any one of them particularly. Tudhoe will be the visitors to Blackfine to-morrow, and a good game is certain.

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CONSETT TRIUMPHANT UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Although weakly represented, Consett came safely through their cup-tie against Cornsay Rovers, albeit extra time had to be played before a definite result could be arrived at. On the home side, Winter in goal played a splendid game, and had no chance with the shots that beat him. In the first half, Skelton and Harkness defended superbly, Skelton especially being in grand form, whilst Harkness headed out some dangerous shots. At the front division played well, M. Eustace executing some of his well-known dodgy runs, whilst Andrew of that ilk did all the scoring himself in the second period. Allison and G. Eustace played a good game at half-back, but Wake was not so prominent as usual. It should be mentioned that Consett played four reserve men, and a victory under the circumstances was very encouraging.

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The pick of the visitors was Simpson, who played a grand game forward in the first half, and back the rest of the game. Of the others, Kidd was most conspicuous. McDermott in goal saved some good shots, while Clark put in some huge kicks at right back.

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ANOTHER VICTORY FOR MARLEY HILL.

Marley Hill St. Cuthbert's entertained Heaton Rovers Reserve on Saturday. The visitors came with an unbeaten certificate, but found the "Saints" a trifle too good for them. The Rovers have a capital team. The forwards are tricky, but rather light. The halves played an excellent game, but the best man on the side was the goalkeeper, who saved in splendid fashion. The winners exhibited some clever play. The front rank got in some pretty passing runs, and the halves tackled well, but lack judgment. The backs are young, and improving every week, while the custodian did his work well.

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THE TRIAL GAME.

Another of these annual farces will be brought off at Dipton to-morrow. It would be ridiculous in the extreme to designate the local team selected as representative of the district. As a matter of fact, only about four of them are entitled to places, and some of the eleven have about as much chance of figuring on the county team as I have. In my opinion, a proper representative team would be somewhat as follows:—Goal, O'Neil or Crowther; backs, Haggan and Rowell; half-backs, Robson, McGrachan, and Coates; forwards, Harle and Conroy, right wing; Gilliard, centre; G. Wattsford and J. McGee (or T. Walker), left wing. I shall be agreeably surprised if the Sunderland team don't give our eleven an awful drubbing.

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MEMS.

It is a noteworthy fact that the only two teams which have beaten Dipton Wanderers—Gateshead N.E.R. and Newcastle United A—are first and second in the Northern Alliance table.

Waterhouses Wanderers have played seven matches this season without suffering a single defeat. Good business.

A correspondent writes to say that Stanley Athletic were considerably surprised, on arriving at Chirton to play the Stars, to find that the latter was composed of men from 5ft. 6in. to 6ft. in height, and from 10st. to 12st. in weight, instead of juniors.

The writer thinks that in future Chirton should arrange with first teams, instead of juniors. I am of the same opinion.

Consett Town have secured a new back with a good reputation. His name is Callender, and I understand he hails from the neighbourhood of Stockton. He will be seen out against Langley Park Rovers to-morrow.

Leadgate Park are drawn against Rendel in the second round of the English Cup, and after the latter's display at Dipton last Saturday, the Park should have a chance of pulling it off, especially as they have choice of ground.

The Wanderers and their supporters were in high spirits on Saturday night, so they had every right to be. It was a glorious victory.

The game between Leadgate Park and Tanfield Lea was a remarkable one. For eleven goals to be disallowed in one match is, I should think, about a record.

Tow Law succeeded, after a hard struggle, in again knocking their "dear friends and neighbours" of Wolsingham out of the Durham Cup.

Query: How many of the local men who figure in the trial game to-morrow will secure a place on the county team?

The individual who used that penny trumpet so freely on the Hobson ground last Saturday ought to be hung, drawn, and quartered.

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TOMATOES AS A FOOD.

Tomatoes are very succulent; they have a harsh, tart flavour, due chiefly to the malic acid they contain, says the *Horticultural Times*. When you eat a great many they produce a rather acrid and burning sensation; but this flavour is much modified by climate. In Italy they are gathered often before maturity for eating in salads, like cucumbers. They are also eaten cooked and seasoned in various ways; the most common preparation in this country is cutting them in two, stuffing with bread crumbs, seasoning, and cooking in the oven; this is what they call "Tomatoes with crumbs." The tomato is a valuable aliment and seasoning; in the south of France it is eaten with almost everything. The gastronomic art has turned it to good account, and in certain forms the love-apple constitutes a regular feast. But not only is it pleasing to taste, it is also a very healthy, refreshing, nutritious aliment, very suitable to bilious, sanguine temperaments, for costive, irritable temperaments subject to hemorrhoidal congestions and sluggish intestines. Tomato pottages are cooling and laxative; tomato broths are excellent during great heat.

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Elswick	"	6·14	8·9	9·46	11·4	12·19	2·39	4·9	5·24	7·34
Scotswood	"	6·18	8·13	9·50	11·8	12·23	2·43	4·13	5·28	7·38
Swalwell	"	6·24	8·18	9·55	11·14	12·29	2·49	4·19	5·33	7·44
Rowlands Gill	"	6·33	8·27	10·4	11·23	12·37	2·57	4·28	5·42	7·53
Lintz Green	"	6·40	8·34	10·10	11·30	12·43	3·3	4·36	5·47	8·0
Ebchester	"	6·53	8·45	10·21	11·40	12·54	3·14	4·49	5·58	8·13
Shotley Bridge	"	6·59	8·49	10·26	11·44	12·59	3·18	4·55	6·3	8·19
CONSETT	Arr.	7·5	8·55	10·28	11·50	1·5	3·23	5·2	6·10	8·25
CONSETT	Dep.	7·10	8·58	10·31	...	1·12	3·25	...	6·11	
Knitsley	"	7·21	9·9	10·46	...	1·25	3·36	...	6·22	8·18
Lanchester	"	7·30	9·18	10·55	...	1·32	3·45	...	6·31	8·47
Witton Gilbert	"	7·38	9·25	11·2	...	1·40	3·53	...	6·40	9·5
Aldin Grange	"	7·45	9·33	11·11	...	1·47	4·0	...	6·49	9·2
DURHAM	Arr.	7·50	9·38	11·17	...	1·52	4·5	...	6·55	9·7

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DURHAM	Dep.	7·25	9·30	11·36	2·35	5·20	8·15
Aldin Grange	"	7·32	9·41	11·47	2·41	5·27	8·23
Witton Gilbert	"	7·40	9·54	12·4	2·48	5·35	8·32
Lanchester	"	7·50	10·2	12·12	2·54	5·45	8·44
Knitsley	"	8·0	10·13	12·23	3·8	5·55	8·54
CONSETT	Arr.	8·11	10·25	12·33	3·18	6·5	9·0

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
CONSETT	Dep.	8·13	9·5	10·35	12·40	3·25	5·25	6·10	9·5
Shotley Bridge	"	8·19	9·10	10·39	12·44	3·30	5·29	6·15	9·10
Ebchester	"	8·22	9·14	10·43	12·48	3·34	5·33	6·19	9·14
Lintz Green	"	8·30	9·24	10·52	12·57	3·41	5·43	6·29	9·23
Rowlands Gill	"	8·35	9·29	10·57	1·1	3·50	5·47	6·34	9·28
Swalwell	"	8·42	9·35	11·6	1·7	3·57	5·54	6·42	9·35
Scotswood	"	8·48	9·42	11·12	1·13	4·3	5·58	6·48	9·41
Elswick	"	8·55	9·50	11·1[illegible]	1·20	4·13	6·6	6·55	9·48
NEWCASTLE	Arr.	9·0	9·55	11·24	1·25	4·18	6·11	7·0	9·53

SUNDAYS.

	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.
NEWCASTLE	7·30	7·15	CONSETT ...dep.	8·40	8·20
Elswick	7·34	7·19	Shotley Bridge	8·44	8·25
Scotswood	7·38	7·23	Ebchester	8·48	8·29
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Lintz Green	8·57	8·39
Rowlands Gill	7·53	7·38	Rowlands Gill	9·1	8·44
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Swalwell	9·9	8·52
Ebchester	8·13	7·55	Scotswood	9·14	8·58
Shotley Bridge	8·1[illegible]	7·59	Elswick	9·21	9·5
CONSETT ...arr.	8·25	8·5	NEWCASTLE ar.	9·26	9·10

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

	P.M.
NEWCASTLE Dep.	10·30
Elswick	10·34
Scotswood	10·38
Swalwell	11·4
Rowlands Gill	11·13
Lintz Green	11·19
Ebchester	11·30
Shotley Bridge	11·34
CONSETT Arr.	11·40

NOTES FROM WEARDALE.

[By "Stanhope."]

The sod cutting of the long talked of and long expected Weardale Railway came off at last, on Saturday, and was a big do. More people were at St. John's Chapel on Saturday than were ever known before to visit it in one day. Mr C. Tinkler, Stanhope, got fourteen or more photographic views of the proceedings, the photo of the luncheon tables in the Town Hall being exceptionally good. The style in which the luncheon at the Town Hall, St. John's Chapel, on Saturday, was served up, and the set-out at the tables reflected upon the host and hostess the highest credit, in fact Sir Joseph himself said he had seldom been at a country village gathering where the general arrangements had pleased him so well, so that both the work of the committee, the host and hostess, Mr Parsons, and also the staff of waiters all deserve a meed of praise for having pleased Sir Joseph so well.

To Daddry Shields belongs the credit of having the best triumphal arch. It was neat, artistic, yet massive, and showed the best taste. Westgate took the palm for decorations, the triumphal arch there was not much behind that of Daddry Shields. Wearhead came next in order, the Ireshopeburn. The three arches at St. John's Chapel seemed to have been done in a hurry, but the banners were profuse. Little Brotherlea sported a few good flags, and Park House a gigantic one. Midlothian House was well up for suitable mottoes. The decorations at Wearhead and Westgate were charming, and showed good taste. So also did those in the Town Hall at St. John's, which were done by Mr G. Parsons, of Escomb Whenever Westgate takes a thing in hand they invariably do it well. It is the same with Daddry Shields. They are often well to the front as they were on Saturday.

Jimmy, the coachman, had some difficulty in finding accommodation for his many passengers up the dale for the sod cutting, on Friday and Saturday. When he was trying to get them seats on the coach and brakes at Stanhope Market Place, a lady said: "Coachman, I have a right to a seat, I belong the dale; a lot of these others doesn't."

A railway collision occurred at Westgate, on Saturday night. An ordinary was run into by the Eastgate express. The engine of the ordinary was thrown on its broadside, and the composite carriage next it telescoped. A breakdown gang was sent for, and the wounded were extricated and conveyed to Stanhope. The driver escaped in a miraculous manner. The loss of life was not so serious as was anticipated, but the damage to rolling stock was great.

STANLEY LOCAL BOARD.

On Wednesday afternoon, the ordinary meeting of this body was held in the Board Room, Front Street, Mr George Forster (chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs. T. W. W. Ritson, J. Green, J. Smith, Jos. Watson, Jos. Robinson, the Clerk (Mr J. G. Ridley), the Surveyor (Mr Jos. Routledge), and the treasurer (Mr Wm. Hewison.)

THE WATER CONFERENCE.

The Chairman reported the result of the conference held at Consett last Friday afternoon, with respect to the water supply to the district, when it was decided that a deputation should wait upon the directors of the Consett Water Company, with a view of getting them to provide a more wholesome and pure water by filtration.

THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OXHILL FOOTPATH.

The Surveyor reported that he was carrying out the improvements to Oxhill footpath, from the North Eastern Railway Company's Arch right up to Mr Kay's residence, making the footpath 6 feet 6 inches wide, but he considered this was too narrow.

It was agreed that the footpath should be seven feet wide.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Building Committee recommended that the plans for alterations to the Commercial Hotel should stand over until further particulars are forthcoming.

The committee recommended that the plans for the Primitive Methodist Sunday-school at South Moor be passed, subject to the urinal being built, and drains put in to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

The committee decided that the plans for Mr Rawes should be passed, subject to the two ashpits being built and roofed in, and one sink put into the back-yard.

The various other plans submitted were recommended to be passed.

On the motion of Mr Green seconded by Mr Ritson, the report was adopted, and the plans were stamped.

THE ERECTION OF A STORE HOUSE.

Mr Green inquired if anything had been done with reference to procuring land for the erection of a store house.

The Surveyor: Yes. Mr Rutherford has offered a site at a rental of £1 per year.

Mr Green: I consider the sum is too high for the amount of land that will be required for such a building.

The Surveyor: I believe the committee empowered me to come to the best terms possible with Mr Rutherford.

It was decided to leave the matter in the Surveyor's hands.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Medical Officer (Dr Benson) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

Gentlemen,—As regards infectious diseases, the district continues in a very satisfactory condition. Only one case of Scarlation at Havanna, and one case of enteric fever at the Huts, Shield Row, completes the number reported to me during the month. The former being in the centre of a populous neighbourhood, there is a probability of the disease spreading, but the latter is fairly well isolated from the general public. In neither instance could the origin be traced.

The mortality for the month is below the usual average, 11 deaths were registered, which is equal to an annual rate of 16 per 1,000.

The drainage of South Moor should be completed, and the outfall works put into satisfactory working order as speedily as possible. From both sources the burn is being constantly contaminated with sewage.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
T. Benson, Medical Officer.

The Urban Sanitary Authority, Stanley.

The report was adopted.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Inspector (Mr Jos. Routledge) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of Stanley Local Board.

Gentlemen,—I have inspected the whole of your district during the month, and find that the outlet drains from Oxhill Colliery houses are completely choked up.

The smell from the manholes in Joicey's Square, and the culvert at Mr Watson's Corner is past bearing.

I think the drain from the Gas Works connected with the main sewers ought to be taken up, and the Gas Company should find another outlet for the gas water.

The outlet works at South Moor is in a very bad state, the sewage is filtering through the embankment into the burn, instead of filtering through the beds. The embankment between the burn and the beds ought to be puddled with clay.

Part of the roadmen are busy cleaning and dressing up the beds at present.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Jos. Routledge.

Stanley, Oct. 24th, 1893.

The report was approved of.

STENCH FROM MANHOLES

The following letter was read:—

East Stanley Lodge,
Durham Miners' Association,
Sept. 27th, 1893.

Gentlemen,—I am instructed again to write you on behalf of the above lodge, drawing your attention to the manholes in Joicey's Square. The stench that escapes from them is fit to upset any man, woman, or child, and we hope you will attend to the same. I remain, yours, on behalf of the above lodge,

Wm. Sanderson, Secretary.

Mr Green: It is perfectly correct.

Mr Ritson: Quite true.

Mr Green: I am perfectly surprised at Mr Watson and Mr Ridley putting up with the stench, and that they have not taken action before now. I know if I had been living in that quarter I would have protested.

The Surveyor: I am perfectly satisfied that the stench will be no better till we prevent the gas water from going into the mains.

Mr Smith: Let us close the manholes altogether They are nothing but a nuisance.

Mr Watson: I am taking all the gas water away from the Gas Works.

The Surveyor: It will never be remedied until the gas-water drain is disconnected from our main.

Mr Green: Is there any other drain coming into the main at this particular place.

The Surveyor: I am not, as yet, familiar with the drains in this quarter, and cannot say.

Mr Smith: I don't think it is the gas water that is causing the stench. The same complaints are made about the smells arising from the manholes at South Moor. The same thing has occurred at Catchgate. To my mind the blooming things want closing up altogether. (Laughter.)

The Surveyor: If you do that it will not effect a cure. Disconnect the drain, flush the main, and I guarantee there will be no stench.

The Chairman: Do you think the present weather will have any effect upon the sewer.

The Surveyor: The stench has been arising now for a considerable period, long before the drought set in.

Mr Green: I don't think we have any power to interfere with this drain.

The Surveyor: We can deal with it as a nuisance.

Eventually, Mr Green moved that Messrs Watson and Ritson should be deputed to wait upon Mr Colquhoun, with a view of getting the drain complained of disconnected from the main.

This was seconded by Mr Robinson, and agreed to.

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Surveyor (Mr Jos. Routledge) submitted the following monthly report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

Gentlemen,—Your workmen during the month have chiefly been engaged in lowering the footpath from South Moor archway to Oxhill railway crossing.

They have also extended the outlet drain from Scott's Houses about 20 yards, and they have finished the sewer from Joicey's Square to Messrs Burns' and Mallams' houses.

Messrs Burns and Mallams will require notice to connect their drains with the sewer.

The cellar drain at the Commercial Inn has been connected with the Beamish estate sewer.

The contractor has commenced to put in the sewer at Havannah.

Mr Mordue has commenced with the tool and store house.

I have seen Mr Rutherford, and he has agreed to let us set the storehouse flush with the railway, on condition that we pay him so much per year.

The repairs to Houghwell Burn bridge will be finished this week.

I have written Mr Clark, of Beamish, in reference to continuing the culvert and flagging up the slack at the end of Beamish Street.

Mr Ritson, on behalf of the West Stanley Co-operative Society, has made an application for the Board to prepare plans and specifications for the making of Towneley Street.

Mr T. C. Nicholson, on behalf of the Towneley South Moor building estate, has made an application for the Board to prepare plans and put in the sewer behind Messrs Martin and Oxley's houses, South Moor.

The Gas Company have got the mains laid to Oxhill railway crossing, and they have commenced to lay the mains to South Moor.

The Consett Water Company's pipes will require to be lowered for about 60 or 70 yards along Oxhill footpath.

I will require about 500 tons of limestone.

The Building Committee held a meeting to-day, when the following plans were laid before them:—

Amended plans for Primitive Methodist Sunday-school, South Moor.

Plans for two water-closets and ashpits for Mr T. C. Rawes.

Wooden shed at Oxhill for Mr Jos. Urwin

Coal-house at Louisa Terrace for South Moor Colliery, Ltd.

Wash-house for Mr Alex. Cumberledge, Stanley.

Underground kitchen and beer cellar at Commercial Inn for Mr Richard Murray.

Four houses at Stanley for Co-operative Society.

The following houses are ready for habitation:—

Two houses in Clifford Road, belonging to Messrs Armstrong and Oliver.

Twelve houses in Mary Street, belonging to the West Stanley Co-operative Society.

Two houses in Murray Street for Mr Robert Walker.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Jos. Routledge.

The report was adopted.

OXHILL DRAIN.

It was resolved that the Surveyor should attend to the choked-up drain at Oxhill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Cheques were required to be signed for the following amounts:—

	£	s	d
Ferens and Love—pipes	14	19	11
Jos. Urwin	3	3	8
Surveyor's monthly pay-bill	40	0	0
Wm. Cooley—kerb sets, &c.	13	13	0
Consett Waterworks Co.—water	2	11	1
Petty cash	6	11	3
Messrs John G. Wilson—law charges	18	2	10

On the motion of Mr Ritson, seconded by Mr Smith, the necessary cheques were signed.

THE OUTFALL WORKS AT SOUTH MOOR.

The question of improvements to the outfall works at South Moor came up for discussion, owing to the sewage filtering through the embankment into the town, instead of filtering through the beds.

Mr Smith: The whole works want to be blown up with dynamite. They are only a waste of money. (Laughter.)

Mr Ritson (to the Surveyor): Can you do anything to remedy this without building a wall?

The Surveyor: Yes, I think so.

Mr Ritson: You had better get it done.

Mr Green said the whole question with reference to improvements should be gone into at once. For the proposed outfall works at South Moor, the Surveyor ought to prepare plans at once. He was afraid they would be getting "sat upon" if they did not make a move, and get on with the various improvements.

After further discussion, Mr Green moved, and Mr Ritson seconded, that the Clerk write Mr Parmeter with reference to additional land for outfall works, and that the Surveyor prepare the plans.

This was agreed to.

A NEW DRAIN.

It was decided that Messrs Burns and Mallams should be served with a notice to connect their drains with the main.

NEW STREETS.

In answer to Mr Green, the Clerk said that proprietors of new streets would have to erect their own lamps, &c, and complete the same, before they would be taken over by the Board.

LIMESTONE.

On the motion of Mr Watson, seconded by Mr Smith, the Surveyor was empowered to order 500 tons of limestone.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector (Mr W. Hewitson) submitted the following report:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Stanley Local Board.

Gentlemen,—During the month I have collected and paid over to the treasurer the sum of £4 5s. The total amount of rate made July 26th was £990.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Wm. Hewitson.

The report was adopted.

NEW LAMPS.

It was decided that the selection of new lamps for South Moor should be left with the Lighting Committee.

This was all the business of importance.

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[By the "Old Crow."]

Very grave is the position of affairs locally, in consequence of the scarcity and somewhat impure quality of the water supplied for domestic purposes. It is in no sense less serious that, owing to this poor supply, the Consett Works are practically at a standstill. It must signify untold loss to the Company, and terrible deprivation to the families of those temporarily thrown out of employment. The distress, indeed, prevailing, is all too evident. The weather shows little signs of changing, and there really seems no better prospect of rain coming in any beneficent quantity in the immediate future, to relieve the melancholy condition of things. The Water Company may meet and discuss matters with the deputed members of the various authorities; but how can this avail much that shall be of immediate use? Discussion is well so far as concerns prospective arrangements for a more adequate and purer supply of water; but of what benefit will it be, and how can it be hoped to effect what is so fervently desired and so necessary—an immediate relief from the present tension? All this leads to the impression that the idea of discussion has been too long deferred. The step now just taken should have been entered upon weeks ago. At the moment, the aspect of affairs is altogether most serious, and it is of no use blinking at the fact, that without copious and abundant rain, matters will remain serious despite meetings and discussions.

Nature must bring the required relief, refill the reservoirs, and then the mills will get re-started quickly enough, and the men will get to work once more. But meanwhile, the work of the committee will be confined to the discussion of the best means of filtering the water as now supplied for domestic purposes, and this is a matter of first importance as everybody knows. The water having been strongly condemned, *must*, at all hazards, be purified, and it is sincerely to be trusted that already some important action has been taken by the Water Company in this direction, as a result of deliberations with the members of the various local authorities. This does not admit of an undertaking on the part of the Directors to give consideration to the suggestion of filtration beds. The water requires immediately purifying, and the public have a right to expect from the Water Co. a guarantee that steps shall at once be taken with a view of materially improving the quality of the commodity

It is quite needless to observe in this column that *Muldoon's Picnic*, the musical farce occupying the boards of the Theatre Royal this week, is one of the most side-splitting of pieces. This is by no means the first visit of the piece, and if I am not greatly mistaken several members of the company, responsible for its production this week, are familiar to local play-goers, and their former visits pleasantly remembered. Amongst others I notice the name of Mr Russell Bogue, an actor with a wide reputation. In conjunction with Mr Sam Pinney, as "Mulcahy," he contrives with every success to keep the audience in roars of laughter. The "Mrs Muldoon" of Mr Tom Nerney is also a clever bit of acting, and often genuinely amusing. Miss Madge Cassidy wins all hearts by her pretty appearance and vivacious acting as "Kitty," and the remaining members of the company are quite capable artistes. The mounting of the play is fresh and attractive, and the singing and dancing altogether thoroughly enjoyable. Many new songs are introduced, and they all go with the heartiest relish.

There is a very interesting controversy running through the columns of the *Glasgow Herald* just now. You remember the two lines in Burns's Lang Syne:—

We twa ha'e run about the braes
And pu'd the gowans fine.

Well, the question discussed is whether the word "fine"—the concluding word in the second line, is an adverb, an adjective, or a noun. There are correspondents who lean to each opinion, and certainly when one comes to consider, there is reason enough for holding, at any rate, two or three ideas, for much depends upon the way one views the lines. Personally, however, it is a trifle difficult to see how the word can be looked upon as a noun, though there are some few who hold that view. To the writer's mind, the word is either an adverb, or an adjective, and really until to-night I never regarded it as anything but the latter, and I am disposed to think this is the most generally accepted idea. "And pu'd the gowan's fine," is, however, open to both constructions. Was it that he "pu'd the fine gowans," the *beautiful* gowans, the *splendid* gowans, the *pretty* gowans; or does it relate to the manner, the measure of his enjoyment, the childish glee experienced in the act of pulling the flowers, or the method adopted? That is the question which I leave my Scotch readers to solve, and I think they will admit the point is a little puzzling.



VISIT OF REV. W. G. BEARDMORE, TO CONSETT.

A SHORT CHARACTER SKETCH.

In presenting our readers with a short character sketch of the Rev W. G. Beardmore, of London, who preaches and lectures in the Consett Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday next, we feel that we are introducing many to an old friend, for there are few better known men in the Wesleyan ministry than him.

Mr Beardmore is a native of Burslem, where he received his early education. He commenced preaching as a youth, and after a period of one year as a lay preacher, and having successfully passed the usual examinations, he found himself suddenly transferred, at the age of 20 years, from a merchant's office to ministerial work in the Edinburgh circuit, where he had special charge of a newly-erected church, built at the sole cost of the widow of Lord Armadale, who, with her household, was a member of the congregation. Since leaving there, Mr Beardmore has accepted appointments in various other circuits, many of them in places of great historic interest or natural beauty.

Mr Beardmore is an ardent lover of the beautiful, and an accomplished artist. The enthusiasm he exhibits in his search for curios of all kinds is almost beyond belief, and a peep into the bag he carries, after one of his excursions about town, would reveal many strange and wonderful articles. Next to preaching, Mr Beardmore takes the greatest interest in art, and is never tired of discoursing and writing upon it.

On the lecture-platform the Rev W. G. Beardmore is quite at home, and there are few ministers, either of his own or any other denomination, in greater request during the season. But after all, it is in the pulpit that Mr Beardmore shines most The manner of his discourses as well as the matter, altogether differ from those of most other ministers, and it is not surprising that, wherever he is announced to preach, the congregation is large. In conclusion, it only remains to say that the Rev W. G. Beardmore is immensely popular. His genial, winning manner, impressive presence, great erudition, and powers of elocution of no mean order, have combined to make him both well-beloved and highly respected.

A CONSETT BUTCHER CONVICTED OF HORSE STEALING.

At the Durham Quarter Sessions last week, as briefly recorded in the *Guardian* of Friday, Thomas Foster (29), butcher, of Consett, surrendered to his bail to answer a charge of stealing a brown mare, the property of Randall Hall, at Durham, on the 15th September Mr F. J. Greenwell (instructed by Mr H. E. Ferens, Durham, appeared to prosecute, and Mr J. Strachan (instructed by Mr J. Mawson, Durham), defended.—Randall Hall, farmer, living near Pelton Fell, said he purchased a brown three-year-old mare at Durham horse fair on the 15th September, and took her to the stable attached to the "King William Fourth" Inn, North Road, Durham. Prisoner followed him with a brown horse, and this was put in an adjoining stall. Prisoner's was an old horse, and had a saddle and bridle on, whilst witness's horse only had a halter. Witness left the stable, and went up to Lockhart's rooms to get some tea. When coming down the road he saw what appeared to be his mare, ridden by prisoner, coming up the street. He hurried to the stable, and missed the mare from its stall, though prisoner's old horse was still standing in the stable. Its saddle was, however, gone. He followed prisoner up the North Road, and at the top of the street met Mr Barker in a trap. They pursued prisoner, and caught him near Lanchester. He was sitting on the roadside, and the mare was beside him. She seemed distressed, as if she had been ridden hard. The mare was the animal witness had bought that day at the fair. They brought prisoner and the mare back to Durham

The ostler at "King William the Fourth" Inn confirmed Mr Hall as to the prosecutor's mare and prisoner's horse being brought to the stable, and put into adjoining stalls. The mare was fastened with a halter, whilst prisoner's horse had a saddle and bridle on.

The Head Constable of Durham (Mr J. Smith) said on the same morning he was at the horse fair, and saw prisoner riding a brown horse. The animal took the "staggers" and fell with prisoner. When brought to the police station afterwards, prisoner said he had made a mistake, and that a boy brought the mare out of the stable to him.

Mr Barker said he was driving a horse and trap when the prosecutor stopped him. Prosecutor came in, and they both set off in pursuit of prisoner. When near Lanchester they came up with Foster who was sitting on the ground. The mare, which was standing in the middle of the road, was sweating, as if she had been ridden very hard. Both prosecutor and prisoner claimed the horse. Witness asked Foster how old his animal was, and Foster, replied that it was six years old. Witness then examined the mare's teeth, and said she was only three years old.

For the defence, Mr Strachan contended that prisoner had made a mistake, and had taken the wrong horse. It was a careless, but not an intentional act. Some persons would wonder how prisoner's saddle and bridle, formerly on prisoner's old brown horse, had been placed on the young mare. Now he (Mr Strachan) could explain. Shortly after the horses had been safely secured in the stable and the men had left, prisoner thought his horse would be much better if its saddle and bridle were taken off. He accordingly went to the stable and took these off, placing them on the partition which divides the two stalls. He had told the ostler he would not stay long, and that exactly agreed with his subsequent proceedings. He went to the stable, and told a young lad to bring his horse out. Prisoner had been without food that day, and a little drink he had taken had affected him. It was therefore to be understood that in the twilight, prisoner, in such a condition, should make a mistake about the horses. An experienced man like Mr Barker had to examine the mare's teeth before he could tell her age. Prisoner was a respectable tradesman in Consett, and he would call evidence as to his character.

James Oliver said he was for many years superintendent of police in the county of Durham, and had only recently retired. He had known Foster about eight years. Foster had lived during that time at Consett. Prisoner used on some occasions to go about with a horse and cart. Witness had always found him to be a thoroughly straightforward, honest, and respectable man, and he was married into one of the most respectable families they had in Consett. Prisoner served his father-in-law many years before marriage.

The Chairman, in summing up, said if prisoner had made a mistake he had made the most extraordinary mistake ever known by him (the Chairman) in horse dealing, and he (the Chairman) had bought and sold a good many of them. One might as well talk of making a mistake between a horse and a cow. They had the evidence of the Head-Constable as to prisoner's horse taking the "staggers" and falling. Prisoner evidently got such a shaking on that occasion that he thought it better to get a safer mount, and he accordingly turned his old horse into a three-year-old mare. Concluding, the Chairman reminded the jury that if they had any doubt in the case they would give the prisoner the benefit of the doubt. "But," continued he, "if you have any doubt in the case, you are the most extraordinary gentlemen I ever met."

The jury found the prisoner guilty.

The Chairman described the theft as a most impudent one, but it was now that prisoner's good character bore some weight. He had received a character from a gentleman they all knew. Prisoner had apparently up to this time borne a good character, but that did not excuse him for this theft.—Prisoner was sentenced to six calendar months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

CHESTER-LE-STREET PETTY SESSIONS.

Wednesday, Oct. 25th.—Before Messrs. H. W. Kerrich Walker (in the chair), and F. S. Newall.

DRUNKENNESS.

For the above offence, a large number of persons hailing from Pelton, Plawsworth, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, and Pelton Fell, were fined in sums ranging from 2s 6d and costs to 20s and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Aaron Smith and *Thomas McBryde*, for fighting at Birtley on the 7th inst., were ordered to be bound over to keep the peace for six months in £5 each, Smith to find a surety in £5.

William Dobson and *George Routledge*, for a similar offence at Chester-le-Street on the 7th inst., were also ordered to be bound over to keep the peace for three months, and to pay costs.

AN UNLICENSED DOG.

Arthur Hayward was charged with keeping a dog without having a license, on the 22nd ult., at Chester-le-Street.—Mr J. W. Morgan, excise officer, gave evidence, and said that defendant took out a license the same day.—The Bench ordered defendant to pay costs.

AN IDLE LAD.

Edward Jennings, a boy, was charged with damaging coke-ovens at Pelton Fell, on the 13th inst.—Sergt. Winn said he saw defendant with other boys running about the tops of the ovens. It did not only damage the ovens, but endangered the lives of the boys. They had been often warned, but the caution had no effect upon them.—P.C. Ridley assessed the damage at one penny.—Fined 2s 6d and costs.

MUSHROOMS OR GAME?

Thomas Coulson denied that he was in search of game on Lord Ravensworth's estate on the 17th inst.—P.C. Stark said he saw defendant ranging the field with two greyhounds.—Defendant said he was in the field, but was gathering mushrooms.—The Chairman: You don't want dogs to seek for mushrooms.—Fined 5s and costs.

LAST COURT DAY.

James Bruce, for using threats to Elizabeth Forster, at Chester-le-Street, on the 11th inst., was so charged.—Complainant said that on the previous court day she gave evidence against defendant's son, and he threatened in consequence to kill her. She went about in bodily fear because of his threats. —Bound over to keep the peace for three months in £5, his own recognisances.

"MCGINTY."

James Newton was charged with assaulting his wife Elizabeth, at South Pelaw, on the 18th inst.—Complainant said she did not wish to press the case against her husband. He had used her badly for many years, but she had never brought him up before. On the day named he struck her just as "McGinty" the policeman—(laughter)—was passing her house. She did not know the officer's name; she only knew he was called "McGinty." She wished defendant bound over. — P.C. Elwood ("McGinty") gave evidence.—Ordered to be bound over for three months in £5.

AN EDMONDSLEY BRAWL.

Richard and *George Cummings* were charged with assaulting John Laddie, at Waldridge, on the 7th inst. Mr Fred. Harle (Chester-le-Street and Newcastle) prosecuted, and Mr J. Turnbull (Chester-le-Street and Durham) defended.

Complainant said that he was in Oxley's public-house at Edmondsley when the two defendants came in. They wanted him to fight, but he would not. He left the house, and met them outside. They attacked him, and knocked him down. He got away from them, but they followed him, and one of them struck him with some hard substance, knocking him down. One of them held him while the other beat his head with something. He was in bed for ten days, and had been off work since the day of the assault.

Cross-examined: Witness was not drinking with defendants, but was in Oxley's house for about three hours. Richard challenged him to fight. He did not strike Richard and knock him off the road into the adjoining field. Witness did strike at a man named Birleson who was present.

John Shute said he was in Oxley's public-house with complainant. The two defendants came in and "cracked" them out to fight. The landlord put defendants out, in consequence of their disorderly conduct.

Cross-examined: George challenged witness, and Richard challenged Laddie to fight. Witness was not afraid of defendants.

John Birleson said he fell in with defendants on the road at Edmondsley, on the way that Laddie would have to go to his house. He heard George say that he would fight Laddie, and as Laddie came up at the time, George went forward and set himself in front of him. Laddie struck at George and they closed, witness keeping Richard back at the time. Immediately afterwards Laddie struck witness in the face. Witness got Richard away, and left George and Laddie struggling on the ground together.

Cross examined: Cummings laughed when he said he would fight Laddie. Laddie struck George twice in the face, and one of the blows knocked him off the road into the field. Laddie struck witness three times, then went and struck Richard. Neither of them had done anything to him at that time.

By the Bench: Witness heard the blows struck upon Laddie, but it was so dark that he could not see who struck them.

P.C. Lay said he saw Laddie lying on the road. He was blood from head to foot. Witness being an ambulance man, bound up eight or nine wounds upon complainant's head. He found two caps produced, and also the stones. There were no loose stones on the road, but the stones produced could be found in quantity a few yards away from the place.

Cross-examined: He had had defendants summoned for their disorderly conduct at an earlier part of the same evening.

Dr Allen said he attended complainant, and found nine wounds on his head. He had lost a great deal of blood. He attended complainant for ten days. For the defence, Mr Turnbull urged that Laddie's evidence was contradicted by his own witness (Birleson) in material points. If there was anybody to blame it was Laddie himself, who was the only man in a combative humour that night. They ought not to believe Laddie's evidence. They did not deny that Laddie was struck after he had struck Richard, who had not been an aggressor at all until he was struck at by Laddie, who had previously disposed of George by knocking him off the road into the next field. Laddie was in the humour for undertaking the duty of attacking three men, who had not given him any provocation, beyond the bantering challenge to fight, which was directed more against Shute than against Laddie, and which really meant nothing.

Robinson Cummings, son of George Cummings, gave evidence, and said that Laddie knocked his father off the road into the field. Witness asked why he had done so, and Laddie struck him at once.

Matt. Ledger also gave evidence in support of the defence, and said that when he got up to Suddes a half brick was under his head.

Robert Brown, another boy, was also called, and deposed that he saw Suddes strike at Bir'e on and the Cummings before they did anything to him. George and Laddie struggled on the ground.

After a patient and exhaustive hearing, the Bench decided that there was no doubt whatever that the whole thing was brought about by the two Cummings. Richard would be fined 20s and costs, and George 20s and costs.

STRIKING A SHOPKEEPER.

James Hartley and *Thomas Reay* were charged with assaulting William Wilson at Chester-le-Street, on the 16th inst. Defendants admitted the offence, and complainant gave formal evidence, stating that defendants came into his shop. Both were under the influence of drink. He ordered them out, and they both struck him. Both of them had expressed their sorrow for what they had done, and he would be pleased if the Bench would deal leniently with them.—Defendants were fined 7s 6d each and costs.

MADE UP.

Richard and *John Lumsden* were charged with wounding their father, James Lumsden, on the 12th inst., at Pelton. Mr Turnbull appeared for the defence, and stated that the defendants had been very good sons, and the father would not press the case against them.—Complainant, on being put in the witness-box, said he had no desire to press the case against his sons. On the night in question his son John and him had some words, and Richard appeared on the scene. Blows were struck on both sides. Witness was in an excited state that night, but was not drunk.—The Bench considered that the justice of the case would be met by binding all three over to keep the peace for three months in £5 each, and payment of costs.

A THIEVISH PAUPER.

William Bell was charged with stealing a trowel, the property of the Chester-le-Street Guardians, at Chester-le-Street, on the 12th inst.—Mr Aikman, Master of the Workhouse, identified the trowel, and valued it at 3s.—Robert Irving, an inmate of the House, said he was a mason and was in the House. When he was finished with the trowel he put it in the tool-house, and did not see it again. —James Tausey said he met defendant in Sunderland, and brought the trowel from prisoner for 10½d. Prisoner said that he found it on the road between Chester-le-Street and Sunderland.—A constable in the Sunderland Police Force said that prisoner went to the detective department in Sunderland and gave himself up on a charge of stealing a trowel from the Chester-le-Street Workhouse.—Inspector Heslop also gave evidence to taking prisoner into custody at Sunderland.—Prisoner said he would reserve his defence, and was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions.—Prisoner said the Court ought to commit him to the Assizes, which would be held before the Sessions.—The Magistrates' Clerk: They would not take you there. They cannot.—Prisoner: Oh, but they can, just as well as at the Sessions.—The Clerk: New rules have been made since you were there last.

A ROGUISH LODGER.

George Ward was charged with stealing a pillow-case, the property of Alexander Johnson, lodging-house keeper, at Chester-le-Street, on the 17th inst.—Mr Johnson said that defendant lodged in his house on the day named, and after he had gone witness missed the pillow-case.—P.C. Elwood said he arrested prisoner with the pillow-case in his possession.—Prisoner said he did not steal the pillow-case, but had it given to him by a fellow who lodged in the same house with him.—Sent to prison for two months.

DURHAM MINERS AND THEIR AGENTS.

MEETING AT ANNFIELD PLAIN.

On Wednesday night, a mass-meeting of the miners in the Annfield Plain district was held in the Co-operative Hall, Mr J. Robson presiding over a large audience.—Mr J. Johnson, treasurer of the Durham Miners' Association, in his address, gave a long explanation of their conduct in connection with the coal trade dispute in the southern counties, and defended the attitude of the miners' agents.—Mr Ernest Forster, secretary of the Durham Cokemen's Association, and Mr L. Trotter, secretary of the Durham Colliery Enginemen's Association, also spoke in a similar strain.—Mr A. Stewart (Annfield Plain) moved: "That this meeting expresses its unshaken confidence in the Durham Mining Federation Board, and defends the actions of their agents in relation to the Birmingham Conference." —Mr W. Donaldson (Kyo) seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.—On the motion of Mr John Orr (president of the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association) a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman and speakers.

DEATH OF MR JAMES NOBLE, FORMERLY OF CONSETT.

The death is announced as having taken place on Monday morning, at his residence, No. 1, Grosvenor Terrace, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough, of Mr James Noble, after a long illness, at the age of 53 years. The deceased, who hailed from the South of England, supervised the laying down of the plant of the original steelworks at Consett Works about 11 years ago, and for some time acted as manager of the steelworks. He left Consett five or six years ago, to the general regret of the *employes* of the firm, to fill a similar position in the steelworks of Messrs Dorman, Long, and Company, Middlesbrough—a position he occupied up to the time of his death. Mr Noble was a Past Master of the "Constance" Lodge of Freemasons (No. 2,135), Consett, of which he was one of the chief originators. He was a widower, and leaves no family. The deceased was a staunch churchman, and a Conservative. His death will be sincerely deplored by a large number of acquaintances in this district. The funeral took place at Middlesbrough yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, a number of friends and several Freemasons journeying to Middlesbrough to attend the obsequies.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Snanniforfdam—21st inst., the wife of J. Brown, of a son.

Westwood Colliery—19th inst., the wife of W. R. Cooke, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Lanchester—Register Office, 24th inst., Thomas Eden to J. Pearson, both of Lanchester.—26th inst., James Teasdale to Agnes Coltman, both of Consett.

St. John's Chapel—Wesleyan Chapel, 17th inst., Rev T. H. Penrith, of Egremont, Cumberland, to Mrs Hannah Race, of St. John's Chapel.

DEATHS.

Blackhill—55, Benfieldside Edge Road, 23rd inst., aged 18 years, William Henry Heymer.

Ebchester—Holly Lodge, 21st inst., aged 3 years and 9 months, Nellie, daughter of John and Lottie Bagnall.

Medomsley—Found drowned, aged 56, James Cant.

Lanchester—On the 21st inst., aged 72, Thomas Rukin, formerly of Blackhill.

West Stanley—18th inst., aged 56, Mary, widow of the late Joseph Taylor.

White-le-Head—21st inst., aged 44, Mary, wife of John Blaylock.

Birtley—24th inst., aged 21 years, Frederick, son of Mary and the late Wm. Wilson.
20th inst., aged 70, Jane, wife of John Murray, late of Burnhope Colliery.

Stanhope—22nd inst., aged 74, Richardson Robinson.

Middlesbrough—1, Grosvenor Terrace, Linthorpe Road, on the 23rd inst., aged 53 years, James Noble, steelworks manager, Dorman, Long, and Co. Was interred yesterday (Thursday) at Middlesbrough. 698m

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